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Weeks will be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, a celebration with African roots. Interfaith families will continue to struggle to find an approach that feels right for their family. But in that search they will stretch their minds and grow, sometimes embracing various tenets of different faiths.

Spiritual boost

Even the nonreligious among us can get a spiritual boost this time of year. Are we ever more aware of the needs of the homeless? Of making a child's holiday brighter with a new toy made possible through various community drives?

Who hasn't seen the Goodfellows' Old Newsboys hawking their newspapers at busy intersections, collecting money to buy presents and food for needy families? Or heard the plea to bring a canned good and get a dollar off admission somewhere?

Thousands of tourists flock to New York City each December to see the massive lighted Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza and the decorated shop windows along Fifth Avenue. Closer to home, there's the Cobo Hall Festival of Trees. Detroit Zoo visitors can walk through a canopy of colored lights at night. Motorists can travel along Edward Hines Drive through Westland and Dearborn Heights after dark and view animated lit themes of Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

There are community sing-alongs, quaint horse-drawn carriage rides in the little downtowns sprawling out from the big city, and holiday-themed concerts galore.

These are the things that make the season bright. Whether you celebrate a particular December holiday or not, embrace this season. Before the winter darkness sets in.

Mary Rodrigue is the Community Life editor of the Farmington Observer.

Foster families needed for kids

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center of Farmington Hills is looking for foster and

adoptive parents in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. Safe, loving homes are needed

for children who have severe emotional problems, are victims of abuse or have other special needs. Orientation sessions will be Jan. 19 and Feb. 18 at the center's foster care and adoption building, 29475 Inkster Road between 12 Mile and Northwestern.

For more information, call the center at 626-7527, Ext. 3368.

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center provides residential and community based services to more than 1,000 children and families in crisis every year. Residential treatment is available for severely abused children. The center provides foster care and adoption services for children with special needs and outreach and residential services for high risk pregnant and parenting teens. The center was founded 150 years ago by the Daughters of Charity.

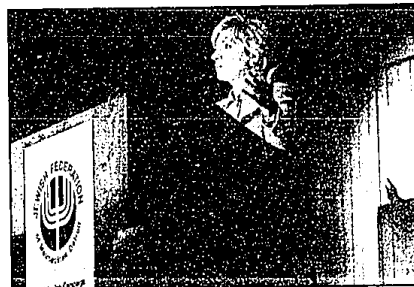
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looks fabulous, which is the best revenge" and was photographed by famed lenswoman Annie Leibowitz for the cover of Vogue. "She is remarkable," Mitchell said. "One Democratic consultant suggested that she'll be on the ticket with Gore in the next election."

The Clinton-Gore '92 campaign was a cross country bus tour with journalists filing satellite remotes from a Winnebago.

"(Clinton) went through the country like no candidate before, able to meet people not invited by the local party affiliate."

"It was a brilliant strategy and a great revitalizing experience. Clinton was never too tired to make a speech, even at 2 in the morning if he saw 10 people coming out of a bar."



Speech: NBC political reporter Andrea Mitchell spoke to a crowd of 600 at Adat Shalom Synagogue recently about the media and the Washington scene.

Tree sales to benefit cancer research

Franks Nursery & Crafts will make a donation to the Susan Komen Foundation this holiday season.

For every fresh cut Christmas tree Franks sells, \$1 will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation this holiday season for breast cancer research.

As the leading retailer of Christmas trim-a-tree and fresh cut trees in the country, Frank's expects to contribute more than \$150,000 to help fund breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

Tiny dancer



Young winner: Makayla McCoskey of Farmington Hills was a local winner of the Fox 2 Dance with the Rockettes contest. She won a free dance lesson with the Rockettes at the Fox Theatre followed by dinner for four at the American Pizza Cafe then a performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes back at the Fox Theatre.

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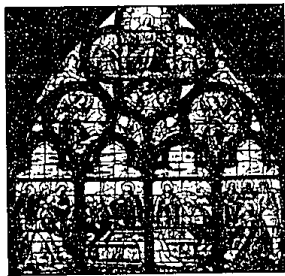
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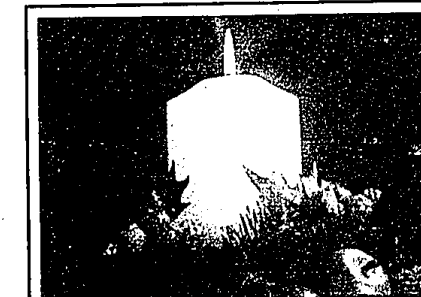
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