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Pamper parlours put you first

If the stresses of the holiday season have left you slightly frazzled, now's the time to treat yourself to a bit of pampering. I visited several highly regarded salons and spas and gathered expert tips for soothing your soul and brightening your look for the New Year.

My "Mira's Marvelous Morning" health and beauty session at Mira Linder Spa in the City, 29935 Northwestern Highway in Applegate Square in Southfield, was a recent indulgence that left me relaxed and eager to tackle the remaining hectic days of December. It's not too late to schedule a day at the spa before New Year's Eve or drop a hint that a Mira Linder gift certificate would make an appreciative present.

The "Marvelous Morning" (\$130) began with a quick change into a peppermint pink smock, robe and footies. As I was ushered into the facial salon, I met Rose Mary Worthen of West Bloomfield, who escapes her demanding job every two weeks for a massage, facial and hair styling. "It's especially welcome this time of year," she said.

My faciliist, Janet, dimmed the lights, covered me with blankets and plunged my hands in warm lotion-drenched mitts, then proceeded to cleanse, tone, soften, nourish and revitalize my weary visage. Janet recommends an instant beauty mask to refresh your skin before an evening out. It'll make you "feel glowy" all night.

A real treat

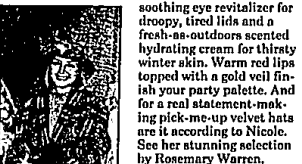
Aroused from near slumber, I staggered into an intimate dining room for a light lunch. There I chatted with Sandy Miami from Plymouth and Lea Calro of Sterling Heights. Both women were enjoying gift certificates given them by their husbands last Christmas. Both had babies in 1993 and were finally devoting much-deserved time to themselves. Sandy lunched in the afternoon of her massage, while Lea showed off her watermelon red toes and proclaimed her pedicure, "a real treat."

Sally hustled me into a darkened room for an hour-long body massage and suggested that more and more people are scheduling massages to combat holiday stress.

Though my program didn't include a pedicure, Mira surprised me with this ultimate indulgence. "When the feet relax, the body relaxes," counseled Irma my pedicurist, Hazel Bullock of Detroit soaked her tired soles in the Jacuzzi alongside mine and blessed her children for giving her a day of luxury. "I'm hooked on the pedicures," she said.

Next, Kelle transformed my features with some natural-look makeup. She recommended some frost to add sparkle to lips and eyes for holiday parties. "Frost is in," she said, as she renewed me floated out of the door. It may not be enough just to look and feel great on Christmas or New Year's Eve. Maybe you'd like to indulge in a little fantasy with an eye-catching hairstyle. The talented folks at Mario Max Salon, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in Crosswicks Mall in West Bloomfield, will make your dreams come true with fanciful updos that weave lights, point-tails, red and gold garland and ribbons through braids and chignons. Really strut your stuff this season. Call for a creative consultation.

Sherri Nicole's elegant and personal salon, illusions by Sherri, 360 Hamilton in Birmingham, is a favorite escape for Michelle Tadian, Gail Johns and Ruth Talmer, who praise the warm, inviting atmosphere and specialized hair services. Makeup artist Nicole, recommends a soothing eye revitalizer for droopy, tired lids and a fresh-as-outdoors scented hydrating cream for thirsty winter skin. Warm red lips topped with a gold veil finish your party palette. And for a real statement-making pick-me-up velvet hats are it according to Nicole. See her stunning selection by Rosemary Warren.

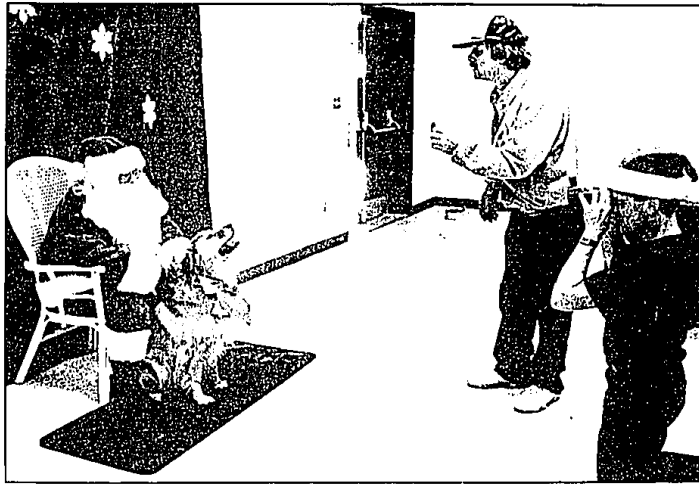


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LOOKING AHEAD

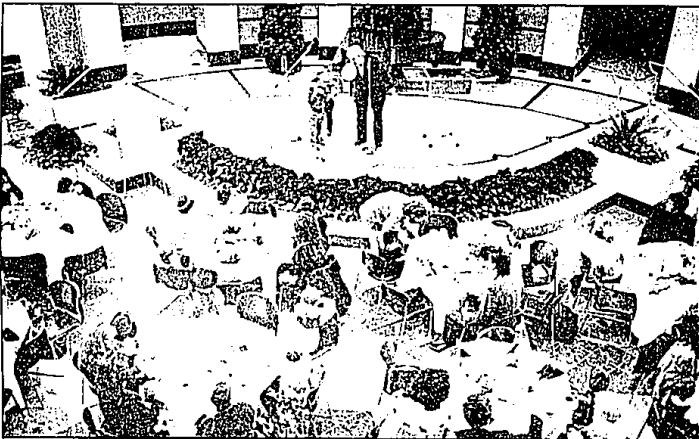
What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- The Coffee Beanery stores brew a pot of success.
- A tale of two Lakesides.
- Linda Bachrack shops for New Year's Eve entertainment.



JIM JAGDELSKI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pet pictures: Mack poses with Santa while owner Bruce Raymond of Farmington Hills tries to coax a suitable expression from his dog. Michigan Humane Society volunteer Lew Tillman of Northville snaps a photo at the Livonia Mall benefit.



JIM HUBBARD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tea time: At the Somerset Collection in Troy, a magician entertains until Santa arrives to visit with the young guests at formal teas held throughout the week in the mall's rotunda.

Santa schmoozes about town

■ Santa gets around. Whether he's listening to a litany of "I wantas" from a 5-year-old, calming the fears of a 10-month-old or posing with somebody's pet pig, Santa embodies the spirit of the season.

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
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He's posed with hamsters, porrets, goats, and even alligators, but the jolly pig that stopped by Livonia Mall last week for a photo with Santa was almost too much.

"Ho, Ho, Ho," Santa said. "That little piggy took one look at me and squealed and cried like a little baby. He was afraid. Imagined being afraid of Santa. Ho, Ho, Ho. You should have seen him slipping all over the polished floor. What a sight! Ho, Ho, Ho."

Santa had it a bit easier when he stopped by the Somerset Collection in Troy to take the magical pig's tea with some very well behaved little ladies and gentlemen. Does Santa like high teas?

"Well, ho, ho, ho," he ho, ho, ho'd. "Let's put it this way, Santa likes to be at gatherings where children are having a good time."

Santa also likes raising money for good causes, and that's why he sits for photos with pets each December to benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

"Between our three locations, we have about 200 unwanted pets a day turned in," said Ron Blauet, spokesman for the Michigan Humane Society. "The pets that come out have their pictures taken with Santa raise money for the care of their less-fortunate brothers and sisters."

And out they came. Terriers. Bullmastiffs. Collies. Cats. The puffed pig. A few St. Bernards.

Some wore sweaters, bows and antlers. Some droolers wore Christmas bibs. And Santa welcomed them all.

"My son is in the service in Egypt, so I brought his dog in for a picture with Santa to send to him in a Christmas card," Joanne Eppner of Livonia explained as a beautiful golden retriever watched other pups pose with Santa. "I think my son will get a kick out of it."

The Dak family of Detroit's west side brought Pooper — half schnau-

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Mall and Main Street businesses are invited to submit news of special events and promotions for inclusion in this calendar. Deadline is the Wednesday before the Monday edition. Send information to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax material to 313-591-7279.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

FIRST NIGHT TICKETS

Tickets on sale for downtown Birmingham's annual New Year's Eve party, featuring family entertainment and refreshments 4 p.m. to midnight. A \$7 First Night button entitles the bearer to free admission at all events. Tickets available at area Kroger stores, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, Community House, Crowley's and Michigan National Banks. First Night cookies, \$1.25 each, on sale courtesy of Tom Townsend Bakery Shoppe, Cookies at Jar Wax Wash, Cranbrook Book Store, Polo Store and Claymore Shops. 540-6688.

RHOE DRIVE

Red Wing Shoe Stores are collecting used boots and shoes for reconditioning for the needy through Dec. 31. Store managers will restitch, resole and relace old footwear, which will be distributed through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The Red Wing Shoe Stores are at 2741 Woodward, Berkley, 5948 N. Sheldon, Canton, 33145 Ford Road, Garden City, 28545 Five Mile Road, Redford, and 13983 Hill Road, Shelby Township. 522-5950.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Hudson stores will stay open until 11 p.m. Dec. 20-23 as a convenience to holiday shoppers. 543-9299.

WORLD HOLIDAYS

Vignettes feature holidays around the world in custom display throughout the mall. Photos with Santa. Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield, 353-4111.

CAROUSEL CHRISTMAS

Gilded horses, Pierrot dolls, piano concerts Thursday-Sunday, north court. Fourth annual "Light Up A Life With Love" campaign benefits Angela Hospice through Jan. 8. Photos with Santa. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Nowburgh, Livonia, 462-1100.

MARY KRIS HOUSE

Storybook theme features Kris Mice. Santa photos. Train rides for preschoolers \$1. Mail opened 10 p.m. through Dec. 23. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia, 522-4100.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

JEWEL OF A HOLIDAY

Boxes, ornaments, ribbons and bows glitter and sparkle through mall. Santa Photos. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn, 593-1370.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Dickens characters, animated surprises. Photos with Santa. Center court. Toys for Tots program needs new, unwrapped toys during broadcasts by W4 Country through Dec. 24. Drop box for Gift of Reading Program near Sander's center court. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, 478-1168.

SHOW GEESE

Center court children's events include musical performances and Mother Goose story hours daily 1, 3, 5 and 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 and 6 p.m. through Dec. 24. Photos with Santa. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford, 682-0123.

INTERNATIONAL SANTA

Santa photos in high-tech North Pole setting. Breakfasts with Santa 9 a.m. various mall restaurants to Dec. 24. First come, first served basis, \$3 per person. Contact mall for complete schedule. Lakeside, M-59/Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, 247-1744.

MUSICAL NOTES

Large musical instruments with jolly faces decorate the center. Magic mailbox wishes letters off to Santa at North Pole. Photos with Santa, Twelve Oaks, Twelve Mile/Novi, Novi, 348-9438.

SANTA AND SCOUTS

Give trees benefits 600 wards of the state in need of holiday gifts. Coordinated by local Boy Scouts through Dec. 24. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills, 375-9451.

SESAME SANTA

Sesame Street theme throughout mall. Santa photos. Interactive displays for preschoolers. Local music groups perform 10 a.m. 1 p.m. On Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. On Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R, Troy, 585-6000.

PINOCCHIO

Hudson's annual animated exhibit tells the story of

puppet who becomes a real boy. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No charge. Santa's workshop features animated elves building toys. Photos. Lower level exhibit hall. Through December. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield, 443-6263.

HOMELESS BENEFIT

Bicker-Tunis Furs will collect coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks for the homeless through Dec. 24. Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake Road and Maple, West Bloomfield, 855-9200.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

CAROLERS

Dickens carolers perform 5-7 p.m. Mall remains open to 10 p.m. through Dec. 23. Westland Shopping Center, Wayne/Warren, 425-5001.

BRIDAL FAIR

Information for engaged couples and bridal parties at annual Hudson's Bridal Fair. Includes brunch, visit with manufacturer's reps, and fashion show Saturday, Jan. 22 beginning 9:30 a.m. Southfield Pavilion, \$15 per person. Tickets on sale now through date of event. 443-6334.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

SANTA VISITS

Santa has a new house in Kellogg Park. Kids welcome to visit and pose for pictures, Thursdays and Fridays 4-9 p.m. Saturdays noon to 6 p.m. Sundays noon to 5 p.m. \$3.50. Main St./Ann Arbor Trail, Downtown Plymouth, 453-1540.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Mall and Main Street shops close at 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas Day. Stores closed.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Malls open for regular Sunday business hours.