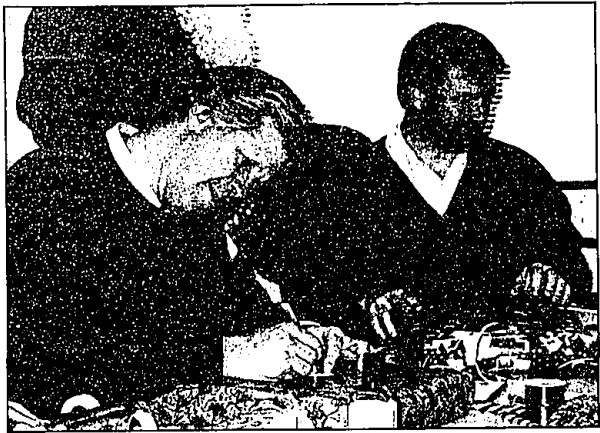


Wrap number



Gift giving: Chairman and Founder Harry Lebovitz and President Tom Buck of Prism Performance Systems, a Farmington Hills-based management consulting and training firm, wraps gifts with Santa to give to needy families as part of the company's fifth-annual "Operation Christmas." The program raises as much as \$3,000 in donations and has replaced the company's usual employee gift exchange.

Channel packs promise



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

They're calling it the "Great 8." Tune in and see for yourself. I think you'll agree.

Channel 8 is the government access channel for the City of Farmington Hills. Actually it's been around since 1985. Its humble beginnings consisted of a character-generated bulletin board with dates and times of meetings, agendas and summaries and information on city services.

Since then programming has accelerated with live election coverage, candidate forums, city council meetings, planning commission public hearings and regular series including "Inside Farmington Hills," "Police Journal," "Senior Messenger," and "Fire Safety" programs.

"Inside Farmington Hills" hosted by the mayor, city manager, council members or various department heads presents viewers with important and timely information concerning city government operations focusing on city departments, divisions and commissions.

"Police Journal" gives a look into the inside workings of the police department and the Crim-

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inal Justice world.

"Senior Messenger" offers valuable information to seniors about what's happening at the Senior Center and services available to seniors like educational programs, home delivered meals, transportation to and from medical facilities and home chore programs.

Video programming on Channel 8 is produced by David Teitmeyer (Video Production Supervisor for Farmington Hills) and his assistant Jacob Nothafine. Assistant City Manager Steve Brock oversees the public information efforts for the city.

Actually, the concept behind the channel goes hand-in-hand with our new City Manager Daniel G. Hobbs' firm belief in having an open government.

Hobbs says, "The Great 8 is

just part of a larger effort that involves keeping the community abreast of what we're doing. With cable penetration at 71 percent in the Hills, it's a fine way of bringing government into the living rooms of our residents. It's important for people to see what city hall is doing with their tax dollars and how that translates into city services."

"The medium of TV personalizes all this," Hobbs goes on to say, "We're trying to dispel the myth of the faceless bureaucrat. On the Great 8, you'll meet the person behind the wheel of the salt truck clearing the snow or the policeman out there on the road."

"These are real people in your community. They're your neighbors, friends and family and they're interested in serving you the best way possible," states Hobbs.

See what your city has to offer. Watch the Great 8 Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The next SWOCC meeting is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Farmington City Hall.

The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at SWOCC.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

OBITUARIES

JOHN CAMPBELL CUNNINGHAM SR.

Mr. Cunningham, 75, of Farmington died Dec. 25 in U of M Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Born in Scotland, Mr. Cunningham was retired from G.M. as a model maker. He owned a pub in England after retiring. He made grandfather clocks and doll houses.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; son, John; daughters, Heather Cunningham and Bonnie Thomas; brother, William; four grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. David Noble of First United Methodist

Church of Farmington officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154.

WALTER O. SOBIERAY

Mr. Sobieray, 74, of Farmington died Dec. 25.

Born in Clune, Pennsylvania, Mr. Sobieray was a commercial painter. He was a member of the Farmington American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; son, Daniel.

Mass was celebrated Dec. 28 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Magr. Wal-

ter Hurley officiating. Burial was in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek.

EDWIN A. KOTAJARVI

Mr. Kotajarvi, 82, of Livonia died Dec. 25 in Middlebelt Nursing Home.

Born in Laurium, Michigan, Mr. Kotajarvi was retired from Burroughs Corp.

Survivors include his sons, Edwin, Stanley and Clayton; daughters, Kirsten Ruhl and Karen Lemponen; one brother and two sisters; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-

Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Roland Troike of Emmanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

ELWOOD W. BATTIN

Mr. Battin, 100, of Novi, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 26.

Born in Nessen City, Michigan, Mr. Battin was a retired supervisor for Cadillac Motors. He was a life member of Masonic Lodge third degree. He was past commander of American Legion 32nd Division Red Arrow Post 361. He was a World War I Army veteran and he received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include three nephews, Robert and Edwin Pietrowski and Jack Hamilton.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Anne Schaefer of Redford Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Monistee.

HARRY PARTINGTON

Mr. Partington, 80, of Farmington died Dec. 27 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Bolton, England, Mr. Partington was retired from Keelox Manufacturing.

Survivors include his son, Dennis; daughters, Marilyn Frame and Marjorie Partington; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Douglas Big-

gall of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley 48072.

ROSE M. LAPHAM

Mrs. Lapham, 68, of Farmington died Dec. 28 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Lapham was a homemaker. She made porcelain dolls and ornaments.

Survivors include her son, John Lapham; stepsons, Richard, Tom and Charles Lapham; stepdaughters, Ann Hilton, Brenda Perotin and Linda Pilgrim; mother, Mildred Breen; brother, Richard Breen; sister, Mary Ellen Stark; 19 step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Douglas Biggall of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village 48076.



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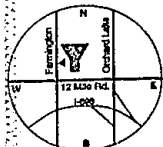
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CORRECTION

On Page 2 of the January 2, 1997 One-Stop Shopping Guide, Frozen Alaskan Pollock Fillets were shown at 2 lbs. for \$1. The correct price is 2 lbs. for \$3. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our guests.

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