community calendar

● ENERGY COMMISSION
Tuesday, Dec. 20: Farmington Hills Energy Commission regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m.in Farmington Hills Council Chamber, Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile. Open to all interested persons.

● CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 20: North Farmington High School concert. Symphony and brass choir performs at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Holiday season music will be presented. Senior citizens and children under 10 will be admitted free. Admission for others will be $1.50 for adults and $1 for students.

● COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS
Wednesday, Dec. 21: "Coping With Mood and Stress Over the Holidays," workshop for singles who may find the holidays difficult, from 7-9 p.m. in Farmington Hills Counseling Center, 32905 12 Mile, led by Margaret Cotter and Lynda Clark. Fee is $15 per session. Reservations are necessary by calling the center, 661-1654.

● CHRISTMAS ORATORIO
Saturday, Dec. 24: Saint-Saens' "Christmas Oratorio," sung by Our Lady of Sorrows Adult Choir, begins at 11:15 p.m. followed immediately by Midnight Mass.

● DANCEFIT WORKSHOP
Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 27-29: Special workshop for DanceFit will be instructed by Anida Sedela of the Giordano Dance Center. She is artistic director for the Lakeshore Dance Theatre in Chicago. All classes will be taught at the Evelyln Kreason School of Dance in the Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake and Maple roads. Cost is $15 for all three classes, $7 for individual session. For information, call 851-6735 or 626-1893.

● CHRISTMAS CAMP
Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 27-29: Christmas Camp, for 3-9-year-olds, runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day in Mercy Conference Center, 28600 11 Mile. Baby-sitting available to campers before and after camp sessions. Registration information given by calling the center, 476-8010.

● BALLET MASTER CLASSES
Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 3 and 4: Tomm Ruud, principal dancer and resident choreographer with San Francisco Ballet, will teach two master classes for intermediate ballet students. Classes will be held at the Harbinger studios on the Orchrad Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is $7 for participants and $3 for observers. For more information, contact Harbinger at 477-7014 or 342-6322.

● FOLK DANCING
Thursdays, Jan. 12: Authentic folk dancing of the Eastern European countries of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Poland and Serbia, as well as Israel, will be taught at Madonna College. The class will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will meet seven Thursdays beginning Jan. 12. Fee is $56 per person. Madonna is located at the Jeffries Freeway and Levan Road in Livonia.

Kids need guardian angels

Can't find a doll who came from a cabbage patch?

Then try one made by volunteers at the Methodist Children's Village in Redford. They call it a Guardian Angel doll, and claim it came straight from heaven.

You doubt that? Well, take a look. These dolls have the wings and halo to prove it. However, if wings and halo do not adapt to terrestrial life, they can be easily removed.

Ann Burgess, director of development at the Village, says these are a limited edition doll which has been copyrighted. They are only sold by the Village. They are also tax deductible because the money will be used to purchase the important extras in life for the young residents of the Village.

These include items such as party clothing, camping equipment and in one case a typewriter for a learning disabled child.

The dolls cost $25 and are made of polyester and yarn. Their faces are hand-embroidered, and they wear a tiny guardian angel T-shirt. They were designed by Burgess, with the prototype and pattern made by Thelma Baxter of St. Clair Shores.

Volunteers made the 14-inch angels from kits supplied by the Village.

They can be purchased at the Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 Six Mile, Redford. Customers who wish them mailed to their homes should add $2.50 for postage and handling.

The dolls will continue to be sold after Christmas.

U-M boasts best computer network

The University of Michigan's College of Engineering will acquire $8-million worth of computer equipment from two national computer firms, enabling it to establish the largest and most sophisticated computer network of any university in the nation.

"These arrangements will enable the engineering faculty and students to have access to state-of-the-art computer technology before it is on the market," said Daniel E. Atkins III. He is associate dean of engineering and one of the faculty members involved in establishing the college's new Computer-Aided Engineering Network.

Under agreements announced with Apollo Computer Inc., of Chelmsford, Mass., and Apple Computer Inc., of Cupertino, Calif., the U-M college will purchase some 800 Apple and Apollo computers this year at "substantially reduced prices."

THE AGREEMENTS provide for continuing cooperation between the U-M and the two computer firms, which will furnish the latest technology to the College of Engineering as it is developed.

The agreements also will pave the way for the computer companies and U-M engineering faculty members to become involved in "joint research activities of mutual interest," Atkins said.

The new equipment includes some 200 Apollo professional computer workstations and 300 Apple computers, including both the new Apple Lisa model and smaller personal copmuters.

These machines will become part of the college's Computer-Aided Engineering Network, giving U-M's 5,500 engineering students unlimited access to advanced computer equipment, which they help pay for through the payment of a mandatory $100 per student "user fee" each term. (U-M officials noted that at most other colleges and universities, students are required to purchase their own personal computing equipment.)

ALSO PART of the U-M college's computer network will be some 300 new faculty workstations.

The new computers will bring the total number in the college's network to nearly 1,000 this academic year. Further acquisitions next year will raise the total to about 1,500.

A major benefit of the new equipment is that it will provide engineering students, faculty and researchers with routine access to extensive graphics capabilities, Atkins noted. Thus, researchers will be able to test engineering designs, "drawing" them in the computer, without having to first create blueprints or physical models.

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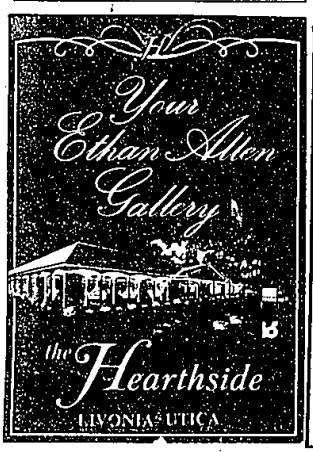

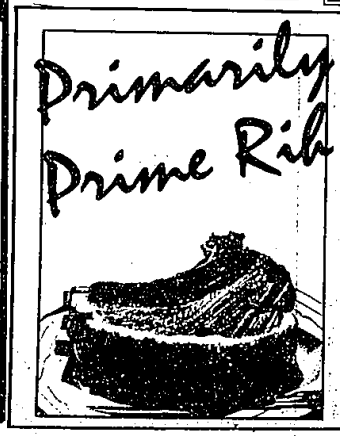

Of course Prime Rib is the feature attraction, but not the only star! Alaskan Crab legs, Escargot, New York Steaks and fresh seafood round out our menu. All entrees include a trip to our salad bar or Caesar Salad, prepared tableside.
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