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## A noteworthy evening at Belleville High School



**Musical demonstration:** Katie Jacobs, first-chair bassoon in the Belleville High School Symphony Band, sight-reads a selection with the band during dedication ceremonies Wednesday for the school's new music wing. At right, BHS Instrumental Music Director Michael Van Tassel puts the band through its paces in the new band room. For a story and more photos from the dedication, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMBUR

## Green light for road upgrade

**■ Canton's DDA will issue \$1.5 million in bonds for improvements at up to three intersections along busy Ford Road.**

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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Ford Road drivers will find the going easier at the Lilley and Sheldon intersections late this spring.

Funds from a \$1.5 million Downtown Development Authority bond sale will be used for improvements at the intersections. Funds are also earmarked for the busy Ford/Haggerty intersection.

Any improvements at that location, however, must first be approved by Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, DDA Liaison Angela Wolosiewicz said. Results of a township traffic study of the intersection will soon be going to both agencies.

"We'll keep after them for a decision," Wolosiewicz said. "We would like to make improvements this year."

Work at the Lilley and Sheldon intersections will begin in either March or April, she said. All improvements should take approximately three months, Wolosiewicz added.

Canton's Board of Trustees approved the bond sale in late January.

The DDA bonds, which the township must by law pledge its full faith and credit to, will likely be issued in March. Such bonds, Wolosiewicz said, are usu-

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The Canton Observer wants your input for a spring special section on Canton's past, present and future.

Canton residents who have lived in the township at least 40 years are asked to write about what the township was like when they moved there. Set a scene. Tell a story. Make us laugh, or cry. But do it in 100 words or less.

All residents are invited to write in 50 words or less what they like or dislike about the township today, or what they see in Canton's future.

The Observer will publish as many of your submissions as possible. Multiple submissions are welcome, but only one submission per person will be published. Please include a phone number where you can be reached if we have questions.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### WEDNESDAY

**Positive discipline:** Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring a "Positive Discipline" class 7-8 p.m. in Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. Learn alternatives to punishment and new skills to develop self-discipline, responsibility, mutual respect, and more. To register for the free class, call (734) 416-2937.

### FRIDAY

**Daddy-daughter dance:** Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus eighth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance 7-9 p.m. in the St. Thomas a' Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley, Canton. Tickets (\$12 per couple, \$15 for dad with two dates) will be available after all Masses in St. Thomas a' Becket or by calling Ralph at (248) 344-1956.

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## Cinema 6 facelift planned by new owners

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Canton Cinema 6 will be changing ownership soon.

Grand Rapids-based Goodrich Quality Theaters is purchasing the Ford Road movie house from General Cinemas. The deal is expected to be complete within the next week or two.

According to Michigan District Man-

ager Reed Simon, Goodrich will make several changes to the 14-year-old facility. Two screens, digital sound, stadium seating and an expanded lobby will all be added.

"It's a nice theater already," said Simon. "We're hoping to make it even better."

Goodrich is also acquiring theaters in Novi and Lansing as part of the deal. General Cinema, an East Coast-based

company, will have no remaining screens in Michigan.

The deal was originally scheduled to be done in early January. Simon said only a few legal issues remain.

"We're eager to take over as soon as possible," he added. "Hopefully, it'll be by the end of the month."

The acquisition will give Goodrich 17 theaters in Michigan. It also has theaters in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and

Kansas.

Cinema 6 Manager Tim Jahn has been at the Canton theater since it opened in May of 1985. He knew something was in the works for about a year, but didn't hear final word until a few weeks ago. Jahn, General Cinema's manager of the year, was in Boston for an awards ceremony when he found out about the move. He has been with

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## Bid to land Memorial Cup fails

## Community responds to tragedy

### ■ FORD ROUGE EXPLOSION

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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When the explosion at the Ford Rouge Plant erupted Monday afternoon, workers at the Visteon Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township were shocked.

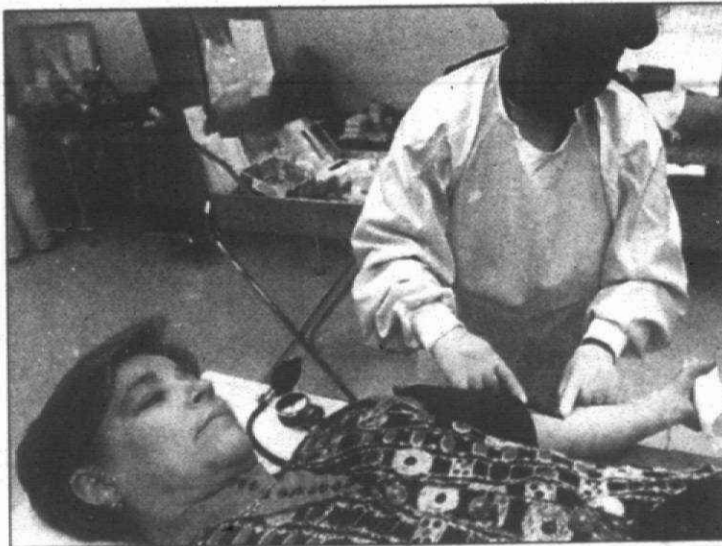
"We were heartbroken, everybody was shattered," said Roger Caldwell, the president of United Auto Workers Local 845. "Within an hour, my phone started ringing with our members asking what they could do to help."

"Everything just stopped, we were devastated," added Visteon Plant Manager Lou Whitlock of Canton. "You realize that an industrial accident can happen anytime, but we still felt devastation and shock at what was happening at the Rouge Plant."

Caldwell said he tried to set up a blood drive at the plant. However, there was so much demand on the American Red Cross that a blood drive will have to wait until April 9.

Area residents were able to donate blood at the Livonia Red Cross offices on Six Mile and in

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Answering the call: Diane Gaubatz of Canton came in for a special blood drive at the Red Cross office in Livonia Thursday to help Ford employees injured in Monday's accident. Nurse Alice Graham of Detroit takes her donation.

## Prechter: 'Don't be afraid to fail'

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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According to Heinz Prechter, business is a lot like life: It's one big risk.

That's what he told a noon gathering of Canton's Economic Club Wednesday. Prechter spoke to a full house of 150 people at Summit on the

Park.

"Don't be afraid to fail," he said, "otherwise you'll never be able to enjoy the fruits of your efforts."

Prechter knows a lot about working hard and taking big risks. He came to America as a German exchange student in 1963.

To earn a few extra dollars while

attending San Francisco State College, Prechter began installing sunroofs in cars. While popular in Europe, it was a new idea in the States.

"This smelled of opportunity," he said, "in a big way."

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Please see **WHALERS, A2**



OBITUARIES

PHYLIS JEAN EARL Services for Phyllis Jean Earl, 75, of Dearborn were Jan. 30 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Douglas Osborn officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

Tragedy from page A1

other blood drives set up this week in response to the Rouge explosion. Helen Riley of Canton was a first-time blood donor Thursday. The accident brought her to the Livonia center, even though she has no family affiliation with Ford. Diane Gaubatz of Canton has donated blood since her college days. She made the trip once again this week, because she knew the Red Cross would be "swamped" with people who need blood.

REPUBLIC BANK advertisement featuring 'FREEDOM OF CHOICE!' and '3 Great Ways to Get a Great Rate on a 6-Month Certificate of Deposit'. It lists interest rates of 5.75%, 5.50%, and 5.10% APY for different account types.

Economic club from page A1

Three decades later, the diminutive Prechter is a giant in the automotive industry with American Sunroof Company. He's also involved in numerous other businesses including communications, real estate development and beef cattle. Despite his power and wealth, Prechter didn't come off as stuffy to economic club guests.



Speaker: Downriver industrialist Heinz Prechter talked about his business successes and failures during his speech to the Canton Economic Club Wednesday.

Township planning Commissioner Ron Lieberman agreed. "He's really down to earth," he said. "He's a fantastic guy." Besides his business ventures, Prechter has been highly involved in charity and community issues. The Henry Ford Museum, Kresge Eye Institute, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, Boy Scouts and the Karmanos Cancer Institute are just a few of his charitable involvements.

PRO GOLF advertisement for 'Tiger Great Al Kaline for Pro Golf'. It features a quote: 'Get a whole new grip on your game... for pennies.' and promotes professional re-gripping services.

Feikens hears Rouge report; review set for May

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stormwater activity. Both communities have "very low" contributions to stormwater that flows into the river, McCracken said. Both communities are considered combined sewer overflow communities, where systems combine both the storm and sanitary sewers and fall under a different permit process.

County sled hill

State wants more tests before approving clay cap plans

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M.B. JEWELRY DESIGN & MFG. LTD. advertisement featuring a woman's face and the text 'Jewelry that will light up her love.' It promotes unique jewelry at affordable prices.

Advertisement for a health center or spa. It features a baby's face and the text 'Let us help you prepare for a new life.' It lists several locations and contact information.

Advertisement for Fitness USA SUPERCENTERS. It features a woman in a swimsuit and the text 'GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION'. It offers a special \$1 per visit and a free trial visit.



## Auto show 2000 aims to to avoid Y2K problems

The 2000 North American International Auto Show will be held a week later than usual as a precaution against year 2000 computer problems that could hinder travel for more than 6,000 media personnel who are expected to attend.

"We were very concerned about asking visiting journalists and auto executives to travel so close to the holidays, and during the first week of Jan-

uary 2000 because of Y2K computer concerns," said Russ Shelton, auto show senior co-chairman. "We're very comfortable with these dates and believe others will be, too."

The show opens to the public Saturday, Jan. 15, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 23. More than 700,000 visitors are expected.

The show will be open to the

media Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 10-12.

The supplier preview, a day-and-a-half reserved for employees of hundreds of companies and organizations that support the automotive industry from around the world, will be all day Thursday, Jan. 13, and the morning of Friday, Jan. 14.

The charity preview, which raised more than \$4 million for

11 Detroit children's charities this year, will be the evening of Friday, Jan. 14.

Steve Harris, senior vice president of communications for DaimlerChrysler, said he's relieved the show has been moved back one week.

"We think this is a step in the right direction and meets the concerns of the dealers, manufacturers and media."

## Local program wins grant to help fight drug abuse

Personal Dynamics, an anti-substance abuse education organization teaching in Livonia and other Wayne County communities, was one of three service groups to receive \$15,000 grants through the Little Caesars Pizza's "Let's Grow Up Smart Program."

The pizza chain's donation program is aimed at preventing drug and alcohol abuse by helping to educate elementary school children about the issue.

Personal Dynamics is a five-week series geared to children age 3-6 who attend any facility

in out-Wayne County, using puppets, storytelling, drawing, singing and dancing to spread their message. Recently, Personal Dynamics was working with youngsters at Livonia Little Tots.

Other programs receiving

grants from Little Caesars were Maple Grove Children's Programs, a summer day camp and school year programs around metro Detroit for children grades K-7 and CSO's Youth Education for Substance Abuse Program, an elementary program for at-risk children.

## Nankin Mills features puppet program on animals

Children of all ages can learn about the environment, and how animals survive in winter, through attending "Puppet Tales from the Old Oak" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, on Hines Drive just east of

Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Puppets named Opie Opossum, Edward Eagle, Robby Raccoon and Daniel Deer will tell tales for children ages 4-7 to learn more about the world they live in. Older children can write

their own stories and make their own puppet to take home. Refreshments will be available following the program.

The program costs \$2 per person and advance registration is required.

Parking is available off of Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

## SC seminar to focus on government contracts

Changes in the government's contracting process can mean new sales opportunities for local business. Find out about these changes and their affect on area manufacturers at a Schoolcraft College dinner seminar Thursday, March 4.

Col. Paul Dronka of Defense Contract Management Command will explain how partnerships, corporate contracting and electronic commerce mean an expanded government market and more small business involvement as a government supplier.

Dronka has 15 years experience working with small businesses, has worked with the Secretary of the Army Research and Development, and has been involved in reforming the government's acquisition process. He currently is responsible for administrating more than \$10.5 billion in government contracts among 500 companies in Michigan and northern Ohio.

The seminar begins with appetizers and a networking session at 5:30 p.m. Dronka will speak at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department. The seminar will end with a question and answer period.

Tickets to the dinner seminar are \$45. Reservations are required.

For information, call (734) 462-4438. The event is presented by the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center.

## Rep. Rivers to open new district office

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, and her district staff will be hosting an open house Friday, Feb. 19, at her new Ypsilanti location. Before the start of the 106th Congress, Rivers' Congressional offices in Ann Arbor and Wayne were consolidated and moved to the new location in Ypsilanti.

Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers' new office is at 301 W. Michigan, Suite 400, Ypsilanti, 48197. Rivers' office phone number is (734) 485-3741. The fax number there is (734) 485-4165.

Constituents are invited to visit 4-7 p.m. to have a cup of coffee, meet Rivers and her district staff and see her new office.

## Read Observer Sports



### LEGAL SENSE

By Mark Slavens, P.C.  
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#### RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS' ACTION

According to the legal theory of imputed negligence, one may be held responsible for someone else's negligence. For instance, if an employee were to cause injury due to negligent driving, his or her employer may be held responsible if the employee was working on the employer's clock at the time of the accident. Similarly, the owner of an automobile may be held responsible for the negligence of a driver who received the car owner's permission, implied or expressed.

to drive his or her car. Thus, those injured due to someone else's negligence should not dismiss out of hand the possibility of bringing suit simply because the wrongdoer does not seem to have the means to pay damages.

If you frequently allow other people to operate your personal or business vehicle, you might want to speak with both your attorney and your insurance agent to make sure you know the extent of your exposure and are protected.

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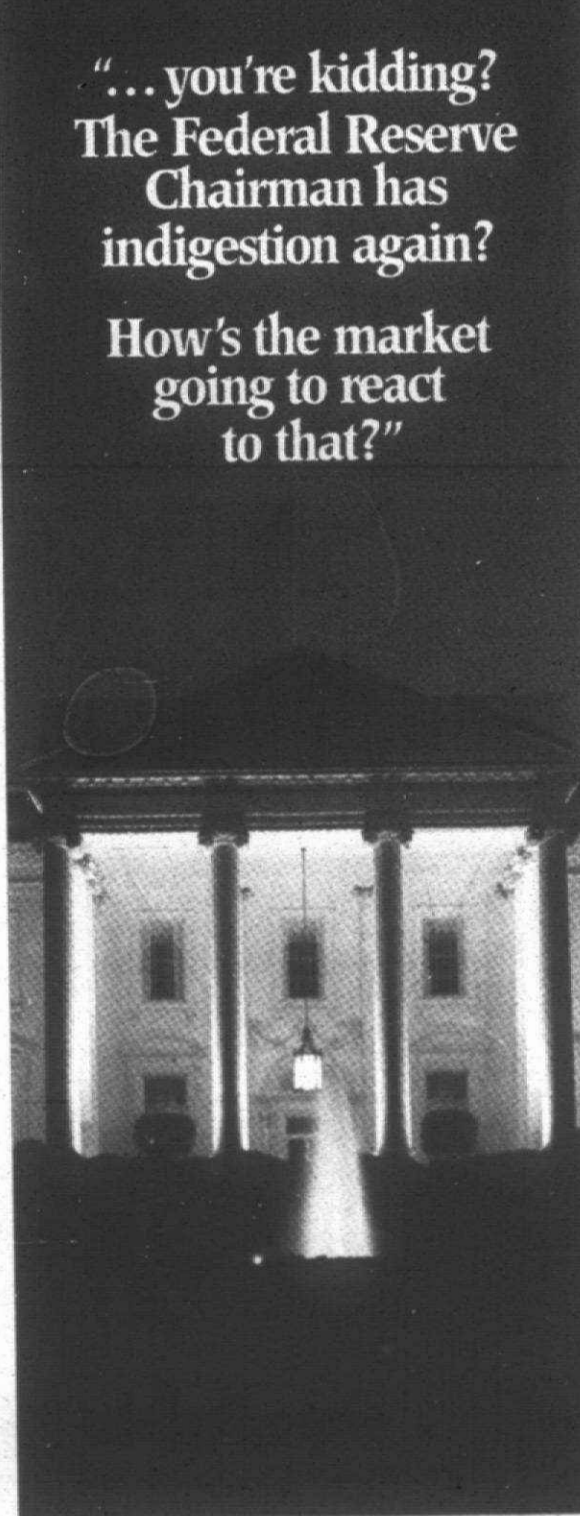
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In 1933, when Congress passed the 21st amendment repealing Prohibition, it gave each state the right to set up its own rules regarding distribution and sales of alcohol. All but 13 states require that wineries sell through a three-tier system, first selling wine to a distributor who then sells to restaurants and retailers. Customers who purchase from these sources form the third tier. Michigan follows this system.

Unfortunately, most states, like Michigan, still have Prohibition-era laws governing wine distribution and sales which forbid interstate wine shipping. Fines, shipment confiscation, or in some states (not Michigan), a felony await a winery attempting to ship wine to customers in one of these markets.

Yes, we know it's embarrassing to stand in a Napa Valley tasting room and have your host say, "Oh, sorry, you're from Michigan. We can't direct ship to you!" If you disagree with laws governing direct wine shipment to Michigan, we urge you to contact state legislators and let your position be known.

### A way out

Windsor Vineyards, along the Russian River in the heart of Sonoma County, offers a way to get wine, not available through any Michigan retail outlet or restaurant. Windsor is unique among wineries in that the wines are only available through its telephone wine consultants, catalog or tasting room and it's legal in Michigan.

In 1998, Windsor Vineyards was named the most award-winning winery by *California Wine Winners*, an annual publication tracking the results from nine major U.S. wine competitions. We've just tasted through a number of Windsor Vineyards wines from 1994 through recently released 1997. Made by winemaker Carol Shelton, a former *Bon Appetit* magazine winemaker of the year, they all received high marks from us.

We've also been privileged to be part of a wine judging panel with Shelton. Her palate is superior and it shows in the Windsor wines, particularly the Winemaker's Signature wines. In 1997, the Signature Pinot

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## Wine Picks

- With Valentine's Day coming, think Italian for lovers. Some new and excellent choices are: 1996 Brolio Chianti Classico \$13; 1994 Castello Vicchiomaggio Chianti Classico Riserva Petri \$23; 1995 Ruffino Cabreo Il Borgo \$36; and 1993 Ruffino Riserva Ducale Gold \$36.
- Porto is special for Valentine's Day. We're developing an affection for Rozes, not a household word among port lovers. But then, that's where you find something interesting at a good price. The 1987 Rozes Vintage Porto \$52, with lots of chocolate notes, is ready to drink. Other Rozes portos range \$20-\$140.
- Hail that cab — especially from the 1995 vintage before they're gone! Among the best still available: Benziger Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$35 and William Hill Reserve \$27.
- Best buys at \$10 and under: 1996 Monterey Syrah \$10; 1997 Delicato Merlot \$6; 1997 Plauto Sangiovese di Romagna \$8; and 1997 Torre Sveva Castel del Monte \$8.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Main Dish Miracle
- Celebrate Black History Month



FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST

**Holiday delicacy: A braided cinnamon-flavored cake sprinkled with colored sugars: purple for justice, green for faith and gold for power. Tradition dictates that a plastic miniature toy baby is baked into the King Cake.**

## CELEBRATIONS

Sell-outs are expected for most of these events. Call now for reservations and information.

## ■ Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

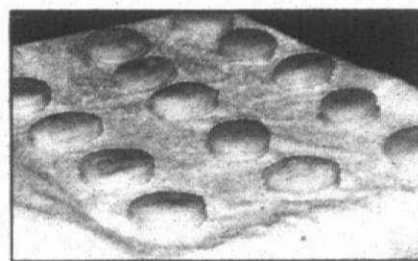
New Orleans "Mardi Gras Masquerade Party" 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 400 Monroe St., Detroit. Cash prizes for best costumes including a \$1,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize and \$500 third prize. Live entertainment by a New Orleans Jazz Band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Call (313) 965-4600 for more information. Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Southfield, 29244 Northwestern Highway, (248) 351-2925 will celebrate on a smaller scale with dinner specials and live entertainment 7-11 p.m. Fishbone's also has a St. Clair Shores location, 23722 Jefferson Ave., (810) 498-3000.

## ■ Jack's Waterfront Restaurant

Mardi Gras party 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 24214 Jefferson (north of Nine Mile Road), St. Clair Shores. New Orleans Dixieland jazz band, prizes for best costume, grand march, and other surprises. Call (810) 445-8080 for reservations/information.

## ■ Fat Tuesday Celebration

7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Chef Greg Upshur draws upon his Polish heritage to recreate his grandfather's recipes. Entertainment by the Art Wise Polka Band. Cost \$28 per person, excluding beverage, tax and gratuity. Call (248) 348-5555 for more information.



**Seasonal treat: This tray of freshly made paczki is ready to fry. Paczki are rich Polish-style jelly filled doughnuts that are made on Fat Tuesday before Lent begins.**

## Menopause is something to talk about, not ignore

## LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

February is National Heart Month. Although men are reported to have a greater risk of heart disease, women are not far behind.

The disparity in heart disease risk between men and women, prior to middle age, has always been linked to the protective effects of estrogen. The increased rate of heart attacks in postmenopausal women

has been attributed to the loss of estrogen. Although this theory has merit, it is also possible that iron levels in women accumulate over decades and catch up with them at menopause. Excess iron, accumulated over the years by eating too much red meat and taking unnecessary iron supplements, may work together with cholesterol in the development of atherosclerosis in women.

Recently, it has been discovered that women, especially those in their early to mid-40s who hold power positions in the workforce, or who are simply trying to make ends meet by holding down a job and raising a family, have an increased risk for heart disease.

But let's go back to menopause. According to former State Rep. Maxine Berman,

"there is not enough discussion going on about menopause. The biggest problem is that women are not talking to their health care provider, spouses or families about this issue."

### Action team

The Michigan Menopause Action Team was created by Berman to help women in Michigan have a healthy menopause. Other goals are to make sure insurance coverage is available for all reputable menopause treatments such as EKG, hormone replacement therapies and bone density scans.

The team is made up of women health professionals of varying disciplines, including myself. With help of Brogan and Partners, we surveyed women 40-70 years of age who are perimenopausal, going through menopause, or have been postmenopausal for the last 15 years.

The team asked women questions about their general health and menopausal symptoms. Different areas of the state and income levels were reflected in the survey. The results indicated that more than one-third of the respondents had no discussions with their health professionals about menopause. Those who did had to initiate the discussion.

Berman, who was instrumental in spearheading breast cancer legislation

related to informed consent, insurance and accreditation of mammography facilities, believes the topic of menopause today is similar to the topic of breast cancer 20 years ago — no one talked about it.

Berman, along with the Michigan Menopause Action Team, whose slogan is "Now we're talking!," created these 10 questions that you can ask your health care provider about menopause.

### Questions

- What health risks will menopause trigger? Osteoporosis? Heart attack? Cancer?
- How often should I have tests to assess my risk levels—mammogram, Pap test/cervical exam, EKG, bone density test, sigmoidoscopy?
- How do I know if the process is beginning? What are the symptoms?
- How can I relieve the symptoms of menopause, such as hot flashes, sleep disturbances, vaginal dryness, discomfort during sex, etc.?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of hormone replacement therapy?
- With my personal and/or family history, are there any reasons to use or not use hormone replacement therapy?
- If hormone replacement therapy is appropriate for me, when should I

start it and how long will I be on it?

- What types of alternatives to hormone replacement therapy are there for coping with immediate menopause symptoms and long-term menopause effects?
- What can I do before menopause to help insure my good health as I grow older?
- Where can I get more information regarding perimenopause, menopause and postmenopause?
- "If your health professional won't talk to you or is not interested in discussing your menopausal concerns with you, find a health professional who will," said Berman.

Of course, eating nutritional foods is an important component of a healthy menopause to prevent heart disease and osteoporosis, and relieve the discomfort of menopause.

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Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See recipes inside.



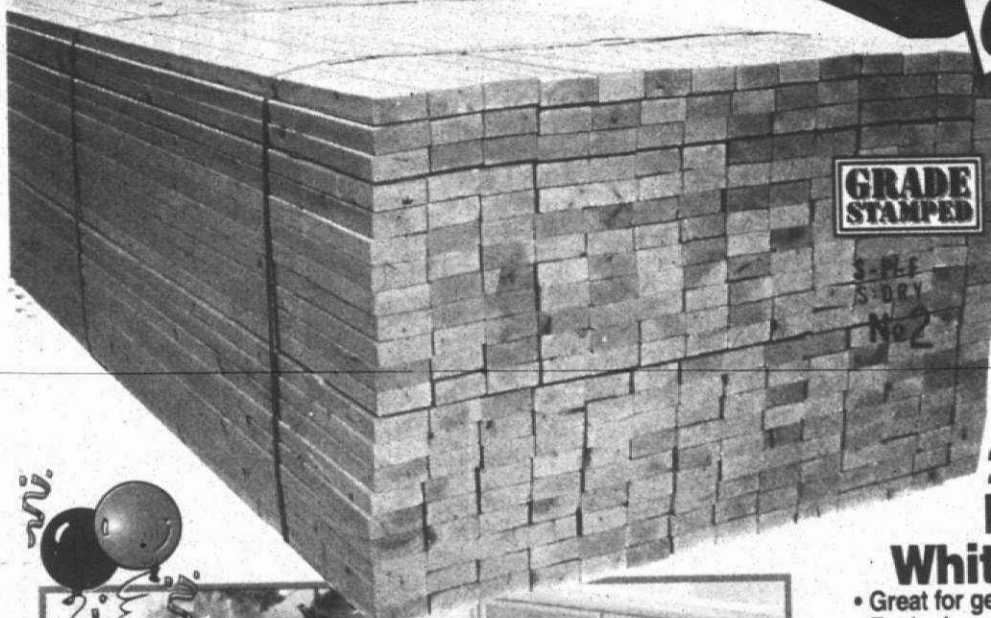






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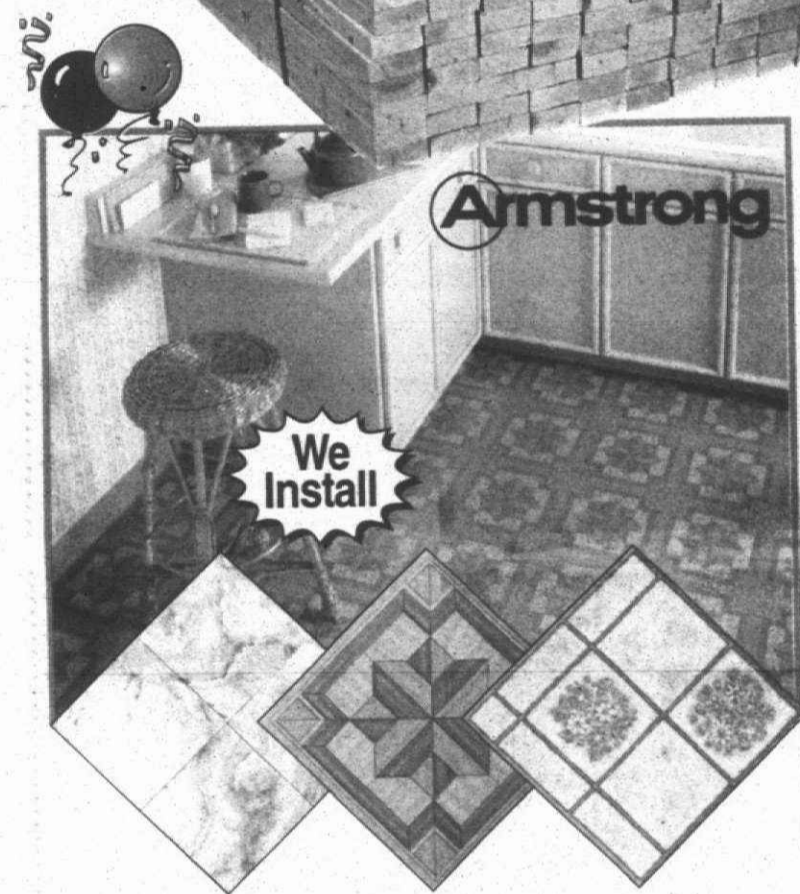


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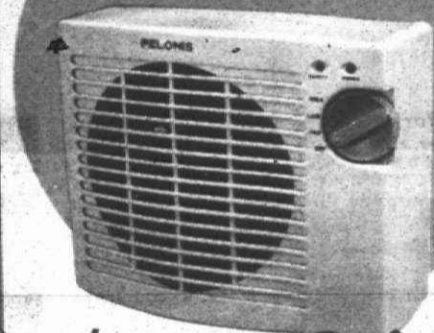
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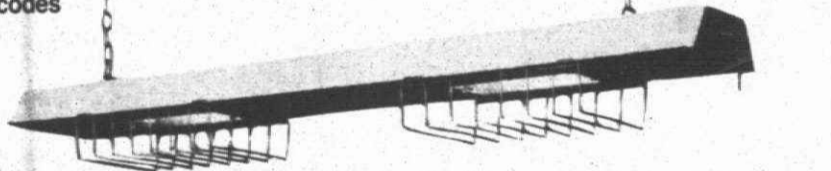
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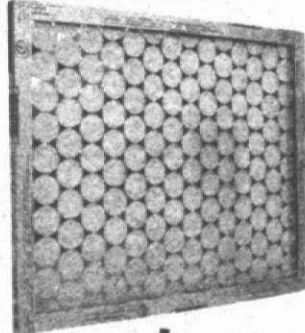


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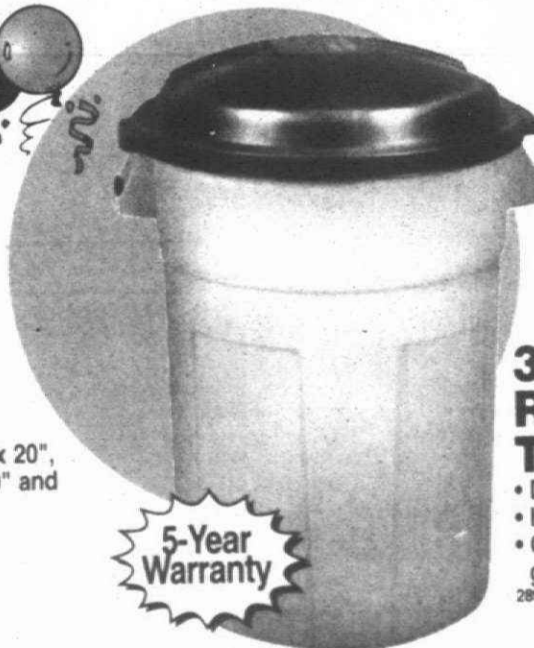
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C2\* Condition from page C1

But it's Parks examination of the plight of Everyman that clearly resonates with righteousness, and forms the basis of his stature as a photographer with a conscience.

Composer from page C1

Hailstork, an African-American, took to Africa in 1996. "The second movement has a sad tinge to it and that tied in with what I saw when I was in Ghana," he said.

Author signs \$1 million deal

Author Tom Grace has signed a three-book, hard-cover publishing deal with Warner Books worth close to \$1 million.

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unparalleled creative spirits of the century, according to Lawrence Baranski, associate curator of film and theatre collection at the DIA.

American Gothic

Through Parks' lens, the American cultural fabric is held under a microscope, revealing a quilt torn by racial intolerance and economic injustice.

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laid bare. "I focused on the individual, who was a victim of all that America could offer her, which was a broom and mop," said Parks.

Collecting from page C1

■ 'Just get into it because you love it, Even serious collectors do it because they enjoy it. But get advice. It usually goes hand in hand with purchasing a work that will turn into an investment.'

Expressions from page C1

of Arts Wassall Feast. "The minutest was the most popular at every court in Europe for 150 years," said Berg, a dance history instructor at Marygrove College.

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The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., which organized the exhibit continues to add stops along the national tour.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART & APPLES CALL FOR ENTRIES. Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried 'Art & Apples Festival.'

CONCERTS

B'HAM MUSICALE. A salute to American composers 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, featuring soprano Soo Yeon Kim, flutists Johanna Bets Sennett and Philip Kideman.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/U-M DEARBORN. Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard.



Waterfall: The exhibit of Nick Blosser's egg tempera paintings opens Thursday and runs through March 20 at Artspace II, 303 E. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 258-1540.

Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar.

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUMS. Through Feb. 28 - "African American Portraits of Courage," 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-1726.

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"The Director's Notebook," coordinated by the Piousshares Theatre Company, for information, (313) 872-0279.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER. Through Feb. 7 - "Artists Under the Italian Influence," featuring work of Juliana Clendenin, Jim Cosgwell, Susan Crowell, Ed Fraga, Mark Pomilio, Debra Bosio Riley and Mel Rosas.

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TRAVEL

# Mort Crim cruise mixes sun, wisdom

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Mort Crim, former news anchor on WDIV-TV, will play host to a AAA Michigan Travel Cruise April 25 to the Eastern Caribbean, providing a bit of wisdom along with the sunshine.



Crim

Crim will host a trip on the Grand Princess, April 25 to May 2, with stops at St. Thomas, St. Maarten and the private Princess Cay. The cost ranges from \$1,418 for an inside cabin to \$2,622 for a mini-suite with balcony.

"I've been on cruises several times before," Crim said. "When my wife (Renee) and I were married, we took a honeymoon cruise."

Crim is founder and chief executive of Mort Crim Communications Inc. Crim is also a motivational speaker and the author of "Second Thoughts," a book of positive anecdotes drawn from his nationally syndicated radio feature, heard on 1,000 stations around the country.

"There will be a book autographing of 'Second Thoughts.' I joke that it costs two grand for the book and the cruise is free," Crim said.

Crim will be giving a speech on board similar to the speech that he gives to business groups around the country. He will address his deep concerns about the news media and public reaction to news coverage.

"The public is discouraged, cynical and I think this is dangerous to democracy," Crim said. "I try to put things into perspective."

He said the current political situation has fueled some of the concern he perceives. He said many question the media about their coverage of the

Clinton scandal rather than covering issues closer to their interests.

Crim said he doesn't regret for a minute his decision to leave his position as news anchor.

"Not from day one," he said. "I miss the people, I have friends there. But it became a question of been there, done that. I was ready for a challenge. It was not done in anger or haste."

He said owning his own communications company had been a longtime dream. In the six years since starting Mort Crim Communications, he said the company has been growing steadily and now has 25 full-time employees and numerous free lance writers working on corporate videos, convention planning and other projects.

"I've learned a lot about business and the same values that make a good journalist or editor apply to business," he said.

Crim said he would like to turn his "Second Thoughts" into a series of books and is currently at work on "Second Thoughts About Second Chances."

On the upcoming cruise, Crim said: "Having fun is an essential part of my philosophy. If a person isn't having fun in life, something is out of balance. If we set our minds to it and understand how to do it, we can find something fun (or at least mildly amusing) about any job or responsibility! What better place to share some of my ideas than on a cruise ship - a place where practically everyone can have fun."

The Grand Princess has been referred to as "a floating amusement park" and a "floating feast." The 935-foot-long ship offers plenty of options.

On the 18th level is Skywalkers Nightclub suspended 150 feet above water and accessed by a moving skywalk. There is a Voyage of Discovery, featuring the latest in virtual reality rides and video games. For more information, contact at AAA Michigan travel agent or call 1-(800)AAA-MICH (222-6424).

# Travel agent learns cruising's allure

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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February is national cruise month.

When winter has the north in its icy grip, the idea of a cruise through warm Caribbean waters is very appealing.

In early December, Sandy and Gary Milis attended a Cruise-A-Thon Conference sponsored by Travel Trade Publications and Cruise Lines International Association to learn the latest about cruise vacations. Sandy Milis operates the Joyful Journey Travel Inc. travel agency out of her Livonia home.

"People can find relaxation, rejuvenation and excitement," said Sandy Milis about cruising. "There are a variety of new destinations to go to, an opportunity to see many different ports of call and the attractions at the ports of call."

At the Cruise-A-Thon, the Milises attended workshops and training sessions, inspected three ships - the Big Red, Carnival Fantasy and Disney Magic - and received an in-depth look at the Disney combined vacation option.

"This was my first Cruise-A-Thon and Travel Trade convention. I was surprised by how intense and thorough the training was," Sandy Milis said. "They focused on different types of tours, tour packages available, how to increase market share in the community, niche cruises, home-based agents. It's a growing trend to work from home and belong to a consortium."

Milis had always been the family travel planner and reunion organizer. She also planned conferences for her church. It seemed natural to make a move toward doing travel arrangements professionally. In 1997 she responded to a newspaper ad about a seminar in Ann Arbor.

"Within two weeks, I decided this was what I wanted to do and my husband took me to training sessions while I was in a wheelchair and on crutches from foot surgery," she said.

On June 11, Sandy and her husband will escort a multigenerational cruise on the Disney Magic.

Milis was impressed and inspired by Art Rodney of Disney



Brew spot: The Common Grounds coffee house is one of many eating places on the Disney Magic.

who spoke passionately about how to sell cruises. The Milises got an intensive inspection of the Magic with Matthew Quimet, executive vice president of Disney Cruise Line.

"Disney is aiming at first-time cruisers, seven-day packages with 3-4 days at Disney world, then cruise," Milis said. "They provide a seamless experience. You're met by Disney folks at the airport. At the hotel you get one key that fits your room and your cruise cabin. You are transported by comfortable buses and taken over to the port (Port Canaveral). Because you've already been checked in, you go right to your cabin."

Milis said this "seamless" approach is aimed at getting land travelers to go on cruises. Disney has created a cruise ship that's nostalgic and family friendly, two key ingredients to the famous Disney theme parks.

"Disney Magic is a modern-day ship with the looks and style of a traditional line of the '30s and '40s. It's a sleek, classic ship," she said.

Passengers are welcomed into a three-story atrium. From there the ship is divided into areas with appeal for different members of the family. One deck is devoted to children.

The children's deck is divided by age group. The Oceaneers



Boon companions: Sandy Milis of Livonia receives some travel tips from Minnie Mouse on board the Disney Magic.

Club is for children 3-8 years old, the Oceaneers Lab is for children 9-12 years old. Common Ground is a coffeehouse for teenagers 13-17 with computers, a CD wall and games.

"The children's area was really impressive with a computer station, playground and Disney characters to meet them," Milis said.

The trip planned by Milises will include the regular five-year reunion of Sandy's family and her parent's 50th anniversary. But there are openings for the public starting at \$899.

Milis is also working on an Alaska cruise.

For more information, call Milis at (734) 522-3304.

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Gov. John Engler and Northwest Airlines announced a new, reduced intrastate fare structure called "Fly Michigan." The "Fly Michigan" program offers a 14-day advance fare of \$69 each way for travel between outstate Michigan and Detroit, a savings of 35 percent. Walk-up fares between outstate Michigan and Detroit are \$139 each way, or a savings of up to 40 percent. "Fly Michigan" also offers low intra-Michigan fares of \$10 more each way when traveling via

"This is great news for the travel industry in Michigan," said Susy Avery, newly appointed director of Travel Michigan.

"By lowering the cost of airfare throughout the state, more Michigan travelers will be able to afford to fly to destinations where they vacation and do business."

"Fly Michigan" fares apply to travel within Michigan only. All of Northwest's Michigan markets are included in the reduced fare program: Detroit, Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor, Houghton/Hancock, Escanaba, Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Marquette, Muskegon, Pellston/Mackinac Island, Traverse City, Alpena, Sault Ste. Marie, and Saginaw/Bay City/Midland. Advance purchase fares require a Saturday night stay, and other

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### TRAIN TRIP

The Bluewater Michigan

Chapter is sponsoring three-day, all-inclusive excursions to Sault Ste. Marie for the Algoma Central's Snow Train, Saturday-Monday, Feb. 6-8 and 13-15. The excursions leave by motor coach from Dearborn and Royal Oak and include all transportation, the Snow Train, resort hotel,

baggage handling and all meals including two on the train, one at the Sugar Bowl in Gaylord and one at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth.

The fare is \$325 per person based on double occupancy. For tickets or information, contact the Bluewater Michigan Chap-

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SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 119 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 61 Thursday at Salem... 200-yard medley relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Paul Perez, Dan Jones), 1:47.91.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 120 FARMINGTON HARRISON 54 Thursday at North Farmington... 200-yard medley relay: Canton (Aaron Reeder, Jon Heiss, Matt Wisniewski, Brad Nilson), 1:49.32.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores... 50 FREESTYLE (state cut: 22.99) Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 22:30

100 FREESTYLE (state cut: 49.49) Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 49:30... 200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:48.39) Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:53.30

400 FREESTYLE (state cut: 6:56.59) Keith Falk (Stevenson) 7:00:50... 800 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:53.19) Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:52:08

1600 FREESTYLE (state cut: 4:57.39) Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51:40... 3200 FREESTYLE (state cut: 1:31.99) North Farmington 1:32:60

THE WEEK AHEAD

WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 57 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 18 Thursday at Salem... 103 pounds: Matt Frendewey (WLC) pinned Geoff Bennett, 2:30.

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Feb. 9... 5th field Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 7 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 6 p.m. Franklin vs. Dearborn at Adley Arena, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S... nock had 10 points for the victors. Madonna missed all six of its three-point attempts in the second half and was 13-of-34 from the floor (38.2 percent).

However, things got worse after the intermission for the visitors. Madonna missed all six of its three-point attempts in the second half and was 13-of-34 from the floor (38.2 percent).

Cornerstone 85, Madonna 71: Desire can often overcome a number of deficiencies. Last Wednesday in Grand Rapids, Madonna University displayed little of the former and a wealth of the latter in losing for the eighth time in nine Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference games.

Ocelots rip St. Clair; Crusaders fall

Two key players were sidelined for Wednesday's game against St. Clair County CC, but it hardly mattered — Schoolcraft College still rolled to an easy 104-78 victory in this Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference match-up at SC.

2nd-half rally keeps SC rolling; Madonna can't cap Cornerstone

For more than half of Wednesday's game, St. Clair County CC entertained hopes of blackening the record of the only unbeaten team in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

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A-League hoop champs



Celtics reign: The Celtics, coached by Joe Montgomery, won all 10 of their games to capture the A-League title in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association.

Tournament champs



Strikers roll: The Canton Strikers, an under-12 indoor soccer team, won a Christmas Tournament at Total Soccer in Wixom by winning five-straight games.

Salem hoop from page D1

"We knew (the Rocks) were going to make a run; we just didn't know when," North coach Tom Negoshian said.

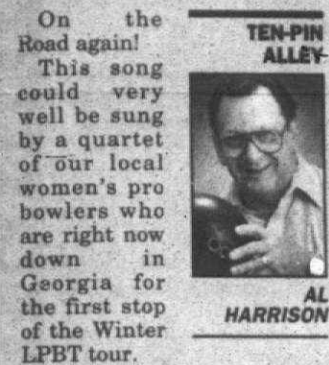
"We made a tremendous effort for two quarters," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

Canton hoop from page D1

not being here so it was a big game," he said. "Waidmann is one of our top guys and Nathan came in and did a real nice job.

with nine points and Justin Jakes had eight in the losing effort.

Sill setting sights on \$1 million club



On the Road again! This song could very well be sung by our local women's pro bowlers who are right now down in Georgia for the first stop of the Winter LPBT tour.

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Redford CC 74, Warren DeLaSalle 51: Redford Catholic Central defeated Warren DeLaSalle by 23 points in a boys basketball game Friday.

Advertisement for the Detroit Rockers featuring "DON'T MISS THE DETROIT ROCKERS CPI PHOTO DAY AT THE JOE!" and "THE FIRST 2,000 FANS RECEIVE A FREE PHOTO OF DENNIS 'THE MENACE' BROSE"

Registration fee is \$10 per person which includes 3 games of bowling (9 pin/no tap), shoe rental, pizza lunch and official souvenir T-shirt.

"Snake" trails in the snow. That was my first reaction when I was a young man to the wiggle tunnels through the snow.

Snowsnaking around

The Ontario government's plan to cancel its annual spring bear hunt has drawn criticism from area hunters.

Ontario has an estimated population of 90,000 black bears. Approximately 5,200 of the annual harvest of 8,000 bears are taken during the spring hunt.

Cancellation of bear hunt draws criticism

letter to Minister of Natural Resources, 6th Floor, Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1W3.

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