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Karevich, Mason enter race for mayor's seat

By PATRICIA N. BOWLING
 staff writer

NOVI — For Robert Schmid, the issues in the 1985 mayoral race will be much the same as they were in 1983 when he was last elected. There will be at least one major difference in the campaign, however. This year Schmid has competition. City Council Member Patricia Karevich and local Realtor Carol Mason both are ready to wage a spirited challenge for the mayor's seat, which has been held by Schmid since 1981. Karevich, who has served on city council 10 years, announced her candidacy Monday. "I would like to get the city moving together toward building the community," she said. Karevich suggested the city has been more unified in the past, and she would like to see that unity restored. "I think we all want the

same thing. There's just a lack of communication," she said. Karevich noted she has been considering her candidacy for at least a year. "I didn't want to commit to another four years," she admitted. After her election in 1981, Karevich resolved to make that her last term on city council. "I said after 10 years, a person should get out. I really believed that," she said last week before making a final decision on whether to run for mayor. "But it's difficult to walk away from public office." Karevich said she considered the time commitment and family obligation before making a final decision on running for mayor. Now she says she is enthused about the upcoming campaign. "If I can just communicate my feelings, I think we can be successful," she said. Mason said last week she is ready to go "full speed ahead" with her

campaign this month. "I just felt the city is growing so fast... (and) we need more business people involved," she explained. "A lot of people think that developers are in here to make money off your city and run. But some of these developers live in this community." "Attitude-wise, we have to realize that it takes all parts (to make the city work)... We need a better attitude about development. We need more participants in the discussion." Mason has been in the residential real estate business eight years. In January last year she opened her own office. "We turned a profit in October. Now I need another goal," she noted.

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Will incumbents seek third term?/2-A

School election Monday

NOVI — With virtually no inflammatory issues pending in the district and the sparsest slate of candidates vying for trustee posts in two years, Novi Community Schools will be hard pressed to top last year's two percent voter turnout in next Monday's school board election. Voters heading to the polls will have little difficulty mulling over candidates. Incumbents Joan Daley and Sharon Pelchat — two of the board's longest tenured members —

are unchallenged in their bids for re-election. However, Novi voters also will be asked to choose two candidates for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. Incumbents Michael Burley and Sharon Sarris are seeking re-election to the six-year posts while challenger Hussein Karzun is seeking election to his first term. Last year, roughly two percent — 236 of the district's 11,511 registered voters — returned incumbents

Ronald Milam and Norman Miller to the board. Last year's voter interest was dismal in comparison to the 1983 race where approximately eight percent of the district's voters elected incumbent Gilbert Henderson and newcomer Michael Meyer to four-year terms. Needless to say, the turnout for this year's race is expected to be light.

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A helping hand

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Nicole Teufel, 3, took time out from making sandcastles at Novi's Lakeshore Park this week to spread a little suntan lotion — along with a little sand — on her mother's back (Sheila Teufel). The beach at Lakeshore Park has enjoyed only sparse weekday attendance since opening last month — but those on hand claim the water's still a little chilly.



Kinder-Care youngsters take a break from morning activities

Novi News/STEVE FECHT

Exploring child-care options

This is the last in a three-part series focusing on child-care options in the Novi/Northville area.

By MICHELE M. FECHT
 staff writer

When Melva Parsons quit her job as a Ford Motor Company secretary 17 years ago, she shut off her typewriter with few regrets. "I spent 12 years listening to mothers trying to be mothers over the phone," says the Beck Road resident who has been mother and care-provider to a host of Novi and Northville children for almost two decades.

Her state-licensed care-home is a haven for scores of children — from newborns and toddlers to preschoolers and elementary students. It also is a saving grace for working parents looking for alternatives to day-care centers.

Mothering combined with plenty of TLC are the key ingredients to Parsons' business. As the mother of six (ages 5-27), she has found her system can offer children a loving home situation as well as consistency — something most educators and child-care experts claim is essential for children during the formative years. While she says her arrangement was born of the love of children, Parsons admits the growing demand for at-home care has made such services a booming business.

Licensed in the early 1970s, Parsons takes care of up to five children at a time and charges \$1.25 per hour



Who's Minding Your Children?

(her fees were \$1 per hour up until this year).

She notes that her hours are completely flexible to accommodate parents required to make last-minute arrangements. She also will take drop-ins as well as "sleep overs" for parents whose jobs demand travel. While a houseful of children hardly is considered a picnic, Parsons seems to relish her role as surrogate

mother. "I'm into the second generation now," she says, noting that some of the children she cares for are the offspring of former charges.

Noting that she "raises" many of the children from infancy through kindergarten, Parsons says her service has provided her with many "extended offspring."

"Most of the little ones call me 'mama,'" she confides.

The better alternative

While current studies on the effects of day-care are limited, research seems to indicate that the best insurance for developing a healthy and happy child is finding a quality arrangement.

While model day-care centers can offer a comfortable surrounding for nurturing the intellectual, emotional and social needs of children, many experts argue that such arrangements should never be viewed as a substitute for mothering.

A child psychiatrist for more than 30 years and the director of Hawthorn Center since 1971, Dr. Harold Wright has been witness to both the positive and negative effects of the changing family unit.

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City hall site plans prepared

NOVI — Members of the Civic Center Planning Committee will find out next week what architects think the new Novi civic building will look like and what they think it will cost.

The proposed site plans, building design and budget for the building will be presented at a planning committee meeting Wednesday, June 12.

City council will review the plans and proposed budget at its Monday, June 17, meeting.

"If the council accepts our work, then it will be up to council to develop a bonding proposal," said Father Leslie Harding, chairman of the 12-member planning committee.

Architects Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Associates have been

working on civic center plans since April when the committee held a public hearing to discuss the proposed concept of a combined city hall/community building. At that time a 71,500-square-foot building was envisioned, with approximately one-half being used for city administration and the other half for a community building.

The architects presented preliminary site plans at a May 14 meeting of the Civic Center Planning Committee. Harding said some minor revisions were suggested by the committee.

The square-footage has been scaled down slightly with preliminary site plans calling for a 68,000-square-

foot building. Two stories are proposed for the city hall side; one story for the community building.

Of the 68,000 square feet, about 40,000 square feet would be usable space, Harding explained. The remaining square footage would be used up by things such as hallways, stairways and elevators.

The building is intended to be "an impressive structure," he added. "We want it to stand out among the other buildings."

Since discussion of the civic center began, there has been only one major change in the proposed building, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver

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Novi seniors to graduate on Sunday

NOVI — Some 280 seniors — the largest graduating class in the history of Novi High School — will receive diplomas during commencement exercises this Sunday (June 9) at the high school football field at 1:30 p.m.

School Superintendent Robert Pivko will deliver the "Farewell Address" to the Class of '85. School Board President Robert Schram also will be speaking to the graduates.

Master of ceremonies will be high school principal Robert Youngberg. Also addressing the 280 seniors will be valedictorians Karen Hsu and Sally Szuma and salutatorian Eric Sunshine.

A special pre-graduation concert will be presented by the Novi High School band — a final district performance for graduating seniors.

Dr. Richard Henderson of Faith Presbyterian Church will pronounce the invocation and benediction.

Business Briefs



DENNIS R. GALLOWAY



JIM STORM

DENNIS R. GALLOWAY has been named executive vice president of Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates, Inc. The appointment was announced by Jerry Cole, chairman of the board and president. Galloway's mother resides in Northville.

Galloway formerly served as senior vice president and director of marketing for the firm headquartered in Newport, Beach, California. Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates is the franchise arm of Coldwell Banker, the nation's largest full-service real estate company.

In his new post, Galloway will be second in line to Jerry Cole, who recently became chairman of the board while continuing as president. The promotion means a continuation of the Cole-Galloway team which, from Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates' beginning as a marketing idea less than four years ago, has sparked the fastest growth in real estate franchising today and has seen the emergence of Coldwell Banker as a franchising leader.

JIM STORM of the Storm Insurance Agency at 43320 West Seven Mile in Northville will join a select group of fellow Farmers Insurance Group of Companies' and district managers attending the annual meeting of the prestigious President's Council.

Membership in the council is the highest honor that can be awarded an agent or district manager by Farmers, which includes the nation's third largest automobile and homeowners insurer within its group.

Farmers' key executives gather once each year to review all aspects of the insurance business with their top producers in the agency force. This year's conference is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

W.H. Braddock, vice president of sales for Farmers Group, Inc., noted that membership in the council is very select with only 45 of 13,500 agents earning membership this year.

Council members are agents who represent Farmers' affiliated companies in the automobile, life, homeowners, commercial and most other types of insurance.

McALLISTER'S HOUSE OF DECORATING in Northville has moved to a new location. Sharon L. Fry, owner of the home decorating business, reported that McAllister's is moving from its former location at 224 East Main Street in Northville to 144 Mary Alexander Court, also in Northville.

McAllister's will open at its new location tomorrow (Thursday, June 6). Fry reported that the new location will be larger and said the store is being remodelled to accommodate the interior design service. In addition to the interior design service, McAllister's offers wall coverings, window treatments and decorative items for the home. Also available are corncrubs, headboards, custom bedspreads, upholstery, carpeting, slipcovers and fabrics for the do-it-yourselfer.

Brand names available at McAllister's include fabrics and wall coverings by Green Schumacher, Waverly and Van Lint. Other brand names are Georgian Lighting, Frederick Cooper lamps and Baldwin Brass.

CHARLES YOUNG of Northville has earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1984 Executives' Club. The club is one of the society's top sales honors. Young qualified for membership on the basis of the combined amount of life and health insurance, annuities and mutual funds he placed with Lutherans in the area.

Young is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Karl Mueller Agency headquartered in Rochester. Lutheran Brotherhood has over \$14 billion of life insurance in force and more than \$2.85 billion in assets. In 1984, the society's fraternal activities program allocated more than \$20 million in support of its members, the Lutheran Church and society in general.

SUPPLY TECH, INC., of Southfield has appointed Lampe Communications its agency for the promotion of the firm's Buick City-certified "Just-In-Time" order releasing and advanced shipping notice, computer systems which GM is soon to require of all its approved production parts vendors.

Buick City is GM's answer to the highly successful Japanese program by which suppliers call Kanban. Supply Tech systems have been installed by a half dozen firms in the past few weeks, but more than 800 are expected to be on line in the next few weeks.

Lampe Communications is a public relations and marketing communications agency with high tech and other business-to-business accounts coast to coast.

CPAs offer suggestions for home buyers

Making a decision on buying a home demands as much skill as predicting the weather.

You have to guess which way interest rates are heading, decide between hundreds of different mortgages, calculate a budget to make monthly payments and find just the right home.

Buying a home is the biggest investment most people ever make, and it demands some personal financial planning. You have to get the best deal you can according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Only one in four U.S. households has enough income to support today's median-priced home. Mortgage lenders, facing the highest rate of foreclosures since the Great Depression, are talking about stricter income qualifications for borrowers.

Here's some advice: QUALIFYING FOR a mortgage: Most mortgage lenders say your monthly housing costs may not exceed 30 percent of your monthly gross income.

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APPROPRIATE: With the current rate of appreciation on real estate remaining steady at about five percent, those who are buying a home as an investment should think twice, says Krupp of the AICPA's Real Estate Committee. "In the case of Yuppies, for instance, it may be better to hold off buying a condo or town house," he says. "It may pay for them to rent and invest their savings in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) rather than tie their money up in a home they plan to sell soon."

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FIX-UP COSTS: Painting and cleaning up the house you're selling may get you a tax break. You can get a tax break for any fix-up done within 90 days of the sale. The paint, the cleaning fluids and the cleaning service you may hire are all deductible. The deduction is figured by subtracting the fix-up expenses from the gain realized in selling the home.

SHARED EQUITY mortgages: Perhaps you're like several million people who want a home, but can't afford the cost. A home buyer who can't make the down payment alone may find a shared equity mortgage is a money saver. Find a partner who may or may not live with you and share the down payment, the appreciation and the tax breaks for interest payments.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE: If you can't afford to make a down payment of 20 percent or more on the purchase price, you may qualify for mortgage insurance. Mortgage insurance generally tacks on \$15 to \$30 on a monthly mortgage payment, depending on your down payment, the mortgage amount and whether you have an adjustable rate mortgage. Someone who has little cash for a down payment, but is certain to have a rising income, is an ideal candidate for mortgage insurance.

These ideas are just a sampling of the current trends affecting home buyers that CPAs say may be helpful in your quest for the home that's just right.

TAXES: If you're buying a second home, you may want to wait until the battle over the budget deficit ends. The Treasury Department's tax proposal would end mortgage interest deductions on second homes, casting some doubt on the market for vacation homes.

SUBSIDIZING mortgages: Find out about any low-interest mortgages that may be offered in your state. However, these programs are usually directed at first-time buyers.

MORTGAGE POINTS are deductible. When you're purchasing a home, any points you pay up front are generally deductible in the year you pay them. You can secure an immediate tax benefit by paying points up front instead of tacking them on your mortgage.

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Money Management

A quick way of shopping is by using electronic mortgage brokers. The largest of these computerized mortgage brokers has 25 lenders from around the nation offering variations on eight or nine different mortgages. This allows you to shop for mortgages from lenders across the country. You can usually request printouts of the mortgage payments from computerized brokers and use them for further comparison shopping.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1985
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Come and inspect this beautiful 3000 square foot colonial home on 10 private acres.

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Nice 2 bedroom home on 2 1/2 acre lot. Large lot, large deck, covered porch, 2 car attached garage, all wood barn, large patio area and many more extras. Excellent condition. Below \$100,000. Call today for appointment. (313) 437-4000.

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HAMBURG Township, 3 bedroom plus den, basement, central air, private street next to school. 2 1/2 acre lot, 2 1/2 level barn with 12 stalls, feed room, tack room, automatic waterers, automatic watering ring and automatic waterer. Walk to town or trip to Maybury State Park. \$145,000.

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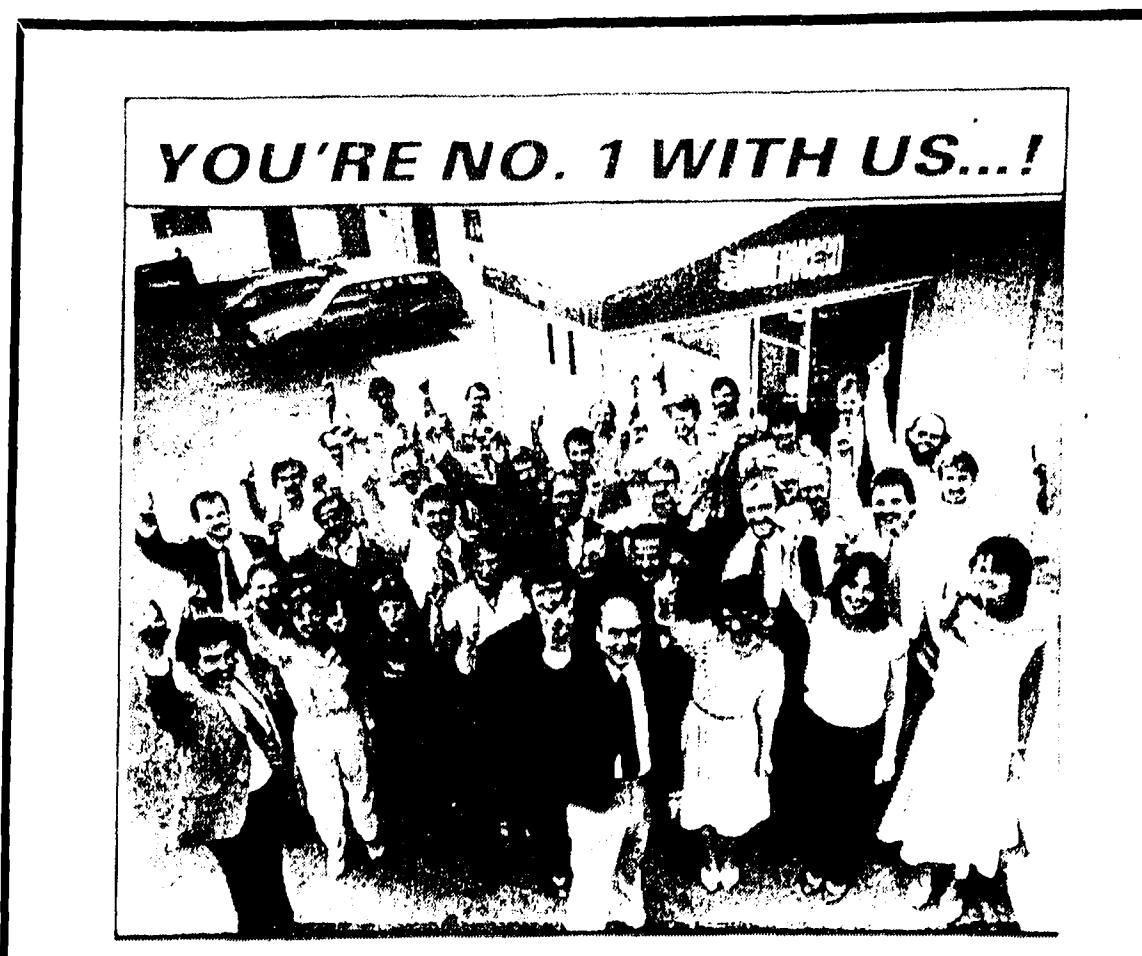
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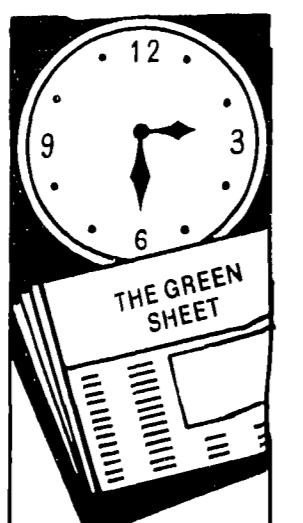
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CAMPING

From Bare Bones to Deluxe

Traveling in Style

By Jean Day

Going deluxe in the camping world means traveling the expressways — and byways — in a self-contained motor home. There's no dash in the night or morning run with a tooth brush to the park facility building.

While motor homes are a major investment, they are considered by many traveling families a reasonable "way to go" compared with staying in a motel or hotel.

When you have six children, you don't stay in a lot of motels — at least, not if you're going to travel much. The Ralph Pedersen family of Northville at first solved the problem of wanting to show their children the country by tenting.

"We started tent camping and took the children places we never could afford to go otherwise," recalls Rita Pedersen.

As the number of children grew to six, the Pedersens bought their first motor home and traveled in comfort. That was about 15 years ago. They're now on their second motor home, which is nine years old but in excellent condition. Mrs. Pedersen points out that the entire family can be together in motor home accommodations. While mobile homes offer comparable space and luxury, they must be hauled behind another vehicle.

"With the two motor homes we've been in every state in the United States and to Canada and Mexico," Mrs. Pedersen relates.

"It's been a lot of fun and a different way to see places. Camping people are nice. We stay where we can hook up to utilities although it (the motor home) is self contained," she explains. She noted that park facilities today are very pleasant, recalling that when they first started traveling in their motor home, facilities were much more primitive.

The Pedersens only have two children still living at home.

A while ago they considered not using the motor home, but, Mrs. Pedersen says, "It's a very pleasant way to travel — we were so used to doing it that we've continued."

Ralph and Rita now meet her two brothers who live in Troy and both have motor homes, she says, "all over the country."

"We met in Knoxville (Tennessee) at the world's fair and have gone to New Orleans."

Having your accommodations right with you is an asset at such events as the world's fair where finding them can be a problem, she agreed.

On Memorial Day weekend the Pedersens had a gathering of the family clan with one son arriving from Minneapolis. Counting babies, she says, there were 16 altogether riding comfortably in the motor home to Mt. Clemens where another son has his boat anchored.

"We've taken gangs to Emily's run and to Pine Knob," their mother adds.

The motor home is kept in a storage park in Plymouth during the winter. "We stock it when we get it from storage and have it ready all summer," says Mrs. Pedersen, noting that it's very easy to "go" when everything is ready. Because the storage park is so near, she adds, it's no problem to return it between jaunts.

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Load up the Pack

By Brian Creek

How often have you wished that you had more time to spend outdoors camping, canoeing, or whatever, but the thought of equipment, and remembering to pack everything you were going to need stopped you? It just takes too much work to get ready for a short trip!

But it doesn't have to. You can keep a backpack loaded with everything that you need except for food and extra clothes so that taking off on the spur of the moment can be a reality instead of a daydream.

The Basics

A quality experience requires that you start with good equipment. You need a decent sleeping bag, some form of shelter, a reliable stove, a way to purify drinking water and something to carry it in, a bright-colored wind/rain jacket and medium-weight sweater, candles, a flashlight, and some first-aid stuff.

A map and compass and the knowledge to use them can be pretty important too, if you ever leave the beaten path. Food is nice, but that's a whole book worth of stuff and we don't have room here. Read Fred Fowledge's paperback, *The Backpacker's Budget Food Book*, and shop at the supermarket. You'll eat better and save big bucks over the food that specialty stores sell.

Sleeping Bags

There are so many good sleeping bags on the market that you shouldn't have any trouble finding one well within your price range. The problem is avoiding low-cost bags made with cheap materials and shoddy workmanship.

Find a sleeping bag that fits. Try them on and get one that you can stretch out in and draw the top to your chin without stretching the fabric. The outside and lining of the bag should be rip-stop (tear resistant) nylon, and the stuffing should be a synthetic, like polyester fiber, so that if you get wet you can wring out the bag and still stay warm. Goose or duck down loses all of its insulative value when wet.

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Listen to 'Vets'

By Matt Valley

Every summer hundreds of thousands of campers flock to camp sites across Michigan. Armed with tents, sleeping bags, food, clothing and a variety of other necessities, they set out for what has become an American summer tradition. Everyone it seems wants a taste of the outdoors, especially when the economy is on the upswing.

For the campground veteran, preparing for the trip is no big hassle. Years of experience make the transition from home to the campground relatively easy. If the checklist is complete, the camper is generally well prepared.

But for novice campers, the task of preparing for the excursion poses a little more difficulty. Despite their enthusiasm, they are often unsure of what type of tent they should purchase, what food or clothes they should bring, or even what park best fits their interests.

They can, however, follow some guidelines which will insure they make the right decisions.

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Summer's going to arrive with a guaranteed blast of hot air in Howell on June 21-23. That's the weekend Howell plays host to the first Michigan Challenge hot air balloon competition and festival.

The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Michigan Balloonist Association (SEMBA) will be joining forces to conduct Michigan's first state championship hot air balloon competition.

Crowds of 30,000 to 50,000 are expected to view more than 50 of the top hot air balloon pilots in the country, who will be racing for prize money, recognition and just for the fun of it as the majestic, colorful world of hot air ballooning comes to Howell.

Among those balloonists will be former world champions Bruce Comstock of Ann Arbor and Dave Shaffer of Chelsea; Phil Gibe of Brighton; Blake and Jeanne Thomson of Gregory; Gordon Boring of Wall Lake; and Patricia Smith, a Wall Lake school district teacher who was the nation's top female pilot in 1983 and 1984.

Three races—a Hare and Hound, Judge Declared! Goal and a Controlled Navigational Trajectory Event—will comprise the official Michigan Challenge competition on Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23. Pilots will be vying for \$400 in first-place prize money, \$200 for second and \$100 for third.

The field of more than 50 pilots makes the Michigan Challenge one of the larger hot air balloon competitions around, which isn't surprising. Michigan is a hotbed for ballooning, according to Lee Reeves, executive director of the Howell chamber.

"There are only 3,000 licensed hot air balloon pilots in the country, and Michigan has 300 of them," she said. "And Michigan is considered an 'ultimate flying area,'" according to SEMBA's Dick Rudolph, who will be competing in the Howell event. "Not totally flat or hilly, good landing accessibility, lots of water and scenic countryside."

While the hot air balloons and their pilots will be the stars of the festival, the Howell chamber is planning a variety of companion events

to create a special atmosphere for the weekend.

"We're approaching this as a family event," Reeves said. "We want something for everyone. We want the Michigan Challenge to become popular and a tradition for Howell."

"A balloon festival is the kind of event that can put your town on the map. The town will be at its best. And it's the kind of event that gets the community working together, helping each other and feeling more positive about each other."

Some of the companion events include street dances Friday and Saturday nights; special horse-drawn carriage rides around downtown Howell; old-fashioned games for all ages on the lawn of the historic Livingston County Courthouse Saturday and Sunday; a helium balloon launch and kite-making contest Saturday; and a bed race down Clinton Street, a fishing derby and antique car show on Sunday.

Pilans have been made for a successful event. All that's needed is good balloon-flying weather. That's described as clear skies, stable air with moderate winds of less than 10 knots.

"We're hoping the Michigan Challenge will become one of the best summer events in the state," Reeves said.

JUNE ON

What's Going

THEATRE: "KUNI-LEML," Birmingham Theatre, 211 South Woodward, Birmingham. The musical comedy based on a universal folk tale will continue its four-week engagement through June 10. The plot centers on a headstrong daughter and the man she loves, and her father and the man he's chosen to be her husband. Comedian Shelley Berman is featured in the pivotal role of the father. Tickets are \$13 to \$20 and performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings, Wednesday and Sunday matinees. For information, call 644-1576.

"TWO BY TWO," Detroit Center for the Performing Arts, 804 Harper Avenue, Detroit. The Martin Charin play with music written by Richard Rodgers continues through June 15. The musical provides a contemporary look at the humorous and touching problems encountered and solved by Noah during the flood. Friday and Saturday performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. For information, call 925-7138.

"THE SUNSHINE BOYS," Altic Theatre, Third at West Grand Boulevard, Detroit. The Altic Theatre is extending its run of the Neil Simon comedy through June 16. Detroit personalities Rube Wess and Whit Vernon portray the two old vaudevillians who are reunited for one last show. Performances are 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 5:30 and 9 p.m. Saturdays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call 875-9284.

"IN THE SWEET EYE AND BITE," Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. The Midwest premiere of Donald Driver's play continues through June 23. The play focuses on a kitchen in an old farm house in Oregon which is alive with an assortment of characters resembling items in a flea market. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$6 and \$7.

For more information, call 863-1347.

"TRANSLATIONS," Performance Network, 408 West Washington, Ann Arbor. The funny and bitter portrait of 19th century Irish country-folk caught in the midst of a quiet social upheaval will be presented June 7 through 23. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 with student, senior discount and group rates available. For reservations, call 661-0661.

FESTIVALS: MUZZLE LOADERS FESTIVAL, Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Hundreds of colorful participants will gather June 15 and 16 to take their bullets and take aim at the 15th annual "Puff of Fun" shooting match. Music, parades and pageantry permeate this spectacle of the Civil War Period. Visitors can take part in daily activities of the troops.

CANTON COUNTRY FESTIVAL, downtown Canton. The three-day event, held June 14-16, includes arts and crafts displays, a carnival, helicopter rides, Millionaire's Party, rodeo entertainment, a pet show, watermelon eating contest and much more.

GARDEN CITY SPRING FESTIVAL, downtown Garden City. The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the community's 15th Annual Spring Festival June 7-9. Among the festivities will be a parade, fun for persons of all ages, an arts and crafts show, flea market, free entertainment and a sideshow sale by food and merchandise merchants. The festival will open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

SUMMER SPREE, Brookdale Square, Nine Mile and Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. The annual festival will be held June 20-23. Activities include a carnival, arts and crafts and a beer tent.

ANN ARBOR FESTIVAL OF FOLK SONG, Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard, Ann Arbor. Sally Rogers, a Michigan native and nationally renowned folksinger, will lead the lineup of more than two dozen performers at the Seventh Annual Ann Arbor Festival of Folk Song and Dance June 9. The festival will run from 11 a.m. to dusk on the grounds of historic Cobblestone Farm, a restored 1940 homestead. Admission is \$5. Seniors and children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call 769-1052 or 669-0568.

AND MORE: PLYMOUTH HOME TOUR, downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth Symphony League, a major fundraising arm of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will host "A Home for All Seasons." Home Tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 7 and from noon to 5 p.m. June 8. The tour will feature eight outstanding Plymouth residences. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and available at Orlin Jewellers in Northville, Beiner's Jewelry, me and mr. Jones and Knobek shoes in Plymouth and The Book Break in Canton. For further information, call 451-5101.

1985 DETROIT GRAND PRIX IV, downtown Detroit. Detroit Grand Prix IV will be held June 21-23 with Formula One final competition June 23. Tickets are available by mail. Call 259-PRIX for information.

EXHIBITS: STUDENT EXHIBITION, Center for Creative Studies, 245 East Kirby in Detroit's University Cultural Center. Michigan's oldest and largest student art show features more than 2,000 works representing Advertising Design, Art Direction, Ceramic, Drawing, Fiber Design, Film, Glass, Illustration, Painting, jewelry and much more. The exhibit continues through June 12 and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

A TRIBUTE TO RAOUH WALLENBERG: SWEDISH DIPLOMAT/MISSING HERO OF THE HOLOCAUST, Alumni Center, 200 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor. A major exhibition of the life and work of University of Michigan alumnus Raoul Wallenberg will be presented from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays June 10-15 in the Alumni Center of the University of Michigan. The exhibit chronicles Wallenberg's life from his youth in Sweden, college years at U-M, and life experiences before 1944, through six months he spent in Budapest, Hungary, during which he saved 100,000 Hungarian Jews.

DANCE: ANN ARBOR DANCES III, a showcase concert by eight area choreographers, 8 p.m., June 28-29, Performance Network, 408 West Washington, Ann Arbor. \$8 admission, call 769-0665 or 661-0661.

Brenda Bunell, recently appointed administrator of Novi Public Library and a Novi resident, finds some of her favorite things to do are in the Ann Arbor area.

1. TOURING the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.
2. MONTHLY space lectures at the Astorlen conducted by University of Michigan staff astrophysicist Jim Loeb.
3. DINING at the Red Bull on Carpenter near Washnaw. They have all kinds of good food.



My Favorite Things

Carlton's, 11600 East Grand River at Pleasant Valley Road, Brighton. Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Diners Club, American Express, Visa and MasterCard. Liquor license. 227-5366.

Carlton's: Something for everyone

Carlton's is an attractive new restaurant in the Brighton area. Nestled in a stand of trees as you drive into town along Old Grand River, Carlton's is indeed a most attractive restaurant — on both the exterior and interior.

Outside, the building is pleasant, blending in nicely with its semi-rustic setting. And on the inside, the restaurant is no less appealing, featuring lots of wood, brass railings and hanging plants with accents of sand and burgundy on the walls and curtains.

By no means a small restaurant, Carlton's is, nevertheless, divided into nicely sized small dining areas — each with its own name. The Library, for example — which impart a feeling of cozy intimacy.

It's obvious that the owners of Carlton's did their homework in determining the type of setting which diners find inviting.

The owners have demonstrated the same type of concern in developing the menu, which might well be described as "eclectic," offering something for everyone.

At first, the variety of selections was somewhat disconcerting. Carlton's is potentially a rather elegant dining establishment. And while the menu offered a sufficient number of dinner entrees, it also offered a wide selection of munchies — potato skins and nachos, for example; a wide selection of ice cream and specialty burgers; and several so-called "gourmet burgers" which are so popular these days.

On second thought, however, "eclectic" seems to be "where it's at" with many of the more popular and successful restaurants these days. For proof, you need look no further than the success experienced by Chuck Muer's restaurants, which have done well by offering something for everyone, although the decor of the Muer restaurants carry out the theme of informality to a higher degree than Carlton's.

Carlton's best efforts are contained on its "drink" and "wing" menus — both of which



Owners Tony Pucci and Norm McDougall with a popular Carlton's dish

are "cutesy" while also offering some interesting selections.

The drink menu, for example, offers Pure Peach Pleasure, a drink consisting of rum and peach brandy, colada mix and peaches & cream, and Apple Slush, a concoction of apples and apple schnapps blended in a frozen slush, as well as an assortment of daiquiris, margaritas and Carlton's Crazy Coladas — chocolate, banana, strawberry and raspberry coladas.

There are also several ice cream desserts, including Almonetta — vanilla ice cream, kahala and angelica.

The snack menu, meanwhile, features nachopopolis, a cross between Mexican and Greek favorites, and several variations of potato skins.

Unfortunately, Carlton's dinner entrees do not measure up to the promise of the decor or the creativity of the drinks and snacks.

The list of appetizers, for example, consists of French onion soup, seafood chowder, French fries and the vegetable du jour. Where are the appetizers?

Sixteen entrees, as well as several daily specials, are available under the headings of seafood, pasta, barbecue and steak. Dinners are accompanied by a dinner salad and your choice of potato or the vegetable du jour.

On a recent visit to Carlton's, my companion

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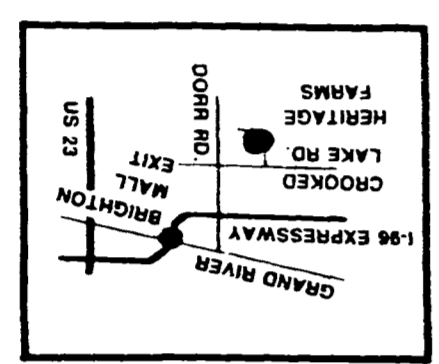
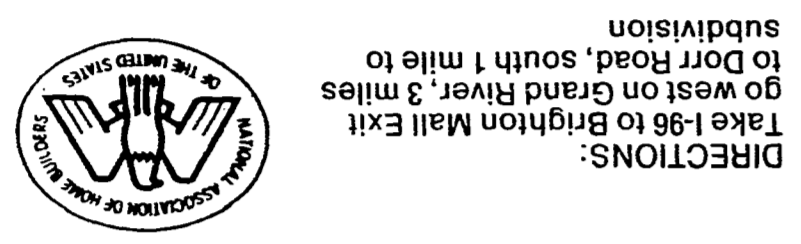
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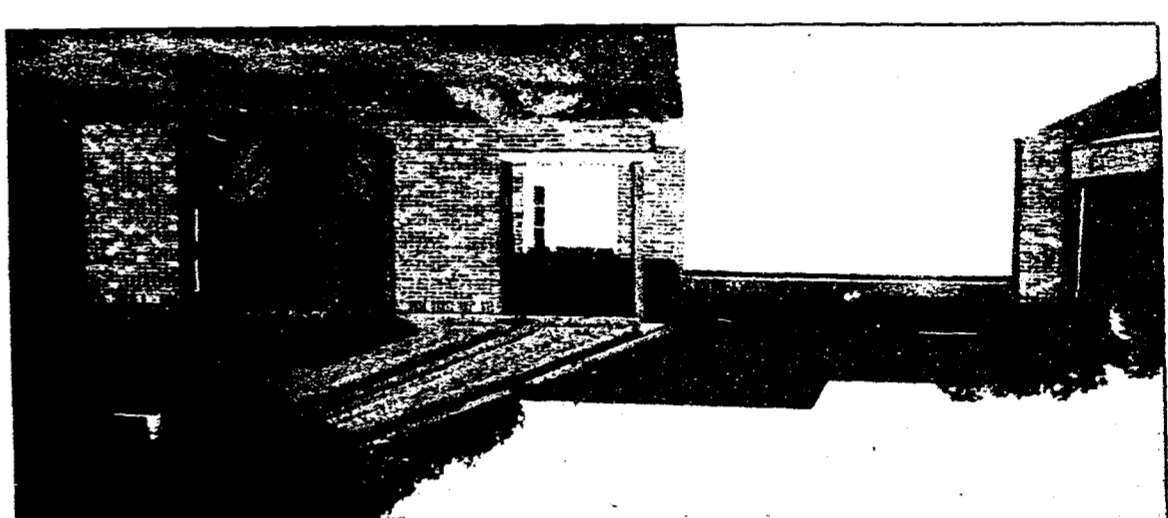
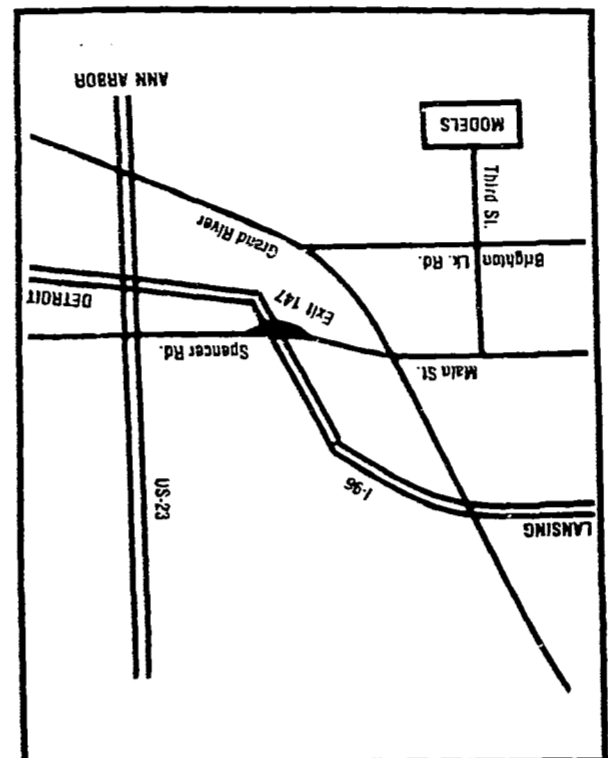
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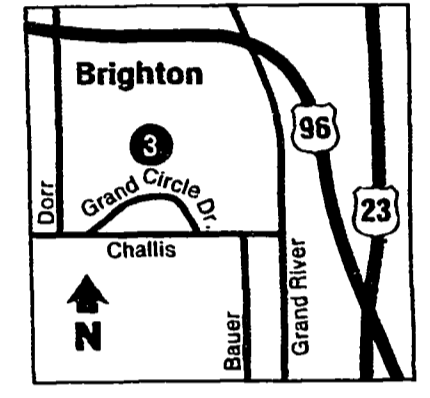
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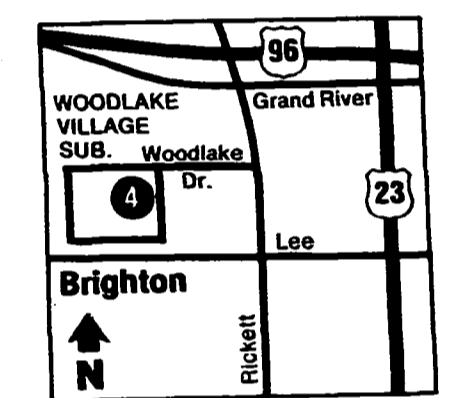
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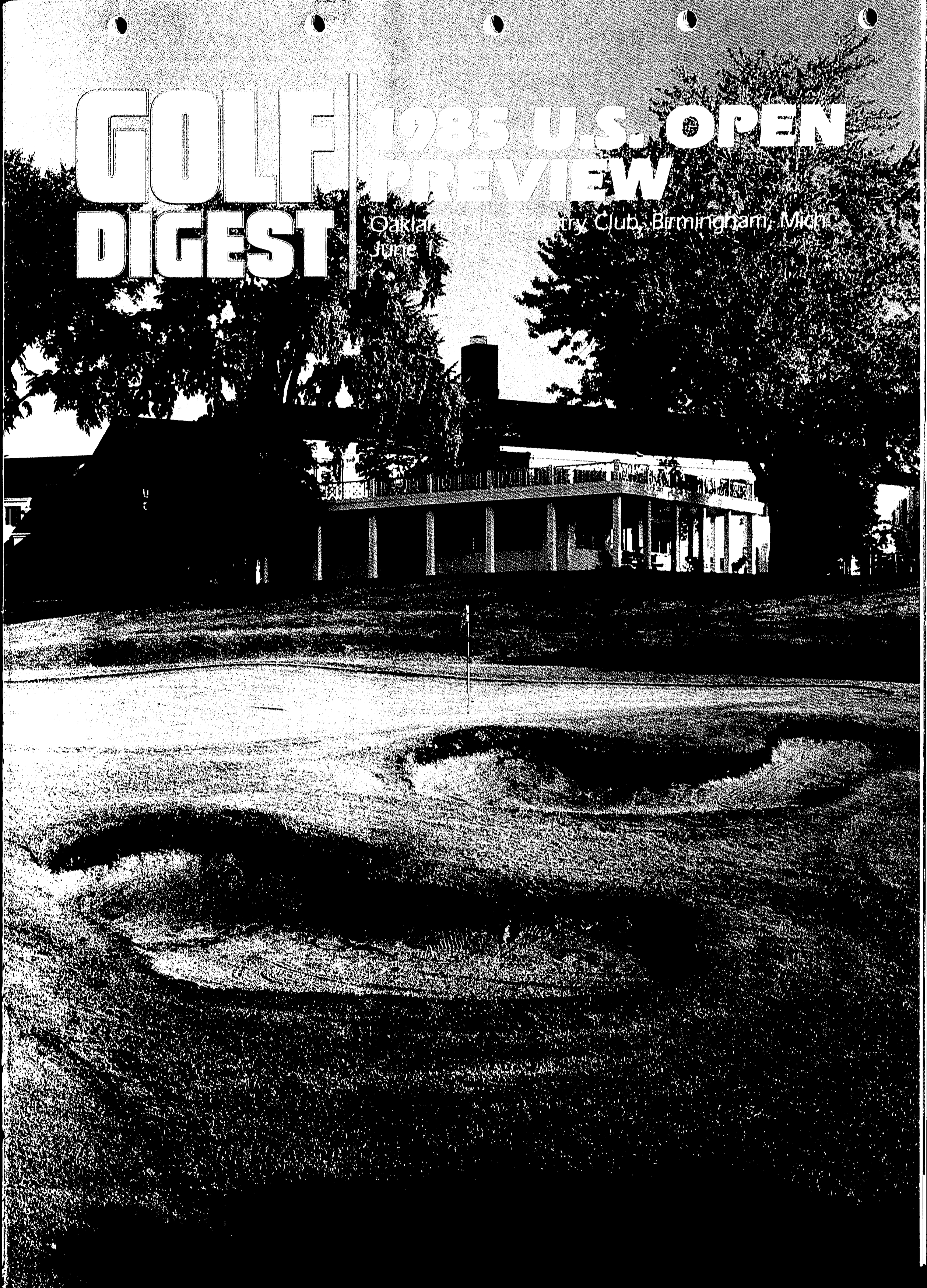
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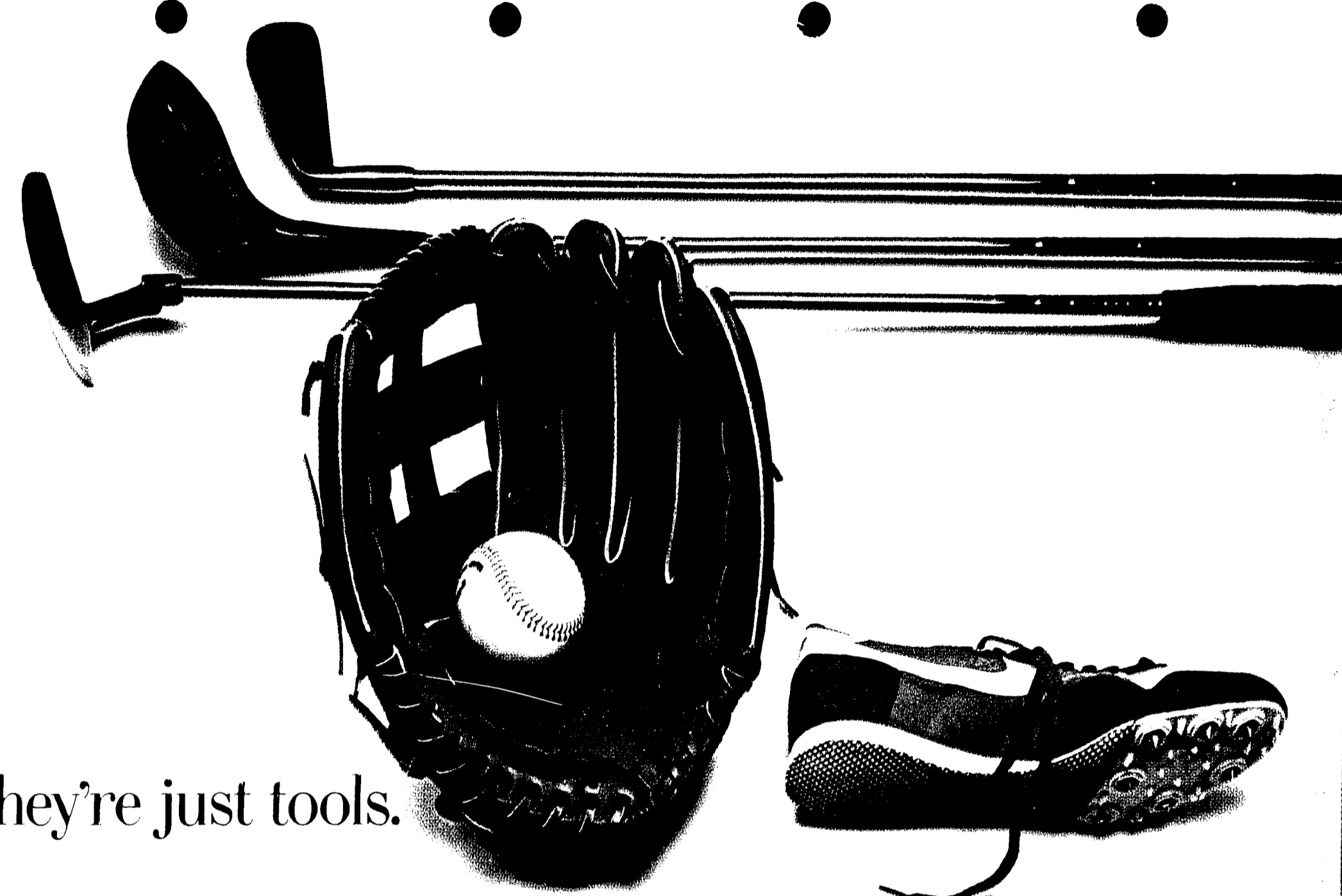
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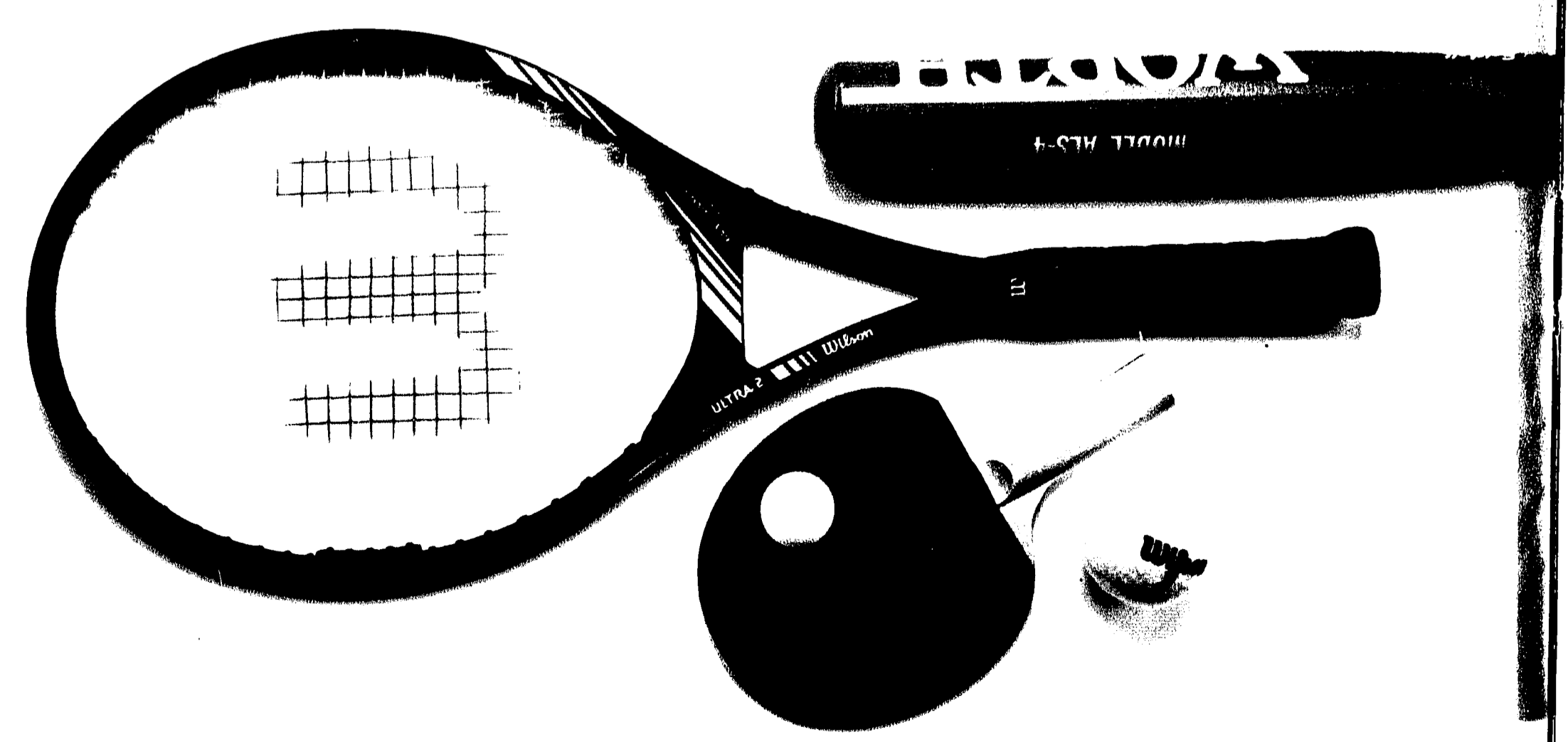
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Inside Oakland Hills: The story behind the club hosting its fifth U.S. Open

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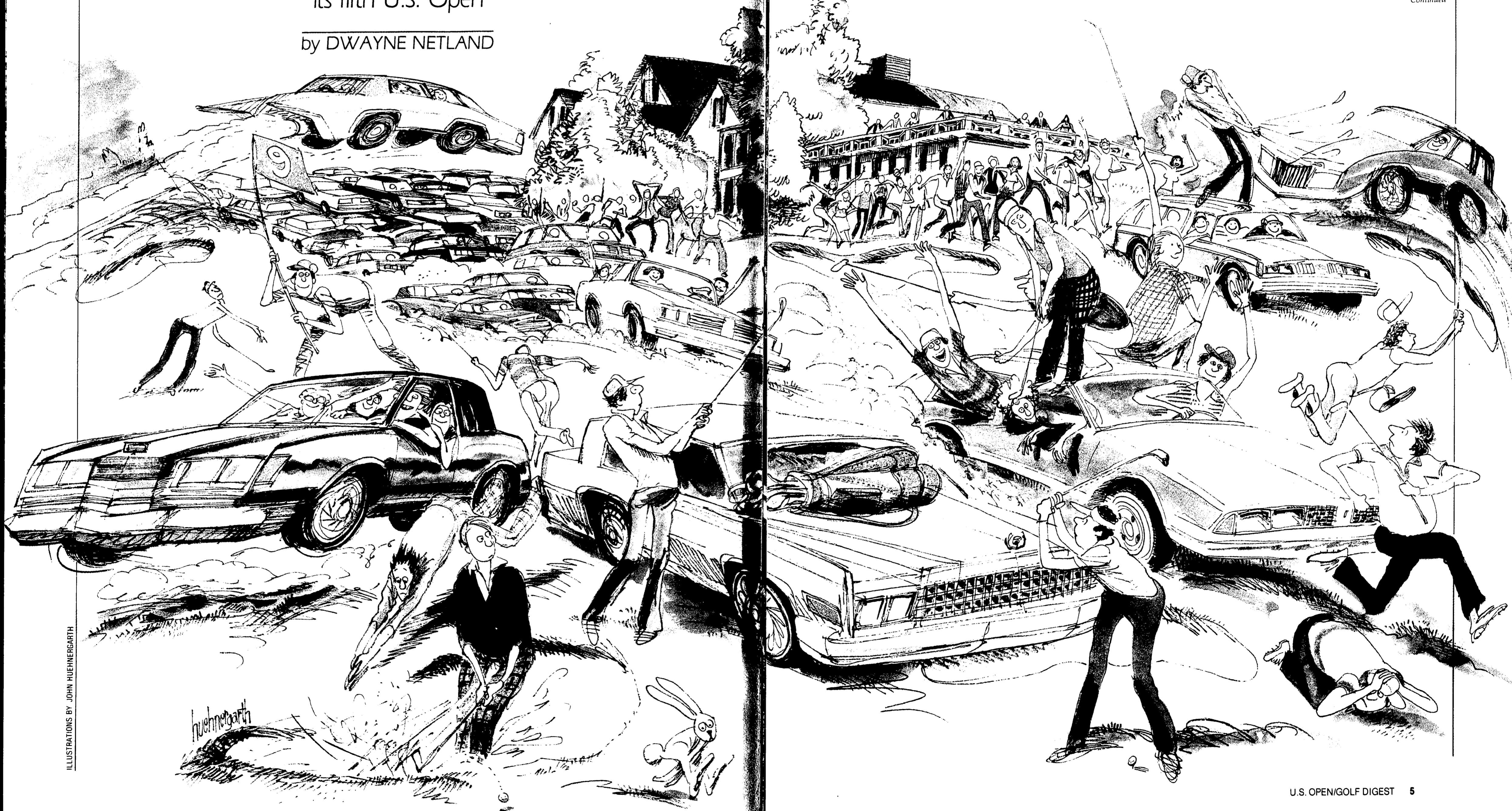
It gazes down imperiously on Maple Road in the Detroit suburb of Birmingham, its rambling white colonial clubhouse mindful of an antebellum

plantation. Oakland Hills has always projected an aura of self-assurance. After all, its two golf courses were both designed by the great Donald Ross; Walter Hagen was the first

pro, and this year, on June 13-16, it will host the U.S. Open for a fifth time.

All that prestige didn't deter the antics of a member several years ago

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who, after warming up in the men's bar, scaled the giant Christmas tree just inside the front door of the clubhouse. The tree came crashing to the floor, the well lubricated member unscathed.

The next summer that same member brought Nick Libett and Gary Bergman, then players with the Detroit Red Wings hockey club, to Oakland Hills as his guests. As they hit their second shots on the 10th hole—the one made famous by Gary Player's 9-iron in the 1972 PGA—our fun-loving member climbed into his golf cart. "I've always wanted to do this," he cried happily, and drove the cart directly into the pond.

It requires a special kind of membership for a club to run harmoniously in good humor, especially when that club hosts a major championship on frequent occasions. Oakland Hills held the Open in 1924, 1937, 1951 and 1961; it held the PGA Championship twice within a decade (1972 and 1979), and, for good measure, took on the U.S. Senior Open in 1981.

Oakland Hills members like the exposure of major championships, and they also like the \$2 million or so generated from a tournament like the Open. In nearly 70 years of existence the club has never had an

assessment, but the operating overhead has escalated to the point where it now needs a major championship every six or seven years.

On the social ladder of private clubs in status-conscious Detroit, Oakland Hills stands about in the middle. It has an upscale membership of 575, mostly self-made business types with the usual sprinkling of doctors and lawyers.

The automotive industry is well-represented at Oakland Hills, as it is much of the social fiber of Detroit. Club president Charlie Hrdlicka, an attorney and a 10-handicapper, and Bill Prew, a 4-handicap insurance executive who has been a member for 25 years (and also general chairman of both the 1979 PGA and the 1985 Open), estimate that well over half the membership is either directly or indirectly connected with the car business. Seven of the nine board members are automotive-affiliated.

The median age of the membership is 47. There are only a few Jews—largely because within a radius of five miles are three private clubs with an exclusive Jewish membership—and no blacks.

Although most of the old-money families still belong to the Country Club of Detroit, and Bloomfield Hills Country Club has several of the automotive giants like Chrysler



Chairman Lee Iacocca and General Motors Chairman Roger Smith, Oakland Hills has its share of corporate moguls, presidents and CEOs.

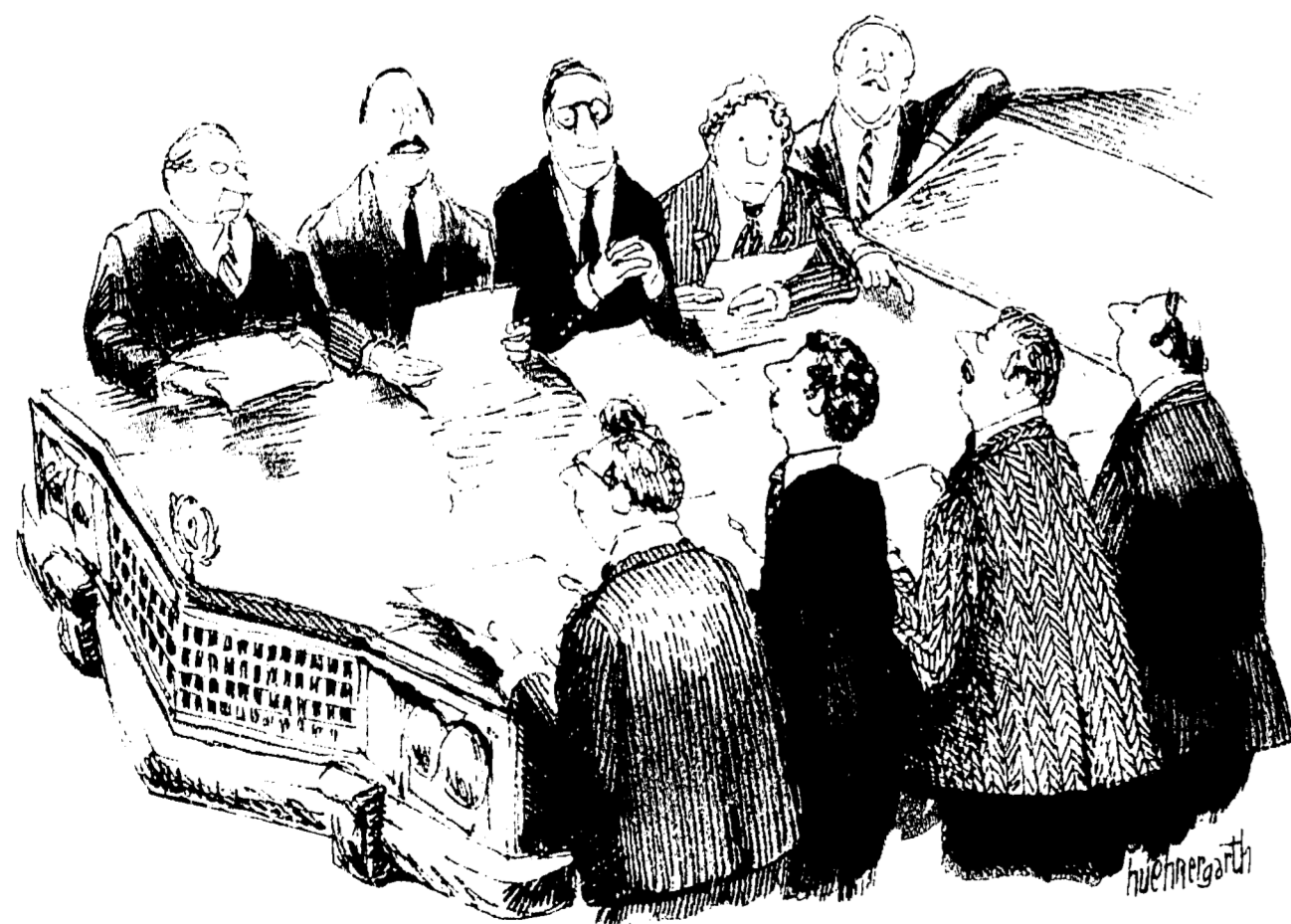
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The waiting time varies between two and 2½ years, depending upon the membership turnover, which averages 35 to 40 a year.

For all its pomp and conventionality, Oakland Hills is not a staid club. It has a few characters, such as Cameron Duff, 60, a manufacturer's rep in plastics who recently served a 90-day suspension for speaking rudely to a member's wife at a club party.

"I suppose I deserved it," Duff says. "But that's the way I am. They said I insulted a member; that's not

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technically correct. The men here are the members. The wife was a guest of the member."

Duff served as vice chairman of tournament preparations at the 1979 PGA, in charge of, as he put it, "toilets, trash and tents." Like many members, he was dismayed by the low scores. David Graham and Ben Crenshaw shared the 72-hole lead with 272, eight under par, and nine players broke par, the first time par had been broken in a major championship at Oakland Hills. (Graham won on the third hole of sudden death.)

Duff was quoted by Jack Berry in the Detroit News as claiming that the PGA officials reduced the rough and favored easy pin placements. It prompted some waves, but not as many as the time he blackballed a priest seeking membership, on the grounds the club already had three. "What are we running here, a Catholic retreat?" Duff asked. (Feeling repentant, he later met the priest, became a close friend and helped the padre get into the club.)

This year Duff wasn't asked to serve on any Open committees. He's renting out his home on the fourth fairway at Oakland Hills and will watch the tournament on television at the Adios Club—for men only—in Florida, where he has a membership.

John O'Hara, an attorney who started playing Oakland Hills as a youngster in 1926, recalls when the waitresses went on strike nearly 25 years ago and began picketing the maintenance building, where the greenkeeping crew gathered every morning before heading out to work on the course.

O'Hara obtained an injunction to end the picketing and walked up to one of the waitresses, who had worked at the club for more than 20 years, with subpoena in hand. "Iris," he said gently, "you've been serving me well for a long time. Now it's my turn to serve you."

The picketing was over, but not before the members had to maintain the course themselves for several

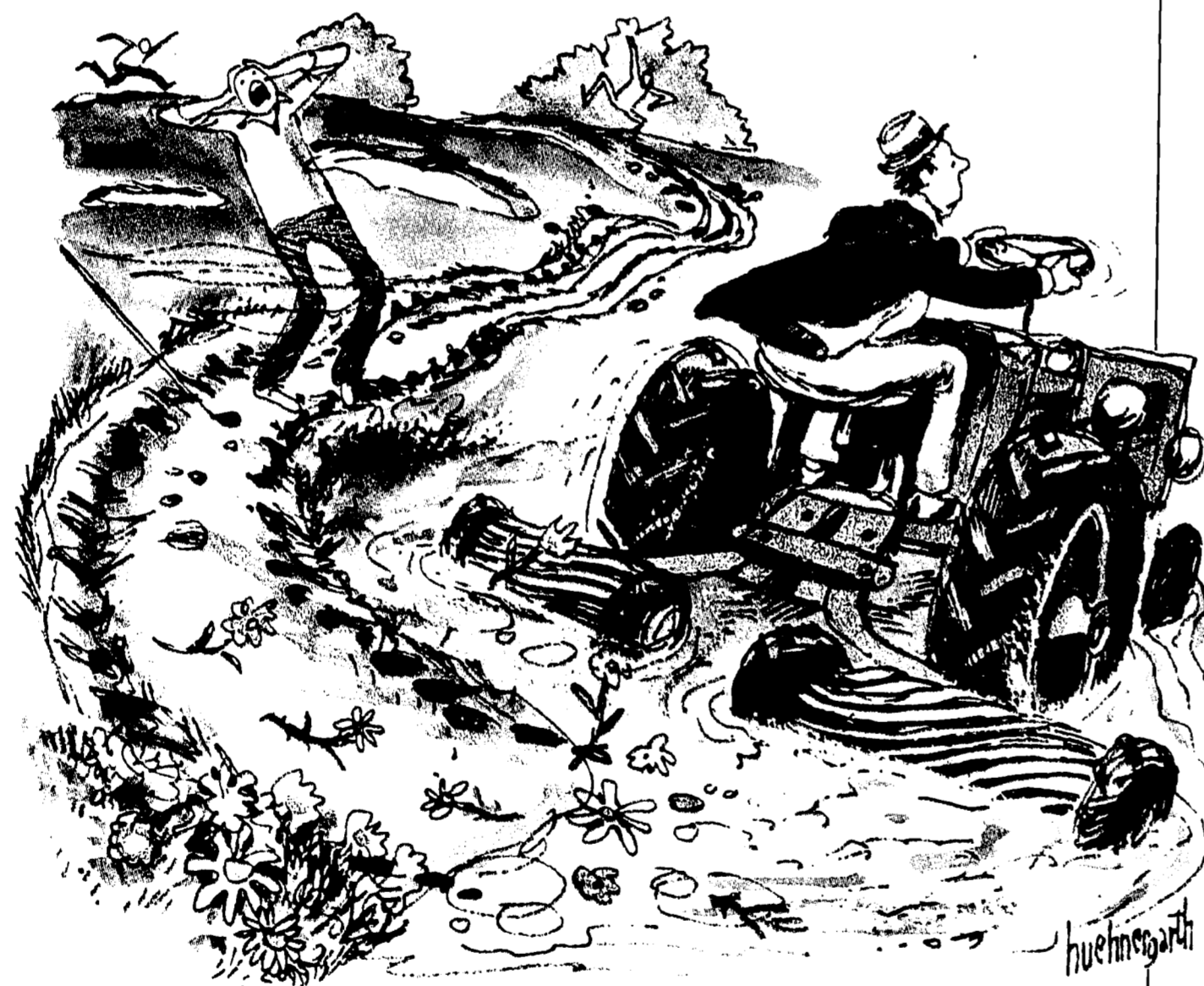
days. An advertising executive named Clarence Hatch was assigned a mower tractor. Never known as a straight driver, Hatch panicked and sliced the tractor into a lake.

Oakland Hills members love to recount these tales over a drink in the men's grill on the first floor of the clubhouse. The grill is a homey and comfortable room, but it will be remodeled extensively later this year with proceeds from the Open.

The grill also serves as the players' lunch and relaxation area during major championships at Oakland Hills.

You can always find a gin game in the men's grill. Some of the regulars include Lloyd Heussner, a retired auto dealer who owns his own golf course; Norman Berg, a steel processor; Jack (Spider Man) Leahy, a retired industrialist; Joe Mack, president of a major trucking firm whose grandfather, Joseph Mack, was one of the club's founders, and Jack Christian, a construction manufacturer's representative.

Christian is a physically imposing man. During the '79 PGA he was marshaling the practice green when



Jim Ninowski, the former National Football League quarterback with the Lions, Browns and Redskins, has been an Oakland member for 13 years. He worked the grillroom as a volunteer at both the '79 PGA and the '81 Senior Open.

"Sam Sneed had just birdied 18 in the PGA and came in with a big smile on his face," Ninowski says. "I said hello and Sam said to me, 'Hey, football player, can you do this?' With that he raised his right leg up and kicked the top of the archway. The spike mark is still there."

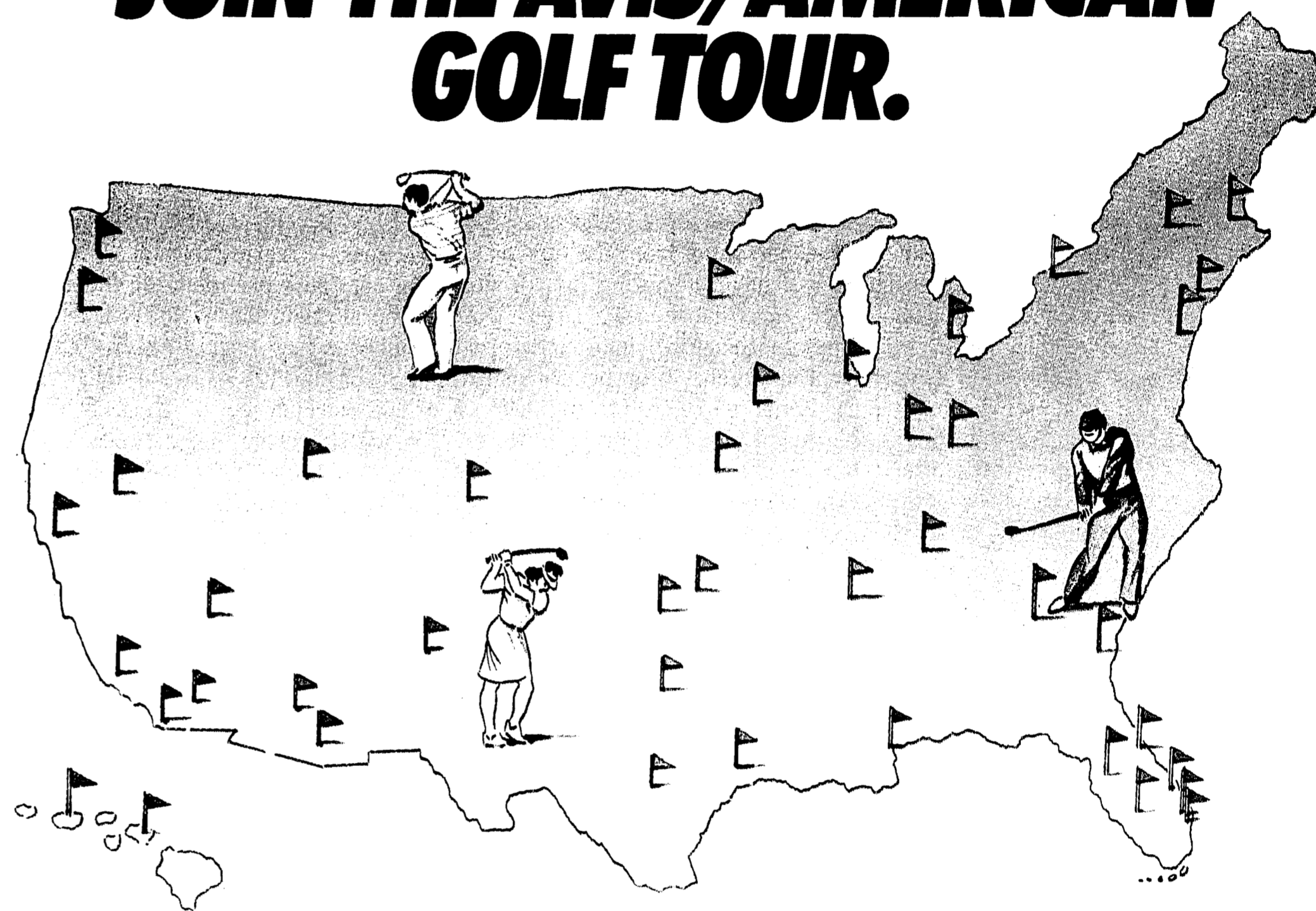
he got into an argument with a tour pro over a minor matter. The tour pro became quite verbal, and soon a crowd gathered around.

Approaching the pro, Christian declared, "We can go upstairs (to the tournament office) to settle this, or we can settle it ourselves off in those trees or you can drop it right here." The issue was dropped.

Pride and camaraderie are two elements that one finds in abundance at Oakland Hills. The South Course, through its big championships, has brought international

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fame to the club. The members consider it one of the best in the country, and many of them are puzzled why it has been twice dropped out of the top 10 in GOLF DIGEST's biennial ranking of "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses."

"We just can't understand," says Charlie Hrdlicka, "how we can be in and out, in and out." Adds Peter Jackson, "We considered the first demotion a slap in the face. You couldn't print what we thought about the second one."

GOLF DIGEST explained that it was not a knock at Oakland Hills. It merely reflected changing opinions and, furthermore, there were actually about 15 courses in the country that deserved to be ranked in the top 10. (The rankings will be made again later this year.)

The camaraderie results at least partly from the members having worked together on various committees at the major championships. So willing is the membership to pitch in that virtually all the 1,200 volunteer jobs will be filled this year

from within the club, in contrast to many past Open host clubs that have had to recruit marshals and other personnel from the outside.

"We have a waiting list for volunteers this year," says Don Graham, the club's finance chairman for the Open. "Our people realize the benefits to a club from hosting a big event. Tree trimming, more extensive club maintenance, clubhouse improvements... they all result from tournament revenues."

Those revenues can be considerable. Income from program advertising this year will reach approximately \$1,250,000 and the club keeps 87 1/2 percent, but pays all production costs. It retains all parking proceeds and 35 percent of the gate receipts, along with all food and beverage sales in the clubhouse.

The club built the lavish press tent for the '85 Open. "We needed a major facility," says Sid Anton, a retired racetrack owner who was club president in 1984. "For the '79 PGA we issued 350 press credentials. For the Open, which will have

a huge foreign press, the number will exceed 1,100."

Bob Wood—automobile manufacturers' representative, 7-handicapper, past president of the club, general chairman of the '81 Senior Open and an executive vice chairman of the 1985 Open—tells how Oakland Hills got on the U.S. Golf Association rota in the 1980s.

"Less than a year after the '79 PGA, when we were still all trying to recuperate, the USGA asked us to take on the '81 Senior Open," says Wood. "The board could have acted on its own, but it brought the issue to the general membership and 86 percent were in favor of accepting."

Later on the club received the '85 Open and Bill Prew, the '79 PGA chairman, was asked to take over the same role. "I'm either not very smart or I didn't duck fast enough this time," says Prew, who now spends most of his winters playing golf at Pine Tree in Florida.

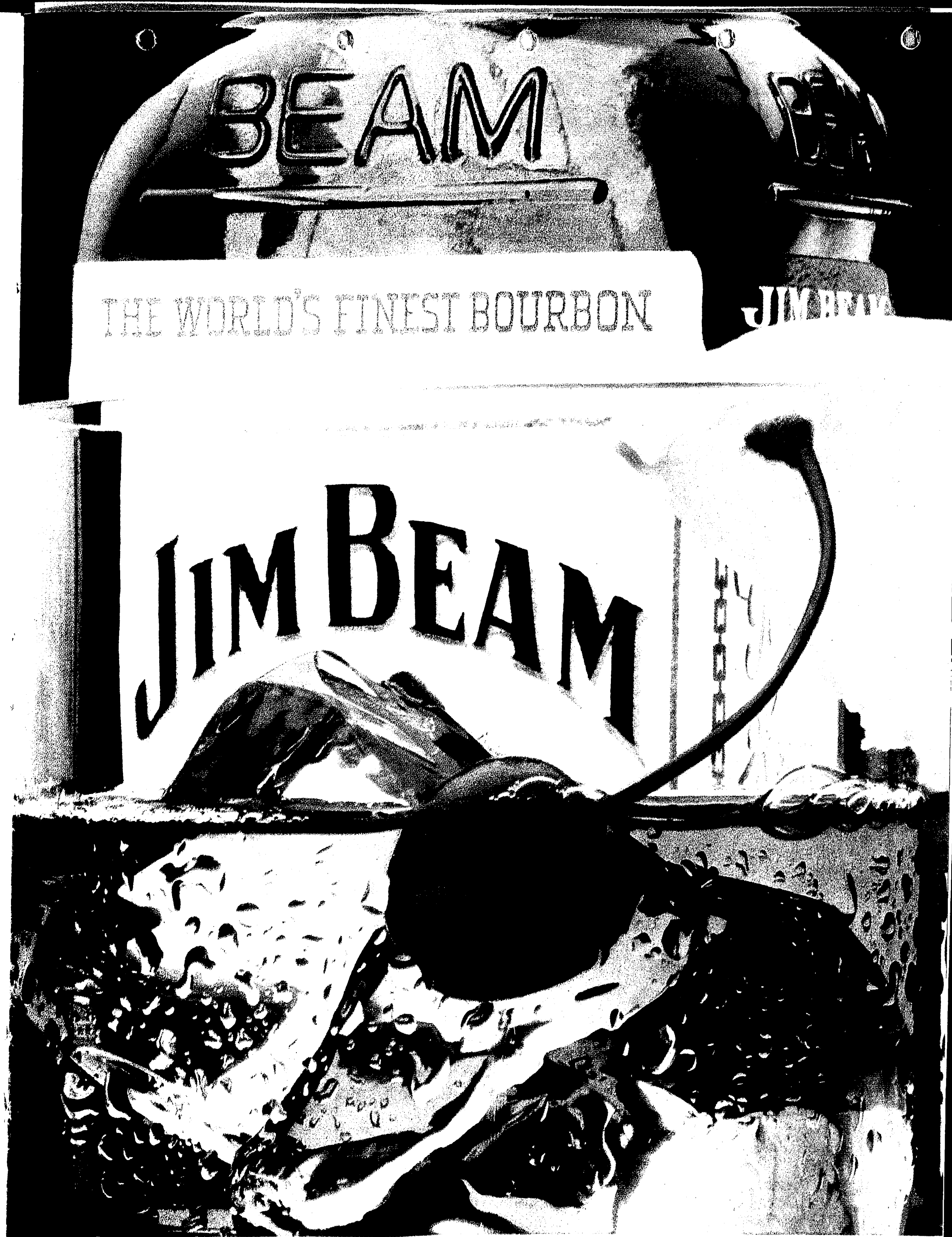
Prew, however, enjoys the task. His top aides are all experienced in tournament administration, notably

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WATSON'S READY TO WIN AGAIN

Player	Odds	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	Comments
1. Tom Watson	7-1	T3	T23	1	2	T11	Best player in the game.
2. Calvin Peete	8-1	T27	T14	T10	T4	WD	What a story it would be!
3. Craig Stadler	8-1	T16	T26	T22	T10	WD	Only his emotions may stand in way.
4. Seve Ballesteros	9-1	DQ	T41	FQ	T4	T30	Learning to harness his driver.
5. Lanny Wadkins	9-1	FQ	T14	T6	7	T11	He's hot and wants it badly.
6. Curtis Strange	10-1	T16	T17	T39	T26	3	Emerging as major player.
7. Greg Norman	10-1	—	—	—	T50	2	Could go on another tear.
8. Jim Thorpe	10-1	—	T11	T30	T13	T4	If putts drop this time, watch out.
9. Mark O'Meara	12-1	FQ*	FQ	58	—	T7	Proving great '84 was no fluke.
10. Bernhard Langer	12-1	—	—	FQ	—	—	Masters win showed what he can do.
11. Tom Kite	12-1	FQ	T20	29	T20	FQ	Needs to relax and "let it happen."
12. Fred Couples	12-1	—	—	FQ	FQ	T9	Certainly has necessary length.
13. Hal Sutton	15-1	FQ*	FQ*	T19	6	T16	In hibernation since '83 PGA.
14. Hale Irwin	15-1	T8	T58	T39	T39	6	Wants to avenge '84 collapse.
15. Jack Nicklaus	18-1	1	T6	2	T43	T21	The best from tee to green.
16. Lee Trevino	18-1	T12	FQ	FQ	WD	T9	Keeps it in play better than anyone.
17. Fuzzy Zoeller	20-1	T51	—	T15	FQ	1	He's back—and capable of anything.
18. Peter Jacobsen	20-1	T22	T37	—	T34	T7	On the verge of stardom.
19. Mark McCumber	20-1	—	FQ	FQ	—	T16	No palm trees to snare his ball here.
20. David Graham	25-1	T45	1	T6	T8	T21	'79 PGA memories may revive him.



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his two executive vice chairmen, Don Graham and Bob Wood. Graham, a CPA, has been a member for 28 years.

Bud Erickson, who was executive director of the PGA Tour from 1970-75, served as the tournament director for the '79 PGA and returned comfortably to his old office at the club last year to fill the same role for the Open.

Staff continuity seems to be a tradition at Oakland Hills. Manager Ray White, head pro Al Mengert, greens superintendent Ted Woehle and chef Bill Dion are longtime employees.

While the Open is a dominating influence at Oakland Hills this year, club life is proceeding normally. The main dining room offers full dinner service five nights a week, and food is also served in the mixed dining room and the men's grill. Lunch at Oakland is becoming an institution, particularly as the business community moves northward from the inner city.

Major theme parties are held monthly, but the most popular event continues to be The Piper, the member-guest in July with 144 teams playing both courses and a Scottish bagpipe brigade saluting the champions. The waiting list to enter The Piper is five years.

While entertaining business clients is a major industry at the club and the average member handicap last year was 17.7, it has a number of first-class players. John Morgan, a medical sales representative and two-time state match play champion, is a plus-1. Stan Thompson, a trucking executive, is a scratch. Hunter McDonald, a transplanted Scot and former assistant pro at Gleneagles who has won the club championship 13 times, is a 1.

"We've got the toughest 20-handicappers in the world," says Charlie Hrdlicka. "Our women are the same way. They haven't lost an interclub match in six years."

The golf courses, particularly the South, can be a difficult challenge for the higher-handicap players,

such as Richard Hague, a 28. "Do you know what it's like for a 28 to play here?" he says. "Every round is an adventure."

In an area loaded with top private clubs, Oakland Hills is *the* club to join for most newcomers. Dave Williams, an Englishman who came to Detroit several years ago with the Ford Motor Co., and later formed



his own piping company, joined even though he had never played golf. One day he walked into the golf shop and began chatting with Pat Crosswell, Mengert's assistant.

"I'm going to start playing," Williams said. "I haven't the faintest idea what I'll need."

"What do you have?"

"I don't have a thing."

One purchase led to another, and Williams walked out with \$2,200 worth of assorted merchandise and equipment.

Considering its prestige today, Oakland Hills had a rather modest origin. It was founded during World War I by a group of Detroit busi-

nessmen headed by the aforementioned Joseph Mack. The South Course was opened on July 13, 1918. For four years the only clubhouse was an old farm home across Maple Road, and a chicken coop served as Walter Hagen's golf shop.

Of the 45,000 rounds played annually at Oakland Hills, 35 percent are on the North. Guest fees are \$40 on the South and \$25 on the North. "Guests always want to play the South," says Bob Wood. "But many members prefer the North."

The North Course will be used for parking during the Open. The sight of 10,000 cars parked on one tract of land is a long way removed from Oakland Hills in its early years. It was then truly a country club, located in the country. Members rode out from Detroit in the newfangled automobiles and spent several days at the club, staying in one of the 48 bedrooms in the basement level and on the second floor of the clubhouse. The sleeping quarters were converted into party and meeting facilities in 1968.

"It was a far different atmosphere in those days," says John O'Hara, whose father, John O'Hara Sr., joined the club in 1926, served three terms as president and was general chairman of both the 1951 and 1961 Opens. "We made our own sand tees. There were no golf carts, no starting times. Steve Kowalski, a member who owned a sausage company, used to bring a wagon to the club each day with sliced meats for the membership."

During the practice rounds at the 1937 Open, the contestants discovered they could reach the 18th green easier by driving into the 10th fairway. The members didn't like it. On the night before the tournament opened, a member named Mirt Briggs supplied three huge fir trees from his farm, which were planted just before daybreak Thursday on the right side of the 18th tee.

Those fir trees are still standing, a symbolic link with Oakland Hills' extraordinary past. ■



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BACK WHEN BEN SLEW THE MONSTER

The day Hogan found his feet and brought Oakland Hills to its knees

by DAN JENKINS

It was the kind of course where you could lose your feet in the rough. Yeah, your feet, Foot-Joys and all. When you walked across the fairway of a par 4, you only took about 19 steps—and you were back in the rough again, looking for your feet, which might be standing on somebody's ball. And on those frequent occasions when the competitor would find himself on the "wrong side" of a green, there was usually something between him and the cup, either the Sahara Desert, played by an intruding bunker, or the Himalayas, played by the undulations of the putting surfaces.

This was Oakland Hills back in 1951, a layout doctored so severely that only Ben Hogan could have won that U.S. Open championship, which, of course, he did. Hogan won it over the final 18 holes with a 3-under-par 67, the greatest single round he, or anyone else, ever shot. And it was after that round that Ben supposedly made a remark for the ages: "I finally brought the monster to its knees." Nice editing on the part of the sportswriters. Some of us don't remember Hogan using the word "monster" on that sweltering Saturday of June 16, 1951, on the outskirts of Detroit. It sounded more like he said, "I finally brought the !#\$%&!# to its knees."

Actually, he may have said, "I got mad at this course, and I went out to bring the #&%! monster to its knees."

Or maybe it was a writer in the Oakland Hills locker room who said, "By golly, Ben, you brought this stupid, !#\$%&! course to its silly, #&%! knees, didn't you?"—and

Ben smiled in agreement.

Who remembers accurately? It was 34 years ago.

What we *do* remember is how tough the course was and why.

Before the '51 Open, both the U.S. Golf Association and the Oakland Hills members had been afraid of what the pros might do to the old Donald Ross layout. Fourteen years earlier at the 1937 Open, Ralph Guldahl had set the 72-hole record of 281 at Oakland Hills, and for 11 years, or until the mark was bettered by Hogan at Riviera in '48, Oakland Hills had lived with the shame of being the club that surrendered the record. If the pros could shoot 281 in '37, what might they shoot in '51 unless changes were made? Enter now three men chosen by destiny to "protect" Oakland Hills in order for the club to stage a "proper" championship: Joseph C. Dey Jr., then the executive secretary of the USGA; Robert Trent Jones, the architect hired to "modernize" Donald Ross; and perhaps most important, John Oswald, chairman of the greens committee at Oakland Hills. An engineer at the Ford Motor Co., Oswald pushed harder than anyone for a rugged, if not impossible, golf course. "The Open is the greatest title there is," Oswald said to Dey and Jones. "The course should be so hard, nobody can win it."

Trent Jones went to work. He removed 80 Ross bunkers that were

no longer in play and added 60 new ones, which *were* in play for the modern pro. He placed pot bunkers in the very center of some fairways, forcing the competitor to drive to the left or right of the bunker, to a narrow slit, and in either case, the ball generally wound up in the high, snarling "open rough." On most long holes, the Oswald-Jones-Dey fairways were only 19 paces wide at the landing areas. Further, Jones reshaped all of the greens, creating a

definite "wrong side." Par was sliced from 72 to 70, a final psychological taunt.

From the moment they arrived, the pros howled and complained continuously and unlike they have at any Open since. It was Cary Middlecoff who said, "The only way to walk down these fairways is single file!" And even before he licked the "monster," Hogan said, "If I had to play this course every week, I'd get into another business."

To fully appreciate Hogan's epic 67, you have to know where he came from. Sam Snead's 71 led the first day. Ben shot a 76, which left him five strokes and 31 players behind. "I made six mistakes and paid for all of 'em," he said. Bobby Locke, the fabled South African, seized the 36-hole lead at 144. Hogan shot a 73 ("Three mistakes")

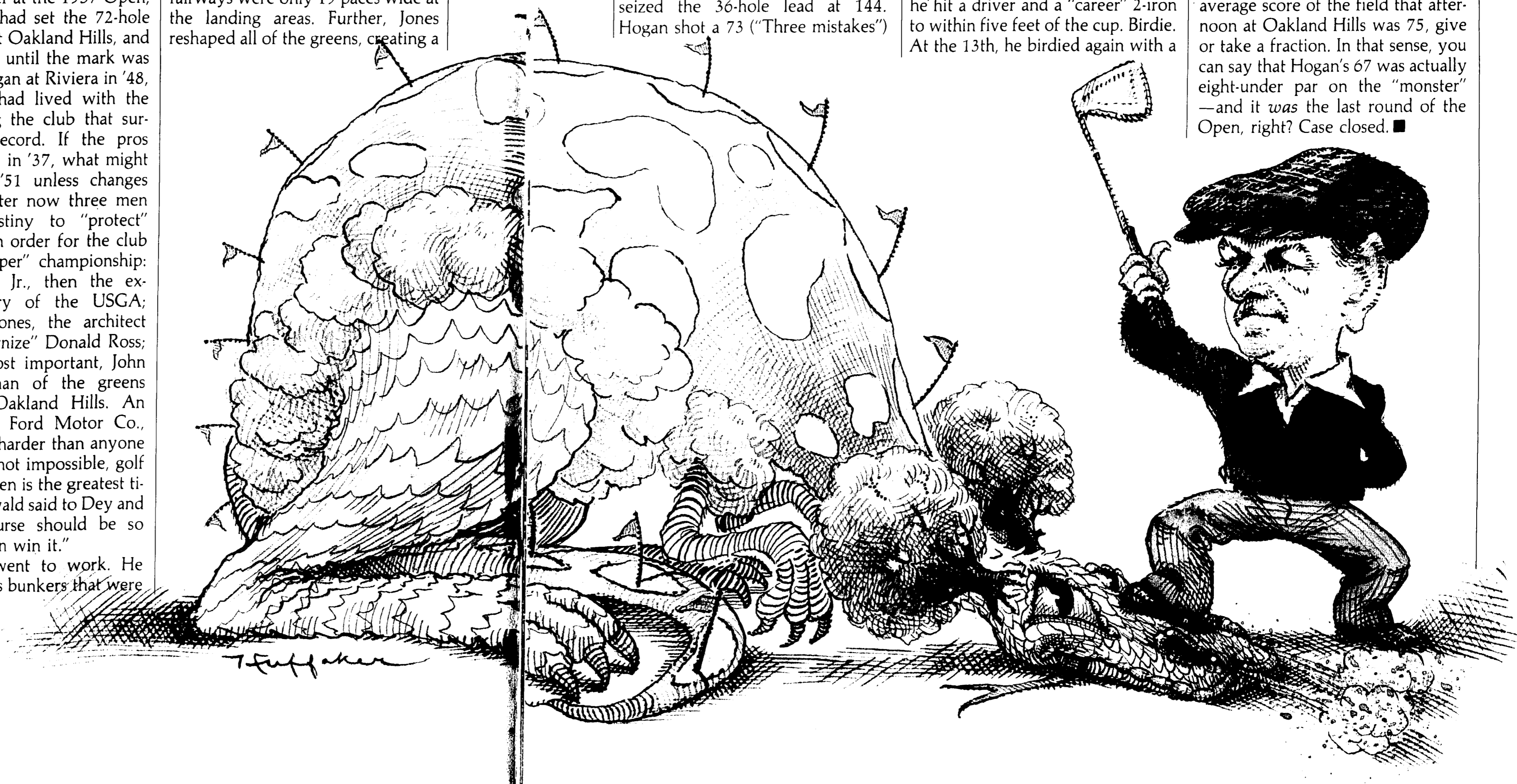
on Friday. He was still five strokes back, but he had passed 16 players. "That night my friends said I might win with a pair of 69s, but it seemed out of reach," he said.

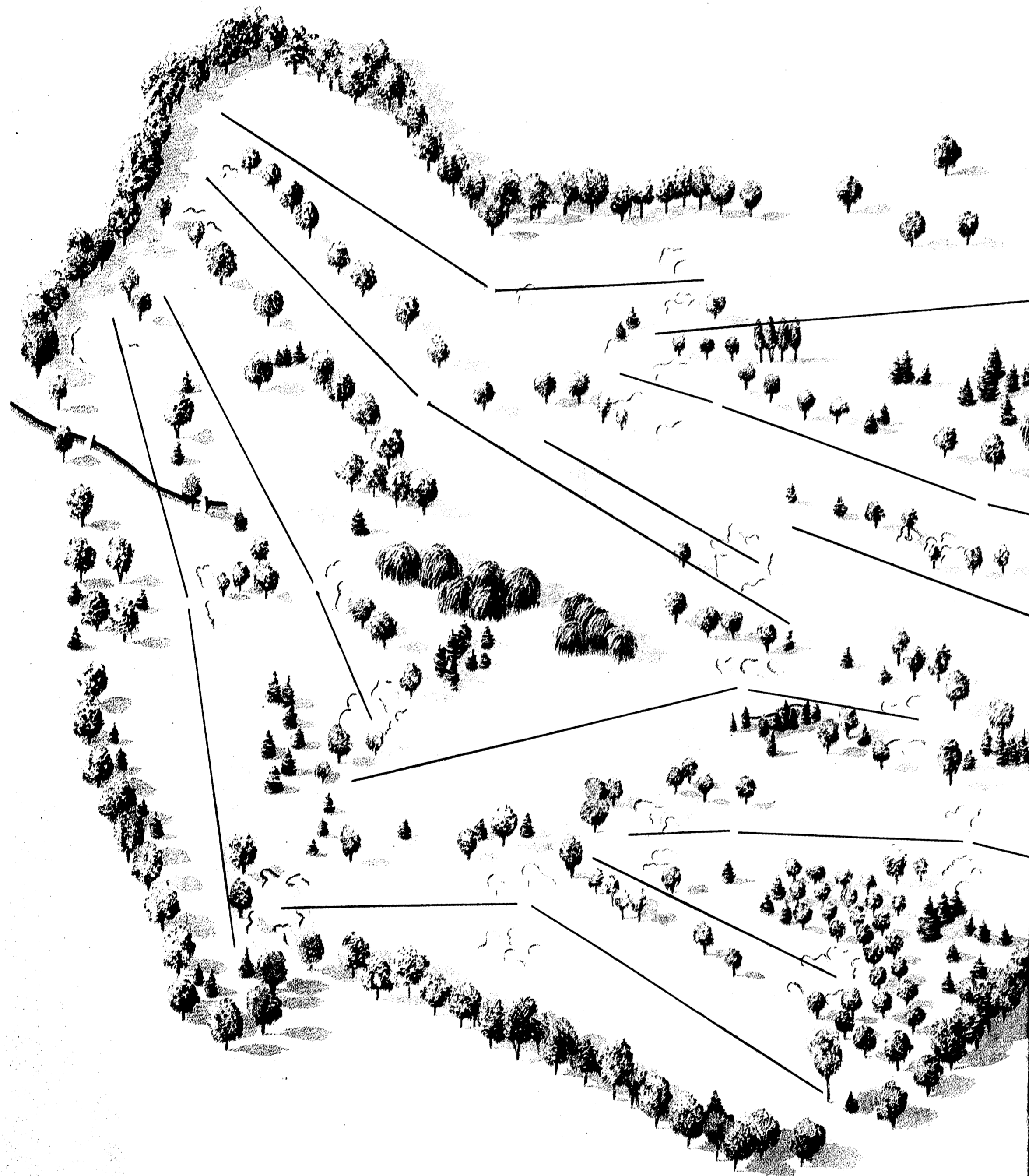
In those days, they played 36 on the last day—"Open Saturday," as it was known. Hogan almost whipped the course in the morning round. He was three-under going to the 14th, but he finished with a double bogey and two bogeys for a 71. He was hot, to say the least, both at himself and the course, but he was creeping up on the leaders. Locke and Jimmy Demaret were tied at 218 at noon. Hogan was at 220, now only two strokes behind.

Ben went out in 35, even par, in the afternoon, playing flawlessly, hitting "the slits." At the long 10th, he hit a driver and a "career" 2-iron to within five feet of the cup. Birdie. At the 13th, he birdied again with a

6-iron shot and a 14-footer. He took three from the edge for a bogey at the 14th. At the 15th, where he made a double bogey in the morning, Hogan drove with a 4-wood and then hit a 6-iron to within five feet of the hole and made it for a birdie. And he birdied the 18th with a driver and another 6-iron and a 15-foot putt for his 67 and winning total of 287. Clayton Heafner's 69 and 289 brought him second place. Hogan and Heafner were the only players to break 70 in the tournament, the only players to break 290. Locke finished third at 291. Poor Demaret collapsed with a 78, tied for 14th.

Ben Hogan shot many scores lower than 67, so why was this the greatest 18 ever played? Well, the average score of the field that afternoon at Oakland Hills was 75, give or take a fraction. In that sense, you can say that Hogan's 67 was actually eight-under par on the "monster"—and it *was* the last round of the Open, right? Case closed. ■





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5	4	457	14	4	465
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IF I WERE KING

What the pros would like to see changed about the U.S. Open

by DWAYNE NETLAND

Professional golfers are no different from the rest of us. They like to let off a little steam verbally, particularly on matters over which they have little or no control. After all, someone's always telling them what to do—tee off at 7:47, remember the outing on Monday, leave for Japan next week—and they yearn for an opportunity to run something themselves.

How about the U.S. Open? The leading tour pros have never been bashful about protesting when certain conditions didn't suit them, such as too-narrow fairways and too-high rough. But what if they had the entire Open to worry about? What if they were king for a day, so to speak, and ran the Open at their royal whim? What decrees would they hand down?

We asked them, and they produced several provocative suggestions that included an extension of the exempt list for tour pros, helicopter service to the course, a day-care center for their children, better practice facilities, starting on the first and 10th tees for the first 36 holes and moving the Open around to quality courses in Florida, Texas and the Midwest.

Flowing through the vein of all comments, however, was the theme that the tour players would like to feel just a little more welcome at the Open, that they are thirsting for the U.S. Golf Association and the host club to display more evidence of hospitality.

Says Gary Koch: "I guess the USGA feels it's there to run the tournament and if you want to compete, then you pretty much take care of yourself. Last year the traffic

conditions were very bad at Winged Foot. There were times when the traffic was at a dead stop 2½ miles from the course. I think someone should make sure that the guys who are the tournament get to the tournament."

Larry Nelson, who was the defending champion, sat in his car on the road to Winged Foot one day for an hour and 40 minutes, then parked it off to the side and ran to the practice tee with a few clubs in his hands.

Another problem is special exemptions, given to selected players not otherwise eligible. The USGA started the policy in 1966 by inviting Ben Hogan to the Olympic Club in San Francisco. Arnold

Palmer has been invited four times, but not last year, and many players felt he should have been (the 1984 exemptions were extended to Lee Trevino and Isao Aoki). Gary Player, among others, feels that all

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King O'Meara predicts the 1986 Open at Shinnecock Hills is "going to be a circus."



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past champions who are still active should be exempt, and claimed that Palmer's absence last year was an unfortunate error by the USGA.

"People want to come out and watch the big names," Player says. "The Open has too many players that nobody has ever heard of. One day last year I was on the practice

Don January, about the same age as Arnold, who are playing as well today as he is?

"Honoring the old champions by letting them play is a trip down nostalgia lane. If in 1999 I were given a special exemption, I would respectfully decline."

Adds the ever-pungent Joe In-

sectional qualifying round is a 36-hole grind in early June. There are two sites for the tour players, this year on the Monday following the Kemper Open and the following day at a course near the Westchester Classic. John Mahaffey claims he'll never try to qualify for the Open again, and D.A. Weibring is still smoldering over the fact he was 31st on the money list in 1982, one over the exemption cutoff.

For several years the tour pros from Florida, Mark McCumber being among the most vocal, lobbied for a sectional qualifying site in their home state, instead of having to travel up to Atlanta. This year they will get it, June 4 at Bay Hill.

It annoys the tour pros that the exempt players from the previous year's money list total only 30. Among those who feel it should be expanded to 50 or 60 are McCumber, Mahaffey, Weibring, Koch, Inman, Irwin and Hubert Green. Wayne Levi thinks 100 would be a nice number.

The USGA listens courteously, smiles and, more or less, says, "If you aren't exempt, then play your way in."

In contrast to years past, the tour players have come to accept the way the Open course is set up. The consensus is that since 1980 the Open sites have been eminently fair, except for some objection to Oakmont's rough in 1983. But two-time Open champion Lee Trevino raises a valid point.

"I would reduce the extreme, high rough around the greens," he says. "The most difficult thing in the world is to chip the ball 12 feet from grass eight inches long when you have missed the green by only three feet. The British Open doesn't have severe rough around the greens, and neither does the Masters."

"The USGA tries to evaluate playing conditions with the players of 1926 or so, but that's wrong because the golfers are better now. They are just going to have to understand that they should leave the golf course alone and let them

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King Weibring favors a bigger exempt list and a day-care center at the Open for players' families.

tee with 12 other players. I knew three of them."

On the other hand, Hale Irwin is solidly against special exemptions. "The U.S. Open is as current a deal as there is in the game," he says. "When the USGA invites, say, Palmer to play, it opens a Pandora's box. How about Miller Barber or

man, "Time takes its toll. When Johnny Unitas could no longer throw the pass, he was out. When John Havlicek runs out the string, along comes Larry Bird. You dance on the stage when it is your turn to dance, and then you go do something else."

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play, but instead they try to find ways to keep the scores as high as they were 50 years ago.

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Mike Sullivan alludes to the same point by objecting to the USGA's practice of making two par-5 holes into par 4s and converting the course from a par 72 to 70, as the USGA did last year at Winged Foot and will do again this year at Oakland Hills. "We see that almost every year," says Sullivan. "The greens on those two holes were not designed to receive a long iron."

There seems to be a growing sentiment among the pros to start the field off on the first and 10th tees for the first two rounds, as it's done on the tour. Gary Player feels strongly about that, and so does Gary Koch. "There is a tremendous variance in playing conditions between an early morning starting time and one in the late afternoon," Koch says. "When you go off at 3:30 the greens are pretty well trampled down. I know they try to switch the times around for the first 36 holes (competitors who play early one day play late the next), but that doesn't help when you're out there one day when the conditions are not good."

Greg Norman zeroed in on one element that disturbed a number of players in the 1984 Open: the vehicular traffic on the course. "There were cars, trucks and wagons carrying concessions and other things buzzing around roads inside the course all day," he says. "With that distraction it was very hard to concentrate."

Another thorny issue for the pros is the USGA's basic policy of assigning the Open to the old, established

clubs. "It's an Old Boy Network of rotation," claims Payne Stewart. Mark McCumber recalls that on two occasions he had to ride over to a distant practice facility, and David Ogrin laments, "I've played in three Opens and three times we had locker rooms that were not air-conditioned."

Andy Bean argues that the Open should, for the first time, go to

"They ought to break out of the old rota," says Gary Hallberg. "The Open should be a United States Open, not the Northeast Open."

Trevino, however, agrees with the policy. "The USGA spends a tremendous amount of money to promote golf on the amateur level, on the junior tournaments, turf research and other projects," he



King Koch:
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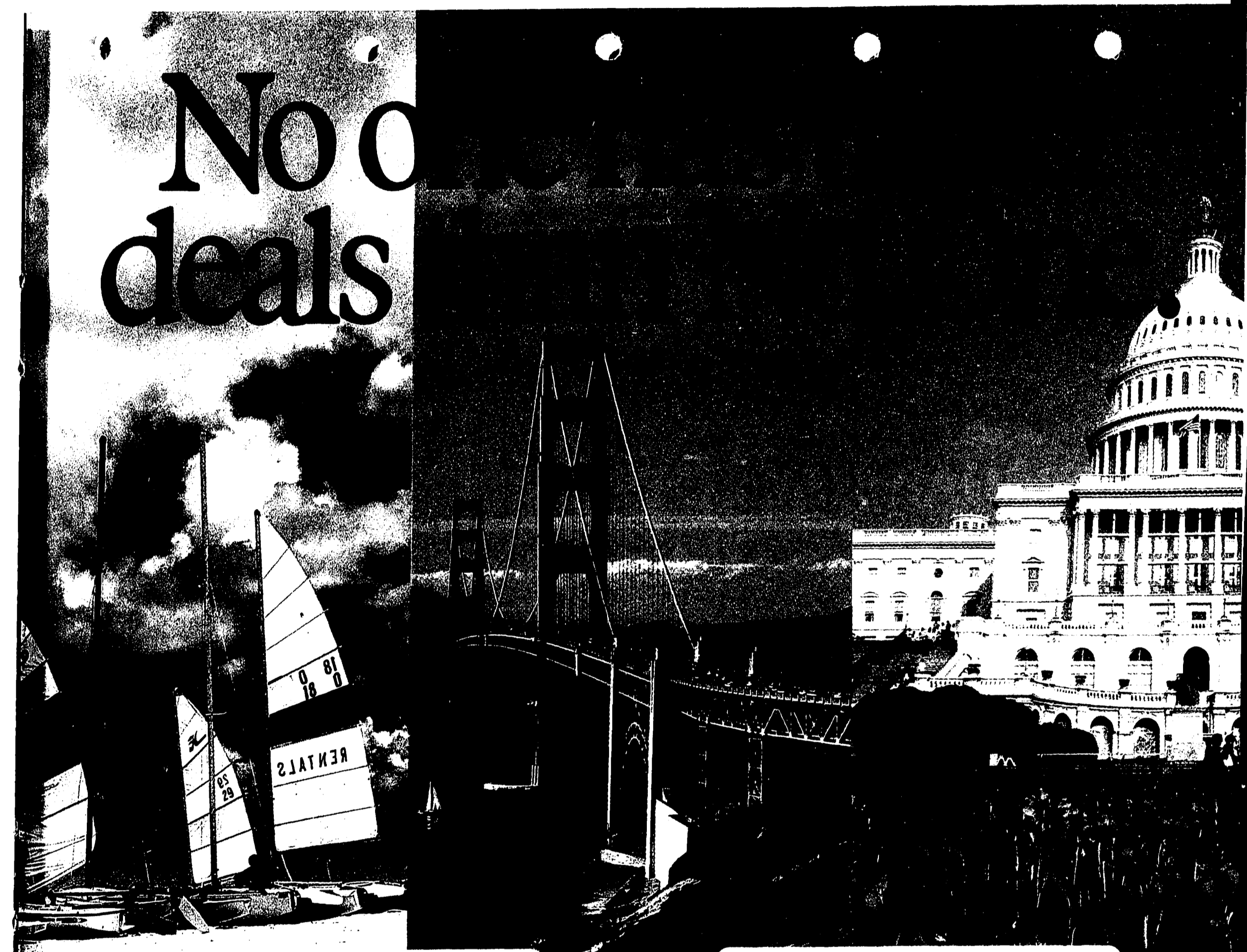
Florida. "We've got at least three, and maybe more, courses down there that could hold a great Open," he says. "Bay Hill, Doral, Seminole and Grenelefe West." There is also strong lobbying in the locker rooms for the Open to return to Texas, and Payne Stewart suggests either Old Warson Country Club or the Kansas City Country Club in the Midwest.

says, "and you need money to do that. So they have to keep the Open in the big-city areas, where the gate receipts are large. I understand that."

From Scott Simpson and D.A. Weibring comes this suggestion: the establishment of a day-care center for players' children at each Open site. "It would be a nice gesture," Weibring says, "for those of us who

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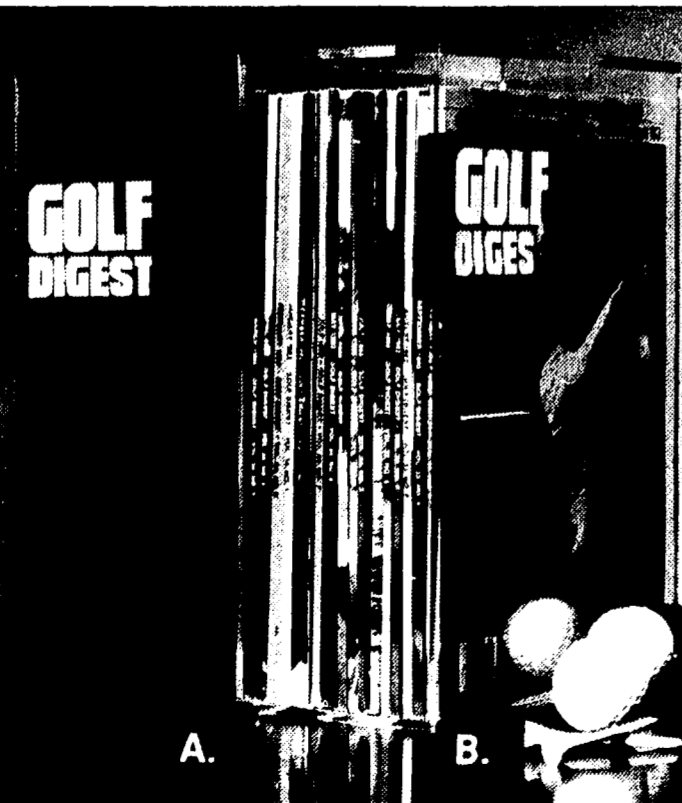
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are traveling with our families and can't afford to bring someone along to take care of them during the day. They do that at several events on the tour."

The USGA says a day-care center is being planned for the Open this year at Oakland Hills.

The continuing problem of the Open, of course, is the fact that it is played at a different club each year, with new chairmen and new committees. By the time the volunteer workers have learned what to do, the tournament is over.

"The USGA has improved its operation a lot in the last few years," observes Jack Nicklaus. "But I'm not trying to be critical when I say that the poorest-organized tournaments each year are the Open and the PGA, for the reason that in those events it's a one-time shot."

That may well have been the case with the terrible traffic snarls last year at Winged Foot. Hale Irwin doesn't recall a similar problem when he won the Open at Winged Foot in 1974, and the access roads to Oakland Hills this year should be considerably better.

"But wait until the Open goes to Shinnecock Hills in 1986," warns Mark O'Meara. "With that location it's going to be a circus."

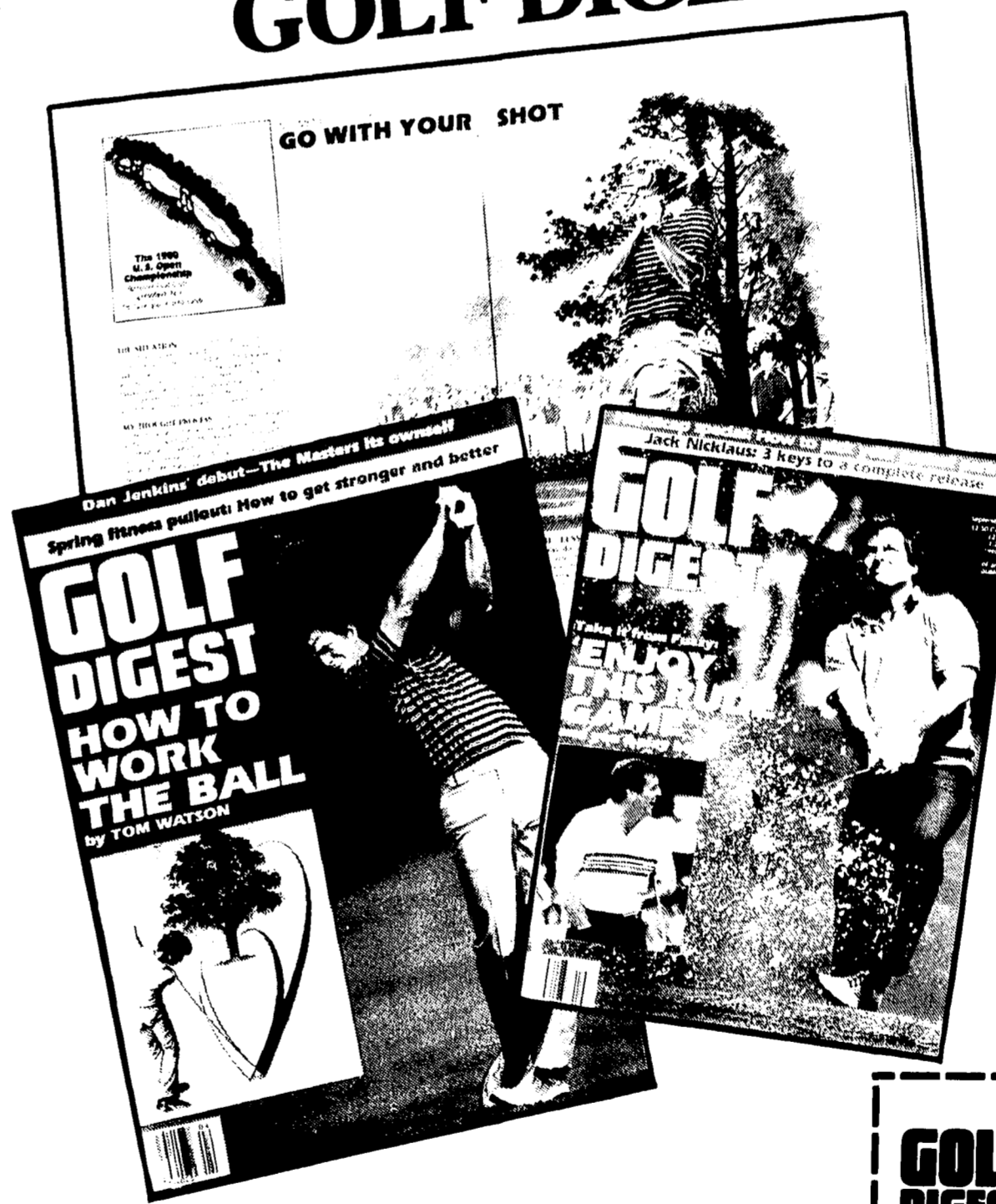
In that event, offers Lanny Wadkins, "Maybe they ought to consider bringing the players to the golf course in helicopters."

From all the comments, one should not deduce that the Open is an endless source of distress for the tour pros. They respect the USGA for what it does for golf, are reasonably happy with the prize money, appreciate the contributions of the volunteer workers and fully understand what an Open championship can do for a player's career, as it has done for Fuzzy Zoeller's.

Perhaps their outlook was best expressed by the veteran Raymond Floyd, who sighed deeply, shook his head with a soft smile and declared, "When you play in the Open you simply accept all the aggravation that goes with it." ■



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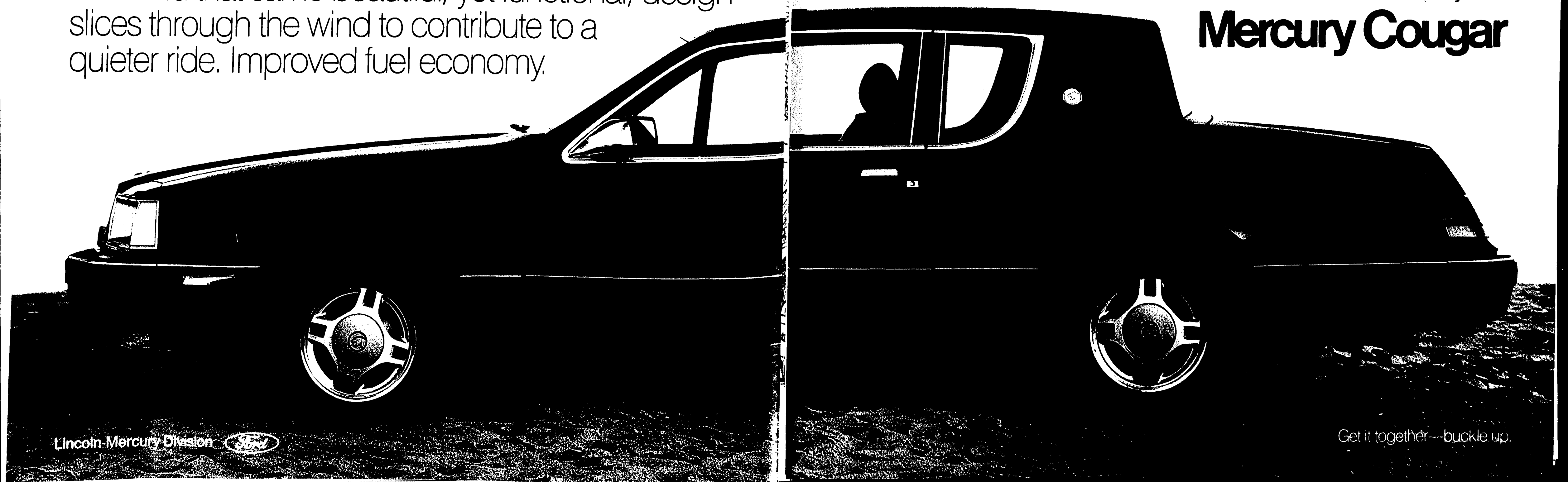
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ABC'S OPEN APPROACH: MORE DRAMA, LESS TALK

In manpower, money and strategic planning, the telecast ranks somewhere between the Super Bowl and the Invasion of Normandy

by PETER McCLEERY

ABC-TV's coverage of the U.S. Open has become, appropriately enough, the Olympics of golf—the biggest and best golf telecast of the year. The network will produce a staggering 17 hours of live Open coverage this year from Oakland Hills—four hours on ESPN Thursday and Friday followed by 4½ hours on ABC both Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend telecast has been expanded by half an hour this year to give ABC more time to set up the leaders' opening tee shots. The Open remains the only golf tournament televised in the U.S. to receive live 18-hole coverage, an ABC exclusive since 1977 (even ABC's other major championships, the British Open and the PGA Championship, don't get the same quantity or quality of coverage).

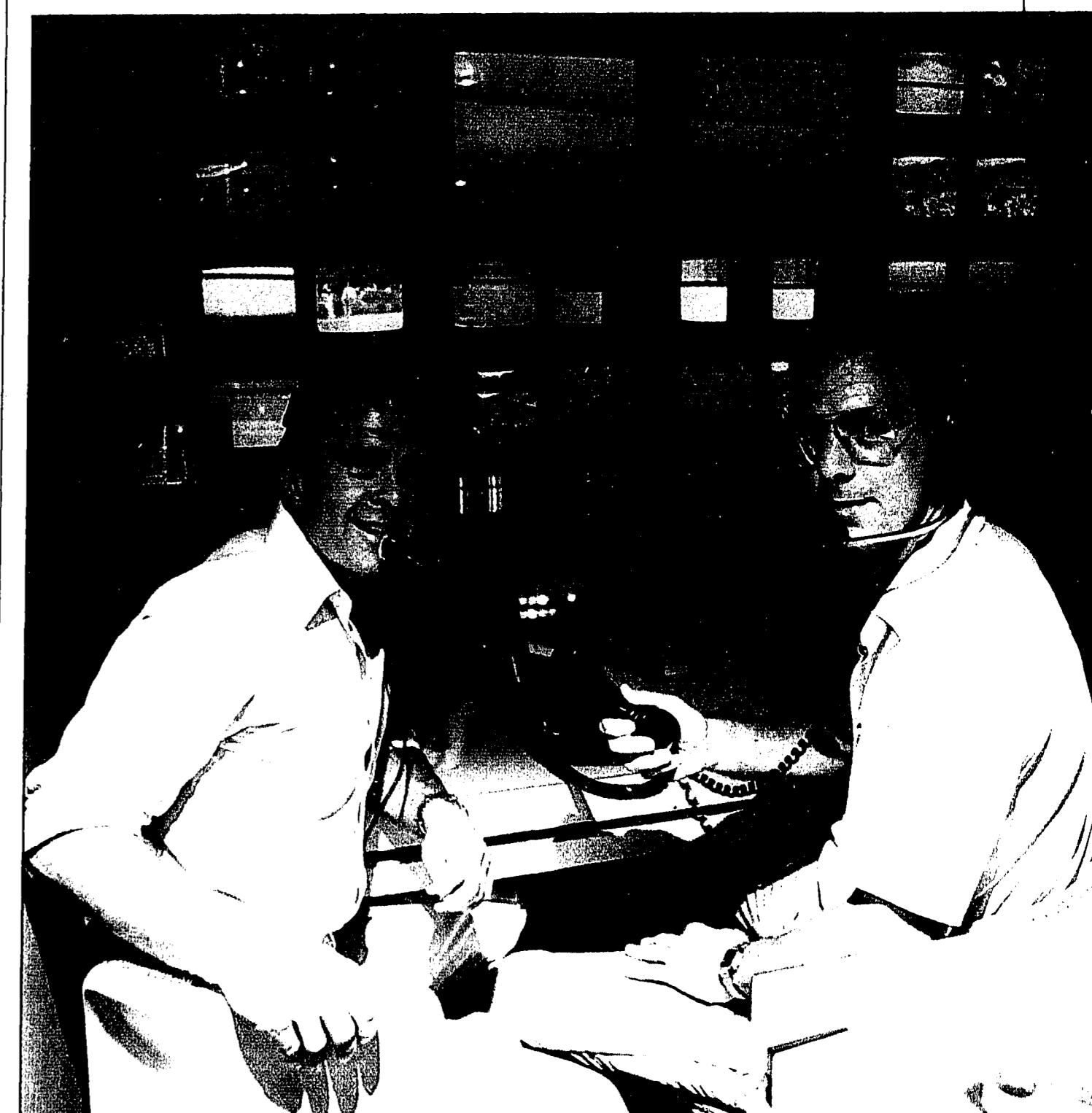
This is the 20th year ABC will televise the Open, the sparkling centerpiece of the unique and happy partnership between the network and the sponsoring U.S. Golf Association. When ABC did its first U.S. national championship in 1966, anchorman Chris Schenkel opened the telecast with this grandiose pro-

clamation: "From the Olympic Club, it's the world's greatest golf tournament." That it may have been, but it wasn't the greatest telecast. Coverage started on the 14th green, the camera work was sometimes spotty and what ABC then trumpeted as an "innovation in golf coverage" was nothing more than

still black-and-white photographs of front-nine action.

"At that time," recalls Frank Hannigan, now senior executive director of the USGA, "the telecast was not dramatically different from what anybody else was doing." Adds Terry Jastrow, ABC's No. 1 director for the Open since 1975: "I think

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Direction of the U.S. Open is handled by two men, Terry Jastrow (left) and Jim Jennett, seen here in the production truck from where they screen the shots you see at home.

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back then we had the sense that it was the U.S. Open, but I'm not sure we knew what to do about it."

The breakthrough came at the 1972 Open when Chuck Howard, the producer for every U.S. Open ABC has done, went to Pebble Beach to do the course survey. Prior to '72, no network had ever done more than a two-hour golf telecast. "We were only covering from the 11th or 12th hole before then," he recalls. "I knew the course because we had done the Crosby there. And I knew that the whole charm of Pebble Beach was from six or seven in—a stretch that had never been seen on network television."

Howard picked up the phone and called Boone Arledge, president of ABC Sports. "We have got to go back and show the holes along the ocean," he pleaded.

"How many cameras will you need?" asked Arledge.

"I haven't figured that out yet," replied Howard. "But the first thing we're going to need is three hours."

Arledge agreed and the coverage started at No. 5. Since the '77 Open at Southern Hills, ABC has provided complete 18-hole coverage. Although CBS has extended its live coverage of the Masters to start at the fifth hole, and the weekly tour telecasts are picking up the leaders early on the back nine, the Open is the only tournament that comes on the air at the No. 1 tee and stays with the leaders to the last putt.

"Our philosophy has been that if you come to the World Series or Super Bowl, you don't televise the last seven innings or the last three quarters," says Jastrow. "If it is a major championship, you ought to show every bloody shot, which is something about the Masters that I think is inexplicable and unforgivable, that they don't go back

earlier on the front nine."

To cover 18 holes costs ABC approximately \$1.4 million, or about twice the production price for a regular tour event these days. Omitting Olympic years, it is the single biggest production undertaken annually by the entire network—requiring 30 cameras, 100,000 feet of camera cable and more than 300 people. That includes 130 technicians, 25 production people and 135 local residents who are used for spotting and scoring.

ABC also goes to extreme highs and lows with its cameras. There will be a cameraman atop a 120-foot ladder tower at Oakland Hills to provide high-angle coverage of the 16th and 17th holes. At the other extreme, eye-level cameras mounted on tripods at each green give a better perspective on putting (other networks also employ these, but not at every green as ABC does).

The 18-hole coverage is planned and carefully mapped out months in advance. Cameras are moved around the course according to a complicated playbook that would make Tom Landry proud: internally at ABC, it's referred to as "Wink's Bible," after Wink Gunther, the technical director. When the last group hits off No. 1 tee, for example, it is preordained that "camera at 1 tee is removed from its tripod and delivered to a preset tripod at 9 green." There are six forklifts, and all moves by them are done with marshal assistance: "no lift starts an engine without that marshal's approval," says the bible. The three roving hand-held cameras are also assigned USGA supervision to make sure they don't interfere with play.

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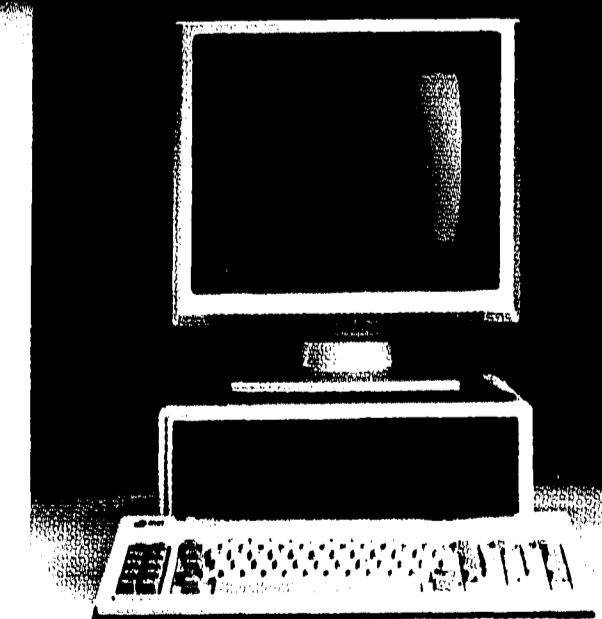
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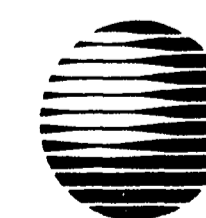
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Olympics, particularly the Winter Games, we've been able to show bobsled runs and ski-jumping events where you really get a sense of perspective and topography," Jastrow says. "For the first time ever, we think we'll be able to create an image on the screen that shows undulation in a green or on a hole."

Sandy Tatum, a former USGA president who negotiates the TV contract, praises the way ABC captures "the playing of the game. My own personal view is, by light years ABC provides the best pictures both in terms of the way the holes look and of what the player has to deal with in playing each shot, and with respect ultimately to how the course not just looks, but *feels*." Hannigan puts it more bluntly: "Even on a bad day, ABC is better than CBS."

Not everyone agrees. In GOLF DIGEST's opinion poll of more than 25,000 readers ("What You Told Us About the Game," March 1984), ABC finished a distant second to CBS in every TV category, and two of its longtime voices, Jim McKay and Peter Alliss, led the "least-popular announcer" category. ABC executives were surprised and disappointed by the results, but attributed them to the network's limited lineup of golf telecasts.

Perhaps the biggest criticism of ABC, though, has been its policy of "following the leaders" at the expense of other players. Even within ABC, the debate simmers. Jim Spence, senior vice president of ABC Sports, is a strong supporter of staying with the leaders and spending more time setting up crucial shots.

Howard says deciding what to put on the air and what to leave out on a golf telecast "is more intense to me than any single four hours I put in on the Olympics. You just have so many options covering the holes that we do. We feel fairly strongly about including interviews to personalize the golfers rather than just doing golf shot, golf shot. And we think the updates we do are important to people who tune in late. We try to do that every hour."

"The only way you can get all those segments on is to say, 'Damn it, if we miss something, we miss it. We've got it on tape.' That's the challenge to me, to try to mix in all those elements and still tell the dramatic story. When I come out of that truck after four hours I am a babbling idiot. I really need a double Scotch. It is like one of those air-traffic controllers, I guess, coming out of a tower after a day where he

had 20 airplanes up in the fog. The worst thing he can do and the worst thing I can do, I think, is to make a rash decision."

Jastrow sees the early-round telecasts as an opportunity to show a greater variety of players. "Sunday is different—it's the biggest day in American golf, and someone out there is winning the U.S. Open," he says. "We try to really define the plot and tell his story."

ABC's handling of its announcers is also different from the other networks. Instead of assigning them to a specific hole, ABC divides the commentary among the three anchors—McKay, Alliss and Jack Whitaker—by segments between commercials. "I think that the back and forth of saying, 'Over to you, back to you, sideways to you,' is archaic and only a burden on the audience," Jastrow says.

"Any announcer would prefer this system," says Whitaker, a longtime fixture on CBS golf before joining ABC in 1982. "It gives you a better opportunity to develop a story line and stay with it for a few minutes." Sandy Tatum credits the rotational system for "reducing the cacophony of voices that we think detracts terribly from the effectiveness of a telecast."

ABC's Spence would like to see the level of talk reduced even further. He likes to quote the late Henry Longhurst's view that if an announcer doesn't have anything that is worthwhile to speak about, then just allow for "a few brilliant flashes of silence." Jastrow, while commending ABC's on-air talent, concedes that his commentators tend to "talk over too many moments."

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British import Peter Alliss isn't on the course at the Open—he performs his "play by play" duties watching monitors in a special trailer located inside the ABC compound.



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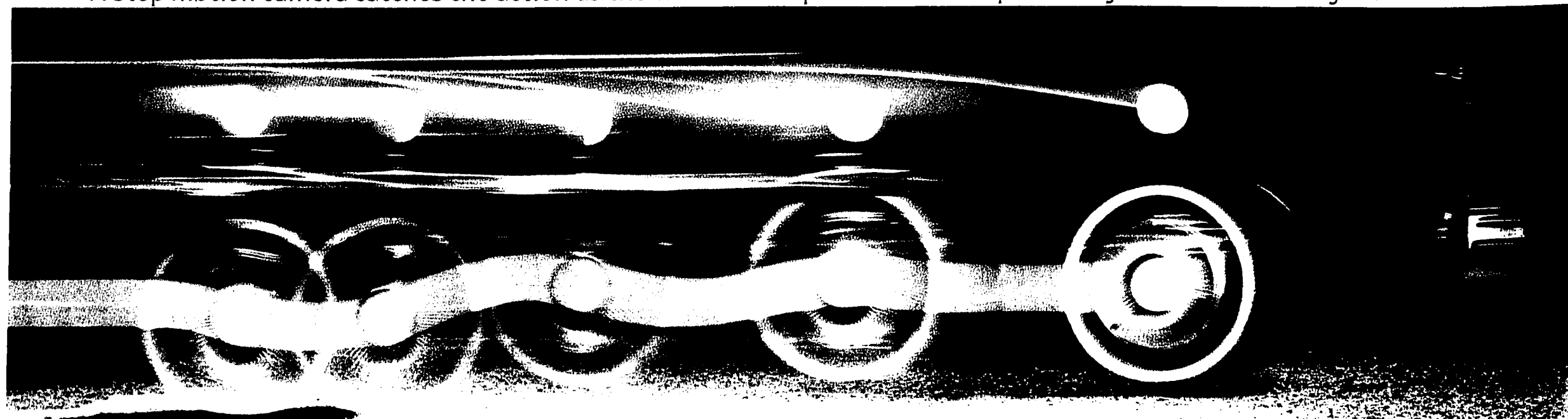
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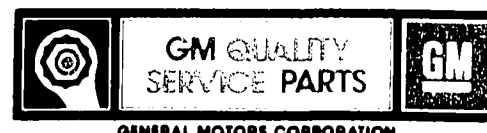


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talk on ABC is between the roving reporters and the players. It is the only network to observe such a prudent policy. "We never talk to anybody during the competition," says Bob Rosburg, ABC's ace rover since 1975. "As a player and as an announcer, I just don't think it's quite right to do that. It'd be like going out and talking to the pitcher during the World Series."

This year's Open will feature a relocated anchor position for McKay and Dave Marr. Instead of being behind the 18th green, their tower is stationed about 200 yards back to the left of the 18th fairway. "The last thing any announcer wants to do is say something and distract a player," says Marr. "It's irritating for us to whisper and it's irritating for the listeners. This will allow us to speak in a normal tone of voice and not be inhibited by the fact that play is going on right beneath us."

The USGA recently extended its contract with ABC through 1989. Under the agreement, ABC must also televise a package of other USGA championships: the Women's Open, the U.S. Amateur and a designated third event (this year, it's the Walker Cup from Pine Valley, N.J.) plus a year-end highlights show. The USGA gets national exposure for its events and activities and more than \$2 million a year in rights fees. ABC, in turn, gets the Open, for which it commands the top commercial dollar in TV golf—\$55,000 on Saturday and \$75,000 on Sunday for a 30-second spot. Even with the USGA limiting commercials to six minutes an hour (compared with four an hour at the Masters and eight on a regular tour telecast), ABC stands to bill more than \$6 million in advertising on Open weekend.

But financial ties aren't the only ones that bind the two bodies. The USGA's contract with ABC contains this extraordinary preamble:

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by ROBERT CARNEY

The late Edward Stimpson Sr., conceived the notion of a green-speed measuring device after watching the world's greatest players three-putt until their blood boiled during the 1935 U.S. Open at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. It got so bad, say some reports, that a few players pasted postage stamps on their putter-blades to soften the impact. They might have done better sending their putts C.O.D. "Those were the fastest greens I have ever seen," says 91-year-old writer Herb Grafis. "It was like putting down a staircase with the cup on the third step from the bottom."

But were they really faster than any other Open greens? The U.S. Golf Association said no. The players said yes. Stimpson, a real-estate man by trade, was determined to answer that question definitively.

He took a thin piece of wood about 30 inches long, attached sides to it, and notched one end so it would hold a golf ball. Then, raising the "ramp" off the ground, he set the ball rolling across a green.

By measuring the distance the ball traveled across any given green, Stimpson surmised, one could compare the speed of that green with any other—or with the same green in years past. On greens of average speed, the ball rolled six to eight feet. On very fast ones, 10 or 11. "But what about that staircase?" you might ask. Hold on, we'll get to it.

Stimpson eventually sent his invention to the USGA, which considered it for approximately 30 years. (Things take time at Far Hills, N.J., the governing body's headquarters.) Meanwhile the "poetry" of putting—the expressions that for years had served as the game's only green-speed measuring devices—grew more and more creative.

"How fast was that 10th green?" a reporter asked Sam Snead at the Masters. "Purty fast," replied Snead. "When I put down my dime to mark my ball the dime slid clear off the green." Putting surfaces became "smoother than Telly Savalas' head," "quicker than grass through a goose," "faster than a Las Vegas hooker," "slicker than a cat's..." Well, you get the idea.

These expressions did not sit well with the "scientists" of golf, whose urge to quantify and codify is worse than the itch of poison ivy under worsted. To folks of this school, Arnold Haultain's famous description of the game—"Playing golf is like writing with a crowbar"—was too vague. In days to come they would rate every course so you would know whether you had been clobbered by a 76.9 Oak Tree or a 66.2 Hardpan Hills. Why describe Calvin Peete as "the William Tell of target golf," when you could say he "hits .713 of the greens in regulation"? After all, Bo Derek wasn't merely *gorgeous*, she was a 10!

Alas, the monstrosity of this church of golfing science was to be

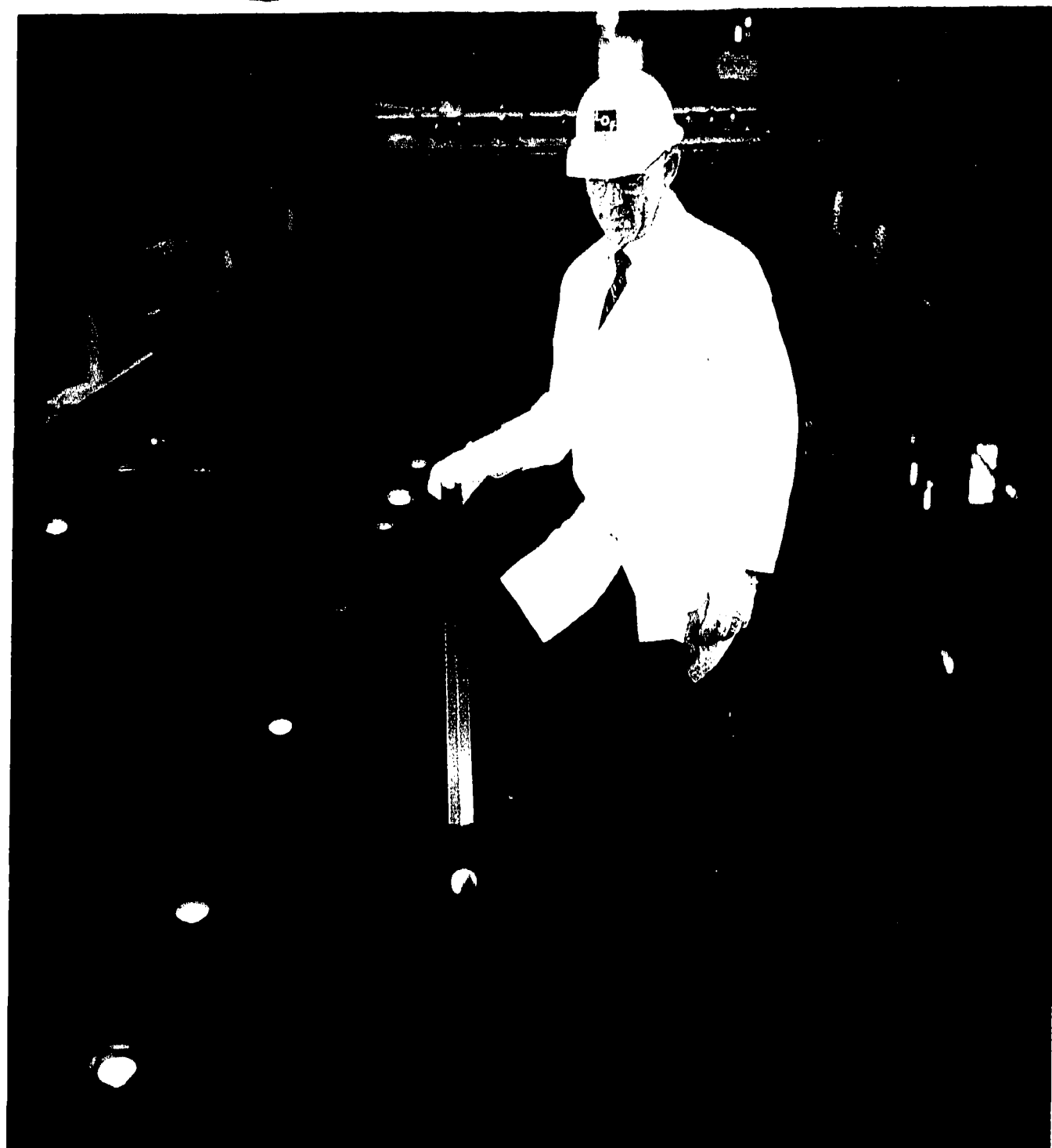
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Stimpson's meter, and Far Hills its Vatican. In 1977, the USGA's technical expert, Frank Thomas, produced a longer, aluminum version of the Stimpmeter for use in the Open. As usual, complaints about that year's greens at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Okla., were numerous. But this time the USGA was able to say confidently that these greens were no spiral staircases: they measured between 10 and 11 on the Stimpmeter! (These numbers were derived by rolling three balls in one direction, three in the opposite direction and averaging the six results.) As a matter of fact, the fastest greens ever recorded were not U.S. Open greens at all; Muirfield Village's for the 1981 Memorial Tournament tipped the slickmeter at 14. An average U.S. green is o.o.



Traditionalists reminded the governing body that part of the skill of a great golfer is his ability to recognize *different* speeds on different greens and alter his stroke. And greenkeepers knew immediately that in the hands of the weekend golfer the Stimpmeter posed a threat greater than pythium blight.

In an article entitled "A New Turf Menace," Julius Albaugh, superintendent of the Westmoreland Country Club in Wilmette, Ill., wrote: "This Stimpmeter business is not in the best interest of the golf course superintendent and is not being well received. The golf course putting green is the most intensely cultivated crop in the world. Nowhere do we find a plant continually put under such stress, and now we have the Stimpmeter to stress our golfing turf further."

Stung by such unirrigated criticism, the USGA's director of handicapping (and fairness), Dean Knuth, replied: "Some people say we are trying to overcondition golf courses. But these tools are not controlling anything. They are just providing information."

But wait. Isn't that what players were doing when they said a green was "faster than glass"? Or like

"putting down a marble staircase"? Or "quicker than concrete"? Though it might be more accurate to say, for example, that Superman can fly more than 212 miles per hour, doesn't "faster than a speeding bullet" have a certain ring to it?

What's more, the USGA never used the Stimpmeter to test any of these timeworn expressions—what about that pane of glass, marble staircase, billiard table? No one has measured how fast they *really* are.

Until now. Prodded by the knowledge that the slick Oakland Hills greens will make green speed the subject of yet another Open debate, GOLF DIGEST decided to set the record straight and measure the precise speed of surfaces golfers know better than numbers. As a service to the game, our findings:

1. Faster than a marble staircase. Reading: 08.5. Summary: Our finding may surprise you. It can be argued that a golf ball traveling down a marble staircase (like the

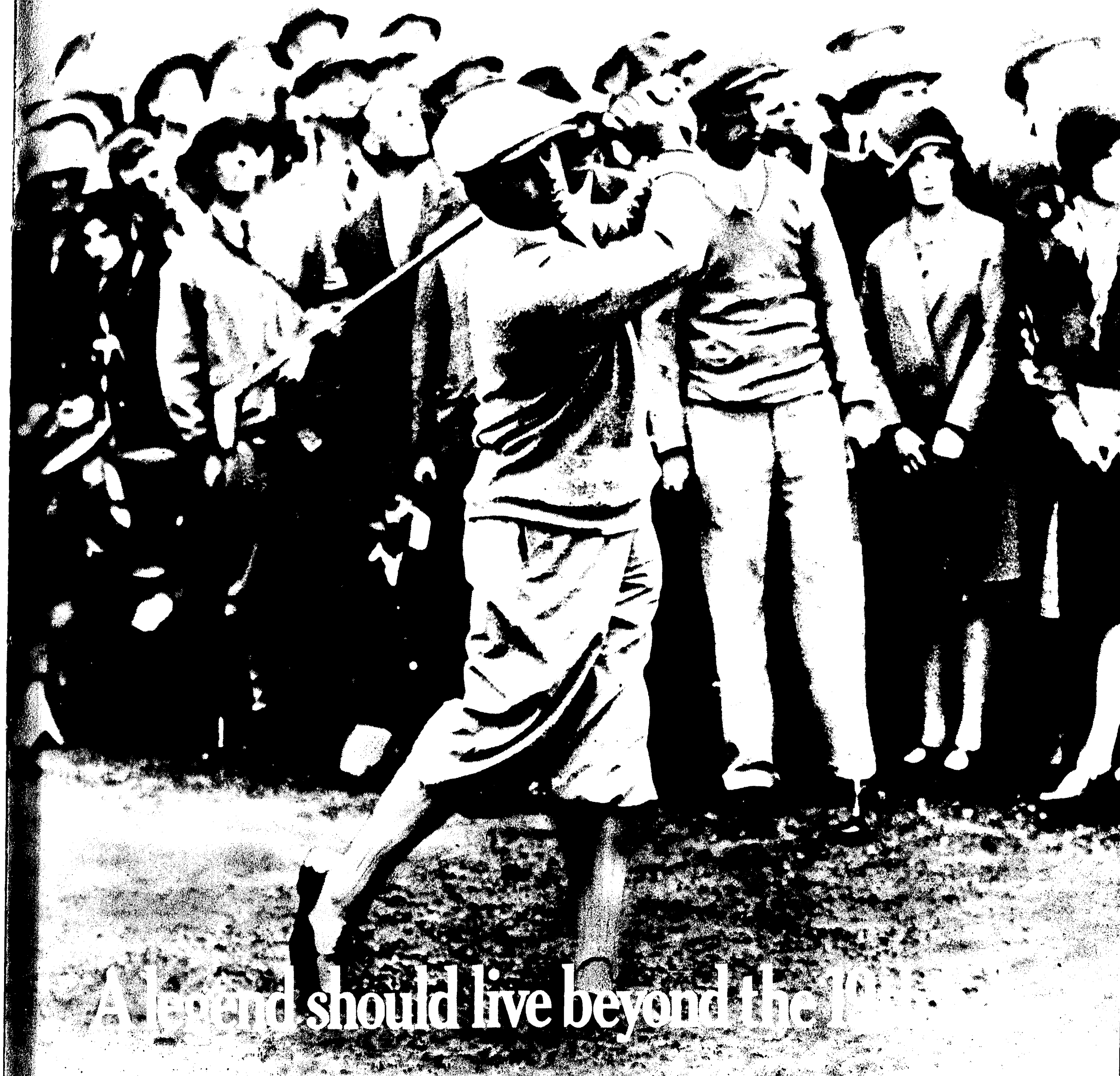
Bouncing balls that never stopped rolling flabbergasted Leonard Klaege, who supervised the Stimpmeter glass test.

one so graciously offered to us by the Preservation Society of Newport County at The Elms, a mansion in Newport, R.I.) would, in fact, roll forever. It would, we agree, if we wanted to let it crash through a 300-year-old Chinese vase at the foot of the staircase. We did not; thus, our expurgated reading.

2. Slicker than glass. Reading: 4e8.7. Summary: For this report, we rely on our correspondent, Mel Barger, of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Co., who supervised the test at the company's Toledo, Ohio, glass plant: "The ball traveled fast out of the Stimpmeter and did not appear to be slowing down much by the time it reached the edge of our 20-foot, 8-inch piece of glass. According to our stopwatches, the

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ball traveled this distance in 5.001 seconds, so you can relate that to the speed of other surfaces. We also noticed that golf balls don't roll smoothly on glass. The dimples on the balls apparently make them sort of bounce along."

We thank Mr. Barger for this complete report. Given his calculations, and allowing for friction, we determined that a glass putting surface would measure just shy of 470 on the Stimpmeter. We could be wrong.

3. Like putting on concrete. Reading: 17.462. Summary: Only the fact that the New Jersey Turnpike is slightly sloped can possibly explain the unusually high reading here. Or perhaps the use of a two-piece ball. Following in a car, we observed the ball accelerate near the Newark, N.J., exit on the turnpike, then roll steadily to a point opposite

several Elizabeth, N.J., chemical plants, where it passed through a patch of lavender mist and disintegrated.

4. Smoother than a billiard table. Reading: 5.9. Summary: The Stimpmeter scored a Titleist 3 in the corner pocket.

5. Slower than molasses in January. Reading: Two inches. Summary: Molasses, especially in winter, when this measurement was taken, is an extremely slow surface. Cleaning and marking a ball on such a green, though necessary, would be tricky. What's appealing about the surface, however, is it putts so true.

Now, what do these scientific tests prove? First, that the Stimpmeter exaggerates. We've all putted on greens as fast as marble staircases or as slick as glass, and we know they aren't nearly as fast as the Stimpmeter makes them out to be.

More importantly, however, the tests suggest that the poetry of putting and the science of speedometry cannot be mixed. Anyone who has ever stood over a 25-foot, downhill, sidehill putt and had his partner whisper, "It's a speed putt," knows what we mean. As that great agronomist, Woody Allen, once posed it: "Can the human soul be glimpsed through a microscope? Maybe, but you'd definitely need one of those very good ones with two eyepieces."

We have come to the conclusion that there are no Stimpmeters—or any other meters for that matter—with enough pieces to reveal the soul of a U.S. Open green. ■

Our Molasses in January Stimpmeter test revealed a putting surface that is unusually true.



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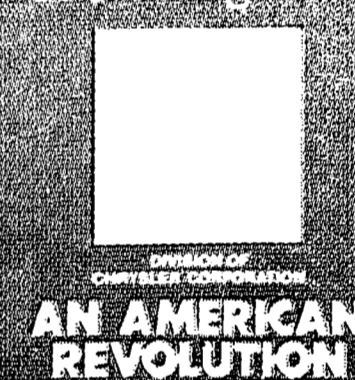
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