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## Light touch Personal style fuels his designs

Designer John Weitz made tufted leather, solid walnut a case for clothing designers taking a stance on the American automobile last month during an automotive conference in Dearborn.

However, the controversial celebrity isn't the only mem-ber of his profession to speak out on the need for the de-

signer's touch.
"It's only natural that anyits only natural that any-one with a creative attitude in the Motor City would wind up designing a car," said Bob Gwynn, owner of Gwynn's men's store in Birmingham.

Gwynn's car, known as the Gwynn Prix, is a re-designed version of the classic 1973 Pontiac Grand Prix. Long recognized as an innovative designer of men's clothing, Gwynn said the vehicle is the realization of a dream and reflects his personal interests and tastes.

The interior of his customtailored car is unique. To achieve his own personalized transportation, Gwynn used

burl veneer and a headliner of chashmere and mink.

The exterior has solid walnut fender ends and nose cone which, combined, give it a look seldom seen in automo-biles. The Gwynn Prix was described by the Automotive News, he said, as "the ulti-

News, he said, as "the unitermate in a custom car."

"The feeling I get while driving it only confirms the fact that Americans still have a great love affair with the automobile," he said.

The clothing worn by Gwynn has a fresh new look bout it to be noted It's a

about it, too, he noted. It's a new look in quality men's wear, he explained. "With better clothing so

conservative in business to-day," he said, "I think we could all use a little zip in our wardrobes. We had to go to a women's wear woolen house to get pastel winter-weight

"It will give the thinking man a chance to be a little up front for a change.



Bob Gwynn's creative talents extend from his own clothing store to designing distinctive automobiles. Of both, he says, "I think we could all use a little zip." Gwynn's customers will be surprised this fall by the addition of new colors to his line of clothing.











