



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

A fan from afar

Retirement to another part of the country can present its problems to a long-denied Tiger fan in a winning season.

To explain my situation, let me take you back half a century. It's 1934, and the Detroit Tigers are winning most of their games. A certain 12-year-old lives and dies with every pitch broadcast by Tyson over the radio.

But occasionally they didn't win, and often they had a bad inning. Then the worst thing teasing family members could do was to point out that "The Tigers are slipping."

"Time passed, for the Tigers and for the young fan. She gloried that fall in the World Series victory over the Chicago Cubs, reliving it occasionally in later life after marrying a lifelong Cub fan: she found the 1968 World Series victory almost as exciting as the one 34 years earlier, because by then she had daughters who were young teens and rapid Tiger fans.

But otherwise the years were lean for Tiger rosters.

AND NOW WE COME TO 1984, a season when victory again is possible. But the not-so-young fan finds life a mite frustrating.

"Now living in Florida, she sees the Detroit team in its final Grapefruit League appearance. The Tigers lose and look like the Tigers of recent bottom seasons.

Then regular play begins and victory starts to pile up. The local newspaper is unimpressed. The fan has to turn to page 6D to find a paragraph or two about each game.

The day arrives when the Tigers are scheduled for national television. The local station is unimpressed. It fails to carry the game and we miss Jack Mor-

ris's no-bitter. Finally, a few weeks later, a Tiger game is broadcast. Our hero loses. The fan is somewhat unimpressed.

Meanwhile the Chicago Cub games are all on cable television. At least one retired fan is happy. And there is hope for the other. She's going to Michigan after the birth of a grandchild, so she should be able to watch her team for a week or so.

But alas. The baby arrives late, and by the time the fan reaches Michigan, the Tigers have gone west. Unable to stay up for late broadcasts (that fan of 50 years ago would not have had such a problem) she missed both the exhilaration of record-tying victory over Angels and the humiliation of defeat by Mariners.

And a visit to her brother's home adds insult to injury. "They're slipping," he announces.

AS OF THIS WRITING, I can pause in the saga on a happy note. Memorial Day night I watched a complete game that was won.

Back in Florida, I'll keep cheering and checking page 6D. Perhaps I'll catch a few more national TV games with Sparky and company. Perhaps they'll do better.

And I'll continue Cub-watching too. Wouldn't it be something if Joe's and my favorite baseball teams were to meet in another World Series? You'd hear our competitive cheering all the way to Michigan.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Fash Bash combines fashion, auction, music

Fash Bash '84 is an evening to benefit the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), is Tuesday, June 12, in the fourth-level ballroom of the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center.

Always one of Detroit's most popular benefits, this 16th annual event, which combines fashion, auctions and music, is sponsored by Founders' Junior Council, a group of young-thinking members of the DIA, and Hudson's.

"Because of its combination of low ticket price and lots of activities packed into one evening, this year's Fash Bash attendance should pass the 3,000 mark," said chairman William F. Zoufal of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The glittering party will have a "Bling Stars" theme, this year saluting three honorees in the worlds of fashion and fragrance.

Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., and the evening will progress under the direction of guest hosts Dayna Eubanks of WXYZ-TV and Jim Johnson of WXYZ-TV and WRIF Radio, with music, dancing, food and refreshments in abundance.

Hudson's fashion and music video extravaganza at 7 p.m. will preview new fall looks for men, women and children.

During the silent auction at 6 p.m. and the live auction at 8:15 p.m., partygoers may bid on hundreds of items, valued from \$15 to several thousand dollars, including dinners at many Detroit-area restaurants, art work, home furnishings, jewelry, fashions and trips.

AMONG THE more exotic biddables to be auctioned by Ernest Mouchele of DeMouchele Art Galleries are a fireworks extravaganza at the Westin Hotel, IBM PCjr computer, VIP tour of Detroit, two Super Bowl XIX tickets, "Dance on the River" for 70 at The Rookery and a day's Windjammer Barefoot Cruise for two in the Caribbean.

Tickets for this tax-deductible event are \$15 per person at the DIA ticket



Among the committee heads working toward Fash Bash '84 are three Farmington Hills residents, from left, Steven and Rosalind Gail and Stanford Krandall. The three are looking over

just a few of the hundreds of items to be sold in silent and live auctions to benefit Detroit Institute of Arts.

office, Hudson's and other Ticket World outlets, and Nemo's in the Renaissance Center, or \$18 at the door.

Principal committees are headed by John and Karen Schultes of Grosse Pointe Park, and vice chairs Akoua Baribwell Evans of Detroit, Cara Kazanowski of Dearborn Heights and Stanford Krandall and Rosalind Sell, both of Farmington Hills.

Committee chairpersons include Bob Blanding of Birmingham, Sandy Miller of Bloomfield Hills, Judith and Peter Muhlberg of Detroit, Terry Rakolta of Bloomfield Hills, Marc Shays of Franklin and Mike Zieck of Troy.

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