

Tiger art

Ex-bat boy paints his childhood heroes

By Sally Gerak
special writer

"It's like having lunch with God," said free-lance artist Doug Parrish of his new friendship with former Detroit Tiger great Charlie Gehringer.

The reverence of artist for ballplayer stems from Parrish's boyhood. He was the visitor's batboy at Tiger (then Briggs) Stadium from the 1935 and 1937 seasons.

Gehringer was in his playing prime, and Parrish admits, "He was my hero." Their new friendship began when Gehringer posed for Parrish's cover of the 1983 Gehringer-Kalline Meadow Brook Golf Classic program. During that benefit golf tournament, another local baseball buff, advertising man, Birmingham resident Bill Haney, suggested that Parrish and Haney collaborate on a Detroit Tiger calendar.

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former Tiger batboy

"BILL WAS familiar with my work but he didn't know I had been a Tiger batboy," said Parrish, a Troy resident, during a recent interview.

The artist still chuckles when he recalls how he got the batboy job. "I was on the school newspaper staff at Andrew Jackson Junior High and got an interview with then-manager Mickey Cochrane," he said. "I must have taken a list of 500 questions into that interview. I soon sensed that Cochrane was getting bored with me so I cut the interview short by asking if there were any jobs available around the clubhouse."

"I THINK just to get rid of me he sent me to see clubhouse manager, Al O'Kray. Well, a few minutes later, Cochrane walked by O'Kray's office, spotted me, and said, 'Hi Doug.'"

"O'Kray must have figured that I was one of Cochrane's buddies, because he got me a uniform, one of Hank Greenberg's old ones, and sent me right out on the field," recalled the former batboy.

"The pay was one baseball per game and tips. The players would send me across the street for hamburgers and they'd give me a tip, maybe a quarter."

"But I was a hero at school. I had permission to leave school early every day, but I had to keep my grades up. When I started high school at Case Tech I had to quit the Tigers because high school was more serious."

THE CALENDAR collaboration has had a favorable outcome. Titled "Detroit Tiger Fan's Calendar 1985," it was published in time to debut at the 1984 Gehringer-Kalline Golf Classic.

In addition to Parrish's fine-line drawing of Tiger greats in action, it contains a wealth of memorable

quotes, dates and statistics.

"Bill Haney did 90 percent of the research," credited Parrish. "He is an absolute fanatic about baseball. He has quite a library and what we couldn't find there we found wherever we could."

TIGER FANS will probably want to frame many of the sepia-toned pages. Parrish's personal favorite is July's entry, Georgia Peach, a collage of drawings of Ty Cobb in action.

Other months focus on such subjects as Gols and Grace at Second Base, Fan Favorites, Roaring Tigers (batting champions), Speed and Cunning (great pitchers), They Shall Not Pass (great catchers) and Magnetic Moments. The latter includes a memorable drawing of Mickey Lolich leaping into Bill Freehan's arms seconds after the final out in the 1968 World Series.

Trivia fans will have a ball with the

memorabilia and quotes Haney has included. Reading The Years of the Tiger at the end of the calendar is guaranteed to arouse the spirit of any true Tiger fan.

"OF COURSE, last winter, when we started work, we didn't know that the (1984) Tigers would be THE Tigers," admitted Parrish, grateful that the team's successful season has coincided with his venture.

The calendar is currently available at Pages and Pages in Hunter Square and the Today's Line Up stores. They are located in Winchester, Lakeland, and Universal Malls. Other bookstores are expected to stock it soon.

The Detroit Tiger Fans Calendar, 1985 is published by Diamond Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 84, Notre Dame, IN 46556, and may also be ordered from them. The price is \$9.95.

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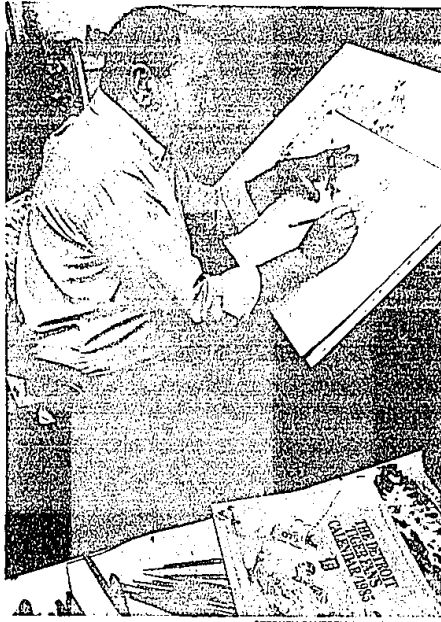
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Doug Parrish's "Detroit Tiger Fan's Calendar" contains a wealth of memorable quotes, dates and statistics.

Studies find low milk intake related to high blood pressure

Increasing one's intake of dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt may provide some protection against high blood pressure or hypertension. Men who drank no milk had twice the incidence of hypertension as those who consumed one quart or more of milk each day, concluded a study published in "Hypertension."

The authors, Mario R. Garcia-Palmieri and co-workers from the Department of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico Medical School, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Bethesda, Md., based their findings on diet and cardiovascular data collected from almost 8,000 Puerto Rican men 45 to 64

years of age.

When the researchers looked at total calcium intake, the same pattern was observed. The greater the intake of calcium, the less likelihood of hypertension.

CALCIUM is the mineral in milk and other dairy foods implicated in blood pressure regulation. Almost three-quarters of the calcium available in the U.S. diet comes from foods in the milk group, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Puerto Rican study is just one more investigation lending support to the importance of calcium in blood pressure control. Last year, researchers at the University of California, San

Diego reported that men with high blood pressure drank significantly less milk on a daily basis than those with normal blood pressure.

More recently, David A. McCarron, director of the Oregon Hypertension Program and co-workers at the Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, published in "Science" magazine that intake of dairy foods was a key predictor of hypertension. These medical researchers analyzed the relationship between 17 nutrients and blood pressure in more than 10,000 healthy Americans 18 to 74 years of age.

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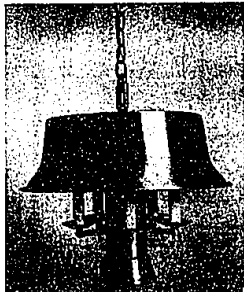
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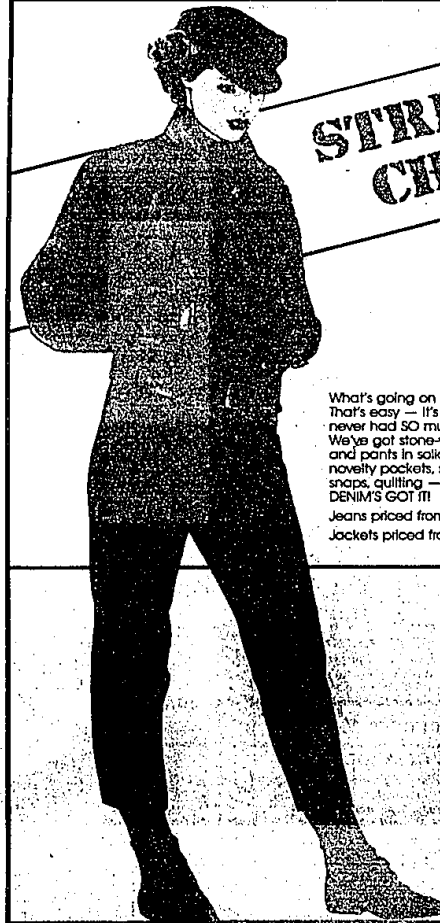
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