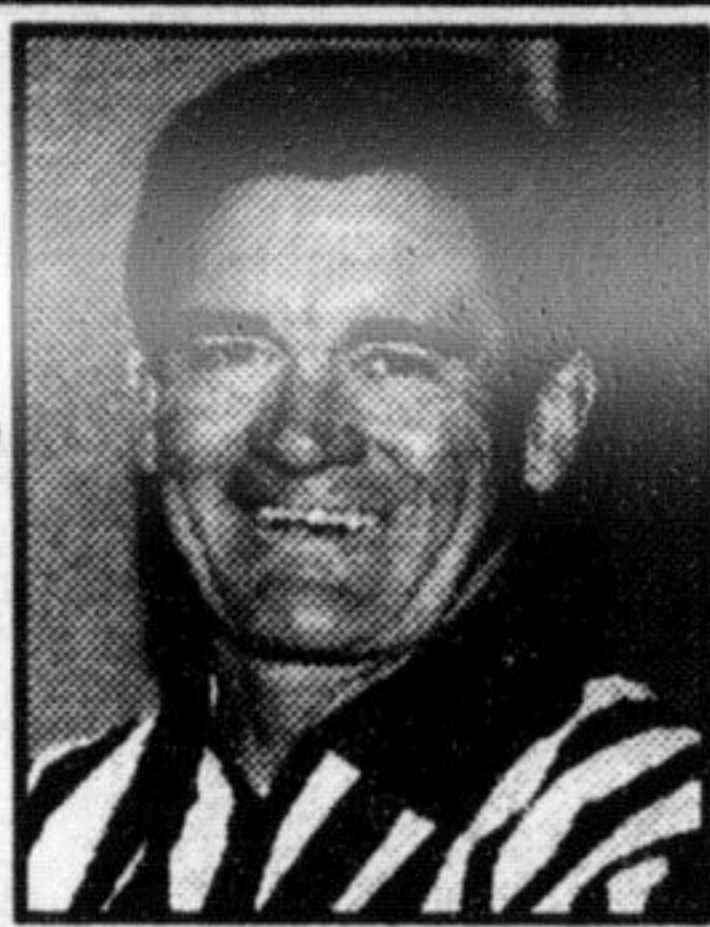


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**TRAVEL TIPS:** Once again a reminder — up 'til June 3rd, much chaos at Pearson Airport (a little better thereafter) — **BE SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING**, before you go ... There are many motorcoach excursions to BRANSON in a variety of packages — see your travel agent pro ... Always, always be extra safety cautious when on or near the water.

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**DiPalma makes headway at this year's regionals**

Miltonian Amy DiPalma's ascent in rhythmic gymnastics continues.

In Bathurst, New Brunswick recently the local teen moved up three spots from last year to take fourth in the senior division of the Eastern Regional Championships.

The 16-year-old — now in her seventh season of competition — placed ahead of nearly two dozen elite athletes to earn her second straight senior level berth to the Canadians.

The top eight finishers overall, plus the top two from each province, advanced to next month's national showcase in Edmonton.

Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes were represented at the Eastern Regionals.

Amy's improvement in the all-around standings came on the strength of her best-ever ribbon performance — a 9.125 scoring that was good enough for third.

The Milton gymnast also broke the nine-point plateau and took third in rope.

**Ill-timed slip**

Unfortunately, an out-of-bounds footfall during the hoop portion of the weekend event cost her a top three finish in the individual discipline as well as in the overall rankings.

She placed sixth in both hoop and ball, with respective point totals of 8.785 and 8.995.

A multi-medalist at the 1998 Junior Pan-American Games, Amy is looking to crack the top 10 at this year's nationals. In 1999, she came 12th.

The highly dedicated gymnast trains upwards of 24 hours a week during the height of the competitive season, under the tutelage of coach Nadia Milhaylova.

She now attends a Toronto-based high school that's geared towards supporting top level athletes.

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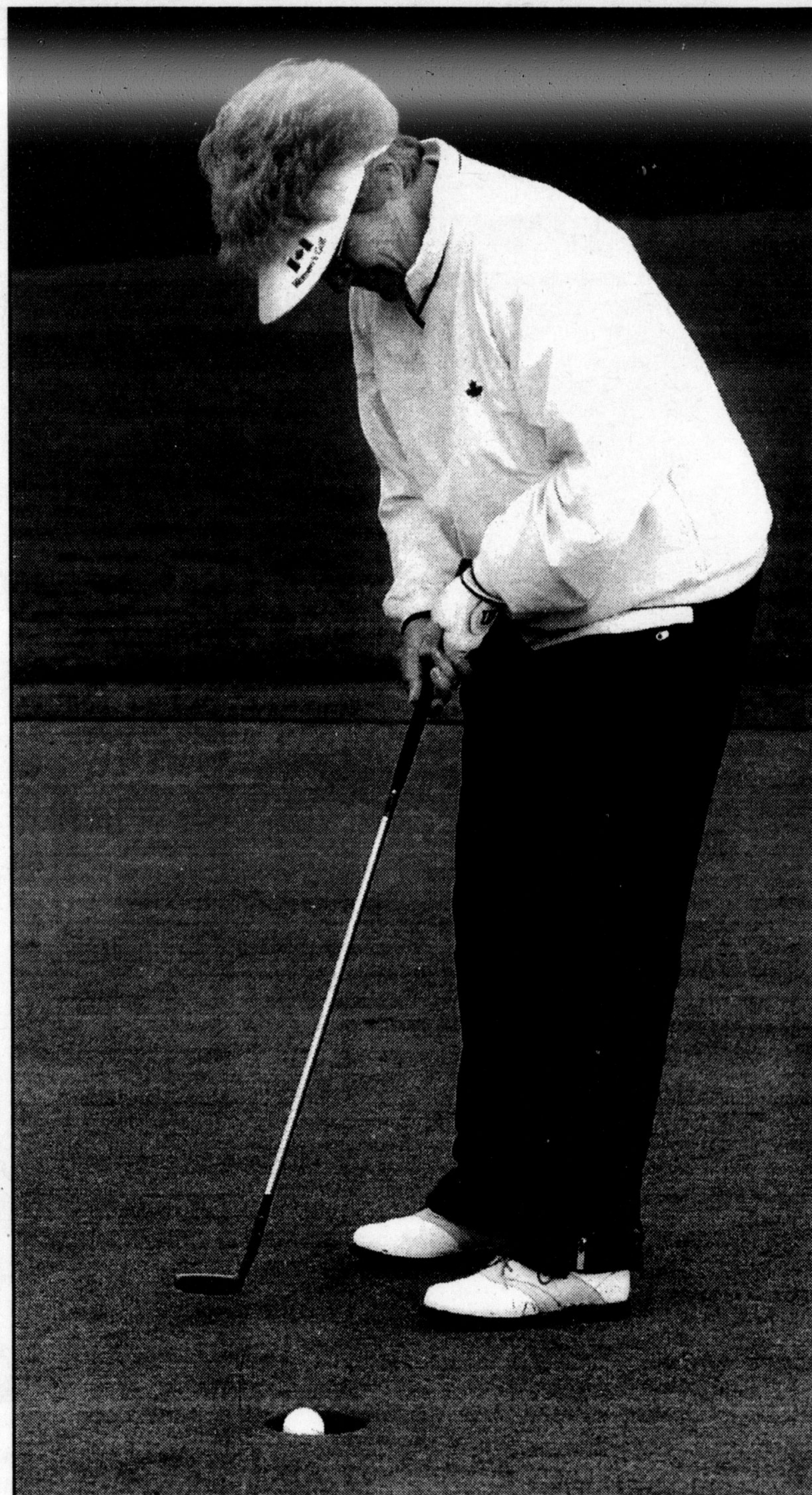


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**Down the drain**

Participating in the Bell Classic ladies golf tournament, in support of breast cancer research, was top amateur Marlene Streit — who last year was named Canadian Female Golfer of the Century. The tournament was held at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club Wednesday.

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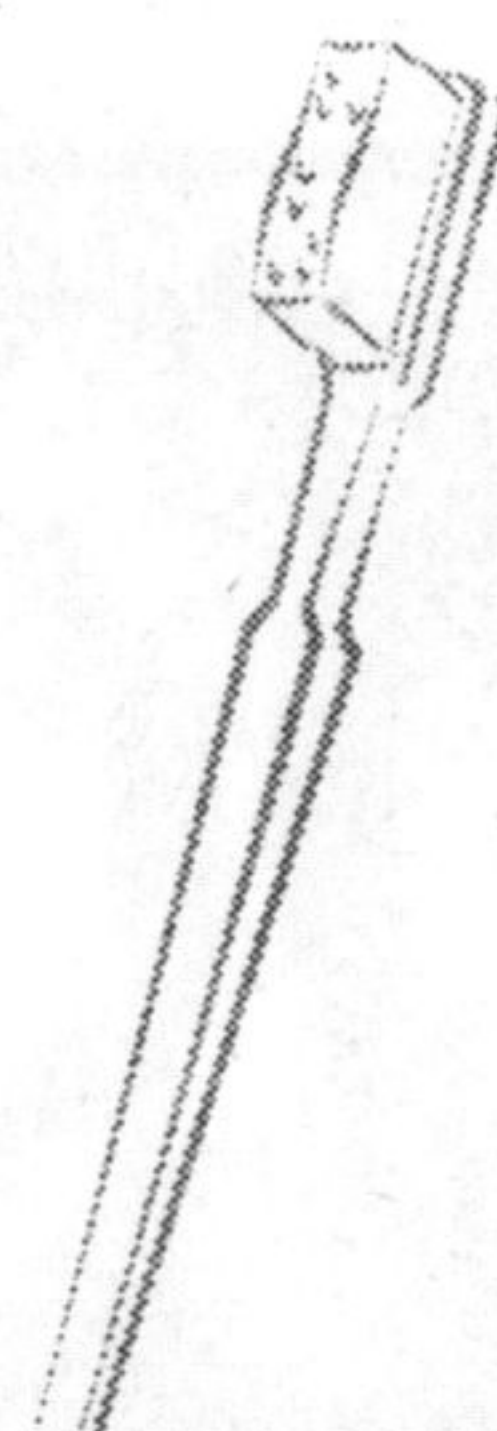
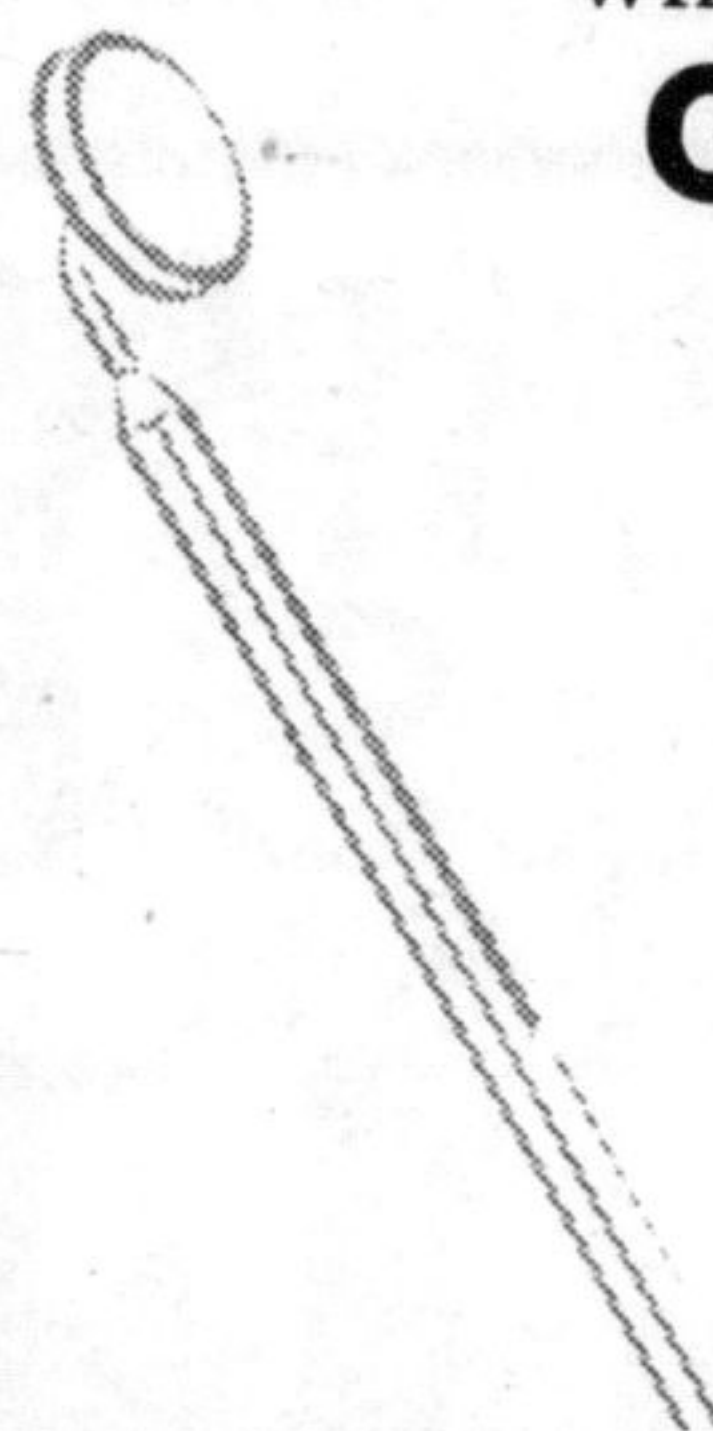
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