Food collection

Help stamp out hunger by contributing to the Letter Carriers' Food Drive, May 13. Collect and bag non-perishables, place the food donation by your mailbox, and your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the food bank.

Mother's Day Treat

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9871 will host a Country Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon, May 14, at the post on Lear Nagle Road. The breakfast includes eggs, hash browns, sausage, pancakes, sausage gravy, biscuits, coffee and orange juice. Adults are \$4.50, senior citizens, \$4 and children under 10, \$2.50. Mothers accompanied by a child will receive a free breakfast.

Premier showing

There will be a premier showing and sale of the artwork of Lynn Kaatz on May 13, 11 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. at Lake Ridge Academy Bettcher Convocation Center, 37501 Center Ridge Rd. The show is free and open to the public. For a brochure of Kaatz's work, call 1-440-355-5159.

Garden Club

Plum Creek Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 16 at the Carlisle Visitor Center (Lorain County Metro Parks) on Diagonal Road. A plant auction will be held at 6:30, but plants should be there at 6 p.m. All Lorain County gardeners are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per couple. Call 440-647-5438 for more information.

Get ready for summer

Are your kids looking for somethingfun to do this summer? Join the North Ridgeville Branch Library's Summer Reading Program. The program is open to preschoolers through 12th graders. Sign up begins June 5. Earn great prizes for reading and come to the free special events scheduled throughout the summer. Call the library at 327-8326 for details.

Watch for library newsletter

Want to find out about all the great programming offered at the North Ridgeville Branch Library this summer? Read the library's summer newsletter that will be inserted in the May 24 issue of The Press & Light.

Help disaster relief

Buy Indians tickets to help support the efforts of the American Red Cross Lorain County Chapter Disaster Services. Enjoy the Cleveland vs. Anaheim battle at 7:05 p.m. on May 31 for just \$12 upper reserve. Send a check or, money order to American Red Cross, 2929 W. River Rd., Elyria, 44035. For more info, call 324-2929.

This Week: They're climbing the wall, a

By Carol Klear

A North Ridgeville teacher is climbing the wall...and she's inviting her students to

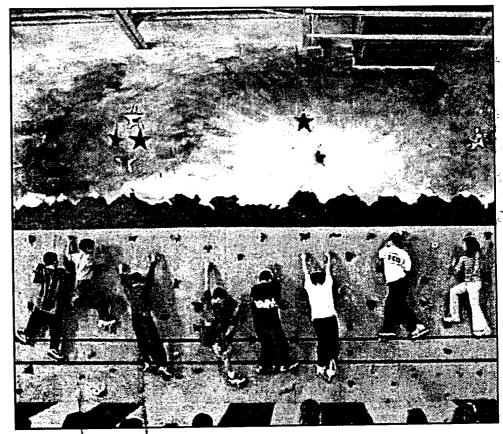
Heather Hulec, a physical education teacher at Wilcox Elementary School, discovered the sport of rock climbing while attending Kent State University. On May 1, Hulec unveiled a bouldering wall, 48 feet by 8 feet, which is installed in the Wilcox gym.

Hulec's dad, Sen. Jeffry Armbruster, along with two former Cleveland Browns players, Reggie Langhorne and Herman Fontenot, cut the ceremonial ribbon to initiate the wall on which students will tra-

Hulec said, "rock climbing is one of the fastest growing sports today," and helps develop coordination, strength and flexibility. According to an article in the Journal of Physical Education, indoor climbing is a world cup sport, and may in the future become an Olympic sport.

About three years ago Hulec attended a National Physical Education Convention and learned more about constructing walls for school gyms. "The vision (for the wall) came from my experience," and she liked the idea of "bringing the mountains into the

Her enthusiasm was momentarily dampened, however, when she learned that it would cost \$4,500 to put one in Wilcox. Not easily dissuaded from a goal, Hulec applied for a grant, obtained some funds from the school district and received a donation of 12 sheets of three-quarter inch plywood from Ridge Lumber. "My wall cost \$1,400," she said, a lot less than the cost of a commercially-built wall. In addition, Jim Messenheimer's high school art classes painted an outdoor scene as background, and students Jodie and Jamie Qualkinbush



Students at Wilcox Elementary School learn to climb the newly-installed rock wall, as part of the physical education program.

and Lisa Markiewicz helped with the assem-

bly.
"They were wonderful," said the physical education teacher.

Hulec's plans include spending 30 minutes on the wall with 15 children at a time climbing across the rocks, during the months of May and September. The varying height and spacing of the rocks help students' muscular strength and endurance.

She also said that the challenge of the climb

offers lessons in problem solving, as well. "I can tell them to climb only on yellow and blue, or I could take away some rocks," said Hulec. The children may also pretend that there has been an airplane crash, and someone's leg is broken. The problem is, she said, "How do I get across the wall?"

The entire bouldering wall program will foster team building, trust building, positive risk-taking and communication skills, she

Kiddie Kollege provides 'moms' while mothers work

By Carol Klear

When Mother's Day rolls around, mothers of kids, big and small, young and adult, are usually remembered in a special

way.

But let's not forget the substitute moms, like the staff at North Ridgeville's Kiddie Kollege, where children from six weeks to 12 years are "mothered," by some very loving women in the day care or preschool programs.

Joann Moell, a mother herself, began Kiddie Kollege 25 years ago in Westlake with seven children. Today, Kiddie Kollege has 600 children in its schools and day care facilities throughout six cities, including Bay Village, North Olmsted and Parma. And several members of Moell's family are involved in the business. "I have my entire



Lynn Danser and Sophia Coppa, teachers at North Ridgeville's Kiddie Kollege Day Care and Pre-School, are 'mom' to these little tykes, while their own moms are away. (P&L Klear)

family working for me," she said, and each school has an administrator, such as Beth Levar, who has been with the North Ridgeville facility for nearly 10 years. Mary Gilmore of Westlake, who has been with Moell for 18 years, is her co-director. A few weeks ago, the North Ridgeville school relocated from its former Center Ridge Road home, near Mills Creek Lane, to

a brand new, 8,500 square feet site at Mills Creek Plaza, where the child-friendly colors are bright, the child-friendly play-things are fun and the childfriendly staff smiles.

Stepping into what Moell calls the "action room," is a delight. There are bright colors everywhere, from the huge area rug, to the child-high border along the walls, to the banners hanging from the ceiling to the large red plastic cars, little ones can climb into and tool around the room. To one side there is an aquarium offering children a glimpse into nature.

The infants' room has 12 white spindled cribs on one half, along with the usual high chairs, toys and other baby paraphernalia on

See *Moms* on pg. 8

PCD constroversy continues to smoulder after meeting

By Carol Klear

Discussion of Planned Community Development, occupied center stage during the May 1 Council meeting, with Mayor Deanna Hill devoting a major portion of her report to the controversial issue and recommending a Town Meeting on the PCD.

Hill said she understands and respects residents' "fear of the unknown," but is confident the PCD is good for the community, stressing that many hours went into preparing the master plan, the city's resource, as well as research for the PCD.

Hill stressed that if the city makes no demands on developers, or makes no plans for the future, others will be allowed to do so. "I cannot morally or ethically allow that

See *PCD* on pg. 11



Zirzow out as SSD; Johnson resigns from Council

was time for a change," she said.
"Dan's bright and he has been looking post of SSD, he said his son, Greg, at other opportunities. I wish him

On deadline, Zirzow could not be reached for comment.

Johnson confirmed that the Safety Service Director's job has been offered to him. "I am debating it," he said. Johnson said he's tired of working hard on Council only to have another member constantly oppose

"I'm to the point I think I can do more from lobby," he said, "I know what's going on and I can do more to so within 30 days, the Mayor shall

would take over operating North Ridgeville Tire Center. "I've been grooming him for 25 years," he said, laughing. Greg Johnson is 34.

Johnson said he has until the end of May to decide if he will succeed

According to an anonymous source, Overby may fill the vacancy on Council. The City Charter states that a majority vote of the remaining members of Council could fill the seat, however, if Council does not do make the appointment.

Lions Club to sponsor annual Memorial Day parade on May 29

Center Ridge Road. There the traditional Memorial Day ceremonies will

lined up accordingly. The parade will marching groups, floats, decorated bicy-

Field for the start of the annual ceremonies at approximately 10 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11 a.m.

Following the conclusion of the day's cemetery, old Town Hall and Stoney Ridge cemetery to feel free to join them.

We call upon all citizens and organi-The parade units and participants zations in North Ridgeville to take part should assemble at the Post Office in the parade or observe this memorial parking lot at 9 a.m. so they can be dedicated to our war dead. We invite

ticipate. Spectators are welcome along the parade route and at the High School Football field for the ceremonies. Prizes will be awarded to the three best floats and trophies to the ceremonies, the VFW would like to best-decorated bicycles and classiest invite those who wish to observe the cars. Please keep in mind the solemnity additional ceremonies at St. Peter's of the occasion, all floats and participants are requested to dress and decorate in a manner that will not lose sight of the purpose of the parade and cere-

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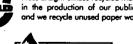
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Love, hugs and thanks to our moms

By Carol Klear

DON'T FORGET.....Sunday is Mother's Day and the perfect time to thank mom for all she does for you day-after-day, year-afteryear. And to all you moms - new moms, experienced moms and grandmoms - have a \$7.50 per cu. yd.). Of course NR residents wonderful day with your families.

DON'T MISS IT The little brochure, entitled, Good to Grow, that promotes North Ridgeville as a great place to live, work or open a business, is out. The colorful booklet that invites everyone to Come Grow with Us, is a joint venture of the City of North Ridgeville and the Chamber of Commerce and is an insert in the May issue of Inside Business, that can be found on

PUBLICATION..... ANOTHER Remember my telling you about that good fertilizer they have at the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant? Now there's a snappy little leaflet out entitled, Biorich Class A Biosolid, that tells how it can be **Klearly Speaking:**

used as a natural fertilizer and soil enhancement, along with the price (1-25 cubic yards, \$10 per cu. yd; 25+ cubic yards, can get two free cubic yards per year. Call 934-5251 for info. Oh, yes, check out the Creek website: http://www.frenchcreekwwtp.com.

AND ONE MORE.....This is a tad late, but certainly worth telling you about. An article in the March/April issue of Dental Practice Report entitled, Unleash the diagnostic power of your financial statements, and authored by two well-known Ridgeville residents, Dr. Ronald Arndt and City Auditor Chris Costin. Congratulations to both for providing lots of good financial information...and for getting it published.

FISHY, FISHY......There's an old nursery rhyme that goes, "Fishy, fishy in a brook, papa caught him with a hook..." Well, you own Backyard."

won't be fishing in a brook, but kids, if you head over to the lake at South Central Park, May 13, you can try your luck at the Trout Fishing Derby, sponsored by the NR Firefighters Local 2129 and NR Parks and Rec. Proceeds benefit aluminum cans for burned children. Register from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., fish from 8:30 to 11 and prizes will be awarded from 11 to 11:30. Age groups are 3 to 18 and the donation to fish is \$5 per

WAY TO GO.....He said he wouldn't do it, but before you knew it, school official Dave Livingston was competing against Sen. Jeff Armbruster on the new climbing wall at Wilcox School. It was quite a sight watching the two men traversing (moving across) the 48 foot long stretch. And the winner was...um, I think we'll let that go.

CELEBRATE.....This is National Tourism Week, so take some time and tour Lorain County, and as the Lorain County Visitors Bureau says, "Be a Tourist in your

It's that time of year again: bah, humbug!

By Josh Cable

"The crowd is standing on its feet at August—the normally reserved Augusta crowd, going wild for the young Cinderella, who came out of nowhere ... this former greenskeeper, now about to become Master's champion ... it's in the hole!"

- "Carl Spackler" (played by Bill Murray), assistant greenskeeper at Bushwood Country Club in "Caddyshack"

Let me be the first to tell you: I'm not much of a golfer.

Usually the reaction I get when I make this bold proclamation is a look of bewilderment normally reserved for times when people have unexpected bowel movements, paired with a look of disgust usually set aside

for communists who denounce SUV's. Americans, especially white Americans, are Loony Toons about golf.

I guess I can see the attraction. You get to wake up really early on your day off, get dressed in a lot of pastel clothing and carry a big bag of metal sticks around for a few hours. If you're lucky, you won't lose your balls and your sunburn won't hurt that bad

A lot of people say this is good exercise. Then there are those people who drive the end zone now. Can't you see? Are we around in little white airport carts like mani- watching the same game, or what?" acs and only get out when they have to take a shot.

I can already see the next step in this world 'spectators aren't supposed to talk when peoof conveniences: people will lobby to make golf courses bigger so they can take their own cars. That way their beer won't spill quite so easily.

Taking a cart is quintessentially American. going to shush you if you get too loud. It's a marriage between our penchant for

Just Joshin':

other "dude" all the time.

Don't get me wrong, though. Golfing isn't just for aristocrats, doctors and old people. Golf is the ultimate middle class sport of choice because, like I said before, you can actually drink a lot and still shoot relatively well. That maxim doesn't apply to convenient store robberies and duck hunting.

"What an incredible Cinderella story, this unknown, comes out of nowhere to lead the pack at Augusta. He's about 455 yards away. He's gonna hit about a 2 iron, I

Of course, the only thing that's worse than playing golf is watching golf.

At least when you're playing golf you're doing something. You're unzipping something, you're cleaning your balls, you're raking things, you're trying to cram a big glob of mud and grass back into the ground in the

wrong spot. Watching golf has none of that. Then you have golf announcers. I still have my doubts about the necessity for TV sports announcers in general. You can see what's going on. You don't need someone telling you, "See that. That just happened. The guy is really running there, see? He's in

starters, golf is a sport, by nature, where the ple are making their shots. So you have these guys sitting there whispering. It's like broadcasting from a library or a movie theater. What's the point? Somebody's just

The American obsession with golf has laziness and our obsession with sports that gotten so out of hand that they even have allow people to get wasted and smoke cigars golf channels now. All golf, all the time. Of while they play. Soon there will be clubs that course, you know there have to be a few take the shots for us. It'll be like a real-life hours late at night when they're showing Nintendo game, only without the boogers tractor pulls and male beach volleyball. on the control pads and people calling each

Even ESPN can't fill up their entire day with

Then there's the whole question of whether golf is a sport or not.

I think of it this way: in golf, the lowest score wins. That flies in the face of the whole concept of competitive sports for me. And there's really not any reason for men to wear athletic supporters.

"Park my car, unpack my bags, and" hands a wad of cash to the valet---- "put on some weight."

"I think this place is restricted, Wang, so don't tell them you're Jewish."

"This is the worst looking hat I've ever seen! You buy a hat like this I bet you get a free bowl of soup ... looks good on you

-Al Czervik (played by Rodney Dangerfield) in "Caddyshack"

One of the more popular settings for golf is the suburban country club. These institutions are very exclusive, although nowadays they say they don't discriminate on the basis of color, ethnicity, sex or religion, regardless of the denomination. The only denominations they care about are 10's, 20's, 50's, etc.

Then you have your public golf courses. Comparing public courses to private ones is like comparing coach seating to first class, only the food is much worse. The courses are usually only marginally maintained, although a six-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon usually makes them look like Augusta.

"The normally reserved August crowd, going wild."

The only option for broke golfers is to go out in a field somewhere and start whacking. Then you run the risk of hitting an innocent jogger or dog-walker---or worse. You might actually hit the sweetest shot of your entire life, and nobody would ever see it. Just you, your club, and your funny hat.

But there is one last thing to keep in mind, something that puts everything in perspective. The Zen philosopher Basho once said, "A flute without holes is not a flute. But a donut without holes is a danish." And a summer without golf is ...

Forget petty politics when discussing the PCD controversy

To the Editor:

politics of the minority on Council.

I have been following the planned com- Mayor and the majority on Council are have never seen an issue that has been so of getting grants from the State and Feder- PCDs. misunderstood and so abused for the petty al Government for road repairs, other much needed projects and last but not All the articles in the papers, the Edito- least, money for a grade separation over our

rials and Letters to the Editor against the railroad tracks.

Come on, get together and forget the munity development controversy in the making the whole City look ridiculous. petty politics to help our City get back on a newspaper and at City Council meetings. I This in the long run will hurt our chances stable course. By the way, I voted for the

> Dick Brent North Ridgeville

Mayday, mayday Letters to the Editor:

By Carol Klear

Ain't life swell?

Take last week's Council meeting (PLEASE, as Rodney Dangerfield says). By happenstance, it fell on May 1 what could be sweeter — but almost by design, the whole thing turned into a "mayday, mayday" kind of night.

The crowd filled the chairs in no time, and the overflow got the standing-room-only spots along the back wall, including a police officer (oh-oh), who had been dispatched to stand guard, ready to remove any rowdy Ridgevillite or other rabble-rouser, who might even think of orating too long.

Then, after an intercession to the Almighty (are we really s'pposed to be doin' that?), Lady Jean gets a grip on her gavel and lays down the law - "no stamping, clapping or screaming" (well, hee-haw).

The regular stuff runs through. No big deal. Then the cable camera shifts to spotlight Herroner, who plays nicenice for a couple of minutes, before getting to the real object of the exercise, to quell the questioning masses about PCDs, and starts out with that oh-so-soothing term `controversy,' and runs through the same-old, same-old we've heard so many times before, with a little "in my heart of heart" thrown in for good measure.

Then she turns the mike over to the City Planner, to continue the pitch, and let's be honest, she did a yeoman's job at it, running through the routine of her review of Kingston Place, including traffic, open space and the Master Plan.

That concluded, there's a bit of tit-for-tat between Herroner and the Ward 4 Councilwoman. (It just wouldn't be a Council meeting without it.)

Then another shift of the camera's eye, this time to the city's Barrister who takes us on a journey back in time to the "he said, she said," making of the PCD legislation...all the way to those darned referendum petitions. (The man is thorough, is he not, especially after gettin' raked over the coals by one of the news dailies.)

Before winding down, Ridgeville's Legal Eagle makes good and sure to remind everybody that members of the Referendum Committee, who ran around the city for two weeks collecting John Hancocks to put the PCD to a vote, were just spinnin' their wheels cuz there were two statutes and golly gee, "they selected the wrong one." (The Law

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Signs make city look trashy

Speaking as residents of North Ridgeville, my husband and I have noticed the signs around our city popping up faster than the dandelions. My occupation takes me to many different communities and ours is the only one that appears to have little to no control over the number of signs, type of signs, where they can be put and how long they can stay. It looks trashy. Is this an enforcement problem or actual lack of regulations for this matter?

Dayle Noll of the Visitors Bureau does an excellent job of promoting our city to outsiders for the Growing Arts Tour, then they are assaulted with visual junk when they get here. It is a shame that the city did not clean house perfore our guests arrived. Most people pick up the clutter at least, before having company over. Why didn't the administration feel the same way?

For someone who doesn't know their way around, just looking for street signs must have been a challenge, especially with all the (necessary) detour signs. Garage sale signs will soon be added to the clutter. For small business owners, what happened to good old advertising or doing your job well enough for referrals from past customers? Cheesy signs of poor material stuck in the ground of at vacant lot or on a pole would not encourage most people to call for "quality" work.

Gas stations should not need a sign or banner for almost everything in their inventory. Their main price boards should be the only place that they can advertise additional items. Rental moving vehicles should be fenced or kept on a paved area, so they do not look like a junkyard. If those vehicles were left sitting behind a house, neighbors would complain because they were eyesores. Our visitors must get the same feeling, being one of the first things they see when they leave the interstate and



Roberta Holbrook took her camera and snapped pictures of the many signs that clutter North Ridgeville's landscape.

I was amazed at the number of housing development signs at any of the intersections on our main thoroughfares. Surely they are not getting preferential treatment because of the houses that will eventually bring extra tax dollars to our city! Some homeowner actually put an open house sign stuck on the maze of signs as you get off the westbound ramp at I-480 and Lorain Road. It was not removed after last weekend and who knows how long they intended on leaving it there? If they sell their house, will they pick it up before they move? If our administration wants to be remembered for doing something the residents can appreciate, why not make the appearance of our city something of which we can be proud?

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Letters to the Editor:

Will of people circumvented

To the Editor:

Several residents have asked for a better understanding of the reason for my "no" vote to rescind the Planned Community Development (PCD) rezoning ordinance at the last City Council meeting on April 17, 2000. Although I was told the ordinance petitioned was indeed superfluous, and that Kingston Place could still be developed, that wasn't the reason for my "no" vote.

I did not agree with the reasoning behind the referendum and I still don't. That is what "I didn't agree with before and I don't agree with it now." I still support the Planned Community Development, and I feel the rezoning would have prevailed if put on the ballot. But, approximately 900 citizens put their pen to petitions to exercise their right to vote on the issue. This was not 900 signatures against PCDs, but 900 signatures asking for the right to vote on it. I know several persons who signed the petition who favor PCDs. By voting "no" I was both supporting the PCD concept, and voting to submit it to the vote of the people. My vote was the only vote supporting that right. The other six votes, by rescinding the ordinance, took that right away.

By council's action and the administration's determination that the ordinance doesn't matter, the PCD can now proceed as planned, in spite of the 900 signatures.

Although this may legally be correct, it seems to conveniently circumvent the will of the people, their desire to vote on this important issue.

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PCDs provide some control

To the Editor:

In response to the council meeting of May 1, 2000, I would like to clarify that my signature on the petition regarding PCDs did not indicate my opposition to the concept of PCDs, but my opposition to more development in general and my support of residents having the right to express an opinion through a vote.

We moved to North Ridgeville from Westlake five years ago because of the undeveloped land in this area and the open spaces. I knew that I would have to drive a small distance for certain conveniences and stores. I didn't move here hoping that someone would develop a road every half mile or put a store on every corner to save a few minutes. In the years that we have lived here it seems that there has been a flurry of activity to plan more housing, more shopping, and more roads. While this is precisely what we thought we were avoiding by moving here, it seems that development is now inevitable. Because I am disheartened by this reality, signing the petition was a way to express my opposition to significantly developing this area at all and my desire to have a say or a vote in what was happening. Yet, in looking at the options I have come to believe that the best remaining option is to control the development that is coming whether we like it or not.

I can understand the anger and disappointment of those who want things to stay the way they are...I share it. But if we oppose every attempt to control development because we don't want development, we aren't facing reality and we will end up with the worst development possible. With that in mind, I believe that PCDs provide us with at least some control over the type of development that we end up with and the amount of green space that is maintained.

With PCDs we can work to have development that has the least negative impact, rather than the worst.

> Kendra Gevry North Ridgeville

Misinformation instills fear

To the Editor:

The Mayor and our City Council majority recently passed an ordinance for what is called a planned community development. A lot of misinformation and manipulation of people for the sole purpose of instilling fear has taken place.

It really comes down to this: Development will happen. We have a choice to make. Do we want green open space preserved forever with the planned developments or do we prefer patchwork, uncontrolled, unmanaged development as we have seen in the past? Do we want sewers in the western part of our city paid for by developers or do we want our children and grandchildren to suffer the long-term health problems brought by human waste in our soil and ditches? Do we want our image improved through guided development we see in every community around us and across the nation or do we want to stick our heads in the sand out of fear and let developers build more crowded tract housing with huge future costs to our taxpayers for roads, sewers and water lines?

Wake up, folks. Don't let the fear mongers, the people with hidden personal political agendas determine our future and make our choices. The time is now to stand together and stand strong for planned, managed development and smart growth. The time is now because our opportunity to determine our future is today.

> John D. Havens North Ridgeville

Mayday from pg. 5

Director works at the pleasure of the Mayor, right. And she's suppose to work for everyone in North Ridgeville, including the petitioners, right. Then why didn't he let the circulators know the two pieces of legislation were joined at the hip. Maybe he didn't know?)

Then, It's Lobby Time. And Lady Jean gets a good grip on the gavel with one hand and hangs tight to a timer with the other. just in case anybody tries to yabber one second longer than the 120 they're allowed. If they try it, it's BANG! with the old peace-

Obviously intimidated, most lobbyists keep it short. But when Gerald Phillips takes the podium, oh-ma-gosh, he forgets the rules. Phillips is the attorney who represents the group that collected the petitions, and he has some stuff he wants to say. So when he gets carried away and the twominute buzzer goes off, Lady Jean jumps

BANG! BANG!

But the counselor talks on.

And that's what the man in blue has been waiting for.

Lady Jean waves him in and instantly he appears at the solicitor's elbow. No fisticuffs ensued, I'm happy to report, and the lawyer left quietly, after Lady Jean promised he could return for a second round when the other talkers were finished.

Yes, it was quite a night. Democracy in action, I think it's called.

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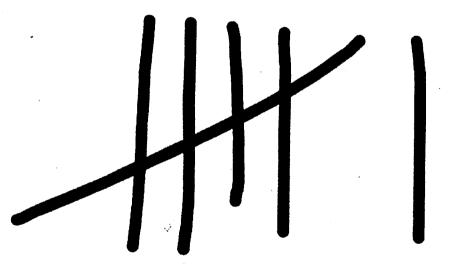
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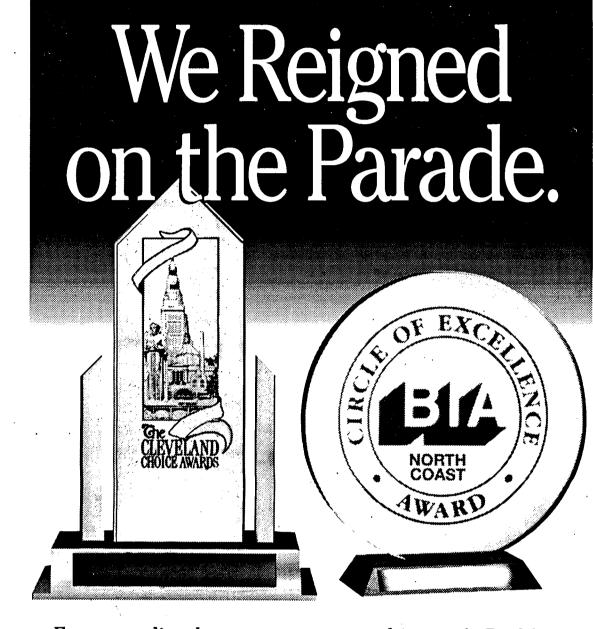
According to Dr. Seitz, the best rule of thumb to avoid

include a bike and other special prizes. St. John West

accidents is to be sensible. "When it's hot and humid out-

sure to try your luck at some great raffle prizes that side, make sure you and your children have plenty of liquids, especially water, before, during and after outdoor activity to help cool the body down," adds Seitz.

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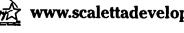
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Moms from pg. 1

Press-Light

New Patients Welcome

the other All day, they sleep, eat, play and cuddle - everything they would do with mom at home. And daily charts are maintained and given to the moms, letting them know how the day went.

The 1-year-olds are cared for in another room, and have "different supplies," said Moell. One especially interesting item is the curved wooden feeding table, with six little seats built right in, enabling the 'mom' to feed then at one time. And the 2and 3-year-olds are in the todller area, with two teachers to guide them. "Every chill has a cubby slot, holding heir folders. And there is a mil box for parents," with nots and reminders. The letter R' is all over one wall, a learning tool, but to one side there is also a changing table, for handling another necessity. The older toddlers even have their own bathroom.

Many of the rooms are outfitted with large wooden playthings, which Moell said she buys from a religious community in New York, that makes only hard wood equipment.

"The day care staff is trained in first aid, and must complete 45 hours of in-service," she said, adding, "It's hard to find good quality staff." They also have child abuse training, as well as CPR and instruction on communicable diseases.

Another room in the facility is the private pre-school for the 3- and 4-year olds. Pre-K is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with extended Pre-K Monday through Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the 3-year-olds go Tuesday and Thursday. "We have nine or 10 children,' said Moell, and if the mothers wish, they can arrange for their little ones go from the pre-school to the day care portion some days. "In this area nearly 85 percent of the

The pre-school is staffed by certified teachers, and both the day care and preschool are fully licensed by the Ohio Department of Human Services. "The parents are involved in the plans. We have Thanksgiving dinner, and for Father's Day, the fathers are going to go throughout the pre-

children go to pre-school,"

she said. The pre-school has

School-age youngsters who go to the Kiddie Kollege Day Care until parents finish their work days, are dropped off at the center by the North Ridgeville school

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buses. If the kindergarten children attend afternoon session at the Education Center, a NRCS bus picks them up at day care and delivers them to the school.

Moell has a definite philosophy about caring for children and that includes teaching them, as well. "We have arts and crafts, a playground, computer classes, gymnastics and dance," she said. "We provide a hot lunch."

The director said she feels children should "learn through play," and using the dandelions so plentiful at this time of year, the children can learn to count.

"They are learning and they don't know they're learning,' she said, adding "We have a total curriculum," which includes language and math programs. The children also go on field trips to the zoo, the Nature Center in Bay Village, to the park and to Good Times in Avon.

Every room has a schedule, said Moell and on her desk is a large monitor that allows her to occasionally check on the individual rooms, via a surveillance camera. "If I see something, I can tell the teacher, 'this one is under the desk." Each room also has a window, another means of keeping track of activities.

In moving to the Mills Creek Plaza, "we doubled our space," she said, "we needed more infant care." The facility took a year to plan.

As summer nears, Kiddie Kollege is making plans for Kinderkamp, a summer camp for preschoolers, ages 2 1/2 to 6 years, which is three days a week, with five, two-week sessions, and The Summer Sunshine Club, an all day summer camp, which runs from June 12 to Aug. 18 and is for children, six weeks to 12 years.



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These are just a few of the Lear North stars who will appear in the May 15 spring concert, "Celebrate America." From left to right; Jessica Mangus, Michael Stumpf, Zak Reece Aaron Gilland, Alexandra Flanigan and Annalyse Frederick. (P&L Klear)

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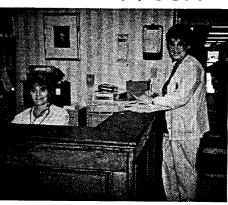
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Lorain County Academy works to get students back to home school

By Carol Klear

Larry Pfrogner, administrator at the Lorain County Academy, in Oberlin, shared with North Ridgeville school officials and members of the School Board, the progress the alternative school has made in the past three years.

The program was discussed during a recent work, and Superintendent Thomas Rockwell explained that "it is for kids who would slip through the cracks," if it were not available.

As an assistant principal for seven years, Pfrogner has witnessed as the solution for youngsters with discipline problems to "kick the kid out," but there is another way — a way that requires patience. "We must be extremely patient and extremely directed," he said.

Pfrogner explained that the 40 students at the Academy range in age from 12 to 16 years. "They are high maintenance kids," he said, with a number of problems, such as learning at two to three years below grade level, problem with authority, the inability to accept and adopt school regulations, and patterns of escalated behavior problems.

"The goal of the Academy," he said, "is to get the kids back to your school. "We want a partnership with the fam-

ily, the home school and the community. An alternative school works to support academics and social and emotional needs," said Pfrogner, adding, "the number one goal is social skills."

The Academy has obtained large grants from various sources which enables the facility to have nearly 20 social service resources to aid its work with the youngsters, including the Lorain County Board of Health, the Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Agency, the Lorain County Domestic Relations Court, Big Brothers and the Lorain County Prosecutor's office. However, he stressed that if drugs are found in a student's system, he or she is gone.

"The whole social skills program is modeled after Boys Town," said Pfrogner.

The curriculum, he said, "speaks to the real world," though academics play an important role. Through a \$230,000 grant the school will be obtaining 10 computer systems, he said.

"This is not a warehouse to put kids in who drive you nuts," he said, adding that if the job is completed well, the students will return to their home schools.

Rockwell said that it is hoped that 9th grade Academy students will go on to the Lorain County Joint Vocational School

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00-12623 - Mangus, Brian D. and Mangus, Christan, 5696 Pleasant Ave., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 7.

Campus Notes:

Rachel D. Kelley, daughter of Michael Kelley of North Ridgeville and Nancy Kelley of Havelock, N.C. was the production stage manager for the Kenyon College Dramatic Club's recent production of "Othello." Kelly is a senior majoring in drama at Kenyon, a private liberal arts college

Rebecca Proper, a senior music and business administration major, held her senior piano recital April 1. Her program included "Air and Variations" from Handel's Suite No. , Mozart's "Fantasia in d minor," and Debussy's "Reverie and Morning Song."

Proper, a graduate of Cranberry Area High School, is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Ronald Proper, Forest Hill Road.

Two North Ridgeville residents received degrees from Youngstown State University, March 25 at the Beeghly Center, Heidi Buckley of Highland Drive and Tracy Gift of Center Ridge Road.

Caroline Noga of Avon Belden Road, a student at Ashland University, completed her student teaching in elementary education.

Maren Worley, a sophomore at Hebron Academy, was named to the honor roll for the second trimester of the 1999-2000 school year.

Elizabeth Henderson, of Lorain Road, a student at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, participated in a 17-day cross-cultural psychology tour of Hawaii in Jan-

Ned W. Lauver, a freshman at Baldwin-Wallace College, performed in "The Reluctant Hero" at B-W recently.

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to happen," she said, suggesting that residents, "Take a deep breath and let common sense take hold...'

Following her report, Hill introduced M. Sandra McKew, a professional planner with Pflum, Klausmeier and Gehrum of Hudson, who reviewed the proposed Kingston Place PCD. Listing the criteria she uses to guide her report, McKew said, "North Ridgeville is doing all the right things.

"I'm specific about my demands," she said, "I have no desire to be a rubber stamp."

She said that from her review, the project adheres to the city's zoning codes and master plan. She also studied the effect on the city's infrastructure. McKew said that any review would note changes, such as lot layout, open space and traffic. "Recommendations were utilized by North Ridgeville in negotiations with Pulte and NRP. The negotiations were very intense," she said.

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feel the project meets the adopted goals of the master plan," she said.

Concluding her lengthy report, McKew said that she did not see a "legitimate reason" for denying the project. The goal of her responsibility is to create high standards for the community, work together and "do something we can all be proud of." Of Kingston Place, she said, "It is welldesigned, financially good for the city and has the possibility of being an asset."

During the lobby, several people voiced opinions on the proposed PCD, including Bob Olesen, who told Council he has "grown weary" of those fanning the fires of the PCD controversy, and the "manufactured hysteria."

Former councilman Dennis Boose said he signed the petition to have the issue put on the ballot. Though he supports the PCD, he said, "so was Jim Johnson." Following the Boose said he had no problem with giving Council meeting Crobaugh told The Press people the right to vote on it. He also said said McKew, is designed to benefit long- that residents should be better educated on allow is to let the west side determine our term development in North Ridgeville. "I the PCD, and recommended a series of own destiny."

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meetings on it, in which people could speak for more than the two minutes allotted dur-

When Gerald Phillips, the attorney who represents the citizens group that circulated the referendum petitions, went beyond the two-minute limit with his remarks, Council President Jean Brown gaveled him out of order. When Phillips continued, Brown summoned the police officer from the back of the chamber to escort the attorney from the podium, but assured him that he could speak again when others were finished.

Otten Road resident Chris Crobaugh criticized changes made while the master plan was in process, charging the adjustments "came during private meetings." Finishing his comments, Crobaugh affirmed that he is a lifelong Republican. "So what," & Light, "The only thing she (Hill) won't

Joseph Antush took exception to the emphasis on the green space included in the PCD plans. "I have 90 percent green space on my half-acre lot," he said.

Senator Jeffry Armbruster put in a plug for the master plan, "It's imperative to have the master plan for proper growth."

Renee Regula, of Rosebelle Avenue, said she wanted a vote on the PCD, but agreed that a Town Hall meeting would be "an excellent thing." Though she has expressed some strong views of the administration recently, Regula said last week, "a little give and take would go a long way."

Sugar Ridge Road resident Kim Stermole, who also is known to be outspoken in her opinions, directed her comments to Law Director Eric Zagrans, who earlier said he was never asked to render a legal opinion on the petitions. Stermole asked Zagrans, "We want to recall Council and the Mayor, can you give us direction on how to do it?"

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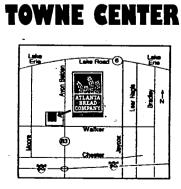


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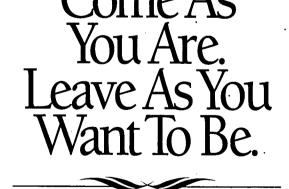
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By Carol Klear

John Komperda has a vision. He knows part of the vision might take time to become reality, and part of it may never come about, but without a plan, a direction, there is no goal. "I'm looking at five years down the road, but I'm not the King of the Forest," he

Komperda, the principal of North Ridgeville Middle School presented some plans he envisions for the next five years at the school, stressing in his mission statement that "middle school children are unique," and during the years between 11 and 14 years of age while they attend middle school, most of them experience physiological, social and emotional changes, which must be considered.

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error, low self-esteem and self-confirule and are in conflict and being disto focus on a project. "They need to organized as individuals. Explaining some of his ideas for the

school Komperda said he would like to see two-person instructional teams for grade six, with a technology instructor "infused into academic rotations..." The two-member team would lead to a "more intimate relationship," he said. At that age kids pull from their parents, but they need relationships to build on, he said.

In grades seven and eight, the principal prefers a five-person instructional team with staff looping with students for two years. "If they have the same students for two years, accommodations are easier," he said.

He also would like to see all the As a prelude to his ideas, Komperda teachers to be literate around technology, stressing that presently some are well) around. He and the Board have to pre-adolescent and adolescent chil- not comfortable with instructing the

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Another idea Komperda presented dence, extreme restlessness, resisting is for sixth, seventh and eighth graders share projects with others," he said.

He said he would like to return to a six-week grading period and eliminate the pluses and minuses on the grades. "It's splitting hairs," he said, and something he has never understood.

In the future Komperda said records will be kept on discs and he would like to see all teachers have websites, and staff sending e-mail internally on a regular basis in order to share information.

Responding to Board President Tom Dake's question on how the Board can help, Komperda said, "Continue to allow us to work in the environment we have been. Continue to give positive re-enforcement, let us take some risks and be patient. Keep Tom (Rockcreated an environment in which we can do our jobs and do them well.'

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Wilson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilson, of Center Ridge Road is presently studying at NMMI under the Falcon Foundation School Air Force Scholarship. In February he was notified of his appointment to the Air Force

According to information from the Cadet Counseling Center, high school seniors, as well as college freshmen, who apply to the military academies, but are not accepted, sometimes are offered prep scholarships and go to NMMI for the first or second year of college. The prep scholarships increase the student's opportunity for admission to the academy.

Wilson's mother, Barb, likened Roswell to a "mini-program," in preparation for a student's going to the academy. t offered her son the experience of living away from home, among other things, she said.

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Wilson was named to the superintendent's List for academic achievement during the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

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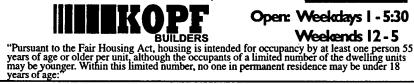
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Miss Finley graduated from Ohio University and is an account executive for Sweeney Public Relations in PERC is a committee made up of NRHS Westlake. Mr. Minnick graduated from the Universiteachers and recognizes other teachers in the building who they feel are doing outstanding ty of Akron and is a mechanical engineer with Oatey Co., in Cleveland.

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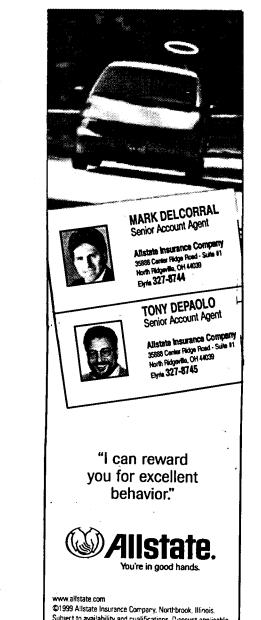
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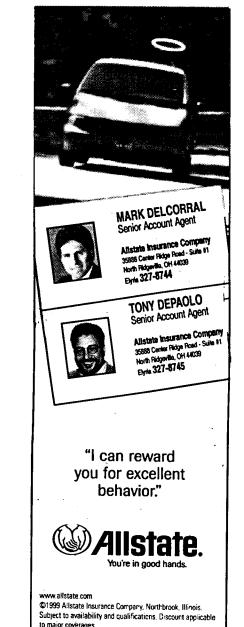
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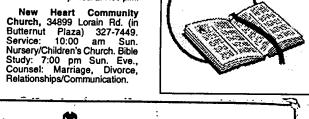
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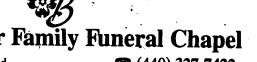
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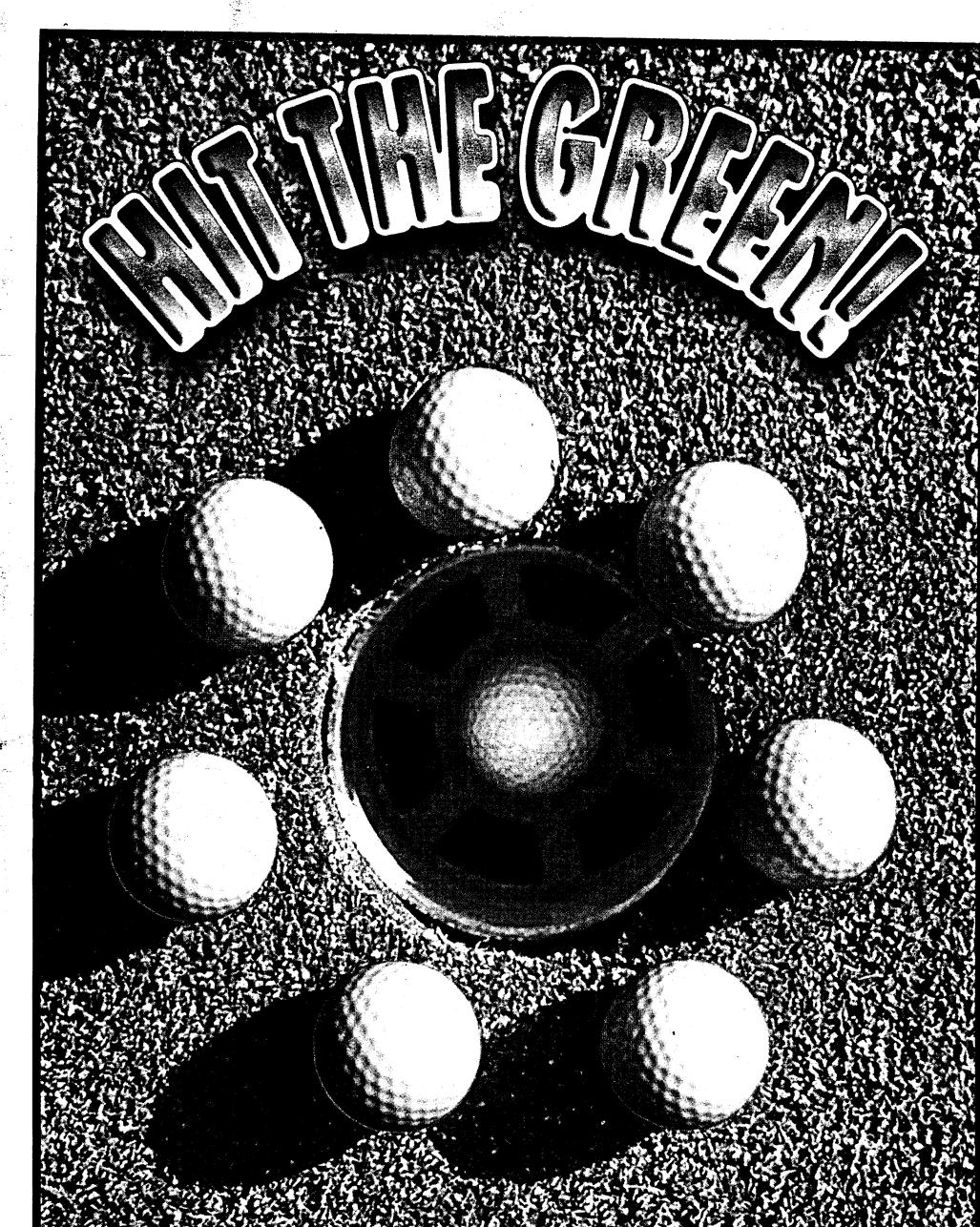
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Tom Porter, a PGA Professional since 1985, is the head golf coach at Elyria Catholic High School. He and his wife, Beverly, have two children.

Hitting downhill - What's the best strat-

"The most important thing to remember when hitting the downhill lie is to avoid getting off-balance by overcom-pensating and bending your back knee too much (Photo 2) A good golfer will shift and adjust to the slope itself, keeping his body as relaxed as he can, while squaring-up and adjusting to the degree of slope. (Photo 3) Also, we have a tendency to tighten up our hands and arms - it is important to relax them."



Hitting off a hard pan - What's the best strategy?

"Depending on how far you're out you use whatever club you need for distance. The most common mistake that



A tough lie, hitting off a hard pan is a real challenge for some

people seem to make when hitting off such a hard and shallow surface is to open or close the face of the club. The club face must be square to the ball, and the ball must make contact with the club first. If you hit dirt first, your club is likely to skip over the top of the



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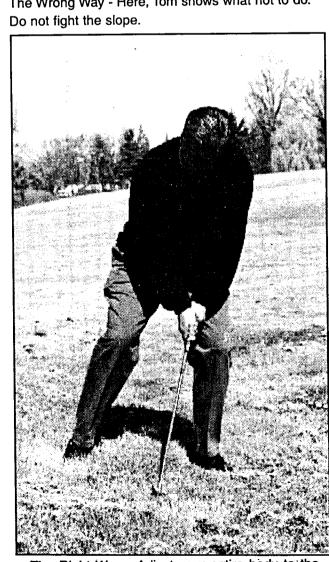
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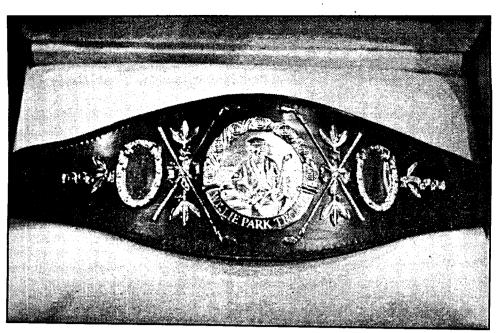
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Collector Norman Swenson with the 1999 British Open trophy - which is on loan to the exhibit.



The famous Willy Park Trophy, actually a belt, won by Young Tom Morris in the British Open.

Crown Jewels Charlotte collector shares golf antiques & memorabilia

Photos & Story By Bridget Byam Novak

Most antique collectors prefer to do just that... collect. Norman Swenson, the owner and curator of one of the finest and most comprehensive collection of golf antiques and memorabilia, is not your average collector. His fondness for people combined with his love of the game has led him to share his astonishing exhibit with golf enthusiasts throughout the country and abroad.

The Crown Jewels of Golf is Swenson's traveling exhibit of over 500 pieces of golf antiques. Clevelanders who visited the IMG NATIONAL GOLF EXPO had a chance to view the extensive collection, which was sponsored

Greater Cleveland Golf News was given an exclusive interview and upclose look at the dozens of golf artifacts. some of which date back to the late

"I started the collection way back in 1975. Arnold Palmer, my hero and fellow Wake Forest alumni, was at the top of his game and the golf craze was in its

infancy." Swenson said. Fast forward 25 years. Having worked his way to wealth via Swenson Enterprises, Inc., he cashed in his chips

to collect even more golf memorabilia. Now his full-time hobby, Swenson has amassed a priceless collection which rivals the best in the world.

"I've had several offers for the collection but I'm not ready to make any big changes. We've put some thought in to, perhaps, a golf museum of some sort. But nothing is in the works at this time. Most of the other collectors call me crazy for taking my exhibit on the road." Swenson said. "But it is my privilege to share these amazing items with golf lovers everywhere." Swenson

The traveling exhibit is a tremendous amount of work for Swenson and his associates. The mammoth display cases are mostly glass and the priceless oneof-a-kind items are expensive to insure and risky to move from place to place. "If a piece is mishandled or broken well, its gone forever." Swenson said.

However, Swenson feels sharing his collection is worth the trouble. In fact, he rather enjoys showing off his goods. "I'm a golf enthusiast and I realize how the sport has grown. I think these items should be seen by everybody who loves the sport. What good do they do locked up in some bank vault? Who enjoys them then?" he added.

The collection holds the world's old-

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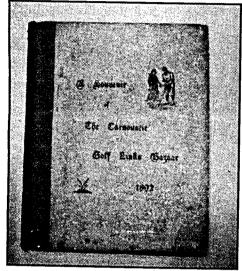
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est known putter, a red "Keel Putter." It also boasts antique golf clubs of all sorts. Perhaps the most unusual ones are the one-piece clubs, which are made of a single piece of wood having no splices. There are also anti-shank irons, an iron with a wooden insert in the sweet spot, a roller putter (later dubbed illegal), and a spring-face iron, which actually has springs in the face

Among other historic memorabilia in The Crown Jewels of Golf, is a copy of the Scottish Acts of Parliament dating back to 1457, where the King James II decreed that "People must quit playing golf and concentrate on their archery for the defense of the country." Ironically, it was King James' grandson, James IV, who was a champion of the game in later years.

The history of Scottish golf, dubbed "illustrious" by historian Malcolm Campbell, dates back hundreds of years in the books if St. Andrews, prior to its becoming a university. As early as the mid 1300's, the game of golf was being played, in one form or another. Mary, Queen of Scots, was said to have been shunned after playing golf at Seton House too soon after the murder of her husband, Lord Darnley, in 1567.

The French and the Dutch have coun-



Circa 1892, A Souvenir of The Carnowstie Golf Links Bazzar. One of the oldest books in the collection.

terclaimed golf as their own, as well. Frenchmen played "jeu de mail" and the Dutch played "kolven", but neither game had the essential component needed in the game of golf - a hole. The hole is key in separating golf from other club and ball games.

"The game was, at one time, only for the very upper echelon of society and, of course, royalty. Golfers wore regal red coats then. Even the caddies were dressed in their finest." Swenson said. Without question, royal influence helped to introduce the countrymen to the sport. Scotland's capital, Edinburgh, was the center of royal court and

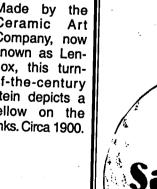
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New driving range opens in North Ridgeville

By Carol Klear

Are you ready to grab your clubs and head for the golf course? Almost?

What's that, you need a tad more practice on your swing and drive before setting out on the first round of the sea-

Well, North Ridgeville has the place for you - the All American Sports Center, 37500 Center Ridge Rd., across from Lake Ridge Academy.

Developed by Frank Dettore and managed by Gene Beane, the complex, which opened in October, is located on 24 acres of land and features 20 covered, heated stalls.

Seated in the club house, with the green and white décor that comple-

Crown Jewels

apart from other collections is its com-

prehensiveness. Not only does Swenson collect golf clubs and golf

balls, he has countless ceramics, tro-

phies, rule books, tees, and dozens of

other items of golf memorabilia. The

archive even has Presidential golf

items, including various balls and a let-

ter from President Eishenhower thank-

The curator boasts the exhibit con-

tains nearly every book written by or

about Bobby Jones. Swenson has

obtained a rare collection of golf tees

and golf-related correspondence once

belonging to Jones. In addition, he has a

silent movie of Jones demonstrating a

swing. Indeed, more than just a memorabilia

collector or investor, Swenson is a true

fan of the sport. It is his genuine good-

will which serves as the catalyst for

Swenson to share such a rare and

unique collection with people from all

walks of life. The Crown Jewels of Golf

As excited onlookers took in the

enables golf enthusiasts to take a walk

through golf history.

ing Spalding for a gift of golf balls.

ments the lush green turf of the driving range beyond, Beane talked about the complex and its features

For starters, the range is 370 yards at its farthest point, said Beane, adding, "nobody gets there," though one man missed it by just 10 yards.

By the middle of the month Beane said he expects to add 40 grass tees, "20 at either end out the overhang," depending on the condition of the green stuff

Customers at the All American Sports Center can choose the number of balls they want to hit, by selecting from three different size buckets - small, which holds 35 balls and costs \$3; medium, which offers 70 balls for \$5; or large, with 105 balls and goes for \$6.75. "The medium bucket is the most popu-

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Presidential golf balls, including President's Clinton, Bush, Reagan as well as the White House and Air Force

exhibit, Swenson engaged them in conversations regarding when he obtained a certain piece or how he came about one item or another. He did so with great enthusiasm, the same enthusiasm with which golfers have golfed for hundreds of years. The same enthusiasm which will likely propel the game of golf to record numbers in the coming lar," said the manager.

As golfers practice their swings and drives, balls fly through the air dropping to the ground, where they stay until a tractor outfitted in front with a ball picker, collects the little rounders. "It can pick up 2,500," said Beane. When the facility opened, it started with 36,000 balls, but now they're looking to add more, he said.

Before the driving range could open the grass had to be in good condition, and it's kept that way with a regular use of top dressing, made up of sand, top soil and peat, said Beane. In addition, certified professionals periodically apply insecticides and pesticides. Signs are posted at that time, cautioning customers about the chemicals.

The entire complex is lighted, allowing golfers or wannabes, to practice until 8 p.m. the present closing hour. However, when summer arrives, the range will stay open until 10, said

Though opened but a few months, the manager said he's noticed an upswing in business at the All American Sports Center, since the weather has warmed up, and there are about three or four women who regularly enjoy the lunchtime special from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.. which offers 70 balls for \$3, a \$2 discount off the regular price.

There are a few tables in the club house for those who prefer to watch rather than participate, and while relaxing, they can enjoy a pop, chips or ice cream. Eventually, a few other simple items may be added to the snack

Flyers sent home with school children recently has boosted activity, especially since the complex offers not only driving ranges, but miniature golf and batting cages, as well. Beane has made special offers to area high school athletes who want to use the facility, and for the younger crowd. He has a birthday party special, in which each child receives a round of miniature



Bonnie Henkel takes a swing with her driver at the new All-American Sports Center in North Ridgeville. (Photo by Mike Yatcko)

golf, two slices of pizza, three batting cage tokens, pop and a goodie bag, all for just \$9 per child.

Beane said his assistant, Rick Montgomery, who he terms "one of the best golfers in Elyria," will begin offering group lessons to children ages eight to 13. Montgomery will also be available to adults who need some help with

Gene Beane said that the driving range is just part of the dream Dettore has for the area since 1976. Someday a full golf course could be developed which would complete the picture.

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Players at this executive-style par 3 course will notice recently installed tee markers located a few yards ahead or in some instances behind the tee boxes. ₹ Those markers are painted bright orange with wavy black strips that resemble the skin of a tiger.

The reason for those colorful new tee markers is to identify a "Junior Tiger Course" for players age 16 and under.

"Junior players now have their own course inside a course," said John Martin, director of golf at Aqua Marine. "The idea is to build their confidence. You can't expect most juniors to make par on 200-plus yard holes."

The original tee box areas will remain

Martin developed the idea of orange and black-striped markers because they are easy to identify in the tee area. He believes the name "Tiger Course" was perfect because young players admire

Aqua Marine is the first course in the

western Cleveland suburbs to install a junior course. Little Thunder in Madison already has such a course.

Aqua Marine's new junior course was designed inside an 18-hole course that has every green surrounded by bunkers and five fairways bordered by large

The new tee box placement now alleviates water hazards on several of those holes. The course's 2,948 yard length (1,552 on the front nine and 1,396 on the back nine) is reduced by 150 yards for the Tiger Course. The shortened

course should also speed up play.
Instead of 18 par 3's, the Tiger Course now features five par 4's and one par 5. The 12 par 3's vary in length from 80 to 150 yards. Since the junior players' par goes from 54 to 61, a new scorecard has been designed for them.

"Junior players are the future of golf," said Martin, whose course currently caters to more than 50 young golfers a day on weekends and in the summer. "They come here from all different economic backgrounds and get the same chance to sharpen their skills."

Martin participates in the PGA's

"Clubs for Kids" program. For \$5, a young player gets a golf club with a cut shaft fitted with a junior grip.

A junior player who likes the Tiger Course at Aqua Marine is Nick Condon of Avon Lake. The 13-year-old is an avid golfer who already dreams of someday playing on the professional

"This is a good place for beginners to learn golf," said Condon, who hits 175yard drives. "I can see the flag from every tee and that makes me comfortable. The course is now less intimidating and overwhelming."

In June, Aqua Marine will host a Junior Camp every Friday throughout the month. Martin, a teaching professional, will give instruction on all facets of the game. A tournament will be held during the final session with prizes included. Last year's camp drew 60 juniors. Martin also plans to start the course's first-ever Junior League immediately following the camp.

Aqua Marine Resort Golf Course is located at 216 Miller Rd. in Avon Lake. Call 440-933-7607 for more informa-



Brian Blaine, 9, prepares to tee off on hole No. 1 at Aqua Marine in Avon Lake. (Photo by Trent Carruthers)

It's that time of year again: bah, humbug!

By Josh Cable

"The crowd is standing on its feet at August-the normally reserved Augusta crowd, going wild for the young Cinderella, who came out of nowhere ... this former greenskeeper, now about to become Master's champion ... it's in the hole!"

- "Carl Spackler" (played by Bill Murray), assistant greenskeeper at Bushwood Country Člub in "Caddy-

Let me be the first to tell you: I'm not much of a golfer.

Usually the reaction I get when make this bold proclamation is a look of bewilderment normally reserved for times when people have unexpected bowel movements, paired with a look of disgust usually set aside for communists who denounce SUV's.

Americans, especially white Americans, are Loony Toons about golf.

I guess I can see the attraction. You get to wake up really early on your day off, get dressed in a lot of pastel clothing and carry a big bag of metal sticks around for a few hours. If you're lucky, you won't lose your balls and your sunburn won't hurt that bad afterward.

A lot of people say this is good exercise. Then there are those people who drive around in little white airport carts like maniacs and only get out when they have to take a shot.

I can already see the next step in this world of conveniences: people will lobby to make golf courses bigger so they can take their own cars. That way their beer won't spill quite so easily.

Taking a cart is quintessentially American. It's a marriage between our penchant for laziness and our obsession with sports that allow people to get wasted and smoke cigars while they play. Soon there will be clubs that take the shots for us. It'll be like a real-life Nintendo game, only without the boogers on the control pads and people

calling each other "dude" all the time.

Don't get me wrong, though. Golfing isn't just for aristocrats, doctors and old people. Golf is the ultimate middle class sport of choice because, like I said before, you can actually drink a lot and still shoot relatively well. That maxim doesn't apply to convenient store robberies and duck hunting.

"What an incredible Cinderella story, this unknown, comes out of nowhere to lead the pack at Augusta. He's about 455 yards away. He's gonna hit about a 2 iron, I think."

Of course, the only thing that's worse than playing golf is watching golf.

At least when you're playing golf you're doing something. You're unzipping something, you're cleaning your balls, you're raking things, you're trying to cram a big glob of mud and grass back into the ground in the wrong spot. Watching golf has none of that.

Then you have golf announcers. I still have my doubts about the necessity for TV sports announcers in general. You can see what's going on. You don't need someone telling you, "See that. That just happened. The guy is really running there, see? He's in the end zone now. Can't you see? Are we watching the same game, or what?"

Golf announcers have it even worse. For starters, golf is a sport, by nature, where the spectators aren't supposed to talk when people are making their shots. So you have these guys sitting there whispering. It's like broadcasting from a library or a movie theater. What's the point? Somebody's just

going to shush you if you get too loud. The American obsession with golf has gotten so out of hand that they even have golf channels now. All golf, all the time. Of course, you know there have to be a few hours late at night when they're showing tractor pulls and male beach volleyball. Even ESPN can't fill up their entire day with real sports.

Then there's the whole question of whether golf is a sport or not.

I think of it this way: in golf, the lowest score wins. That flies in the face of the whole concept of competitive sports for me. And there's really not any reason for men to wear athletic

"Park my, car, unpack my bags, and" -hands a wad of cash to the valet-"put on some weight."

"I think this place is restricted, Wang, so don't tell them you're Jewish."

"This is the worst looking hat I've ever seen! You buy a hat like this I bet you get a free bowl of soup ... looks good on you though.

-Al Czervik (played by Rodney Dangerfield) in "Caddyshack"

One of the more popular settings for golf is the suburban country club. These institutions are very exclusive, although nowadays they say they don't discriminate on the basis of color, ethnicity, sex or religion, regardless of the denomination. The only denominations they care about are 10's, 20's, 50's,

Then you have your public golf courses. Comparing public courses to private ones is like comparing coach seating to first class, only the food is much worse. The courses are usually only marginally maintained, although a six-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon usually makes them look like Augusta.

"The normally reserved August 5 crowd, going wild."

The only option for broke golfers is to 8 go out in a field somewhere and start whacking. Then you run the risk of hitting an innocent jogger or dog-walker--or worse. You might actually hit the sweetest shot of your entire life, and nobody would ever see it. Just you, your club, and your funny hat.

But there is one last thing to keep in mind, something that puts everything in perspective. The Zen philosopher Basho once said, "A flute without holes is not a flute. But a donut without holes is a danish.'

And a summer without golf is ...

Golfers get tee-time

A growing number of golfers are spending less time on the phone and more time on the green thanks to a stop along the information highway.

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Organizations, instructors, rule changes helping disabled onto the course

By Matt Thornicroft

Few situations in life can compare to a drastic, permanent change in one's lifestyle, especially when that change comes as the direct result of a disabili-

While trying to overcome the unchangeable effects of a disability can be difficult enough, having to get around in a world equipped for the physically able can be downright frustrating, especially when it means giving up something you love to do.

Eight years ago an avid golfer by the name of Greg Jones, took notice of a lack of attention paid to a growing number of disabled individuals entering the world of golf. It was a group that he thought was being largely ignored. It was a problem that he would seek to remedy. It was then when he founded the Association of Disabled American Golfers (ADAG). The organization promotes the inclusion of golfers with disabilities and serves as a source of information regarding disabled golfers.

"I found there was no clearinghouse for information," Jones said. "There was an awful lot of emotion, but very little information."

The organization, as well as its membership, is very diverse. The able-bodied as well as not-so-able-bodied are members. Several golf associations, as well as course owners, manufacturers,

universities and organizations also belong to the group in an effort to provide information, as well as promote the inclusionary nature of the game of

"Attitudes and a lack of knowledge," Jones said when asked what obstacles stand in the way of disabled golfers. "What's needed is education, education for operators and education for new golfers with a disability.'

While constructing courses may seem to be an easy solution to the problem, Jones feels that doing so would stray away from the point-inclusion.

"What makes a course accessible is architecture and policy," Jones said. 'Policy is the biggest problem."

Strict policies restricting the use of carts on greens prevent those golfers unable to walk from being able to putt. Other policies restricting equipment or access also considerably limit one's ability to enjoy a day on the course.

The United States Golf Association has published a series of rule modifications for golfers with disabilities. The rule modifications cover everything from blind golfers working with a coach to special devices. They also cover other rules such as caddies, dropping rules and obstructions.

The rule modifications can be accessed on the world wide web at http://www.usga.org/rules/golf ers_with_disabilities.html.

PGA instructors as well as LPGA instructors are also available and are constantly teaching golfers who've recently become disabled, as well as the disabled who are willing to learn the game of golf.

PĞA pros Bob Barto, Jerry Boykin and Charlie Smith of West Pines Golf Range in Avon have a combined 115 years of pro golf experience. Over the years they've instructed a number of golfers with various disabilities. Whether those disabilities stemmed from having severe arthritis or having only one leg, the three instructors say

that main thing is instilling confidence. "Everybody's different," Barto, a PGA pro for 25 years said. "It's a different case with every person.'

Boykin, a 40-year PGA pro, said the key to working around the disability is to make the most out of what you are able to do.

"I've instructed people with one arm, one leg, people who've suffered from strokes," he said. "You can learn to hit a golf ball one handed pretty good. I often teach like that at different times. Each arm and hand has a different function in the swing."

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(When teaching a person who has the use of only one arm), you literally have to get them to build up their weakness, strengthen them. You can, through position and technique, overcome any kind of physical disability that isn't severe. You have to adjust for the situa-

While adjusting to the ability is one thing, the key thing is building confidence. As with any golfer, you can't learn to have confidence in your swing if you don't get the confidence to step out onto the course. To do that, instructors and course managers must have

"You need patience, patience and more patience," Smith, a 45-year PGA pro said. "We often have to have as much as schoolteachers. The important thing is that they're getting out of the house, going to the driving range and getting some exercise."

But despite the open-mindedness of instructors, new programs and rule changes to help the disabled get onto the courses, Jones said there is still a long way to go.

"What someone should look for when looking for a course to play is 'Am I welcome," he said. "It's gotten a lot better in the last eight years, but there's still a way to go."

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Oct 2-8 Michelob Championship at Kinsmill Kingsmill Golf Club Williamsburg, VA (ESPN/ABC)

Winner: Oct 9-15 Las Vegas Invitational TPC at Summerlin +Desert In Golf

Las Vegas Country Club Las Vegas, NV (EŠPN) Winner: The Presidents Cup Robert Trent Jones Golf Club

Winner: Oct 16-22 Tampa Bay Classic Westin Innisbrook Resort Tampa Bay, FL

Gainesville, VA (NBC)

Winner: Oct 23-29 National Car Rental Golf Classic at Walt Disney World Resort Magnolia + Palm

Lake Buena Vista, FL (ESPN/AIC) Winner: Oct 30- Nov 5 THE TOUR Championship

presented by Southern Compan East Lake Golf Course Atlanta, GA (ESPN/ABC) Winner:

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Nov 13-19 Franklin Templeton Shark Shootout Doral Resort & Country Club (Great White Course) Miami, FL (TGC & FSN/CBS) Winner:

Nov 20-26 Skins Game # Landmark Golf Club Indian Wells, CA (ABC) Winner:

Nov 27-Dec 3 Williams World Challenge # Sherwood Country Club Thousand Oaks, CA (NBC) Winner: Tom Lehman

Dec 4-10 World Golf Championships: EMC World Cup Buenos Aires Golf Club Buenos Aires, Argentina (TBD)

Winner: Dec 11-17 Team Match Play Challenge # TBA (ABC) Winner:

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Senior Tour May 15-21 TD Waterhouse Championship Tiffany Greens Golf Club. Kansas City, MO (ESPN) Winner:

May 22-28 Boone Valley Classic Boone Valley Golf Club, Augusta, MO (ESPN)

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors May 29-Jun 4 BellSouth Senior Classic at Opryland Springhouse Golf Club Nashville, TN (ABC) Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors

Jun 5-11 SBC Senior Open Kemper Lakes Long Grove, IL (CBS) Winner:

Winner:

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Jun 12-18 SBC Championship The Dominion Country Club San Antonio, TX

Jun 19-25 Cadillac NFL Golf Classic Upper Montclair Country Club. Clifton, NJ (ESPN)

Winner: Jun 26-Jul 2 U.S. Senior Open * Saucon Valley Country Club Bethlehem, PA (ESPN/NBC)

Winner: Jul 3-9 State Farm Senior Classic Hobbit's Glen Golf Club Columbia, MD (ESPN)

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Jul 10-16 **SENIOR PLAYERS** FORD

Championship TPC of Michigan Dearborn, MI (ESPN/ABC) Winner:

Jul 17-23 Bell Atlantic Classic TPC at Jasna Polana Princeton, NJ (ESPN) Winner:

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Jul 24-30 Lightpath Long Island Classic Meadow Brook Club Jericho, NY (ESPN)

Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Jul 31-Aug 6 Coldwell Banker Burnet Classic Bunker Hills Golf Club Coon Rapids, MN (ESPN)

Winner: Aug 7-13 AT&T Canada Senior Open Championship St. Charles Golf & Country Club Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



Aug 14-20 Novell Utah Showdown Park Meadows Country Club Park City, UT (ESPN) Winner:

Aug 21-27 FleetBoston Classic Nashawtuc Country Club Concord, MA (ESPN) Winner:

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Aug 28-Sep3 Foremost Insurance Championship Egypt Valley Country Club

Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Sep 4-10

Comfort Classic **Brickyard Crossing** Indianapolis, IN (ESPN/ABC)

Sep 11-17 Kroger Senior Classic The Golf Center at Kings Island (Grizzly) Mason, OH (ESPN) Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors

Sep 18-24 Bank One Senior Championship Bent Tree Country Club Dallas, TX (ESPN) Winner:

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Sep 25-Oct1 Vantage Championship Tanglewood Park (Championship) Clemmons, NC

Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors

Oct 2-8 The Transamerica Silverado Resort (South) Napa, CA (ESPN)

Winner: Oct 9-15 Gold Rush Classic Serrano Country Club El Dorado Hills, CA Winner:

Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Oct 16-22 EMC2 Kaanapali Classic Kaanapali Golf Course (North) Maui, HI (ESPN)

Winner: Oct 23-29 SBC Senior Classic The Wilshire Country Club Los Angeles, CA (ESPN)

Oct 30-Nov5 Ingersoll-Rand SENIOR TOUR

Championship TPC of Myrtle Beach

Myrtle Beach, SC (ESPN) Winner: Georgia-Pacific Super Seniors Nov 6-12

Chrysler Senior Match Play Challenge # Hyatt Dorado Beach (East) Dorado, PR (ESPN)

Winner: Dec 4-10 Office Depot Father/Son Challenge # TwinEagles Golf Club Naples, FL (NBC) Winner

Dec 11-17 Team Match Play Challenge # (ABC) Winner

Dec 18-24 Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge # Lake Las Vegas Resort Henderson, NV (ABC)

Winner: * Not PGA TOUR co-sponsored # Unofficial + Host Course

Upcoming tournament schedule for LPGA

May 11-14 **Electrolux USA** Championship The Legends Golf Course. Franklin, Tenn.

> Firstar LPGA Classic Rosie Jones (D) Country Club of the North, Beavercreek, Ohio

LPGA Corning Classic Kelli Kuehne (D) Coming Country Club, Coming, N.Y.

June

City of Hope Rachel Hetherington (D) Myrtle Beach Classic Wachesaw Plantation East Golf Club,

Murrells Inlet, S.C. **Wegmans Rochester** Karrie Webb (D) International Locust Hill Country Club, Pittsford, N.Y.

Evian Masters 15-18 Catrin Nilsmark (D) Royal Golf Club Evian, Evian-les-Bains, France

McDonald's LPGA 22-25 Juli Inkster (D) Championship DuPont Country Club, Wilmington, Del.

ShopRite LPGA Classic Se Ri Pak (D) Marriott Seaview Resort. Bay Course, Atlantic City, N.J.

Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Se Ri Pak (D) Highland Meadows

Golf Club,

Sylvania, Ohio JAL Big Apple Classic Sherri Steinhauer (D) 13-16 Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, New York

20-23 U.S. Women's Open Iuli Inkster (D) Merit Club, Libertyville, 111.

Giant Eagle LPGA Classic Jackie Gallagher-Smith (D) Avalon Lakes, Warren, Ohio

Michelob Light Classic Annika Sbrenstam (D) Fox Run Golf Club, St. Louis, Mo.

10-13 du Maurier Classic Karrie Webb (D) The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Aylmer, Quebec, Canada

17-20 Weetabix Women's British Sherri Steinhauer (D) Royal Birkdale Golf Southport in Lancashire. England

Oldsmobile Classic Dottie Pepper (D) Walnut Hills Country Club, East Lansing, Mich.

> State Farm Rail Classic Mi Hvun Kim (D) The Rail Golf Course, Springfield, Ill.

First Union Mi Hyun Kim (D) Betsy King Classic Berkleigh Country Club,

Kutztown, Pa. TBA 14-17 The Safeway LPGA Golf 22-24 Juli Inkster (D) Championship Columbia Edgewater Country Club,

28-October I

New Albany

Country Club,

New Albany, Ohio

AFLAC Champions 19-22 Portland, Oregon Akiko Fukushima (D) Robert Trent Jones Golf Magnolia Groves, **New Albany Golf Classic** Annika Sorenstam (D) Mobile, Alabama

12-:5

27-29 Nichirei International U.SA. (D) TBA, Japan

by Alexandria,

Luss, Scotland

Samsung World Se Ri Pak (D)

Championship

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of Women's Golf

November Solheim Cup U.S.A. (D) Loch Lomond Golf Club

Mizuno Classic 3-5 Maria Hjorth (D) TBA, Japan

> PageNet Tour Se Ri Pak (D) Championship Desert Inn Golf Club, Las Vegas, Nev.

Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge

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Diners Club Matches Juli Inkster/Dottie Pepper (D) Pelican Hill,

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His play in the majors is unforgettable. One of only four players to win all four major championships, Player icounts three Masters Tournaments. three British Opens, two PGA Championships and one U.S. Open among his many titles. His most memorable Masters moment came in 1978 when he began the final round seven

strokes behind Hubert Green and shot

64, winning by one after birdies on

seven of the final 10 holes. Player captured the British Open in 1959, 1968 and 1974 - making him the only player to win it in three different decades. A native of

Johannesburg, South Africa, he won the South African Open 13 times between 1956-1983.

Player's success has spilled to the Senior Tour, he owns 18 official victories - including three PGA Seniors' Championships. A fitness advocate, Player hopes to win a tournament in six different decades.

Question: Gary, what's it like playing with the greatest players in the world?

Gary Player: Obviously, it's a great thrill playing with people who I admire very much and who have worked hard and been dedicated their whole lives

Question: Gary, who are the three best golfers you have ever seen?

Gary Player: Jack Nicklaus, Sam Snead, and Ben Hogan.

Question: I see you're aiming at winning a major championship in six decades. Hás anyone ever done that

Gary Player: No. Nobody has won a PGA-sanctioned event in six different decades. Sam Snead and I have won in five different decades, but I'm trying to

win in the sixth decade. Question: Gary, why is golf so addict-

Ğary Player: Well, I think it's a game you can play forever, unlike other sports. In most sports, you have to retire at the age of 30; and in golf, you're just getting started. You can play competitively until your 70.

Everyone thought Jordan went a long time, he retired at 36; and Tiger Woods will be hitting his prime at 36.

Question: Gary, what's the best tip you can give me today?

Gary Player: For a young golfer, I would say to make sure you finish your shot. Have a nice follow through and good balance. Ernie Els and Tiger do it great, Ben Hogan was the best at that I

Question: Gary, do you do anything to prepare yourself for each game?

Gary Player: I just work out physically in the gym with weights. I try not to eat certain foods like meats. I try to eat vegetables and fruit and get plenty of rest. I have strong faith and positive attitude, and that prepares me not only for golf but for life.

Question: Gary, who do you see as the next young star on the TOUR?

Gary Player: No debate on that, Tiger Woods is the best today. And he will develop into a better player and be a superstar. In my opinion, he's so incredible at such a young age that he'll

Question: Mr. Player, is Tiger going to be the best ever?

Gary Player: That's a long way from figuring out yet. For him to beat Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships, that's a big task. He has the talent to do it, but only time will tell. Look at Tom Watson, who started out great and went 10 years without a win. Ian Baker Finch faded from the top 10 as well. It's hard to make a prediction about the future, but Tiger has as much ability as any man who has ever held a

Question: What, in your opinion, is the best golf course? Are you involved

in the design of any courses yourself? Gary Player: We have designed over 150 courses around the world. I enjoy designing because I'm a farmer and enjoy working with soil and the land. The most enjoyable I've played is Cyprus Point in California.

Question: Gary, do you have a least favorite course?

Gary Player: I don't have a least favorite really. I've played some (courses) I haven't enjoyed, like some with greens that are too angular. That's why we try to build greens that are flatter and more playable. The average week-

Grants awarded for the Good of the game

(NAPSI)-A grants program designed to interest students in playing golf has been described as being right on course. In 1999, the United States Golf Asso-

ciation Foundation Grants Program has awarded 192 grants totaling \$4,549,243, through its "For the Good of the Game" initiative.

The initiative is part of a ten-year, \$50 million commitment to making golf more accessible and affordable.

The nationwide program is targeting people who might not otherwise have a chance to play golf. This includes the construction or upgrading of new facil-

ities to make it easier for people to play. For example, included in the recent grants was the first-ever USGA grant in the state of Alaska. The \$30,000 grant will enable the Wrangell Golf Club to extend electric power lines to the golf

The nine-hole course, with artificial greens and wood chip fairways hosts a junior golf program and instructional clinics for women and senior citizens. It's the only golf course for 200 miles

has trouble playing some of those newer courses with harder greens.

Question: Any new technology you foresee entering the game in the

Gary Player: Nobody ever sees technology coming, it just appears. I think there will be (new technology). There has been tremendous technology in golf recently, and that it's only bound to increase. All the different heads and shafts on the clubs, and the different mowers now to help the courses, it's a different game and easier game today.

Question: Gary, What do you think of Casey Martin being allowed to use a golf cart during games?

Gary Player: At first I wasn't sure, but I don't think it's a bad idea at all. Casey is badly handicapped as far as walking is concerned, but allowing that, I think, you'll see others take so there are four of us now.

end golfer, who is the heart of the game, advantage of that. You hear all kinds of arguments about that, some say the rules say you have to walk, it's all conflicting really. I think they made a wise decision, though, in letting him have a

Question: Gary, who is the most fun to play with on the SENIOR TOUR?

Gary Player: I have always liked playing with Trevino, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Jim Colbert and Graham Marsh; they are really all fun to play with. You'll find someone at time who isn't that fun, but maybe he's just focusing.

That's our job, and some need more focus than others.

Ouestion: What was the biggest achievement in your career.

Gary Player: My biggest achievement was winning the grand slam at the age of 29 and being the third person to win the Grand Slam. Then, Nicklaus did it,

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Confessions of a self-proclaimed tomboy

I don't remember the exact year my Dad first took me golfing. Perhaps it was the same year I joined little league baseball. Perhaps it was the year, or should I say years, I began to, for lack of a better phrase, "play with the boys." Go ahead, laugh.

I played with them at their own games of baseball, football, basketball, soccer. Later I would play with them in golf and racquetball. More often than not, I beat them at those very games. By Bridget All the aches and pains I have now as a result of "playing with the boys" are well worth it. Victory is so sweet especially over the boys. Who is laughing now?

My free and competitive spirit stems from my being born in the 60's. I've always deemed myself sort of a hippie. I feel that, even though I was just a toddler in the 60's - I am, nonetheless, a very cool product of that generation. Whatever was the rage in 60's music, clothing, or anythinge else was,



unequivocally, my cup of tea.

My coming of age, in the 70's, was filled with turbulent years. Just as the women's liberation movement was in its prime, my Mom was trying to convince me to go to "charm school" (which, by the way, in retrospect I desperately needed.) My Dad, on the other hand, was more than happy to take me

to the golf course and, with the patience of Job, teach me the game. What was a girl to do? That answer was Lets be honest... men don't seem

entirely pleased that women enjoy golf. We know you would rather have us at the tennis court or watching the kids on soccer field #653. Imagine, then, way back in the mid 70's, the distaste for 11year old tomboys holding up play. Its a good thing that my Dad is 6'4" and about 220 lbs. I can remember several occasions on which he defended my right to play... even if I did stink! Thanks, Dad.

In the 80's and 90's, more and more of my female peers began to enjoy the game of golf. Us gals came to enjoy golf trips, golf outings, and golf leagues. We, like you, enjoy a 9:15 a.m. tee time, lunch at the turn, and, yes, ice cold beer at the end of a long day.

These days, it seems, guys have lightened up somewhat. That's a good

thing. Do you want to know why I think they have done so? Its because women are better golfers now. It seems as if, as women have evolved to a higher level of play, men have evolved with

regard to respecting our right to play.

The new millennium has brought about much change in this tomboy's life - children. As the mother of a 2 and a half year old girl and a 1 year old boy (I was never any good at math) I've come to the realization that golf is way on the back burner. Between swimming lessons, story times, pediatrician visits, and the occasional minute or two with my husband, there very little time for a leisurely round of golf.

My folks, however, should be proud of me. Not only do I drill my daughter on the rules of etiquette and lady-like behavior, I teach her the proper grip, to keep her head down, to keep her eye on the ball, and to shoot for the stars. "You can do anything that the boys can do..." I promise her. And, she can.

Rules of Golf Do you have a USGA handicap? If not, get one!

By Grant Spaeth GolfWeb Director of Rules and past-president USGA

"Why?" you ask.

First, do recognize that golf is one of the few games where persons with vastly different skills can compete against each other meaningfully. You can have a real match with Arnold Palmer. Not so you against Pete Sampras in tennis, for example.

And this is possible through handicapping. If all golfers have a sound handicap, there is a sure way of having fair and equitable competition among players of differing abilities.

And once you get a handicap, you have a passport to tournaments, invitationals, and other golfing opportunities.

In the United States, the most popular system is known as the USGA Handicap System. It is the result of years of work and study and is the model for sensible and fair computation of handicaps.

So how do I get a handicap?

You join a club. Check your nearby

public golf facilities, which usually have clubs on-site to which you may be invited.

There are also clubs that are not attached to a golf course. Golfers gather to play together, compete, and obtain handicaps. Often these clubs are associated with large employers. Check with your own state association for leads.

If you have no luck finding a club to join, organize a club yourself

It's easy. All you need is ten people. Get together and adopt your by-laws. (A set of suggested by-laws has been prepared by the USGA for your use. The USGA refers to such clubs as "Golf Clubs Without Real Estate."

The integrity of the system is assured by (a) having a handicap committee which makes sure the club members are following the USGA Handicap Rules, and (b) the members' having an easy opportunity to play golf with each other and post their scores personally. All of this allows there to be "peer review" - checks and balances among

"For the game to be joyous, each player participates in accordance with a code of decent and friendly conduct which includes safe and fast play, proper care of the golf course, and basic So say the editors of GolfWeb. And so

Etiquette takes up two pages in the Rules of Golf. In summary, those pages consist of the following:

say the USGA and the R&A, because

1. Care of the course

• Rake all bunkers. Replace all divots. (Don't make divots with practice

•On greens, repair all ball marks. Repair spike marks on the greens after finishing play. Be most careful on the greens — tread lightly; don't damage

• In other words, leave the course and particularly the greens in the condition in which you would like to find them.

2. Safety

Be careful when you swing a club, whether in practice (you might hit someone nearby) or in play (you might also hit your ball into someone). Therefore, don't play until the group in front is out of the way.

3. Courtesy

• Don't move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind a player making a

 Observe the rules including who has the honor (Rule 10).

• Play without delay! (Rule 6-7) Slow play is a huge aggravation. Leave the putting green as soon as all players in your group have holed out — no

Invite faster groups to play through.Don't step on the line of another play-

 Replace the flagstick carefully in an upright position

to assure that the system is working properly. For a detailed outline of the requirements, read Handicap Ruling

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became a way of life for the family. Jane continues to operate the clubhouse and oversee the daily operation of the course. George Jr., is the course superintendent responsible for course maintenance, and Alan and Carol are co-general managers responsible for the clubhouse, leagues and business

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Golf: A five-mile walk punctuated with disappointments.

A teacher was taking her first golf lesson. "Is the word spelled 'p-u-t' or 'p-uatt-t'?" she asked the instructor.

"'P-u-t-t' is correct," he replied. "'Pu-t' means to place a thing where you want it. And 'P-u-t-t' means a vain attempt to do the same thing."

A priest, a doctor, and a professional golfer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.
GOLFER: What's with these guys? We

must have been waiting for 15 minutes! DOCTOR: I don't know but I've never seen such ineptitude!

PRIEST: Hey, here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him. Hi George. Say George, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow aren't they?

GEORGE: Oh yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight while saving our clubhouse last year. So we let them play here anytime free of charge!

(Silence!) PRIEST: That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.

DOCTOR: Good idea. And I'm going to contact my Ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for

GOLFER: Why can't these guys play at night?

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners, and the Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the

The teacher then announced, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your part-

The room really got quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand.

"Yes?" replied the teacher. "Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

A man was stranded on a desert island for 10 years. One day a beautiful

girl swims to shore in a wet suit. Man: "Hi! Am I ever happy to see

Girl: "Hi! It seems like you've been here along time. How long has it been since you've had a cigarette?"

Man: "It's been ten years!"

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Man: "Oh thank you so much!"

Girl: "So tell me how long its been since you had a drink?" Man: "It's been ten years"

The girl unzips a little longer zipper on her wet suit and comes out with a flask of whiskey and gives the man a

drink. Man: "Oh..thank you so much. You are like a miracle"!

Finally the girl starts to unzip the front of her wet suit and asks the man leadingly, "So tell me then, how long has it been since you played around?? The man looked at her and said excitedly: "Oh, my God, don't tell me vou've got a set of golf clubs in there too??"

You know it's too wet to play golf when your cart capsizes.

Q: What are the four worst words you could hear during a game of golf? A: It's still your turn!

Golf got its name because all of the other four-letter words were taken.

After a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes," the golfer responded. "Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he

"Well," said the policeman very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do

The golfer thought it over carefully and responded . . . "I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

A man and his friend meet at the clubhouse and decide to play a round of golf together. The man has a little dog with him and on the first green, when the man holes out a 20 foot putt, the little dog starts to yip and stands up on its hind legs.

The friend is quite amazed at this clever trick and says, "That dog is really talented! What does he do if you

miss a putt?" "Somersaults," says the man.

"Somersaultts?!" says the friend, "That's incredible. How many does he

"Hmmm," says the man. "That depends on how hard I kck him in the

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yetto come. This

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since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a life-

LAW 2: your worst round will follow your best round of golf almost immediately ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls. LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against

LAW 11: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the

LAW 12: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent — or some similar combina-

LAW 13: All 3-woods are demon-possessed.

LAW 14: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (see Law three) LAW 15: A severe slice is a thing of

awesome power and beauty. LAW 16: "Nice lag" can usually be

translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker." LAW 17: The person you would most

hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you. LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your

score to what it really should be. LAW 19: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 20: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset of the same day.

After church one Sunday, one of the parishioners walked up to the priest and said. "Father, is it a sin to play golf

"My son," said the priest, putting his you play golf. It's a sin any day."

A golfer hit his drive on the first hole 300 yards right down the middle. When it came down, however, it hit a sprinkler and the ball went sideways into the

He was angry, but he went into the woods and hit a very hard 2 iron which hit a tree and bounced back straight at him. It hit him in the temple and killed

He was at the Pearly Gates and St. Peter looked at the big book and said, "I see you were a golfer, is that correct?" "Yes, I am," he replied.

St. Peter then said, "Do you hit the ball a long way?"

The golfer replied, "You bet, After all, I got here in 2, didn't I?"

A man and his friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the golf course. He stops in mid swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows his head down in prayer.

His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man.

The man then replies, "yeah, well we were married for 35 years."

A wife was becoming quite worried because her husband had not arrived home on time from his regular Saturday afternoon golf game. As the hours passed she became more and more nervous. Finally, at about 8 p.m., her husband's golfing partner, Bob pulled into the driveway.

"What happened? You guys should have been back hours ago! Where's Frank?" asked the wife.

"Well, you see," replied Bob, "Frank had a heart attack at the third hole. Now don't worry, I took him to the hospital and he's going to be fine."

"Oh, my God, that's terrible, my poor Frank, to think about how he must have been suffering through all that pain," sobbed the wife.

"Oh?" Bob responded, "you think HE had it bad? What about me? How do you think I feel? Do you think I had it easy? All day long it was...hit the ball, drag Frank, hit the ball, drag Frank..."

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Swing into Spring at Dorlon Golf Club

Dorlon Golf Club in Columbia Station celebrates its 27th season with the hiring of new Superintendent Dave Hershey, CGCS (certified golf course superintendent). No stranger to the Northeast Ohio golf course community, Mr. Hershey spent the last 16 years at Sweetbriar Golf Club.

Mr. Hershey brings 25 years of golf course industry experience to Dorlon Golf Club. He also worked at Mallard Creek and Columbia Hills Country Club. Mr. Hershey is a resident of North Olmsted, and is a member of Golf Course Superintendents of America, Ohio Turf Foundation and Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The hiring of Mr. Hershey is just one more step in Dorlon Golf Club's overall \$1 million improvement campaign, as set forth by Dorlon Golf Club owner Deborah Lontor Bonham. Other Club improvements over the last several vears include a refurbished clubhouse with central air conditioning, a modern irrigation system, and golfer-friendly additions such as yardage markers, bunker additions, and tee signs with maps. The 1999 season also featured the addition of female Club Pro Jeri Reid, LPGA.

"My long-term goal for Dorlon is to make it the best public golf course around," says Mr. Hershey. "More immediately, I want to take the fairways to the next level, while maintaining the historically great greens," he

Located at 18000 Station Road in Columbia Station, Dorlon Golf Club is known for its scenic woods and large greens. It is the longest course in this part of the country, and is ranked fifth among "most challenging courses in Northern Ohio" by the Northern Ohio Golf Association. Dorlon also offers a driving range, practice chipping and putting greens, and tees for all levels long championship tees (7,154 yards), middle tees (6,475 yards), ladies tees (5,459 yards) and senior tees. This picturesque course also has 37 varieties of wild birds, including a pair of swans and redtail hawks, not to mention bug-

patrolling purple martins.

Dorlon Golf Club offers open and league play, senior discounts, outings and a fully equipped pavilion and clubhouse. And to kick-off the 2000 season, Dorlon brings back its popular Breakfast Club Special, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and breakfast for \$22 per person, Monday through Thursday before 11 a.m. (must have two riders). The course is open yearround from sunrise to sunset with tee times recommended. Call (440) 236-8234 for more information, or visit Dorlon online at www.dorlon.com

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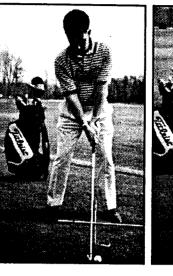
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From Mark Weitendorf

Director of Golf Insutruction The Range at Avon







Many of my students come back to me and say they are playing well with the short irons and the driver but cannot solve the long irons. The truth is that long irons are tough to hit

solidly and consistently. The reason is simply

that these clubs have less loft and more side spin. With the long irons, it's important to move the ball forward in your stance to assure that the angle of club ascent is not as steep as it is with a short iron. You want a more "sweeping" hit with the long iron. The following tips will help you to hit those long irons more consistently and solidly.

Step 1: Set up with the ball about 2" inside

behind the ball at impact.

Step 2: Make sure to keep your head

your left heel (for right-handed golfers)

Step 3: Spine angle is very important. Take this semi-upright body position and maintain it through impact. Swing around the spine. Any movement up or down of the spine will bring the club down and off the ball which creates inconsistent shots.

Step 4: Think about a nice, easy tempo to your swing. Just because it's a long iron and you are going for distance, you don't need to apply extra force to your swing. Let the club do its job.

Remember, long irons refer to the length of the club, not the length of the shot. Practice these tips with your long irons, especially the head and spine positions, and you'll see an



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The first phase of the residential development will include 76 elegant single-family homes, 50 state-of-the-art luxury cluster homes and townhomes

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Due to overwhelming interest, Kopf Builders has already begun accepting priority reservations. For further information, call Brett Kopf at (440) 933-

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Longtime Ridgeville golf league plays just for fun

By Carol Klear

Golf is a solitary sport. As the golfer approaches each hole, he checks the distance, as well as the difficulty of putting the ball where it belongs, and then he alone, decides which club will get the job done.

And that's what some golfers love about the game. Team sports are just not their bag.

But put 40 of those individual players together and you've got a league — a sort of club, or fellowship of people who all enjoy playing golf. St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville boasts of one of those special golf fraternities.

Members not only love to golf, but they love to golf together. They meet on the same night of the week for 23 weeks a year from May to September.

"I like the camaraderie and the friendships you build up," said Dennis Mackewicz, a 12-year member and president of St. Peter's Golf League. "It's a good bunch of guys who enjoy the relaxation of the Wednesday league. "Besides," he cracked, "they (Bob-O-

Link) have good beer and cheeseburg-Dave Machovina, secretary and trea-

surer of the league, has played golf since he was a youngster. Now at age 46

teen years when Avondale Golf Course in Avon, was the league's home base. For the past 20 years, club members have played at Bob-O-Link on Rt. 83, he

Long before St. Peter's League enjoyed the popularity it has today, it was a small club, said Machovina, and was known as the Knights of St. John Golf League, headed by Bernie Noll and Jim Berchack.

Around 1981, "there were about 10 guys in the league," said Machovina, and he and his dad, the late Chuck

"Dad was very instrumental in it," he

But those days are long gone and

purpose, to have a good time."

There is still healthy competition, he said, "but if they want to play cutthroat, they have to find another league.

bunch of guys who all get along, with no clicks." He said, "They all have one

its roster at 40, with a waiting list of

eight or nine. Machovina said that in

the past the membership reached as

high as 50, but "40 is a manageable 5

number." At the end of the season days

begin to wane and 40 golfers have to get

their rounds in before dark. Though not everyone in the league belongs to the church, Machovina said ≤ that 90 percent or better are present members of St. Peter's, grew up there or have some affiliation. Like Dennis Mackewicz, Machovina 8 feels the club is made up of a "great

Machovina, began building it up.

said. "He was the one people knew; he did the legwork, he did the recruiting."

today, St. Peter's Golf League closes out We just have fun."

Golf & the internet ... It's .com-ing.

By Bridget Byam Novak, Sports Writer GCGN

Just when you think you've had enough of .com, GCGN finds the web site suited for the traveling golf enthusiast and for those who prefer to stay in northeast Ohio. At GolfSchedule.com and Golf-o-rama.com, customers get it all - everything you need to enter any tournament, and more!

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Allen Freeman Enterprises can be reached by phone at 1-800-995-9990 or by e-mail at golf-o-rama.com. "I'm encouraging club pros and tournament directors to keep us informed of their golf events. This helps keep the web site updated and current for our clients." Freeman added.

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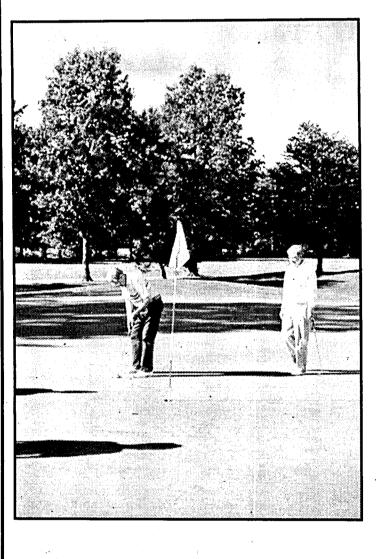
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