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#### From the Publishers

**MAY 2019** 

Mothers. Tom and I have been without our mom's now for quite a few years and there is nothing that could replace one more kiss goodnight, a warm batch of madefrom-scratch cookies or one more conversation. If your mom is still with you, please reach out with a bit more love this month, a few extra phone calls or visits - and of course, a big bunch of spring flowers! How

lucky we have all been to have loved and been loved by the indomitable spirits of our Mothers! Speaking of mothers, my baby girl turns 15 this

month! This may sound biased, but I think we raised a good one! Being just a 'tad older' than the other parents, we may have stuck with some of the more old-fashioned ways of parenting - no phone until high school, chores every Saturday done *right*, consequences for behaviors, no special menu, no talking back to adults, church every Sunday and no late homework! She is a straight A student, sings in church choir, self-taught herself ukulele and piano and apologizes after she has a bout of teenage hormones. We love that girl! Good behavior does deserve some spoiling!



Spring tragedy comes in the form of a beautiful Blue Heron beast decimating our pond supply of Comet fish (similar to Koi). We started with five fish about six years ago which turned into a beautiful school of at least 50. After chasing the Heron out numerous times and netting the pond, we are down to seven fish!! I know they are protected by the DNR but if I ever get my hands on that thing I would love to roast him!! Beautiful huge birds to watch out my patio window but GO AWAY and stop eating my fish!

A Celebration

of Mothers

Jeanne Draelos

(Tom's mom) and

Helen Hill (my mom)

1950s

Preparing for the summer means preparing for Greekfest at State Fair Park (June 21-23). Tom and I are in charge of the chicken dinner tent so stop in, say hi and enjoy some great spit-roasted chicken and of course some Greek hospitality - we just might have to kiss you and do a shot of Ouzo!

I have stored my snow boots for the last time this spring. The first breeze that smells like summer sunshine... the handful of daffodils on the kitchen table... fresh sheets on the clothes line... the sound of earthworms working their magic in the garden at night... and that first scream of dismay when you see your winter legs slip into shorts for the first time!

Our spring issue welcomes in those transitional seasons. No matter the hardships that come our way or the joys that slip unnoticed into our days - life is good, the sun is warm and attitude is always a choice! Do you plant a garden? Feed the neighborhood birds and squirrels? Chat with neighbors at the mailbox? Or just quietly enjoy the fresh scents and colors?

Embrace. Enjoy. Plant your seeds.

LIFE. Enjoy it!

Sandy and Tom Draelos

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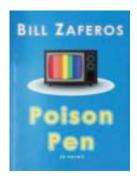
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#### Bipolar Author Bill Zaferos Channeled Mental Illness Into Creativity

Book Release/Fundraiser to be Held May 15 at the Marcus Center



Author Bill Zaferos did not know he was suffering from bipolar disorder when he wrote his first novel, *Poison Pen*, in 2000. All he knew was that the title popped into his head and he became driven to write day and night. The book will be released May 15 with an event at the Marcus Center.

The plot of *Poison Pen* centers on Jerry Most, the acerbic host of the game show *Die Trying*,in which contestants perform death-defying acts to win fabulous prizes. The dangerous stunts never really work but the highly popular show gives Most riches beyond his belief. Still, his wealth isn't enough to keep him happy and he sinks into a dangerous depression. Seeking solace on a cross-country trip during the show's summer hiatus, he winds up in Hammertown, a miserable Wisconsin burg, where he decides to end it all while getting drunk in a local bar.

Called a "brilliant tour de force" by Pulitzer Prize winning author Thomas Peele, *Poison Pen* is a tale of redemption that offers an off-beat look at American culture as well as life, death and the deeper meaning of '60s television shows like *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

Author Nick Chiarkis said: "Poison Pen by Bill Zaferos is a page-turner. Mr. Zaferos is a wonderful storyteller and masterful writer. This is a ride you don't want to miss. You will cheer and laugh, and at times choke up with tears. I did not want the story to end. Bravo, Mr. Zaferos."

Bill Zaferos is a first-time author and writer who managed to channel his mental illness into creativity by writing *Poison Pen* during a manic high. He wrote the novel in

a few months and then left it on a closet shelf for 15 years before allowing friends and family to read it. With their encouragement, Zaferos finally sought publication of the novel.

Zaferos is a former newspaper political reporter, political consultant and public relations and advertising executive. He lives in downtown Milwaukee – *not* the suburbs – with his wife, Tracey Carson.

"A Night for NAMI Poison Pen Book Launch" Wednesday, May 15. VIP reception at 5:30 in Conference Room A and an interview/audience Q&A with Zaferos at 7 pm in the rehearsal hall. Proceeds for the event will go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Greater Milwaukee. Tickets are available on the Poison Pen website (poisonpenbook.com) as well as the Marcus Center ticket office (marcuscenter.org) and Amazon.



Bill Zaferos, author of "Poison Pen."

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#### May 10th

#### Student Designer Fashion Show

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#### May 10th-19th

#### The Miracle Worker

First Stage at Milwaukee Youth Arts Center The Tony Award winning play exploring the true story of Helen Keller. Suggested for families and young people ages 12+

#### May 11th

#### Household Electronics and Appliance Recycling Event

City of New Berlin

16550 W National Ave

TV and CRT monitors cash charge, but items such as keyboards, laptops, printers, cell phones, air conditioners, stoves and more are able to be dropped off at no fee

#### May 11th

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Henry W. Maier Festival Park

Join us as we walk to end breast cancer! 3 mile walk brings together over 7,000 Milwaukee community members to make a difference for everyone who has been touched by breast cancer. Register at www.makingstrideswalk.org/milwaukeewi

#### May 15th

#### Canoeing for Beginners

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#### May 16th

#### Loving Life on a Plant-Based Diet Hands on Cooking Class

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#### May 16th

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#### May 17-18th

#### **Full Moon Canoe**

Meet at the Milwaukee Rowing Club Boathouse (1990 N Commerce St.) Paddle down the Milwaukee River with UWM's Planetarium Director, Jean Creighton while enjoying the full moon and learning about the sky above from an expert astronomer. Registration and non-refundable payment of \$40 required by 5pm the day before the event. Personal boats are not allowed. 414-964-8505 x131

#### May 17-19th

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#### May 17-19th

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#### May 18th

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#### May 18-19th

#### Annual Rock & Gem Show

Hart Park Muellner Building, 10-5 pm Wisconsin Geological Society Dealer and club sales, kids activities, exhibits, door prizes, \$3 admission. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking

#### May 19th

Milwaukee Makers Market Ivy House 906 S Barclay St

An array of established crafters and hobbyists, freelance designers, artists, performance artists, weekend warriors, full time makers and small business owners

#### May 19th

#### Palaèinka Breakfast

Sacred Heart Croatian Catholic Parish 917 North 49th Street

8:30 AM–12:30pm Share the Croatian culture and eat homemade foods. Traditional inexpensive a la carte breakfast at Sacred Heart Hall includes palaèinka (crepes) served plain, jam filled or baked cheese filled, žganci (seasoned corn meal) sausage and sauerkraut. Oh yes, sauerkraut for breakfast! All welcome!

#### May 20th

9:30-11am

Milwaukee West Suburban Women's Connection invites you to **brunch and speaker** Ruth Catlett, "There's Trouble In River City." Davian's Banquet & Conference Center. \$15 Reservations (262) 251-3841. All welcome

#### May 20th

#### Caves Underground – A Unique Beer Pairing Experience

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#### June 1st

Milwaukee Highland Games Hart Park, Wauwatosa Scottish food, dance, athletics and more

#### June 1st

#### Spring on Brady - Annual Art Walk

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#### June 1-2

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#### June 2nd

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#### June 2-9th

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#### June 14-16th

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#### June 21-22nd

#### Bark Lake Multifamily Rummage Sale Scenic and Bark Lake Rd, Hubertus

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#### 4 Can't-Miss Spring Festivals in Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, spring festival season kicks off as soon as the temperature hits 30 degrees. Whether you're a fan of rare mushrooms or garage sales, Wisconsin has the festival for you! Check out some of the most popular events happening around the state this season.

By Sam Kislia



#### 100 Mile Garage Sale – Pepin May 2- May 5

Each year in May, 100 miles of the Great River Road between Fountain City and Prescott are transformed into a rummager's paradise. Individuals and local businesses take the opportunity to clean out their attics and stockrooms and price their wares to sell! There

isn't a master list of every sale along the route, so you have to keep an eye out for the ribbons marking which sales are participating – almost like a scavenger hunt! Whether you're looking for a great price or are keeping your eyes peeled for something you didn't even know you needed, you're sure to find it along the famous 100 Mile Garage Sale.

#### Downtown Baraboo Fair on the Square – Baraboo May 11 and Oct 12. 9am-4pm

Every spring, Baraboo's charming downtown comes alive with art, music, and delicious food. Art Fair on the Square

draws more than 150 artists and crafters to put their unique talents on display. You'll see everything from hand blown glass, metalwork sculptures, intricate pottery, and plenty more. The main attraction may be the local artists, but there's even more to be found at Art Fair on the Square. Be sure to take a stroll through the farmer's market where local growers also put the fruits of their labor on display. Once you've worked up an appetite, grab some grub from a local vendor and stop to enjoy live music surrounded by beautiful art and great company.



#### Morel Mushroom Festival – Muscoda May 18, 2019 – Sun, May 19

The uniquely challenging growing conditions of morel mushrooms make it impossible for them to be harvested commercially, so they've become something of a rare delicacy. One place you won't have to hunt for them is at Muscoda's Morel Mushroom Festival, where local growers and mushroom enthusiasts alike gather to trade thousands of

pounds of these delectable morsels. Head to mushroom headquarters, where you can sample of sautéed morels while supplies last. You can also find them prepared in plenty of other ways too - we highly recommend giving the morel bratwurst a taste test! Be sure to check out the craft fair and carnival before catching the fireworks display after the sun sets.

#### Ho-Chunk Pow-Wow – Black River Falls May 25-26

Each Memorial Day, the Ho-Chunk tribe invites the public to a pow-wow as a celebration of thanks and camaraderie. Listen closely and the thundering drums will lead you straight to the action at Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-



wow grounds. Throughout the pow-wow, you'll marvel as singers, dancers, and drummers perform traditional tribal music in vibrant ceremonial garb. Maybe they'll even invite you to join in! Grab some delicious fry bread and don't miss this opportunity to experience an authentic Ho-Chunk tradition firsthand.



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#### The MOREL of the Story:

#### Start Foraging!

When spring weather sets in Wisconsin, morel mushrooms are at its peak season, making the art of foraging for this pricey delicacy irresistible



The generally cool, moist spring temperatures of Western Wisconsin provide an idyllic nurturing ground The fresh Morel season is very short typically lasting only a few weeks in April or May. Based on this year's chilly conditions, the Morel season to favor a mid-May crop.

Many pickers have their own secret patches that have been passed down from generation to generation and are closely guarded secrets. A good Morel patch can earn a picker hundreds of dollars in a day.

The mushrooms are most likely to be found under dying trees, most favorably the elm.

The time to look for Morels according to the old timers "when the oak leaves are the size of a mouse's ear." Morels start emerging from late March through May under specific temperature and moisture demands. Night temperatures must average around 40 degrees and day temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees. Too much rain or too little and the morel season can be a bust.

East-facing hillsides of the Driftless Region and bluff country adjacent to the Mississippi River have been known to produce the finest morels available due to the high levels of limestone. But scattered around on forest ridge tops and lowlands alike, there isn't much rhyme or reason to where Morels can be found. My brother found some in his backyard!

Morel Mushrooms are one of the most prized, wild, edible mushrooms in the world. The highly prized culinary originally arose from a common ancestor in western North America...about 174 to 100 million years ago." They can be as tiny as a grain of rice or over a foot tall, and range in color from yellow to grey, brown, or black. Despite these variations, morels are easily identified by their completely hollow body and their honeycomb textured caps.

They're also ideal to forage because the mighty morel refuses to be tamed. While a patent for cultivating morels has existed since 1986, growers have struggled to produce a mushroom with the same flavor as the wild ones, so foraging retains its appeal. It's also legal to harvest edible fruits and nuts, wild mushrooms, wild asparagus and watercress for personal consumption on public lands, including state parks, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

Morel prices vary a bit from year to year, depending on availability and demand. Check around, online, or at the markets. Average retail prices can range from \$35 to \$125 per pound. Foragers can easily sell them for \$20 a pound and up.



#### False Morels - and toxic!

A seasoned mushroom hunter usually won't have a problem making this identification. If you slice an edible morel open from top to bottom it will be hollow inside. A non-edible one will usually be filled with wispy cotton-like fibers or chunks of tissue. Always consult a local expert if you're inexperienced or uncertain. Never eat a mushroom based solely on mushroom pictures that you've seen on the Internet! Mushroom-appreciation.com

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#### WHY DAY CAMP?



#### Children learn life skills that become habits of the heart

It's tough to be a kid these days. It's tough to be a parent. In a society where the nature of the family, the work place, and the community have changed dramatically, we can no longer assume that the natural process of growing up will provide children the experiences and the resources they need to become successful, contributing adults. In sharp contrast to the traditions of growing up in the 50s and 60s, today we live in the first moment when humans receive more of their information second-hand than first! We are in a climate where it is harder to know what we need to survive, so drawing on experiences that give children healthy alternatives and opportunities to instill capabilities, the hallmarks of thriving, is the greatest gift you can give a young child.

Does it really matter if my child doesn't go to day camp, especially since she will go to overnight camp in a few years? She is only four years old — why does she need day camp?

Camp provides one of the very few links with a world larger than the consumer culture we inhabit — and day camp is one important choice in a quiver of options. The camp experience helps children and youth develop an appreciation of their place and their responsibility in a much larger universe. A preschooler — or even an older child who might be reluctant to go to overnight camp — can join a community that is created especially for her to practice growing up. Why wait until age ten when the benefits of

feeling connected and being able to contribute and navigate at an earlier age can be reaped? Under the supervision of inspiring guides and passionate coaches, children can feel successful and make new friends while having the time of their lives; they can experience belonging and contribution; they can have a sense of consistency and predictability in times of turbulence and change.

Day camp can begin as early as age three, and is geared to children who get to experience camp and still return home each evening! They have the best of both worlds — the camp community which is built exclusively for kids and their own home

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which provides the security they need at a tender age.

One day camp parent said, "While my children and I are constantly bombarded by the news which is focused on what is wrong with the world, camp is a living example of what is right."

Day camp is a terrific first experience. Reminiscent of less complicated days, when people connected with nature, thrived on inter-generational relationships, and made new discoveries, everything is designed and scaled to ensure that children feel included, cared about, and capable. Beginning camp at an early age provides important advantages.

Camp is the best demonstration of moral and spiritual order — democracy is the core purpose. Children learn life skills and behaviors that become habits of the heart. While many then move on to overnight camp, others will be content to continue the day camp experience: after all, there is a camp for everyone — and that might well be day camp!

To learn more about camp and child development, please visit the American Camp Association's family at www.ACAcamps.org

# Top 10 Reasons to Give the Gift of a Summer Experience

Camp is truly a life-changing experience — one that provides a lifetime of memories, and develops real life skills needed to be a leader in today's changing world. And let's be honest, those kids need to be busy during summer for our own sanity! So here are ten reasons to give the gift (for any occasion) of camp:



- 10. Gift-wrapping a pony has never been easy. Trust us, we've tried.
- 9. Aunt Maude's fruitcake is still on the top shelf of the pantry.
- 8. 41% of toys and presents given during the December holidays are broken by March.
- 7. No waiting in line! The average shopper spends 25% of gift shopping time in line.
- 6. No assembly or batteries required.
- 5. Camp helps boost confidence!
- 4. From insects to vegetation and woodland critters to fish, the camp experience surrounds children with nature and develops a hands-on appreciation for the environment and the natural world.
- 3. Friends come in all shapes and sizes. The camp experience helps develop authentic friendships and a sense of community, while making children more aware of the world around them.
- 2. Camp helps stem summer learning loss. According to the National Summer Learning Association, most children experience some degree of learning loss in the summer months. Research has shown that participation in an experiential education program, like camp, has a positive effect on children while helping to stem learning loss.
- 1. Camp is FUN!

Families ready to give the gift of camp can visit www.ACAcamps.org for resources, expert advice, or ACA's *Find A Camp* database of over 2,400 ACA-accredited® camps. A printable gift certificate is also available — families can tuck it in a new backpack, roll it in a new sleeping bag, or wrap it around a new flashlight.











### May is National Foster Care Month

For 31 days each year, the nation's attention shifts to focus on the stories of children and families whose lives have been affected by foster care.

The pivot is intentional — and dates back to 1988 when President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation establishing May as National Foster Care Month. Today, this precedent endures. It recognizes the needs of kids and youth in foster care and celebrates the many supporters who are making a powerful and positive difference in their lives.

#### Some facts related to foster care....

- A child enters foster care every two minutes.
- More than 430,000 children and youth are in foster care on any given day.
- Most kids in care 61% enter the system due to neglect.
- The average child in care is about 8 years old.
- Children spend, on average, 20 months in care.
- Kids in care are predominantly white (44%) or African-American (23%).
- One in every five kids in care is Hispanic or Latino (of any race).
- More than 117,000 children and youth are waiting to be adopted.
- Nearly half 45% of kids in care joined a household of non-relatives for their most recent placement.
- More than half 55% of kids in care are seeking to reunite with their main parent or caretaker, according to their care plan goal.
- Former foster children are almost twice as likely as combat veterans to suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

For thousands of Americans, the focus on foster care does not fade with the month of May. To help support three groups who navigate the system every day — kids in care, foster parents and child welfare professionals, please call 1-800-660-9204.



# A Mother's FACTS OF LIFE

#### or Things I've Learned From My Children

- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house, 4 inches deep.
- A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words 'uh oh', it's already too late.
- Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
- A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old Man says they can only do it in the movies.
- Certain Lego's will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old boy.
   Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
- Super glue is forever.
- No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- · Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
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"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free Let us all be grateful for a land so fair As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer God bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam God bless America, my home sweet home

Irving Berlin wrote the song "God Bless America" in 1918 while serving in the U.S. Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York. With the rise of Adolf Hitler, Berlin, who was Jewish and had arrived in America from Russia at the age of five, felt it was time to revive it as a "peace song," and it was introduced on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938, sung by Kate Smith on her radio show. Berlin had made some minor changes; by this time, "to the right" might have been considered a call to the political right, so he substituted "through the night" instead. "God Bless America" takes the form of a prayer (intro lyrics "as we raise our voices, in a solemn prayer") for God's blessing and peace for the nation ("...stand beside her and guide her...").

As Irving Berlin's daughter Mary Ellin Barrett said, "I came to understand that it wasn't 'God Bless America, land that we love.' It was 'God bless America, land that I love.' It was an incredibly personal statement that my father was making, that anybody singing that song makes as they sing it. And I understood that that song was his 'thank you' to the country that had taken him in. It was the song of the immigrant boy who made good."



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#### FINANCE OUFSTIONS ANSWERS



### Making Investment Decisions

Are your choices based on evidence or emotion?

**Information vs. instinct.** When it comes to investing, many people believe they have a "knack" for choosing good investments. But what exactly is that "knack" based on? The fact is, the choices we make with our assets can be strongly influenced by factors, many of them emotional, that we may not even be aware of.

Deal du jour. You've heard the whispers, the "next greatest thing" is out there, and you can get on board, but only if you hurry. Sound familiar? The prospect of being on the ground floor of the next big thing can be thrilling. But while there really are great new opportunities out there once in a while, those "hot new investments" can often go south quickly. Jumping on board without all the information can be a bit like gambling in Vegas: the payoff could be huge, but so could the loss. A shrewd investor will turn away from spur-of-the-moment trends and seek out solid, proven investments with consistent returns.

Risky business. Many people claim not to be risk-takers, but that isn't always the case. Most proficient investors aren't reluctant to take a risk, they're reluctant to accept a loss. Yes, there's a difference. The first step is to establish what constitutes an acceptable risk by determining what you're willing to lose. The second step is to always bear in mind the final outcome. If taking a risk could help you retire five years sooner, would you take it? What if the loss involved working an extra ten years before retiring; is it still a good risk? By weighing both the potential gain and the potential loss, while keeping your final goals in mind, you can more wisely assess what constitutes an acceptable risk.

You can't always know what's coming. Some investors attempt to predict the future based on the past. As we all know, just because a stock rose yesterday, that doesn't mean it will rise again today. We know this, but often we "shrug off" this knowledge in favor of hunches. Instead of stock picking, you can exercise a little caution and seek out investments with the potential for consistent returns.

The gut-driven investor. Some investors tend to pull out of investments the moment they lose money, then invest again once they feel "driven" to do so. While they may do some research, they are ultimately acting on impulse. This method of investing may result in huge losses.

Eliminating emotion. Many investors "stir up" their investments when major events happen, including births, marriages, or deaths. They seem to get a renewed interest in their stocks and/or begin to second-guess the effectiveness of their long-term plans. It's a case of action-reaction: they invest in response to short-term needs instead of their long-term financial goals. The more often this happens, the more incoherent their so-called "financial strategy" becomes. If the financial changes they make are really dramatic, it can lead to catastrophe. Many times, there is no need to fix what isn't broken or turn away from what they've done right. By enlisting the assistance of a fiduciary financial professional (and relying on their skill and expertise), you can be sure that investment decisions are based on facts and made to suit your long-term objectives rather than your personal, changing emotions or short-term needs.

Do you have a financial question for Tim? He can be contacted at (262)369-5200, emailed at info@aegiswi.com, or on his website at www.aegiswi.com. Timothy M. Stasinoulias is the Founder and CEO of Aegis Wealth Advisors, LLC, a Fiduciary Financial Advisory firm in Hartland, WI. Tim and his team specialize in providing insightful and objective financial guidance to individuals, families, and small business owners.

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~Thomas A. Edison



# **OFFICE ERGONOMICS**

Your how-to guide

By Mayo Clinic Staff

If you sit behind a desk for hours at a time, you're not doomed to a career of neck and back pain or sore wrists and fingers. Proper office ergonomics including correct chair height, adequate equipment spacing and good desk posture- can help you and your joints stav comfortable at work.

CHAIR. Choose a chair that supports your spinal curves. Adjust the height of your chair so that your feet rest flat on the floor or on a footrest and your thighs are parallel to the floor. Adjust armrests so your arms gently rest on them with your shoulders relaxed.

**KEY OBJECTS.** Keep key objects - such as your telephone, stapler or printed materials - close to your body to minimize reaching. Stand up to reach anything that can't be comfortably reached while sitting.

KEYBOARD and MOUSE. Place your mouse within easy reach and on the same surface as your keyboard. While typing or using your mouse, keep your wrists straight, your upper arms close to your body, and your hands at or slightly below the level of your elbows. Use keyboard shortcuts to reduce extended mouse use. If possible, adjust the sensitivity of the mouse so you can use a light touch to operate it. Alternate the hand you use to operate the mouse by moving the mouse to the other side of your keyboard.

**TELEPHONE.** If you frequently talk on the phone and type or write at the same time, place your phone on speaker or use a headset rather than cradling the phone between your head and neck.

**FOOTREST.** If your chair is too high for you to rest your feet flat on the floor — or the height of your desk requires you to raise the height of your chair — use a footrest. If a footrest is not available, try using a small stool or a stack of sturdy books instead.

**DESK.** Under the desk, make sure there's clearance for your knees, thighs and feet. If the desk is too low and can't be adjusted, place sturdy boards or blocks under the desk legs. If the desk is too high and can't be adjusted, raise your chair. Use a footrest to support your feet as needed. If your desk has a hard edge, pad the edge or use a wrist rest. Don't store items under your desk.

**MONITOR.** Place the monitor directly in front of you, about an arm's length away. The top of the screen should be at or slightly below eye level. The monitor should be directly behind your keyboard. If you wear bifocals, lower the monitor an additional 1 to 2 inches for more comfortable viewing. Place your monitor so that the brightest light source is to the side.

#### **EXPERIMENTS**

Try these for a work environment that supports good health and posture. Set a timer and get up every 30 minutes. Take a walk to the water fountain, to a meeting, whatever. Just move a bit.

Ask a colleague to take a picture of you at your workstation and check to see if it supports well-aligned posture (eyes looking straight, neck not bent, forearms parallel to the floor, low back in its natural curve).

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#### Senate Candidate William Proxmire **Refused Campaign Contributions**

By Michael Edmonds, Wisconsin Historical Society



Proxmire shaking hands at the State Fair

Politians and special interest groups will spend millions to billions on today's campaign trails. Compare that to Senator William Proxmire's campaigns...

"We spent under two hundred dollars," recalled Proxmire's chief of staff, Ron Tammen, about the 1976 and 1982 elections, "No staff, no advertising. The only money we spent was for stamps to send letters back to people who had sent us money on their own.

"Somebody in Eau Claire sends us ten dollars and we'd have to write Mrs. Jones a let-

ter back and say, 'Very thoughtful of you, but I'm not taking any money.'

When lobbyists delivered Christmas baskets, Proxmire gave them to food pantries. In 1983 he denounced donations from special interests as legalized bribery:

"Most of these PACs are run by hard-eyed realists. They know what they want and how to go about getting it. They are operated as a business and contributions are an investment. Those investments are expected to pay a return.'

His solution? Just say no. Don't take campaign contributions and buy media time. Meet voters face-to-face.

"Whenever he was in town," Matt Flynn remembered, "he'd go wherever there was a crowd and just stand there. He kept a clicker in his left pocket and at the end of the day, he'd write down how many hands he'd shaken... I've never met anybody who lived in Wisconsin during that time that hadn't shaken his hand."





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The iceberg head lettuce is the most common lettuce in the U.S. They grow mostly in California and Arizona since they need warmer weather. Iceberg lettuce is a very popular salad choice, but it doesn't have many nutrients. R<mark>omaine, endi</mark>ve, and <mark>leaf lettuce offer mor</mark>e vitam<mark>in A,</mark> B, an<mark>d C th</mark>an iceberg. Romaine, endive, and butter head lettuce also have folate, which help prevent birth defect, and decrease heart disease.

**Leaf lettuce**. Leaf lettuce comes in many colors, from emerald green to dark maroon. Textures range from rounded edges to frills and ruffles. One and a-half cup of chopped up red leaf lettuce gives you 40% of vitamin A, 6% of vitamin C, 4% of calcium, and 1 gram of protein.



Romaine lettuce. This lettuce is packed with nutrients. The romaine lettuce is high in vitamin A, vitamin C, and beta-carotene which make it a heart-healthy green. The vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients, and fiber found in romaine lettuce are good for many common health problems. Two cups of this shredded lettuce give you 55% of vitamin A, 19% of vitamin C, 2% of iron, and

1 gram of protein. Romaine lettuce not only helps protect the heart, it can support normal cholesterol levels, and blood pressure.

Butter-head lettuce. This lettuce is a good source of vitamins, magnesium, calcium, potassium, and iron. One cup of this shredded lettuce has 36% of vitamin A, 3% of vitamin C, 2% of calcium, and 4% of iron. Boston lettuce makes an excellent substitute for this butter-head lettuce also.



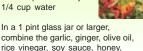


Endive Lettuce. Curved, and wavy leaves make for an interesting look in your salad. The endive provides potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron, zinc, vitamins B, C, folate, and

Endive is rich in compounds that help boost the immune system, detoxify the body, promote regularity, lower the risk of cataracts, and protect the heart.

#### **Ginger Salad Dressing**

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup water



and water. Cover the jar with a tight fitting lid, and shake well. Remove lid, heat jar in the microwave for 1 minute just to dissolve

#### **Caesar Salad Dressing**

- 6 cloves garlic, peeled 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 5 anchovy fillets, minced
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice salt to taste

ground black pepper to taste 1/4 cup olive oil

Mince 3 cloves of garlic, and combine in a small bowl with mayonnaise, anchovies, 3 tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese, Worcestershire



sauce, mustard, and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Refrigerate.

#### French Salad Dressing



1 cup vegetable oil 3/4 cup white wine vinegar 1 cup white sugar 1/2 cup ketchup

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

1 onion, chopped

Prepare dressing in a large jar with a tight fitting lid. Add the oil, vinegar, sugar, ketchup, salt, Worcestershire sauce and onion. Shake until the sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate and shake well before using.



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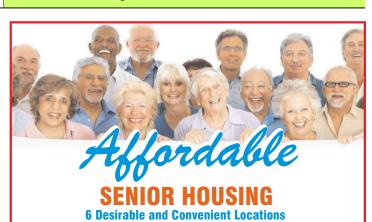
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Lettuce loves the sunlight though it can be grown easily in a partially shaded area. If the sun is intense try to place the pot in a spot that receives only a few hours of morning sun.

Once the lettuce leaves have reached the height of 4-6? (the baby green size perfect for cut and come again method) or according to your desired size, either pick the outer leaves individually or harvest them by cutting the leaves off 1-2 inches from above the base. Don't cut into or below the crown or else your plant will die. This way the plant will grow back and you'll be able to harvest it again.

#### LETTUCE WRAPS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha, optional
- 1 (8-ounce) water chestnuts, drained and diced
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 head butter lettuce (or lettuce of choice)



Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium high heat. Add ground chicken and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the chicken as it cooks; drain excess fat. Stir in garlic, onion, hoisin sauce, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, ginger and Sriracha until onions have become translucent, about 1-2 minutes.

Stir in chestnuts and green onions until tender, about 1-2 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste.

To serve, spoon several tablespoons of the chicken mixture into the center of a lettuce leaf, taco-style.

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It's true, the scale can only give you a numerical reflection of your relationship with gravity. That's it. It cannot measure beauty, talent, purpose, life force, possibility, strength, or love. Don't give the scale more power than it has earned. Take note of the number and adjust yourself for good health, then get off the scale and live your life. You are beautiful!"

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# Fraud, False Advertising, and Misrepresentation Claims in Home Sales

# How The Spring Melt Can Lead to a Flood of Litigation for Wisconsin Home Sellers

By Russell J. Karnes

Most people are relieved and ready to move on to the next phase of their lives after going through the long and stressful process of selling a home. Buyers and sellers typically have had very little direct interaction with each other during the sale process, and most sellers assume that they will never hear from the buyers again.

But as sure as the first warm sunny day will melt the winter snow, so too will Wisconsin's real estate litigation start heating up this spring. Because with all that melting snow comes another sure sign of spring in Wisconsin: damp and leaky basements. In some cases, last season's real estate buyers are surprised to find out that their new home's basement is no longer dry. So some buyers decide to sue the sellers after realizing how much it's going to cost to fix their leaky basements.

Sellers are often shocked when they receive a demand letter from a lawyer sent on behalf of the buyers; or worse yet, when they are served with a summons and complaint alleging breach of contract, false advertising under § 100.18, and fraud or misrepresentation under § 895.446 and § 943.20. Sellers assume that because they filled out a real estate condition report at the time of sale disclosing what they knew about the property, that they should be immune from lawsuits.

However, even when sellers filled out a real estate condition report, buyers and their lawyers may still be demanding thousands of dollars as compensation to fix damp or leaky basements, cracked foundations, or other property condition defects that were supposedly never disclosed by the sellers. Buyers may also be demanding treble (three times) and exemplary (punitive) damages and requesting that the sellers reimburse them for their attorneys' fees. All this can lead to a large judgment against the sellers if they don't respond and defend themselves in court.

What can sellers do to protect and defend themselves after being accused of failing to disclose defects or misrepresenting the condition of their home?

After sellers get over the initial outrage and disbelief of being accused of fraud or misrepresentation by the buyers, they are left to wonder how to respond to the buyers' demand letter or lawsuit? That's why sellers need experienced Wisconsin real estate and civil litigation attorneys on their side to help them through this difficult process.

If you find yourself in need of the advice of a Milwaukee or Wisconsin real estate attorney with a failure to disclose, breach of contract, false advertising, fraud or misrepresentation claim, contact one of the attorneys at Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin and Brown LLP to discuss your case. Call 414-271-1440 and schedule a consultation today. www.grgblaw.com



#### EARTH TALK

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Even though pesticides may take an environmental toll, isn't it worth it given how many more mouths we can feed thanks to their use?

As human populations swelled, these "advances" were applied around the world so farmers could grow more food to feed the hungry masses and stave off widespread famine. This transition from essentially organic farming practices to what we now consider "conventional" (that is, aided by chemicals) has been dubbed "The Green Revolution." But "green" in the name doesn't mean it's been good for the environment.

Chemical fertilizers are synthetic or inorganic materials added to soil to aid in plant life. Pesticides kill insects or other organisms that are harmful to crops, while herbicides kill any unwelcomed vegetation that may affect their growth. According to data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American farmers use upwards of a billion pounds of pesticides every year. Meanwhile, the United Nations reports that globally we use about five

times that.

Indeed, the widespread adoption of these synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides has done a great job at boosting crop efficiency to feed more and more of us. For example, India was on the brink of a mass famine in the 1960s due to rapid population growth. Using the techniques of the green revolution, Indian farmers were able to grow enough produce and rice to stave off widespread starvation. Another advantage of pesticide use in India and elsewhere has been the prevention of disease, because pesticides kill insects carrying viruses that could be passed onto the crops.

However, pesticides not only kill the pests but also the natural enemies of those pests. In nature, everything is balanced out. Indeed, there is no free lunch, as pests respond to treatment by breeding stronger offspring that are resistant to these chemicals, and with natural predators gone, these pests will quickly multiply, which is why the need for pesticides to kill these pests keeps increasing.

Furthermore, persistent organic pollutants, also known as "POPs," are highly toxic pesticides and chemicals that do not decompose. They poison non-target organisms in the environment because they are passed through the food chain (bioaccumulate). Consumption of POPs disrupts the endocrine system and is linked to cancer and infertility in humans. Pesticides also take a toll on our environment, contaminating water and soil. Along with insects, pesticides are also toxic to fish, birds, frogs and more.

Pesticide use is very controversial and should be taken seriously. While here at home, the EPA has banned many pesticides that are harmful to our environment and our health (though the battle for safer food rages on), in many other countries agricultural oversight and environmental regulations are non-existent or unenforced. Fortunately, we can all be part of the solution by eschewing conventionally grown foods and opting for organic varieties whenever we can. While growing your own food is one sure way to know that what you're eating is safe, you can also find an increasingly large amount of organic food in your local supermarket, let alone at a Whole Foods near you. Another great way to eat healthier and organic is to shop at local farmers' market. Find one near you by searching the free online database maintained by the nonprofit Local Harvest.

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The health and wellness experts from the Mayo Clinic Healthy Living Program recommend using the pool to explore both aerobics and resistance training. You'll quickly discover these two pool-centric secrets.

- 1. Water is more resistant than air. Water is significantly denser than air by almost 800 times. That means you can build muscle strength as you move through water. One study found that a long-term water exercise program was actually more effective than working out on land to build muscle strength.
- 2. Water buoyancy protects your joints and provides support. Water workouts are popular with all age groups. They're especially helpful for anyone
- recovering from surgery or an injury. The pool offers a safe spot to keep moving just pick your favorite aerobic activity, or join a class. Heated pools are a plus: They'll help warm up your joints and muscles quickly.
- **3.** People with chronic illnesses and joint problems may really benefit from time in the pool, too. Research has shown that joint-friendly aquatic exercise can improve physical functioning in adults over 50.

#### Common water aerobic exercises include:

Running or jogging. Great for cardiovascular fitness, as well as easing back into a running program after an injury.

Water walking. Typically done in waist-deep water, swinging your arms at your sides just as you do when you walk on land.

Aerobics classes. Offer a mix of exercises such as leg lifts, kickboarding, lunges and jumping jacks.



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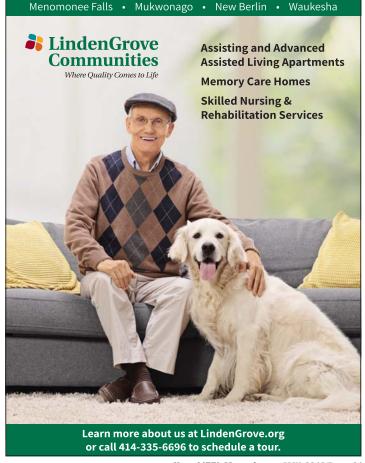
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#### Ocular migraines can be a frightening experience

by Cheryl L. Dejewski

#### What is an ocular migraine?

Ocular or ophthalmic ("of or related to the eye") migraines sound serious, but fortunately, in most cases, they are more frightening than harmful. The term "migraine" usually defines a severe type of headache. Ocular migraines, however, are relatively common and may or may not be associated with a headache. And, interestingly, they do not originate in the eyes. They begin in the brain, but the symptoms are visual because they affect the visual cortex (the part of the brain responsible for sight).

#### What are the symptoms?

Ocular migraines affect both eyes at once and can cause a variety of symptoms, including:

- Seeing shimmering, metallic zigzags and/or stars in front of your eyes
- Seeing flashes of light
- Feeling as if you are staring through a shattered piece of glass
- Having blind spots in your field of vision. (The blind spots tend to start small, then expand, with your vision clearing in the center as the spot enlarges.)

#### How long do they last?

The visual symptoms of ocular migraine episodes usually last about 20-30 minutes before vision returns to normal. See illustrations at right.-

#### Are precautions needed?

Your vision is significantly compromised during an ophthalmic migraine attack or episode. If sharp vision is essential for your safety, you should stop what you are doing immediately. If you are driving, pull over until the ocular migraine passes and your vision has cleared. If you experience ocular migraines with regularity, consider avoiding driving at the times of day when they typically seem to occur.

#### Why do they happen?

It is thought that ocular migraines might be the result of the body's neurological responses to certain triggers, such as hormonal changes, flashing lights, or chemicals in foods or medications. As a result of the migraine process, there may be constriction of blood flow to the area of the brain responsible for vision (the visual cortex or occipital lobe). The resulting ocular migraine can produce visual symptoms (often without a headache).

#### Are they a concern?

Although frightening, ocular migraines are generally harmless. They typically cause no permanent visual or brain damage.

#### Is treatment necessary?

Ocular migraines are nearly impossible to impact once they have begun. Fortunately, however, they typically do not require treatment.







- 1. An ocular migraine typically begins with a small blind spot (scotoma) in your central vision.
- 2. As the blind spot expands, bright, flickering lights or shimmering zig-zag lines may appear inside it.
- 3. The blind spot usually enlarges and spreads across your field of vision. Eventually, your vision will clear from the center outward. The entire process may take as long as 20-30 minutes.

#### Should I call my doctor?

It's a good idea to call your eye care specialist when you have any new or unusual vision symptoms, especially if only one eye is affected. They can ask questions to determine if a comprehensive exam is needed to make sure that a benign trigger (like an ocular migraine, floaters or flashes) really is/was the cause of the "fireworks" behind your eyes and not a more serious condition requiring diagnosis and treatment. For example, a retinal tear or detachment (which requires immediate treatment to protect vision) can mimic the flashing light symptoms of an ocular migraine, but typically affects only one eye and may include the appearance of a black curtain or veil over one's vision.

If ocular migraine symptoms recur regularly or with increasing frequency, you may need medication to reduce the frequency and/or severity of attacks in order to protect yourself from injury due to compromised vision, especially when driving. If your visual symptoms are not typical or are increasing in frequency, your doctor may order an MRI or CTscan to rule out other possible causes.

#### How is a diary helpful?

The appearance of floaters, flashes or ocular migraine symptoms are not usually a cause for alarm (only 1 in 5,000 signal a retinal detachment). However, it is important to be aware of what is normal for your eyes in order to determine if occurrences are increasing in total and severity. To do so, keep a log that lists:

- Day, date and time of occurrence
- Length of the episode
- Description of symptoms/experience
- Vision status of each eye separately
- Description of what triggers you may have had during the hour before the episode (stress, heavy lifting, medication, foods, etc.)

This log may help you and your doctor to detect a consistent pattern of triggers related to your migraines. Avoiding these triggers might then help to reduce the frequency of your episodes.

#### Are there prevention tips?

Avoiding foods like chocolate, shellfish, alcohol and caffeine helps some people. Others find that meditation and relaxation help them ease the tension that can trigger ocular migraine attacks.

#### What are the risk factors?

- Sex: being female
- Age: being younger than 40
- A personal or family history of
- Lupus, hardening of the arteries, sickle cell disease, epilepsy, and depression

#### Why are regular eye exams important?

A comprehensive look inside the eye can lead to the prompt detection and treatment of ocular diseases as well as serious non-eye-related conditions, like tumors, carotid artery disease and diabetes. And, if a condition is caught early enough, less invasive and less costly procedures may be able to be used to not only prevent the spread of the problem, but to even save a person's life.

If it has been at least two years since your last eye exam, and you don't have an eye doctor or would like a second opinion, the team at Eye Care Specialists (contributors to the information in this article and continuing education providers for local doctors) are available for appointments at the offices below.

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One night, an 87-year-old woman came home from Bingo to find her 92-year-old husband in bed with another woman.. She became violent and ended up pushing him off the balcony of their 20th floor apartment, killing him instantly. Brought before the court, on the charge of murder, she was asked if she had anything to say in her own defense.

"Your Honor," she began respectfully, "I figured that at 92, if he could do that, he could fly."

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# STRESS RELIEF from LAUGHTER?!?

#### A prospective husband in a book store

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When the kids text me "plz" (which is shorter than please), I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife - darling, honey, luv. What's the secret?" Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

#### A newly ordained priest,

nervous about hearing confession for the first time, finally asked an older priest to observe how he does and to give him some tips. After listening in on the second confession, the older priest suggested that the younger priest fold his arms, maybe rub his chin with one hand, while saving phrases such as "I see" or "Yes, my child. Go on." The young priest puts the suggestions into practice and later tells the older priest how much it has helped getting more information from his flock. "You've done well," said the older priest. "Isn't that much better than slapping your knee and yelling "No way! What happened next?"

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#### **Chicken Surprise**

A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant, and order the 'Chicken Surprise'. The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

"Good grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband.

He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening and demands an explanation.

"Please sir," says the waiter,
"what you order?" The husband
replies, 'Chicken Surprise'

"Ah! So sorry," says the waiter. "I bring you Peeking Duck by mistake...



# I wonder how skinny I'd be if I had to pedal to keep the computer powered up?

When a married man says, I WILL THINK ABOUT IT - what he really means is that he doesn't know his wife's opinion yet

I bought a wooden whistle but it wooden whistle so I bought a steel whistle but it steel wooden whistle so I bought a lead whistle but it steel wooden lead me whistle.

Wives are magicians. They can change anything into an argument.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

#### **Would You Remarry?**

A husband and wife are sitting quietly in bed reading when the

Wife looks over at him and asks the question....
WIFE: "What would you do if I died? Would you
get married

Again?"

HUSBAND: "Definitely not!"

WIFE: "Why not? Don't you like being married?"

HUSBAND: "Of course I do."

WIFE: "Then why wouldn't you remarry?"
HUSBAND: "Okay, okay, I'd get married again."

WIFE: "You would?" (with a hurt look) HUSBAND: (makes audible groan) WIFE: "Would you live in our house?" HUSBAND: "Sure, it's a great house."

WIFE: "Would you sleep with her in our bed?" HUSBAND: "Where else would we sleep?" WIFE: "Would you let her drive my car?" HUSBAND: "Probably, it is almost new." WIFE: "Would you replace my pictures with

HUSBAND: "That would seem like the proper thing to do."

WIFE: "Would you give her my jewelry?"
HUSBAND: "No, I'm sure she'd want her own."
WIFE: "Would you take her golfing with you?
HUSBAND: "Yes, those are always good times."

WIFE: "Would she use my clubs? HUSBAND: "No, she's left-handed."

WIFE: — silence — HUSBAND: "oh crap."



# Crossword junkie!

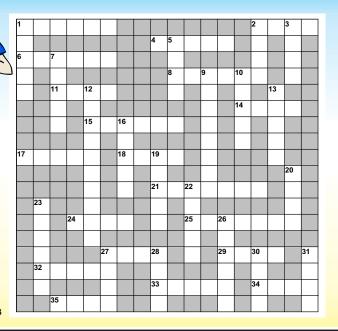
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Kings chair
- 2. On which we learned
- 4. Time reference
- 6. White collar work place
- 8. Compensation for loss
- 11. Yours and mine
- 14. Describes hair condition
- 15. Compressed
- 17. Hand made blanket
- 18. Opposite of front
- 21. High rank in the Navy
- 24. Act of seeing
- 25. Give sustenance
- 27. The word is this
- 29. To don
- 32. Parchment
- 33. Type of infection
- 34. Picture in your mind
- 35. Open handed hit

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Small child's fairy
- 2. Finished
- 3. Past participle of send
- 5. Woman of refinement
- 7. Gluten host
- 9. Cheese and pasta
- 10. Reached maturity
- 12. Known by this
- 13. Contains sand, soda, and lime
- 16. A form of TV
- 19. Head of the .....
- 20. Press against with force
- 22. Root of all evil
- 23. Drowsy
- 26. Polite term for stupid
- 27. Proceeds a fall
- 28. Keep for later
- 30. Opposite of a base
- 31. To unfreeze

Answers on page 23



A father is explaining ethics to his son, who is about to go into business. "Suppose a woman comes in and orders a hundred dollars worth of material. You wrap it up, and you give it to her. She pays you with a \$100 bill. But as she goes out the door you realize she's given you two \$100 bills. Now, here's where the ethics come in: should you or should you not tell your partner?"





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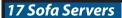
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