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## Running the race well

Have you ever heard someone say, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game"? Here's a story about some unique individuals who know the true meaning behind that expression:

There was a Special Olympics race and eight children glowed in anticipation of the event. Excitedly the children all took their places and got ready for the start of the race.

A starter gave them the signal and shouted, "Get on your mark, get set - go!" And the children sprinted out. Soon, a young girl took the lead with the other children running as fast as they could to catch up.

However, back in the pack of runners, one boy who'd gotten off to a slower start, tripped and fell to his knees. He couldn't get up and simply began to cry on the racetrack.

Meanwhile, the young girl leading the race heard her opponent's anguish and though she was clearly set to win, stopped and ran back to help the boy.



When she reached him, she gingerly dropped down, gave him a kiss on the knee and then wiped away his tears.

*Together, they pulled him up and set off to finish the race they'd started.*

When the other runners saw what was going on, they also turned around and raced back toward the boy. Together, they pulled him up and set off to finish the race they'd started.

As the children approached the finish line it was hard to find a dry eye among the spectators. The runners came down the final stretch toward the finish line with their arms linked - each one of them absolutely delighted to be together.

*- Adapted from Relationships of Grace,  
by Chris Karcher*

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# Little artists: Make the most of their creativity



Perhaps you've heard of programs that many museums use to target the under-40 urban crowd - programs where these people come to mingle amid great works of art. But did you know museums market to a slightly younger crowd: the under-five preschool group?

Museums all over the country have developed great programs for the very young and the number of these programs in U.S. museums has skyrocketed. In 1990 there were only about 50 museums that had programs for this age group, but now over 200 museums have them.

The burgeoning children's museum program movement was born out of research that said children start important cognitive and physical development as soon as they open their eyes. The programs are also based on the premise that young kids learn best when they're playing!

*-Adapted from Time Magazine*

Reading is a great way to inspire young minds! The New Albany Library has weekly storytime for all ages! Call for more info at 614-645-2ASK.

The library also offers many ways for you to bring out the little artist in your family! Upcoming events will be held at 7 p.m. Mondays.

**GHOSTWRITING! OCT. 23 (AGES 8+)**

Come create your own ghost or suspense story!

**SCARE YOUR SOCKS OFF! OCT. 30 (AGES 3-8)**

Come for spooky monster stories and make a craft!

**I'M STUFFED! NOV. 13 (AGES 3-8)**

Come hear seasonal yummy stories and make a craft!

## Columbus Museum of Art Eye Spy: Adventures in Art *Ongoing*

Eye Spy, an interactive exhibition for children and families, features important objects from the Museum's collections displayed in architectural settings that relate to the time and place they were made. The center features four areas where, through a variety of games, puzzles, computer stations and "make and take" art projects, visitors take a behind-the-scenes look at museums, learn about Dutch paintings of the 1600s, the carvings of Elijah Pierce, and ancient treasures from Mexico.

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# A Senior Moment

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida...

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got in to the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why...For the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs in the front seat...

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed.

#### MORAL OF THE STORY?

If you're going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable!

We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then, is not an act  
but a habit.  
-ARISTOTLE

## AUGUST QUIZ

### QUESTION

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## SEVEN QUALITIES OF AN EFFECTIVE LEADER

Experts have noticed seven specific actions that most successful leaders carry out, regardless of the organization or cause they lead:

**Make others feel important.** If your goals and decisions are self-centered, followers will lose their enthusiasm quickly. Emphasize their strengths and contributions instead of your own.

**Promote a vision.** Followers need a clear idea of where you're leading them, and they need to understand why that goal is valuable to them. Your job as a leader is to provide that vision.

**Follow the Golden Rule.** Treat your followers the way you enjoy being treated. An abusive leader attracts few loyal followers.

**Admit mistakes.** If people suspect that you're covering up your own errors, they'll hide their mistakes, too, and you'll lack valuable information for making decisions.

**Criticize others only in private.** Public praise encourages others to excel, but public criticism only embarrasses and alienates everyone.

**Stay close to the action.** You need to be visible to the members of your organization. Talk to people, visit other offices and work sites, ask questions, and observe how employees handle their business. Often you'll gain new insights into your work and find new opportunities for motivating your followers.

**Make a game of competition.** The competitive drive can be a valuable tool if you use it correctly. Set team goals and reward those who meet or exceed them. Examine your failures and celebrate your groups' successes.

*- Adapted from The Toastmaster*

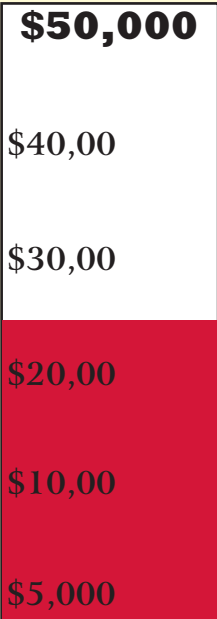
## Gain Insight From Meditation

When you're feeling overstressed at work or at home, it may be a good idea to participate in some type of meditation. You don't have to think of meditation as a complicated-to-learn Eastern art where an old man under a tree solves all the mysteries of life. It's much more practical than that.

Often times, meditation is no more than seeking out peacefulness and calmness during the stress and struggle of everyday living. Simple practices can work well. Find a quiet place and focus on your breathing. Eventually you'll grow calm, and if you practice on a daily basis and learn how to empty your mind, you might find that you can gain insight into matters that previously seemed to evade your understanding.

*- Adapted from Learningtomeditate.com*

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property may break that record, don't look for it to happen quickly. Despite the increase of personal wealth worldwide, there are few buyers internationally who are in a position to purchase a property of this magnitude." According to Moore-Moore, this is a trophy house and its appeal will not only be its size and the unique features it offers, but the opportunity for the buyer to own the world's most expensive residence. Built in the late 1980's, Starwood Ranch sits on 95 acres of land in Aspen. The 56,000 square foot home has more than 30 rooms, an indoor pool, trails, a snowmelt driveway, employee living quarters and stables. The main home has 16 bathrooms and 15 bedrooms and is larger than the White House.

## America's Most Expensive Home on Market for \$135 million *Trump "trumped" by Saudi Prince's Aspen-area compound*

The most expensive single-family home listed in America has just gone on the market for \$135 million, taking the "most expensive listing in America" title away from Donald Trump's ocean-front estate in Palm Beach (FL), which carries a \$125 million price tag. The newly listed Aspen (CO) home is owned by Saudi Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, who is selling

the estate to pursue his new responsibilities as chairman of his nation's new national Security Council. According to Laurie Moore-Moore, founder and President of The Institute for Luxury Home Marketing, "The current world record for the most expensive residence was set in 2004 when a London home sold for \$128 million. While Prince Bandar's

## In Good Company

Do you know where the word "company" comes from? Most people probably don't think of a group of people sitting down and eating bread together when they hear the word "company," but that's exactly what the word meant in its original sense. The word comes from the Latin *con*, which means together, and *panis*, which means bread. Thus, company originally symbolized the idea of people being such good friends that you'd share your bread with them.

*- Adapted from Thereby Hangs a Tale  
by Charles Earl Funk*

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