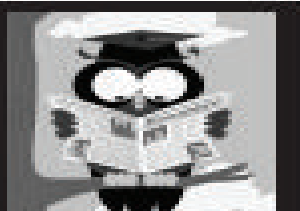


EDITORIAL

WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



Leave a message at the BEEP

I like to think I am reasonably well-spoken. I like to think lots of things. If you've read my column you know I make up words and use punctuation more for decoration than functionality. So what? Artistic license! I have a large vocabulary, back off!

I've always tended toward the verbose or as I believe many have said, "Kent, quit talking"! More than likely it was "shut up" but I was being polite to myself. I know that many kids get rewarded for good grades when they are in school. Oh I got good grades but I only got my reward was if the box on the report card "needs to control talking" was not checked. Vive le dif-

ference!

So, I'm talkative and like to communicate...why is it that I can't leave an intelligible voice mail? Of course, most of the time I am one of those people who the recording cuts off because I talked too long. Even if I tell myself just ask for a call back when that beep sounds I might end up talking about World War I when I all I wanted to know was what time do you want to meet for dinner?

I either start talking non-stop or I go blank. I then sound like English is my second language. Some of my friends have called back asking if I had a stroke or something it was so garbled. What makes matters worse is I realize once I'm into the

message how dumb I sound which only makes things worse.

I once was leaving a message for someone giving them their user name and password for one of our on-line services. Gave them user-name then explained that the password was this number combination and your last name...I said "your last name is spelled XXXX". Really? You just told them how to spell their OWN last name. Of course, I realized what I had just done and began to laugh hysterically which was left on the message too.

I also remember calling someone for an article and leaving a message about their daughter who is an only child. I proceed to tell them I'd like to know more about their daughter then proceeded to tell them her name. "You know your daughter". Thankfully, **Cont. on pg. 9**

Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Spring Cleaning - You Gotta Start Somewhere

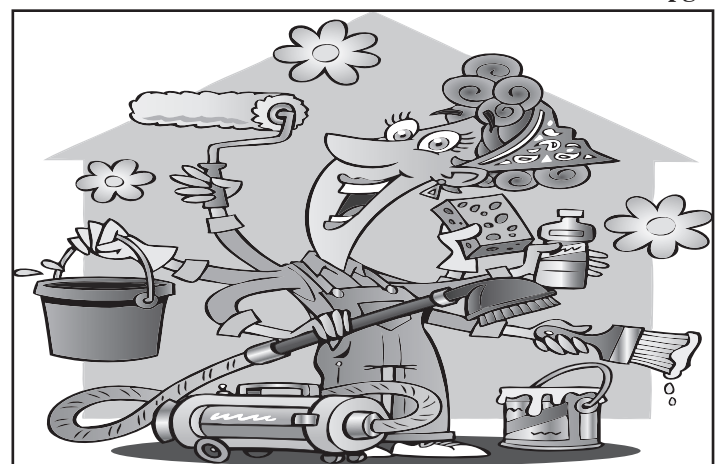
I started my cleaning yesterday, beginning with my sock drawer. Since my children like to borrow my socks, whether I know it or not, I have had to resort to hiding my favorite socks in my underwear drawer, so there are actually very few socks in my sock drawer now.

In the drawer, though, I found 3 flashlights, 4 Christmas presents I forgot to give to family members, 2 brand new tubes of lip balm, 9 used AA batteries, 7 assorted pocket knives, 8 packs of gum, 1 porcupine quill, 17 greeting cards that I received throughout the year, 5 bottles of nail polish, a green rabbit's foot, a battery charger for a camera I no longer have, 4 old cell phones, 2 dog sweaters, a back scratcher, 9 tubes of assorted creams and ointments, a duck call, a highlighter, a scarf, a candle, 2 screwdriv-

ers, a computer disk, a Nintendo DS game, a keychain, a handheld fan, a Christmas ornament, a Barbie doll head, a broken pair of scissors, a plastic grasshopper, and 31 cents in change. Oh, and a few Milk Duds lightly coated with fibrous membranes that appeared to be a Kleenex.

I'm sure there is a good reason why every one of those items ended up in my sock drawer, but right now, well - I got nothing. I'm just glad that at least once a year I can give it a thorough cleaning and can find appropriate places for all of those items.

That is one of the keys to organization: a place for everything; **Cont. on pg. 9**



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