**Minorities and golf**

I read the "Winds of Change" story (August) with great interest. Minority and youth advancement in golf is a particular interest of ours. We have been promoting minority golf in our own small way for almost a decade. We are in the midst of constructing three urban golf practice centers exclusively for Chicago youth. Mayor Daley, an occasional golfer, has provided great leadership.

The three practice centers, designed by Kemper Sports, will enable urban youth to practice their entire games - driving, pitching, sand play, putting - with instruction at no charge throughout the golf season. The capital cost of the three facilities will be around $3 million.

We also have a scholarship program in Chicago where we offer courses over about 10 weeks conducted by Kemper-Sports professionals in shop operations, agronomy and play, and the best students receive $1,000 educational scholarships and first rights to future job openings in our company. It’s an effort to bring more minorities into the business.

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**About that column**

Your September Flagstick column, "Just Say No To Al, Carol and Joe," was particularly disturbing to me. Words such as "shove it," "sleazy stuff," "wacky" and referencing the IQ of a presidential candidate serve little purpose other to drag readers to become involved in a thought process to weigh the issues and form their own opinions.

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