Off The Fringe

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turned into an upscale shopping mall.

Walter and his two brothers own the
golf course, but there is little interest by
the extended family, including
Heather's sister and cousins, to con-
tinue operating the business, he said.

Garvin graduated from the Univer-
sity of Denver with a degree in psychol-
ogy. Following her senior year in col-
lege, she spent her stint on the grounds
crew. Although she had worked on the
golf course nearly her whole life, it had
been inside the pro shop.

"It was really enjoyable. I didn't real-
ize there was that much science," she
said of her stint outside.

Following college Garvin fulfilled a
dream and moved to Bermuda. The
only work she could find was in an of-

with all her ties to golf, another job
in the business seems the logical choice.
But Garvin is unsure what her next step
will be after cleaning out the pro shop
and helping her parents move out of the
house just off the first tee that contains a
golf course's lifetime of memorabilia.

"We'll see what happens," she said.
"I'm not going to rush into anything."

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Middletown, Conn.

D'Avino Named
Group Publisher

Tony D'Avino is the new group pub-
lisher of Golfdom magazine and three
other magazines at Advanstar Commu-
nications, including Landscape Man-
agement, Pest Control and Landscape
Design/Build. D'Avino comes to Ad-
vanstar from Penton Media, where he
served as a group publisher. He re-
places John Payne, who was group pub-
lisher from 1995 until early 2003.

"We're extremely fortunate to have
Tony joining our team," said Alex De-
Barr, Advanstar executive vice presi-
dent. "We'd also like to wish John
Payne the best in his next endeavor."

D'Avino said he's excited to take
on the new role. "This is a great
chance to work with the most-re-
spected and fastest-growing group of
magazines in our industry."

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