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Two guys were playing a game of golf and were all square on the 18th. The first guy sliced his shot way off to the left, and the ball came to rest on the cart path. His opponent smashed it straight down the middle. "Oh well," said the first player, "I should get a drop off there."

"Heck no," said his playing partner, "we play the ball as it lies."

"OK," said the first guy, as he dropped his opponent off in the middle of the fairway. The second guy found the green, and could not resist smiling as he saw sparks coming off the cart path for the practice swings. Finally the guy hitting off the cart path addressed his ball and swung it well, leaving a miraculous shot three feet from the pin. Upon returning, the guy in the middle of the fairway commented, "That was a great shot... what club did you use?"

"Your 6 iron," was the reply.
after 35 years, I now rest my head in a bed in a house that we own — well, we have about 29 years and 11 months until we own it, but you know what I mean.

On June 13 we went to a non-descript office park in Leawood, Kan., signed and initialed an endless sheaf of official-looking documents, and then, miraculously they handed us the keys. Unfortunately, there are nearly as many different keys to the house as there were documents to ink. Obviously, there needs to be a talented locksmith in my future.

I also envision a chimney guy, a plumber, an electrician, a tile wizard, a locksmith in my future. Luckily, there were documents to ink. Obviously, there needs to be a talented locksmith in my future.

That's the thought that kept me going as I stripped two layers of wallpaper from my baby Quinn's room, the bottom layer apparently stuck up with crazy, super-duper adhesive when the thought that kept me going as I stripped two layers of wallpaper I called "Acid Grandma," our avocado kitchen and not knowing what the hardwoods looked like under that carpet. Luckily, Jennifer and I saw a well-built, very large home with a big yard in a nice neighborhood just two miles from my job (not 40, as before). Yes, the whole house needs work and updating from its Grandma décor, but now, dear friends, it is ours and when I feel the weight of opening a real front door, I can't help but smile.

Mark Luce now lives in Kansas City with his wife Jennifer and their two children, Miles and Quinn. His next project is to get the wallpaper out of the kids' bathroom. He will finish sometime in 2007.
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