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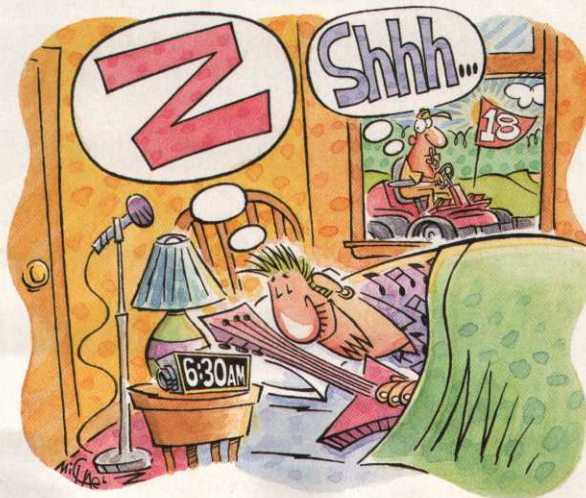
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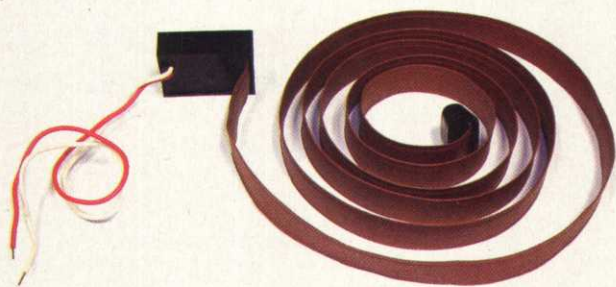
Photographer Glenn Thiesenhusen of Blue Moon Studio in Sheboygan, Wis., captured Dave Swift's youthful exuberance when he snapped the shot of the superintendent of Whistling Straits Golf Course.

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