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Woman gets European trip as 40th birthday gift

If turning 40 was angst-inducing for Betty Richards, the gift she received marking the milestone was even more of a shock.

Richards, secretary to Hoopeston Area school superintendent Don Dean, celebrated her 40th birthday March 28.

On April 4, she was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party hosted by district employees and the board of education.

After being served cake and punch, Richards opened her gift: a box wrapped in aluminum foil. Inside the box was another box, also wrapped in aluminum foil. Inside, Richards found yet another foil-wrapped box.

Inside that was a small box, wrapped in birthday paper. Tucked inside was a poster for a European vacation, a trip Richards will take in July.

"I didn't know anything about it," said Richards, who admitted thinking she knew every-

thing that went on in the district. "I was very, very, very surprised and very appreciative."

Richards, along with teachers Rita Tolch and Cindy Masengale, their daughters, and four honors English students, leave July 4 for a nine-day trip to London, Paris, Lucerne, Innsbruck and Munich.

While traveling, the group will see the Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace in London; the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame in France and the Castle of Neuschwanstein - the basis for Disneyland - in Germany.

Richards is unsure who started the ball rolling. "I don't know who the instigator was," she said, adding she was told plans began last September.

Keeping the secret was easy, Richards said, because she didn't notice so many things. She went

See TRIP on other side

Words said in private may become public, lawyer says

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of columns written by attorneys Calvin Hultquist and Kate Giffin. They will run as space allows.

When you have a conversation with a friend over the telephone, you certainly expect privacy. When you talk to your doctor, you probably believe that no one can ever find out what you told her.

Despite your confidence that your words may be secret, they may indeed legally become quite public.

Take, for example, your telephone calls. Many

people do not know that cordless telephone calls can be listened to by any standard programmable scanner because cordless telephones operate on public frequencies.

When writing this article, I hesitated to address this topic for fear of inspiring bright ideas; however, I recently became aware of just how many people right here in Hoopeston make a hobby of listening in on their neighbors' telephone calls.

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to Maple School one day and failed to notice a large sign reminding teachers of her party. Principal Maureen Spisok stood in front of the sign to block it, a move that wasn't necessary. "I just didn't see it," Richards said.

The secret was probably most difficult for Richards' husband, Jim, a former high school teacher.

Richards said friends invited her husband to visit them in Alaska before helping them move back to the area. It was a trip to which she was not invited.

"I kept asking him 'Don't you love me,'" she said. "Then I found out he couldn't ask me be-

Calls continued from other side

Calls you wish to keep secret should not be made on a cordless phone. Calls made from your regular phone are still safe.

It is also important to note that your cellular phone calls may be listened to by scanners, as well; however, that is illegal since cellular phones operate on private frequencies.

Now, let's turn to your doctor. People trust their physicians and need to tell them private information to aid in their treatment.

You should keep in mind, however, that almost everything you tell your doctor will go into your records. If you are ever injured and file a personal injury or work comp claim, your prior medical records may become public knowledge and be thoroughly analyzed in open court.

There are other types of cases where medical records become relevant and are exposed in court, as well.

In future segments, we will discuss whether your communications to your spouse, lawyer, pastor, account and other professionals are 100 percent confidential. You may be surprised.

We will respond to reader mail. Address inquiries to Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Legal principles discussed are general. For more information, see your lawyer.

cause of this."

When the couple went to the Bahamas earlier this year, Richards' husband insisted she get a passport, something that made no sense to the birthday celebrant. "I'd talked to the travel agent and all we needed was a voter registration card and a driver's license," she said. "I said 'Why spend the money,' but he said you never know when you'll need one. Now I know why."

Richards said her husband didn't lie to her about the trip. "He can't lie well," she said. "You can see it in his face. Looking back, he just wouldn't answer me."

The best part of the trip will be that Richards gets to come home. "They kidded me that it was only a one-way ticket," she said, "but the way I understand it, it's not. The whole district pitched in and got me a round trip ticket.

"I'm just really excited about it."

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday.

Martin Landon of Pine Village, Ind., driving a 1987 Dodge pickup truck, was backing from a parking space at Pamida when he struck a parked 1987 Chevrolet owned by Mabel Matheson, 858 E. Chestnut.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 18, 1995

Admitted: Juanita Haughee, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Nyal Davis, Hoopeston.

Weather



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