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nation's bureaucracy and total unfamiliarity with the game. Many believe these factors peg China as the ultimate short-term investment.

Whether mainland China will emerge as a viable, sustainable golf market was the topic of much discussion in Singapore, mostly because Stephen Allen — a former Golf Asia organizer who left to start his own trade show in Hong Kong — is moving his second-year exhibition to Shanghai. In a Golf Course News exclusive, Mr. Allen explains his motivation for the move, in addition to his views on the Chinese golf market. See page 59.

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Congratulations to GCN Managing Editor Mark Leslie who earned second prize in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Writing Contest (see story page 32).

The winning entry was Mark's front-page story on last year's harrowing weather patterns ("Courses, supers withered by drought," October 1995). First prize went to Dave Anderson of the *New York Times*.

As he has been with *GCN* since the publication's inception eight years ago, it's hard to think of anyone who has written about maintenance issues longer or more eloquently than Mark Leslie. His recognition is richly deserved.

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Everyone wants government out of their lives, right? And everyone, Republican and Democrat, seems to support smaller federal government these days, right? And with the proposed abolition of the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP), golf industry types have the opportunity to follow through on the rhetoric, right?

Right...?

Tough call. The fertilizer has hit the fan in Beltsville, Md., where Kevin Morris directs the NTEP's important work. Important to us, that is. Unfortunately, NTEP is a victim of proposed budget cuts.

Read Kevin's letter to the editor on page 10 for details.

In the 1990s, when citizens speak publicly of "special interests" lobbying to preserve funding for their particular niches in the federal budget, their voices carry a palpable measure of scorn. But what happens when we're the "special interest"?

I guess we'll find out soon enough.

CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, there was a mistake in the March *Golf Course News* story on Buffalo Shoals Golf Club in Statesville, N.C. [page 51]. The architect for this project is Gene Bates of West Palm Beach, Fla.

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MILL CREEK NEARS GRAND OPENING

Christening of the first 18 holes at Mill Creek in Geneva, Ill., is scheduled this summer. The Chicago-area layout will eventually include 27 regulation-length holes, a nine-hole par-3 track, and a golf learning center. Roy Case designed the golf facility for developer Kent Shodeen. The course will help store the 250 million gallons of storm water Mill Creek could generate.

REES JONES LANDS NANTUCKET PROJECT

NANTUCKET, Mass. — Construction has begun on Nantucket Golf Club, a Rees Jones-designed club whose memberships is by invitation. The facility sits on the former 250-acre Coffin Farm here. It will feature a 6,900-yard, par-72 course and a 20,000-square-foot shingle-style clubhouse, four cottages for use by members, an employee dormitory and two historic farmhouses that will be renovated. Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. is building the course. The project coordinator is Golf Services, Inc.

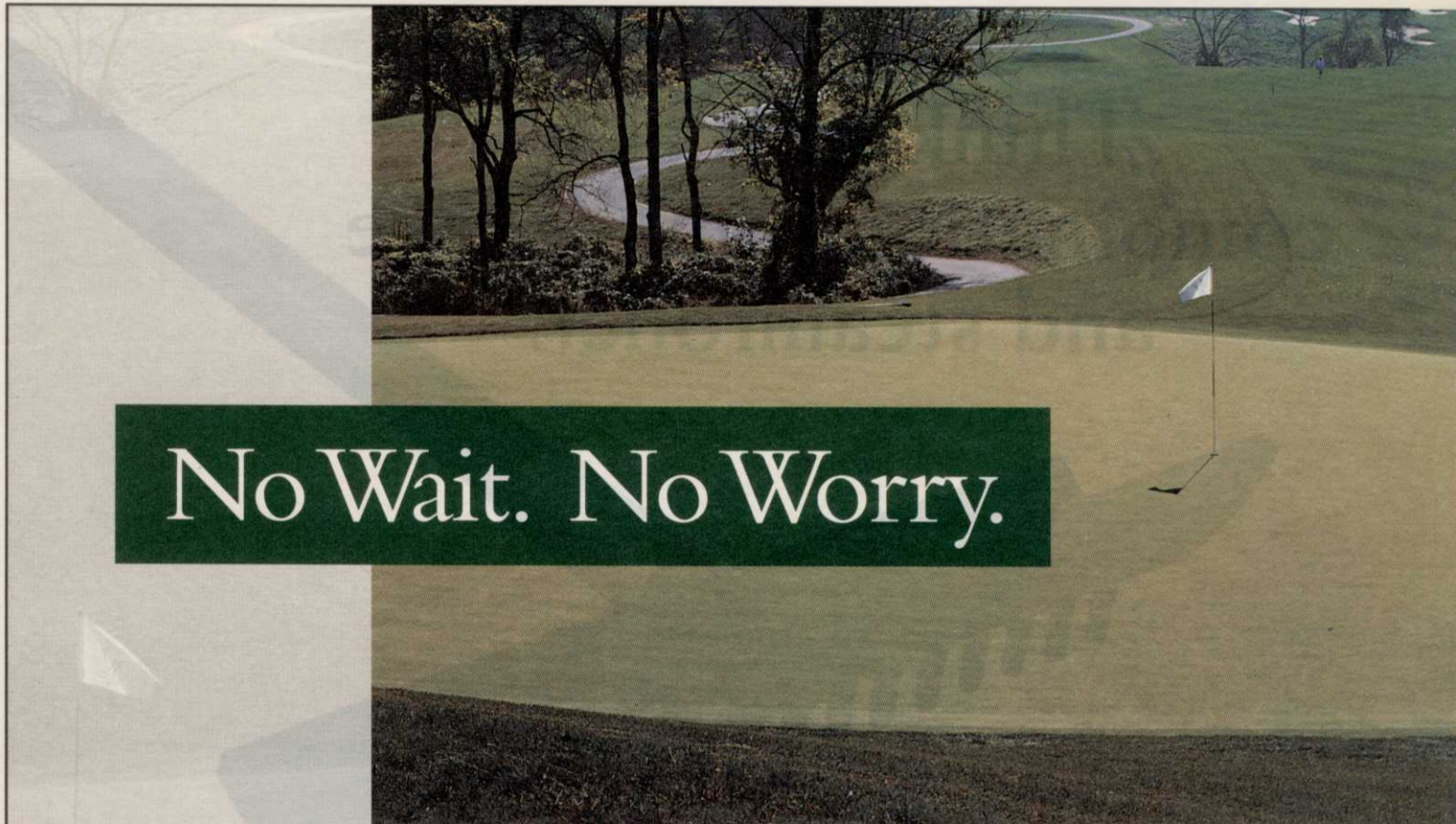


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