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Great to see a long overdue article about those who are long overdue for some credit and respect (*Women superintendents are getting the respect they richly deserve,* November/December).

I have long been an advocate of women in our profession, and it was a pleasure to see your magazine recognize a group that works twice as hard for half the respect.

Tim Moraghan
USGA Championship Agronomist

Bad Joke

I don’t have the article in front of me, but the one by a superintendent beating up on golfers’ intelligence was weak at best (“Dumb, Dumber ... Dumbest” by Jerry Coldiron, CGCS, October). I apologize for the lack of humor from my fellow grass growers. The humor should be left with Golfdom columnist Geoff Shackelford and the other paid professionals. I hope this source of management service is absolutely ethical by any standard of measurement, including the GCSAA’s. Shirley’s interpretation of the “rules” is just that ... an interpretation.

Welcome to the free-enterprise system.

Max B. Barrick
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Another Perspective

Having recently read the pros and cons of management companies in your October issue, I’d like to offer the perspective of a general manager. When I took over the operation of the Admiral Lehigh Golf Resort and Spa more than a year ago, I found the golf maintenance was contracted with International Golf Maintenance. I was extremely skeptical of this arrangement and entered the relationship with my eyes wide open. What I found was that the arrangement has allowed me to concentrate on putting bodies in beds, butts on barstools and duffers in divots.

I’m not an agronomist, but I can understand the desire to do what’s best for the tree, but it became apparent the people undertaking this project did not know enough about tree biology. I hope your magazine does not advocate this treatment for all trees with cavity or pest problems. Alex L. Shigo’s book, Modern Arboriculture, might be of some help. The book is a must for any budding arborist.

James S. Arnett
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Invisible Ink

A sharp-eyed reader pointed out some missing words in our “Turf Tamers” story in January. As the story moves from pg. 56 to pg. 57, the white text on the previous page shifted for one line on to pg. 57. Unfortunately, white text doesn’t show up on white paper (unless you can read invisible ink), so readers can’t see it. Trust us, it’s there.

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