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Vandalism exacts more than a financial toll — it also demoralizes superintendents and their crews. Find out what steps you can take to prevent it from happening to you.

About the cover

This time, at least, we know who created the vandalism. Arcadia, Calif.-based illustrator Roger Motzkus accurately captured the sickening violence of a truck tearing the heart out of the green.

Credit where it's due: We forgot to credit GCSAA for the photo of Norman Schwarzkopf that appeared in our April issue. Thanks, GCSAA.

Insidious Insects

Experts fearlessly forecast which insects will be on the Most Wanted list.

By Frank H. Andorka Jr.

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Grumpy Old Man?

Since when is Golfdom columnist Joel Jackson the conscience of the industry? In February, he told me that I'm not allowed to have a good time at the national. In March, he advocated that superintendents rat out one another if someone has a less than perfect environmental record. What's next month's topic — abortion?

Jackson needs to start talking to some real superintendents. People such as myself are the 'front line' of this industry, and we've had it with all the politically correct banter. Let's get back to the basics of our industry, and that's growing grass.

Put the old man out to pasture. Mitchell E. Trent, Superintendent Waynesborough CC, Paoli, Pa.

Jackson responds:

If I sounded holier than thou, maybe it comes from preaching to the choir and still hearing some of the tenors singing off key. I've been trying to take the sermon to Capitol Hill. If only the lawmakers would go back to basics and use common sense, we wouldn't have to worry about being politically realistic — if not correct.

Movin' On

I'm writing in response to your recent article, "Getting Over Getting Fired" (February). My husband of 25 years has been a superintendent for 22 years. A year ago, he was in the exact situation of the superintendents in the article. He has been at several prestigious courses, hosted several major tournaments and has given his heart and soul to his career. As the article stated: "So you were doing a great job at your golf course, but you were fired because of politics. Join the crowd." These statements cover it all.

To this day, we can still not tell friends or colleagues why my husband is not at his previous job. Fortunately, he obtained a wonderful new position at a caring club, but we had four months of depression, rejections and the worst upheaval of our lives. (After reading your article, I feel as if someone truly understands what we as a family — and my husband as a superintendent — have gone through and thankfully survived, although we have not walked away totally unbroken. In fact, it will take many years to completely recover.

Thank you for taking the time to research such an important issue for superintendents.

Janet Kuhns

Somerville, N.J.

Wont' Forget Walter

Thank you for your excellent editorial on our mutual friend, Walter Mattison ("A Farewell, Not A Goodbye," February). Your description of Walter was on the mark. I had met him earlier in Hawaii, but was pleased when he was hired at Widgi Creek GC.

He was great to have on board as we shared a love of the game, creating the golf course and working with the land in general. I didn't worry about leaving the project when Mattison was there to look after my newest baby.

I was also pleased to read Larry Aylward's report regarding how Mattison was treated at Widgi ("Anger and Outrage is All for Naught," February). Aylward's article helped me better understand what went down.

Robert Moir Graves, Architect Graves & Pascuzzo Ltd., Bend, Ore. (Graves designed Widgi Creek GC)

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