Superintendent, from page 6

greens were all Poa, that they had
to play three temporary greens
and four temporary tees. Of
course, all this was in preparation
for the upcoming national pro-am
and of course, television. But they
readily admitted how disap-
pointed they were. This just
illustrates that what people
perceive to be the standard of
quality can in reality be quite
different. It didn’t matter that the
Monterey area was being
pounded daily by rain, nor that
Pebble Beach is a public golf
course—Pebble Beach had the U.S.
Open in 1992 and they expected
U.S. Open conditions. They all
watched the tournament on TV
and expected what they saw.
Anything less was unacceptable.
Obviously, superintendents
work toward having perfect golf
courses continuously, but as I
said, it’s not a perfect world and
turfgrass management is not a
perfect science and yes, every
lawyer doesn’t win every case,
every real estate agent doesn’t
close on every property and every
doctor doesn’t save every patient.
There are variables in every
business—those we can control
and those we cannot. Yet perfec-
tion is what we superintendents
strive for and what today’s golfers
demand. All of us have problems;
our goal is to keep them to a
minimum. These are issues
superintendents realize and
accept, but we need to communi-
cate these problems readily to a
green chairman in the hope that
he will understand what we deal
with every day and be patient
when the results are not immediate.

Cryptogram

Now that summer reruns are
holding your TV hostage, try
becoming a secret agent yourself.
Here’s a simple cryptogram where
one letter stands for another. An
example: VWTHITCUU
OCVVTU= Turfgrass Matters.
Apostrophes, two- and three-letter
words are clues. Next month we’ll
print the answer and names of any
who send me their answers. This
is a quote from a famous author.

“MURL’Y MOLZ ZU ZNK
YVOXOZ OY YVGK, GTJ
ZNK YVGK OT ZNOY IGYK
CGY UXMGTOIGRRE
JKYOMTKJ...”

—PUNT AVJOQK

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