

In others, tiny amounts of the sex lure are spread in thin plastic tubes. "The males are attracted to the tubes and spent their time trying to mate with the plastic instead of the female," chuckled one government scientist. "It must get pretty frustrating."

Similar methods are being tested for pests that bother humans, though introducing predator insects into an apartment building plagued with cockroaches is hardly feasible. Entomologists advise that the best method of combating insects and rodents around the house remains a simple one: don't leave garbage about.

Despite all the modern weapons at our disposal in the continuing conflict with insects, this country still loses 30 to 40 percent of its food and fiber supplies to pests. On a global scale, almost half of the world's crops are eaten or destroyed by rodents, bugs and weeds. Since insects outnumber us and are far more adaptable and theoretically able to breed resistance to any kind of poison that we can invent, the end result of our age-old battle with them is inevitable.

Superbugs and superpests will eventually take over the earth, just like in some Hollywood movie. A disturbing thought, but hardly something to worry about in our lifetime — unless, perhaps, the budworm eats its way out of America's farmlands and starts showing up alongside the cockroach in our cupboards and kitchens.

USGA Regional Meeting

The United States Golf Association, Green Section, Southeastern Region will hold their next regional meeting Monday, February 23, 1981 at the Holiday Inn-Lakeside, Boca Raton. The motel is immediately west of the Boca Raton exit from the Florida Turnpike. Plan to attend this all day session. South Florida Chapter and Palm Beach Chapter will not hold February meetings because of this event. Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch.

A wide range of subjects will interest golf management people of all levels. To be discussed in the morning session are the USGA and its role in the game of golf. Other subjects are golf etiquette, trends in golf facilities, integrated pest management — weed control, performance — evaluation of Bermuda species, the manager's role with the golf course. The afternoon session subjects are: importance of course housekeeping, coping with traffic, vandalism, bermuda green mutation in the superintendent management program and conditioning the course for play. The afternoon session highlight will be a rare appearance by cytogeneticist Dr. Wayne Hanna of the Tifton Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station. His topic will be contamination in greens — the Pee Dee Syndrome.

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