We'd like to hear from you. E-mail us at gci@gie.net with your thoughts and opinions.

Personal responsibility

I read Mr. Schuknecht's piece in the October issue (page 16) and had to thank him for his insight and willingness to call us all to be personally responsible. His assessment that we alone are responsible for how we handle adversity, how we chose to act and react is spot on. It's not the drive to shine the light on oneself that matters, it's being able to give that energy to others that makes true champions. He should take heart in knowing that this ability to be honest and having the fortitude to call others into action will serve him well as he advances on his chosen career path.

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Weathering the storm

That was a great Q&A with Dean Graves (October, page 20). I'm impressed he has weathered the storm of this industry so

well and is successful. He's been a great communicator and handled the PR and politics well. We need more like him. Hopefully, young assistants or those currently in college will read Pat Jones' article and take it to heart. Well done!

John C. Cummings, CGCS Elkview, W.V.

Traveling man

I find that the Travels with Terry columns are one of the most informative pieces in Golf Course Industry magazine. They often help me out. Thanks to Terry Buchen.

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Cheers for Michigan

I'm a native Michigander and my blood runs green. A few of us golf course architects left

the state at one time or another and at times wonder why we did. I'm extremely partial to Michigan and thanks to Monroe Miller's article (August, page 14) for touching on golf, MSU, turf and notable players, supers and architects in the state for making me proud.

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Thanks to Monroe Miller for writing about "good news from Michigan" (August, page 14). Many of the names you had mentioned have been pioneers for this industry and people I have looked up to throughout my career. They represent what this part of the industry is all about: Helping others. Golf has been fortunate to have these individuals, as well as others, be caretakers of the game.

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