

Off The Fringe

Stay Away From These ELF's in the Night

If you run into anyone from the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), the radical group responsible for setting fire to the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture in June, just wish that person a good day and walk away. You don't want to mess with anyone from the group, which calls itself "the burning rage of this dying planet."

We're all for standing up to what's right, but you're better off staying clear from these cowards. They're proud arsonists, and they're violent.

The ELF said in a news release that the fire it set was intended to destroy the office of Toby Bradshaw, a University of Washington associate professor and geneticist.

"[He] continues to unleash mutant genes into the environment that is [sic] certain to cause irreversible harm to forest ecosystems," the release said. "As long as universities continue to pursue this reckless 'science,' they run the risk of suffering severe losses. Our message remains clear: We are determined to stop genetic engineering."

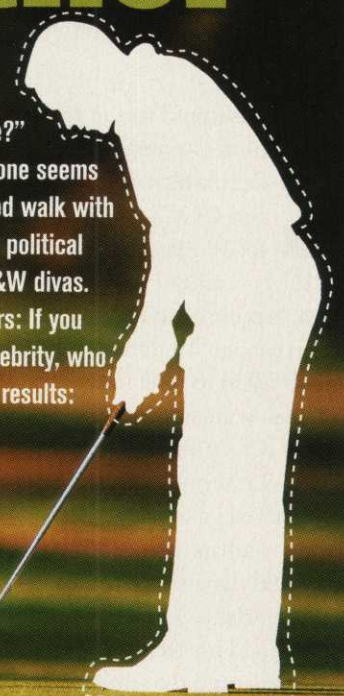
ELF has set fires elsewhere and wants everyone to know it's proud of its dastardly acts.

In its guide on setting fires with electrical timers, ELF states: "Never be satisfied with possible destruction or probable destruction. The objective of every action should be assured destruction."

Like we said, stay away from these invertebrates.

Pick your Partner

Who wants to play golf with the host of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Apparently no one. Everyone seems to want to spoil their good walk with dollar-drenched athletes, political powerhouses or wispy C&W divas. GCSAA asked its members: If you could play golf with a celebrity, who would it be. Here are the results:



Michael Jordan18%	Bill Clinton5%
George W. Bush16%	Kevin Costner5%
Faith Hill15%	Jack Welch1%
Clint Eastwood10%	Oprah Winfrey1%
Cameron Diaz9%	Regis Philbin0%

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FOLIAR FEEDING: What constitutes true foliar feeding? The "real thing" should lower nutrient input and boost stress tolerance, says William D. Middleton,

founder and president of Emerald Isle Ltd., an organic chemical fertilizer company in Ann Arbor, Mich.

BERMUDAGRASS CONTROL: Ninety-nine percent is not good enough when it comes to bermudagrass control before a grow-

in. John Boyd, weed scientist at the University of Arkansas found that a Roundup + Fusilade combination outperformed either herbicide alone and

tank mixes of Roundup plus the other grass-specific herbicides. His warning: If bermudagrass control is not meticulous before a grow-in, you will pay later.

CAREER DIRECTION: Whether you work as a superintendent or a university researcher, studies have determined that you have about 33 years in your prime career. We usually take the reins on our careers about the age of 30, and wind down our work lives in our early 60s.

Turfgrass Trends Editor Curt Harler asks: How will you handle this year's installment?