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Rowland Bates, both of whom are running the show at Liberty National under Fireman and his son, Dan, the project manager.

"They've been very nice," Judy says of management. "It's normal here."

Normal?

"As convoluted as this job is — things are going 100 mph in different directions, there's a lot of 15-hour days and six- to seven-day weeks — they leave me alone," Joe says. "And if I screw up, it's my fault."

With their stay at Liberty National set to end around Christmas, Joe and Judy aren't sure what and where their next job will be. "I'm pigheaded," Joe says. "This is a who-you-know business and not a what-you-know business, and I probably don't press the flesh as much as I should and PR myself."

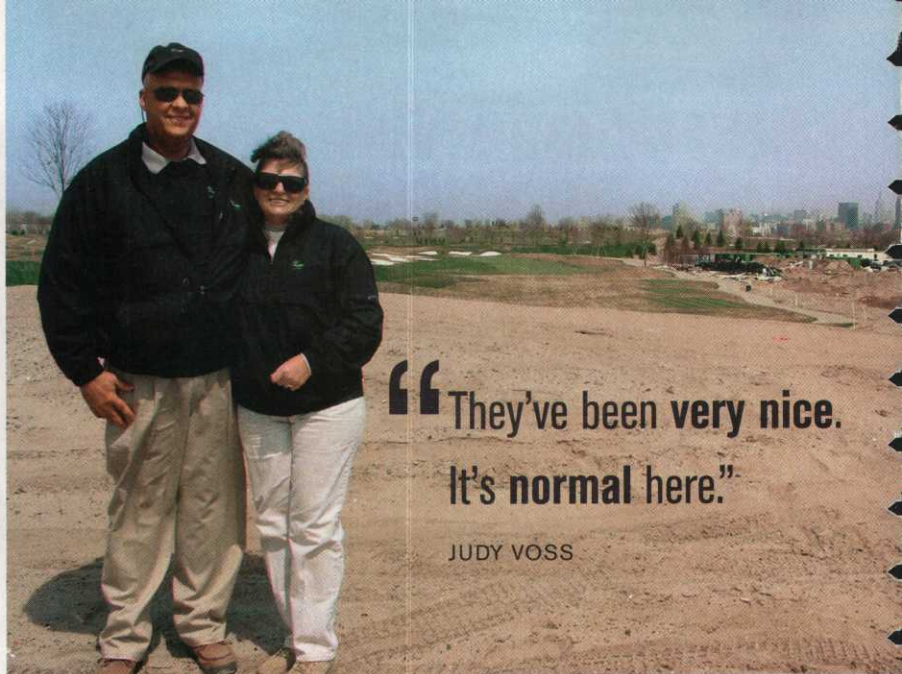
Still, Joe's reputation precedes him. The New Year could find him and his

wife at a job along the U.S.-Canadian border. Or maybe in Cancun. There is work to be had, Joe says, and retirement is another six to 10 years away. At that time, he'd love to bow out of the industry having just built and directed his own golf course.

In a worst-case scenario, he won't find work, and the Vosses will prematurely but

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enthusiastically escape to some tropical destination, where they'll spend their days leading scuba diving and fishing expeditions. At this point in their lives, "all we have to worry about is the roof over our heads," Judy says.

Four million cubic yards of soil later, that's one construction job Joe should be able to handle in a New York minute. ■

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