

# We've Got Mail

■ LETTERS FROM THE FIELD

## Work/Life Balance Strikes a Chord

I must admit, it's not often that a piece in any golf business magazine moves me enough to read it a second time, let alone cut it out. But that is exactly what I did when I read your December column, "When You Comin' Home, Dad?" (Pin High).

It's easy for all of us, from superintendents to sales reps, to get immersed in our jobs and neglect those who are most important to us. I feel like I do a good job balancing my job and my family, but it sure lends perspective to what is most important.

My stepdaughters are only going to be this age once, so I feel like it is important to spend quality time with them when I can. I know the next time I come home from a long day and they want me to spend time in the backyard practicing pitching softballs, I will be right out back with them.

I hope your piece hit home with many more people as well.

**Rick Ellis, Superintendent**  
**Muncie Elks Country Club**  
**Muncie, Ind.**

The "When You Comin' Home, Dad?" column had nothing to do with mowers, fertilizers, pesticides or politics, but it was just as important.

I, too, have a wife, two boys and a dog. My best times are when my wife teaches a night class at a local university, which makes it boys' night out for us.

Time marches by so fast. Every day is a gift; that is why they call it the present.

**Rob Kloska, Superintendent**  
**The Jupiter Island Club,**  
**Hobe Sound, Fla.**

I enjoyed your December column and your reference to "The Cats in The Cradle." It's easy to get caught up in work. I retired after this golf season after 30 years so I could do other things and play more golf with my wife, etc.

I had a good run, but one knows when the time is right for a change.

**John Monson, Retired Superintendent**  
**Long Prairie Country Club**  
**Long Prairie, Minn.**

Thank you for the article, "When you Comin' Home, Dad?" I understand your struggle with balancing work and family. I, too, just got home last night from a four-day trip to two wonderful little girls. I was exhausted, but I became fully energized when they ran up to me with open arms. All the worries of the week were gone instantly.

**Shane M. Barney,**  
**Marketing Manager, T&O Products**  
**SePRO Corp., Carmel, Ind.**

## Prose to Live By

Joel Jackson's "Ode to the Superintendent" (January, p. 22) is the greatest poem I've ever read. I look forward to his column (Shades of Green) every month.

**Jeff Huelsman, Certified Superintendent**  
**WCI Communities**

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