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greens were all Poa, that they had to play three temporary greens and four temporary tees. Of course, all this was in preparation for the upcoming national pro-am and of course, television. But they readily admitted how disappointed they were. This just illustrates that what people perceive to be the standard of quality can in reality be quite different. It didn't matter that the Monterey area was being pounded daily by rain, nor that Pebble Beach is a public golf course—Pebble Beach had the U.S. Open in 1992 and they expected U.S. Open conditions. They all watched the tournament on TV and expected what they saw. Anything less was unacceptable. Obviously, superintendents

work toward having perfect golf courses continuously, but as I said, it's not a perfect world and turfgrass management is not a perfect science and yes, every lawyer doesn't win every case, every real estate agent doesn't close on every property and every doctor doesn't save every patient. There are variables in every business—those we can control and those we cannot. Yet perfection is what we superintendents strive for and what today's golfers demand. All of us have problems; our goal is to keep them to a minimum. These are issues superintendents realize and accept, but we need to communicate these problems readily to a green chairman in the hope that he will understand what we deal with every day and be patient when the results are not immediate.

Cryptogram

Now that summer reruns are holding your TV hostage, try becoming a secret agent yourself. Here's a simple cryptogram where one letter stands for another. An example: **VWTHITCUU**
OCVVG TU= Turfgrass Matters. Apostrophes, two- and three-letter words are clues. Next month we'll print the answer and names of any who send me their answers. This is a quote from a famous author.

“MURL'Y MOLZ ZU ZNK
 YVOXOZ OY YVGIK, GTJ
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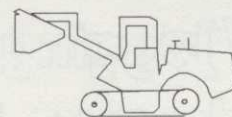
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