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Weed-whacked at an early age

BY JASON STAHL



The guy told me that the thing hovered above the ground like a flying saucer. And I believed him.

But who can blame me? When I joined a parks grounds maintenance crew, I was a

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Yeah, effortlessly my grass-stained caboose. I busted my arms dragging that thing all over a 70° slope that had more rocks and tree stumps on it than blades of grass. At the end of the day, when the sides of my feet were blistered from trying to keep my balance on that death hill, I found out that the job I had just completed was one of the most feared projects at the park and one almost always assigned to rookies.

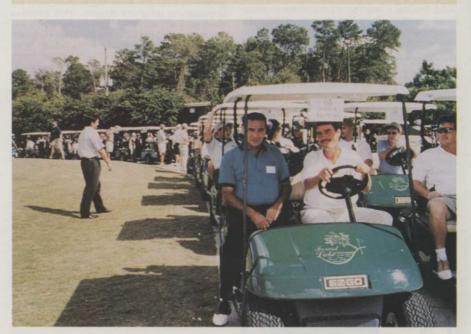
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