Jones Trail Shuffle
Ownership of the Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama has been transferred to the state pension system, which provided the project's $100 million funding.

Just Fine, Thank You
Tough and environmentally friendly, fine fescues have carved themselves a niche in northern golf industry circles, above the transition zone.

Mississippi flooding leaves cruel recovery foreseen
By Hal Phillips
DAVENPORT, Iowa — Hardest hit were riverside golf courses in the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois. As thunderstorms swelled tributaries in Wisconsin and Minnesota, levees were pushed to their limits further downstream. As flood walls gave way and creeks swelled over their banks, fairways sat beneath several inches of muddy water which, after it receded, left thick layers of silt.

Turf experts: 'Advances on all fronts!'
By Mark Leslie
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — While research fronts but additional, more thorough studies are needed in such areas as biorational insecticides and integrated control of turfgrass diseases, according to scientists gathered here from around the world.

Budget squeeze takes toll on hardware sales
By Mark Leslie
Whittled-down capital budgets, the sluggish economy and increasingly specialized, expensive new equipment are causing golf course superintendents to hold onto their hardware longer and rush for parts to keep it tuned.

Newcomer KSL Recreation the big winner at Landmark auction
By Hal Phillips
DALLAS — The long-awaited Landmark auction proved a coming out party for the year-old KSL Recreation Group Ltd., a Colorado-based management firm that snapped up the two most expensive properties up for bid here at the Fairmont Hotel. In purchasing PGA West for $140 million and La Quinta for $136.4 million, KSL — backed by the Wall Street firm of Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Company (KKR) — made an impressive debut in golf industry circles. KSL further enhanced its standing less than a week before the July 14 auction when it purchased the troubled Fairway Group, the nation's fourth largest operator of golf facilities (see story page 35).

In other sales, Club Corp. of America paid $35.6 million for Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho...