

## Jacklin launches Turf Solutions

POST FALLS, Idaho—Jacklin Seed, a division of J.R. Simplot Co., announced that Michael Sommer will serve as general manager and senior turf consultant for the newly formed Turf Solutions.

Turf Solutions will operate as a division of Jacklin Seed and focus on the golf course market in California.

According to Rick Dunham, vice president of marketing for Jacklin Seed, the new company was formed to expand Jacklin's professional turf product lines in California. "We want to ensure that every golf course superintendent in California has easy access to Jacklin's expertise, service and seed," he said. "Michael's experience and knowledge will be a valuable asset to our customers as well as to Jacklin Seed."

Sommer received a bachelor

of science degree in ornamental horticulture with an emphasis on turf from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. He began his career as a superintendent for California Golf, now known as American Golf. In addition to maintaining multiple golf courses, Sommer played a role in the construction of the South Course at Mountain Gate Country Club.

## Legacy, Hunter firm relationship

FRESNO, Calif.—Legacy Golf Irrigation has inked a long-term extension to its relationship with Hunter Industries, the manufacturer of gear drive rotors for exclusive distribution by Legacy in North America.

"In the early '90's the indus-

try realized that no one manufacturer could successfully develop all the irrigation product necessary to create a great golf irrigation system. The Hunter/Buckner joint venture filled that need," said Gerald Lyles, president and chief executive officer of Buckner Inc., Legacy's parent company.

"Our relationship works because we are both family-owned companies with a sincere dedication to the irrigation industry," said Richard Hunter, president and chief executive officer of Hunter.

"Together we offer an alternative to discerning buyers," added David Truttmann, spokesperson for Legacy.

## AgriBioTech acquires LVF

LAS VEGAS — Dr. Johnny Thomas, chief executive officer of AgriBioTech Inc. has announced that the company has completed the acquisition of Las Vegas Fertilizer Co. Inc. (LVF) with annual revenues of approximately \$16 million.

AgriBioTech purchased LVF for approximately \$5 million in cash and 295,000 shares of AgriBioTech common stock with an aggregate value of \$5 million based on prices at the time terms were agreed to.



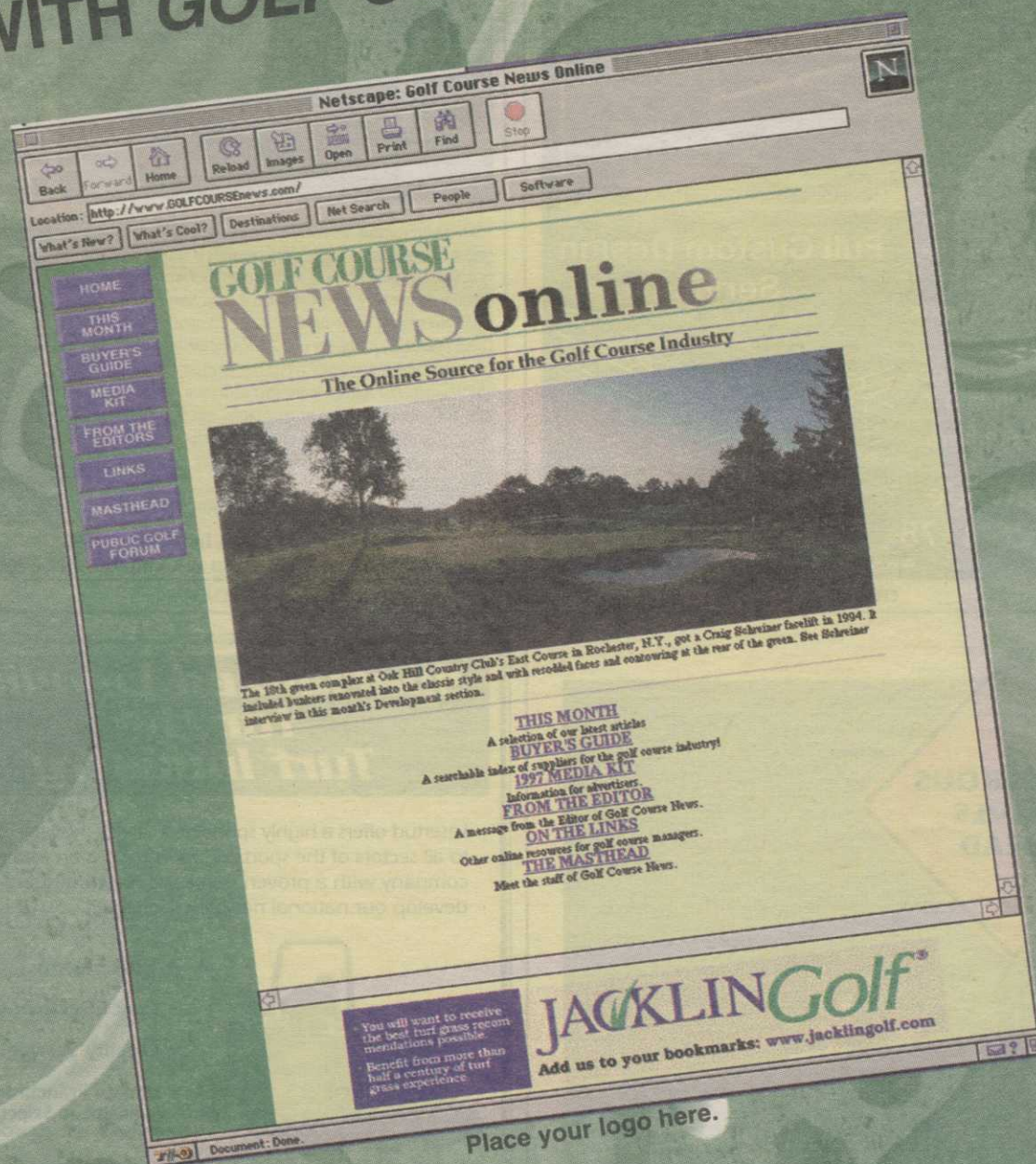
In addition, AgriBioTech agreed to acquire approximately \$2.4 million of property, plant and equipment of LVF not originally anticipated to be acquired, for \$0.5 million in cash and the balance payable to the former owners of LVF over seven years with interest at prime plus one-half percent.

LVF specializes in the distribution of turfgrass seed and ancillary products to golf courses and lawn and garden products to home improvement centers, mass merchants and independent nurseries in Nevada, California, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

According to AgriBioTech, the acquisition will increase the company's access to golf courses and will give the company experienced management in lawn and garden products which may be expanded to other distribution territories of the company.

Paul and George Jaramillo, the former owners of LVF, signed long-term employment contracts with AgriBioTech.

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