Y2K Crisis: Two little numbers, one big problem

By MARK LESLIE

"On New Years Day I wouldn't want to be on a golf course because the sprinkler systems will probably be going nuts," said Pebble Beach Co.'s Dominic Van Ness.

Van Ness, director of the Information Services Department at the world-famous resort, foresees major problems beginning — and then perhaps snowballing — when the world's clocks tick over from midnight Dec. 31, 1999, to 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1.

The situation has been dubbed
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Huijzen's FPH to 'add value' to resorts, golf

By PETER BLAIS

PLANTATION, Fla. — Wayne Huizenga's Florida Panthers Holdings (FPH) Inc. recently purchased Rolling Hills Golf Course, the site where the movie "Caddyshack" was filmed, and recently completed a major renovation to the facility located in nearby Davie. Rolling Hills will also service FPH's Fort Lauderdale resorts.

"The concept is to add value to our resorts and hotels," said FPH Vice President of Golf Development Jim Applegate. "We know what an important component golf is when people decide where to spend their vacations and leisure time."

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The Copperhead course is the 10th for the Association of Golf Course Superintendents in 1999. The Copperhead course, the Copperhead NV Neighborhod Vehicle is an environmentally-friendly and quiet mode of transportation. What makes the vehicle unique is that it's designed for the fairways and the roadways. In "golf" mode, the Copperhead NV Neighborhod Vehicle reaches a top speed of 15 mph (to help it comply with golf course standards). In "drive" mode, for off the

course, the Copperhead NV reaches a maximum speed of 25 mph, providing drivers with a fun and sporty vehicle for getting around town. The Copperhead NV is great for the volunteer course and the country club, and also for trips to the store or visiting friends in the neighborhood. For more information, contact 888-638-5397.

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**Trucktor T-Series**

The new Trucktor T-Series Combination Tractor-Truck work vehicles now offer their rugged four-wheel drive units equipped with turf-tread tires and an assortment of gang

- mowers, rototillers, front bucket loaders, aerators and overseeders for golf course construction, repair and maintenance.
- Made in Massachautts, the diesel-powered Trucktor T-Series (Kubota 4-cylinder 49 and 56-hp, and Continental 66-hp diesel engines) has just won the OEM "Emmie Award" for 1998. For more information, contact 508-748-1200.

**Circle #203**

**GCSAA Show Preview**

The new John Deere 2500 Tri-Flex Greens Mower's cut quality is enhanced by a new cutting unit suspension that is designed to carry the weight of the lift arms on the traction unit and on the cutting units. The 22-inch cutting units are John Deere designed and manufactured and come with eleven blade reels, 3-mm standard bedknives and a smooth front roller.

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**Vermeer packs stump cutting punch**

Packing the most power in Vermeer Manufacturing's premier line of stump cutters, the 106 HP (79 kw) SC1102A stump cutter offers the most significant advancements in stump cutting technology in years—Vermeer's Auto Sweep system. The patented Auto Sweep function better equips the SC1102A to meet the needs of land-clearing contractors, golf courses, municipalities, public works departments and rental centers. For more information, contact 800-888-Vermeer.

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**Textron/Burtner**

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Jacobsen and Bunton lawn-care machinery.

Reporting to Burtner will be Philip Trailis who is responsible for turf care in the Americas; L.T. Walden, president of E-Z-GO; Tom Meier, president of Steiner; Bob Greenhut, vice president of finance; and in Europe, Paul Hollingsworth will be managing director responsible for the European operations.

Burtner joined Textron in 1980 and held various executive positions with Greenlee Textron, including president. In 1986, he was promoted from Greenlee to Textron's world headquarters as vice president of human resources. In January 1997, he became president of Industrial Components.

Peter Wilson, ex-president of Ransomes, was heading up Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products worldwide, but has since been promoted to president of Textron Fastening Systems (TFS) Europe. Wilson will remain in England and oversee 23 operations across Europe with more than 6,500 employees and revenues exceeding $700 million.

According to Trailis, Burtner's move to Elgin from Providence and closer to Chicago and closer to Racey. As far as the ongoing consolidation, "We're about 90 percent there," added Trailis.