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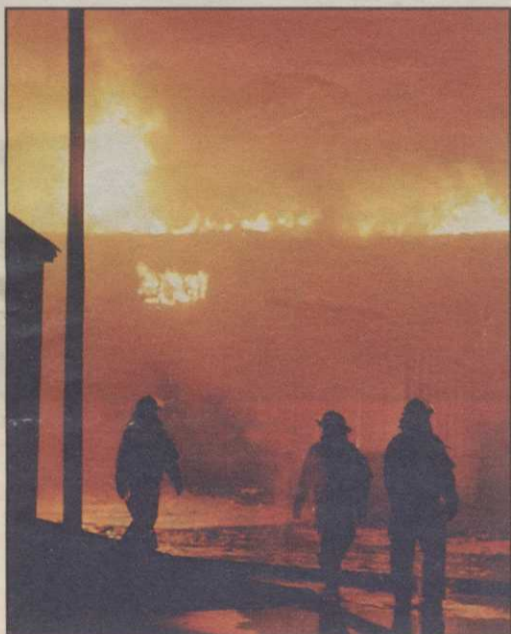
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Gunning for better disease resistance

Newest biogenetic research goes biolistic

By PETER BLAIS

The U.S. Golf Association, seed companies and others are taking their first baby steps into the area of genetically engineered turfgrasses, hoping research will eventually lead to plants that are resistant to many turf ailments.

Recent advances in the technology of transferring genetic material, specifically the biolistic method, has helped make that possible, according to Dr. Peter Day of Rutgers University's Cook College.

Basically this involves taking a plastic projectile with a surface layer of tungsten or

gold. It is then coated with DNA containing the desired genetic trait.

The projectile is fired with a 22-caliber cartridge toward a steel plate with a small hole. A partial vacuum containing grass cells is on the other side of the plate. The steel stops the projectile, but the DNA continues through the hole and hits the target cells. Some of the DNA penetrates the nucleus.

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Jeff Martin

By MARK LESLIE

A living, breathing, working laboratory in which handicapped and able-bodied people alike can play championship-level golf.

That's what the folks at Clemson University hope to develop on a 250-acre plot of land that contains peach orchards and borders manmade Lake Hartwell on their Clemson, S.C., campus.

"This project hits all the hot buttons," said Bob Wilson, the National Amputee Golf Association national director who is involved as a consultant for the

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Reregistration claims another industry victim

By HAL PHILLIPS

The specter of EPA reregistration has doomed another chemical product to the dustbin of history.

Miles Inc. announced in early April that its Dyrene fungicide products, which contain the active ingredient anilazine, have been voluntarily canceled due to the cost of obtaining data for reregistration support.

"There are a lot of people around here who are sad to see it go," said Rick Robb, marketing manager for Miles. "But it was a business decision. We have another fungicide product (Baleton) pending reregistration and it was too expensive to go ahead with Dyrene."

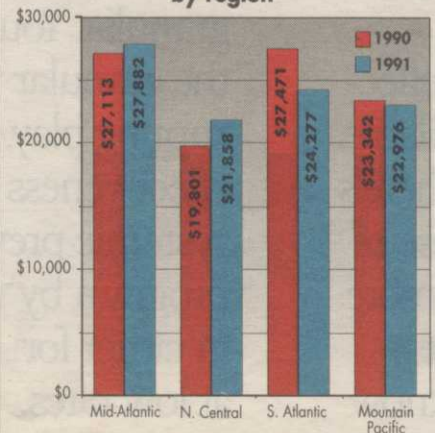
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NEW IDEAS FROM AN OLD MASTER

Architect Robert Trent Jones Sr. stands on the first tee at his Oxmoor Valley course in Birmingham, Ala. Built by Sunbelt Golf Corp., Oxmoor Valley is one of eight golf complexes constructed with Alabama state pension funds. For related story, see page 5.

Average maintenance expense per hole by region



PKF report says rounds up, maintenance costs down at resort and daily fee courses

By PETER BLAIS

Signs of recessionary times: Rounds were up, revenues stayed even and maintenance costs went down at daily-fee courses from 1990 to 1991.

That's the message contained in the first "Trends in Resort and Daily Fee Golf" published by the National Golf Course Owners Association and Pannell Kerr Forster Consulting Inc., the accounting firm that also does the "Clubs in Town & Country Report" for the pri

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