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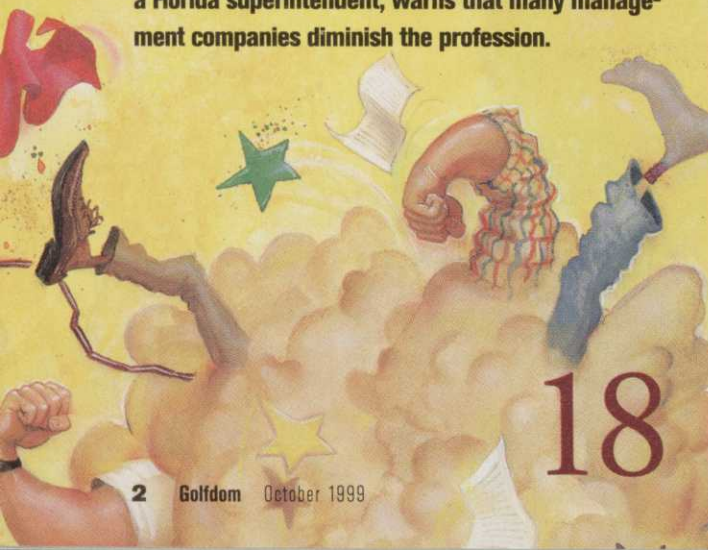
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## The Civilized Debate Continues

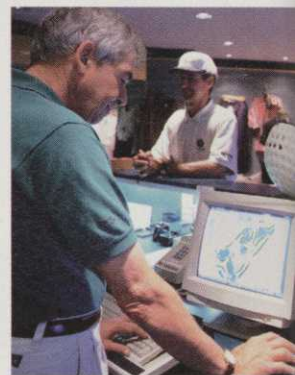
Superintendents can benefit from the way management companies do business, says Greg Plotner of International Golf Maintenance. But Mike Hamilton, a Florida superintendent, warns that many management companies diminish the profession.



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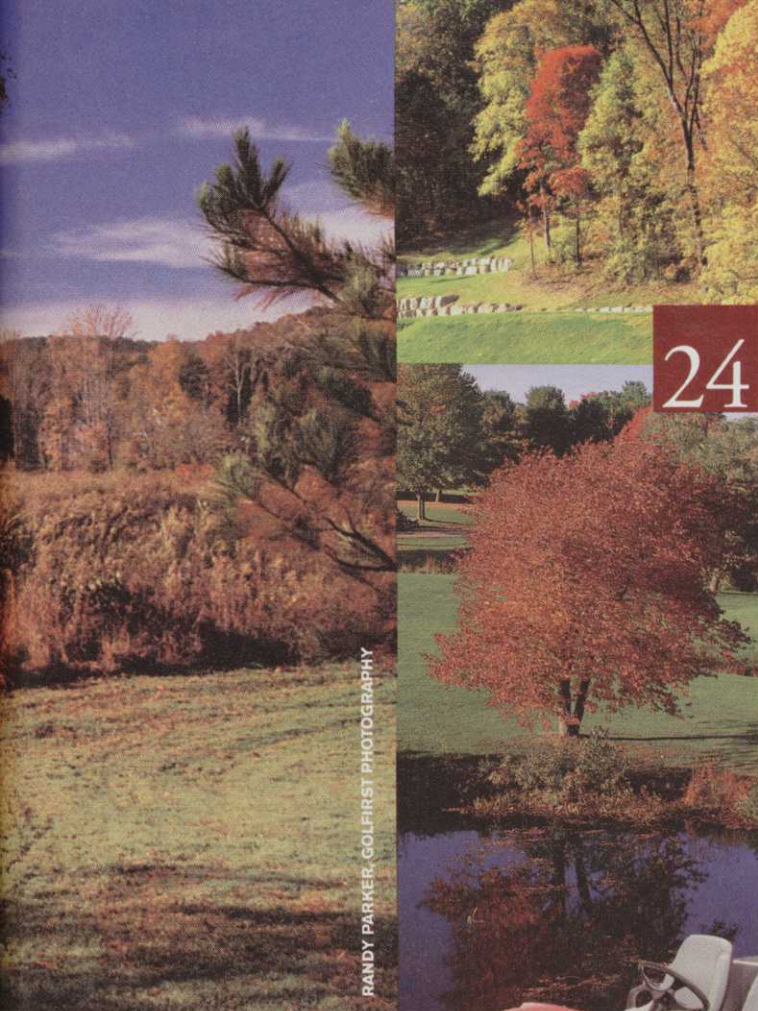
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