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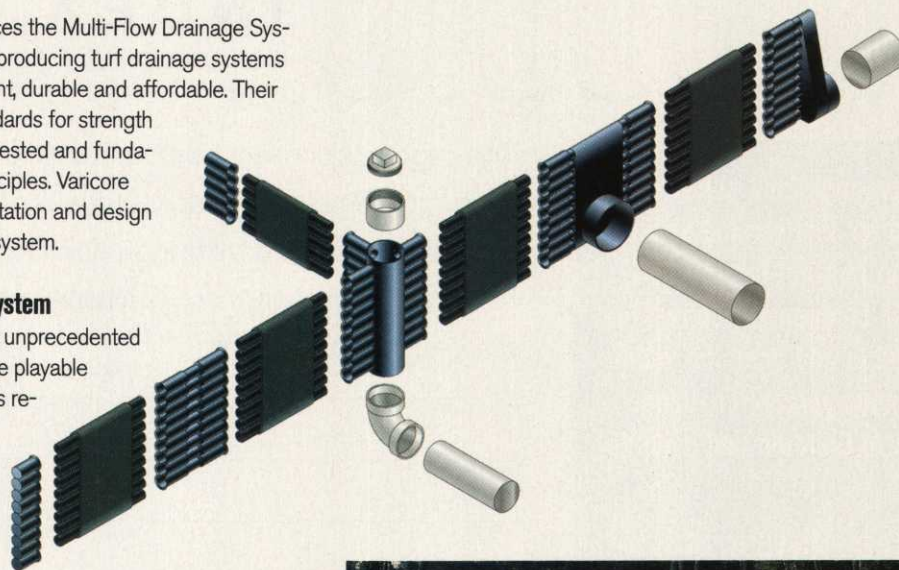
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# The Company Line

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## ▲ Herbicide

**PBI/Gordon** offers Blade herbicide to treat bahiagrass on bermudagrass fairways. Spot spraying Blade at the highest recommended bahiagrass rate (three-fourths of an ounce per acre) may cause moderate discoloration of the turf for a few days, but the bahia will be gone within two weeks or so.

Blade, the metsulfuron product introduced by PBI/Gordon last year, is also applied in late spring to ryegrass in greens and fairways as a chemical transition aid. It promotes the decline of overseeded grass in favor of bermudagrass returning to dominance.

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## Postemergent herbicide

**Valent's** Velocity Herbicide is a postemergent herbicide that will control *Poa annua* and certain broadleaf weeds in established bentgrass fairway turf. Velocity will also suppress seedhead production by *Poa annua*. The prod-

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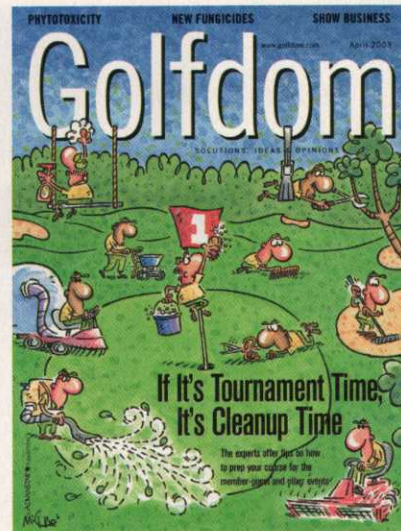
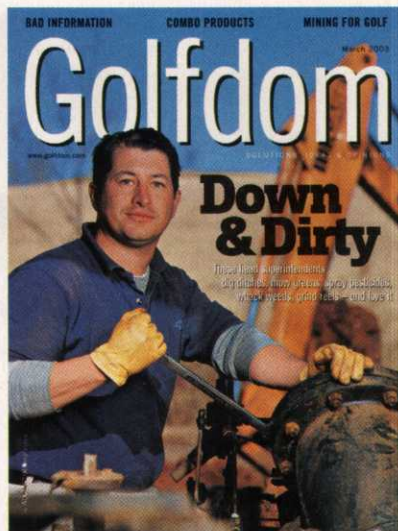
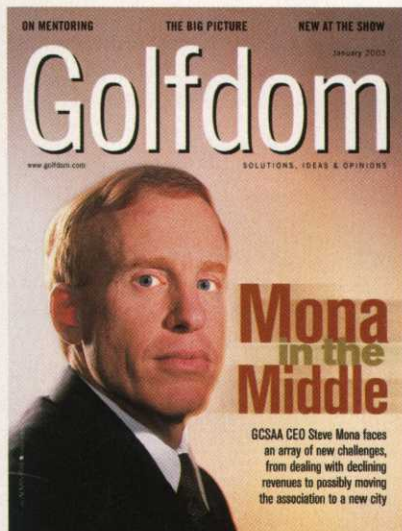
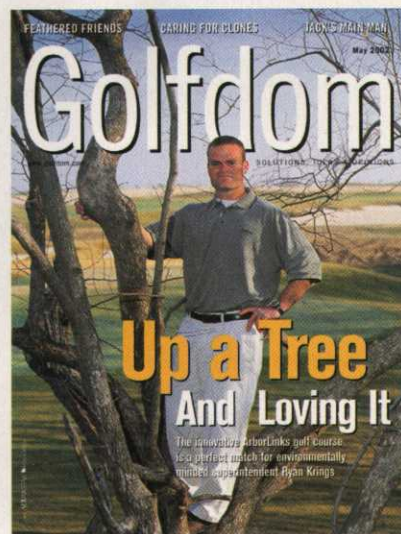
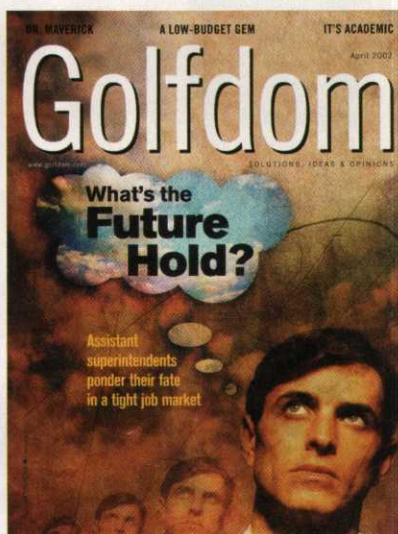
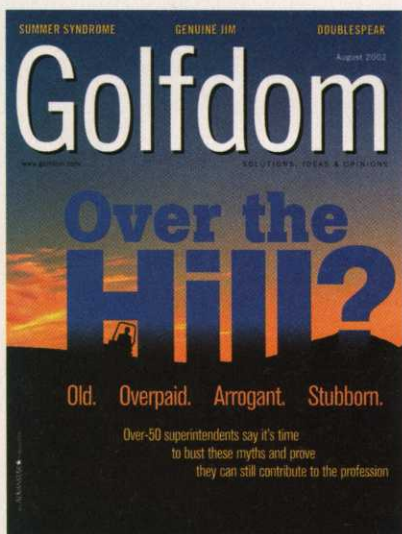
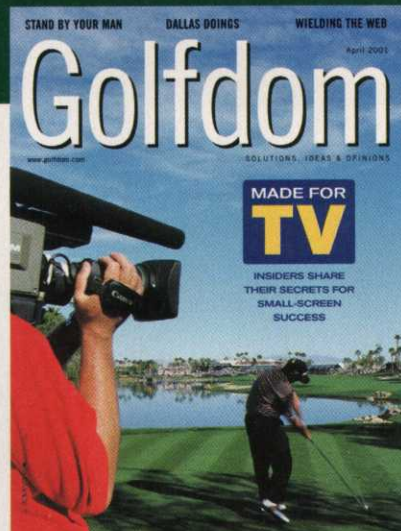
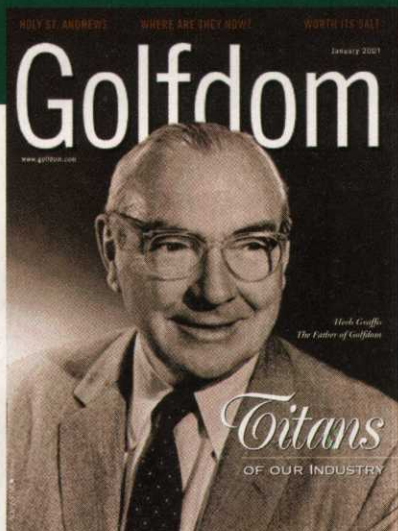
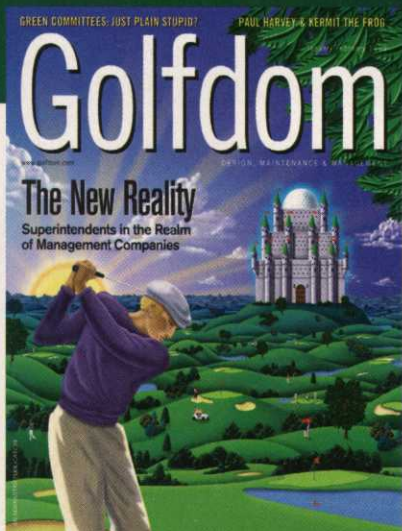
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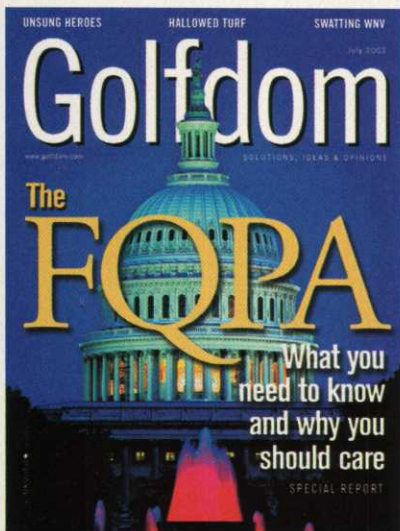
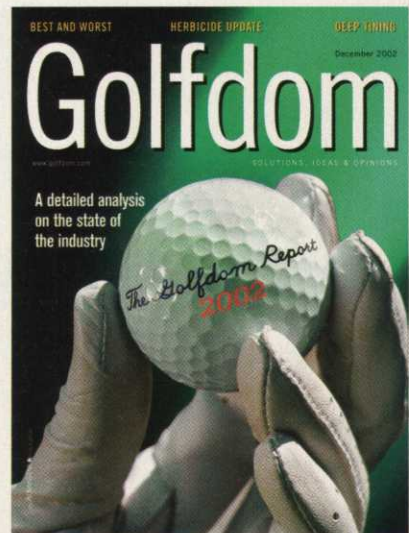
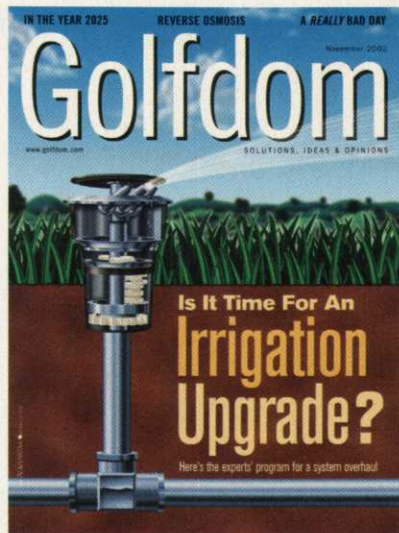
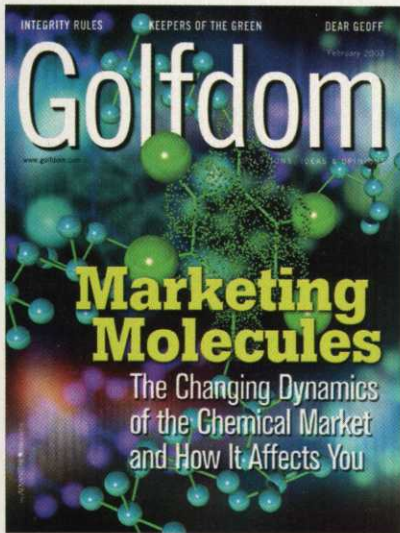
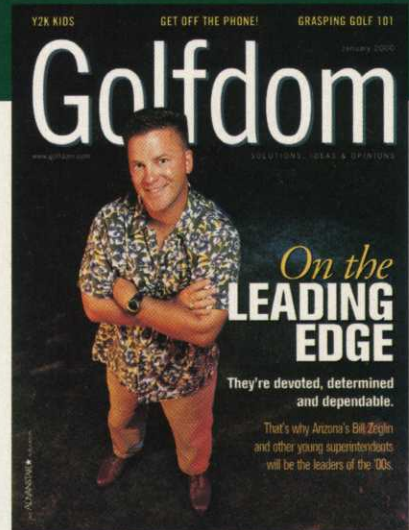
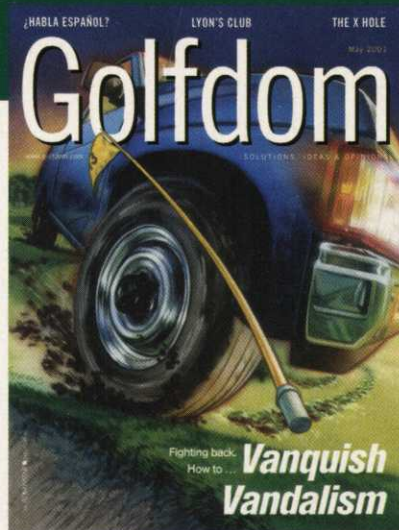
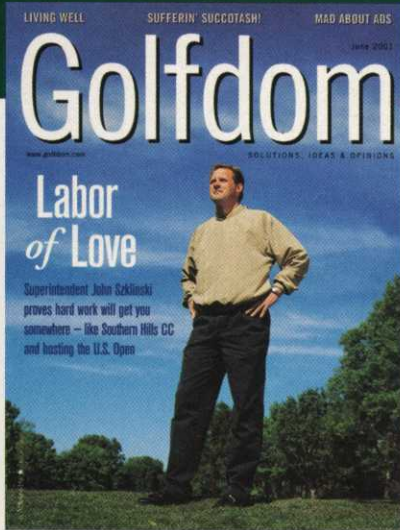
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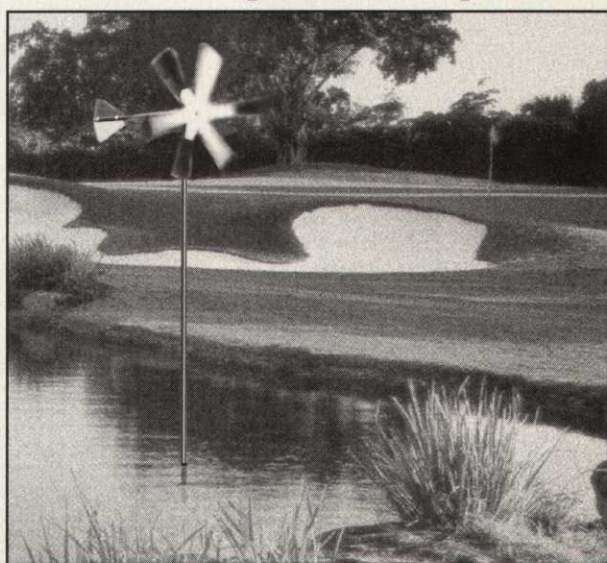
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Fast-forward a decade: The Web is nearly a necessity, broadband has quickened the connections and even a cursory browsing shows that it has become little more than a glorified strip mall.

Given the massive conglomeration in the entertainment/news industry, is there anything left worth viewing? The answer is yes, and *Golfdom* is proud to share a few of our favorites with you.

**News:** A wonderful news site is the World Press Review ([worldpress.org](http://worldpress.org)), which offers in-depth stories from various news sources around the globe. The site always mentions any political leanings of a publication as a service to the discerning reader. Those more interested in the off-beat news stories will want to check Jim Romenesko's Obscure Store ([obscurestore.com](http://obscurestore.com)) for a daily dose of wackiness and human foibles.

**Sports:** Given that the Fall Classic is but a month away, there are two must-see sites for any baseball fan. The first, Baseball



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Reference ([baseball-reference.com](http://baseball-reference.com)), contains more statistics than you could shake a stick at. Easy to use and quick to load, it will solve debates about players, awards or World Series outcomes with a click. The other, Jim Furtado's Baseball Newstand ([baseballnewstand.com](http://baseballnewstand.com)), culls specific links to Major League teams and regional columnists on one page — a one-stop shop for news and views from anywhere.

**Entertainment:** Fans of hard-boiled stories and film can enjoy William Denton's wonderful, "Twists, Slugs and Roscoes" ([miskatonic.org/slang.html](http://miskatonic.org/slang.html)), a glossary of alley-wise slang used by authors like Raymond Chandler, James M. Cain and Dashell Hammett. Or they can try Tim Dirks' brief history of *film noir* ([filmsite.org/filmnoir.html](http://filmsite.org/filmnoir.html)). Music and film lovers should check out, respectively, the All Music Guide ([allmusic.com](http://allmusic.com)) and All Movies Guide ([allmovies.com](http://allmovies.com)), which offer overviews and criticism on tens of thousands of records and films.

**Reference:** No matter what you need, The RefDesk ([refdesk.com](http://refdesk.com)) is stuffed with useful resources and is a must bookmark when you need to find something fast. In the same vein, the Internet Public Library ([ipl.org](http://ipl.org)) offers a staggering number of links on subjects from law to leisure.

**Education:** Michael Duffy's First World War ([firstworldwar.com](http://firstworldwar.com)) examines the Great War and offers articles, images, timelines and biographies. The site How Stuff Works ([howstuffworks.com](http://howstuffworks.com)) gives primers on everything from interest rates to rocket engines.

**Diversions:** The Onion ([theonion.com](http://theonion.com)) offers hilarious fake news stories and surprisingly good interviews of real cultural figures.

Happy surfin'.

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