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It would have been impossible to build Koolau Golf and Country Club in the midst of Oahu's rain forest without extensive use of erosion control techniques. Superintendent Sean Hooeohan describes in detail the battle between weather and establishing turf on the slopes below famous Pali Lookout.

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After suffering through one of the toughest seasons in their history, the New England Patriots decided changes were needed. One of those changes was the conversion of Foxboro Stadium from artificial to natural turf. Beginning this summer, the Patriots will play on the first GraviTURF natural field in an NFL stadium. Dan Almond, architect and project manager with Randall and Blake, Inc., provides this exclusive look at the project.

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The use of water-absorbing polymers has been delayed by controversy for more than ten years. This research report, one of the first completed on polymers for turf, begins to substantiate the benefits of polymers. Data indicates that some polymers extend the irrigation interval, increase root mass, and soften and safeten heavily used fields.

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