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Little conflict awaits supers in Big D

By PETER BLAIS

DALLAS — It may not be all peace and harmony on the eve of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) annual meeting. But it’s a darn sight quieter than during the NAFTA-like squabbles that preceded last year’s vote on the proposed bylaw amendments. Everyone may not agree with this year’s proposals. But most believe the process of communicating with and seeking input from members has gone much smoother than a year ago when even board member George Renault noted, “Many people feel like these [proposed changes] are being rammed down their throats.”

Reservoir eases water pressure in California

By PETER BLAIS

HEMET, Calif. — The $2 billion Domenigoni Valley Reservoir under construction in Southern California should help ensure water supplies for future golf course maintenance and development through the 21st century in this water-starved region.

“Knowing the reservoir is there should mean homeowners and environmentalists will put less pressure on politicians to pass bad legislation affecting irrigation water for golf courses,” said Raymond Davies, head superintendent at Virginia Country Club in Huntington Beach, Calif.

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) project is massive. First authorized in late 1991, the 250-foot deep reservoir won’t be completed until 1999. Created by three dams in the Diamond and Domenigoni valleys south of Hemet, it will be Southern California’s largest lake.

The 4.5-mile-long body of water will cover nearly 4,500 acres and hold 4.5 billion gallons of water.

Chemical firms join forces in search of profit

By HAL PHILLIPS

Hoechst-Roussel and NOR-AM Chemical Co. have combined their respective agrochemical activities to create a joint venture. The Scotts Company has acquired Grace-Sierra Horticultural Products Co. from W.R. Grace & Co. DowElanco has already off-loaded a portion of its specialty chemical division to LESCO, as did Zoecon Corp., following the merger of its specialty pesticide unit with Sandoz Agro Inc.

The chemical industry is reacting to the increasingly adverse economic and political environment by streamlining product lines and, ultimately, entire agrochemical divisions. With each passing day, the 1997 deadline for federal reregistration draws closer and chemical companies make more hard choices.

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