

## BRIEFS



### ADVANTA WEST NAMES NEW GM

ALBANY, Ore. — Advanta Seeds West has announced the appointment of David Holman as general manager. He will join the firm this month from Plants Genetic Systems (Canada) Inc. and brings with him extensive experience in the overall management of seed and seed-related activities. Holman has also worked internationally with Conti Seeds (now Zeneca Seeds) and InterMountain Canola.

### PRIME TURF TO REP STRANTROL 810

LOCKPORT, Ill. — Prime Turf, the midwestern distributor of the pH-control chemical pHairway, has been named by Stranco as its exclusive representative to the turf industry for the Strantrol 810 pH control system. Stranco's experience in water treatment is substantial, with more than 20,000 pH control systems in use worldwide, including the Strantrol 810, designed specifically for golf course irrigation systems. The Strantrol 810 is available for immediate shipment worldwide by calling Prime Turf at 708-301-1110.

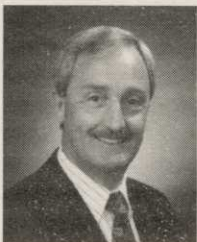
### COMINGS AND GOINGS...

Versa-Lok Retaining Wall Systems has moved its headquarters to 6348 Highway 36, Oakdale, Minn. 55128. The firm may now be reached by phone at 1-800-770-4525 or 612-770-3166; by fax at 612-770-4089; or via the Internet at <http://www.versa-lok.com/wall>.

Aqua Control, Inc., manufacturers of aerators and decorative fountains, has also changed addresses. The firm may now be reached by post at 201 Walnut St., Peru, Ill. 61354; or by phone at 800-377-0019 and 815-223-0019.

### NEYMAN JOINS LEBANON TURF

LEBANON, Pa. — Gary Neyman has been named product group manager for Lebanon Turf Products, a division of Lebanon Seaboard Corp. Neyman will be responsible for sales and marketing of Country Club, Country Club<sup>2</sup>, NX-PRO and IsoTek<sup>31</sup> Professional Turf Products. Prior to joining Lebanon, Neyman served as product line manager for Vigoro Professional Products of Winter Haven, Fla., where he was responsible for product development, new product introduction, and marketing of Vigoro's ParEx Turf Product line, and as territory manager, where he was responsible for sales of ParEx and Woodace products.



Gary Neyman



### A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

Hardly. There are so many bridges at Arnold Palmer's soon-to-be-opened course in Biloxi, Miss., the developers incorporated them into the name: The Bridges at Casino Magic, due to open this fall. Constructed by York Bridge Concepts of Tampa, Fla., the serpentine bridges span 4,000 feet of wetlands, while more than 6,000 feet of timber retaining wall elevate fairways, tees and greens above the wetlands. "I don't think I've ever seen or designed a course with the amount of bridge this one has," said Palmer designer Harrison Minchew. "We're very happy with the job [York Bridge] is doing not only on the Casino Magic course but on our Cherokee Run [Georgia] and Lost Key Plantation [Florida] projects as well."



### NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Aerway of Norwich, Ontario, Canada has introduced its new 100 Series aerators designed to provide superintendents a new option for green and tee aeration. The fine tines on the Aerway unit penetrate 6-inches deep and follow with a built-in greens roller to smooth the openings, resulting in an instantly playable putting surface with a single pass. Starting under \$5,000, Aerway 100 Series greens aerators are available in 4-foot, 5-foot, 6-foot and 7-foot/6-inch widths. They're towed behind utility vehicles or small tractors equipped with hydraulic capabilities. For more information, contact Aerway at 1-800-457-8310. For more winter prep product information, see page 39. For further new product information, see page 50.

## Ransomes continues sponsorship strategy

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ransomes has been named an official supplier to the PGA European Tour. Under the agreement, Ransomes, Cushman and Ryan turf equipment becomes a "preferred maintenance product" of the Tour. Additionally, the company's products will be recommended for use at all PGA European Tour venues for the next three years.

The agreement encompasses both the European Tour and European Senior Tour. Combined, both tours hold 50 tournaments, including the British Open Golf Championship and the Volvo PGA Championship.

As a preferred Tour supplier, Ransomes will make equipment available, as required, to help prepare Tour venues prior to all events. Ransomes will also hold special equipment seminars for tournament

directors. In addition, the firm will co-sponsor the annual PGA European Tour Greenkeepers Conference and be involved in the presentation of conference sessions and educational papers.

"As a world-class supplier of golf course maintenance equipment, Ransomes is delighted to be extending major support to the tournaments comprising the PGA European Tour," says Ransomes' Group Chief Executive, Peter Wilson. "This agreement further reinforces Ransomes' total commitment to the golf industry, highlighting the renewed confidence being placed in the company and its line of products."

"With St. Andrews, Gleneagles and Pebble Beach already committed exclusively to Ransomes," Wilson concluded, "this latest award demonstrates once again that we now have the full range of equipment."

## EPA amends a pair of worker protection laws

Monsanto honored for 'green' revisions to Round-Up chemistry

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced plans to ease its regulations in two turf-related areas: the instances when decontamination supplies must be kept at a treated site, and the use of languages other than Spanish on worker notification signs.

The amended regulations will take effect later this month, 60 days after their publication in the Federal Register which took place in late July.

The first amendment, which should affect the sod growing industry, has decreased the number of days — from 30 to 7 — that decontamination supplies (soap, water and paper towels) must be available to workers entering treated fields. This applies only to turf treated with low toxicity pesticides, defined by the EPA as those having a restricted entry interval of four hours or less.

Prior to this amendment, EPA required that decontamination supplies had to be available whenever a worker performed any activity in a pesticide treated area, or where entry had been restricted within the past 30 days.

In the second amendment, which should affect any golf course or business operating in widely bilingual regions, the EPA agreed that employer could replace the Spanish language on required warning signs with another language tailored to suit the tongue most used by workers in that location. The English portion of the sign must remain.

Previously, the EPA allowed only En-

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## Alamo okayed in California

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has registered Alamo systemic fungicide in the micro-injection application system for use in the state of California.

Alamo, which fights oak wilt and Dutch elm disease, will be available in individual 10-milliliter units that are inserted directly into the tree's flare roots. The Alamo micro-injection units provide "closed" delivery system, which greatly reduces the potential for user and environmen-

tal exposure during application.

Application time also is shortened with this delivery method which economizes the application process.

In addition to oak wilt and Dutch elm disease control, extensive field control of scab on crabapple trees and anthracnose on sycamores has led Ciba to apply for an expanded Alamo label that would include these new diseases.



## EPA amends WPS, heaps praise on Monsanto Corp.

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glish and Spanish language statements regardless of the workers' ability to read either language.

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The United States EPA has honored five organizations, including **Monsanto Corp.**, for their accomplishments in "green chemistry".

Monsanto Corp. was honored in the category of "Reducing waste from manufacturing and

reducing toxicity of materials used in manufacturing." Specifically, the firm was feted for creating a new process to manufacture the widely used pesticide, Round-Up.

Monsanto switched from a well-established process using hazardous substances — including formaldehyde, ammonia and cyanide-based chemicals — to a new, highly innovative process that eliminates these more toxic substances from the pesticide, replacing them with more benign chemicals.

The Green Chemistry Challenge was announced in March 1995 by President Clinton and Vice President Gore as part of the Administration's Reinventing Environmental Regulations initiative to promote pollution prevention and industrial ecology.

EPA, working with partners from industry, the states and other federal agencies solicited nominations for the Challenge in October 1995. More than 70 entries were reviewed by a technical panel selected by the American Chemical Society.

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## Jacobsen assists course in need

FRANKVILLE, Wis. — Fire not only destroyed the maintenance facility at South Hills Country Club late Thursday night, July 11, it destroyed most of the firm's turf care equipment therein.

However, the next morning Jacobsen Division of Textron, Inc. and neighboring superintendents were there to help.

Much of the machinery destroyed was Jacobsen mowing equipment used to maintain the greens, tees, fairways and roughs at South Hills, an 18-hole daily-fee course west of Racine where Jacobsen is headquartered. Accordingly, members of the Jacobsen test department provided South Hills interim use of a Greens King V triplex greens mower, a Tri-King triplex trim mower and a Turfcut out-front rotary and LF fairway mower.

"I'm impressed that Jacobsen was so eager to help — they helped me get back on my feet," said South Hills superintendent John Syty, who added that area superintendents also offered their assistance. "I thought it was excellent. I never expected help that fast."

## U.S. Battery adds Dura, Budwick

CORONA, Calif. — U.S. battery Manufacturing Co. has announced the addition of George Budwick and Jim Dura to its Georgia manufacturing facility.

Budwick has been hired as the vice president of sales for all East Coast and European battery distribution. He comes to U.S. Battery with more than 25 years of sales and marketing experience in the areas of distribution and marketing, both in the United States and internationally.

Dura has recently been hired to assume the position of vice president of manufacturing for the company's Augusta, Ga. manufacturing plant. He has spent most of his working career in the battery industry and brings to U.S. Battery more than 28 years of experience in lead acid battery manufacturing.