OSHA pushes case for ergonomics

By Mark Leslie

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Arguing that ergonomics is the solution, not the problem, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ergonomics coordinator defended the agency’s work to define guidelines for the workplace.

“Our Congressional mandate is to prevent injury and illness in the workplace,” said Nancy Adams. “The way the debate gets framed, ergonomics is the problem. But it’s not. It’s an intervention strategy to prevent the injury from happening, by good engineering, good process design, fitting the job to the worker and not the worker to the job. You can’t do that as one-size-fits-all.”

OSHA’s push into the realm of ergonomics is not new. The first ergonomist joined the agency in 1979, and talks with labor, trade associations and professional organizations began in the early 1980s. But the business

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Irri-Tech on board with Smart Rain

By M. Levans

KOMOKA, Ontario, Canada — Irri-Tech Distribution Inc. is the latest on Smart Rain Corp.’s growing list of distributors for its new irrigation control system package that allows superintendents head-by-head sprinkler control.

The assets in the merger transaction will include the golf courses, the resort operation assets and developed and undeveloped land, but will exclude the hotels which are individ-

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Irri-Tech — a three-per-son division that Blue Jay Sprinkler Co. started specifi-cally to accommo-date the Smart Rain busi-

ness — will be the exclusive distributor for Ontario, Western Canada and Northern Michigan.

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Golf Trust adds $79M. to the kitty

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Golf Trust of America Inc. has signed a commitment with Troon Golf of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Starwood Capital Group LLC of Greenwich, Conn., to loan the two businesses $69.9 million and a subse-quent $9.0 million to buy two golf resorts.

The resorts include Innisbrook Resort, a 63-hole golf and conference facility near Tampa, Fla., and the Tamarron Resort, an 18-hole golf and confer-

ence facility near Durango, Colo.

The acquisition will be made by TM Golf Host, a partnership between Troon and Starwood.

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Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) — not only for facilities but lost revenues in an area where an estimated 80 percent of the population plays golf.

At Lincoln Park, a municipal facility run by the Grand Forks Park District, superintendent Steve Mullally said 60 acres of the 18-hole course will have to be reseeded, and nine of the holes

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