Salary extremes between coasts

The latest salary survey of grounds managers by the Professional Grounds Management Society shows grounds managers on the West Coast to be the highest paid, and their counterparts on the East Coast to be the lowest paid, on the average.

The breakdown is as follows:

Mid Atlantic Region: (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware, Virginia); an average salary of $25,819.
Southeast: (West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida); an average salary of $24,101.
Midwest Region: (North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio); an average salary of $24,249.
Southwest Region: (Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi); an average salary of $26,957.

ASLA down to the wire

By its June 1 deadline, The American Society of Landscape Architects was only $61,000 shy of its $400,000 goal to purchase a building to be used as the national headquarters.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, however, voted to proceed with the purchase of the building and to keep up fundraising efforts, according to Society president Darwin Neal.

ALCA Grand Award to Brickman

A wooden bridge, man-made ponds and extensive greenery are all part of the landscape design developed by Theodore Brickman Co., Long Grove, Illinois, for a single family home in Barrington Hills, Illinois, that has won an Associated Landscape Contractors of America Grand Award for Excellence.

Brickman landscape architect Feryl Waldenmyer said the intent was to make the best use of existing vegetation and to provide optimal views of the 10-acre lake on the property.

EPA cracks down on wood savers

Application of three wood preservatives is now restricted to certified applicators following a July ruling by EPA. Certified applicators of pentachlorophenol, creosote, and inorganic arsenicals must wear impermeable gloves in all cases, wear respirators and protective clothing in many cases, and not smoke, eat or drink while handling the materials.