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TORELLO'S TEXT... The “Journal of Turfgrass Management” is now available from the Haworth Press. Written by Dr. William Torello of the University of Massachusetts, the quarterly publication costs $36-$60, depending on your classification, for four issues. To order, call (800) 342-9678 or fax (607) 722-6362.

WRONGFUL TERMINATION... A new book from Nolo Press reveals the strategies you can use for legally hiring and firing in the lawsuit-happy '90s. The 362-page paperback, called “Rightful Termination,” costs $29.95. To order, call (800) 992-5887 or fax (607) 722-6362.

CHEMICAL REFERENCES... Updated versions to two popular chemical references are now available to the green industry.

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FIRST AID... The Bureau of Business Practice has a new “Medical Emergencies First Aid Pocket Guide” that covers assessing emergency situations, setting priorities, keeping victims alive until help arrives, and administering first aid. Guides can be customized with your company imprint. For more information, phone (800) 916-9000.

COMPLIANCE POSTERS... State and federal laws require that employers post specific employee labor law notices. G-Neil Companies now has posters that will put you in compliance. You can order the federal posters, the state posters or a complete labor law compliance kit in English, Spanish (some states) or both. All prices under $100. For more information, phone (800) 999-9111.

FIELD ESPAÑOL... The Landscape Horticulture Center for Personnel Development is selling “Conversational Field Spanish” to the green industry. With the manual, you will learn pronunciation and vocabulary, learn the names of tools and materials, and become familiar with everyday phrases for planting, irrigation and maintenance. Cost is $29.95 including shipping and sales tax. Send to LHCPD, 3124 Gray Fox Land, Paso Robles, CA 93446 or phone (805) 238-7921.

ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONS... The Monsanto Company is offering a free kit to help LCOs and landscapers convey facts about pesticide use from an environmental perspective. “Weeds Are No Longer Your Only Concern” is a kit that contains product-specific and non-commercial information for you to distribute to the public. To request a kit, phone (800) 332-3111.

WATER FEATURES... A new book from Garden Way Publishing features complete descriptions of more than 300 grasses, flowering plants, shrubs, trees, aquatic and floating plants that can be used in waterscaping features. “Waterscaping: Plants and Ideas for Natural and Created Water Gardens” costs $27.95 for the hardcover and $18.95 for the paperback (Canada slightly higher). To order, call (800) 441-5700.

TREE STUFF... Two new publications are applicable to tree care. The “Handbook of Landscape Tree Cultivars,” lists 1700 cultivars. In looseleaf notebook form, it costs $29.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. To order, phone (800) 928-5887. Also, the ACRT Institute of Arboriculture and Urban Forestry has published a 234-page safety and training manual for utilities and line clearance contractors. It contains 14 chapters and 257 illustrations that enable you to meet all OSHA and ANSI requirements. The “Line Clearance Tree Trimmer Certification Manual” costs $115. To place your order, phone (800) 622-2562.

FOR GREEN GREENS... Noted turfgrass manager Tom Mascaro has written a 397-page text entitled “Diagnostic Turfgrass Management for Golf Greens.” The book contains more than 100 color photographs and a complete workbook with all necessary monitoring charts and instructions. To order, call Turfgrass Products Publication at (800) 258-7747.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS... RGF Environmental Systems is offering a free booklet titled “Environmental Guidelines for Golf Course Maintenance Facilities.” Subjects include EPA laws, maintenance shop housekeeping, mix & load operations, storm water run-off and more. To order, phone RGF at (800) 842-7771.

VIDEO TRAINING... “Creating the Knowledgeable Operator” is one of a series of video-based training workshops covering the basics of ride-on golf course maintenance equipment. The 30-minute video includes step-by-step instructions, an instructor guide, training handbooks and assessment worksheets. For more information and a free preview tape, call (800) 938-4330.

FIELD MAINTENANCE... Renowned groundskeeper Floyd Perry now has a book titled the “Pictorial Guide to Quality Groundskeeping” for rec facility managers and maintenance supervisors. Perry calls it the most comprehensive grounds maintenance text available. Cost is $32.60 plus $3 shipping and handling (Fla. residents $1.95 sales tax). To order, call (800) 809-3952.

FOR LANDSCAPIERS... “Landscape Construction Procedures, Techniques and Design” by horticulture professor Floyd Giles includes more than 450 pictures. The third edition, which retains for $28.80, includes new sections on gazebos, irrigation, fences, decks, boat docks and other topics. Send your order to Stipes Publishing, 10-12 Chester St., Champaign, IL 61820.

COST DATA... The new “1995 Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data” offers new prices that landscapers should use in compiling bids on projects. Included are more than 17,000 product lines and systems for site work and landscaping with the current prices for material, labor and equipment—nationally and regionally. Price is $86.95 for the 500-page illustrated book. To order, call (800) 334-3509.