Curtis Dyna-Fog, Ltd., a maker of sprayers and foggers has a new web site, which describes the history, activity, product line and possible uses of the equipment. Visitors to the site will see complete details of the wide range of equipment offered with guides to different models. Address is: www.dynafog.com

The Davey Tree Expert Company has acquired the assets of Raintree Landscape Services, Inc., a full-service landscape maintenance organization in Tampa, FL. Raintree serves commercial developers, property managers and homeowners association with irrigation, nutrition and pest control, landscaping, horticultural consulting and landscape management services.

Visit the new Encore Manufacturing web site at www.encoreequipment.com to compare the daily equipment cost of mowers, for updates on mowing and maintenance tips for commercial cutters. Products are described, with spec charts.

Dow AgroSciences has a new web site to answer commonly asked questions about their professional products. Regional application windows and application tips and links to various industry sites can be found at www.dowagro.com under the Turf and Ornamental menu option.

Flowtronex Europe Ltd. is the newest member of the family of pumping systems companies that includes US-based Flowtronex PSI, Flowtronex International and Best Equipment, Inc. Flowtronex Europe was formed by the recent acquisition of Action Pumping Services Ltd. of Waterlooville, UK by Rosewood Equipment, parent company of Flowtronex PSI and related entities. Action supplies pre-packaged pumping systems, pumps and controls to municipalities, golf and landscape industries throughout Europe.

Griffin LLC has formed a new business team for its specialty products group. Led by Owen Towne, global business director, (and ex-director of turf for Novartis), the team is to expand and develop the Griffin line including Junction fungicide; Roll-Out root-growth regulator; and Chlorofos insecticide. Jimmy Whately is business director; Joe Mares is product development manager for insect control. Trey Warnock, David King, Mark Crawford and Patti Niewoehner are on board.

Zeneca Professional Products has named Glen D. Johnson as Contract Sales Market Lead. Johnson has worked with Zeneca for 15 years in various capacities and will now be responsible for the sale of all technical active ingredients to customers in the non-ag and agricultural markets in North America.

Continuing in their recent expansion activities, Century Rain Aid, the nation's leading distributor of landscape irrigation, outdoor lighting and water feature products has opened three new midwest branches. The stores are located in Wichita, Kansas; Plainfield, Illinois; and Plymouth, Minnesota. Century has opened 30 branches in the last 12 months through corporate acquisitions and new sites.

The Weed Golf Course Design firm based in FL now has a website which provides a thumbnail sketch of the firm in a fast-loading format. Courses designed and redesigned or remodeled are listed and photos are presented as well as background information on the staff and recent news about the firm. Check out the site at bobbyweed.com

Riverdale Chemical company named Curtis Clark as marketing manager. Clark is responsible for all marketing and advertising. Most recently he was director of marketing and sales for Troy Biosciences. Previously, he worked as sales manager and marketing manager for American Cyanamid.

CD-ROM FOR PUMPING SYSTEMS TRAINING... Flowtronex PSI, Columbus, OH, has a program that is believed to be the industry’s first pumping system training available on CD-ROM. The CD features curriculum for architects, contractors, consultants, engineers, dealers and other professionals who make important business decisions related to golf course operations. The CD-ROM training currently is available only to students who attend instructor-led FINALNET and Big Picture courses from Flowtronex. Contact Greg Lush at greglush@flowtronex.com

'TREE BYTES' CD-ROM FACT SHEETS... now available from UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program. The 150 fact sheets have information on insects, mites and disease pests found in the Northeast and include 750 color photographs. The same CD works on both Apple and Windows 95 platforms (use in Windows 3.1 results in some loss of quality). Text cannot be printed but a hard copy booklet of the fact sheets will be available at a later date. Contact Bob Childs at (413) 545-3208.