

The youngster did get a portfolio from the University of Florida for developing a significant project in agriculture.

Is there a budding turf scientist in the Purdy family?

"I fully expect to have Dr. Purdy come back and visit me some day," said Elder, his sixth-grade teacher. "But frankly, I don't think he'll be in agriculture."

"No, I think I want to be an engineer and maybe work in space," said Purdy.

"But I am thinking about continuing the exudate experiment for next year's Science Fair. Or I might do some work with photosynthesis."

Rain Bird founder loses cancer battle

GLENDORA, Calif. — Mary Elizabeth LaFetra, former president of Rain Bird

Sprinkler Corp., died of cancer March 27 at age 79.

She founded the company with her husband Clement, who died in 1963, and served as its president from 1951 to 1976. LaFetra's son Anthony became president in 1977, the year she retired as chairman of the board

Well known for her numerous philanthropic activities, LaFetra served on the board of directors for many local and national organizations. She was elected president of the LaVerne College board of trustees in 1971, a position she retained until



Mary E LaFetra

1982.

Following her retirement, she fulfilled a lifelong wish to complete her own college education and in 1982, at the age of 73, she

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became the oldest student to graduate from Pomona College.

Rain Bird's first product, the first positive-force impact sprinkler, revolutionized the irrigation industry. Today, the organization stretches around the world with facilities in the United States, Europe and the Far East. Rain Bird products are used to irrigate agriculture, homes and commercial and industrial complexes in more than 100 countries.

In addition to her son Anthony, LaFetra is survived by one daughter, Sarah Ludwick, and five grandchildren.

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People in the news...

Jere E. Moore has joined Sunniland Corp., a Sanford-based manufacturer of fertilizer and chemical products and a whole-sale distributor of roofing products

as a marketing assistant. A recent graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelor of fine arts degree, Moore will help prepare and execute the corporate marketing programs and help research and develop new packaging and products.

Rain Bird offers compact controllers

Rain Bird's new RC-4Bi, RC-7Bi and RC-1260Bi controllers feature a compact, economical design for residential and light commercial applications. These new models combine reliable electromechanical operation with a variety of performance features.

Available in four-, seven-, and 12-station models, these indoor-mount controllers include a 14-day calendar. They can be programmed with the easy, at-a-glance dials and offer station timing of three to 60

minutes (in one-minute increments) and six to 60 minutes (in two-minute increments) with one to 23 automatic starts per day.

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For more information on Rain Bird's compact RC-4Bi, RC-7Bi and RC-1260Bi controllers, write Rain Bird Sales, Inc. Turf Division, 145 N. Grand Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

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