

REGIONAL NEWS

South Central



APPLICATORS CAN SELF-CERTIFY

LUBBOCK, Texas — All licensed and certified pesticide applicators can now recertify by self-certification in Texas.

In a law that took effect Jan. 1, it spells out that it continues the original process of obtaining continuing education units

(CEUs) by attending Texas Department of Agriculture-accredited courses. Course sponsors will continue to distribute certificates of completion, but applicators will no longer be required to fill out scantron sheets.

A typed roster will replace the scantron. Only such basic information as name, social security and license numbers is needed. The course sponsor will provide additional information such as the date and number of credits, and will continue to distribute certificates of completion. Pesticide applicators keep these certificates in order to self-certify.

Texas officials say their standards for certification conform to and surpass those of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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COLLEGES GET CASH

CHICAGO — Cash awards were presented to eight colleges and universities for participation in the Career Center at the Mid-

America Horticultural Trade Show held here last January.

Joliet (Ill.) Junior College received \$600 in recognition of having sponsored the highest attendance, with 65 students participating in Career Center activities. Other schools in the top four, receiving \$450 each, included the University of Illinois at Champaign (27 students), College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn (21 students), and College of Lake County in Grayslake (16 students).

Cash awards of \$200 went to Milwaukee Area Technical College of Mequon, Wis.; Gateway

Technical College of Kenosha, Wis.; Iowa State University at Ames; and Illinois Central College of East Peoria. A total of 29 educational institutions participated in the Career Center.

Attendance at the Career Center gave students the chance to meet and discuss employment opportunities with representatives from 91 participating companies. A total of 227 students were on hand for this year's event, up from 153 in 1995.

Mountains

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONCLAVE SET

DENVER, Colo. — More than 30 topics will be offered this year at the Rocky Mountain Turf Conference, Dec. 4-6, in a new format in the form of workshops, technical seminars and service seminars.

Held at Currihan Hall, the workshops will precede the concurrent seminars, plus several key topics of the program will be repeated throughout the conference to enable everyone who is interested to attend. Service Technical Seminars will also be included in the program once again this year.



Southeast

\$45K RAISED FOR ENVIROTRON

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, Fla. — The fourth annual Envirotron Golf Classic, held by the Seven Rivers Chapter of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association at World Woods Golf Resort here, raised \$45,000 for the Envirotron Research Laboratory at the University of Florida.

The tournament's net proceeds will go to the Envirotron research equipment fund. The inaugural event in 199, yielded a \$22,500 donation, followed by \$30,000 in 1994 and \$35,000 in 1995.

Funded in part by the Florida Turfgrass Association, the Envirotron is a 3,100-square-foot research field laboratory, which opened in 1993. It includes a greenhouse, four climate-controlled glass houses, two walk-in growth chambers, two labs, study areas, classrooms and offices.

Designed to study and develop new technology on the relationship of turfgrass with biological, environmental and cultural factors, the Envirotron allows scientists to study the entire turfgrass system from root to blade. Its primary studies deal with temperature modifications, noise abatement, pollution and water purification, as well as the aspects of turfgrass culture.



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