

### **Irrigation effects outlined in paper**

A paper by Jerry Robertson, Department of Horticulture, Ohio State University, has charted the potential impact of watering bans on the landscape industry. Robertson said 90 percent of the industry's firms are located in drought affected areas, with more than 50 percent in the states of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, California, and Florida.

The problem is more distribution of rainfall than amount of rainfall. Furthermore, less than 1 percent of water used in the U.S. goes toward irrigating landscape plants.

A ban on irrigation could damage more than \$500 billion worth of residential and commercial landscaping in the U.S. Certainly there is reason to study risks versus benefits of landscape irrigation bans.

### **First massive reclamation program**

Secretary of the Interior James Watt has announced that West Virginia will receive a grant of \$2.27 million to correct major damage caused by earlier surface mining. The grant is the first major use of funds collected from mine operators under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

West Virginia has nearly 180,000 acres of unreclaimed abandoned mine land and 3,100 miles of streams damaged by mining practices. The state plans to spend more than \$30 million on reclamation of old sites in the future.

The state's Department of Natural Resources has selected 11 projects in eight counties for funding.

### **Council offers tree appraisal aids**

The Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers are assisting landscape professionals in calculating and reporting tree and plant values to their customers with new forms.

Dr. L.C. Chadwick, chairman of CTLA, said the forms, "Seem to meet the working needs we all encounter in making tree evaluations. They help to enhance the professionalism of the appraiser."

Documentation not only proves invaluable during insurance claims, but supports the investment in tree maintenance. Forms are available from CTLA, 232 Southern Building, Washington, D.C. 20005. The cost is \$1 each for up to 50 copies, 75 cents for 50-100, and 50 cents for more than 100.

### **Landscape architect directory is free**

The 1981 National Directory of Landscape Architecture Firms is available free of charge to individuals, corporations, and government agencies interested in contracting for landscape architectural services. The 140-page directory lists firms by alphabetical order, geographic location, and specialty. It also lists representative projects of each firm for reference purposes. The publication is available from the American Society of Landscape Architects, 1900 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

### **ASLA meets in Washington D.C.**

A program for small to large landscape architectural firms has been arranged for November 21-24 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Architecture students are also welcome at this annual event.

Although the new headquarters building will not be completed as planned when the meeting was first scheduled, the fire damage has been removed and renovation is again underway.

Special sessions will cover managing the small firm, marketing, energy conservation, historic preservation, technology of tomorrow, and financial planning. Contact ASLA for more information.

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### WEEDS

### **Extension specialists publish colorful aquatic weed bulletin**

Bulletin 839, *Identification and Control of Weeds in Southern Ponds*, has been published by the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, in cooperation with U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. The bulletin features 47 four-color photographs and a descriptive text written by two extension specialists. George W. Lewis, an extension fisheries specialist, and James F. Miller, an extension agronomist-weeds science specialist collaborated on the 28-page bulletin.

The Fish and Wildlife Service funded the preparation and printing as a result of a cooperative agreement to provide fish and wildlife extension services.

Copies of the publication can be obtained from two sources: United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, 75 Spring Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 or Publications Editor, Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

### SOD

### **Southland Sod Farms adds Thomas McClure**

Southland Sod Farms, Camarillo, CA, has added Thomas McClure to its customer relations/sales staff.



Prior to his move to Southland, McClure was a territory manager for Amfac Garden Cal Turf and a horticulture instructor for the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program for four years. He entered the landscape/nursery industry in 1973 as a branch manager with Roger's Gardens.

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