

## UPDATE

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### Urban Park Program to go to cities

The National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Department of the Interior, has appropriated \$7.7 million in fiscal year 1982 for continuing existing innovative grants under its Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program. Beginning in 1979, grants totalling almost \$14 million have been given to 69 U.S. cities. The majority of these projects have provided recreation services for neighborhoods where none existed before: A facility for handicapped children in Pascagoula, MS; a tool and equipment loan service in Hartford, CT; a recreation park for senior citizens in Worcester, MA; a renovated service center in Lompoc, CA; a theater arts program in Louisville, KY; conversion of an abandoned sewage treatment plant into an environmental education center in Bellingham, WA; volunteer vandalism prevention and park awareness groups in Evansville, IN; truck mounted swimming pools for use in streets of New York; and conversion of post office building into a recreation and day care center in Wilmington, NC. This will probably be the last year of the program and this year's money should complete the projects and make them ready for city management.

### Mediterranean fruit fly eradicated in Florida

What a difference a well-planned offense makes when handling an emergency insect infestation. Remember the political maneuvering last year over the use of malathion in California to control the Mediterranean fruit fly. It certainly made major headlines throughout the country and is still discussed in this year's political campaigns in that State.

Last August 1981, following the discovery of a number of Medfly larva in Hillsborough County, FL, officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service authorized the spraying of the infested area 10 times with the pesticide malathion. In addition, an intensive trapping and fruit sampling system was initiated to detect the presence of any flies or larvae. No evidence of the fly has been found since the initial fly catches last year and since enough time has passed without flies or any evidence of infestation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared the Medfly eradicated in this part of Florida. No such decision has been made in California as yet.

### Satellite to assist landscape architects

A new satellite in the Landsat series launched in July which will provide aerial photographic resolution of land areas as small as one-half acre. The Earth Resources Observation System (EROS) of the U.S. Department of Interior will make this terrain analytical data available to anyone who wants it. Recently, landscape architects have been using both aerial image and the satellite computer-type data for large-scale land development and resource management. They can identify vegetation types, stream beds, underground water supplies, seepage areas, depth of the water table and the depth of soil over bedrock. With data from the new satellite, the landscape architects will be able to plan small-scale projects, such as, parks, golf-courses, college campuses, cemeteries, urban centers, or office parks without leaving the office. Space technology should help in achieving high quality designs joined with a respect for the environment.

Artesco of Phoenix, AR, for an outstanding specification effort; A-1 Turf Irrigation Supply of Houston, TX, for market development; Florida Irrigation Supply of Orlando, FL, for outstanding contribution to the development of the Orlando Airport; and Indio Pipe and Supply Co., of Indio, CA, for sales and service to the golf course market.

### IRRIGATION

#### Toro names Skidgel marketing director

The Irrigation Division of The Toro Co., Riverside, CA, has named John Skidgel director of marketing. Having served in marketing in the division for 20 years, he is a specialist in golf course and other large turf irrigation applications.



John Skidgel

Skidgel's new responsibilities will include the division's expanded marketing program and the introduction of new products. "We are actively planning our fiscal 1983 campaign, with even greater marketing support for everyone in the Toro family, from distributors to dealers to installers," said Skidgel.

### SEED

#### Hertwig joins International Seed

Jack Hertwig has joined the staff of International Seed Inc. Halsey, OR, as a turf consultant. He previously worked for Germain's Seed Co., for 25 years as a turf consultant for the southwestern U.S., Mexico, Hawaii and California.

Hertwig is a member of the National Golf Superintendent's Association and a contributor to the Southern California Superintendent's publication. In recent years, he has expanded from golf into work with grounds managers of athletic fields including the Rose Bowl, Super Bowl and Orange Bowl.