

UPDATE

Salary extremes between coasts

The latest salary survey of grounds managers by the Professional Grounds Management Society shows grounds managers on the West Coast to be the highest paid, and their counterparts on the East Coast to be the lowest paid, on the average.

The breakdown is as follows:

New England Region: (Mass., Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hamp., Maine, NY, NJ, and Conn.); an average salary of \$22,921.

Mid Atlantic Region: (Penn, Maryland, Wash, DC, Del., Virginia); an average salary of \$25,819.

Southeast: (West Va., Ky., Tenn., NC, SC, GA, Alabama, Fla); an average salary of \$24,101.

Mid-West Region: (North Dakota, South Dakota, Neb., Minn, Iowa, Wisc. Ill., Mich., Indiana and Ohio); an average salary of \$24,249.

Southwest Region: (Kansas, Missouri, Okla., Arkansas, NM, Texas, Louisiana and Miss.); an average salary of \$26,957.

Far West Region: (Alaska, Hawaii, Wash., Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Calif., Nevada, Utah, Colo., Arizona); an average salary of \$27,643.

ASLA down to the wire

By its June 1 deadline, The American Society of Landscape Architects was only \$61,000 shy of its \$400,000 goal to purchase a building to be used as the national headquarters.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, however, voted to proceed with the purchase of the building and to keep up fundraising efforts, according to Society president Darwina Neal.

ALCA Grand Award to Brickman

A wooden bridge, man-made ponds and extensive greenery are all part of the landscape design developed by Theodore Brickman Co., Long Grove, IL, for a single family home in Barrington Hills, IL, that has won an Associated Landscape Contractors of America Grand Award for Excellence.

Brickman landscape architect Feryl Waldenmyer said the intent was to make the best use of existing vegetation and to provide optimal views of the 10-acre lake on the property.

EPA cracks down on wood savers

Application of three wood preservatives is now restricted to certified applicators following a July ruling by EPA. Certified applicators of pentachlorophenol, creosote, and inorganic arsenicals must wear impermeable gloves in all cases, wear respirators and protective clothing in many cases, and not smoke, eat or drink while handling the materials.

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Rebel II (set to be introduced in a few years)."

Dr. Richard Smiley of Cornell University presented information on fusarium blight. Drs. Reed Funk and Ralph Engel of Rutgers also attended.

Hurley said the number of invitees to the field day is kept to a minimum so that people can ask questions and get problems solved. Those attending represented \$4 million in business to the company.

PESTICIDES

Maine paper companies battle spruce budworm

Maine paper companies, in an effort to protect their woodlands and also the state's largest industry, paid an estimated \$5.5 million to spray 624,500 acres of forests with two chemicals, Zectran and Matacil, and with a natural caterpillar killer called *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) in what has become an annual battle to control the spruce budworm.

Studies indicate the budworm could seriously affect Maine's paper-making capabilities by the turn of the century and the paper companies have responded with what is believed to be the nation's largest forest pesticide-spraying project.

Throughout May and June nearly 40 planes flew over infested areas, spraying chemicals and Bt. The Maine Pesticides Control Board said the spraying poses no danger and the chemicals will cause no lasting problems because dozens of support personnel were used to pinpoint the spraying thus avoiding populated areas.

EQUIPMENT

Exmark enlarging manufacturing plant

Expansion of Exmark Manufacturing Company's product lines as well as "a dramatic increase" in growth are the reasons for the 18,000-sq.-ft. addition under construction at the company's Beatrice, NB, plant. Exmark is a manufacturer and marketer of lawn and turf care products.

"We recently completed our new facility in Beatrice, and product demand by our distributor organization and their customers necessitates the immediate expansion of our facility," Robert Martin, the firm's president, says. "The acceptance of the