

## More students on the horizon

■ Jules Janick, Ph.D., predicts that current low horticultural enrollments at universities will swing around in less than a decade.

Janick, outgoing president of the American Society of Horticultural Science, notes that figures also show that consumers are willing to pay more for landscape horticulture, and predicts that trend will continue.

"I'm optimistic but cautious," Janick told the A.S.H.S. membership at its annual meeting. "The success of Floridians to create a horticultural paradise over sand and alligators has been an inspiration to all of us. Whatever the future brings, I guarantee excitement."

## A one-handed killer

■ Latest concern of the National Arborist Association is the one-handed use of small chain saws while pruning or trimming trees. "If ever there was the opportunity for a serious injury, this is it," says N.A.A. executive secretary Bob Felix.

"Accidents don't happen, they are caused," Felix told attendees at the ALCA/PGMS Green Team show. "No matter what you are doing, you can have unsafe situations. For moral and practical reasons, every employer has an obligation to make every employee work safer. You can't use safety training programs enough."

Felix also revealed that the American National Standards Association has written new standards and safety practices, which will be released soon, and that employers should make every effort to follow them.

## Possible new bio-control

■ A newly-discovered parasite might be used to control grub populations in the future, leading to less pesticide use on turf and crops.

According to a report from the Connecticut Experiment Station Newsletter provided by LM advisor Marty Petrovic, the parasite's name is *Ovavesicula popilliae*. A spore is secreted by *O. popilliae* that is harmful to Japanese beetle grubs.

"Since it apparently attacks only Japanese beetles, it may have arrived here with the beetles about 1910," said the newsletter. "We are now determining if we can use it to help control Japanese beetles, and thereby reduce the amount of pesticide applied to the soil."

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