### Major league camps on hold at presstime

BASEBALL CITY, Fla. — As this month's issue of LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT went to press, field managers at the major league baseball spring training camps were still waiting for the players' strike to be settled.

"We just got the minor leaguers in," notes Matt Taylor, assistant at the Kansas City Royals camp here, "but we're still waiting around for the major leaguers.

"We're still busy, working seven days a week, though."

Baseball City has alternatives some other training campsites don't: amateur, college and high school athletic directors like to use the facility to showcase

their teams.

Nine people tend the major facility that hosts the Royals, plus the Class AAA minor league field, four cloverleaf fields and a halffield for infield practice. They are under the watchful eye of George Toma of the parent organization and field supervisor Ed Mangan.

The stadium itself is a unique story. The infield is synthetic turf while the outfield is natural bermudagrass overseeded with ryegrass. The field was built to those specifications at the request of the Royals, who play on synthetic turf. The infield allows defensive players to practice on the same surface they'll be playing on during the reg-



Matt Taylor of Baseball City, Fla. says morale is high despite the absence of the Bo Jacksons and George Bretts.

ular season, while the outfield is easier on the players' knees.

Grassy areas under less intensive maintenance—like the area containing 13 pitcher's mounds and plates—are bahiagrass.

Taylor says the morale

of field maintenance personnel this spring has remained high, despite the lack of major league stars like Bo Jackson and George Brett, and the closing of the adjacent "Boardwalk and Baseball" amusement park.

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Top row: Leaf-feeding caterpillar, Mealy bug, Japanese beetle, Bagworm, Gypsy moth. Bottom row: Cankerworm, Leaf skeletonizer, Tent caterpillar, Webworm.

MANAGEMENT visited the facility, high school teams were squaring off in the stadium usually reserved for the Royals during this time of year.

Major league team owners locked out players from spring training camps in late February. By March 13, little headway had been made toward starting the season in earnest, due to conflicts between the owners and the Major League Players' Associa-

"We're still on standby." notes Taylor, "so anytime the strike comes off, we're waiting for them."

#### Faubel elected to presidency

Gerald Faubel, superintendent at the Saginaw (Mich.) Country Club, was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America during its February convention and trade show.

Faubel succeeds Dennis Lyon, who will serve for one year as association director.

New association vice president is Stephen Cadenelli. William Roberts was re-elected as a director and named secretary/treasurer.

Also re-elected as directors were Joseph Baidy and Randall Zidik.

Charles Passios was appointed to the board to fill Cadenelli's vacated director's position.

Gary Grigg and Randy Nichols continue to serve terms as directors.

#### Other moves

Dr. Leah Brillman has joined Seed Research of Oregon as research direc-

tor. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in Agronomy and Plant Genetics. She was research director at Jacklin Seed Co.

Mickey Strauss of American Landscape, Inc., has been elected president of the California Landscape & Irrigation Council. The council is a trade association of union-affiliated landscape and irrigation contractors who specialize in large-scale commercial, industrial, housing and public works projects.

John Zoller, former senior executive director of the Northern California Golf Association, has been selected by the American Society of Golf Course Architects to receive its 1990 Donald Ross Award. The award is given to someone who has contributed to the growth, understanding and public awareness of the

importance of golf course architecture to the game of

Don Thill, weed scientist at the University of Idaho College of Agriculture, has been selected as the Weed Science Society of America's 1989 Young Weed Scientist of the Year.

Betsev B. Smith has been elected executive director of the North Central Turfgrass Association. Smith is an Ohio State graduate with lawn care experience in Texas and Ohio.

New officers of the New York State Turfgrass Association are: Stephen Smith, president; Michael Maffei, vice president and Timothy Madden, treasurer. Directors include Eugene R. Bowler, Jr., J.R. Brundage, Thomas Corell, John Fik, Steve Griffen, John Liburdi, Karl Olson, Tom Strain and William Stark III.

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