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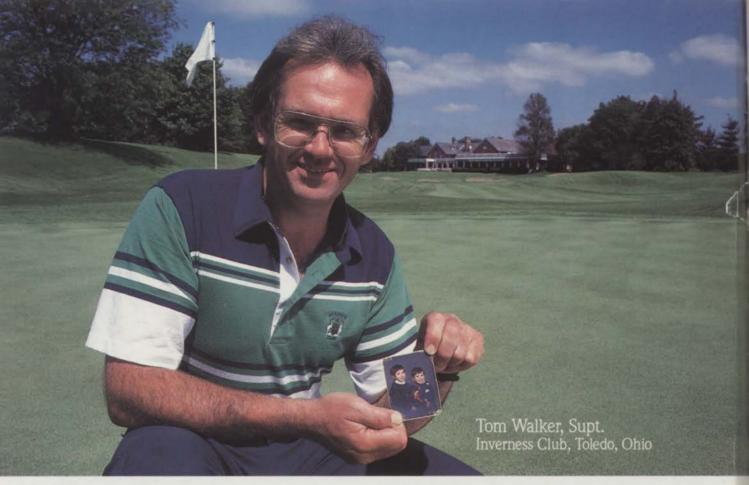
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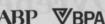
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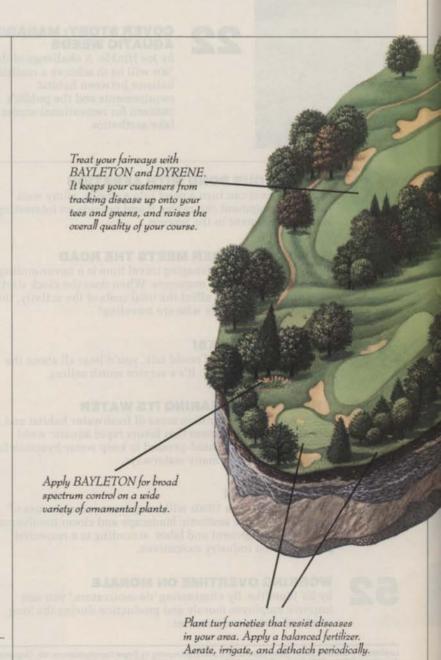
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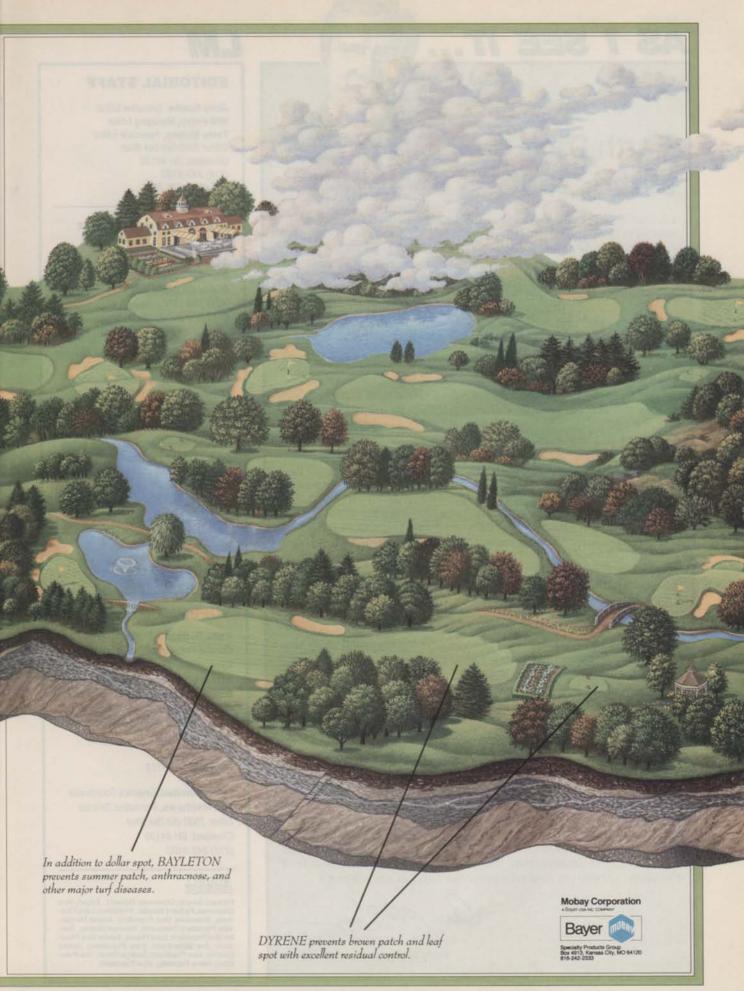
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I felt safe. The only leather I wore was my belt and watchband. I was sure to melt into the crowd gathered to celebrate Earth Day that nationwide science project—at the Cleveland Zoo.

My car belched carbon monoxide, but so did other cars. Besides, this was a celebration of our collective guilt.

Cars were illegally parked on what the day before was healthy turf. Wasn't that compacted grass now crying out in pain?

The zoo skyline was dotted with helium-filled balloons, despite literature which told of the danger the tiny blimps pose to

aquatic life.

A seven-foot-tall petition was riddled with signatures. The theme of the petition was "Rescue the Future." A woman borrowed my pen to sign her name. I asked her why she signed. "To rescue the future," she said. I was hoping for something a little deeper, but...

A man in black robe and death mask held a sign: "I represent failure to address population control, topsoil erosion, irresponsible consumption." ... And someone with lots of free time.

In the amphitheatre, a speaker mused plaintively: "I wonder why the squirrels in my neighborhood have bare patches of skin from lawn chemicals. Didn't they see the warning signs on the lawn?...How did a lawn come to be more valuable than a prairie?"

A woman from the Northeast Ohio Greens handed me a list of the "Ten Key Values of the Great Committees of Correspondence." Sort of like a Soviet five-year plan for agriculture. Their goals include "grassroots democracy," "decentralization," and 'post-patriarchal values."

She wore a beret and sunglasses. We were indoors.

I got her started on lawn care products. "A single pellet will kill a worm in a minute-and-a-half," she rasped, insisting that worms should be left to aerate the soil. She soon became miffed enough to reveal a hidden agenda. The gloves (and glasses) were off as she intoned about companies that kill worms "and make a fat, \$fi&!ing profit!" Nice talk, lady!

The true green industry has the information to refute this silliness. Turfgrass helps prevent soil erosion and controls dust and noise. Aerators help worms aerate the turf. Prairies are fine examples of the beauty of the American landscape, but they don't work so well in the neighborhoods. Much of the rhetoric I encountered was tinged with rancor toward corporate America. The real demon, for many Earth Day disciples, is profit.

A co-director of the event told me organic control companies were welcome. Any companies that use chemicals would most likely have been denied, but apparently, none applied! That's our fault. We're obviously on our own. Let's continue to tell our side of the story, whenever and wherever we can ... or are allowed.

Terry McIver, associate editor

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RESEARCH

New paths being explored by USGA's Green Section

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. -Coordinating scientific literature relating to golf course management and educating the public about the benefits of golf are two primary research programs to be undertaken by the United States Golf Association (USGA) Green Section.

A research firm working with USGA to determine what issues the organization ought to be addressing recently released its findings. It called for heightened awareness in five environmental areas:

- water management issues;
- the impact of soil, nutrient, and pest management measures on golf courses that are already established;
- the impact of construction and erosion control;
- alternate methods of pest and disease control; and
- developing pro-active approaches to the benefits

of golf.

Speaking at the 44th annual meeting of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, USGA northeast region director James T. Snow said, "We decided that the most important thing to do was to put out a manual that describes things already known about the best practices for minimizing the effect of golf course management on the environment.'

Snow, who will take over for retiring USGA National Director William H. Bengeyfield, said the organization will generate a 150-page technical manual that is to include all peerreviewed scientific literature on the effects of pesticides, fertilizers, turfgrass and golf courses on the environment. A smaller manual for the media will be coordinated as



Snow: says USGA will be looking into alternative methods of pest control for golf course membership

research program will examine the fate of pesticides in the turfgrass environment. The research report showed that there's much less information available about this subject than other areas, said Snow. "Our research is to be done The second phase of the | in three or four areas of the | issues.

country. Based on that, maybe we can develop a good modeling system to tell us how certain groups of pesticides move within a certain soil profile."

Also, USGA will develop a manual for alternative pest control. "Biologicals are one area, but we're also talking about mechanical and cultural, maintenance, pest-resistant grasses and investigate newer methods of pest control on golf courses," said Snow.

He added that the USGA, like the GCSAA, wants to look at the benefits of golf courses on our lives and our environment, based on scientific data.

Snow added the USGA Green Section is committed to continuing its relationship with the GCSAA. including work on pest-tolerant and salt-tolerant grasses, water use and funding for environmental

RESEARCH

lew uses for triazole fungicides found

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Triazole fungicides and other bio-stimulants containing cytokinins have demonstrated an ability to "keep grass plants younger," says Dr. R.E. Schmidt of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Schmidt initiated the new research work using Banner fungicide and a seaweed extract that enhance or stimulate root growth and overall strength of sod. He also observes that turf treated with bio-stimulants showed increased drought resistance and better growth at low soil moistures, along with a reduction in Poa annua seedhead development in bentgrass putting turf.

"Bio-stimulants" are materials-other than essential plant nutrientsthat promote plant growth when used in small quantities. Triazole fungicides are classified as synthetic bio-stimulants, and seaweed extracts are natural bio-stimulants. Both have shown to have a positive influence on turfgrass.

"We have also shown more tolerance to low temperatures by bermudagrass and better uptake of nutrients-which means less fertilizer use—by using bio-stimulants," Schmidt notes. "We're stimulating a lot of enzymes within the plant."

He says that warm-season grasses seem to show better results using the seaweed extracts while coolseason grasses show better results with the triazole fungicides. He adds that results seem to be better when the grass is under stress.

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oom slows in most areas as '90s begin

WASHINGTON, D.C. The boom in landscaping in the 1980s is slowing slightly as the new decade begins, according to statistics from the National Landscape Association (NLA).

The NLA sees continued growth in the Great Lakes region and Florida, but is not as optimistic elsewhere in its 14th annual economic survey of member firms.

The NLA also notes that the National Association of Home Builders reports stagnant or falling prices in some former real estate hot spots on the East and West coasts. The builder's group was somewhat pessimistic about future homes sales, but this didn't totally dampen the NLA's outlook. It reasoned that if people stay in the same house longer, they'll be more apt to upgrade their landscaping.

The NLA survey accord-

ing to region:

Northeast. An economic slowdown. Total landscape sales for 1989, "by far" the worst reported with an

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Northeast	+6.0%	-0.3%	-1.8%	+5.5%	+1.3%	+2.7%	+1.3%
Southeast	+29.1%	+21.9%	+19.1%	-2.7%	-0.8%	**	+19.8%
Great Lakes	+20.3%	+10.8%	+14.6%	+12.7%	-3.0%	+11.7%	+9.1%
Great Plains	+18.6%	+3.5%	+5.0%	+20.0%	sers'" CE	vice Unston	res sidia
Survey avg.	+16.1%	+7.1%	+6.9%	+8.9%	-0.1%	+7.0%	+7.5%

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Change from 1989

Region	Total Gross Sales	New Residential	New Commercial	Residential Renovation	Commercial Renovation	Residential Maintenance	Commercial Maintenance
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Great Lakes	+16.9%	+11.7%	+14.6%	+14.1%	+3.7%	+17.6%	+10.7%
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Survey avg.	+16.7%	+9.8%	+7.9%	+15.3%	+5.1%	+16.1%	+12.3%

**not enough responses

Source: National Landscape Assn.

average 6 percent growth. Overall, sales, including maintenance, were up only

2.3 percent.

The NLA pointed to several factors for the slowdown: Wall Street fluctuations that caused many layoffs, continued high unemployment in some areas and early winter 1989 freezes.

Southeast. Slowing

growth everywhere but Florida. NLA's survey reports an overall growth of 29.1 percent in total landscape sales for 1989. Overall, sales, including maintenance, were up 16.3 percent.

Outlook: Hurricane Hugo devastated the Charleston, S.C., area. Demand for landscaping there should be high but it will takes years for the area to recover.

Midwest (Great Lakes). A resurgence. Factories are making a comeback. The farmbelt got an economic boost with worldwide demand for U.S. grain up more than 35 percent last year. Total landscape sales reflect the brightening economic picture in this area-

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Dr. Michael Raupp, a Maryland extension entomologist, inspects a landscape diagram identifying pest/ plant symptoms. Such diagrams can help develop site-specific IPM.

RESERACH

Maryland researchers refine IPM techniques

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Researchers at the University of Maryland are concentrating on effective integrated pest management (IPM) techniques for the green industry.

Dr. John Davidson directs a landscape IPM program for newly-installed corporate building landscapes. He is evaluating plant/pest systems, recommending corrective measures and developing an IPM program for landscape managers.

"With the large number of office buildings springing up around the state, we felt this was an important area to focus on," Davidson notes.

Davidson also cooperated with eight nurseries, showing that an IPM program based on frequent monitoring, evaluation and spot spraying provides equal or better plant protection than traditional practices. "One nurseryman cut his pest control costs by about \$6,000 while reducing pesticide use by 96 percent," says Davidson.

Another urban entomologist, Dr. Michael Raupp, recently completed a three-year project with the National Park Service at historic sites like Fort McHenry, the battlefields at Gettysburg and Independence Mall.

"Basically, we assisted Park Service personnel in implementing an approach that will protect important ornamental plants while reducing the loss of beneficial insects," Raupp says.

He and graduate student Nancy Owen hope the project will have longterm benefits for the Park Service, landscape managers and home gardeners. A document being written by Owen will offer guidance on how to use IPM at park sites and managed landscapes.

California's landscapers take advantage of drought

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -Landscape contractors in this drought-riddled state are taking advantage of the lack of water this year to further service customers' lawns and landscapes.

Walter Barrows' company in Santa Barbara, where lawn watering is restricted, is using green paint on brown, dormant

"California's rainy season really ends in April," notes Larry Rohlfes, communications director for the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA). "So we don't expect any more rain until fall this year."

The CLCA's position on water states, in part: "The key is efficient irrigation management. Far more water can be saved by improved irrigation management than by other waterconserving landscape practices.'

Rohlfes says that the CLCA has been busy disseminating water-saving hints to the public through the mass media.

"This is the fourth year of drought." notes horticultural extension agent Janet Hartin of San Bernardino County. "People are beginning to water more intelligently-in the morning and on a schedule. We've put together a lawn watering guide for homeowners with minimums and forty commonly-asked questions and their answers.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - It's real, explains turf expert George Toma (left, with Jonathan Harmer of Great Britain). Noting that dirt tends to accumulate in artificial turf, Toma decided to sow some Ph.D. ryegrass into the mat and dust it lightly with sand. The pre-germinated seed sprouted within four days and is nourished with Bov-A-Mura organic fertilizer and Ferromec liquid iron. The real grass/turf mat can be playable within a couple weeks, after which a high pressure hose can be used to blast the grass out, says Toma. This novel grass-growing approach is one of several possibilities for re-turfing artificial surfaces to meet the World Cup Soccer standards.

Golf courses offer answers to problem

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. -The golf industry needs to convince the public that golf is part of the solution to environmental problems, not part of the problem, says Perry Dye, president of the Golf Course Builders of America.

"Whether it's building environmental habitat or taking care of water problems, golf courses are part of the solution, not part of the problem," says Dye.

'The studies we need to compete in today's environmental arena have to be three to five years old, they have to be very well documented, and they're very expensive," says Dye. "The environmentalists have spent the money, so we're behind in our research in order to provide that one piece of information that

proves that golf courses are part of the solution.'

Dve says an important "buzzword" in 1990s will be "spoon-feeding."

"I think spoon-feeding through irrigation is something that's going to help us in the future," he says. "We need to spoon-feed our grasses instead of using heavy applications and do soil balancing and soil mixing at the time of construction. Sites will then be environmentally safe for a long, long time and require less chemicals for maintenance."

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ACADEMIA

Japanese visit Virginia Tech

BLACKSURG, Va. - The turfgrass research and Extension programs at Virginia Tech and Michigan State Universities were recently shown to a contingent of 30 turfgrass professionals from Japan.

Among the group visiting was Dr. Yoshisuke Maki, past-president of the International Turfgrass Society. Others included Japanese academics, inustrialists, golf club owners and golf course superintendents.

EQUIPMENT

Haul Master buys vehicle maker

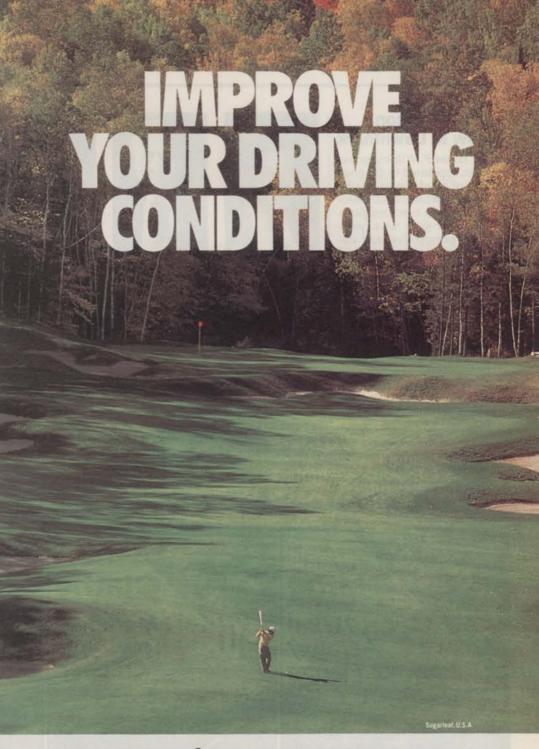
MENDOTA, Ill. - Haul Master, Inc. has acquired C.H.I. Industries, an original equipment manufacturer of general-purpose utility vehicles.

Claude W. Martinez, president of Haul Master, says the acquistion brings enhanced engineering and manufacturing support to Haul Master's established product line of rugged, dependable, and economical utility vehicles.

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Dr. Wilkinson new at Lawnmark

Dr. James F. Wilkinson has been appointed to the position of chief operating officer of Lawnmark, an Ohiobased lawn care company. "Jim brings to us experience, perspective, and understands our industry and the challenges it faces for the 90s," says J. Martin Erbaugh, president and chairman. "Everyone who knows the green industry respects him. I'm glad he's now on our team.'

Wilkinson most recently served as the executive director of the Pesticide Public Policy Foundation. He is a past-president of the Professional Lawn Care Association of America.

Rutgers loses Indyk to Turfcon



Dr. Wilkinson



Dr. Indyk



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Indyk leaves behind 30 vears on the faculty of Rutgers University to join Turfcon professional turfgrass consultants, a recently-formed division of GSI Consultants.

Indyk will be Turfcon's chief agronomist, though he will continue work in the construction, renovation and maintenance of athletic fields and other sports turf facilities.

Indyk was the Irrigation Association's "Man of the As of June 30, Dr. Henry | Year" in 1978, elected to the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame in 1985, and has been general chairman of the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo for 16 years.

Changes for others in industry

Dr. Dave Shetlar has accepted a position with The Ohio State University as landscape entomologist.

Shetlar, who has been with ChemLawn for the past five years as research entomologist, began his du-

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ties May 1.

"I've really loved what I've done at ChemLawn and I really had to think about switching," said the former Penn State University professor.

Shetlar's appointment is 70 percent extension and 30 percent research.

Rene H. Evelyn Veere has been appointed engineering scientist at Lyntone engineering, a consultant to Rain Bird Sprinkler Corp. "Rene has made outstanding contributions to the irrigation industry," says Lyntone vice president James Shearer. "He is truly the father of central control irrigation.'

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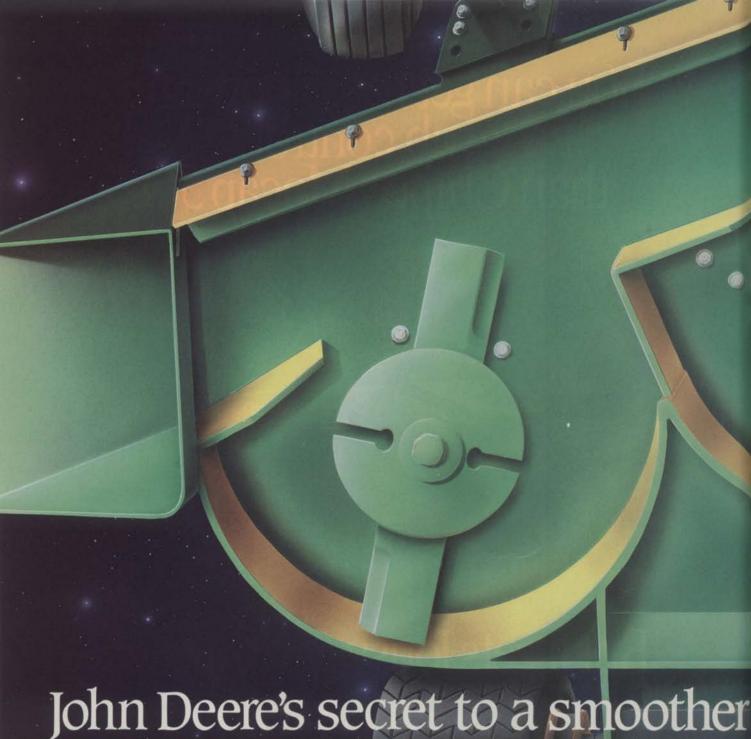
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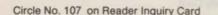


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SHORT CUTS

ALIVE, BUT HOLDING ... The Pesticide Public Policy Foundation (3PF), for the time being, will not have a new director. That was the decision of its board of directors in May. Dr. James Wilkinson left as director of 3PF to become the CEO of Lawnmark in mid-spring. "3PF will continue as an entity though," says assistant director Paul Skorupa, who will man the 3PF phone (401/294-6133). Skorupa says the 3PF will focus on the activities of its State Affairs Committee which is drafting policies for materials recycling, containment, mixing and loading.

PGMS SCHOLARSHIP...applications are being accepted until July 15. Anyone interested in applying should contact PGMS at 10402 Ridgland Rd., Suite 4, Cockeysville, MD 21030; or call (301) 667-1833.

SOOTY HATS?..."The public will respond to people in white hats doing good things, but I think our white hat has gotten a little soot on it," says Jim Brooks, executive vice-president of the Professional Lawn Care Association of America (PLCAA). Brooks, speaking to executives at Sandoz Crop Protection, continued: "In July 1986, Dan Rather launched us into the era of defending ourselves against pesticide controversy. We're going into the decade of the environment, and a lot of education will have to be done in a lot of different areas. We have to try to reinforce the benefits of lawn care and deal with the safety issue."

A FLYING START... The Guelph (Canada) Turfgrass Institute's \$1.5 million fund-raising campaign has gotten off to a flying start. George M. (Mac) Frost and his wife Beth, who have owned and operated golf courses in the Toronto area since 1946, have donated \$500,000. Frost says that the donation "is the result of a longterm involvement in turf and greens maintenance and an appreciation of the importance of ecologically sound turf research and prac-

MORE PESTICIDES... The dollar value of shipments by the pesticide industry is projected to grow nine percent annually until the year 2000, says a "Leading Edge" report. However, roughly two-thirds to one-half of this growth will be inflationary. Non-agricultural use of pesticides will grow to 38 percent of total dollar use in the next 10 years, the study notes, up from 29 percent in 1990. For more information, call Leading Edge Reports at (216) 791-5500.



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EVENTS

JUNE

19-20: Jacklin Seed Company, Discovery Tour, Post Falls, Idaho, Contact: Jacklin Seed Company, (208) 773-7581.

20: Midwest Sports Turf Institute, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Contact: Sports Turf Managers Association, (714) 981-9199 for registration; Tim Leverich, (708) 858-6112 for trade show/demo area.

21: Turf-Seed, Inc. Field Day. Contact: Turf-Seed Inc., P.O. Box 250, 3017 G St., Hubbard, OR 97032: (800) 247-6910.

21: University of California/ Riverside Tree Troubleshooting Seminar. Contact: Hartley Bennett, P.O. Box 414, Wickenburg, AZ 85358; (602) 684-7308.

21: University of Massachusetts Turfgrass Research Field Day, Research Center, South Deerfield, Mass. Contact: Dr. Richard J. Cooper. Dept. of Plant and Soil Sciences, University of Mass. 01003; (413) 545-2353.

22-24: Trees in the Urban Forest Workshop, Research Triangle, N.C. Contact: American Society of Consulting Arborists, 700 Canterbury Rd., Clearwater, FL 34624; (813) 446-3356.

25-26: Northwest Turfgrass Association Summer Turfgrass-Fest. Contact: NTA. P.O. Box 1367, Olvmpia, WA 98507; (206) 754-0825

25: Atlantic Seedmen's Association summer membership meeting, Hyatt Grand Cypress Hotel, Orlando, Fla. Contact: Dr. John E. Baylor, 298 McCormick Avenue, State College, PA 16801; (814) 237-0330.

27-July 14: Landscape Architecture Tour of Europe. Contact: UCLA Extension. Landscape Architecure Program, 10995 LeConte Ave., Suite 414, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

JULY

12-16: A.A.N./Tennessee

Nurseryman's Association annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. Contact: American Association of Nurserymen, (202) 789-

18: Maryland Turfgrass Field Day, Silver Spring, Md. Contact: Peter Dernoeden. Dept. of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; (301) 454-3717.

LETTERS

Pebble Beach is not only host

To the editor:

The article entitled "Tournament-Level Manager" (January 1990) provided an interesting insight into country club management. Your interview with D.J. Pakkala, director of golf course operations for Pebble Beach Company, offered a candid look at the complexity of providing high quality golf courses.

In one part of your article you mentioned that Pebble Beach is the only public course in the U.S. to hold a major professional tournament. To set the record straight, I know of at least one other golf course that has been host to several major tournaments.

Keller Golf Course in St. Paul, Minn., a public course owned and operated by the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department, has been a major attraction to both the PGA and LPGA tours. Keller was home to the St. Paul Open from 1930-1968 as a regular stop on the men's tours. Keller was home to the St. Paul Open from 1930 to 1968 as a regular stop on the men's tour.

The Patty Berg Golf Classic was an LPGA event at Keller from 1973-1980. Keller also hosted the Western open in 1949 and the Men's National PGA Championship in 1932 and 1954.

Keller Golf Course does not have the same national exposure as Pebble Beach. but it nonetheless is as rich in tradition. Recent grounds renovation and clubhouse remodeling projects at Keller will make it a golf course that again attracts major tournaments.

Landscape Management magazine is required reading for the superintendents and park supervisors in our department. Our staff enjoys the variety of information provided through the diverse articles written. It is always good to read about how others are managing their landscapes. Your magazine is a valuable learning tool in our business.

Keep up the good work.

Kevin C. Finley Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Maplewood, Minn.

(Thanks for the correction and compliments. Since that article was published, D.I. Pakkala has moved on. He is now associated with International Golf Management, the management group for International Golf Partners. The company plans to develop high-prestige, business-oriented golf courses in major U.S. business centers.—ED.)

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MANAGING AQUATIC WEEDS

A challenge of the '90s will be to achieve a realistic balance between habitat requirements and the public's concern for recreational access and lake aesthetics.

by Joe Hinkle, Florida Dept. of Natural Resources

quatic vegetation growth can be one of the most frequent and frustrating problems associated with living on or near a body of water.

Plant or algae growth can be seen as destroying the aesthetic value and health of a body of water. While this is sometimes true, a little public and professional education on the value and importance of aquatic habitat could eliminate many perceived "weed" problems.

In natural bodies of water, several hundred species of native plants rarely produce population levels that would be considered a nuisance. These aquatic plants and algae function as primary food producers and, in natural systems, should cover 10 to 40 percent of a water body to provide optimum habitat for fish and wildlife.

Ideal vegetation

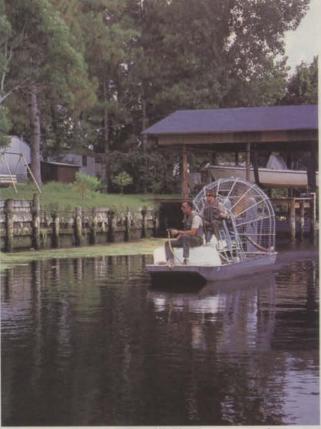
The ideal vegetation coverage would have intermediate native plant densities and be composed of a high diversity of sub-

mersed and emergent plants, with some planktonic algae present in the water column.

Yet even "good" aquatic plants become weeds when their populations become detrimental to fish and wildlife or restrict the intended use of a water body. Defining excessive plant growth depends on many factors, such as type of water body, intended use and geographic location.

The major causes of aquatic weed infestations include:

New plant species. Preventing the introduction of new plant species is



Filamentous algae is controlled by copper complex, diquat dibromide, simazine, endothall and triploid grass carp.

the most important factor in weed management.

Many times these species dramatically expand their populations due to the lack of natural enemies that would normally regulate excessive plant growth. In addition, these exotic plants usually have growth adaptations that allow them to out-compete the native species.

This loss of native plant diversity through "unfair" competition results in an unstable monoculture that is not beneficial to fish, wildlife or use of the resource. Encourage homeowners to leave native shoreline vegetation alone. Clearing the shoreline may promote less beneficial exotic plants that are usually more difficult to manage. And tell them about the potential problems of introducing exotic plants to the lake.

Inorganic fertilizers, organic litter and other pollutants introduced through poor watershed drainage patterns can contribute to uncontrolled plant growth. Berms and swales can be used around the shoreline to trap nutrient sources before they reach the water body.

Organic pollutants.
Other sources of organic fertilizers for plant and algae growth are waste products from domestic animals in rural areas and domestic waterfowl in urban locations.

Lack of wind. Artificially-created waters should be built with the long axis of the pond oriented to take advantage of prevailing winds. This will provide natural aeration and discourage floating

plants. Water bodies surrounded by extensive areas of brush and trees hinder natural wind aeration and can encourgae species such as duckweed.

Shoreline vegetation. Increasing the slope of land banks can discourage shoreline vegetation, and overall deeper water depths will discourage growth of submersed plants.

Poor fish management. Improperly conducted fish management practices such as pond fertilization, liming, overfeeding and overstocking can increase available nutrients, resulting in accelerated plant growth.

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PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EXCESSIVE PLANT GROWTH

*Restricts recreational and navigational pursuits

*Decreases sportfish harvest

*Stunts sunfish populations

*Interferes with largemouth bass and bluegill feeding

*Increases cannibalism in largemouth bass

*Increases susceptibility of largemouth bass to anglers

*Causes extreme daily fluctuations in temperature, oxygen and pH, which can result in fish kills

*Reduces revenue because of decreased recreational use and a perceived decrease in property values by lakefront property owners

BENEFITS OF A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

*Less use of herbicides in chemical programs

*Reduction in management costs

*Less organic matter decomposition on the lake bottom

*Reduction in complaints from the public

*Increased recreational use and revenues

*Reduction of environ-

mental impacts associated with excessive plant growth

BENEFITS OF A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

*An abundance of invertebrate foods such as insects, snails, grass shrimp

*More small fish

*Increased survival of young-of-the-year largemouth bass

*Increased sport fish population

*More spawning areas for certain fish species

*Oxygen production

*Sediment stability

*Food and cover for waterfowl

Having exhausted all the possibilities for prevention—or at least limiting the factors that contribute to weed problems—the next step is to develop a management strategy. Since it is usually impossile to eliminate "weed species," the next-best solution is low-level maintenance of these plants.

Known nuisance exotic plants should be managed as soon as they are detected in a water body. However, native species should be managed only when they reach populations which restrict navigation, the intended use of the water, or are a bio-



Granular herbicide applied to hydrilla plants.

Aquatic troops serve the biological battle plan

Native aquatic plants have natural biological deterrents which normally regulate plant growth. The best biological control program would be to locate natural pests from their native region for each particular problem species.

Benefits of host-specific biocontrol agents include:

• Long-term control, which is not labor intensive;

• Elimination of non-target impact to beneficial plants;

• Reduced public apprehension by elimination of her-

bicide use.

Florida's best example of a successful bio-control agent is the alligator weed flea beetle (Agasicles hygrophilia), which has reduced that species from a major problem to a minor nuisance without impacting non-target habitat.

Agents released for water hyacinth control include two weevils (Neochetina), a fungus (Cercospora), and the water-hyacinth mite (Orthagalumna).

A weevil (Neohydronomous affinis) has recently shown promise for management of water lettuce, and will continue can be used. A permit is required in Florida as well as many other states. It may be prohibited entirely in some states.

Although the grass carp will not manage all species of aquatic plants, it can control a wide variety of species and, if stocked in sufficient numbers, is likely to remove all vegetation from a water body.

Benefits of grass carp control include low cost, little increase in algae, no unpleasant decaying vegetation, no water use restrictions and long-term control.

Adverse factors associated with a grass carp management program include minimal selection of plant species removed, loss of beneficial native plants, and the adverse effects of total elimination of submersed plants on fish populations.

Stocking rates for grass carp can vary from a few fish per acre to over 100 per acre depending on the management approach, plant type, plant biomass and the length of the growing season.

—Joe Hinkle□

Control products are diverse, effective

Aquatic herbicides are the mainstay for many management programs, having the potential for relatively rapid control of many problem species.

Advantages of herbicide control include moderate cost, selectivity for site and plant type, and less elimina-

tion of vegetation.

Drawbacks to herbicide use include public apprehension of chemicals, water-use restrictions, nutrient release into the water, unpleasant appearance from decaying vegetation, and in a few cases, toxicity to nontarget organisms.

Major herbicides used in aquatic plant control include copper sulfate, copper complexes, 2, 4-D, diquat dibromide, endothall, glyphosate, fluridone, simazine

and dichlobenil.

Table 3 provides a listing of the major companies which can be contacted to provide current labeling information. Since many companies may not normally provide special local need labeling, it is advisable to specifically request it for your region.

Environmental factors such as water temperature, pH, carbonate hardness, turbidity, and water movement can have consequential effects on both efficacy

and toxicity to non-target organisms.

The contact herbicides diquat dibromide, copper, and endothall are usually recommended to be used when temperatures are a minimum of 60°F. The systemic 2,4-D can be effective at lower temperatures but the rate normally is increased to offset slow plant growth. Labeling for simazine products recommend treatment before 75°F to avert fish kills resulting from low oxygen levels from rapid dieoff of vegetation.

Uptake of 2,4-D and Rodeo is more effective at a pH of

around 6; uptake decreases as pH rises.

Toxicity and efficacy of copper sulfate increases as carbonate hardness drops below 50 ppm; however, the complexes of copper are not as susceptible to hardness level variations.

The use of diquat dibromide should be avoided in areas of high turbidity due to reduced herbicide activity from the product being tied-up on mud and clay particles.

-loe Hinkle□

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TABLE 2.

logical detriment to the system.

Program tools

The most important first steps in a management program are to (1) become familiar with the most common species of nuisance plants and (2) conduct regular inspections of the entire water body to provide early detection of these potential weed problems. Plant species will dictate the availability and effectiveness of control measures.

Plant identification is usually available through a state university, state conservation agency, or a county extension agent.

Mechanical harvesting of aquatic plants can be a highly selective method of management that provides immediate results, removes nutrients from the lake system and does not have water use restrictions associated with the operation. However, this type of control is usually time consuming, expensive, short term, has the potential to spread small infestations of troublesome exotics to other locations, and can result in loss of food fish and juvenile sport fish.

Harvesting disadvantages

The logistics and expense associated with commercially-made mechanical harvesters severely limit their compatibility with a small lake control program.

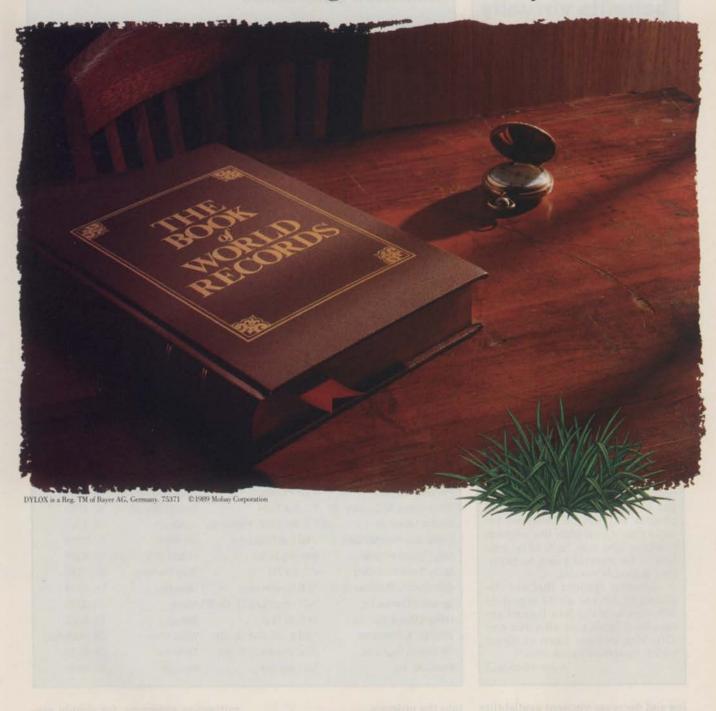
However, in small lakes, physical hand removal or cutting combined with early detection can be an effective and inexpensive way to control new infestations of floating plants (such as water hyacinth) or emergent plants (such as cattails).

Mechanical control may be the only available option for plant control in water bodies with a high degree of water exchange that may decrease herbicide contact time below minimum levels for efficacy.

A water control structure is a desirable feature to be designed into new water bodies. The feature should incorporate an overflow system which removes organic-rich and low oxygenated bottom water.

De-watering large sections of the lake bottom will solidify suspended mud and consolidate bottom sediments, which can improve fish spawn-

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Eutrophication is a common problem associated with water bodies in urban areas. Aeration can help eliminate such undesirable characteristics as fish kills from oxygen depletion, blue-green algae blooms and odors.

One of the main functions of aeration is to eliminate thermal and dissolved oxygen stratification. Studies indicate that total lake aeration can also decrease water quality parameters such as pH, iron, hydrogen sulfide (rotten egg smell), total nitrogen, ammonia and turbidity. Dissolved oxygen concentrations in water near the bottom and water transparency increase with lake aeration.

Effective on blue algae

Aeration does not significantly change primary production of algae. However, aeration impact on oxygen, pH, temperature and alkalinity can result in population shifts from troublesome bluegreen algae to a more diverse population of green algae.

Aeration is not a cure-all or quick fix to eutrophication and algae problems. Benefits from the process nay not be observed for more than a year after the program is begun, and may have to be continued for several years to maintain desirable results.

Aeration systems that are designed to deliver air to a grid or diffusers near the lake bottom are usually a more cost effective and efficient system than systems which agitate or move water.

-Joe Hinkle□

ing and decrease nutrient availability for plant growth.

Proper timing

Proper timing (fall-spring) and adequate exposure (1/2 to 2/3 of the lake) are necessary for an effective program. An improperly conducted program may encourage expansion of the present problems or allow new species to establish.

In conjunction with a drawdown program, burning the shoreline vegetation and dredging can be integrated TABLE 3.

HERBICIDE COMPANIES							
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into the program.

Burning is limited mainly to cattail, brush and other types of emergent plants. In many cases, it provides a more desirable cover along shorelines by encouraging grass species.

Lakes can be dredged to eliminate accumulated organic matter and restore original depth, while at the same time removing problem vegetation.

Revegetation of shoreline plant communities has become common in many parts of Florida as a result of mitigation programs, for simple aesthetic improvement, or for the enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat. Plantings can also help stabilize shorelines and provide competition to help restrain problem exotic species.

Aquascaping

In aquascaping, nursery stock of native plants (free from contamination by exotic species or problem native species) is preferred. Selection of plants from the wild should be limited to areas which are not infested

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with non-native species, and which have adequate plant numbers to compensate for the loss of some. Commonly-used species include bullrushes, sedges, iris, cordgrass, canna, pickerelweed, arrowheads and water-

For the aquascaping program to be a success, the planted area has to be free of exotic plants and troublesome native plants such as cattails. This may require detailed herbicide application or simple hand removal.

Regulations and permits

Various state and federal agencies may regulate many of the aquatic plant manager's techniques and tools. In addition to following all the aspects of U.S. EPA labeling instructions for herbicides, there may be state agencies which regulate activities related to:

- Pond construction
- Lake drawdown
- Burning

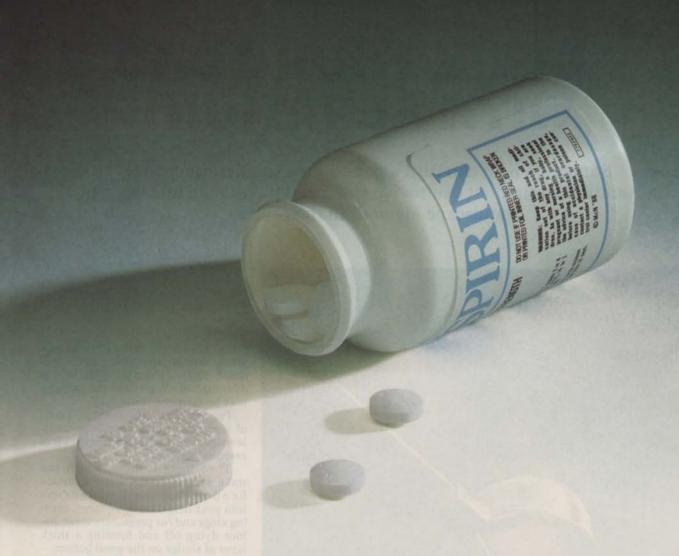
Clearing the shoreline may promote the establishment of less beneficial exotic plants. which are usually more difficult to manage.

- Dredging bottom material associated with mechanical plant harvest-
- Herbicide use, record keeping, and labeling
- · Certification of herbicide applicators
 - · Vegetation removal and planting
- Importation, cultivation or transporting aquatic plants

Stocking of non-native fish

With existing management tools, the capability exists in many small and large lakes to eliminate all aquatic vegetation. The challenge of the '90s will be twofold. One, to resolve the question of what vegetation types and abundance are essential for a healthy environment. Two, to use plant management techniques to achieve a realistic balance between habitat requirements and the public's concern for recreational access and lake

Joe Hinkle is a biological scientist at the Bureau of Aquatic Plant Management, a division of the state of Florida's Department of Natural Resources.



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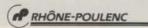
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Year after year muck layers build and, unless checked, may fill up and kill a pond or lake through a process called eutrophication (see diagram).

Danger signals

The onset of warmer summer temperatures brings on increased concern of pond water quality. An early indicator of problems is fish kills, a sudden change in water color and/or the appearance of algal blooms.

"I can assure you that if a pond is in an area that has fertilized ground around it, it will develop algae, no ifs, ands or buts about it," says Doug Cramer, vice president of Air-O-Lator

Algae are phytosynthetic plants that need nutrients, sunshine and warm water for growth. When nutrient-rich waters, like those on golf courses or other maintained landscapes, are warmed by the summer sun, they become an ideal environment for algal explosion.

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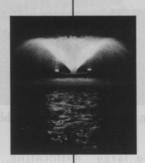
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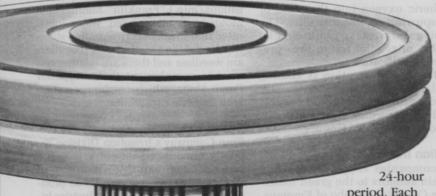
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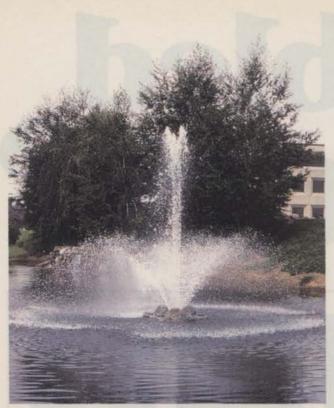
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culation and can remove large amounts of oxygen before it dies off.

The catch-22 in this situation is that the most efficient way for a pond or lake to decompose dead algae is via aerobic digestion. Aerobic digestion occurs when wastes are biodegraded by aerobic bacteria. However, for aerobic bacteria to function, it needs- you guessed it-oxygen. So while aerobic digestion is fast, efficient and odorless, its effect is limited in an oxygen-depleted water source.

Smell that smell

The other option is anaerobic digestion, a slow, inefficient process that exudes the "rotten egg" odor of its byproduct, hydrogen sulfide.

Traditionally, algae has been kept in check with chemical controls, specifically absorbefacients and algaecides. However, some effective chemicals, such as copper sulfide, can harm ornamentals. Also, a waiting period of several days is recommended before treated water should be tapped for irrigation.

Add to these considerations today's heightened awareness of judicious chemical use and it becomes clear that an alternative or at least complementary method of controlling water quality is needed. It is a void being filled nicely by the fine array of mechanical aerators on the market to-

Many landscape managers incorporate a titration kit to determine oxygen content of a pond. If the water is suffocating, floating mechanical aerators can be used to add necessary oxygen. The aerators introduce atmospheric oxygen into the pond or lake, spurring aerobic digestion. The pumping also creates a gentle circulation that mixes the water, thus preventing stratification.

'Mechanical aeration is coming into play more and more, particularly due to oncoming local and federal guidelines regarding chemical treatment of ponds," adds Cramer.

Aeration manufacturers

Two companies supplying floating fountain aerators to the green industry are Otterbine Barebo of Emmaus, Penn., and Air-O-Lator of Kansas City. Otterbine offers six models to choose from that offer above-surface spray heights ranging from 2 to 28 feet. The company notes that a key element in their fountain/aerators is that they move large volumes of water under low pressure, not vice versa.

According to Chris Barebo, vice president of manufacturing, it's important that landscapers shopping for aeration/fountains pay attention to a unit's oxygen transfer rate.

'The whole idea behind an aerator is how much water it can turn over, how much water it can pump," says Barebo. "By pumping a lot of water at low pressure you achieve oxygen transference more efficiently. It may not be as pretty as a high pressure fountain, but you're going to do a lot more for the water."

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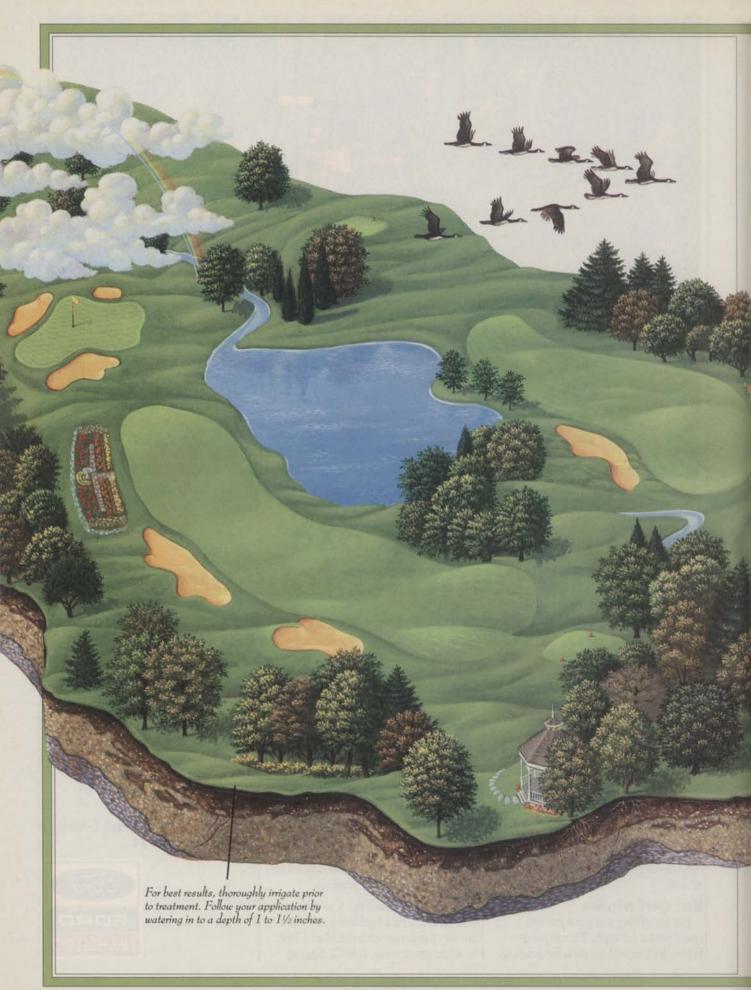
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WHEN THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

Managing travel time is a never-ending problem for landscape managers. When does the clock start? How does travel time affect the total costs of the activity, the production, and people who are traveling?

by Philip D. Christian III

t is customary in our industry, as in others, for the workers to provide their own transportation to the job, and to travel on their own time. Once on the job, any additional travel required to perform their duties is paid for by the company.

Managing travel time in a business context then refers to the time required after we arrive at the workplace, or the time required for a mobile crew to move from one property to another.

When we travel, we are on the job but not actually working or performing a service.

The mobilization process requires extra time for loading and unloading and the purchase of special equipment on wheels to transport the equipment and people to the property site. We bring everything needed to render the service. All of this is part of the cost of the service.

The customer usually understands the cost of mobilizing our crews and equipment. It is the contractor who has problems rationalizing the costs of mobilization.

After all, riding in an air-conditioned crew cab truck listening to a Rolling Stones tape on the cassette player does not fit within our ethic of hard work. But getting the right people and equipment to the property in a timely manner is a valuable and expensive part of our service. In fact, the hours spent in travel time may be more expensive on a per-hour basis than the hours spent actually producing the work.

We tend to believe the costs do not begin until the real work begins. That is not true. What would it cost per customer if you loaded up three people, all the proper tools, drove 20 minutes to the property, unloaded everything, and got ready to work but did nothing? Spend a few minutes reviewing the property you did nothing to, a few minutes with the customer, load everything and everyone back up, and then stop the stopwatch. You will find you have spent a better portion of an hour just getting ready to do the "real work."

Pricing an hour

Let's look at the costs of that hour.

Properly loading and unloading the equipment is "real work" and requires everyone on the crew. It also requires some skill. (Remember the damage to the equipment when it is improperly handled.)

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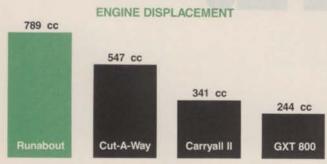
Travel to and from the work site may be more expensive on a per-hour basis than the hours spent actually producing the work, according to the author.



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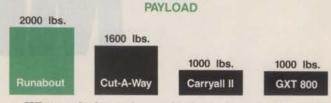
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they are by far the most expensive pieces of equipment we own based on annual cost. During transit, they are consuming more gas, using more tires, and wearing out more parts than any other piece of landscape maintenance equipment we own. The equipment being hauled by truck and trailer is also subject to travel wear.

In some cases, transport wear can be more expensive than the wearand-tear on the small gasoline engines when they are in use.

Estimating time

The cost of travel time confuses the estimating process unless it is isolated so the estimator can judge the real impact on the project. The larger the job, of course, the less it is affected by travel time. You may be very competitive out of your immediate geographic area if you do not allow travel time to artificially inflate the cost.

We recommend that you estimate the cost of maintaining a property as though it were next door to, or within 15 minutes of your shop. Then add as a separate item travel time.

The estimator can calculate the number of trips required to complete the landscape services, then project the number of people on the crew, and he or she will know exactly how long it will take to transport the people and equipment from the shop to the property or from one property to the next.

visits to site

X # people per visit

X hours to and from per visit

X average man-hour wages

= \$ PER YEAR FOR TRAVEL

Most successful contractors use the same hourly price for travel (see equation) as they do for performing the "real work" on the property.

Production effects

Production cannot be fairly judged or calculated unless one knows the average travel time and subtracts it from total man-hours spent in actual production.

In your man-hour tracking system, we recommend that you separate travel time on the time sheet so you have a sum total for travel time at year-end, to be compared to estimated travel time. Many production problems can be tracked to gradually increased travel time due to traffic, changes in routes and unnecessary stops during travel.

Some contractors in our industry believe they don't pay for travel because they deduct the estimated time required to travel from the on-clock time. They call that "production time" or "pay time."

The contractor explains to the crew that no one is paid for travel time except the crew chief or driver. The crew members have the option of providing their own transportation to and from the properties. If they prefer not to do that, the company will supply safe and comfortable transportation for them at no cost.

The first option is actually no option at all because it requires crew members to provide their own transportation, but they are still not paid travel time.

For example, the production manager has established an average pay of \$6.50 per hour for crew members. He or she defends this hourly wage by saying that is what it takes to get good people. Experience has shown that even \$5.50 an hour would not attract good people in their particular market. The production manager goes on to explain that there is keen competition for the few good people available in the market, and good help is hard to find.





In this example, the typical crew spends 10 hours a day on the clock. Two hours is deducted for travel time. Actual pay is for eight hours a day or \$52.00 per day.

(If this "no pay for no travel" theory was applied to the lawn care industry, the average lawn specialist would only make \$16.50 per day. They spend 2.54 hours in actual production and 5.54 hours traveling two and from their stops.)

Dividing pay

I wonder if the production manager who is completely convinced that he or she must pay \$6.50 an hour to get acceptable workers knows that the workers divide their average income of \$52.00 a day by 10 hours, which equals an average income of \$5.20 an hour?

You see, everyone pays for travel time. Deducting that two hours for travel does not change the fact that workers are on the job for 10 hours per day. They were not on vacation doing what they would do on their own time.

The result of your "no pay for travel" thinking is that you have lowered the average income per hour from \$6.50 to \$5.20. By doing this, you have inherited all the problems associated with paying below the competitive hourly rate and will surely experience low production, absenteeism and high turnover.

But that is not the limit to the downside of "no pay for no travel" thinking. Crew members are theoretically on their own time during travel; they may persuade the driver to stop between properties at the fast food locations and there is no incentive to make this a quick stop. In fact, if the stops could be prolonged, adding up to more than two hours, then the workers are actually being paid \$5.20 an hour for hanging out at the 7-11 store.

Rewarding sloth

Another theory: if you are only paid for the actual time worked, the slower you work, the more you are paid (i.e., if you work slower, the crew makes fewer stops per day, therefore less time is deducted for travel).

Workers do not usually think in such negative terms. But there is no incentive for increasing productivity when we don't pay our people for travel

The "no pay for travel" thinking

lures us into the large crew mentality. When production managers believe that travel is free, they are often tempted to send large crews to "knock it out" when smaller crews would be much more efficient. Stay tuned for the large crew/small crew theory next month.



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AERATION WORKS!

If turf could talk, you'd hear all about the benefits of soil aeration. It's a service worth selling.

by Terry McIver, associate editor



Aeration, a standard procedure on the golf course, helps to improve the turf's overall stress resistance.

soil aeration is the turf manager's favorite remedy for the problems of soil compaction, thatch build-up and interfacing soils.

When done correctly and on time, aeration assures that the soil will be better able to withstand a season of heavy traffic and harsh weather.

Thanks to aeration, the effectiveness of fertilizers and pesticides is improved, and overseeding into established lawns can be done without destroying existing grass. The gaseous exchange between the soil and atmosphere is clear, creating a favorable growing medium for seed and established turf.

To battle compaction, coring opens a channel between soil layers, removes part of the problem soil and permits topdressing and refilling with more compatible material.

In the fight against thatch, aeration improves the growing medium for new seed. Excessive thatch can lead to a poorly-rooted generation of new grass.

Aerate in spring or fall

Aeration in cool-season grasses is most effective when done in the spring and fall, to coincide with increased foliar growth. This minimizes the time the lawn is damaged by the process and reduces the probability of annual weed invasion.

Aerifying too late in the fall or too early in the spring leaves a lawn open to additional winter annual weed germination from knawel, speedwell, henbit and chickweed, and summer annual weeds like knotweed. Aerifying too early in the fall or too late in the spring provides a seedbed for summer annual weeds such as lespedeza, prostrate spurge, purslane and crabgrass.

The opportunity for maximum effect from aeration generally occurs for cool-season grasses in April, May, September and October.

Reduce your water use

According to Bob Brophy, marketing manager of lawn care products for Cushman, proper aeration can reduce water requirements up to 25 percent without harming the grass plant.

"The cost of the aeration itself will be recouped over a year's time in water savings," says Brophy.

"Because you're getting the water down to the rootzone," Brophy ex-

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plains, "you're not letting it evaporate or get lost in the thatch layer."

Brophy also reminds landscapers that by opening the ground with aeration, fertilizers and other control products will reach their targets more effectively.



Cushman's Bob Brophy: aeration can show a 25 percent water savings.

"That's why a lot of lawn care companies try to sell aeration with the first fertilizer application," says Brophy. Customers are then told to water after the aeration service to wash the fertilizer down into the rootzone.

It's not a hassle

Landscapers whose customers view aeration as a hassle because of the remaining core material have to explain the benefits better.

"The aeration cores stimulate microbial activity to break down the thatch," says Brophy, "and make a better growing medium."

Experts also say it's important to coordinate aeration with overseeding: aerate first, then overseed. That way the cores can be broken up with the overseeder. This will also eliminate the problem of grass growing in clumps inside aeration holes.

Sell the benefits

John Haubrich, general manager of Thornton Landscape in Maineville, Ohio, stresses to customers aeration's positive effect on thatch, especially during dry spells. "During the drought two years ago," says Haubrich, "we strongly recommended it, there was so much compaction."

Haubrich says the company aerates about 100 acres each year, for about 60 percent of its clients. The service is presented as part of a maintenance package.

"If it's a new account," says Haubrich, "we go in proposing everything. Hopefully, they'll buy everything, but not every client will. If there are budget constraints, aeration is one of the first things that'll go. The client may need to thrift out, and maybe will agree to it next year."

Steve Ashton, manager of the Tree Division for Molar, Inc., says company crewmen recommend aeration to customers if they see a need for it during the course of a visit. The service is sold at a minimum of \$35, and Ashton says it has been well received. "It's an old neighborhood, and lawns are so compacted," explains Ashton. "It's

Aeration can be sold as an end-of-the-year "extra" when customers have a few dollars left in their yard budgets.

never a hassle for us. It's a rainy-day job in spring and fall."

Finding the money

Charging \$10 to \$12 per 1000 square feet is reasonable, according to Ed Gallagher, landscape maintenance manager for Yardmaster of Painesville, Ohio. For harder-to-reach areas, such as throughout condominium areas, Gallagher suggests charging \$12 to \$15 per thousand.

"We try to put the service in as a way to complement the fertilizer application," says Gallagher. "If the customer is going to put dollars into fertilizer, aerification is certainly the most complementary service.

"You can fertilize and fertilize and fertilize," Gallagher explains, "but if you don't do some of the mechanical treatments, like aeration, you'll develop extreme thatch problems on top of compacted soil. Then you run into disease and stress problems."

The money for aeration is there; it's the landscaper's challenge to find

"Companies are going to sell a lot of 'extras' throughout the year," says Gallagher, such as annuals or other plant material. "Aerification, if sold properly, can be another one of those extras, when it comes down to September and October, and they still have a few bucks in the budget." LM



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Treated and untreated water hyacinth, which has completely covered this Louisiana stream. **Inset photo**: Spray crews use custom-made aluminum skiff boats outfitted with pumps, metering, overboard suction devices and outboard motors.

THE BAYOU: CLEARING ITS WATER

With more than 6.4 million acres of freshwater habitat and a sub-tropical environment that favors rapid aquatic weed growth, Louisiana is hard-pressed to keep water hyacinth from completely choking many waterways.

ater hyacinth is a major problem in the deep South, but in no state is this pesky aquatic nuisance more prevalent than Louisiana.

To meet this challenge, the state has an extensive and finely-tuned program. More than 50 workers are responsible for water hyacinth control, as well as other duties related to aquatic vegetation management, for an area of 48,523 square miles.

"We're spread pretty thin, but we've been able to fight water hyacinth down to a maintenance situation," says Richard Brassette, regional aquatic biologist for the Aquatic Plant Research & Control Section of the state Department of Wildlife & Fisheries in Baton Rouge.

The section's continuing objectives are: to maintain access to hunting, fishing and trapping areas; to keep state waterways open for boaters, skiers, sightseers and other recreational activities; to prevent deterioration or loss of wildlife and fish habitat; and to assist in maintaining healthy, balanced fish populations. The program also strives to keep waterways navigable for commercial concerns, and helps maintain flood drainage and

reduce disease-transmitting vectors such as mosquitos.

Key herbicides

Due to the extent of water hyacinth infestations, the Aquatic Plant Section's management strategy relies heavily on herbicides. Without these materials, control would be impossible.

"Trying to manage water hyacinth by mechanical means in Louisiana is like trying to sweep back the ocean with a whisk broom—you just can't do it," says Brassette. "For instance, if using mechanical harvesters, our crews could only cover five or six



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The water hyacinth challenge

Native to South America, water hyacinth was introduced into the U.S. in 1884 by Japanese representatives attending the International Cotton Exposition in New Orleans. By the turn of the century, the plant had become a major pest in Louisiana.

Water hyacinths can double their number every 10 days, and 10 plants can cover one acre in 10 months. A single plant has the capability of producing 65,000 to 70,000 daughter plants during the eight-month growing season in northern Louisiana. Because growing conditions are more optimum, this figure may double in the southern part of the state.

One acre of hyacinths can yield up to 45 million seeds every year, and these seeds can remain viable for 20 to 40 years. As many as 900,000 plants can raft together on one acre of water.

This pest completely blocks many Louisiana bayous and streams, making navigation impossible. Large-scale hyacinth infestations are also highly detrimental to fish and wildlife.

Spawning grounds of largemouth bass and other gamefish can be completely smothered and destroyed. Floating mats of hyacinth block out light and destroy other aquatic plants used as food by ducks, geese and other wildlife. Hyacinth is useless as a food source for waterfowl, and many good hunting lakes and ponds have been ruined by it.

acres a day."

Brassette also stresses that mechanical control methods often can't be used at all. Stumps, trees and other underwater obstacles prevent mechanical removal equipment from operating and cause severe damage to machinery.

Herbicides, on the other hand, allow treatment of up to 25 acres of infested waterway per day by each of the 21 two-person spray crews. The two main herbicides used are 2,4-D and Rodeo.

"Due to large acreages of agricultural crops, particularly cotton, in northern Louisiana we cannot apply 2,4-D without special permission from March 15 to September 15," Brassette explains. "Rodeo is perfect for

use in sensitive areas where there are agricultural crops."

There are no restrictions on use of water treated with Rodeo for irrigation, recreational or domestic purposes. However, Rodeo cannot be applied within one-half mile of

The biologist adds that Rodeo is also often used near residential areas where there is concern about off-site damage to lawns, shrubs or gardens. The active ingredient in Rodeo, glyphosate, is the same material used in Roundup herbicide, a product commonly used by homeowners to control weeds and grasses in lawns and flower beds.

a drinking water source point.

Because of these special properties, Rodeo is also frequently used to control unwanted vegetation in Federal game reserves. In many cases, it is the herbicide of choice here.

"Part of our job is to provide the public with information on aquatic weed control," says Brassette. "We often recommend Rodeo for use in farm ponds and in subdivisions where lakes and ponds are part of the land-scaping scheme."

Trained support

Each spray crew is made up of two to five workers operating from a boat that is specially-equipped for herbicide application over water. Most of the spray crews—and all of the supervisors working with them—have been thoroughly trained and are certified to apply herbicides correctly and safely.

This training and certification process is conducted by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture. State workers involved in commercial herbicide application attend a special school to obtain their certifications. They are re-certified every three years.

"We take this certification process very seriously," says Brassette. "Over 90 percent of our people are certified, and we're working on getting the others to complete the course."

The spray crews work primarily from custom-made aluminum skiff boats out-fitted with pumps, metering and overboard suction devices and powered by outboard motors. Some crews use special 22-foot mud boats that are powered by V-8 inboard engines.

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"We use these mud boats near spillways and other conditions where an outboard would have trouble operating," Brassette explains. "It's amazing where these boats can go in just a few inches of water."

During the mid-1970s, water

hyacinth infestations approached an estimated 1.7 million acres in Louisiana. Since then, Brassette says that populations have fluctuated. Each year, the Aquatic Plant Section provides control of roughly 25,000 to 60,000 acres of water hyacinth. At this treatment rate, Louisiana is literally staying just one step ahead of the problem.

According to Brassette, growing conditions during the past few years have favored the spread of water hyacinth and complicated control efforts. More seeds germinate when conditions are dry, and Louisiana experienced several droughts in the late 1980s.

Another complicating factor has been heavy summer rains that raise water levels in rivers, bayous, lakes and other waterways. When water rises, hyacinth plants are carried further inland from shores and banks and quickly become established in new areas.

"If current control operations are reduced or interrupted, water hyacinth infestations would rapidly reach the levels experienced in the 1970s," Brassette warns. "The expenditures required to again reclaim public waterways would be economically staggering to the state."



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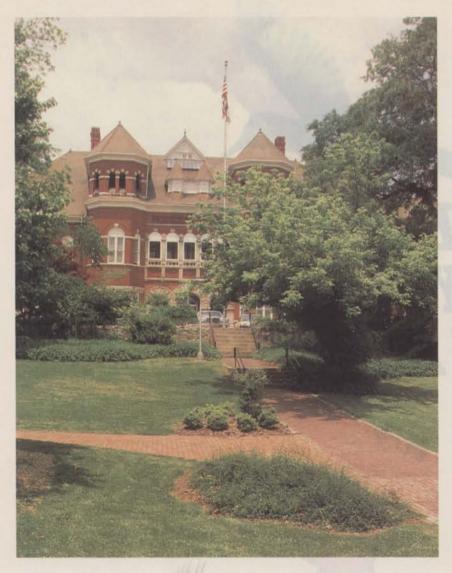
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FUTUREVISION

The 1990s will bring more judicious use of chemicals, a more aesthetic landscape and closer involvement between management and labor, according to a panel of respected green industry executives.

by Jerry Roche, executive editor

role in the ability-or inability-of landscape managers to

ociety will play an increasing perform their job functions in the 1990s, according to a panel of industry

Intensive maintenance of college campuses will become increasingly important as schools vie for their share of the shrinking student population.

At last year's Green Team Conference in St. Louis, three noted landscape managers-Jeff Bourne of Montgomery County, Md., John Michalko of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and Thomas Smith of Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati-agreed that things will not get any easier for fellow practitioners in this decade.

Here are some problems cited by the experts:

- Fewer students seeking a college education
- Loss of government's "sovereign immunity'
- What Bourne calls "life-cycle responsiblity'
- · Loss of certain pesticides in the landscape

College woes

"According to one study, the number of 18-year-olds nationwide will fall by 360,000 to about 2.4 million in the next five years," says Michalko. "About 19,000 seniors will be lost in Ohio alone in that period. Which means that budgets will be very, very tight" among collegiate building and grounds supervisors.

"Two things are at play in terms of colleges," adds Bourne. "The other is that fewer educated people will be coming out of colleges-certainly in our business-to provide that educated entry-level employee."

Michalko says that total enrollment will continue to drop, and that competition for the prospective student will increase.

In another poll, fully one-half of the students queried ranked a visit to the campus as the most important factor in their choice of colleges, Michalko points out. Sixty-two percent name appearance as "an influ-

"We have to keep our appearance of the campuses up, no matter what," Michalko contends. "If you have the facility, that'll help your enrollment stay up, which in turn will keep your budget up."

Sovereignty gone

"Risk management" and "cost containment" are the two biggest buzz phrases in the public sector, Bourne

In the past, governmental agencies could rest behind the protection of



Thomas Smith: Training and communication are buzzwords.



Jeffery Bourne: Fewer educated entry-level employees in the future.



John Michalko: The number of 18-year-olds in U.S. is declining.

sovereign immunity, which means that the government cannot be held financially liable in many cases. Losing much of their sovereignty means that governmental agencies are being forced more often to pay for accidents on their property.

"Risk management is a profession unto itself," notes Bourne. "The two primary (factors) are public negligence and public liability. It's a popular aspect of today's social climate that if you can win a suit against the government, you can retire and be independently wealthy for the rest of your life."

Not only will government landscapers be subject to these new risk management policies, but so also will private contractors doing business with the government, Bourne says.

"The boilerplate of contracts with government has suddenly become about an inch-and-a-half thicker," he notes from experience. "There are now an incredible amount of forms dealing with the risk of you doing business with the government. That's a part of your business as a contractor that you're going to have to live with. And it's simply going to continue to get worse."

Bourne notes that most public agencies are moving toward self-insurance. Each unit in his division, for instance, has to ante about \$500 per year per vehicle into a "kitty," the funds of which are used to pay damages incurred in accidents. "So the cost of doing business with government and the cost of government doing business is escalating," Bourne concludes.

With stricter rules concerning the

application of pesticides, landscape managers will be faced with further restrictions on their businesses, the panel contends.

"By 1995, every ounce of hazardous materials must be traceable through its entire life," Bourne notes. "And you are a part of that chain of responsibility."

This will mean an increase in paperwork and an edict that pesticide handlers be more than "spray-andfly" jockeys. With these new regula-

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tions, Bourne says, "chemical maintenance will become more proper and more restrictive. It may well be relegated to time-consuming areas only."

Adds Smith: "We have to be taking a selective and responsible approach with chemicals. MSDS sheets are going to become increasingly important, along with right-to-know, chemical toxicity, LD_{50} values and IPM. We're going to be looking at the entire landscape ecosystem 10 years down

the road, and not just try to control one particular problem at a time."

Futurevision

Smith also says that the mindset of the landscape manager will play an increasing role in the effectiveness of his or her organization.

"The companies that continue to look for new and better ways of doing things will be the ones that will spiral up," he notes.

"We've got to find new ways to keep the (landscape's) original essence. You can never quit thinking about automation. Anything that implies that the status quo is better than change gives the wrong impression. The good companies like IBM are always fixing things that aren't broken. They're finding better ways of doing things, cutting costs and improving quality—even when current performance is good, because they know it could be better. In Japan, any operation that will affect any other operation by 6/10ths of one second is looked at."

Most of all, changing for the better implies making your employees better employees, Smith continues:

"'Training' and 'communication' are two buzzwords as we look into the future. Training should be a continual process; that's the way you're going to keep good people. You've got to learn to get things done through others while building them in the process, and then teach them to do the same thing.

"Certain things won't change as we move forward. People need respect, attention and love, and they always will. Give people the opportunity, and they'll feel their opinion is valued." LM

WORKING OVERTIME ON MORALE

By eliminating 'demotivators,' you can improve employee morale and production during the long weeks of spring and summer.

by E.T. Wandtke

he long, busy hours of spring are bound to put additional pressure on your employees. For them to remain motivated and maintain high morale, management needs to introduce incentives so their employees can work hard yet feel good about themselves and their work.

Management tends to overlook the need to introduce motivational incentives for employees, even though they're a simple, effective way to improve morale among workers who are working long hours under high pressure conditions.

An easy, effective first step is to allow employees to think for themselves. Let them make the field decisions that you usually made in the past.

While you're at it, get rid of the rules or management techniques that act as constraints to innovative or creative thinking by your employees. Employees are not robots, so don't treat them as if their sole purpose is to produce. Let them think while they work on a customer's property.

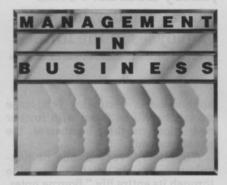
Many "demotivators" exist in green industry companies. Finding and getting rid of them will help improve employee morale this spring.

Exactly what are these "demotivators"?

Decisions that are singularly beneficial. Avoid making decisions that are for the benefit of only one employee or appear to benefit the owner of the company.

Often the urgency of problems in spring result in management making decisions that may be divisive to the company. For example, pressure to increase spring production may result in employees' only concern being to get the job done quickly—often with little regard to the quality of their work.

Stressing individual effort. Ours is a team business. Failure to promote team thinking generally results in your employees approaching their work with a one-on-one attitude. You lose the feeling that you're a part of



the company.

A lack of team attitude develops if and when you make decisions that seem inconsistent with the facts or previous decisions. Another sign is a sloppy, unkempt office area. This careless attitude about the appearance of the work area often carries over into the employees' attitude about customer service.

Spring is the time to change this approach to your workforce. Bring them together and re-establish the team concept. Have a pizza party or similar social event and let your employees know that you want them to work together as a team. Remind them that the uniform they wear is of your company and, as such, they are looked at by the community as a team.

Playing favorites. By singling out one or two individuals who seem to be carrying the company, you're creating a divisive environment. A few of your employees appear to be doing all of the work while other employees appear to be under-producing.

Eliminating these divisive actions will go a long way to improving the team attitude of your employees.

Manager passing of the buck. What happens when a supervisor voices his objections to your instructions in front of employees? Demotivation. Monitor managers to see if this condition exists. If it does, it must be corrected in order to remotivate your

employees and rekindle in them a belief in the company.

Lack of employee communication. Spring often means employee turnover, and a lack of training of the new hires frequently exists. Having a workforce that is under-trained and not sure of its job frequently leads to employee frustration.

Meet with your employees during the early summer months and be certain they understand what you expect of them. This will go a long way toward relieving employees' anxiety.

Remote management. Another area of frustration and demotivation of employees is when a company is forced to deal with absentee owners. If you own a lawn care company but have not been actively involved with it, take the time to visit the company and introduce yourself to employees.

Individuals who work for absentee owners are often uncertain of their future opportunities and the direction of the company. Meeting the brains behind the operations will improve their job motivation.

Lack of employee recognition. If you do not have some method of recognizing outstanding employee performance, now is the time to do it. When an employee sees their name on a plaque, receives a day off, or gets a preferred parking place for a period of time, they'll strive for a higher level of performance.

Give your employees the opportunity to shine among their peers.

Owners who notice a declining attitude of their employees during the spring need to determine what demotivators exist within their company. With work demands high and the hours long, demotivators are out there lowering employee morale.

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Fabric lends harmony to nutritional rivalry

Traditionally, trees and turf have been considered complementary of each other in the landscape. However, when placed side by side on certain areas of the golf course, an intense rivalry can develop between them for essential water and nutrients.

In effect, when trees are located too close to greens, tees, fairways or sand traps, they have the potential to cause tree root competition.

In these areas, trees have an excel-

lent ability to absorb water and nutrients from the surface layers of the soil. This often robs the turf of these vital elements. In fact, a tree's feeder roots are located in the same soil as grass roots and the roots of ground covers and other plants.

All of this can be troubling for superintendents who want vigorous, deeprooted, playable and aesthetically pleasing turf

Putting surfaces are usually cut closer than collars or approach areas, and these areas are often more

affected by competition from roots. If the turf shows stress due to tree roots, some relief can be obtained by raising the cutting height and implementing proper management techniques.

At times, however, it is necessary to prune tree roots to stop their unwanted invasion. Unfortunately, this practice is only temporary because tree roots can regrow quickly. A better solution to root problems is to use a root barrier after root pruning.

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By pruning tree roots and installing Biobarrier, it is possible to reduce shock to the tree in the long run because repeated root pruning every few years can be eliminated.

Mike O'Connell, superintendent at the Maketewah Country Club in Cincinnati, Ohio, installed Biobarrier around some of his greens, fairways and roughs.

Subsurface competitors

In the past, his only method of control was to prune tree roots occasionally as needed. This proved time consuming and disrupted play too much in some areas, and the roots returned in just a



The Biobarrier system provides long-term prevention of root encroachment.

few years.

"We think Biobarrier will control our root problem for many years," says O'Connell, "which will lead to improved moisture conditions in troublesome turf areas."

Before installation, tree roots grew unobstructed into turf areas. This meant that O'Connell had to use more water in some locations to compensate for the great amount of water taken by trees.

In fairways, for example, maple and oak tree roots were growing under the turf, causing dry areas and taking water and nutrients away from the turfgrass.

Short greens require more

At the Hole in the Wall Country Club in Naples, Fla., Buddy Carmouche installed 200 feet of Biobarrier next to a green that was competing with oak and ficus trees for water and nutrients. Because the turf can't always handle the combination of lower cutting height and tree root competition, the cutting height must often be raised in the summer just to maintain grass in some areas.

"We recently rebuilt a bunker that has ficus trees growing about 30 feet away." Carmouche says. "So when we dug the bunker out deeper, we used the opportunity to cut the tree roots on the greens side and on the bunker lip side and just pull the roots out. We then installed Biobarrier, curving it along the new lip. We already see some results from last summer's installation. If this continues, we will probably use it on all the greens next year."

Cutback in cutting

Root cutting was a ritual for Dale Cald-

well, superintendent at Minneapolis Golf Club. He'd use a trencher or vibratory plow every four or five years to sever problem roots.

"We're using Biobarrier now in our roughs bordering our fairways," explains Caldwell, " plus along our greens, sandtraps and bunkers to keep the roots from encroaching those areas and sapping the nutrients and moisture from the turf."

And Caldwell reports dramatic change. "In the rough, the turf is dried out; the trees are taking a lot of

their moisture. But beyond the trench where we put Biobarrier, the turf is green and looking healthy."

Saving cart paths

Cart paths can also fall prey to errant roots. What's more, structural damage can be compounded by a lawsuit if a golfer is injured due to faulty pavement.

Dick Naccarato of the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, Fla., is attempting to solve his root problems on cart paths by installing Biobarrier along certain areas.

"Some people prune tree roots on a regular basis to help alleviate the problem temporarily," says Naccarato. "But I'd have to do this so often that I'm afraid I'd be taking away too much of the tree's support system. That's why I really haven't been able to do much about roots until now."

Naccarato bought several rolls of Biobarrier to install along cart paths next to troublesome trees. The course contains a total of four miles of cart paths, but only certain areas must be replaced regularly. Because the cart paths are asphalt, tree roots grow easily into them, creating cracks and bumps in a few years. Naccarato plans to install Biobarrier in those areas, in the hope that it will forestall as much as \$5000 in cart path replacement costs.



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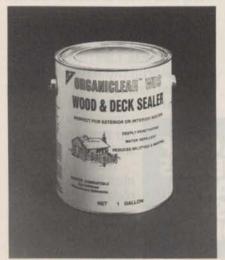
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PRODUCTS

Wood, deck sealer for dimensional stability

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help preserve the dimensional stability of untreated and pressuretreated wood.

The ingredients penetrate deeply

into the wood to form moisture-guard barriers that repel water droplets, yet allow the wood to breathe. Since it penetrates the surface, WDS will continue to provide water repellancy long after the initial surface beading has receded.

The WDS formulation protects wood from damage due to the elements: sun, sleet and wind-driven rain. Helps prevent wood from splitting, warping, cracking, swelling or shrinking.

The clear finish highlights the wood's natural grain.

If a touch of color is desired, one of several stains may be used. The stains contain inorganic pigments that resist color changes due to exposure to ultraviolet radiation as well as reduce the surface degredation of the wood. Circle No. 191 on Reader Inquiry Card

New training programs for pesticide applicators

Pesticide Compliance and Training Services, Inc. of North Kingstown, R.I. offers an easy-to-use, verifiable and up-to-date way to train service technicians.

Companies can save payroll and time by using cost-effective training programs which cover numerous aspects of training. Areas covered include pesticide safety and handling, agronomic and horticultural issues, customer sales and service, driver safety, and current federal and state regulations.

PCTS says re-certification of its are often available for certified applicators. PCTS also offers regulatory/environmental compliance audits for the green industry. Items inspected include OSHA, SARA, RCRA, DOT and other pesticide-related responsibilities.

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Fungicide is pre-mixed, pre-measured, proven

New TwoSome flowable fungicide from Lesco is a combination of chlorothalonil and fenarimol, two proven ingredients for contact and systemic control of most fungal turfgrass diseases

According to Lesco, TwoSome offers one-container convenience and

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gallon per acre aids in measuring convenience.

Lesco says TwoSome effectively controls a broader spectrum of turfgrass plant diseases like summer patch, leaf spot, dollar spot, brown patch and gray snow mold.

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California accepts product for lawns, ornamentals

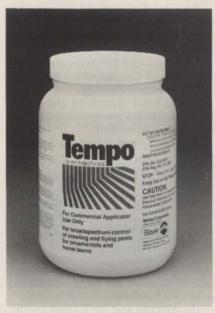
California has accepted registration of Tempo 20 WP insecticide for use on home lawns and ornamentals, according to a report from Mobay Corporation.

Mobay says that Tempo, a synthetic pyrethroid, controls more than 40 of the toughest turf and ornamental insects, including aphids, armyworms, whiteflies, thrips and ticks, with significantly less active ingredient than standard insecticides.

"Tempo performs as well as or better than standard insecticides at a competitive price, with up to 80 percent less active ingredient, minimizingenvironmental impact," notes Dan Meek, Mobay turf and ornamental product manager.

"Excellent insect control with less

active ingredient and low human toxicity are tremendous benefits in such an envrionmentally sensitive state," savs Meek.



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New loaders compatible with popular tractor

Du-Al's new model 205 and 210 loaders are compatible with the Case-IH models 5130 and 5140 Maxxum tractors.

The loaders mount in minutes thanks to a patented Spee-D-Tach system, which operates with a couple turns of a wrench.

The 2025 and 210 loaders also feature Spee-D-Change attachments for quick-change versatility.

A self-level system on the Du-Al 210 loader helps prevent unnecessary spillage while loading.

The 6-, 7- and 8-foot buckets are



located close to the front wheels for good load balance.

Du-Al's 205 and 210 loaders are designed for low maintenance, convenience and operator safety and are available for 2-wheel drive tractors as well as front-wheel assist models.

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New heavy-duty blades hydraulic and adjustable

Land Pride has developed two new series of heavy duty rear blades. The series 45 and 55 rear blades are for 90hp and 150-hp tractors.

Each blade can be hydraulically offset and hydraulically tilted, and are manually adjustable.

Both the series 45 and 55 blades can



be angled as much as 45° for road grading and windrowing.

A heavy-duty, rolled 19" moldboard creates consistent and constant dirt flow.

All cutting edges are high carbon, heat-treated and replaceable. A retractable parking stand allows easy hookup.

The full range of options for Land Pride heavy duty rear blades includes skid shoes, side plates and gauge wheels.

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Mower models feature heavy-duty engines

The Excel Hustler 400 and 440 outfront rotary mowers use liquidcooled, four-cylinder Ford gasoline engines.

The Hustler 400 sports a 45-hp engine, while the 440 is powered by a 54-

hp engine.

Excel reports that both engines are factory-set at 3000 rpm for peak performance and long life, and feature a distributor-less ignition system which reduces routine maintenance.

Both the 400 and 440 feature the Hustler dual-hydrostatic drive system, which is combined with twin-level steering for true zero-degree radius turning. One-hand control provides unmatched maneuverability in braking and forward and reverse turns.



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Control products available in quart-sized containers

Ciba-Geigy introduces new quart containers for its Triumph insecticide, Banner fungicide and Pennant herbicide.

The new quart containers are an advantage primarily to first-time and small-quantity users of the products, according to Larry Dull, senior group leader of packaging application and development.

"The new containers make the products more convenient for users who don't need a gallon or more of the products on hand," says Dull.

"In addition, first-time users can sample the products easily, small quantity use is simpler and site-to-site transportation is easier."

Recent label amendments allow Banner to be used to control gray leafspot on St. Augustinegrass, and gray and pink snow mold on all labeled grasses. The new label also allows the product to be used for broad-spectrum disease control on virtually all nursery (field) ornamental plants.

Pennant's new label allows use on virtually all landscape and nursery planting, including residential land-



scapes. In addition, Pennant can be used on more ornamental plants to control more weeds and grasses.

Triumph is a restricted-use insecticide for use only by certified applicators for insect control in lawns.

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Mower improvements for easy operation

The Toro Company has introduced improvements to its heavy-duty line of ProLine mowers which increase ease of operation and performance.

Toro has added a new self-propelling system for longer life, a new fuel tank which is 33 percent larger and Vac-U-Power blades for improved bagging.

Toro reports that in tests with commercial cutters, the new self-propelling system lasted three times longer than standard systems.

The redesigned transmission includes new needle bearings with grease seals on the output shaft for increased durability.

The transmission's center pull engagement allows for equal load on the bearings instead of loading one side.

The reversed gear sequence has a third gear in the center to match up with the center pull engagement to allow for equal load on the output shaft.

Also included in the new self-propelling system are plastic double-seal wheel covers and sealed pivot arms which keep out sand and debris.

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PRODUCTS from page 58 Hill climbing a specialty with four-wheel drive

Jacobsen's versatile Turfcat T422D now features an on-demand fourwheel drive. A differential lock gives the T422D even greater traction to tackle slopes too steep for two-wheel



drive mowers.

Jacobsen reports that the Turfcat T422D has a low maintenance, liquid-cooled diesel engine for years of trouble free service. A high efficiency hydraulic implement drive provides smooth, quiet power to attachments.

The Turfcat can be equipped with front mounted 60- and 72-inch rotary mowing decks, or Jacobsen's 60-inch fine-cut flail. In addition, a snow thrower, straight blade, blower or rotary brush can be connected to the T422D for all-season

maintenance work.

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New four wheeler priced to be competitive

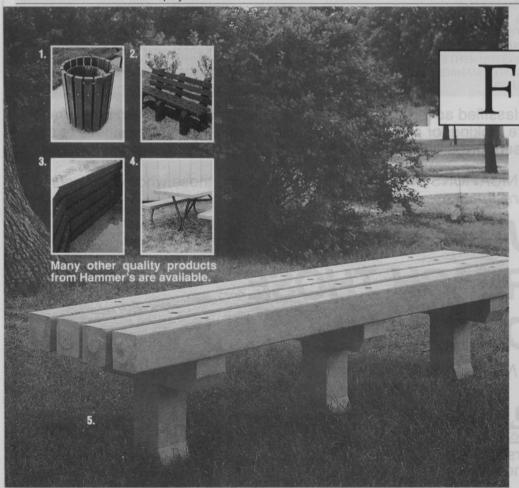
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PROBLEM MANAGEMENT

by Balakrishna Rao, Ph.D.

'How do trees grow?'

Problem: I have been employed in the parks department of the city of Galesburg, Illinois for about 12 years. I had never given much thought about the growth of trees until a new employee asked, 'How do trees grow?' One of the old-timers responded, 'From the top up,' and said that if you drove a nail into a young tree you would find it at the same elevation 50 years later.

I find that hard to believe. When I look at a tree that's 50 feet high and see a crotch that's 10 feet above the ground, I can't believe the tree was that tall when it was planted, or that all the previous features disappeared, leaving the crotch.

I know that a tree feeds down from the leaves and then again up from the roots. But does it grow up and out? (Illinois)

Solution: The "old timer" on staff proves that there's no teacher like experience. Trees do grow from the top up. This drawing and explanation should help you understand the situation.



Trees grow from the top up from the terminal bud (Fig. 1). These terminal buds are produced every year at the tip of the current year's growth. From this new terminal bud, new growth will be reproduced during the following growing season, usually in spring (Figs. 2-5). The stem will elongate for a period (depending on species and growth habit) and then stop growing and develop a new terminal bud for future growth.

The yearly growth and elongation and terminal bud setting process will continue as the trees grow from the top upward. Depending on growing conditions—such as soil, environment and fertilization—a given tree may produce different lengths of growth during different years. So stem (or trunk) elongation occurs each year as new growth occurs from the terminal bud. Pre-existing stem tissue does not elongate.

Because of the tree's growth habit, if the nail was driven into the current season's growth before the yearly elongation process stops, the final elevation of the nail may be slightly higher than the original height. However, if the nail was introduced after the elongation process was stopped, it will stay at the same elevation thereafter.

You are also correct in saying that trees grow up and out. As far as upward growth, refer to the above explanation

The outward growth takes place from a layer of tissue (cambium) located between the xylem and phloem. The cambium layer is responsible for secondary and outward growth. It produces xylem (sapwood) inward and phloem and bark tissue outward. So the outward growth we see on any tree is due to cambia' 494

activity. Every year this will produce growth layers, one outside the other, which are called "growth rings" without any elongation upward. Because of the outward growing habits of trees, a nail or any other foreign objects, such as wire or systemic injection tools left over, can be gradually enclosed inside by growth layers and the callosing process.

Treating snow mold

Problem: A number of our clients' lawns had snow mold disease problems in past years. What is the best way to manage this problem? (Pennsylvania)

Solution: Success in snow mold disease management depends on properly diagnosing the causal agents and following good management guidelines. Since we do not have a good broad-spectrum fungicide to manage all snow mold diseases, proper identification is very important.

Several different fungal agents can cause turf disease at low temperatures. Among these are pink snow mold (fusarium patch) caused by Fusarium nivale and gray snow mold caused by Typhula spp., which are the two most common and important snow mold diseases and are active during the winter months.

Pink snow mold is characterized by reddishbrown spots with pinkish colored margins. Pinkish mycelial growth may be present at the border of patches in the early morning. Gray snow mold has gray to black mycelium with hardened yellowbrown fungal bodies (sclerotia) embedded in the leaf and crown of infected plants.

Often snow mold problems can be managed successfully by following good cultural practices. Avoid heavy fertilizing late in the fall that produces lush growth. Continue mowing until turfgrass growth stops, and manage whatever thatch problem may exist.

Since snow molds usually kill only the turfgrass leaves, rake and break up infected and matted leaves to encourage new tiller growth from the crown. This should be done before the grass greens up in the spring and prior to pre-emergence crabgrass herbicide application(s).

Lawns with a history of snow mold disease severity can be treated with fungicides. General fungicide recommendations include one application before the first snow cover, the second application during mid-winter and the third application after the snow melts in the spring. Among these three applications, the one that is made in the late fall, before the snow cover, is most beneficial and practical. Chemical treatments in the spring may not be very effective, since the damage has already been done.



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