

concept when Asplundh's Railroad Division tested the larger unit. Officials were impressed, according to Valentin.

"The treatment, which is the first of its kind for right-of-way weed control in New Jersey, showed immediate results as once vigorous weeds started to droop and wilt minutes after being sprayed with the hot water," she recounts.

"What made the demonstration even more dramatic is that the rail track had not been used in 13 years and was so overgrown with weeds that it was not visible at all before the treatment," according to Valentin.

Mayo holds high hopes the the technology will be a financial success: "There's a lot of interest from tons of markets."

—James E. Guyette

## GREEN INDUSTRY EVENTS

What's going on in the industry

### MARCH

**1: New Jersey Landscape '95,** Meadowlands Convention Center, Secaucus, N.J. Phone: (201) 664-6310.

**1-4: Outdoor Power Equipment Dealers Assn. annual meeting,** Sheraton Grand Torrey Pines, La Jolla, Calif. Phone: OPEDA, (215) 564-3484.

**2: Midwest Sports Turf Managers Association annual meeting,** Schaumburg (Ill.) Golf Club. Phone: 708) 439-4727.

**2-3: CalScape Expo 95,** Irvine (Calif.) Marriott Hotel. Phone: Mary Golden, (619) 723-9910.

**5: Tampa Bay Horticultural Trade Show,** Tampa (Fla.) Convention Center. Phone: Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers, (813) 960-1457.

**6-8: Massachusetts Turf Conference,** Springfield, Mass. Phone: (413) 549-5295.

**8: Professional Plant and Turf Conference,** sponsored by Nassau/Suffolk Landscape Gardeners Assn., Huntington (N.Y.) Townhouse. Phone: (516) 665-2250.

**11-14: Canadian Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show,** Ottawa Congress Center, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Phone: Canadian Golf Course Superintendents Assn., (905) 602-8873.

**14: Minnesota Sports Turf Managers Association meeting.** Phone: Mike McDonald, (612) 828-6525.

**15-16: Integrated Pest Management**

## Taking issue with editor's environmental perspective

To the editor:

With deference to your editorial piece in the December 1994 issue (p.1, "As We See It"), I am moved to respond as follows:

**1)** Contrary to your opinion regarding "oppressive government," laws governing the manufacture, sale and use of pesticides were in direct concern for an environment polluted with man-made toxic chemicals.

**2)** Thanks to EPA, FIFRA and OSHA, this country is on its way to protect us humans and the rest of God's creatures from being poisoned by our own hands.

**3)** The real entrepreneurs in this world are those individuals who accept our mistakes and strive to find remedies for our problems.

**4)** You must certainly believe in Santa Clause [sic.] if you think that the "market will regulate itself." If that were true, we wouldn't need half the laws on the books to protect the public from greedy individuals.

**5)** I do not want to renew my subscription.

Richard C. Fry  
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(N.C.) Parks & Recreation

## Correcting reference to his company name

To the editor:

I enjoyed your article on Tom Delaney, "Lawn Care Industry Person of the Year." I have worked with Tom concerning lawn care issues and he is very deserving of the award.

I would have liked to frame the list of past recipients since our past owner/president, the late Jim Marria, was a past winner. I can't do this, though, because you have our company wrong. We are Perma-Green Lawn Care Co., one of the 15

in Landscapes Conference, Lolowna Lodge Hotel, British Columbia, Canada. Phone: Georgena Good, (604) 980-9735.

**15-16: Reinders Turf Conference,** Waukesha (Wis.) Expo Center. Phone: Ed Devinger, (414) 786-3301.

**17: Turf Management Seminar,** El Cajon Community Center. Phone: (619)

largest lawn care companies in the U.S. We are a 10-year-plus member of the PLCAA, but we do not build and sell spray equipment. Perma-Green Supreme is a completely different company.

Jim Marria needs to be remembered as the founder of our company.

Ben Miller  
Perma-Green  
Boise, Ida.

(We stand corrected.—Ed.)

## Says watch out for invasive perennials

To the editor:

This note is in reference to an article that appeared in your magazine in August 1994 on perennial plants. The information appeared on page 35 and apparently was taken from a book called Garden Design Ideas.

Under a listing for summer perennial favorites tolerating wet soil, purple losses-trife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is mentioned. Although there is a notation that plant is invasive, there is no mention of the fact that it is banned or about to be banned in 13 states due to the fact that it crowds out all other plants when it becomes established in wetlands.

Some plant varieties are currently being sold that are supposed to be sterile, but trials with these plants have shown that, in fact, very few of them are sterile. Thus, it is best not to promote or sell this invasive, non-native perennial.

It would be educational for your readers if your magazine could present an article about this plant and other plants that have "escaped" the yard to become a problem in the wild.

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