

# Grab Bag

## The 1995 drought: bad in California

"Although the [1995] drought didn't cause many project cancellations, there were cutbacks and delays with water-oriented features such as man-made lakes and streams, waterfalls, fountains and other special effects.

"In addition, projects which required extensive irrigation were scaled back or deleted. These included parks, green belts and other landscapes requiring large expanses of turfgrass."



—MICKEY STRAUSS, PRESIDENT, CLIC



**Just hangin' out** It might not be the safest job in the world, but it can't be beaten for high visibility, as this employee of LaFlamme Services learns from his experience at GTE's world headquarters in Stamford, Conn. "Unusual" is the perfect word for this maintenance job, which entails hanging out over I-95 to trim deep shrubs and taking mowers up a tiny freight elevator. Nevertheless, LaFlamme won a 1994 Merit Award in the Associated Landscape Contractors of America annual contest.

## Bugzappers out of control!

An entomologist from the University of Delaware says electric "bug zappers" are killing a high number of ben-

eficial insects, and very few mosquitoes. Over the summer of 1994, Dr. Doug Tallamy and assistant Tim Frick collected

and identified the kill from zappers at six sites in suburban Newark. Only 31 of the 14,000 electrocuted insects were biting flies; almost half were aquatic insects, caddisflies and midges. Most species of mosquitoes are not attracted to black lights, says Tallamy, and certain mosquitoes bite only during the day.

## A groundsman's dilemma

*'I feel sort of like the superintendent at the local country club. Except that he's got to worry about 200 millionaires, and I've only got to worry about 25. And the only time we hear from them is when they have a complaint.'*



—BRANDON KOEHNKE, GROUNDSKEEPER FOR THE CLEVELAND INDIANS AND JACOBS FIELD

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