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ON THE COVER: A CLEVELAND INDIANS ACE MOWS DOWN ANOTHER OPPONENT AT JACOBS FIELD. PHOTO BY JIM BARON OF THE IMAGE FINDERS.

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If hiring new technicians is one of the toughest tasks you face, it could be because you don't have a plan in place to help predict whether a job candidate will be reliable and honest. A structured interviewing and hiring process produces more "home runs" than "strikeouts."

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### 24 WORKER SAFETY

What's required by OSHA, EPA, the states and insurance companies in the way of worker safety, plus a supplemental "model" safety program and a list of helpful safety-oriented literature.

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### 28 LM REPORTS: LEAF BLOWERS

Pending local legislation in Scarsdale, N.Y. and Los Angeles partially or wholly bans power leaf blowers. If that trend catches on across the nation, landscape managers could lose one of the most valuable time-saving tools at their current disposal. Also: a complete list of power blowers available to commercial users.

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Effective disease control relies on knowing the requirements of the particular turf and being ready for any kind of weather.

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