

Grab Bag

Internet source for tree shoppers

TreeView, started by computer expert/horticulture expert/landscape designer Grant Collier, is a new way to shop for large trees and specimen plants from your personal computer, via the Internet (www.treeview.com). Most of the large specimen plants are accompanied by a photo of the plant. TreeView provides a form for purchase requisition and transmits it to the supplier for delivery arrangements. Each plant is listed with botanical name, size, state, location, USDA growth zone and common name. For information on TreeView, call (520) 527-9266 or E-mail: TreeView@ibm.net.

Publicity tips

The Professional Grounds Management Society offers these tips for publicizing your achievements:

- 1 Know your newspapers, and what kinds of stories they can use.
- 2 Decide what to send: news; new hires; new projects. Include a photo.
- 3 Be patient, persistent and polite with follow-up calls.
- 4 Leverage any publicity you receive with mentions in association newsletters or reprints for customers.
- 5 Get involved in your community.



Couple travels 'back in time' for nuptials

Lawn care business owner Bill Clutter, left, and Ann Miller took the train on their wedding day this past winter. The owner of Turf Gard, Dayton, Ohio, his wife Ann, his daughter Muffy and Mark Hirsheje dressed for the journey on the Whitewater Valley Railroad. Clutter is past president of Ohio Lawn Care Association.

On using natural golf layouts:

"A desert golf course will be framed by the desert. A seaside course must take wind into consideration as the routing is developed. On an ideal site, you must be knowledgeable enough not to do much to the land."

—GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT REES JONES.

Word of caution

Never, never, ever fill a metal gas can in the back of a truck with a plastic bed liner. Why? A big boom can result. The plastic bed liner doesn't allow the metal gas can to become grounded to the truck.

As the gas fills the can, it creates static electricity. If this electricity is discharged and there is a spark—look out!

To avoid this, take the gas can from the truck, put it on the ground and fill it.

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