

## AMTOP reports victory in Montana

The Association of Montana Turf and Ornamental Professionals, Inc. reports that Gov. Marc Racicot has signed HB489, which requires local governments to conform to state rules if they decide to adopt a local posting ordinance.

The legislation had been proposed by AMTOP and the Montana Agra Business Association. Both groups had been working for three months to stymie excessive regulations on the local level.

"AMTOP lobbyist Pam Langley worked long and hard to secure passage of this important piece of legislation," says Mike Voeller editor of the Association newsletter. "We owe here our deepest gratitude for a job well done."

AMTOP reports that environmentalist had tried to exempt the cities of Missoula and Helena from the legislation.

"Missoulians for a Clean Environment have not given up on trying to make it difficult to use pesticides in the "Garden City," reports Langley.

## New address for ALCA

The Associated Landscapers Contractors of America has moved to new offices, at: 150 Elden St. Suite 270, Herndon, Va. 20170. Phone numbers remain: (703) 736-9666; fax: (730) 736-9668.

## Vander Kooi kicks off PLCAA session

Business consultant and author Charles Vander Kooi will deliver the keynote address at the Professional Lawn Care Association of America's Annual Conference Opening Session, Nov. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, N.C.

PLCAA's Annual Conference is held in conjunction with the Green Industry Expo, Nov. 14-18, 1997. Vander Kooi will also lead a seminar on staff building.

Vander Kooi, long one of the most respected of industry professionals, is known for his no-nonsense, down-to-earth, tell-it-like-it is approach to the realities of running a business successfully.

His address is titled, "No Limits, No Boundaries to Building Your Business."

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