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Child's play

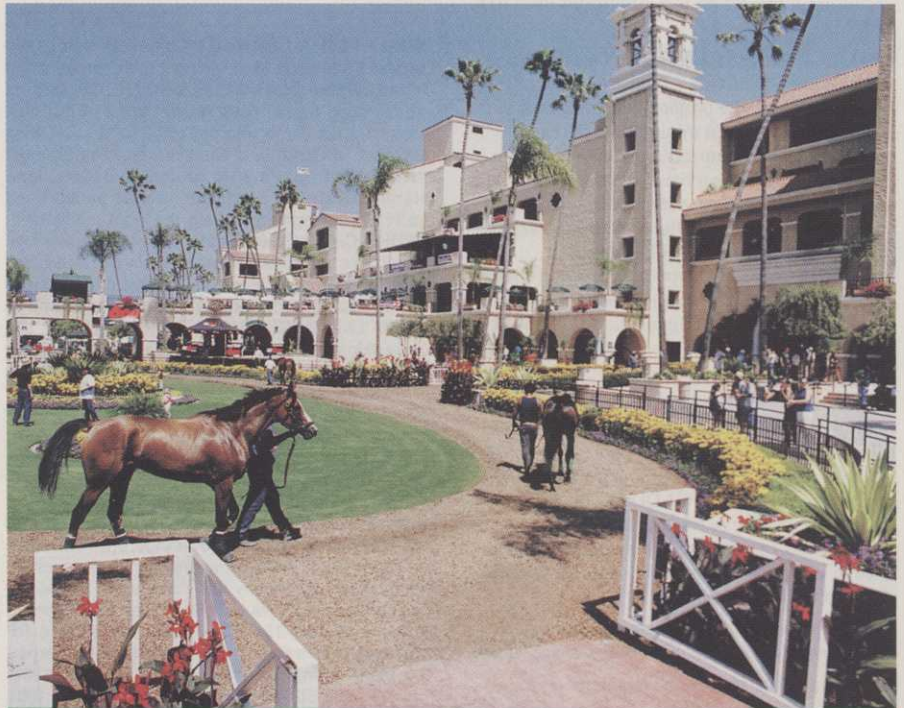
Talk about taking on a project that makes you feel good. Valley Crest, a division of Environmental Industries, Inc., knows what it's like after recently completing construction of "Shane's Inspiration: A Boundless Playground," a play environment designed to accom-



Children of all abilities can romp on this playground.

modate physically-challenged children. The 2-acre playground, located in Griffith Park on land provided by the City of Los

Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, is unique in that it's specifically designed for children of all abilities to play side by side. Valley Crest was general contractor for ramps, railings, paving concrete curbs and walkways, entry arch, stage and basketball court, landscape planting, gardens, irrigation and erosion control, as well as the installation of resilient play surfacing, masonry planter walls and seating. Said Catherine Curry-Williams, founder of Shane's Inspiration, a nonprofit organization that promotes and constructs boundless playgrounds in memory of her son, Shane, "It was as if they (Valley Crest workers) were landscaping their own backyard."



No horsing around here

When the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club of Del Mar, CA, called on Dave and Sue Ericson to beautify its grounds for this year's racing season, it was off to the races for their company, Stay Green, which provides landscaping and maintenance services to residential, commercial and industrial properties in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernadino and Ventura counties.

Around 21 Stay Green employees and 12 members of the Thoroughbred Club hoofed it around the main ticket area, the paddocks, throughout the grandstands and in various public areas, planting marigolds, black-eyed Susans, blue scaevola and African tulip trees under the direction of the Ericsons.

Down the stretch, the Stay Green crew performed like champs, putting in over 4,700 man-hours. The quality of their work prompted Del Mar president and general manager Joe Harper to say, "The club's grounds have never looked better."

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