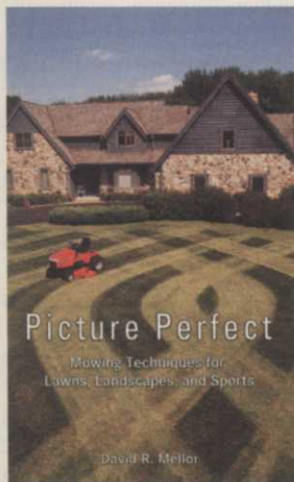


cleanup crew

THIS AND THAT



Mellor's book, a must-have for striping wannabes.

everything you've ever wanted to know about mowers, grass-growing techniques and artistic mowing methods. To check out the book, visit www.simplicitymfg.com and go to the "lawn striping" section.

On a roll

One thing everybody hates is having to do the same job twice because of a screwup. It was nice, then, that crew members of Hawkins Landscaping, Frederick, MD, could laugh at having to do their work all over again. They'd laid down some sod on a customer's property, and the next day, the customer called to say that the sod was still lying around her yard rolled up.

Christina Hawkins decided it was time for a stakeout. She and her crew laid down some sod, then waited until nightfall to see what would happen. At 11 p.m., three raccoons scurried out of the darkness and began rolling the sod back up, picking through it to find insects. "The smallest one spotted me sitting in my truck and gave me a look that seemed to say, 'Keep your paws off my grub!'" Hawkins says.

Weirdness rules! — What's the weirdest job you've ever worked on? Tell us in 200 words or less and you might win one of our few remaining golf shirts. We'll pick the best story, and you might even see it in print if you win. Entries are due by September 15, 2001. Send your submissions via e-mail to jstahl@advanstar.com or snail mail to: Landscape Management, 7500 Old Oak Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44130.

Stripe like a pro

Have you ever been out on your mower and had the sudden urge to get artistic? Okay, maybe getting the job done efficiently is top priority, but you know you're just dying to put one of those striping patterns you've seen on television on your customers' lawns. Before you unleash the artistic beast within you, however, check out the new book, "Picture Perfect — Mowing Techniques for Lawns, Landscapes, and Sports," by Dave Mellor. Mellor, who Milwaukee Brewers broadcaster Bob Uecker calls the "Rembrandt of groundskeeping," has been creating elaborate striping patterns for years as a Major League groundskeeper. In the book, he tells you every-



Forget your worries, mon!

Foul weather, AWOL employees, broken mowers, complaining customers...don't you want to just run as far away as you can from the pressures of running a landscape/lawn business? Hey, why not support a former Green Industry professional by renting his vacation pad in the



Bahamas? Marty Erbaugh used to own Lawnmark, a long-time lawn care leader in the Midwest and Northeast, but he sold it in 1995 to Barefoot Grass. He now wiles away his off days with wife, Linnie, at his spread in Winding Bay, Eleuthera, which features its own private beach, private study, two-story sundeck, and more. It rents for as much as \$2,800 per week. Check it out at www.pointovue.com.

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