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Keeps gypsies out

The BugBarrier Tree Band provides a pesticide-free way to stop the voracious gypsy moth as it begins its annual spring banquet on customers' valuable trees. The band is packaged in kits consisting of a dense, flexible, fiber barrier and an adhesive film barrier. The fiber is wrapped around the tree trunk to fill bark crevices and the film is installed over the fiber with the adhesive facing the tree, eliminating potential product failure. The BugBarrier Tree Band is also effective against spring and fall cankerworm, winter moths, forest tent caterpillars and other pests.

For more information and a list of distributors, contact Brian Pancoast at 800/379-9677 or bpancoast@enviometrics.ca / circle no. 269

Magnetic scheduling board kits

Magnatag Visible Systems has introduced several magnetic whiteboard systems to ease the burden of logistics on owners of landscaping businesses. Among the most effective systems is the WorkView Daily Line Item Service Schedule board system, which enables owners to track workers, equipment and customer jobs for a month or season. Magnatag's landscape board systems include all the magnets, tabs, cards, tape and other equipment necessary to track employees, equipment, and customers. Other systems include the Do-Done Job Stage Tracker, The 31-Day Crew Schedule board and the Service Route Schedule system.

For more information contact Magnatag at www.magnatag.com/landscape/ / circle no. 270

The Honda Commercial Series

Completely re-engineered from the ground up are Honda's HRC Commercial Series mowers. First introduced in 1989, the existing HRC series features two models: the self-propelled, hydrostatic drive HRC216HXA and push-type HRC216PDA. The HRC Series' mowing performance is enhanced by offering Honda's exclusive MicroCut twin-blade mulching technology. Both HRC mowers are strong, fast, light, efficient and incorporate a number of key features: dome shaped deck design that facilitates both bagging and mulching while delivering finer clipping particles; offset twin blade MicroCut System (the only two-blade 21-in. commercial mower); new hydrostatic cruise control transmission that has been redesigned for increased durability and higher top speed; improved handlebars adjustable for height; and front bumper provides mower deck and engine protection.

For more information contact Honda Power equipment at 678/339-2600 or www.hondapowerequipment.com / circle no. 271



Ball Serena angelonia

Serena angelonia from Ball Horticultural Co. is the first-ever seed-grown angelonia, making it an economical choice for landscapers who want to provide an upscale look to their clients without paying an upscale price for inputs. Serena varieties are full, yet compact, and continue blooming without dead-heading. The plants grow 10 to 12 in. tall and spread 12 to 14 in., displaying flower spikes in lavender, lavender pink, purple, white or a mixture. Serena angelonia is an excellent selection for full sun landscapes in moderate to hot climates with a range from low to high humidity.

For more information contact Ball at 630/231-3600 or www.BallLandscape.com / circle no. 272



Corona Clipper post hole diggers

Corona Clipper has added three professional post hole diggers (PHD) to its arsenal giving users more variety when choosing the right tool for a particular job. Corona's new PHD line includes the PD 40020 Atlas PHD with a 14-gauge steel head for good strength and a long service life. It has a sharpened blade edge for easy ground penetration and a 48-in. hollow core fiberglass handle that provides the best combination of weight and strength. Also new is the PD 40000 Atlas PHD, a mid-level heavy duty tool featuring a 14-gauge, tempered steel head, sharpened blade edge and 48-in. extra thick ash handle; and the PD 10000 Promo PHD, which has a 15-gauge steel head and 48-in. hardwood handles.

For more information contact Corona Clipper at 800/847-7863 or www.coronaclipper.com/ / circle no. 273



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Water sensor

The Irrigation Moisture Switch, IL200-MS, controls irrigation by an accurate measurement of soil moisture. Irrigation for landscapes, trees, crops or vegetables is scheduled only when water is needed so water bills may be reduced 30% to 50%. The SM200 Moisture Sensor is buried in the root zone where water is needed. The Dynamax IL2-MS Moisture Switch regulates water applied by continuously monitoring the soil conditions at the sensor and interrupts the controller schedule when enough water reaches the plant roots. As soon as the soil dries out below the recommended moisture set point, an internal switch closes and signals the controller to continue irrigation as needed.

For more information contact Dynamax at 281/564-5100 or www.dynamax.com / circle no. 274

Central control system

IMMS 2.0 is Hunter's low-cost, easy-to-use central control that expands the capabilities of the original IMMS 1.0 system. Notable additions include remote programming and full two-way communications with Hunter's new ACC controller. While retaining the point-and-click simplicity of the first-generation IMMS, the 2.0 platform also includes actual flow reporting, more sophisticated alarm monitoring and response capabilities, and in-

creased reporting options. Other features include: flow total reporting – IMMS 2.0 retrieves and displays actual irrigation totals from ACC controllers equipped with Hunter Flow Sensors; full two-way communications with ACC field controllers; true "non-water" windows – pre-program sensitive times for no irrigation.

For more information contact Hunter at 760/744-5240 or www.HunterIndustries.com / circle no. 275

New Verti-Quakes

Redexim Charterhouse is offering new heavy duty models of their popular Verti-Quake rotary decompactors: the new Verti-Quake 2516 and 3822. The Verti-Quake is a rotary aerator that de-compacts the soil using a set of rotating steel blades. As these blades cut cleanly through the soil, they create a wave action that shatters compacted areas and



opens up the subsoil. The Verti-Quake 3822 can work at depths up to 15-in. with little or no surface disruption, and now is available with the same direct drive system and individual shear bolts that are popular on the smaller models.

For more information contact Redexim Charterhouse at 800/597-5664 or www.redexim.com / circle no. 276

Blow me over

The new 170 BT backpack blower from Husqvarna is designed to meet the challenges of the most rigorous commercial jobs. The 170BT's X-TORQ engine delivers substantially higher power and torque compared to standard two-stroke engines yet reduces fuel consumption and emissions. The advanced engine technology improves per-



formance and efficiency, providing 70 minutes of run time and reducing fuel refills by 20%. Powered by a 65-cc engine, the 170BT produces an air flow of 742 cfm and a 199 mph wind speed output. The two-stage air filter helps keep the engine clean and performing at peak capacity.

For more information contact Husqvarna at 800/HUSKY-62 or www.usa.husqvarna.com / circle no. 277

Largest mini-skid

Boxer Equipment's newest entry to their mini-skid, the 530X, is designed for the landscaping, rental and construction markets and a wide range of other industries and applications. The 530X sports a powerful, yet fuel efficient 30-hp Kohler Command Pro air-cooled gas engine and a two-pump 3,000 psi, 14.5 gpm hydraulic system to drive the machine's auxiliary and propulsion systems. Together, the engine and hydraulic systems provide the Boxer 530X with more muscle than any other mini-skid on the market — more than enough to handle full size attachments like a 36-in. auger or 48-in. trencher.

For more information contact Compact Power, Inc. at 800/476-9673 or www.boxerequipment.com / circle no. 278



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Stand up or sit down

With cutting widths up to 61 in., Wright Manufacturing's Sentar zero-turning-radius mower can cover a wide area with the agility of a standup as well as the power and comfort of a sitdown. The padded seat with mono spring suspension folds out of the way, allowing for more room on trailers. Cut height can be adjusted from the driver's seat or standing platform. Operator Balance Con-

trol (OBC) lets the operator shift his/her weight as terrain changes. The two-cylinder, 19-hp engine powers the Sentar up to 11 mph forward and five mph in reverse. In an emergency, or to move debris, the operator can just step off the platform and the mower stops immediately.

For more information contact Wright Manufacturing at 301/360-9810 or www.wrightmfg.com / circle no. 279

Scott's fertilizer

For use on annual and perennial flowers, shrubs, trees and roses, 14-14-14 Scotts Landscaper PRO Outdoor Ornamentals Fertilizer provides balanced feeding with micronutrients and is specially formulated with Scotts



Poly-S extended-release fertilizer, which feeds up to four months. A 50 lb. bag covers up to 7,800 sq. ft.

For more information contact The Scotts Co. at 800/492-8255 or www.scottspohort.com / circle no. 280

Turf Enforcer

Cub Cadet Commercial's Enforcer zero-turn mower is designed for small and mid-size businesses looking for high-performance at a reasonable price and exceptional commercial warranty. Equipped with premium Kawasaki V-Twin engines ranging from 19-, 21- or 23-hp air-cooled, Enforcer models feature a pivoting front axle, easily accessible Timken tapered roller bearing spindles, a fully welded steel frame, high-back suspension seat and dual five-gallon fuel tanks. In addition, the series offers a charged

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Tanaka's new 25-cc, 1.3-hp PureFire engine. Other features include: 7-mm, solid steel drive shaft; blade and attachment capable, heavy-duty, padded



front handle; throttle lock; 5-in. semi-automatic cutting head; and weight of 13.2 lbs.

For more information contact Tanaka America at 253/333-1200 or www.tanaka-usa.com / circle no. 283



Helix irrigation filters

Miller-Leaman Inc.'s new injection-molded plastic Helix filters filter irrigation water (well water, pond water, etc.) to keep the irrigation sprinklers from plugging. The filters are available with a polypropylene disc media (Helix MTD Series) or a stainless steel screen (Helix MTS Series). As dirty water enters the filter housing, a high velocity spinning action occurs, spiraling heavier particles from the disc/screen cartridge, down to the base of the filter housing. These accumulated particles are then flushed from the filter via the 3/4-in. flush port connection, either manually or automatically.

For more information contact Miller-Leaman at 800/881-0320 or www.millerleaman.com / circle no. 282

Big & tall trimmer

Tanaka America's TBC-260PFL extended reach grass trimmer / brush cutter is designed primarily for professional landscapers that are over 6 ft. 5 in. in height. The TBC-260PFL features a 71-in. drive shaft and is powered by

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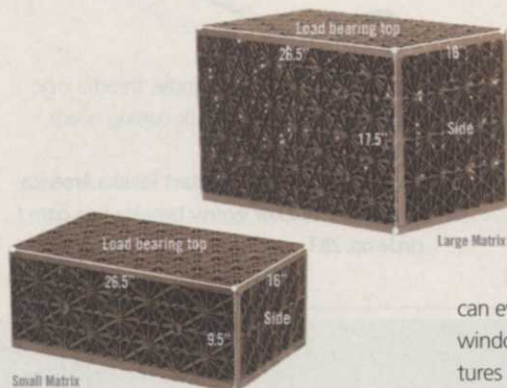
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In the Matrix

When used with the Pondless Waterfall, the AquaBlox Water Matrix from Aquascape is designed to replace 90% of the gravel used in the reservoir. While gravel can only hold two gallons of water per cu. ft., the Water Matrix, designed with a load-bearing top, can hold seven gallons. When used in a wetland application, the AquaBlox Water Matrix is used at the lowest part of the wetland, replacing the 4-in. to 6-in. boulders, which aids in water distribution. The AquaBlox Water Matrix's design also makes cleaning a snap for both types of projects and there's much less clogging than traditional gravel basins. Another benefit is the fact that the design is modular – it ships flat and can be assembled at the jobsite.

For more information contact Aquascape at 866/877-6637 or www.aquascapeinc.com / circle no. 284

See every angle

Drafix Software, the leading provider of landscape design software, has announced the

latest version of its PRO Landscape design suite. The new Version 13 now features 3D imaging, which allows users to zoom in and out and rotate at any angle to view landscape designs from various perspectives; the new 3D feature

can even show the landscape as seen from a window inside a house. The software features a tutorial DVD to help landscapers learn the software and get started quickly. The software also provides the common, botanical and Spanish names of plants for easier cross-references.

For more information contact Drafix Software at 800/231-8574 or www.prolandscape.com / circle no. 285

Combo-pack

Bayer's TopChoice + Fertilizer provides the superior fire ant control of TopChoice and the convenience of a fertilizer, allowing professionals to work more efficiently. The active ingredient in TopChoice is the industry leader

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Choice + Fertilizer reduces active mounds twice as fast as TopChoice alone. TopChoice + Fertilizer can be applied at convenient rates of 3 lbs., 4 lbs., or 5 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. (up to 219 lbs.-per-acre).

For more information contact Bayer Environmental Science at 800-331-2867 or www.bayerprocentral.com / circle no. 286



Kubota ZD321, ZD326 and ZD331

Kubota has introduced a series of zero-turn commercial mowers, engineered to deliver more commercial power, durability and performance, enabling both commercial operators to obtain a manicured lawn even in the toughest terrain. The new models feature energy-efficient Kubota diesel engines: the 21-hp ZD321, the 26-hp ZD326 and the ZD331 with 31 hp. Kubota's new PRO Commercial mower decks on the ZD-300 series include a deeper deck design and a new baffle design with increased air flow for premium mowing performance. The new flexible, yet durable, discharge chute is 27% wider for better dispersion of grass clippings, and helps prevent damage to trees and bushes when mowing around these obstacles.

For more information contact Kubota Tractor Corp. at 888/4-KUBOTA or www.kubota.com / circle no. 287

Remote handset



The LEIT-2 is a new, virtually invisible, wireless solar powered irrigation controller. The RC2 handset operates 100% of the controller functions elim-

inating the need to visit a LEIT-2 controller after installation (operating distance 300 feet line of sight). Each LEIT-2 controller operates two valves. The RC-2 handset operates up to 198 stations; perfect for all irrigation needs from small parks and residential applications to expansive cityscapes.

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