PRODUCT REVIEW

Self-service printing for business forms

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For a laminated guide on how to use the Ronstar 1.5ounce water soluble packets call 800/334-9745 and ask for item RP-63108. To purchase

the product contact your local Chipco sales rep or distributor.

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Durable deck light

The new Deck Lyte from HADCO is designed to withstand the effects of salty coastal air, acid rain, chemical lawn treatments, and whatever else you can throw at it. Backed by a 10-year limited warranty, the Deck Lyte features fiberglass reinforced composite construction and long-lasting 10-watt halogen lamping. The lights can be mounted on the surface with downward light projection and no glare, or they can be inverted and installed above eye level as a mini wall sconce.

For more information on the composite Deck Lyte call Jim Lilley, technical specialist, landscape lighting at 717/359-7131 or

>PRODUCT REVIEW

Step-in posts are easy to install

North Central Plastics has a introduced 'Step-In' posts which are easy and fast to install for temporary setups. Constructed for long, repeated use these posts are ideal for roping off areas on golf courses such as re-seeded areas, out-ofbounds markers etc. Any



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For more information contact Yunker Plastics, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, 53147; fax 414/249-5239 ; or

Circle No. 276



A natural look in paving

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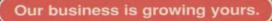
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Grab Bag

Good-bye to the mowing job?

When retired Illinois electrician Frank Capaci won a record \$104.3 million prize (\$68 million after taxes) in a state lottery in May he said he expected to keep his job cutting grass at a golf course near his Carol Stream, IL, home.

This prompted several remarks in the "Turf Talk" forum on the GCSAA web site.

"Why doesn't he buy the golf course?" offered one superintendent.

Opined another, "If I won \$68 million the last thing I would do is cut grass on a golf course! The second thing I wouldn't do is buy one."

Happy Anniversary to Chapel Valley

Happy anniversary to Chapel Valley Landscape Company. It's celebrating 30 years of providing exterior landscape services to Baltimore, Washington, and Northern Virginia communities.

Founded by Landon Reeve and his late wife Janet, Chapel Valley has 240 employees, including seasonal staff, and two offices in Woodbine, MD, and another in Dulles, VA, as well as satellite offices in Bethesda, MD, and Crystal City, VA.

"Quality, service and innovation have defined our company's approach since its inception," says Landon Reeve. "Our success is due to striving for, and maintaining, a high level of customer satisfaction."



Now available: trees from country music stars

Recognize the guy on the left? That's William Lee Golden, one of the Oak Ridge Boys recording artists. He and about two dozen other country music stars allowed the seeds to be collected from their favorite trees growing at their homes. The small trees are now being sold for fans and as special gifts. The idea is part of the Famous & Historic Trees project operated by American Forests. Jeff Meyer, project director American Forests, is on the right. For information call 800/320-8733 (e-mail famoustrees@msn.com).

Plant pathologist dies in automobile accident

Dr. Janell Johnk, 35, extension plant pathologist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Dallas, was killed May 6 in a six-vehicle accident in Frisco, Texas. Dr. Johnk was traveling to Prosper, Texas to prepare for a wheat field day when the accident occurred. Texas A&M technician, Crystal England of Denton, driving another vehicle, also was involved in the accident but not seriously injured.

Colleagues say they will remember Dr. Johnk for her upbeat way of communicating her science to laymen in understandable terms. Dr. Johnk had been working recently on the oak wilt problem which now threatens oak trees in North and Central Texas, training arborists on how to identify and treat it. A memorial service was held on June 30.

She is survived by her husband Mike and their two-year old daughter Kayla, her father, two brothers and a sister. An education fund for her two-year old daughter has been established. Checks should be made payable to: Kayla Johnk Education Fund and mailed to Dr. Ellen Jordan, Texas A&M Dallas, 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252-6599.

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