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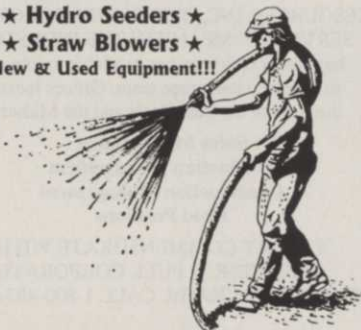


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BY JASON STAHL



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## The remarkable Mr. Hinton

The labor shortage being what it is, it's a pleasure meeting somebody like James Hinton, center. Hinton worked for the grounds department of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for 31 years, retiring 12 years ago. But retirement wasn't his style, so Hinton returned to the grounds department last year. Sports turf manager Peter Ashe, left, and physical plant supervisor Chris Fay, right, say that Hinton, 77, is an excellent employee. On most days he operates a larger riding mower on campus.

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<b>Decking, outdoor steps, porches</b>	White oak, locust, redwood

Elvis was alive and well at a Las Vegas reception that was part of the recent ALCA Executive Forum. Landscape Management executive editor Sue Gibson (center) and Stano Landscaping's Mitch Rolsky (right) pose with two Las Vegas locals and their favorite Elvis impersonator/landscape contractor, otherwise known as Chris Kujawa of Kujawa Enterprises, Milwaukee (left center). Gibson noted Kujawa's Elvis was "surprisingly good, in a town full of Elvis wannabes."







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