

# INDUSTRY HAPPENINGS

## TURF FOR THE LONGHORNS

The West Coast Turf "Stadium Sod Tour" continues with the installation of 90,000 square feet of sand-grown Tifway 419 hybrid bermuda sod for the Longhorns at the University of Texas' Memorial Stadium. The renovation was headed by the Motz Group, a Cincinnati-based contracting firm.

The sod was delivered to Austin, TX, from Bermuda Dunes, CA, in ten refrigerated trucks and was installed in 42-inch-wide "Big Rolls" by West Coast Turf crews in less than two days. Memorial Stadium is the sixth major stadium stop for West Coast Turf in 1996. The other five have been Super Bowl XXX at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, AZ; Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, CA; Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, CA; 3 Com Park at Candlestick Point in San Francisco, CA; and Anaheim Stadium in Anaheim, CA.

## PGMS LAUNCHES GROUNDSKEEPER PROGRAM

A Groundskeeper Certification program has been added to the 15-year-old Certified Grounds Manager program by the PGMS. As the CGM program has been specifically designed for the grounds manager level of professional, the new Groundskeeper program is intended for those reporting to the manager and will not focus on supervisory knowledge. The objective of the program is to provide for the establishment of minimum standards or level of accepted competence in ground care and to provide for a system of review and preparation for a uniform national examination.

Qualifications for the program are a high school diploma or GED plus two years experience in the grounds maintenance field. Application costs are \$150 for PGMS members or \$250 for non-

members. For more information, contact: PGMS, 120 Cockeysville Road, Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. Phone: (410) 584-9754. Fax: (410) 584-9756.

## SCOTTS HONORS THREE

Three Scotts Distributor Advisory Council members were recently honored for their contributions to the company and to the industry. Ken Legette, president of Graco Fertilizer Co., Cairo, GA; Lon Records, president of Target Specialty Products, Cerritos, CA and Curt Thimm, president of E.C. Geiger Corp., Harleysville, PA, each received an award that recognized their dedication to the council and that commemorated the completion of their three-year terms.

Eight horticultural distributors and seven Scotts managers serve on the council, which was formed in 1992. The Distributor Advisory Council meets annually to discuss common problems and opportunities the members face in the marketplace.

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