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SHORT CUTS

TIMING IS JOB 1... Irrigation consultant **Tamas Tanto** has learned that timing is important in more ways than one when dealing with irrigation installation. "Basically, clients like a company because it completes the job on time," he says. "There's a real danger that an irrigation company can spread itself too thin when there's a lot of work. By the time a new golf course is ready for irrigation, the job is already way behind schedule."

Often, Tanto notes, course planners don't realize they are behind until the irrigation contractor arrives. In most areas, there is a very small time window in which the grass must be established. "This time cannot be negotiated," he adds. "It's important that the irrigation company bring in a well-oiled machine that can knock the job out, hole by hole, making up for days already lost."

ON PAR IN THE '90s... Golf course architect **Arthur Davis** has some predictions on the direction of his profession in the 1990s. "I think (architects) are going to get away from outlandish architectural styles and ridiculous hole designs in favor of more playable and easier maintainable golf courses that can be constructed at reasonable costs," he says. "Courses that can be built for \$2.5 to \$3 million can now be justified from a player's, developer's and homeowner's point of view. We're going to have to keep golf course costs down but provide a quality product. That's the challenge we face."

FREE TREES... To celebrate Arbor Day, a Southern California nursery donated one tree to area communities for every tree purchased during February at any of its 18 locations. Armstrong Garden Centers is expected to donate about 4,000 shade and specimen trees to area communities during its Treepeat Purchase Program. The program was praised by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley who said, "This program reflects the type of corporate involvement it will take for California to address environmental concerns in the upcoming decade."

THE NAME LIVES ON... For the seventh consecutive year, Lofts Seed, Inc. has awarded graduate students with scholarships in memory of Peter S. Loft. The \$1000 scholarships were awarded to Rutgers students Jane Breen, Leslie Rickert Campbell, Melodee Kemp, Kathi Hoffmann Knight, Karen Plumley, Suichang Sun and Margaret Waters.