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## NEWS BRIEFS

**LANDSCAPERS INC.-LUDED...**Three landscaping companies were listed on Inc. magazine's list of the 500 fastest-growing privately-held companies in the U.S. At No. 254 was Arrowhead Landscaping and Maintenance of Phoenix, Ariz. It was founded in 1983 by **Benjamin Snyder** and **Jeff Meyer**. The R. Glass Landscape Company of Roselle, Ill., was listed as No. 373. It was founded in 1981 by **Richard Glass**. And Clean Cut of Austin, Texas, was No. 449. It was founded in 1985 by **Rex Gore** and **Dennis Dautel**.

**BRITS ON THE MOVE...**There have been two significant changes at *Groundsman* magazine, the publication of Britain's Institute of Groundsmanship. **Bill Mills**, its esteemed editor since 1981, is stepping down. In an editorial, the IoG called Mills "a self-effacing man who does the rounds of exhibitions, raising his trilby hat to the ladies...a courtesy so rare today that it has become his trademark." In addition, the magazine's offices move to Suite 52, Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0DH.

**FREE MOWER...****Steven Malikowski**, superintendent at Cape May (N.J.) National Golf Club, won the free use of a Ransomes Greens 3000 mower for one year. Malikowski's name was randomly chosen in a drawing sponsored by Ransomes at the International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

**TRAINING TIPS...**Our cover story this month is on training. One of the best resources for landscape and horticulture training videos is California Poly-San Luis Obispo, which has a wide variety of videos available for purchase. For a free 20-page catalog, call Vocational Education Productions at (800) 235-4146 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time.

**INDUSTRY SUPPORT WORKS...**Iowa's sign-posting regulations for professional pesticide applicators will not be altered this year. The decision came after a February hearing attended by LCOs, golf course superintendents and pest control operators. According to the Iowa Professional Lawn Care Association, written and oral presentations by industry representatives influenced the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to leave the rules as they are, at least for this season.

**THE TRUE ABUSERS...**Golf course superintendents are working with the EPA on TV ads during major golf tournaments this season. The ads, directed toward homeowner "do-it-yourselfers," suggest pesticide alternatives, and give the phone number of the National Pesticide Telecommunications Networks hotline: (800) 858-7378. The Professional Lawn Care Association of America helped the EPA identify lawn products they might be asked about.

**RESEARCH FINDINGS...**According to **Dr. Peter Landschoot**, research at Cornell University has shown that some organic amendments suppress dollar spot and brown patch diseases when applied as a topdressing to bentgrass putting greens. Similar results have been obtained by researchers from Michigan State University and the University of Rhode Island for the suppression of necrotic ring spot. "Although we do not understand the exact mechanisms involved," says Penn State's Landschoot, "there is some evidence to suggest that these products stimulate populations of resident antagonists to levels that will suppress some turf diseases." They may also aid in disease control by providing additional nitrogen to the plant.