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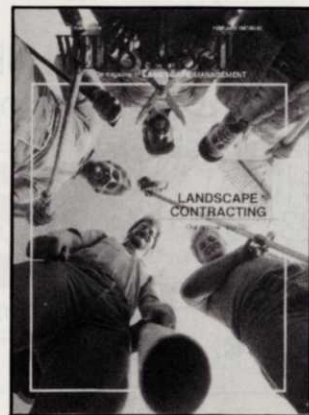
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## For sale: small businesses

■ A wave of small business sales marked the end of 1986. The Dec. 31 deadline for pre-tax-reform sales prompted a number of businesses to "dis-incorporate" themselves before the corporate gains tax rate jumped on Jan. 1.

Several larger public companies converted to master limited partnerships to beat the new maximum tax rate of 28 percent, which no longer includes the 60 percent capital gains exemption. The previous law taxed companies on only 40 percent of their capital gains. Therefore, a company in the 50 percent bracket paid 20 percent of income in taxes. These companies are now subject to the flat 28 percent rate.

The new rate marks the first time in decades that the individual's taxes will be lower than corporate, which is why companies are switching to limited partnerships. In this arrangement, profits and losses pass directly to the owners, avoiding the corporate income tax, and paying only the 28 percent top rate personal income tax on earnings: single taxation at lower rates.

## U.S. companies attract foreign investors

■ Foreign companies have always shown interest in U.S. chemical companies, but never as much as has been shown recently. Since last summer, at least six sales of U.S. companies to foreign companies have occurred. Two of the most recent are the Dutch conglomerate Unilever's \$3.1 billion purchase of Chesebrough-Ponds and West Germany's Hoechst AG's \$2.7 billion buyout of Celanese.

If pending acquisitions are completed, 20 percent of U.S. chemical interests will be foreign-owned. These include Rhone-Poulenc's recent purchases of Union Carbide's Agrichemical Division and a Monsanto plant. If the present trend continues, fluency in a foreign language may be a necessity.

Economist Ned Howenstine, of the U.S. Department of Commerce, predicted that new foreign investment in 1986 would surpass the 1981 peak. In the first nine months of 1986, Europe accounted for 22 of the 26 sales of chemical companies, Japan for two. Europe accounted for 24 chemical purchases in 1985, and 29 in 1984. More sales were expected before the end of 1986.

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# GREEN INDUSTRY NEWS

## ATHLETIC TURF

### Bright ideas for outdoor sports lighting

A football game under yellow lighting just isn't as nice as a game under white lights. That's why most fields are lit with metal halide lights, rather than quartz.

In fact, the Orange Bowl is the only major stadium which still uses quartz lights, according to Charles Lindstrom of Lindstrom Associates, Lincoln, Ill. "It's important to have several instantaneous-response quartz lights on a field, however, so people don't panic if the lights go off," Lindstrom told sports turf managers at the North Central Turfgrass Conference.

Lindstrom says it's important to take several things into consideration before setting lights up on a field.

- Ask a number of manufacturers to specify the photometrics or lighting array. Photometrics is the lighting level based on how many fixtures are used.

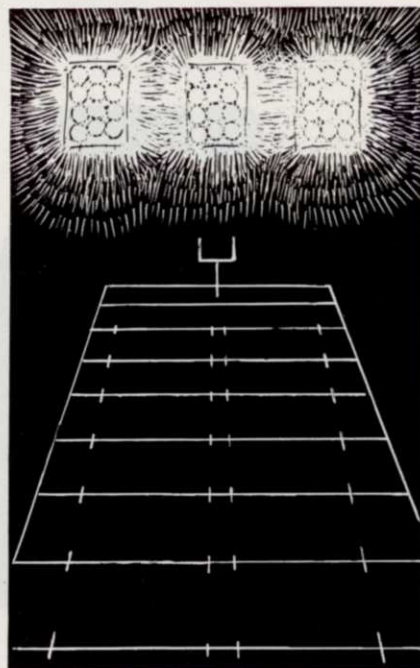
- Decide what wattage level light to use. Lindstrom recommends using

1500-watt bulbs for athletic fields and 1000-watt bulbs for tennis courts.

- Ask the manufacturer about design and placement of poles. Architects and engineers cannot determine this, since it is directly related to the photometrics which varies between companies.

- Get specifications written out based on performance only. This will include the type of foot-candle level, energy consumption and best uniformity. Uniformity is defined by the brightest part of the field divided by the darkest part of the field.

When deciding how to light an athletic field, it's important to keep in mind what events are played on the field, how many spectators will be sitting in the stands, and whether it will be taped for TV. For example, professional boxing requires more lighting than any other sport because of the vast number of spectators in the audience.



## CONVENTIONS

### Landscape Expo draws attendees from 36 states

Initial response to the second annual Landscape Exposition, March 3-5 at the O'Hare Exposition Center in Rosemont, Ill., has drawn interest on both a regional and national scale.

Attendee pre-registration al-

ready includes representatives from 36 states. They will come from as far away as Massachusetts and California.

Landscape managers from all corners of the industry will attend.

The Expo will have more than

225 exhibitors and 30 conference sessions covering a variety of subjects. For a more detailed look at the Expo, which is sponsored by WEEDS TREES & TURF and LAWN CARE INDUSTRY magazines, see page 80 in this issue.

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN

### Magazine to start new feature on design

WEEDS TREES & TURF magazine is beginning a new monthly landscape design feature.

This section will consist of three to six color photos of outstanding landscape design/installation jobs completed by companies throughout the country.

WT&T is now accepting color slides of unique or award-winning projects from landscape contractors and designers. Slides will be returned, if requested.

Projects should be submitted in the following categories: use of annuals

for spring or fall color; hardscaping (patios, pools); interiorscaping; creative use of shrubs (texture, shape); aquatic scaping; use of native plant materials (prairie, wildflowers); use of "hard" materials (benches, swings); nightlighting; creative use of trees (spring or fall color, shape, texture); fountain design and surrounding landscape; and winterscaping (evergreens, Christmas lights).

Entire projects, which might not fit into a category above, but demonstrate exceptional landscape design, will also be considered.

Each submission must be accompanied by a description of the project. It should be about one typewritten (double-spaced) page long and should include the following: client's name; designer's and installer's names; awards won; what the client wanted to accomplish; how the designer/contractor interpreted the project; problems; types of plants and hard materials used; cost; time it took; and date completed.

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