**EDITOR'S CORNER**

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Spring is right around the corner, and it's time to see just how the Calc-clor substitutes did, but then I wouldn't have used any of the substitutes unless the data were there from MGCSA Research. Research is so very important in our seasonal drive to maintain our golf courses in excellent shape, but also to provide a sound environmental program. After all, we are stewards of the environment.

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