A cut above the rest?
Holy lawnmowers, Grassman! The Associated Press recently reported in The Plain Dealer that Wolf-Garten, a European manufacturer of gardening equipment, has developed a lawnmower for consumer use that slices grass by laser, cutting it so finely that the pieces can remain on the ground as fertilizer. Called the Zero, Wolf-Garten claims the two-seat open vehicle is powerful enough to be registered for road use — and, hold on to your wallet, would cost $30,000! As to whether or not the new technology will be applied to commercial mowers remains to be seen — the company will only put the mower in production if it draws enough dealer interest.

Yep, those are all people
This may look like a colorful clump of dots, but it's actually the faces of all 1,750 Walker Mfg. Co. "family members" who attended the Walker Mowers Family Reunion Aug. 11-12 in Fort Collins, CO. Everyone who had ever bought a Walker mower was invited to the reunion to watch the company's 50,000th mower roll off the assembly line. Reunion goers were also treated to factory tours, polka music, a mower race and a show featuring talented pigs Bacon and Porkchop.

Need a new shirt?
Ever see a Landscape Management staffer at an industry show, notice his or her sharp-looking shirt with the magazine's name embroidered on the front and say to yourself, "Now, I've got to get one of those!" Well, here's your chance to become the envy of the fashion world and win a navy blue golf shirt with "Landscape Management" on the front, just like the one Managing Editor Jason Stahl has on (photo at left). All you've got to do is tell us (in 200 words or less) about the craziest thing that ever happened to you or your crew during the work day. We'll pick the best story, and you'll get some style. You might see it in print if you win. Entries due by Feb. 15, 2001. Send your submissions via e-mail to jstahl@advanstar.com or snail mail to Landscape Management, 7500 Old Oak Blvd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Who ever said we wouldn't give you the shirts off our back?