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Nick Dunn, Superintendent
Wakonda Club, Des Moines, IA

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by Jerry Roche, editor. Rick Boehm has to work his golf course around military-type construction, a never-ending battle. He has found these problems a real challenge for 16 years.

TURF DISEASE CONTROL GUIDE
by Don Blasingame, Ph.D. and Bill Shane, Ph.D. How to knock out those dreaded diseases through use of fungicides, fertilization, appropriate cultural practices and new tools and ideas.

A STRONGER SOD
by J.R. Hall III, Ph.D. The cornerstone of quality sod is its shear strength, which comes about only after strict turfgrass management principles are implemented.

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We're on the ropes, and our legs are weakening...but we won't fall.

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We will recover in this battle. And when we do, we'd be wise to not return blows. Keep in mind that the fighter in the other corner is not a bloodthirsty thug seeking our kayo. (That type is in fact a small minority, well-practiced in the art of media manipulation.) Mostly, the fighter across the ring is made up of people who want their children to enjoy long, healthy lives. Parents who sit up at night worrying about how to protect them from crack, war, and the Ted Bundys that may still be out there. It is people forced to come to terms with acid in rain and death in sex. They've seen astronauts incinerated in the Florida sky and the last remnants of the America's frontier choked by millions of gallons of muck.

Let's not give them reason to worry about seemingly innocent things like their lawn and apple juice. And if they do, let's not respond with a fist, but extend a hand of understanding.
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WASHINGTON — More than 30 members of the recently-formed Council for Lawn Care Information (CLCI) met here early last month with officials of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Significant points that came out at the meeting:
- Can the EPA's new directives include serious attempts to "de-mystify" the agency's workings and communicate better?
- Is registration worth it? Because of the recently-initiated EPA re-registration process for pesticides, their manufacturers might feel it is not worth generating data for minor-use products that don't have profit potential. This might include many products presently registered for lawn use.
- Will LCOs be included in agricultural worker protection standards currently being promulgated? The lawn care industry would like input on these standards, and would also like distinctions between mixers, loaders and applicators.
- How about three levels of pesticide certification? Some products would be applied only by certified applicators, some would require an on-site supervisor and some would require that a supervisor be available within "a reasonable time."
- Is a movement afoot in the Maryland legislature to ban the use of granular insecticides—perhaps even all granular pesticides—be-