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## George Toma to Headline NJ Turfgrass & Landscape Expo... *the place to be in 2003*

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George Toma is likely the most famous sports turf manager in the world. He has been the NFL field consultant for all 37 Super Bowls. The son of a Pennsylvania coal miner, Toma began his career 62 years ago as part of Cleveland's minor league baseball system.

Toma will speak at the 2003 New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (December 9-11) at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort at Virginia Avenue and the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ.

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo 2003 continues the proud tradition as a "pacesetter" in the turfgrass and landscape industry. Featuring an expanded Trade Show, Expo 2003 will mark yet another step forward in response to the continued interest of registrants and exhibitors.

### Sports Field Managers Sessions

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

4:00-6:00 pm

Panel: *SYNTHETIC SURFACES FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS*

Playing Surface Characteristics of In-filled Systems  
**Dr. Andrew McNitt, Penn State University**

Experiences with Playability & Maintenance  
**Fred Stengel, Bergen Catholic HS**

Economic Considerations  
**Dr. Henry Indyk, TurfCon GSI Consultants, Inc.**

Experiences & Concerns with Synthetic Turf  
**George Toma, NFL Field Consultant for Super Bowl;**  
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Thursday, December 11, 2003

8:30 - 10:00 am

Panel: *UNDERSTANDING WEAR & ITS MANAGEMENT*

What is Wear?  
**Brad Park, Rutgers University**

Turfgrass Species & Varieties: Selecting for High Traffic Areas  
**Dr. Stacy Bonos, Rutgers University**

Management Practices for Minimizing Impact of Traffic  
**Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University**  
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## SFMANJ Business

*Next Board of Directors Meeting - Dec. 3, Wed.  
5:30pm at Rutgers Geiger building, Ryder's Lane,  
New Brunswick.*

*Anyone interested in serving on the Board of  
Directors for the 2004/05 years you may attend this  
meeting.*