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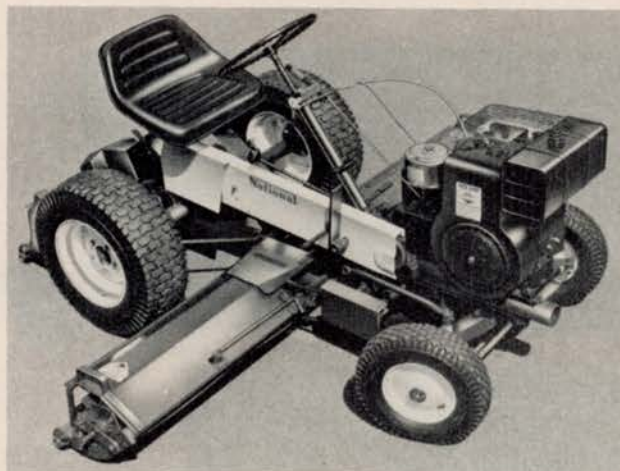
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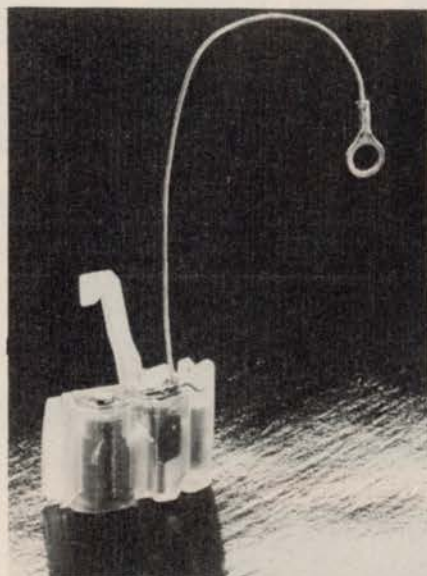


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The Candlestick leases specify that maintenance of the playing field is the Giants' responsibility during the baseball season but the City's during the football season. This clumsy system has not worked.

Back in 1979 after the Giants had lost the fight to return to astroturf, the Giants suggested that an outside consultant be brought in to help direct the turf maintenance. Coincidentally, it took a play-off bound team (49ers) and the NFL to put the advice to work almost three years later. For the play-off games, the center of the field was stripped of all Kentucky bluegrass turf and replaced with clay grown sod containing Kikuyugrass obtained from a city park. With George Toma from Kansas City supervising the operation, the field was in acceptable condition for the games. But the main problem is still evident—continuity of field maintenance and one overall knowledgeable supervisor.

Analyses and Solutions

Before one can offer solutions to the Candlestick Park situation, perhaps the following questions should be addressed:

- 1 - Who or why didn't someone within the City of San Francisco attempt to find out what was going on and make some overt attempt to resolve it?
- 2 - If the field failed to function as originally designed, why wasn't someone in the city asking questions or seeking help?
- 3 - Why weren't the field maintenance problems recognized before they developed or certainly before they got out of hand where they could not be resolved by local officials?
- 4 - Why wasn't the firm who designed and constructed the Sportsturf TD Field, who had offered technical and agro-

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practices available to him. The San Francisco Giants and 49ers must initiate a cooperative effort to communicate about what the other is doing and then combine this information into a yearly maintenance program and schedule. Such a solution will work as evidenced by the cooperation, hard work and dedication the City of San Francisco and their personnel gave to George Toma during the NFL play-off games. **WTT**

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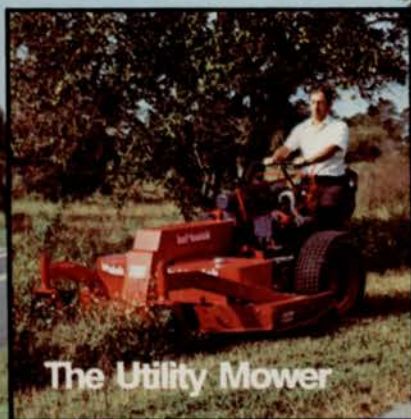
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