

The unfortunate thing about this is that these local folks talking to neighbors and congressmen can do more to create positive public attitudes than all the lobbyists put together.

I started about three years ago to offer myself as speaker to any group in south Georgia that wanted to hear the industry side of pesticides. I have found this to be most rewarding (though not monetarily). Most audiences know very little about the ag business and are delighted to hear about it. I end up enjoying these sessions as much as, or more than, the audience.

I really hope that you keep the pressure on your guys to talk to their local clubs and congressmen. It will pay off handsomely.

**Robert E. Gartman**  
Tifton, Ga.

## Natural turf in domed stadiums?

To the editor:

I am a reader. It's great to be loved. Sports turf will be in the public eye for many moons. The National Sports Turf Council will be covering all the bases, exerting influence to improve the quality of all playing surfaces.

Natural turf in domed stadiums is intriguing, and it will come to reality at a high but justifiable cost. While that development is taking place, there will be a widespread concerted effort to develop safer sports turf on many thousands of high school athletic fields. Domed stadiums may capture headlines, but the moms and pops will identify with those who help to prevent injuries to their children.

"No injuries in four years." A high school field in Ohio and one in Pennsylvania document this claim. The "mentor" in Ohio was a golf course superintendent. An ex-county extension agent masterminded the one in Pennsylvania. No headlines on these so far. Too insignificant to attract attention? The involved parents are delighted! So are the kids, the coaches and trainers!

NSTC wants to spread the benefits of safer sports turf evenly across the board.

**Fred V. Grau**  
Chairman/NSTC  
College Park, Md.

## Yes, Environmental Industries No. 1

To the editor:

Thank you for honoring us by including Brickman in your article listing "Landscaping's Elite."

I need, however, to correct an error arising from any impression you may have gotten from me regarding the relative ranking of Brickman and Environmental Industries.

The fact that they produce revenues three to four times that of Brickman Group makes the statement quoted to me that "they may have beaten us overall" misleading.

Like many firms which look up to Brickman for the successes which we are fortunate to enjoy, we look up to Environmental Industries as the recognized leader in our industry.

I applaud WEEDS TREES & TURF for its efforts in surveying the industry and providing much-needed information to the consumer. I might suggest, however, that it would be prudent to research information on firms listed but not supplying information for your articles by such means as Dun & Bradstreet listings.

Once again, thank you for your efforts toward enlightening our industry.

**Bruce A. Hunt**  
Brickman Industries  
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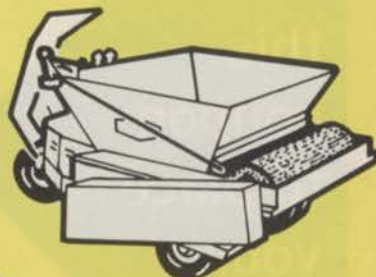
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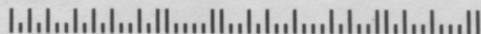
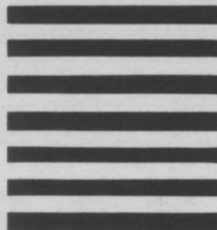
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