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If eye injury occurs, apply these emergency care procedures and then seek treatment immediately from an eye care professional or at a hospital emergency room:

- For chemical splashes such as battery acid or paint thinner, flood the eye non-stop with clean water for 15 minutes to dilute or remove the chemical. For alkaline burns (such as lime, lye, ammonia, plaster of Paris or fireworks powder), irrigate the eye for 30 minutes.
- For blows to the eye from a blunt object, lightly apply a cold compress; do not attempt to wash, rub or apply pressure, even to stop blood flow.
- For penetrating injuries, bandage lightly.
- If an object is stuck in the eye, leave it there and seek treatment.
- For foreign material in the eye, don't rub. Lift the upper eyelid outward and pull it down over the lower lashes. This will cause tears, which can flush the foreign matter out. If not, seek treatment.

Last but not least, remember to have an eye examination every year or two. Good vision is needed to read instructions on seed packages, fertilizer bags and weed killer bottles and for spotting those pesky weeds.

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## Correction

*The contact information for François Hebert, as listed on page 29 of the April 2000 issue of sportsTURF is incorrect. The correct phone number is (888) 664-7489; the correct e-mail address is [lanco@lancoturf.com](mailto:lanco@lancoturf.com).*

*sportsTURF regrets this error.*

*A section of last month's (April 2000) "Field of the Year" article was repeated, while another section was omitted. To read the story in its entirety, visit our Web site at ([www.sportsturfonline.com](http://www.sportsturfonline.com)). If you don't have access to the Web, or would like a hard copy, contact Mike SanFilippo (Tel: 847-427-2083), editor of sportsTURF and the text will be faxed to you.*

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