John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Dark Green circles with two depressions in front Turfgrass Area: Sports field Location: Plantation, FL Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass



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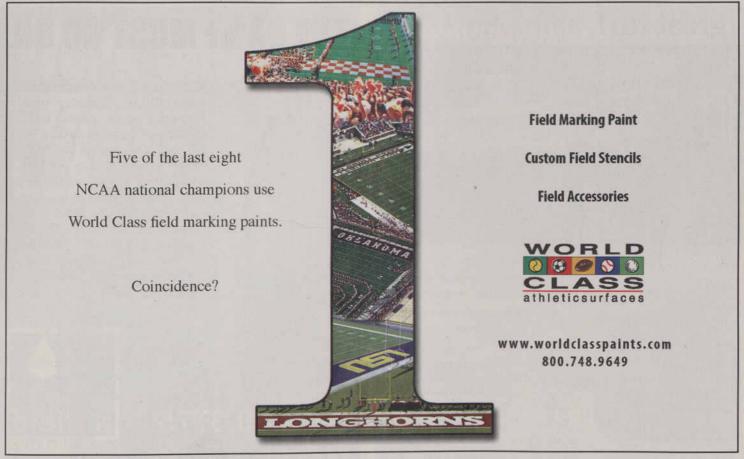
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Photo courtesy of Bud Nolder, Sports Turf Manager for the City of Plantation, FL. Parks and Recreation Department.

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Answer:

The dark green circles are from the jets of a military transport helicopter. On October 24, 2005, South Florida was hit by the wrath of Hurricane Wilma. About a week later, a Senator from Florida paid a visit to the devastated area by military transport helicopter. The pilot chose the center of this athletic field on which to land his helicopter. The jet exhaust blew down onto the turf and caused these dark circles to appear from the heat stressed turf. The two depressions in the foreground were caused by the landing gear of the helicopter. This photo was taken about a week later showing Bud Nolder, sports turf manager, pointing to the burned turf. The area did eventually recover naturally. One thing about natural disasters, it sure brings the sightseers, including politicians.



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