Problem: Black area and turn turf
Turfgrass area: Soccer field
Location: Beersheba, Israel
Grass Variety: Infill artificial turf

Answer to John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz on Page 33
The black area and turn turf on this soccer field is a result of a rocket landing on this infill artificial turf field. With the long standing conflict between Israel and Palestine, unfortunately, it is almost common for rockets to be fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel. On this occasion, at 7:30 am, some 18 rockets were fired at Beersheba, of which the Iron Dome (Israel’s newly implemented mobile all-weather air defense system) intercepted at least 12. A building suffered a direct hit, one rocket hit a traffic island and caused damage to a bus, and a third rocket hit a car and caused damage to cars and buildings in the area. The remaining rockets landed in open areas and on this athletic field. Thankfully, no injuries were reported in this attack. The artificial turf pitch was totally renovated after the incident.

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