The streets of New York City are paved with asphalt, although some say they’re paved with gold. Until 1968, much of that asphalt came from a structure shaped like half a barrel between Harlem and one of Manhattan’s most affluent residential neighborhoods. Developers couldn’t wait to convert the plant and the adjoining store yard into more apartments when the plant closed.

The residents of the area, both poor minorities and the affluent, fought instead for a sports center in a unique display of cooperation. Led by Dr. George Murphy, a professor at Cornell Medical University College, the Asphalt Green Coalition knocked on doors and collected more than 29,000 signatures and nearly $2 million to demonstrate community interest in a recreational center. Impressed by the spirit and unity of the mixed coalition, the city gave the developers a cold shoulder and jumped on the Asphalt Green band wagon to the tune of $2.6 million.

The coalition became The Asphalt Green Sports, Arts and Environmental Center with city-sponsored classes for school children and a broad assortment of activities based upon user fees and private memberships. It was clear to Rory Morlos, executive director of the center, that the demand for a field constructed on the site of the asphalt store yard would be tremendous.

Surrounded by five-story apartment buildings and exposed to almost constant use, the field was a perfect candidate for an artificial surface. The surface selected and installed was a drain-through asphalt base and Astro-Turf-8 from Monsanto. The field was dedicated last month with the first games played by the Eagle Squadron Touch Football League, consisting of more than 240 teenagers from mixed backgrounds.

“The field has really helped us getting kids of different socio-economic backgrounds playing together,” says Morlos. Dr. Murphy also had the wish that the city kids could play on a surface like the one they saw on television. The doctor and the kids got their wish and the Asphalt Green Center serves as a hub to recreational activities in the once segregated community.
**ROOKIES**

**PRODUCT UPDATE**

**FLEXIBLE BED DIVIDER**

Black Diamond bed divider is a complete system of polyethylene edging, stakes and connectors for simplified installation. The flexible divider will not deteriorate under extreme weather conditions, yet remains flexible to fit plant bed contours and resist abrasion. Anchored by metal stakes and a V-shaped bottom fin, the divider resists frost heave.

Various angled connectors allow for square or angled corners. No special tools are required to cut or install the divider. Changes or additions to fit any new shape or size are easily performed.

**Self-Propelled Sprinkler**

The RainCoach is a commercial grade, portable sprinkler for irrigating large open turf areas. The rugged sprinkler travels on a cable 300 feet long (450 feet optional). The cable is rolled out and staked. When the RainCoach reaches the end of the stake it turns off automatically.

Driving power is supplied by two nozzles on opposing driving arms. The spray pattern varies from 108 to 145 feet in width enabling the unit to irrigate an area roughly 140 feet wide and 450 feet long in five to eight hours with the standard 300 feet of cable.

**LANDSCAPE INSECTICIDE**

Key turf and landscape insects are controllable with Turcam insecticide from Nor-Am Chemical Co. Turcam is effective against surface and subsurface pests of turf, as well as major pests of trees, shrubs and flowers.

The subsurface turf pests Turcam is recommended for include a variety of white grubs, mole crickets and billbugs. Surface pests controlled include chinch bugs, leafhoppers, sod webworms, ants, spiders, wasps, centipedes and fleas, and fire ants.

Nor-Am recommends treatment with a coarse, low-pressure spray in sufficient water to obtain complete and uniform coverage.

Application of Turcam spray to the point of run-off is advised for pests of landscape trees, including gypsy moth, Eastern tent caterpillar, Japanese beetle, bagworm, bronze birch borer, cankerworm, pine tip moth and pine weevils. Both foliage and bark should be sprayed.

The broad-spectrum insecticide can also be used on a wide assortment of flowers and shrubs for aphids, scales, mealybugs, leafminers and lacebugs. It is one of a limited number of pesticides that is labelled for use on interior plants.

**Summer Disease Control**

A granular combination of fungicide and fertilizer from O.M. Scott's Proturf Division offers prevention and control of five common summer turfgrass diseases. Fertilizer Plus Fungicide VIII provides a light feeding to most cool and warm season turfgrasses in addition to fungicides for dollar spot, leaf spot, red leaf spot, Fusarium patch and brown patch. The product is recommended for use on bentgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, bermedagrass, ryegrass, fine fescue, tall fescues and annual bluegrass. A choice of application rates are provided depending upon the severity of infestation and the type of protection desired. The fungicides work through both contact and systemic action.

The fertilizer in the mix contains slow-release nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium at a 23-3-3 ratio. Fertilizer Plus Fungicide VIII can be applied from the bag any time of the year with a drop-type or rotary spreader. The company has a product with the same ingredients in a fluid formulation.
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Trenchmaster can easily be loaded by one man. It features a heavy-duty industrial-commercial series Briggs and Stratton five-hp motor, replaceable steel alloy tips, and all-steel construction. It is designed for maximum use with minimum maintenance.

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Pond Weed Control

Landscape ponds choked by unsightly weeds can be made more attractive with a new aquatic weed control product called Sonar, recently registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.

This new herbicide removes pondweed, coontail, waterlily, duckweed and many other water weeds without affecting water quality or wildlife, as shown by extensive testing on lakes, ponds and reservoirs throughout North America.

Unlike previous products, Sonar carries no label restrictions against fishing or swimming in treated water or drinking it. Thus the herbicide can be applied (in both pelleted and liquid forms) without interrupting water use.

Sonar has no detrimental effects on fish, game birds, insects or other organisms such as plankton. It is not harmful to nearby trees and shrubs that are not growing in the water. If applied when aquatic plants are small, it controls them throughout the season.

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The Remote Sensing System is compatible with most of the newest generation of computer irrigation control systems. It can also be used independently with any personal computer to provide instantaneous information on soil moisture trends for precise irrigation scheduling.

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