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With Curb-It, you can take mowing apparatus (including lawn tractors and towable equipment, along with some walk-behind and riding mowers) up and down curbs easily. Curb-It was invented by a commercial mowing contractor and is inexpensive, says the inventor, and will pay for themselves quickly.

The product is easy to assemble and use and is fully adjustable to the wheel widths of any size tractor or mower.

Curb-It/608-752-5229

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EQUIPMENT BOXES

These rugged equipment lock boxes safeguard your equipment with steel construction and a double padlock hasp. Perfect for on-the-spot storage, they have an option for wheels or holes to allow permanent placement if desired.

Safety features include a compression spring lid that prevents the top from slamming shut on heads or fingers, and a hold-open arm that keeps the wind from accidentally closing the lid. Standard size is 30 x 30 x 48 in.

Custom sizes and colors are available.

Thybar Corp/800-666-2872

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POROUS PARKING & DRIVING SURFACE

Glenn Rehbein Co. provides two forms of porous heavy access driving and parking surfaces.

Netlon Advance Turf System is a combination of turf/sand/soil and mesh segments that combine to provide a load bearing, compaction resistant profile. This system can be used for perimeter or over-flow parking, emergency access routes, and still be available for other recreational use.

The Netpave System is a surface and sub-surface product that protects the turf or plants that are grown in the drive or parking area. It can also be used with decorative stone.

Glenn Rehbein Companies/763-784-0657

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GROUND COVER MATS

AlturnaMATS are 1/2-in. thick, 100 percent polyethylene mats that can support heavy-duty equipment such as trucks, bulldozers, and backhoes. Thick cleats on both sides eliminate slipping. Product is alternative to plywood or fiberglass.

AlturnaMATS/888-544-6287

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MOTION SENSORS

Heath/Zenith, a leader in motion activated security lighting, enhances the category with Creep Zone detection, only available in Heath/Zenith motion activated security lights.

Creep Zone allows a motion sensor to detect activity directly beneath itself, an important security benefit.

The exclusive look down feature is available in the model SL-5105 Security Light. In addition, the light offers other exclusive Heath/Zenith features such as Dual Brite

2-Level Lighting, for combination accent and security light, and Pulse Count technology that reduces nuisance lighting from false signals. This model not only includes a 240-degree detection range, it also features power outage reset, daylight shutoff, adjustable range and selectable time settings. The product uses traditional floodlight bulbs housed in a decorative, full size lamp cover.

Heath/Zenith/800-858-8501

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SIDELINE MATS PROVIDE IN-GAME PROTECTION

A tough polyester fabric that provides protection for your natural turf, EnkamatPlus is a unique product made of a 3/4-in. nylon matting that has been heat bonded to a tough, polyester fabric. The 95 percent open, three-dimensional matting provides an airspace and a structure that flexes as athletes and coaches continually walk over it on the sidelines. The polyester provides a smooth walkable surface that allows rainfall to penetrate through to the turf below. EnkamatPlus is an innovative product perfect for protecting natural turf fields in the most vulnerable areas—the sidelines during football and soccer games and around the batting cages and fungo areas for baseball practices and games.

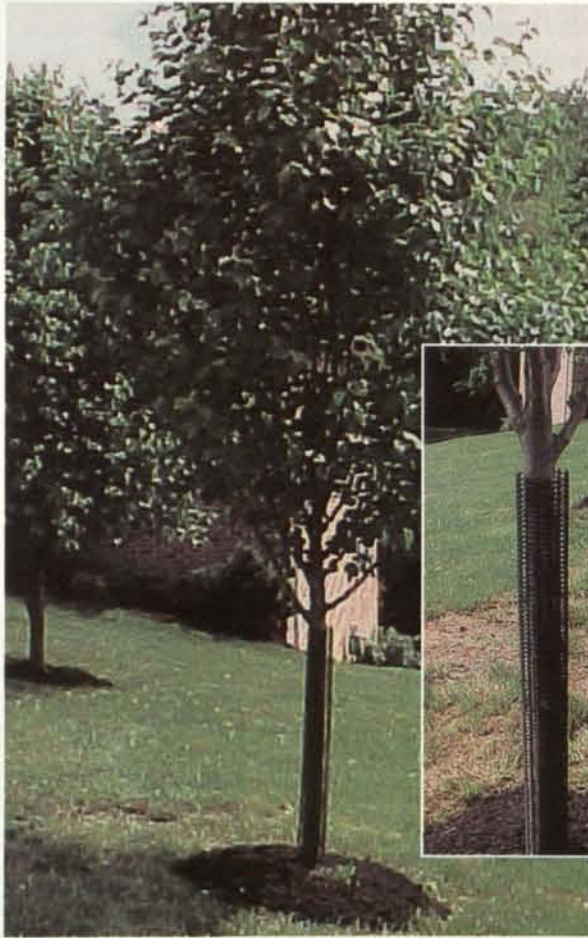
Product features include rolling out and up quickly; easily reusable over and over; available in 16 x 150-ft. size; and easy to store.

Colbond, Inc./800-365-7391 x 5016

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CUSTOM NETTING, WINDSCREENS



NO BITE ON THIS BARK

NSW, LLC has introduced a rigid plastic mesh netting that protects young tree trunks from damage caused by deer and other wildlife, string trimmers, mowers, or other tools. The Tree Protector wrap keeps animals from feeding and rubbing on tree bark, and shields the bark from contact.

Unlike plastic sheet wrap, the product will not harbor insects or trap moisture around the trunk. It allows needed air, light, and chemicals to reach the bark. Unlike sheet metal and wire mesh, the flexible wrap can be erected and removed easily. Lengths up to 5 ft. are available.

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USG Industrial-Ground Gypsum offers a quick and environmentally safe means of clearing muddy ponds, lakes or other bodies of water. The product is hydrated calcium sulfate, finely ground powder that dissolves in water. When applied to muddy standing water, the positively charged ions cause suspended clay particles in the water to clump together in "flocules" and settle out because of their weight, leaving the water clean within a few days.

Lakes up to 40 acres have been successfully treated, says the company. The product doesn't disturb the hardness of the water or adversely affect plants or animals.

USG Corp./800-487-4431

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COLD WATER WASHER

Landa has an optional upgrade that provides portability to its SEA stationary cold water pressure washer. Among the available add-ons are stainless steel cart with two large, solid rubber wheels and two caster wheels, a detergent container rack, mounted electric cord hooks, and a high-pressure hose reel.

In business since 1969, Landa pressure washers are manufactured in an ISO-9001 certified plant.

Landa/800-547-8672, x175

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FLEXIBLE JOINT SEALER

Fill your concrete expansion joint weak spots with Tigerthane 220 from Garon Products. It provides a durable, flexible seal that won't break if concrete moves. It is good for repairing spalled joints and filling random cracks and patching gouges, holes or surface defects.

The product sets in 60 minutes and is a two-part polyurea elastomer that can be used on floors where sanitary conditions are needed.

Garon Products/800-631-5380

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CUSTOM NETTING, WINDSCREENS

California Industrial Fabrics manufactures windcreens, sight barriers, shade fabrics, and custom netting for baseball and golf. Its Pro-Block fabric, for example, is guaranteed for 5 years against UV degradation.

Around the Grounds

All windscreen and sight barrier fabrics are rot resistant, available in rolls, can be fabricated to your specs, allow water to pass through, are easy cut to fit, do not include grommets, and are available in many colors.

California Industrial Fabrics/619-661-7166
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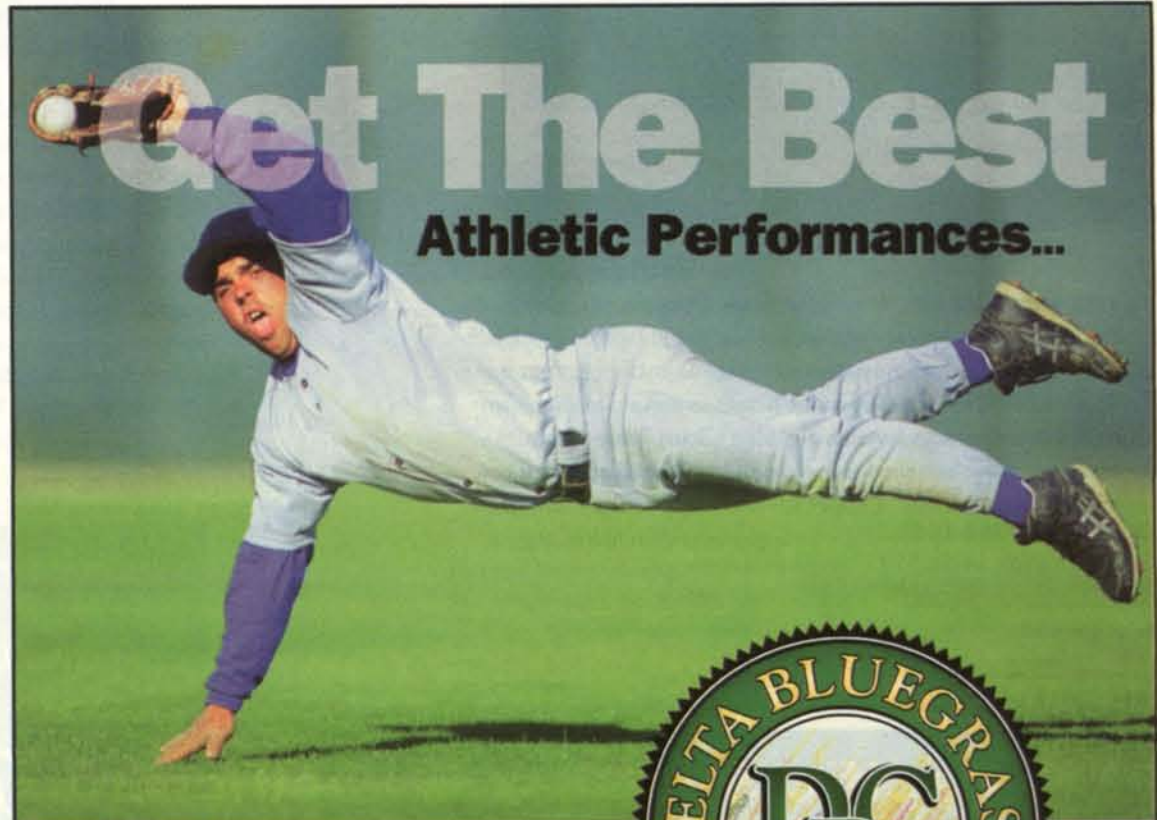
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Coxreels 1125 Series hose reels feature an open hose slot and low profile outlet riser that work together allowing you easy,

even wraps of the hose around the drum. Operator efficiency is also enhanced with a longer drum lock pin, a round tapered crank handle, and a long wearing corrosion-resistant adjustable tension brake.

This 1125 Series is also available with motorized rewind featuring a direct gear driven design and your choice between air, hydraulic, and electric rewind. Hose capacities available to 500 ft. and working pressures to 5,000 psi.

Coxreels/800-269-7335
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SEGMENTAL PAVEMENT SYSTEM

Sandlock joint sand stabilizer additive from PAVE TECH prevents sand loss due to wind, traffic, moisture or thermal movement. There are NO harmful chemicals, it is 100% organic. The product is safe for use around plants, animals and people and works in all climatic conditions. Sandlock is mixed on site with joint sand; sweep and compact into the joints, soak with water and let dry. A natural "glue" is formed binding the sand between the pavers. By mixing on site with native sand, the need for shipping many bags of heavy material for jointing sand is eliminated.

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SAFETY CATALOG

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The company's product line includes safety glasses, protective clothing, footwear, respirators, sunscreen, flashlights, hazmat signs, hearing protection products, first aid kits, protective gloves, ergonomic products, spill response kits, and chemical storage products.

Compliance Safety/800-340-3413
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ROLLOUT FLOORING SYSTEM

The PORTAFLOOR rollout flooring system was used to cover several local venues in Salt Lake City during the Winter Olympics, the largest being Washington Square downtown. Pioneer Park, Liberty Park, and the Courthouse Station also sported the portable flooring.

"We are very happy that we chose PORTAFLOOR," said a representative of Salt Lake City Corp. "Price was a huge concern, but we also wanted a product that would protect our grass and was easy to install."

PORTAFLOOR provides the solution with technology that combines to produce both pedestrian friendly and protective flooring. The protective canopy that is formed when the product is installed allows the grass to maintain its integrity for many days of use. In addition to grass protection, PORTAFLOOR can also be used over sand, gravel, asphalt, dirt, artificial turf, concrete and more without damaging the surface beneath.

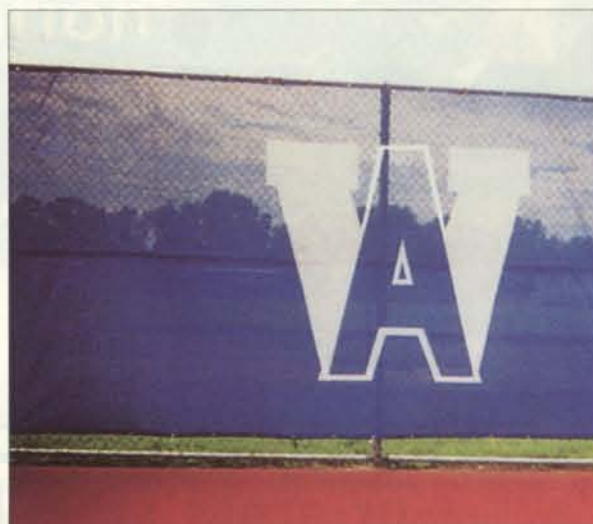
Sport Court Inc./801-972-0260
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BASEBALL SUPPLIES

Southern Athletic Fields supplies baseball and softball field accessories, including heavy-duty stiff drag mats, standard drag mats, 10 x 10-in. tamps, manual sod cutters, Poly-Cap fence guards, mound rulers, as well as bases, home plates, and pitching rubbers by Hollywood.

Southern Athletic Fields/800-837-8062
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WINDSCREENS

Pioneer's protective windscreens reduce wind gusts, distractions, and glare while lending a clean background for outdoor sport venues, especially baseball fields, batting cages, field houses, and volleyball and tennis courts. The windscreens come in three different materials and can be custom sized. Available colors include Dark Green, Royal Blue, Black, or custom color depending on material chosen. Open mesh vinyl-coated polyester windscreens can be customized with team logos.

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Passion Play

Who could forget Greenville baseball, or great guys like Butter Ball?

BY MEL LANFORD

Editor's note: Each month, "On the Road with the Ace" will profile different people and places that veteran groundskeeping pro Mel Lanford encounters on his travels throughout the United States, visiting ballfields and the many dedicated groundskeepers who make them great.

Greenville, NC—Born and raised in a city dubbed "The Heartbeat of Baseball," Chris "Butter" Ball claims his first key influence in baseball and in life as a small boy, and even now as a young adult, was a fellow by the name of "Crash" Davis, the character depicted by Kevin Costner in the movie "Bull Durham." Butter's grandfather, Grandpa Charlie, was Crash's longtime friend and neighbor in Durham and was as well known in that town as Crash. Both were star college athletes, Grandpa Charlie at Carolina and Crash at Duke. Crash and Charlie made their love of the game a cornerstone for their lifelong friendship. Young Butter inherited his passion for baseball before he could walk or talk, and even before he received his first mitt, ball, and can of "gloveoleum" from his dad, Lee, at the tender age of six. Two years later he was christened "Butter," a handle he still answers to proudly today.

North Carolina was the first hotbed for minor league baseball in the United States and has a colorful history dating back to the early 1900s. Stories of fans arriving at early stadiums by horse and buggy are recalled some 100 years later. Greenville's love of baseball has remained at the center of attention, with Greenville Little League dominating the Southeast programs for the past 50 years. The city has long been considered the "Birthplace of Baseball" in the rural U.S. and has participated in the regional and national finals of the Little League World Series.

Just take a look at the town's 1998 baseball record, considered a typical year in Greenville:

Little League: 2nd in the United States; 3rd in the World

Babe Ruth: Southeast Regional champs

Senior Boys: Southeast Regional champs

Rose High School: State champs (33-0)

American Legion: Finals in State Playoffs

East Carolina University: Lost to LSU in NCAA tourney regionals

This winning tradition for the youth of Greenville begins at Elm Street Park, the town's beloved 50-year-old, 2,500-seat, Little League ballfield. In 1999, Hurricane Floyd threatened to alter the direction of Greenville's youth with a 10-foot wall of water that flooded the field. At that time, Butter Ball was the head groundskeeper of the new baseball stadium at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and his alma mater. He immediately enlisted his industry partners, Jake Holloway of the



Neil Avent (left), Assistant Baseball Coach, U.N.C.G. and Chris "Butter" Ball at the UNCG Baseball Field.

Greensboro Bats baseball club, Joey Simmons of the Charlotte Knights baseball club, Chad Price of Carolina Green field construction, and me, a representative of Diamond Pro professional groundskeeping products and founder of the Ace of Diamonds Tour.

Together, we donated material, equipment, and our expertise to help save the historic Little League ballfield. Remarkably, with the help of hundreds of local volunteers, the field repairs were completed in just 2 1/2 days. So important is baseball to this city that officials decided to put the ballfield project ahead of other recovery projects, knowing it would become a rallying point and catalyst to the reconstruction of an entire community following a devastating natural disaster. Today, Elm Street Park continues to serve as a testament to Greenville baseball's history and the pride of this dedicated baseball community.

Butter went on to notch 2 years of groundskeeping experience in professional baseball with the Harrisburg Senators, the AA Eastern League affiliate of the Montreal Expos. He returned to Greensboro and is now on the vendor side of the business, working as an athletic field specialist with Nivek, Inc., a turf supply company.

"It's more important today to educate managers and coaches about what's new in materials, equipment, and techniques, than to approach them as a salesman," he says.

As testimony to his dedication to baseball, Butter built 18 professional pitchers

