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There's a new bench tarp material on the market called EnkamatPlus and according to its manufacturer, Colbond, it is capable of withstanding continuous pounding from the feet of athletes, coaches and spectators while protecting natural grass.

Ross Kurcab, Turf Manager of the Denver Broncos, was one of the first to put the new tarps to the test and declared that the decision to purchase the tarps proved to be the right one.

"When compared to the geo-blanket, which we installed side by side with these bench tarps, the difference was significant, with less damage to the grass under the tarps. They honestly exceeded my expectations. After a game, when we rolled them up, we saw the grass in much better shape than the grass outside the tarped area where a lot of foot traffic occurred. We were very impressed with the condition of the grass."

EnkamatPlus consists of durable Enkamat bonded to polyester geotextile. Enkamat is a geomatrix matting that provides an air space underneath the cover, which results in a reusable cover that preserves natural grass.

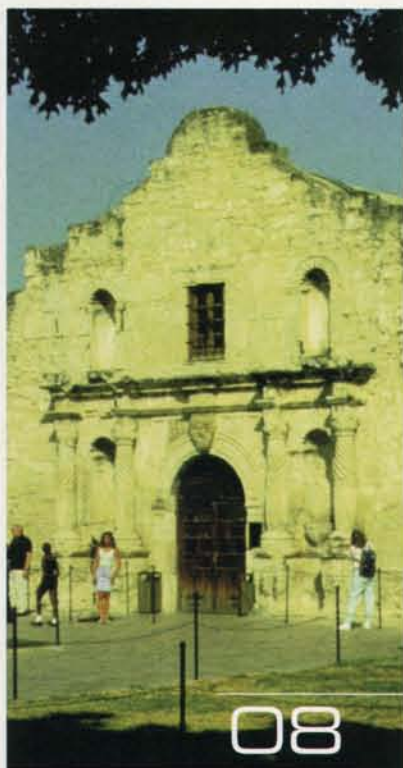
"We're very confident that EnkamatPlus will play a dominant role in a groundskeeper's quest for natural turf protection, particularly at the player's bench," says Bob Curry, president of Covermaster Inc., exclusive marketer of the product in North America.

The product is available in 16 feet width, in rolls up to 150 feet in length. It is also highly recommended as a concert cover suitable for seating, stage and sound set-ups.

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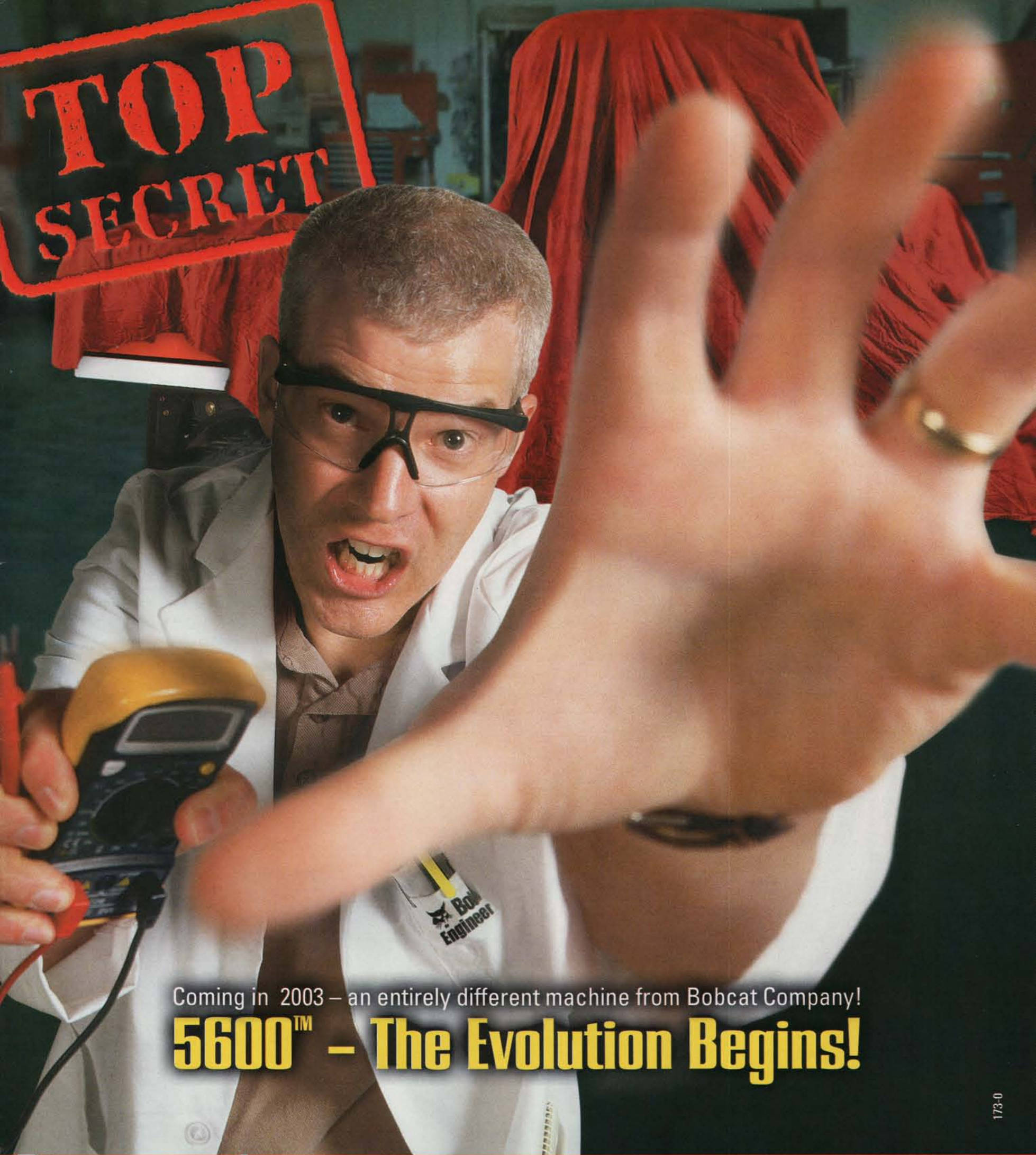
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Though their thoughts weren't pursued by the media as vigorously this election season as in 2000, "soccer moms" (a euphemism for swing voters female or male) are still very much a part of our American landscape. Any reader who has spent time around these moms and dads knows they are passionate about their children and their futures.

Many soccer moms and other parents today are guilty of micro-managing their kids' lives, over-scheduling them and preparing them for an Ivy League education they'll probably never get. But when is the last time you heard a soccer mom ask, "Is this field safe enough to play on?"

No one knows better than the readers of this magazine that too many American playing fields lack the proper maintenance programs or are maintained by untrained individuals. All too often poor turf conditions diminish the quality of any game and negate peak performance. Even worse, poor field conditions contribute to unnecessary, painful injuries. Losing a game is one thing, but losing a season or career is another. Injuries happen and are part of sports, but they don't have to happen due to the condition of the playing surface.

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created to provide research, educational programs, and scholarships geared to sports fields. "SAFE is embarking on a Ground Level Campaign to provide more up-to-date research and education so athletes at all levels will have safer playing surfaces to enjoy the game," says STMA executive director Steve Trusty. "Industry support now will allow SAFE to move well beyond the current industry for funding and we will all benefit from more awareness of how to maintain safer playing fields.

"Your children and grandchildren deserve a playing field as safe as the ones the pros play on. SAFE's goals are to help provide that through research, education and scholarships," Steve adds. For information on how you can get involved in this worthwhile endeavor, call 800-323-3875.

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Readers please note I have a new address and phone number: PO Box 280, Dauphin, PA 17018, and 717-805-4197. Email address remains eschroder@aip.com.

Finally, it's mea culpa time for this editor. Keen-eyed readers might have thought they were reading a boating magazine last month because the headline for this column read "Used correctly, crumb rudder can help." But alas, we are a turf, not a surf, magazine and the column was on using crumb rubber as a soil amendment. My apologies to all for that error.



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president's message

Be thankful

Remember the Alamo. Or, even better, instead of just remembering it, you can see it in person right outside your hotel lobby. The STMA 14th Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held in San Antonio January 15-19 is going to be a real Texas treat. We have a slate of speakers that will provide you with so much great information that your boss will have to give you a raise! The trade show is reaching an STMA record for total booths sold to date. It's going to be fun (and educational) so take a look at all the information included in this issue. Once you read about the sessions and workshops, the facility tours, the baseball field seminar conducted by sports turf managers of Major League Baseball facilities, the Textron-sponsored SAFE Golf Tournament at the Quarry, you'll want to "ink" your calendar with the dates.

We all have a lot to be thankful for during this holiday month but a few are less fortunate. All of you have probably seen in the news lately the shocking saga about the sniper in the Maryland area. Our county borders Montgomery where the first six shootings took place. Athletic fields in the area have been in what is called "lock down," eliminating high school and recreation sports activities until the sniper is caught. We have a strong chapter in the Maryland area that still needs to get out and take care of their fields. If you keep a prayer list, I think it would be good to add the families of the victims and also add an extra prayer for the protection of others. While you're at it, I hope that you also keep all law enforcement officials in your prayers as they work to catch offenders that are trying to take away our freedoms.

Everyone has plans for developing their careers. As the year closes, it's a good time to reflect on your strengths and weaknesses. Our Association has grown despite a weak economy. Our conference is pretty much guaranteed to be a success based on current projections. I really need to thank the Board for a wonderful job in tracking their committees and categories in preparing for this event. In addition to the Board I have to thank our Headquarters management team for their commitment and devotion to the STMA. Of course the real thanks goes out to the members for sharing your knowledge with your peers (and attending the conference). I can only tell you everything that you put into this Association and your profession will come back around ten fold as your career in sports turf grows.

Internationally we have taken another step beyond our waters, this time to Paris, for the first baseball field maintenance and construction clinic. International baseball federation sports turf managers from the Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Great Britain will be in attendance. We will spend 3 days on the field and in the classroom reviewing field maintenance techniques and construction. Information has been translated into three languages. Soon we will need to have a bilingual brochure for our Association!

With that said, make a note to put boots and a cowboy hat on your Christmas list so you can get into the real Texas mode at the conference. See you soon, be safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving.



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