

NEW POSITIONS - TOM UNRUH is now the superintendent of the Davis Golf Course, Davis. TOM SANTOS, former foreman of the San Ramon National Golf Course, San Ramon, is now the superintendent. Congrats to both of you fellows, and good luck in your new positions.

The camping-outing mentioned in the last newsletter will be postponed until next Spring. When the angels above heard that the superintendents were planning to gather socially, they were so mortified that they let loose with the tears, which has caused flooding, record rains in California, and untold misery for some grape growers, who haven't harvested all the crop. But being hardy souls, the superintendents will still try to hold this outing in the Spring. Mr. Charles F. Ankrom, Director of Golf Course Operations for the Boise Cascade Group, has cordially invited us to make use of the camping facilities of Lake Wildwood. My thanks to this fine gentleman. Let's make some noise, gang, and let me know how many of you are interested in this outing.

That is all for this time. I need articles from the members. Surely you all have something to contribute. So, let's have it. It is raining outside, and though I know that you are all dedicated superintendents, I don't believe that you are out on the course all day with rain dripping off the end of your nose. Consequently, you surely have some time while drying out to try your one-fingered typing technique on your trusty old typewriter. You may win a Pulitzer prize.

See you at Woodbridge. Lee Huang

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WHY AUTUMN LEAVES ARE COLORFUL

Ever wonder why autumn leaves display such bright colors? Deciduous trees and shrubs often show bright colors just before leaf drop in the fall. A leaf is a small plant factory using sunlight to make food needed for plant growth. As the days become shorter and temperatures cool, this leaf factory gradually "closes down."

Formation of an abscission layer which separates the leaf from the twig is one of the first things to happen. The cells in this layer act as one-way doors allowing food to enter the branch for storage. As the leaf runs out of food and as temperatures drop, the leaf stops making chlorophyll.

Chlorophyll Hides Other Colors Chlorophyll, the green coloring in the leaf, hides other colors during the growing season. When the leaf