

## Leaf Blower Bans (Cont'd)

the machines for several hours on a daily basis, appear from the report to be far more likely to be affected by any potential impacts than bystanders or individuals who occasionally use the machines around their own homes, said Norred. "Landscape maintenance contractors and gardeners should learn from this report by making sure appropriate breathing and hearing protection is used, purchasing the quietest available leaf blower technology, and shifting as quickly as possible to Year 2000 models that are significantly less polluting than older ones."

Norred said pending legislation, cosponsored by CLCA, would go a long way toward addressing the potential impacts mentioned in the report. Assembly Bill 1609 by Tony Cardenas (D-Sylmar) would authorize cities and counties to ban all but the quietest available leaf blower technology, require testing and certification of blowers used for commercial purposes, and mandate common sense rules of leaf blower courtesy. "This bill addresses the issues discussed in the report without stripping landscape maintenance professionals of an essential tool," he stated. /

## Naumann's NorCal News

**Tom Zoller** is leaving Cinnabar Hills Golf Course in San Jose to become the superintendent at Tehama Golf Club in Carmel. Tom is replacing **Carl King** who is retiring and moving back to the Palm Springs area . . . **Bill Conrad** is moving to Walden at Lake Houston Golf and CC in Houston, Texas. Bill was the superintendent at Summit Pointe Golf Course in Milpitas. His replacement has yet to be named . . . **Eric Greypok** is the new superintendent at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Eric was the assistant prior to his promotion. He is replacing **Mark Michaud** who recently accepted the position of superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club on Long Island in New York. The US Open is scheduled to return to Sinnecock in 2004 . . . .



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