

110 degrees at Ironwood in Palm Desert to 72 degrees at Tahoe.

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WHAT ARE OTHERS DOING? - by Bob Ford

Since our organization is for the betterment of turf and other related fields, maybe this newsletter would be a better way to spread the knowledge and experiences of others at their courses.

Many people in the turf industry concentrate so much on turf that other problems snowball into larger, more costly problems. Trees are a good example. Everyone takes them for granted until they die.

At Almaden, we now have a gigantic problem with Monterey Pines, Monterey Cypress, and Giant Sequoias. They have developed fungus diseases, pitch cankers, and insect infestations.

We are now working with Dr. Thomas of Forest Ag. and the J. J. Mauget Chemical Company, using 60 trees as a test plot. Injections of Stemix nutrient solution, Plant Vax Fungisol, E₃BC Fungisol, and MSR Insecticide are being fed into the trees. From the progress of our first indicator tree, it appears that many trees can and will be saved.

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STEVE KILMER is now located at Davis Municipal Golf Course, Davis

ROGER LARSON is at Lake Tahoe Country Club, South Lake Tahoe.

LARRY FELICIANO has just taken over the City of Antioch Golf Course.

WALTER COLLINS is in the Memorial Hospital, Salinas. He has had a heart attack.

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A SMILE

A SMILE . . . costs nothing . . . but it gives so much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it. And none is so poor that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business . . . and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is Nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. For it is something of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours . . . as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

CHANGING TIMES

Old Bill he was a gardening man
of skill in high degree;
Few others could produce
near half as well as he.
The folks around often asked him why
things grew so fast and sure;
To which Bill always would reply:
"I use race horse manure."
Bill had a daughter, fussy lass,
who sought her Pa to cure,
And make him use a nicer word
instead of (ugh) "manure."
So she called her Mother's aid
to see could she advise her
On any way to get her Pa
to call it fertilizer.
"You leave your Pa be," said she,
"His way you must endure;
It took me twenty years to make
him call that stuff manure!"

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bacteria - "A large, widely distributed group of typically one-celled micro-organisms, chiefly parasitic or saprophytic. Many bacteria are disease producing; many are active in processes such as fermentation, the conversion of dead, organic matter into soluble food for plants, and the fixing of atmospheric nitrogen.

syringing - Light sprinkling of water on turf to prevent wilting. Usually done during the hot part of the day when plants are wilting because of very rapid transpiration and when soil is wet.

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