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The most mismanaged, unproductive, small-minded, amateurish and downright pathetic legislative session in memory finally ended September 15 in Sacramento. What more can be said? Anything else I could add would probably be unprintable.

Suffice it to say that if we clocked the time that the Republican caucus spent on governing versus the amount of time they spent on in-house horseplay and back-stabbing, the voters would demand a recall on just about every one of them.

A comprehensive list of all their idiotic acts would fill this newspaper, let alone one short column. But just a brief snapshot of how the Republicans have squandered their time and energy over the fight for leadership of the Assembly gives you a pretty good idea

of what it has been like. Even before the very

first day of the legislative session last January, the GOP caucus was salivating over the prospect of finally dumping Democratic speaker Willie Brown. Five months later, they still hadn't accomplished the

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job. Willie Brown had been able to maintain his position by keeping all 39 Democratic votes and one Republican vote – Assemblyman Paul Horcher from West Covina, Calif. It was glaringly apparent that the Speaker – even when he was against the ropes – was far more than their match.

The Republicans mounted a recall election against Horcher, and by the end of May they had managed to oust him from his seat. With one more Assembly vote in their favor, the Republicans made another run at the Speaker. Just as they leaped into the air for the big tackle, Willie Brown sidestepped them again. He announced his resignation as speaker and engineered a vote for Assemblywoman Doris Allen as the new Speaker. She received all 39 Democratic votes, plus her vote against 39 of her fellow Republicans.

Like the old keystone cops who keep making the same stupid, predictable stunts, the Republicans announced they would immediately mount a recall against Allen. Throughout the summer months, the GOP caucus spent far more time bad-mouthing Allen and nursing along their recall than working on legislation. During the last week of the session, the last vacant Assembly seat was filled, due to another special election. Now the Republicans had their 41 votes to get rid of Allen. With two days left in the legislative session and literally hundreds of bills that required their attention, the Republican caucus spent the day scheming in secret meetings on how and when they would hold a vote for Speaker.

Yet again they were cut off short. Assemblyman Brian Setencich of Fresno, considered one of the more moderate Republicans, received all 39 Democratic votes plus his and Doris Allen's votes for the magic 41. We now have a speaker whose grand total experience in the Legislature is nine months. As sad as it seems, it is far more preferable than to let one of the extreme right-wing Assembly members have the post. To sum it up, this year has been a disaster. But can we expect next year to be any better?

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## Local 3's fight to keep Modesto prevaling wages

By James Earp, Managing Editor

s the war to protect our members from an all-out assault on prevailing wage laws reaches a fever pitch nationally and in California, new battle lines are now being drawn at the local level.

Last month, an attempt by city council members in Modesto to quietly install an ordinance that would eliminate prevailing wage regulations on city funded construction projects was derailed temporarily through last minute efforts by the Operating Engineers Local 3 and other building trades unions. Union leaders and local contractors

reacted swiftly and demanded a public hearing when it was revealed that a proposal to eliminate local prevailing wages would be on the July 25 city council agenda.

"When the city council realized we were ready to go to war over this issue, they backed off and scheduled a

public hearing before the Finance Committee," Stockton District Representative Dave Young said. The Finance Committee is composed of the Mayor of Modesto and two other city council members.

However, the willingness of the city council to allow public testimony on the prevailing wage issue proved to be only skin deep. On Aug. 21, union employees and contractors packed the Modesto City Council chambers in an impressive display of support for prevailing wages. Acting like a spinster school teacher facing down an unruly class, Chairwoman Kini Friedman made it clear at the start of the meeting that she would not tolerate any comments or noise from the audience.

A staff member was asked to present the city's findings on the costs of the prevailing wage ordi-

nance in Modesto. In his report, the staff member conceded that average wage rates of non-union employers in the area were lower than those offered by union contractors and – most importantly – medical and pension benefits among non-union firms was virtually non-existent.

Workers in the audience reacted with indignation when Barbara Keating-Edh, wife of a local non-union contractor, testified that eliminating local prevailing wages would save money for the city and allow non-union firms to use their employees more efficiently, as they do in the private sec-

tor. Chairwoman Friedman slammed her gavel and demanded silence from the audience, threatening to adjourn the meeting if order was not restored.

Local contractor Wendall Reed of George Reed Inc. received a rousing ovation from the audience when he

pointed out that his employees represented by Local 3 "are able to afford homes in Modesto, patronize local business, pay taxes, send their children to school" and avoid "becoming a burden on the community" because of the union's excellent medical and pension benefits.

"The message is loud and clear," Reed charged. "My employees who have lived and worked in this community for many years are no longer welcome. Without good pay, the most productive workers will [eventually] relocate elsewhere. Without prevailing wages, the most ruthless employers with the least interest in their employees may very well get all the work."

Jeff Geist of Teichert Construction lauded the "highly skilled, dedicated" workers that enable his

## Assemblyman Machado easily fends off GOP recall

Democratic Assemblyman Michael Machado easily defeated a Republican attempt to recall him from office by nearly a 2 to 1 margin. Republicans wanted Machado booted out of office because he voted for Willie Brown for Assembly speaker earlier this year.

Local 3 and other labor unions played an active role in opposing the recall. Just about every Local 3 business agent and district representative in Northern California walked precincts and staffed phone banks.

Critics of the recall, which cost San Joaquin County taxpayers \$300,000, contended the vote was partisan politics at its best and amounted to an abuse of the political process.

If the GOP can oust a few more Democrats from the Assembly and replace them with Republicans, the GOP could wind up with enough votes to elect a more right-wing speaker and dramatically shift the Assembly's balance of power.

Since last year's general election, Republicans have waged a recall war against certain members of the assembly who supported Brown. The Machado recall came on the heels of the May recall of Southern California Assemblyman Paul Horcher, who switched from Republican to independent and voted for Brown for Assembly speaker. Republican Assemblywoman Doris Allen, who stepped down as speaker September 14, is also facing a GOP-sponsored recall in Southern California.

Some Republicans, like GOP Assemblyman Bernie Richter of Chico, admitted the recall was a "grave mistake" that would backfire on Republicans. An August 24 Sacramento Bee editorial concurred, saying the recall was "a turning point in the growing abuse of a process that was designed to be used sparingly and only in the most extreme circumstances."

There have been only six attempts in California to recall legislators in the past 81 years since the recall process was put into the California Constitution, three of which have occurred in a little more than a year, and a fourth, against Allen to take place this November in her Orange County district. company to work competitively. "The perception that lower wages mean lower construction costs is unproven," he said. "What can be proven is that lower wages mean a reduction in disposable income, reduced sales and income tax revenues and the ... degradation of a low wage community."

"You get what you pay for," Geist concluded. "We urge you to keep the prevailing wage."

Local 3 Business Representative Tom Aja, a resident of Modesto, questioned the scope and accuracy of the city council's staff report. "Not only is the staff report inaccurate in its findings, it completely fails to address the hidden costs the community would be faced with if prevailing wages are eliminated," Aja testified. He urged the city council to defer action on the prevailing wage issue until they had adequate time to make an informed decision.

As the meeting drew to a close, rank-and-file members from the audience came up one by one, anxious to tell of their own experience. "Before I became an electrician, I worked 60 to 70 hours a week in a local factory in order to provide for my family," Arthur Fabela said. "With the flick of a pen, someone in a big office somewhere sent my job and 50 others to Korea." It was only by going through a union apprenticeship training program and eventually becoming a journeyman electrician that he was able to earn a decent living for his family, Fabela said. He urged the city council not to support any proposal that would lower the standard of living for the community.

"If you're asking us to take a cut in wages and benefits, then you should be willing to take the same cut," suggested a local laborer. "This should go full circle. What's good enough for us should be good enough for all city workers from top to bottom."

In spite of the compelling testimony, it was clear that the Finance Council members had already pre-planned their moves. Lame duck council member David Cogdill was the first to speak: "My view remains pretty much the same." he said. "I would like to see us try this (eliminate prevailing wages). He then made a motion to forward the proposal to exempt prevailing wages to the full city council for a vote.

Mayor Richard Lang voiced concern that without prevailing wages, the city might experience an increase in workers without medical coverage. "But I will not apologize for saving the community a half a million to one million dollars if the conditions are right," he said, voting in favor of Cogdill's motion.

Chairwoman Kini Friedman referred to her union roots and expressed sympathy for those who support prevailing wages, but nevertheless voted in favor of Cogdill's motion, saying: "We can't afford to pay these higher wages that no one else in the community has to pay."

Friedman adjourned the meeting by announcing that the proposal to exempt local prevailing wages would be heard before the full city council Sept. 19.

"It's very clear we have our work cut out for us," Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton observed after the meeting. "The ball is in our court. Our members in Modesto must go to work to defeat this proposal. Everyone needs to take a personal interest in this vital issue and call their city council to tell them they will not receive our support in the next election if they vote wrong on this issue."

With prevailing wages we "are able to afford homes, pay taxes...and avoid becoming a burden on the community." -Local union contractor Wendall Reed of George Reed Inc.

# Leveling the playing field

For a decade now, the Foundation for Fair Contracting has helped bring stability to the construction industry by keeping a watchful eye on Northern California's public works contract bidding

#### **By Steve Moler Assistant Editor**

n public works the phrase "competitive bidding" is supposed to describe the process whereby contractors vie on relatively equal terms for construction contracts. If everyone plays by the rules, so the theory goes, the most competent, efficient contractor will get the job.

But, unfortunately, not all contractors play by the rules. Some go to extraordinary - and often illegal - lengths to gain an unfair competitive advantage. They'll low-ball bids by using inferior building materials, taking engineering shortcuts, underreporting payroll to avoid paying taxes, or paying workers below the required prevailing wage rate.

When this happens, the construction industry in particular and our entire society in general suffer. Not only do legitimate contractors have trouble competing, but unemployed and underpaid workers wind up on welfare, the state is robbed of vital tax revenue, and taxpayers foot the bill for cost overruns and shoddy workmanship.

Overburdened and underfunded state enforcement agencies can only curb a portion of the illegal activities. That's why a group of union contractors got together with Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton back in 1984 and formed a labor-manage-



ment job-monitoring organization called the Foundation for Fair Contracting (FFC).

#### What the FFC does

Since May 1985, the FFC has been providing the construction industry with an array of services designed to ensure fairness in public works contract bidding in California. The FFC monitors construction projects to ensure worker wages, classifications and apprenticeship standards comply with state and federal laws.

The FFC also provides the industry with up-todate prevailing wage-rate information, sponsors workshops and seminars covering public works law, helps awarding agencies understand current wage laws and establish labor compliance programs, and serves as a liaison with law enforcement agencies.

The FFC is governed by a 12-member board of directors made up of six representatives from labor and six from management. Administrator Daril Wiley supervises five full-time field representatives and nine to 13 monitors who cover Northern California from the Oregon border to as far south as Kings and Tulare counties.

Since its inception 10 years ago, the FFC has investigated a staggering 4,650 cases covering 46 California counties. Of the 2,675 projects the FFC has actually monitored, more than half - 1,592 resulted in complaints being filed by the FFC and assessments of over \$9 million in back wages and penalties as a direct result of FFC investigations.

This kind of additional investigating - above what the state can provide - is what helps keep all contractors on an equal footing and ultimately brings stability and consistency to the industry. When everyone is doing business under the same rules and conditions, only the best prosper, rather than those who can merely best manipulate the system.

#### The winning formula

The FFC's stunning success over the years in uncovering unfair and illegal practices has come as a result of sheer hard work, painstaking research and good old-fashioned detective work. A typical investigation begins with the FFC searching public works bid and contract documents for unusual activities. If, for example, a winning bid appears extraordinarily low or the winning contractor has experienced past compliance problems, the FFC will do some additional checking.

Field reps first might delve into the contractor's history and licensing status. Then once the project starts, the FFC can request copies of the contractor's certified payroll records and place a monitor at the job site to talk with employees, verify job classifications and pass out information. The final and most drastic step occurs when the FFC actually files a complaint with government enforcement agencies, which then investigate and take appropriate action. The FFC stays involved in cases until their final resolution, seeing that information is available and making sure investigations and enforcement processes move smoothly.

< Administrator Daril Wiley



< Field Rop. Dennis Carpenter, left, who covers the Marysville and Sacramento areas, with Monitor Dave Buckley at water line project at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramenta.

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Field Rep. Rich Cary, who covers the Redding and Eureka areas, with monitor Lisa Howarton.

 Field Rep. Marin Vallejo covers the Monterey, Merced and Fresno areas.

sign receipts stating they had been paid the proper amount of fringe benefits. But instead of the fringes going directly to the employees, Dirtmovers was pocketing the money. The FFC filed a compliant with the Bureau of Field Enforcement, and the case was referred to the Shasta County district attorney for criminal prosecution.

In addition to scrutinizing local contractors, the FFC also pays close attention to out-of-state contractors. When Baker Construction of Oregon was awarded a \$2.7 million project

for the Butte Valley Unified School District in Dorris (Siskiyou County) in October 1989, the FFC was watching.

Field Rep. Jim Aja covers the San Jose, Stockton and Modesto areas.

#### When the foundation obtained Baker's certified payroll records, the FFC learned that the contractor

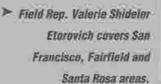
was underpaying his employees. The FFC filed a complaint in August 1990 with the Bureau of Field Enforcement, which collected \$54,247 in wages and fines. The school, by the way, was occupied for only a short time, then deemed unsafe and eventually condemined for shoddy workmanship.

#### Educating contractors and agencies

Another important FFC function is to educate contractors and awarding agencies about federal and state prevailing wage laws. California's public works and federal Davis-Bacon laws can be extremely complex, so honest errors and misunderstandings can occur, leading to underpayment of wages and fringe benefits and other violations. When this happens, the FFC is available to provide information and technical support to help contractors avoid these problems.

Anyone involved in public works construction as a contractor, employee, awarding agency, labor union or worker representative can take advantage of the FFC's ser-

vices. Also, if you know of any employee on a public works project who might not be receiving prevailing wages, you can contact the Foundation for Fair Contracting at (916) 487-7871.









#### Examples of abuse

That's precisely what happened when the FFC learned that a non-union underground subcontractor, Burnup & Sims, was underpaying its employees on a California State University Fresno data systems project in early 1989 by using a communication technician classification for all crafts working on the job. When Burnup & Sims ignored the FFC's request to properly classify its employees, the foundation contacted CSUF, which also refused to enforce the correct wage determinations.

The FFC then launched a full-scale investigation by requesting certified payroll records and placing an on-site monitor to take notes and pass out wage information. The investigation resulted in the FFC filing a complaint with the Department of Industrial Relations' Bureau of Field Enforcement, which filed suit in Fresno County Superior Court in March 1991. After four years of litigation, the court determined that Burnup & Sims had indeed violated the law, and the company paid more than \$395,000 in wages and penalties, the largest single collection in FFC history.

A similar case took place beginning in April 1990 when the FFC spotted non-union Associated Pipeline performing water, sewer and storm drain work on a new public golf course in Modesto. After a thorough investigation, which also included obtaining certified payroll records and placing a monitor at the scene, the FFC discovered the company was paying all its employees just \$6 an hour. The FFC filed a complaint in July 1990 with the Bureau of Field Enforcement, which collected over \$90,000 in wages and penalties on three different Associated Pipeline projects.

#### The Dirtmovers case

One of the FFC's most successful cases came to a head just this past summer, when the owner of non-union Dirtmovers Inc. and his payroll manager and girlfriend were arrested June 19 for allegedly falsifying certified payroll documents and pocketing thousands of dollars in employee fringe benefits on a Redding public works project.

The criminal case stemmed from a FFC investigation, which found that Dirtmovers was forcing its workers, under the threat of losing their jobs, to

# **Smooth takeoff**

SFO's \$2.5 billion expansion gets off to a good start this summer, with lots more work ahead for the next three summers

> Serrano & Cone's Gomaco GP4000 paver at work at the SFO expansion project.

Y The \$40 million parking garage will be able to accommodate 3,000 vehicles.



an Francisco International Airport's massive expansion project moved off the drawing board and into the construction stage earlier this summer, with Pavex Construction Co. of Redwood City starting off with concrete aircraft aprons and Tutor Saliba Corp. continuing with a \$40 million parking garage.

By next summer, construction on the \$600 million international terminal, \$200 million ground transportation center and \$177 million elevated loop road will be in full swing. A \$300 million light-rail shuttle will also get underway next year.

When *Engineers News* visited the expansion in early August, Pavex was about half-done with a 30,000-yard, 16-inch hardstand adjacent to the American Airlines hangar on the other side of the east-west runway from the passenger terminal. Concrete subcontractor Serrano & Cone Inc. of San Ramon was putting down about 2,000 yards a day using a Gomaco GP4000 concrete paving machine.

When completed, the aprons will be used for aircraft parking during the three years of construction of the international terminal. After that, the aprons will be used more for long-term and overnight aircraft parking.

Farther to the west, Tutor Saliba is moving along nicely on a 3,000-space parking garage, which is being built on the site of the United Airlines employee parking lot on South Airport Boulevard across from the UAL Maintenance Operations Center. This reinforced steel and concrete structure is scheduled to be completed by next summer and will be used primarily for tenant parking.

By the way, at the same UAL maintenance facility, Hensel Phelps is the general contractor and O.C. Jones is the grading and paving subcontractor on new aircraft aprons.

SFO has put out to bid a contract for 4,600 piles for the international terminal, with the contract for the terminal structure to go to bid this December. Bids on the ground transportation center and elevated loop road will also be let this winter and next spring.

There's going to be plenty of work for a lot of Operating Engineers at SFO until May 1999, when the international terminal starts accommodating its first passengers.



A Decian Faherty on a Case 580K backhoe for F.W. Spencer Co.



▲ Greg Asbury of NMI Construction

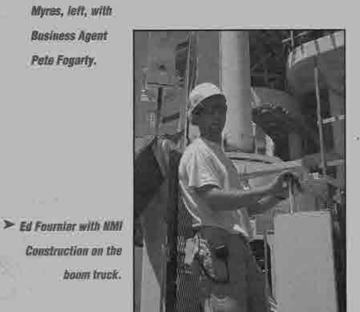


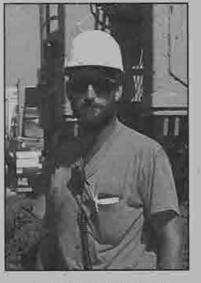
Serrano & Cone's Superintendent Johnnie Benett and Plant Engineer John Tinsley



A Pavex lube engineers Fred Myres, left, with **Business Agent** Pete Fogarty.

boom truck.





A Serrana & Cone foreman Larry Jordan.



< Crane operator Mike Murillo, of Conce.

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Proposed BART station Parking garage South North terminal erp 11)407 New International terminal ed BART New ground transportation center  $\subset$ Proposed light rail system New three level road LALIELLAND TO AND THE OWNER Proposed transfer station for BART, CalTrain, light rail and bus

hile SFO's expansion moves ahead full bore, BART's plan to run train service directly into the airport is mired in political wet concrete.

For two decades now, BART has wanted to extend transit service to SFO, but a combination of legal disputes, political infighting, neighborhood protests and funding shortfalls has kept the project in the conceptual stage.

But a few years ago, BART came up with a proposal and enough funding to actually begin route studies and an environental impact review. On April 28, the BART board of directors approved the most expensive route, a \$1.2 billion, 8-mile alignment of mostly underground trackway going directly Into SFO's new international terminal.

But the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation June 21 approved only about half of the \$22.6 million BART was seeking in federal funds, forcing BART to consider a less expensive route. Two weeks later. BART approved a plan for an aerial route leading into. the new international terminal, a change that would cut \$200 million from the project's cost.

Three weeks later, on July 26, the Airport Commission threw a road block in front of the project by disapproving BART's plan to go directly into the new international terminal and instead approved a plan to bring the line up to - but not inside - the terminal.

So, that's where the project stands right now. The decision whether to run BART directly into the new terminal or somewhere else in or around the airport may not come this month or after the San Francisco mayor's race this November.

# Santa Rosa's Fountaingrove Parkway

Local 3's effort to get this \$13 million, 2.5-mile road funded and approved not only put operators to work on the parkway but paves way for abundance of home building in Fountaingrove area Scraper operator Dennis Douglass of Stevens Greek Quarry





▲ The Fountaingrove Parkway as it appeared in mid-July

By Steve Moler Assistant Editor

> he City of Santa Rosa's Fountaingrove Parkway extension, on the drawing board for the past 15 years, finally got underway last summer thanks in large part to Local 3's political strength. The \$13 million project reached the halfway point this summer and is expected to be open to traffic by late September of next year.

Since the early 1980s, the city has wanted to extend the Fountaingrove Parkway 2 1/2 miles to the intersection of Brush Creek Road and Montecido Boulevard to allow traffic to flow up from U.S. 101 to the existing Fountaingrove Parkway and down the other side.

But, as what typically happens in this part of California, neighborhood and environmental groups, namely the Sonoma County Conservation Action, mounted a campaign to stop the project on the grounds it would increase traffic and encourage development in the Fountaingrove area. The project also had funding shortfalls.

#### **Taking action**

When this happened, Local 3 swung into action to ensure the project received funding and approval and our members went to work on what was going to be Santa Rosa's largest road construction project in city history.

Local 3 members packed several key city council meetings in 1990 and 1991, and the union provided the council with written comments concerning the project's worthiness. Local 3 members also wrote letters to the editor in local newspapers.

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▲ From left are Davest mechanics Mick Borges, Michael Chipchase and apprentice David Price Steven Graek Querry's crew, hoginning A second from left, are Bah Schram (danw), Steven Wollhrinch (foroman), Jahn Wostlake (dazer), Gary Knivlia (dazer), Miko Bajmin (gradesetter), Mike Kana, Dannis Harian (gradesetter), Floyd Steed (Potersom Tractor), Dennis Dauglass, on the (screper), Roh Rist, sitting in cab (screper), and John Kvasnicka, frant knaeling (compactor). At the extreme left is Bachress Rep. Seep Gunholm and at the extreme right la District Rep. Bab Millor,

#### **Funding problems**

To solve the funding problem, the city established an assessment district and Local 3 was instrumental in getting developers who wanted to build subdivisions in the Fountaingrove area to provide some of the project's funding.

The city council, with strong support from Councilwoman Sharon Wright, finally approved the parkway, and the project went to bid in summer 1993. But additional delays forced the project to be rebid last summer, with O.C. Jones the low bidder. The company began moving the project's 400,000 cubic yards of roadway excavation in July 1994 and Davest Inc. started on the underground later that fall. O.C. Jones subcontracted Jones Brothers out of San Jose to build an interchange at Chanate Road.

O.C. Jones has been using a half-dozen 631 and 637 scrapers and a pair of dozers to move most of the dirt. Once the excavation is completed, O.C. Jones will lay down 80,000 tons of aggregate base and 25,000 tons of asphalt.

#### The ripple effect

Because of the Fountaingrove Parkway extension, Watt Homes has received approval to build 600 homes on the hillside overlooking the Santa Rosa Valley and Rincon Valley. O.C. Jones and Davest are already working on grading, paving and underground work on two of the subdivisions, projects that are, of course, putting additional Local 3 hands to work.

Once again, the union's political activism has paid handsomely in the form of jobs for Local 3 members. The Fountaingrove Parkway is yet another example of how important it is to stay involved in local politics, for it is at this level of government that many decisions concerning your economic well being are made.  Party Chief Batty Noble of Breije & Race Consulling Civil Engineers near the Chanate Road Interchange





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# Damage control

#### **Dillingham Construction** makes emergency repairs after Folsom Dam spillway gate fails

n the Monday morning of July 17, an operator at the Folsom Dam north of Sacramento began opening the gate to Spillway No. 3 when all hell broke loose.

The 45-year-old tainer gate, supporting 2.5 million pounds of force, began to vibrate. Before the operator could shut the gate, radial arms supporting the gate bent, causing the gate to jam partially open. Water starting pouring through the gate at a rate of 40,000 cubic feet per second. the equivalent of one Olympic-sized swimming pool, causing authorities to issue warnings to the public to stay clear of the American River downstream from the dam.

For the next several days, the entire state, which over the previous seven years had endured

the worst drought in recent history, watched in utter amazement as 410,000 acre feet of fresh Sierra snowmelt, enough to supply 2 million people for a year, poured through the broken spillway, down the American River and into the Sacramento-San

> Craw Operator Biohavd Wegner and OllerRick carroll of Reliablo Crana propert to lower stop logs into Folsom Dam's Spillway No. 2

#### Joaquin River Delta.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which owns and operates the dam,

could do nothing until the reservoir level dropped below the spillways. This amounted to nearly half of the reservoir's 1 million acre foot of water.

The Bureau of Reclamation immediately put out a call for emergency repairs and Dillingham Construction was the low bidder on a \$1.7 million contract to install the stop log frames inside Spillways 2-4.

Dillingham attached hinges on the tops of con-

crete piers at the two spillways adjacent to Gate 3, mounted the diagonal steel stop log frames to the piers, and then swung the frames down against the spillway's upstream face. Dillingham used a 180ton American from Reliable Crane and a 140-ton gantry crane at the dam to lift the three 112-ton frames into place.

While the stop log frames were being



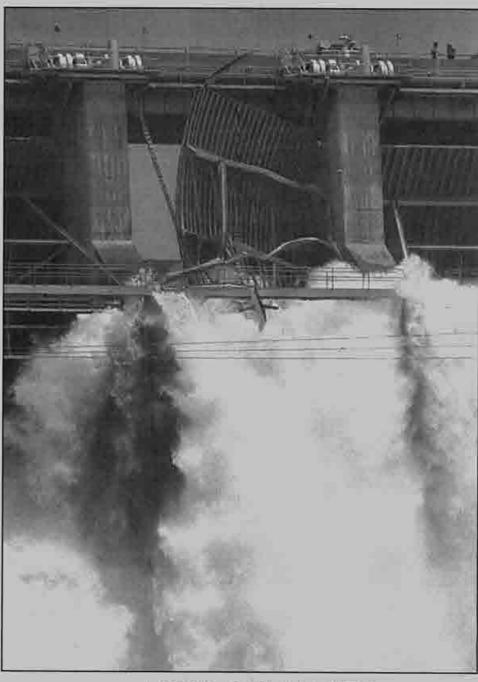
42-foot-wide Gate 3.

Meanwhile, an investigation into the cause of the gate's failure continues. Some theories include metal fatigue, friction, sticking of one side of the gate and rust, which was observed in three previous inspections but never addressed because of budget considerations.

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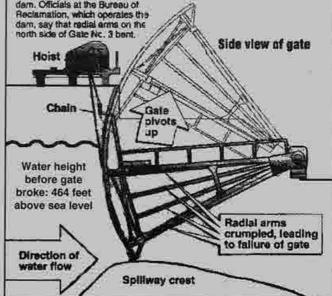
According to the Bureau

There are 18 other dams in California with similar gates and none has had any problems.



After Spillway Gate 3 broke July 17, Dillingham Construction was hired to do emergency repairs. When this photo was taken the next day 49,000 cohic feet per minute was passing through the gate.

#### **Folsom Dam's** radial gates



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# **Calling it quits**

#### After 67 years Utah's Bill Cook of M.H. Cook Pipeline Construction auctions off all his equipment and retires to the good life

By James Earp, Managing Editor

inel Henry Cook has owned and run M. H. Cook Pipeline Construction for 36 years, but of course, no one knows him by that name. He's "Bill" Cook. "Tve been called by 'Bill Cook' for 60 years, because know one knows how to pronounce my first name," Bill said.

It's Thursday, August 31 in Salt Lake City. Bill is relaxing for a moment in his well-worn office. Propped on his desk is a mammoth old mechanical adding machine that he hastens to tell you is a "calculator," not a mere adding machine.

But this day is a lot different from any Bill has had previously. While we take a few moments to chat in his office, auctioneers are busy outside in the yard selling off over 300 pieces of drilling equipment to anxious bidders.

At 86 years old, Bill Cook is finally calling it quits. "I been in pipeline work for 67 years," he says. With no one in the family to hand the business over to and no desire to maintain responsibility over a company he would no longer run, Bill is liquidating his business.

Many throughout the pipeline industry – including Local 3 union members – hate to see him go. Bill represents a breed of employer that is becoming an endangered species. He has long held a wellearned reputation for honesty, fairness and good, hard quality work.

Born in Montrose, Colo., in 1909, Bill went into pipeline construction as a young man. In the years before World War II he worked as a truck driver, sideboom operator, roustabout, welder, inspector, and foreman.

During the war, Bill worked on Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf for Bechtel Corporation as general foreman over the company's welders. Bechtel had a contract to build another unit to a refinery on Bahrain to manufacture aviation fuel. The plan was to transport planes from the fighting in the European Theater, which was nearing an end, refuel them on Bahrain and send them on to the South Pacific. However, the war ended before the plan was ever carried out.

After the war, Bill went to work for Limited Pipeline Co., which was headquartered in San Francisco. The company was having problems with its Rocky Mountain division and asked him if he would take over as division manager. It wasn't long before the company got a major contract in Pennsylvania. "The guy they were going to send out to head up the job got a heart attack, so they asked me if I would go out there," Bill recalls. "We laid 106 miles of 24-inch pipe on that job.

He returned to Utah but it wasn't long before he

was put in charge of a job in West Virginia. "Of all the work I've ever done, that was the roughest 20 miles I ever did," he says. "All those hills were 'orange peel.' We had to have a wench Cat for everything."

> Bill Cook of In 1958, Engineers M.H. Cook Limited decid-Pipeline ed to close its Rocky Construction Mountain Company office. "I had a lot of friends and contacts here," Bill recalls, "so I thought I'd start up my own business. M. H. Cook Pipeline

Construction was born and on Dec. 5, 1959, the company bid on its first job.

M. H. Cook became a familiar name up and down the Rocky Mountain states. "Tve had something to do with pretty near any pipeline that moves oil or gas ... from Logan to Santequin, east to Wyoming and to Rangely, Colo.," he says.

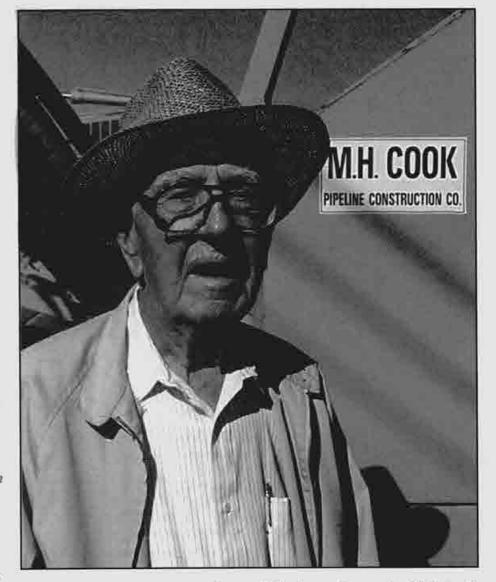
In 1966, Local 3 Business Manager Al Clem asked Bill to help him establish a joint apprenticeship training committee. "Tve always believed in training, so I told him I would," Bill says. "I been sitting on the committee (as chairman) ever since."

Under Bill's ownership, M. H. Cook has always operated as a union company. "I never believed in that non-union stuff," Bill said. "I knew all these operators around here and the people in Local 3

have always treated me fair. I've never tried to cheat anybody out of anything, just asked them to put in eight hours work for their eight hours pay."

What is he going to do now that he's retiring? "Just whatever I damn well please," he declares. "Joyce and I have no children or pets at home. If we want to get up one morning and go to Yellowstone Park, we'll just do it. As long as I've had this business, I wasn't free to do that."

If he had it to do all



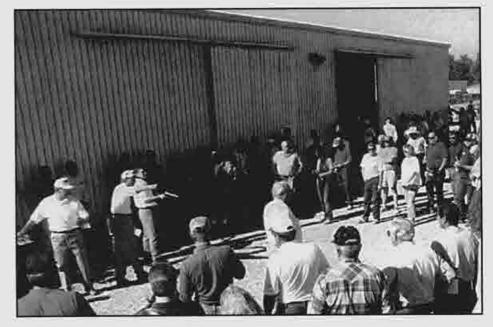
over again, would he change the way he did things? Not likely. "I've always felt you can't be a 'blacktop' superintendent," Bill says, referring to supervisors who stay on the road and never venture out onto the pipeline job. "You've got to be up on the right of way. I always knew what was happening on my jobs."

"Tve been thinking about selling the company for a long time," Bill says. "Everyday I just kept getting older. You know, you can't stop that process. Finally, I decided to sell everything. I won't have nothin' to worry about except my wife and my house."

Best wishes, Bill. You deserve it. Cook

♥ People gather Aug. 31 at M.H. Cook Pipeline Construction Co. to bid on some 300

pieces of equipment.



As Operating Engineers construct subdivisions in the rapidly expanding Sacramento area, they're also building and upgrading the related public infra-



henever new subdivisions are built, there's almost always a construction ripple effect. New homeowners need schools to educate their children, fire and police

stations to protect their property, and other public services such as water and sewage facilities.

Nowhere is this type of ripple effect more evident than in the rapidly expanding region of Sacramento and its surrounding suburbs, which is now home to over 1 million residents. Over the past decade, a lot of subdivisions have been sprouting throughout the region, and now the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District is implementing a new master plan that addresses Sacramento's growth through 2010.

Included in the master plan is the \$66.5 million Anaerobic Digester Expansion at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on Laguna Station and Sims roads in the Elk Grove area. The vast majority of the project is being completed by the joint venture of Hoffman-Marmolejo, which currently has about 10 to 15 Local 3 members working on the job.

The project, which includes building three anaerobic digesters, a mixed sludge facility, a boiler room expansion, a gas management facility,

> new control center expansion to house all the new computerized controls, will improve the efficiency of the entire treatment plant and help it handle increased solid waste.

#### The boiler room

The 200-by-60-foot boiler room expansion, which has one level below ground and the other above ground, will have three gas-fired boilers that will produce steam for the plant's heating loops. sist of pre-cast, post-

tension side and roof panels. When *Engineers News* visited the project in mid-July, Bragg Crane was placing the 67,000-pound panels using a Manitowoc M-250 crane operated by Brian Williamson and Dave Greenhill as his oiler.

When the project is completed in early 1998, the treatment plant will be in good position to meet stiff environmental regulations and accommodate Sacramento County's growth into the next century.

➢ Bragg's Manitowoc M-250 litts 67,000-pound pre-cast digester panel into place.





#### **Co-generation plant tie-in**

What's interesting about the new boiler room is that it ties into Carson Energy's co-generation plant next door (more ripple effect), a project that is being completed by prime contractor Century West along with subcontractors Teichert Construction and Monterey Mechanical. The treatment plant will supply the co-generation plant with sludge gas, while the co-generation plant will turn around and supply the treatment plant with low-grade steam for processing sludge.

#### Mixed sludge building

The 110-by-70-foot mixed sludge building, another two-story structure with one floor below ground and the other above ground, will feed the digesters with primary and secondary sludge. The building is also requiring site preparation for all the related sludge pumps, heat exchangers and other equipment. The 123-feet-by-90 foot gas management facility will house storage tanks and gas scramblers to compress and store gas.

The three digesters, 130 feet in diameter and 44 feet high, con-



 Loader Rayfield Stallworth; 2) Backhoe operator Andy Sanchez;
 3) On the Manitowoc M-250 is Crane Operator Brian Williamson with oiler Dave Greenhill; 4) Crane Operator Bill Gibson on an 18-ton Drott; 5) Leon Ballard on the D-4; 6) Mechanic Steve Gaiotalo, son of the late Art Gaiotalo, former Fringe Benefits Director; 7) A section of Hoffman-Marmolejo's expansion project lakes shape.

by Steve Moler

Hoffman-Marmolejo's crew beginning second fram left: Lean Ballard (dozer), Andrew Sanchez (backhos), John Randali (forklift), Bill Gibson (crane), Greg Flanagan (crane), Larry Bickers (excavator), Reyfield Stallworth (loader) and Butch Riley (foreman). Business Rep. Frank Herrera is at far left. Happy 100th Anniversary Dept. of Transportation

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¥ Rose Willis, who works out of the Quincy Maintenance Station, got a perfect score on the Loader Event



## Wild ride

Caltrans employees compete at Equipment 'Roadeo' as part of agency's 100-year anniversary celebration

nit 12 Caltrans employees from Northern California took part in this year's Equipment "Roadeo" held August 26 at the Solano County Fairgrounds.

The top two overall winners from each Caltrans district will compete at the state finals to be held September 23 at the same location. The two top competitors from the state finals will move on to compete at the October 9 nationals in Estes Park, Colo. Last year, two Caltrans equipment operators, Mark Vukich of the Quincy Maintenance Station and Jeff Kiser of the Walnut Creek Maintenance Station, took first place in the competition's premier event, the team Tandem Axle Truck Plow.

This year's rodeo competition was organized somewhat differently than previous years. Instead of each Caltrans district holding its own contest, all the Northern California districts, namely Districts 1-6 and District 10, were combined into one competition. All of the Southern California Caltrans districts held a similar event in San Bernardino September 16.

Contestants competed in six events: Pre-Trip, Backhoe Bowling, Chain-on/Chain off, Snow Plow, Loader and Motorgrader. First, second and third-place overall winners received silver belt buckles, and the first three places of each individual event won certificates.

A barbecue lunch and awards ceremony, sponsored by Unit 12 and Local 3, were held after the event next to the competition area. Proceeds from the barbecue went to the California Transportation Foundation, which is sponsoring many of Caltran's centennial events. This operator shows his stuff performing a hairpin turn in the Motorgrader Event.

> Jack Clymer II of the

Station during the Snow Plow competition

Buelton Maintenance



► Caltran's "Roadeo" was held this year at the Solana County Fairgrounds Aug. 26

> Frank Rocha out of the Los Banos Maintenance



> Don Gardina, who works at the Woodford Maintenance Station near South Lake Tahoe, competes in **Backboe Bowling** 



> Mark Suliger from District 3 (West Sacramento) competes in Backhoe Bowling





> Local 3 Credit Union employees staffed a booth at the barbecue





> Terry Maggard of the Perterville Maintenance Station makes his way through the Loader Event Course

#### CREDITUNION



by Rob Wise

**Credit Union** 

Treasurer

#### It's easy to borrow money from your credit union

f you need a loan to buy a truck or car, go on vacation, do home improvements or even purchase a home, your first move should be to contact your credit union at (510) 829-4400. The credit union offers loans at competitive rates with the personal service members deserve.

To help you become more familiar with our loan services, we have provided you with answers to some of our most frequently asked questions:

#### How do I apply for a loan?

Applying for a credit union loan is easy. If you already have an open account, just complete a loan application and send it in, or drop it off at any of our branch locations. If you don't already have an open credit union account, simply complete a membership card and send it to us with your loan application and \$5. As soon as your account has been established and your \$5 deposited, your loan application will be processed.

#### Can I have more than one credit union loan?

Yes. To make things easier, once you have an application on file you can apply for additional loans over the phone or in any of our branch offices. Our member service representatives will simply update your file without you having to complete another application.

#### Is there a prepayment penalty on credit union loans?

No. You may pay off your loans at any time without having to pay a penalty.

#### How do I make payments on my loans?

Members can choose to make their payments through the mail, have them automatically deducted from their credit union savings/checking account, transfer payments from their credit union account(s) using our Touch-Tone Teller phone system, or drop payments off at any of our convenient branch locations.

#### I've had some credit problems in the past. Can I still get a credit union loan?

We realize that every member's situation is different. Our loan committee considers many factors when evaluating a loan request. If you have experienced some credit problems, it is best that you provide us with an explanation. Recent problems such as collection accounts, bankruptcy, tax liens, judgments and serious delinquencies can result in your loan not being approved. However, our loan officers can help you assess your particular situation and discuss any options you may have.

#### Can you help me with a home loan?

Yes. Our real estate specialists can assist you in determining the best mortgage loan for you. They can estimate monthly mortgage payments, your closing costs and other costs involved in a mortgage loan, and can even "prequalify" you, all over the phone. Once you've decided you want to proceed with applying for the loan, we'll send you the application package. You can even come into our office and our real estate specialists will help you complete it.

As you can see, the credit union can assist you in getting a loan for just about anything. We offer consumer loans for vehicle purchases, personal loans for bill consolidation, VISA cards, and real estate loans from first mortgages to home equity lines of credit. If you're in the market for a loan, contact your credit union first.

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#### What to do if covered under another plan

**I** f an eligible employee or dependent is covered under another group plan, what should you do? One plan is primary and the other is secondary. The primary plan would pay benefits before the secondary plan.

To determine whether one plan is primary over the other, it is necessary to determine the order in which the plans will pay benefits. The following guidelines are used by this plan to determine the order of benefit payment:

- The plan that covers you as an employee will pay benefits before the plan that covers you as a dependent.
- For dependent children, the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year (excluding year of birth) will pay benefits before the other parent's plan.
- For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated, benefits are paid first by the plan of the parent who has custody of the child, then by the plan of the spouse of the parent who has custody, and finally by the plan covering the parent without custody.
- However, if a court decree establishes one parent as financially responsible for the child's health care, the plan of the parent with that responsibility will pay benefits first.
- If none of these rules applies, then the plan that has covered the individual the longest will pay benefits first.

When coordination of benefits applies and this plan is the primary carrier, you would submit the claim to the trust fund office first for benefit consideration. When Local 3's plan is the secondary carrier, you should submit the claim to your other carrier first for benefit consideration. When you receive the primary plan's benefit payment sheet, you submit a copy of the claim and a copy of the payment sheet to the trust fund office for benefit consideration.

The benefits provided between the different plans would never exceed 100 percent of the expenses actually incurred by the eligible individual and allowable under the plan.

#### **Retiree Association meetings**

The current round of Retirees Association meetings has begun. This round of meetings is particularly important for those who are on Medicare. Some very important information regarding Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and their Medicare Advantage programs will be discussed at these meetings.

In particular, we will be discussing Kaiser's Senior Advantage, Health Net's Seniority Plus and PacificCare's Secure Horizons. Please attend to find out the latest regarding the trustees' efforts to assist you in making informed decisions regarding these Medicare Advantage plans.

Check the schedule on page 22. Come on out and get together with some friends you've worked with over the years, and take the opportunity to make some new friendships. As always, we will be bringing you up to date on all the latest goings on with the union and the benefit plans. See you at the meeting, We'll have coffee and the usual "low-cal" donuts for all.

by Charlie Warren

**Fringe Benefits** 

Director

### **TEACHINGTECHS**

#### New hands-on schedule announced

n instructor's seminar was held August 12 where we finalized the Saturday hands-on classes for 1995-96. All classes will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and are open to all Local 3 members. Classes are mandatory for all surveyor apprentices and journey upgrades.

Our instructors for these classes are Pat O'Connor and Gene Feickert. Both work for World Wide and have kept our Santa Rosa class moving along.

Terry Warren, who works for Meridian Technical Services in the San Jose area, is again taking care of our Martinez class, while Floyd Harley, who works for KCA in San Francisco, has kept the Oakland class moving for many years.

Ken Anderson, who works for Mission Engineers, is the new kid on the block and has taken the San Jose class to new heights. Ron Nesgis and Larry Savio, who both work for Meridian Technical Services in Sacramento, have handled the Sacramento class through the rough construction years.

Chuck Hendsch, who works for Meridian Technical Services out of the Pleasanton office, is now handling our correspondence class and has students from Redding to Fresno.

Also returning after heart surgery to work on our curricula is Fred Seiji, who started many years ago with the surveyors JAC and is still doing curricula updates when his golf doesn't get in the way.

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The Real Time/GPS special hands-on Saturday will be taught by Hans Haselbach from Haselbach Surveying Instruments. Hans has done our Data Collection and GPS for the past several years of hands-on and really has good insights on new products and their usage in our industry.

And keeping all of this together is our part-time Office Manager Joanie Thornton, who has more than 17 years working with the JAC. She helps keep instructors and apprentices on the right track.

We have a great staff and the program serves our members through our journey-upgrade program. So if you are not taking

advantage of all this talent, you are missing a great chance to

enhance your surveying skills. Give us a call at (510) 635-3255

ule. If you are interested in any of the following classes, contact

your local union hall or the Safety Department at (510) 748-

We have been informed by Local 3's Safety Department of the following Hazmat and BATC (formerly BATT) class sched-

for this very valuable information.

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**by Art McArdle** 

Administrator

#### Four new survey firms sign with Local 3

The current work picture is the best we have seen in years. Almost everyone that wants to work is out there pounding stakes and, in many cases, working a lot of overtime. The coming year also looks to be a mirror image.

During June and July, four new survey firms have signed agreements with Local 3: MDL & Assoc. of San Francisco, Central State Surveys based in Concord, Southern California Surveying of Dublin and Golden Pacific Surveys out of Milpitas.

#### **The Wilson Watch**

With Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson on the campaign trail, here's how much time he is spending here in California compared with time spent out of state.

Through August 27: Days spent in California - 162 Days spent out of state - 77



Barry Morte, left, and Party Chief Manuel Escovedo of Griner

Party Chief/LS Randy







< Chainman Steve Freitas, left, Party Chief Ken Schissler, middle, and Chainman Larry

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TECHENGINEERS

by Paul Schissler

**Tech Agent** 

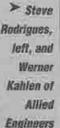


Party Chief Billy Brown, left, and Party Chief Jim Cullison of Towill Inc.

< Rodman/Chainman Bert Wymer, left, and Party Chief Irving Kurasaki of Alhambra Surveyors

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ADDICTIONRECOVERYPROGRAM

#### Fired firefighter gets back wages because of flawed drug test

n arbitrator recently ordered the U.S. Air Force to give back pay to a former firefighter who lost his job after testing positive for cocaine in a lab mix-up.

Gregory Leptich had worked as a civilian firefighter for the Air Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California for 13 years when he was fired in 1993. His employer said he violated policy when he failed a random drug test in May 1993.

Arbitrator Marvin Feldman ordered the employer to give undisclosed back wages to Leptich after medical records showed that the test was flawed. The firefighter's blood type is O-positive, but the urine test came from a person with type A blood.

In a letter from his employer, Leptich was told he lost his job due to testing positive for cocaine and because he was AWOL for four days in July. The Air Force Civilian Drug Testing Plan required that workers who test positive be removed from their job if they refused counseling or rehabilitation. The letter noted that Leptich had a good work record, with no misconduct and above average performance records. The letter of dismissal said Leptich did report to a counselor on one occasion, where he denied using drugs, but failed to show proof.

The union, the International Association of Firefighters, filed a grievance on his behalf, and the matter went to arbitration. At the arbitration hearing, the union presented evidence that the AWOL occurred on days that Leptich had been absent from

Addiction Recovery Program

work with a back injury and presented his employer with a doctor's excuse. Feldman dismissed the AWOL charge after determining that Leptich's file contained sufficient medical evidence to show that he was being treated for a back ailment.

However, representatives for the Air Force argued that the drug test was enough to warrant Leptich's dismissal. The union questioned whether the employer's random drug test targeted Leptich, noting that he had been selected "several times" while others had not been selected at all.

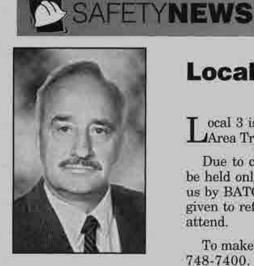
Feldman said a computer program was used to select civilian employees for testing, and that the union could not prove that the Air Force "weighed the program" to select Leptich.

The Air Force testified that Leptich's urine sample was handled properly. The union contested the sample, arguing that it belonged to someone else. Leptich said he returned his unlabeled sample to the military lab and placed it on a turnstile and "lost sight of it."

Feldman said the government failed to consider that it showed two different blood types on its paperwork for Leptich, and did not seek a retest after he denied the results. Feldman ordered the employer to pay Leptich back wages and benefits, including any overtime he would have accrued while he was fired.

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by Brian Bishop

**Safety Director** 

Local 3 resumes BATT training

Local 3 is once again teaching BATT classes, now called Bay Area Training Corporation Classes (BATC).

Due to charges by BATC for out-of-area audits, courses will be held only in the Bay Area. Because of restrictions placed on us by BATC, classes are limited to 35 students. Priority will be given to refresher students. You must reserve a slot in order to attend.

To make reservations, contact the Safety Department at (510) 748-7400. If you have already upgraded your BATC card through another source, please send us a copy for our records.

This is an eight-hour basic safety training course. All classes will begin promptly at 7 a.m. There will be no late admittance. Late arrivals from lunch or break will not be allowed to complete the course. You will receive your BATC card at the completion of the eight hours, and the card is good for two years from date of issue.

You must have two forms of identification in order to take the course. One must be a picture ID such as a driver's license, the other must verify your Social Security number, such as your Social Security card, pay stub, dues card. Identification will be checked by your instructor during class. Remember, no identification, no BATC card. Also, you must be able to read and comprehend English to complete the course, which is given only in English. No coaching is allowed. Grading is either pass or fail. You must pass your test by a minimum of 70 percent in order to be BATC certified.

The following eight-hour BATC classes have been scheduled. All classes start at 7 a.m.

Local 3 headquarters, 1620 S. Loop Rd., Alameda:

Sat. - September 9 Tues. - September 12 Tues. - October 17 Thurs. - November 2 Fri. - November 3 Sat. - November 4 Thurs. - November 16

Classes at the Fairfield District Office, 2540 N. Watney Way:

Wed. - September 13 Wed. - October 18 Wed. - November 15

Remember to SHOP UNION when looking for quality products.

by Bud Ketchum

**ARP** Director

#### News from the MARYSVILLEDISTRICT

#### Blaisdell & Baker nabs Holly Ave. bridge job

MARYSVILLE – The work picture in Marysville continues to look good. The out-of-work list is down, meaning a lot of members are working.

Blaisdell & Baker from Redding was the low bidder on the Holly Avenue realignment and bridge job in Chico. This will be construction of an 83-footlong single-span bridge along with realignment and reconstruction of the existing street, including the curb, gutter, storm drain and sewer.

Ford Construction from Lodi was low bidder on the Loyalton Wastewater Improvement Project, which calls for construction of a 146,000-gallon per day wastewater treatment facility with a pond and generator, and installing about 4,780 linear feet of 12-inch gravity sewer pipeline, and 4,300 linear feet of 6-inch water pipeline. At press time, Ford has now moved in on this project.

Butte Construction from Glenn is moving along on the Palermo-Honcut Highway reconstruction project in Butte County. This is installing drainage structures and doing grading and paving from Alice Avenue to just north of Palermo Road.

Baldwin Contracting is in full swing on the federal highway project in West Glenn County with Valentine Surfacing from Vancouver, Wash., moving in to do the grinding work for Baldwin.

Baldwin is also doing the federal highway road

project at Alleghany in East Sierra County, along with the reconstruction of Hwy. 89 just South of Sierraville in Sierra County. Baldwin's rock plants are staying very busy supplying material for all this work. The Hallwood plant is presently working two shifts.

Yuba Sierra Constructors from Marysville is doing a lot of paving this year on various projects in the Marysville District. It presently working on the Hwy. 99 widening and rehabilitation project in South Sutter County from near Tudor to just north of Sacramento Avenue. Jerry Lee Ford is working on the culvert's extension.

#### Dan Mostats, Business Rep.



From left to right are Business Rep. Dan Mostats, Bladu Operator Dala Gerig, Gradosettor Brant Sims, Scraper Operator Suki Bains, Foreman Matt Herman, District Rep. Darell Steele, and Superintandent Ren Nicks

Yuba Sierra Constructor's Hwy. 99 widening project in South Sutter County



From left are Superintendent Ron Hicks, Foreman Matt Herman, Flag Controller Sara Cervantes, District Rep. Carell Steele and Diade Opsrator Martin Trellog

#### **Membership drive to strengthen Democrats**

MARYSVILLE – The Sutter Buttes Democratic Club is conducting a membership drive to strengthen the Democratic Party in the southern part of Assembly District 2, which includes the counties of Sutter, Colusa and part of Butte.

It is of the utmost importance that all working people register as Democrats and vote in all elections. Remember the old saying, "The job you save may be your own."

As Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton has been writing in the *Engineers News*, everyone must get involved. The 1996 election will be a rough race for all Democrats. We will need volunteers for phone banks, to put up signs, to register voters, and most of all, to get out the vote. Any help you can give to further this cause will be greatly appreciated.

With these thoughts in mind, please join us in making this club an outstanding and knowledgeable organization to promote the Democratic Party.

We are planning a social gathered some time in October as a get-acquainted party. For information, call Evelyn at (916) 695-1123 or the Local 3 hall in Marysville at 743-7321 or 1-800-237-4091.



#### Women operators continue tradition of meeting at Delancey St. Restuarant after semi-annual

It is becoming a tradition that after the semi-annual meeting a group of women Operating Engineers adjourn to the Delancey Street Restaurant on The Embarcadero for lunch, socializing and sharing of experiences.

There were 10 women operators at Delancey Street this time. We updated each other on where we've been working and the struggles and accomplishments we've had in the field. All but one of us are currently working. It is nice to have such a good work picture.

Another bit of news is that sister Tammy Castillo, who was severely burned in an onthe-job accident in August 1993, has returned to work. She is now the Fairfield District dispatcher. I would just like to say good luck to her in her new job, and a big welcome back, Tammy! News from the SACRAMENTODISTRICT

## Flood project clears way for 7,000 homes in Natomas area

SACRAMENTO – My byline at the end of this article is probably not familiar to many of you. That's because I'm the new business agent in the Sacramento District. I am a 14-year member and for most of those years was a heavy-duty repairman. I am very proud to represent the members of this extremely strong local. My area is going to be north Sacramento and Yolo County.

Syar Madison, Solano Concrete, Teichert Ready Mix in Woodland and Teichert Aggregates in Esparto are having a very good year. Teichert and Solano Concrete have both been awarded their mining permits. The future is looking brighter in Yolo County.

Teichert and R. C. Collet's shops are very busy keeping the equipment on line. Teichert is keeping 15 operators busy at the Sacramento Metro Airport doing an overpass and parking lot. The company also has 10 operators working in Woodland at the Sycamore Ranch subdivision.

Granite is on schedule with the \$13.2 million Business I-80 and Hwy. 160 interchange improvement.

ARB and Dresser Areia have been working about 60 to 75 members on the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District pipeline project, which consists of 62 miles of 20-inch gas pipe. The line starts in Winters and ties into four co-generation plants under construction in Sacramento.

RGW is getting good production from 20 Operating Engineers running wide open on a \$7.8 million underpass and widening of Harbor Boulevard in West Sacramento. RGW also has 10 operators working on a \$7.6 million project extending Exposition Boulevard to Hwy. 160.

Homer J. Olsen has about 25 Operating Engineers working long hours and is way ahead of schedule on its estimated \$8.2 million Natomas Flood Control Project. On the Friday before the Labor Day holiday, the company let the crew quit at noon and hosted a large barbecue for all the employees.

When the levee project is completed, city planners are expected to release permits for about 7,000 new homes in the Natomas area, which will improve the work picture even more.

Morse Diesel from New York was awarded the federal court house building on 6th and H streets in downtown Sacramento. The ground-breaking ceremony was held August 29. It is estimated that this project will put many building trades people to work and will last about two years.

M & M Electric has \$311,500 worth of work in

various locations of Yolo County. The work includes the installation of new traffic signals, signal loop detectors, curb ramps, islands, interconnecting conduit cable and pull boxes.

Case Pacific is doing the sound wall on I-80 in West Sacramento. Dillingham is working hard trying to get Folsom Dam repaired in time for next spring's run-off (see article on page 10 for more details).

Teichert is still busy all around the Folsom-El Dorado Hills area. Everyone at Teichert plants and Cat shops seem to be getting more than enough hours. Granite, Frank Medina and Benco are working hard to finish the Business I-80 expansion between Hwy. 160 and Watt Avenue.

The pre-negotiation with Levins Metals went very well and shop steward Graig Bagwell gave good support in the negotiations.

The Sacramento office spearheaded the organizing of 55 mechanics at Ryder Truck in West Sacramento, with negotiations starting in couple of weeks.

> Ricky Johnson Sr., Business Rep.

#### **RETIREE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

#### LAKEPORT

Thurs: Sept. 21, 1995 10:00 AM. Senior Citizens Center 527 Konocti, Lakeport, CA

SANTA ROSA-Chi Chapter Thurs: Sept. 21, 1995 2:00 PM Luther Burbank Center 50 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa, CA

WATSONVILLE-lota Chapter Thurs, Sept. 28, 1995 10:00 AM VFW Post 1716 1960 Freedom Blvd., Freedom, CA

SAN JOSE-Kappa Chapter Thurs Sept. 28, 1995 2:00 PM Italian Gardens 1500 Almaden Rd., San Jose, CA

EUREKA-Alpha Chapter Toes. Oct. 3, 1995 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bidg 2806 Broadway, Eureka, CA

REDDING-Beta Chapter Wed: Oct: 4, 1995 2:00 PM Moose Lodge 320 Lake Bivd

MARYSVILLE-Gamma Chapter Thurs. Oct. 5, 1995 2:00 PM Sutter-Yuba Board of Realtors Bidg. 1 1558 Starr Dr., Yuba City, CA

FRESNO-Theta Potlock Picnic & Mtg. Tues, Oct. 10, 1995 11:00 AM Woodward Park - Valley View Area 7775 Friant, Fresno, CA AUBURN-Epsilon Chapter Thurs. Oct. 12 1995 10:00 AM Auburn Recreation Center 123 Recreation Dr., Auburn, CA

#### SACRAMENTO-Zeta Chapter Thurs: Oct. 12, 1995 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bldg. 4044 N. Freeway, Sacramento, CA

CERES Thurs. Oct. 19, 1995 10:00 AM Morris Bidg. 800 E. Morris, Modesto, CA

STOCKTON-Eta Chapter Thurs, Oct. 19, 1995 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bldg. 1916 N. Broadway, Stockton, CA

RENO-Xi Chapter Mtg. & Open House Sat. Nov. 18, 1995 12:00 PM Operating Engineers Bidg 1290 Corporate Bivd., Reno, NV

FAIRFIELD-Chi-Gamma Chapter Thurs: Nov. 9, 1995 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bidg 2540 N Watney, Fairfield, CA

S. F.-SAN MATEO-Kappa Nu Chapter Thurs. Nov. 30, 1995 10:00 AM AM Air Transport Employees 1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA

IGNACIO-Chi Beta Chapter Thurs. Nov. 30, 1995 2.00 PM Alvarado Inn. 250 Entrada. Nevalo, CA

## **NOTICE**

#### To: THE OPERATORS OF DIESEL ENGINE EQUIPMENT Re: California Proposition 65 Warning

Proposition 65, a California law, requires warning about exposures to chemicals, including constituents of diesel engine exhaust, which are listed under that law.

Beginning during the next year, diesel engine equipment will carry the following **CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING** either on the equipment or in the operating manual:

#### CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

Please note this warning and remember ----

Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area; If in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside; Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system.

#### How To Run A Scraper

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by Ron Gardner

Run real fast, run real slow, Carry your can high, carry your can low. Don't drag your can, whatever you do, Just take those bumps, they won't hurt you. That haul road's smooth, it's just like glass, So fly right through, but grab your ass! That blade came by six weeks ago, Why things got rough, we just don't know. It must be a scraper dragging his can, When things go wrong, blame a scraper hand. Sail off that hill with your hitch locked down, Or you might make a ripple in the nice smooth ground. Watch out for stakes, they're just like gold, If you hit one, you'll hit the road. Haul lots of muck, but do as we say, And don't forget, yield the right of way. Look out for water trucks, folks on the ground, The boss on coffee break, look all around. That push cat's there to help you out, But try as you may, he'll bitch and pout. Take orders in the cut, orders on the fill; Orders on the haul road, all against your will. Don't try to think, that's wrong to do. Everyone here is a boss, but you! You're in the barrel, and here's the plan, You won't get out, you're a scraper hand. You silly boy, just do it our way, Let's have some fun, but no horse play. Now don't you bitch, 'cause if you do, We'll call the hall, that's it you're through

#### News from the **RENO**DISTRICT

#### **Open house for new Reno hall**

RENO - In lieu of a picnic this year, the Reno District will hold an open house on Saturday, November 18 to show off our new building, which will be located in the Dermody Business Park at 1290 Corporate Boulevard in Reno, on the corner of Mill Street and McCarrean Boulevard. We will hold our retirees meeting in the new meeting hall at 11 a.m. After the meeting, food and beverages will be served. The open house will start at 1 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. We would like to invite all of our members and their families to visit our new facility.



#### FROM THE SANTA ROSA OFFICE

SANTA ROSA – Local 3 member Mike Hughes, left, got together with Santa Rosa District Rep. Bob Miller and Boh's girlfriend Myra Aviles, center, and Dispatcher George Steffenson and ran in the May 21 Examiner Bay to Breakers Run in San Francisco, Calif.

#### **Teaching Techs con't from . 17**

	NCSJAC 1995-1990	6 Hands-On Course	Schedule
Date	Alameda/Martinez/San Jose	Santa Rosa	Sacramento
Sept. 9, 1995	Real Time/GPS	Boundary	Boundary
Oct. 14, 1995	Boundary	Cross Sections	Cross Sections
Nov. 11, 1995	Cross Sections	Level Loop	Real Time/GPS
Dec. 9, 1995	Level Loop	Real Time/GPS	Level Loop
Jan. 13, 1996	Control, Networks & Adjustments	Control, Networks & Adjustments	Control, Networks & Adjustments
Feb. 10, 1996	Slope Staking	Slope Staking	Slope Staking
March 9, 1996	Radial Staking/Azimuth	Radial Staking/Azimuth	Radial Staking/Azimuth
April 13, 1996	Hands-on Comp Refresher	Hands-on Comp Refresher	Hands-on Comp Refresher
May 11, 1996	Hands-on Competition	Hands-on Competition	Hands-on Competition
			Note CPS change Santa Rosa

#### CLASS LOCATIONS:

Alameda/Martinez/San Jose Operating Engineers Main Office 1620 S. Loop Rd., Alameda, CA Santa Rosa Operating Engineers Union Hall 3900 Mayette, Santa Rosa, CA Note GPS change Santa Rosa

Sacramento Rancho Mureta Training Center 7388 Murieta Dr., Rancho Murieta, CA

#### **Hazmat schedule**

San Francisco - Sept. 29 Fairfield - Dec. 2 Santa Rosa - Dec. 8 Oakland - Oct. 9-13, Oct. 20, Dec. 11-15, and Dec. 16 Stockton - Sept. 30, Oct. 23 Fresno - Oct. 28 Marysville - Dec. 1 Redding - Nov. 11 Sacramento - Nov. 6-10, Nov. 29 San Jose - Oct. 14

#### **BATC** schedule

Local 3 headquarters in Alameda - Sept. 9, Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 2, Nov. 3, Nov. 4, Nov. 16.

Fairfield District - Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15.

Again, check with your local union hall or the Safety Department for particulars about each date and course.

#### MEETINGS&ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOTICES

#### RENO DISTRICT OFFICE MOVING TO ITS NEW BUILDING

Effective Oct. 2, 1995, the Reno District office will move to its new office building. The new address is:

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 1290 Corporate Boulevard Reno, NV 89502 (702) 857-4440 (Dispatch Hall) (702) 857-3105 (Apprenticeship Dept.)

The district office will remain at its *temporary* location of 445 Apple St., Ste. 100, until the above date.

#### OAKLAND OFFICE MOVES TO THE ALAMEDA HEADQUARTERS

Effective Sept. 18, 1995, the Oakland District Office will relocate to the Alameda Headquarters. The new address and phone numbers are:

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 1620 S. Loop Road Alameda, CA 94502 (510) 748-7446 (Dispatch Hall) (510) 748-7438 (Public Employees Dept.) (510) 748-7410 (JAC Apprenticeship Dept.) (510) 748-7413 (No. Cal Surveyors JAC) (510) 748-7431 (Technical Engineers Dept.) (510) 748-7420 (Foundation for Fair Contracting)

#### SANTA ROSA DISTRICT MEETING ELECTION OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Recording-Corresponding Secretary Robert L. Wise announces that on Sept. 19, 1995, at 7 p.m., at the regular quarterly District 10 (Santa Rosa) membership meeting, there will be an election for one (1) Grievance Committee member to fill the unexpired term left vacant by resignation. The meeting will be held as follows:

> September 19, 1995, 7 p.m. St. Eugene's Church 2323 Montgomery Drive Santa Rosa, CA

#### FRESNO DISTRICT ELECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL/MARKET AREA ADDENDUM COMMITTEE MEMBER

Recording-Corresponding Secretary Robert L. Wise announces that on Oct. 26, 1995, at 7 p.m., at the regular quarterly District 50 (Fresno) membership meeting, there will be an election for one (1) Geographical/Market Area Addendum Committee member to fill the unexpired term left vacant by resignation. The meeting will be held as follows:

> October 26, 1995, 7 p.m. Laborer's Hall 5431 East Hedges Fresno, CA



The following retirees have thirty-five (35) or more years of membership in the Local Union as of August 1995, and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective October 1, 1995. They were presented at the August 13, 1995 Executive Board Meeting.

Larry W. Aksland	
Claude Alfson	
Richard Ballenger	
Lynn Barlow	
Millard Bowers	
Eris Buchanan	
Bobby G. Clifton	
Stanley Cox	
Ralph Esquivel	
Mike Gabiola	
Antonio Gomes	
Bob Harris	
Farrell H. Hatch	
Kenneth Hicks	
E.C. Jarvis	Reg #0663989
James Lafond	
Kenneth Lowe	
Robert P. Lynch	
Gerald Muck	
Esmenio Nelmida	Reg #0969699
Don Hogers	
Arimich Sato	
Kenichi Shimabukuro	Reg #1033765
Rudolph N. Westphal	

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Alameda, Porte		
Casey, Regis	Morison, ME	07/02/9
Cintrone, Andrew	Pleasanton, CA	
Dalpozzo, Jim	Ukiah, CA	07/01/9
Fernandez, Edward	Jackson, CA	07/06/9
Forsey, George	Hemet, CA	07/01/9
Halstead, Clarence		07/04/9
	Salem, OR	
	Kearns, UT	
	Stockton, CA	
	Oakland, CA	
	Olivehurst, CA	07/15/9
Jackson, Byron	Oakland, CA	
Johnson, Louie	Weed, CA	
Johnston, Ted	Kaneohe, HI	07/08/9
Jones, Jack	Elko, NV	07/01/9
Lollar, Lester	Redding, CA	06/26/9
	Auburn, GA	
	Oakland, CA	
Morgan, Earl	Wathena, KS	07/10/9
Munn, Kenneth	Angels Camp, CA	
Nielsen, Carl	Hayward, CA	
Popejay, Floyd Sr.	N. Highlands, CA	07/03/9
Porter, Charles	Sacramento, CA	
Regan, M.	Okiahoma City, OK	
Roderick, Charles	Groveland, CA	
Smith, Hubert		07/22/9
Sutton, Bob	Olivehurst, CA	07/06/9
	Woodland, CA	
	Ogden, UT	
	Cottonwood, CA	
Wyatt, Stephen	Modesto, CA	
Deceased Dependents		
Acasia, Lillian (wife of F	rank Acasia)	05/24/9
Lay, Marilyn (wife of Dav	vid Lay)	07/05/98
McCarthy, Kathryn (wife	of Dennis McCarthy)	07/24/99
Bailey, Theima (wife of !	ewis Balley (dec))	
Creekmore, Doris (wife o	of Delbert Creekmore)	
	Joe Geer)	
Haack, Laurine (wife of I	Robert Haack)	

Lambkin, Norma (wife of Joseph Lambkin) Price, Mary (wife of Vernon Price) Storrs, Cleoma (wife of George Storrs)

07/11/95

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#### DISTRICT MEETINGS All district meetings will convene at 7 pm. SEPTEMBER 1995 7th......District 20: Oakland, CA Local 3 Headquarters 1620 S. Loop Rd. Alameda District 17: Hilo, HI 12th ... Hilo ILWU Hall 100 W. Lanikaula St. 13th ..... ...District 17: Maui, HI Waikapu Community Center 22 Waiko Place Wailuku 14th ...... District 17: Honolulu, HI Washington Intermediate School Cafeteria 1633 South King St 19th ...... District 17: Kona, HI Holualoa Imin Community Ctr. 76-5877 Mamalahoa Holualoa 19th ...... District 10: Santa Rosa, CA St. Eugene's Church 2323 Montgomery Drive 21st......District 17: Kauai, HI Kauai H.S. Cafeteria

Lihue 28th.....District 90: San Jose, CA Labor Temple 2102 Almaden Road

#### OCTOBER 1995

3rd ......District 40: Eureka, CA **Engineers Building** 2806 Broadway 4th.....District 70: Redding, CA **Engineers Building** 20308 Engineers Lane District 60: Marysville, CA 5th ..... Cannery Workers 3557 Oro Dam Blvd., Oroville 12th.....District 80: Sacramento, CA **Engineers Building** 4044 N. Freeway Blvd 19th ..... District 30: Stockton, CA **Engineers Building** 1916 North Broadway 26th .....District 50: Fresno, CA Laborer's Hall 5431 East Hedges

#### **NOVEMBER 1995**

1st......District 12: Ogden, UT

Ogden Park Hotel
247 · 24th St.

2nd ....District 11: Reno, NV

Engineers Building
1290 Corporate Blvd.

9th.....District 04: Fairfield, CA

Engineers Building
2540 N. Watney Way

30th ....District 01: Marin, CA

Alvarado Inn
6045 Redwood Hwy.
Novato

#### Free Want-Ads for Members

FOR SALE: 1967 GMC SWB pickup. No engine, no trans. \$500 OBO. Also: 1949 Ford pickup parts. Bed, flat head V8-2 sp. trans, etc. Call for prices. English saddle; used very little, 2 yrs. old, cinch, irons, bust coliar: \$250. (916) 534-3407. Reg #2001342 8/95

FOR SALE: Equipment trailer. 3-axle, electric brakes, 17 x 61/2, pintle hitch. (916) 622-2775 8/95

 EOR SALE:
 1994 Lance
 880 camper.
 Extended cab, 10' x

 9', fully self-contained, AC/heat, generator, TV, vcr, microwave.
 Used 4 times.
 \$16,000. (408) 378-0856 or (408) 379-6728.

 Reg ≢1043707
 8/95

FOR SALE: 1977 Ideal Trailer. 32-ft, self-contained, TV, stereo w/speakers. Extras: pols, pans, dishes. Well maintained. Registration up to date. Must see to appreciate. \$2,500. (916) 363-1430 after 5:00 pm. 8/95

FOR SALE: 1978 Class "A" motor home. Itasca Sun Cruiser by Winnebago. 55K mi., Dodge 440 engine, new front tires, brakes, refrig. Dash and rool air, microwave, built-in TV antenna, walk-around double bed, self contained. Very good cond. \$8,900. (209) 736-9351. Reg #529168 8/95

FOR SALE: 1991 Sturgis #416. New! \$18,500 OB0. (510) 528-9064. Reg #1974014 8/95

FOR SALE: 1970 Ford Maverick. Runs, 95 tags, needs work, \$300. (510) 606-7280. Reg #1834526 8/95

FOR SALE: Maim free-standing round fireplace. 48° diameter w/10° chimney pipe, all finished in beautiful white enamel. \$250 OBO, Dave (916) 632-0110. Reg #863995 8/95

FOR SALE: 18-ft Eliminator tricked Berkeley polished turnel Ram, Holleys, MSD, Auto Meter, Bassets. \$11,500 or trade. Leaving state. (916) 742-9132. Reg ≢1988754 8/95

FOR SALE: House in Yuba County. 3-bd/31/2-ba, large shop, bam, fenced, irrig. avail. Great for horses or cows. Year round creek. All on 10 freed acres. Paved access. \$325,000. Leaving state. (916) 742-9132. Reg #1988754 8/95

FOR SALE: 5 acres Foothill property. Fenced, septic tested, Irrig. available. Paved road, \$60,000. Leaving state. (916) 742-9132. Reg #1988754 8/95

FOR SALE: Energac Hydraulic system. P-84 pump and two RD-256 hyd. cylinders, 2 hose set-ups w/quick couplers. Used twice, like new. Leaving state. (916) 742-9132. Reg #1988754 8/95

FOR SALE: Mountain property. Plumas County 1/3 acre in LaPorte townsite. Power, water and phone at property, paved access. \$14,000 OBO or trade. (916) 742-9132. Reg #1988/54 8/95

FOR SALE: American Canyon home. Manufactured home in secure family park. Large two car garage, central heat & air, 1,744 sq. It., 2-bd/2-ba, corner lot. (707) 643-3531. Reg #0463892 8/95

FOR SALE: House in Quartz Valley, CA. Overlooking Marble Mts. in Siskyou Co., 3/4 acres, garage, wood shed, deeded, spring water feeds house. Deer hunting area. \$43,500 owner will finance or trade for boat. (408) 389-4539. Reg #0110191 8/95

FOR SALE: 1968 GMC 3/4 ton pickup. 4x4, 327-V8, locking hubs, positraction, EZ-Lift, elec brake control, light plug, aux tank, 2 sets tires, mounted wheels, camper shell, queen bed, AC, 8-track, radio, new upholstery, other goodies. Looks, feels, and is good. \$4,500. (209) 732-8461. Reg #558773 8/95

FOR SALE: 3 acres in Shingletown area. 4K-tt elev. on Hwy 44, 24 mi from Redding, 20 mi to Lassen Park. All black top roads, near small airport, bldg site is cleared, well & septic are in, beautifully treed. \$45,000/neg. (916) 533-7474. Reg #1006613 8/95

FOR SALE: 3 city lots. 3/4 mi. to downtown/Clamath Falls. Beautiful view of the Basin. Bus 1 blk, grocery 1 blk, golfing 1 mi, lake 2 mi. \$7,000 each or all three \$20,000. Also: 25' Chinook Class A motorhome. 63K mi, new tires, shocks, paint, int; sleeps 5. \$9,900. (503) 798-1073. Reg #0728471 8/95

FOR SALE: 1948 Willys Jeep CJ2A. Stock! In very good cond, unbelievably low mi. \$2,500. Also: 1978 Road Ranger 26' motorhome. Bunkhouse sleeps 6. Dodge 440 engine, cruise, 44K mi, dual air, awning, TV ant, stereo, new carpet, cushion covers and curtains. \$8,500 OBO. (408) 336-8663. Reg #1155490 8/95

FOR SALE: 1989 Terry Taurus trailer. 20, self-contained, gas/electric refrig, dinette, 2 side doors, rear bed, low mi, EZ load hilch, clean. \$6,800. (916) 988-9693. Reg #1061990 8/95

FOR SALE: 2-bd/1-ba house. Clearlake, CA. Many upgrades, custom cabinets, pellet stove, carport, on a paved street. \$61,000. Also: two adjoining 50' x 100' lots for \$15,000. Or buy all for \$75,000. Call anytime (707) 994-2407. Reg #2057784 8/95

FOR SALE: Allison transmissions. One MT643 and one HT-70. Make offer. (209) 255-4372. Reg #1596066 8/95 FOR SALE: Equipment trailer. 7-ton, 3-axle, electric brakes, 17' x 16 1/2', pintal hitch. (916) 622-2775. Reg #1136355 8/95

FOR SALE: 1988 Ford F150 pickup. White/black trim, 4.9L EFI-I6 eng, 5-spd, aux fuel tank, 6250-Ib GVWR pkg, PS, PB, long bed, sliding rear window w/shell, black fold away mirrors, Argent rear step bumper, orig owner, 76K mi. Very clean. \$7,000. Call AI evenings (510) 635-9502 or e-mail to GOTHA229@AOL.com. Reg #01511PF4 8/95

FOR SALE: 24' 2" Fiberform cruiser. I/O, Ford 302, Iuli Delta cover. \$6,500 OBO. Frank (510) 797-3553. Reg #059126 8/95

FOR SALE: Estate sale. 2-bd/1-ba on 1 acre in Tehama. Co., 25 mi north of Chico. Well out buildings, shade trees, walnut and pecan, \$62,900. Also: 5 acre building site; fenced pasture, water shares paved road. \$40,000. (916) 384-2516. Reg #1054875 8/95

FOR SALE: Antique trunk for 1934-35 Buick. Rear mount, all metal, made by GMC. In great shape. Call Leo in Nevada City (916) 265-5268. Reg #1022348 8/95

FOR SALE: Home on 80 acres. Bring horses! Pole barn 50' x 75', horse barn w/4 stalls & runs. House is 3-bd/2 full baths 12 mi to town off Hwy 505, NW of Woodland, CA. \$325,000. (916) 662-0677, Reg #1262930 8/95

FOR SALE: 1986 Suzuki Samarai. 4x4, good condition, AM/FM cassette stereo. \$3,000 OBO. Evenings (510) 828-5994. 8/95

FOR SALE: 1978 Sanger Jet Hydro. One of a kind. 460 Ford tunnel ram w/2-750 Hollys, Mallory ignition, blueprinted Berkeley pump, tandem axle trailer w/surge brakes. \$8,250 Don (510) 449-5288. Reg #1704156 8/95

FOR SALE: 1994 Dolphin Diesel Pusher motorhome. 34', 6-speed transmission, near new, loaded with upgrades, 9K mi. Must sell; will consider trade. (916) 589-3772. Reg #1051248 8/95

FOR SALE: Mechanics truck. Chevy 1987 1-ton cab and chassis w/Stahl HD 6-compartment body, reinforced for auto crane. Chevy 350 AT, AC, radio, low miles. \$3,500 OBO. (209) 832-8838. Reg #814856 8/95

FOR SALE: Home in Mt. Shasta, CA. 2-bd/2-ba on 1.25 acres, 2 car gar, oak cab, ceramic tile, bay and garden windows, beuilt-in Jenn-Air appliances, monitor hear, 12' x 12' pump house, well w/150+ gpm, 1500 gal septic. RV hook-up w/phone, power, and dump. Beautifully landscaped, auto sprinklers, \$145,000. (916) 926-5520. Reg #2110821 8/95

 FOR SALE:
 4-wheel drive pop-up camper for short-bed

 Toyota truck.
 Propane, self-contained w/heater.
 Sleeps 2 or 3.

 \$4,500.
 Call (415) 699-7895
 8/95

FOR SALE: Gentlemens Ranchette. El Dorado Co., Ca; Town of Rescue. 5 acreas, 78 GPM well, util. to tot line, pond site and spring. Lowest price parcel in area, only \$89,000. Homes in area are \$250K+. (916) 274-2709. Reg #5632529/95

FOR SALE: Vacation home or small sports lodge in Shasta Co. Ready to move in. Completely furnished 3-bd/2-ba, w/gazebo on 7/ro acre. Located on 10th fairway of golf course. Ample boat/RV parking. Golf, fish, boat, hunt, hike, fly. Lighted county airstrip nearby. \$219,500. (415) 681-8484. Reg 9/058674 9/05

FOR SALE: 1-Acre river frontage lots. Four available. Central San Joaquin Delta; easy access to I-5 and Hwy. 12; cool delta breezes and awesome views; 150M ea. (916) 777-6134 or (916) 777-6411 or fax (916) 777-6401. Reg #0889192 9/95

FOR SALE: 1980 Wellcraft 25.5 Suncruiser. Large cabin and self-contained with trailer. Good condition. \$8,500 or trade (916) 722-4418. Reg #2049670 9/95

FOR SALE: Austrian Steyr GB 9-mm pistol. Four magazines, 18 shot each, orig box, no reg required. \$500 or trade.

Robert (510) 372-5893. Reg# 2084439 9/95 FOR SALE: 1991 Plymouth Laser Turbo. Excellent condi-

tion in/out. 6-cyl. 16-valve eng. loaded, all power, excellent performance tires, alloy wheels, AM/FM stereo, tinted glass, new turbo. Fast! Body similar to Mitsubishi Eclipse. 55K mi \$10,000. (510) 754-2379. 9/95

FOR SALE: 25-ft. Sth Wheel. 1985 Road Ranger. Cent heat/air, full tub/shower, walk-thru bathroom, queen bed, pullout couch bed, elec. ign, water & fridge, spare tire. Everything works well. \$6,900 OB0. (510) 443-2309. Reg #821416 9/95

FOR SALE: Mobile home. 24x58'; tot 45x95' in Clear Lake Oaks, Ca. All fenced 4-car garage, 2 storage areas, surrounded by walnut trees and private marina. \$75,000. (707) 998-4051, Reg #0702261 9/95

FOR SALE: 30-ft Bayliner 1977. 10<sup>4</sup> Beam. Two new 350 Chevys, completely loaded and renovated. Sleeps 6. Dad's in Alaska and says, "Sell this boat!" This is a MUST SEE! \$21,500. Call 6-8 pm or weekends (209) 957-8823. Reg #2035189 9/95 FOR SALE: 160 acres. With 84 acre water rights; 25 miles from Winnemucca, Nev. \$140,000. (916) 824-1380 Reg #0935404 9/95

FOR SALE: Mobile home in Concord, Ca. 12:x63', 2bd/2-ba, two covered carports, dw, w/d, new cent air, double roof, 3 room closed, double glass, 8'x50', 2 storage sheds. Beautiful park-water, garb, TV free, \$28,000, owner will carry. (510) 825-3710. Reg #0251068 9/95

FOR SALE: 1989 Winnebago Elandan. 37-tt, fully loaded, full awnings, air/hyd jacks, 76K mi. \$50,000 or take over payments. (510) 689-6594. Reg #1597749 9/95

FOR SALE: 3 pool tables. Still In boxes. One complete and other two are frames only, no legs. Price for all \$700. Call Miguel (408) 286-9178 after 4 pm. Reg #0750523 9/95

FOR SALE: Campground membership. Ponderosa Park, Coloma, Cal. on South Fork American River. Coast to coast affiliated. \$500 plus transfer fee. (916) 621-4502. Reg #0719517 9/95

FOR SALE: Women's Alameda Co. Sheriff's uniforms. Five pairs of pants (32 x 29), medium shirts and dress jacket. Excellent condition. \$125. (510) 487-6984 9/95

FOR SALE: Holt tandem axle trailer with wench, hauls car and boat overhead - easy launch and load - excel cond w/new tires: \$2,000. Also: Kar Kaddy II Dolly by Demco. Heavy duty, like new w/15" tires and set of turn ind. lites incl.: \$1,000 Alumacraft 12' John Boy boat; excel cond w/live well: \$700. Hardy (209) 862-2554. Reg #0987265 9/95

FOR SALE: 1971 International truck. 10 wheeler, 1890 Loadstar, brand new rebuilt 392, 20' Beaver tail, air brakes, G.V.W. 30,500 lbs, new front tires, headache rack. Hauled a backhoe. (916) 668-0724. Reg #2031627 9/95

FOR SALE: Laser. Laserline ELI. Elevating tripod, receiver, lender, rod, LCD, laser eye at mast. \$3,500 OBO. Call Hank (510) 278-6993. Reg #158258 9/95

FOR SALE: Mobile home in Lake Havasu City, Az 16'x70' w/9'x36' Az. room. 3-bd/2-ba, water softener, 8'x10' storage shed, trees on bubblers. Minutes to boat launch. In park w/lg pool avail. Near Laughlin, Nev. casinos. \$28,000. (520) 764-3557. Reg #0888970 9/95

FOR SALE: Time share. One week in Arnold, Ca. (near Calaveras Co.). 3-bd/2-ba, tri-level. Can be transferred anywhere in the world through RCI. \$6,000 0BO. Also: mobile home in Bay Point, Ca. 3-bd/2-ba, 24'x62', large fenced corner lot on Green Belt. Across street is swimming pool, playground, rec room w/pool room. \$45,000. Call evenings (510) 746-0682 9/95

FOR SALE: 1969 Camaro. Black "SS 350", modular chrome rims, turbo 400, Needs some body work, but still looks good. Car parts included: \$6,000 OB0. (916) 233-3929. 9/95

FOR SALE: Motorhome. 1986 26-ft Bounder. Basement, storage, awning, TV, VCR, MW, AC, excel. cond, 53K mi. Also: '86 Nissan p/u w/shell and boat rack. Several tow and trailer hitches, equalizing bars. Prices on all negotiable. (510) 223-4337. Reg #598622 9/95

FOR SALE: Surveying equipment. T-1A's, levels, rods, Topcon DMA-2, prisms, and related equipment. Retiring! Call for list, (408) 738-4264 or (415) 968-4882. Reg #080111 9/95

FOR SALE: 1978 KW tractor, Also make offers on:1968 Freuh trailer: '67 Mercedes 230SL, needs work, old washing machine: 2 Hon filing cabinets, new: \$80 ea. (510) 447-4760. Reg #0971443 9/95

FOR SALE: Lark scooter and automatic battery charger. Both in good condition. (510) 276-4173 9/95

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