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## **TOPPING OUT AT 9350 CIVIC CENTER**

As our Beverly Hills Civic Center project continues full steam ahead, we stopped long enough for a topping out party on Friday, February 2. The owner, Bank of America NT and SA, sponsored the event. The menu on this



warm and sunny winter's day consisted of tri-tip, barbequed chicken, beef ribs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert.

The \$5.5 million project, located at 9350 Civic Center Drive, consists of the rehabilition of an existing two-story office building, plus the addition of a two-story parking structure.

We wish to thank our project team consisting of: Bill Driver, project executive; Bob Grossman,



senior project manager; Jerry Rutland, superintendent; Hung Truong, project engineer; Demi Nguyen, project accountant; and Julia Gray, project secretary. F

### THE BUZZ

First Quarter Luncheon: St. Paddy's Day

he first of our quarterly luncheons will be held on Friday, March 16 and organized by the estimating department. The theme is Saint Patrick's Day which is the following day. You will receive a flyer with more details as this event approaches.

#### New Quarterly Luncheon Schedule

The remaining three quarterly luncheons will be coordinated as follows: second quarter - operations, third quarter - accounting and fourth quarter - administration and marketing. F

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

In celebration of St. Valentine's Day, we asked our co-workers the following – "What would be your ideal Valentine's gift from your spouse or significant other?"

From the 407 Maple team, Mark Chadroff wants a weekend trip to Sycamore Mineral Hot Springs in Avila Beach with a bottle of Patron. Marie Troy wants a pony and Jason Lin thinks a Mercedes S600 would be great (he doesn't care who gives it to him). Tom Gibbons, taking the high road, thinks it is nobler to give than to receive but nonetheless wants a trip to a warm, sunny place.

Phil Morawa (airport office) wants a practical gift – a schedule for the Admiral's Club that coordinates with the connector work (in exchange he'll do dishes and vacuum for a month!).

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## JOHN DODSON RETIRES

After 21 years with the company, John Dodson, superintendent, retired on January 31. His first job with Jones Brothers was a small renovation



project for Glendale Federal in East Los Angeles. Over the years he has worked on many prominent projects for prestigious clients such as

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, First Federal Square in Santa Monica, American Airlines, two projects for Pomona College and Centinela Hospital. "The most interesting job was at the Huntington Library," recalls Dodson. "It's like working in a different world." The Virginia Steele Scott Gallery at the Huntington stands today as a testament to his skills and craftsmanship. His years with Peck/Jones were not without its exciting moments. Dodson remembers on more than one occasion

a sprinkler going off in an occupied building. "It's amazing how much water comes out of one spout."



We'll all miss John but wish him and his family all the best. Don't forget to send us a postcard! F





### INTRODUCING...



Don Dagert, Senior Project Manager, Westwood Office

now have a total of 32 years in the construction business with about 28 years doing acute care hospital projects. 20 years were spent with three clients (Kaiser Hospitals, San Pedro Hospital and Tri City Medical Center) with multiple projects each. I have completed surgery suites, emergency departments, ICU/CCU units and hospital bed additions. In addition to these I have experience on a brewery addition, base isolation and office buildings.

I have three grown daughters all living in the area. I look forward to working at Peck/Jones and hope that we can complete some hospital work together. F



Ambi Smith, Project Secretary Airport Office

joined the company on December 1 as a project secretary on the American Airlines Terminal 4 Renovation project. I work with John Russell and Alan Calisher on the ATO West Ticketing, Central Security and the upcoming FIS projects. Working on the LAX project is a rewarding and educational experience.

I have ten years of administrative experience and two years of purchasing management. I also worked as a project secretary for 3D International Construction at West LA Community College in the construction of the Aerospace Hangar and Administrative Building.

I enjoy floral arranging, styling and braiding hair, roller blading at the beach and ice skating. F



# The Clipboard

A 401(k) enrollment meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 23, at 9 o'clock in the large conference room at Westwood Place for new participants to the program. However, the meeting is open to any employee who wishes to learn more about the Manulife funds. If you are enrolled in the program but missed last year's meeting, this would be a good time to learn more about the plan. Call Susan Schmid if you would like to attend.

Congratulations to Leon Caldwell and Ben Small who have been named vice presidents of the company.

Bobbi Sipes completed her first accounting class at Rio Hondo College with a perfect score on all her homework and tests. You can't get much better than 100%! We're proud of you and keep up the good work.

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY (continued from front page)

Ambi Smith prefers an evening helicopter flight overlooking the city lights followed by dinner and dancing.

Around Westwood, dinner was a popular choice. Greg Jones wants spareribs (and Lakers tickets), Jason Groshart wants dinner alone with his wife while Mark Caputo would like to go to a nice restaurant but doesn't want to plan it. Minnie Yoshinaga wants sushi and Leon Caldwell hopes to go to Saddlepeak Inn. Don Dagert, David Chin and John Picone also opt for a nice dinner out. LaTonya

Hutchsion and Lien Pham think jewelry would be nice and Ellen Henricksen and Aminah Ellis wish for heart-shaped pendants. Karen Cho would like a romantic getaway. Bill Driver would like a day off from family chores to go fishing while Wednesday Moore would like a trip to Las Vegas. Andy Widjaja is hoping for cologne and Ann Swaggerty thinks a foot massage would brighten her day. Mynetta Dawson wants redeemable love coupons (for jewelry, perfume, etc.). Donna Owens wants a flowering

plant and Susan Schmid wants a room full of cut flowers.

Whatever your plans are for today, we hope it's happy and safe. F

