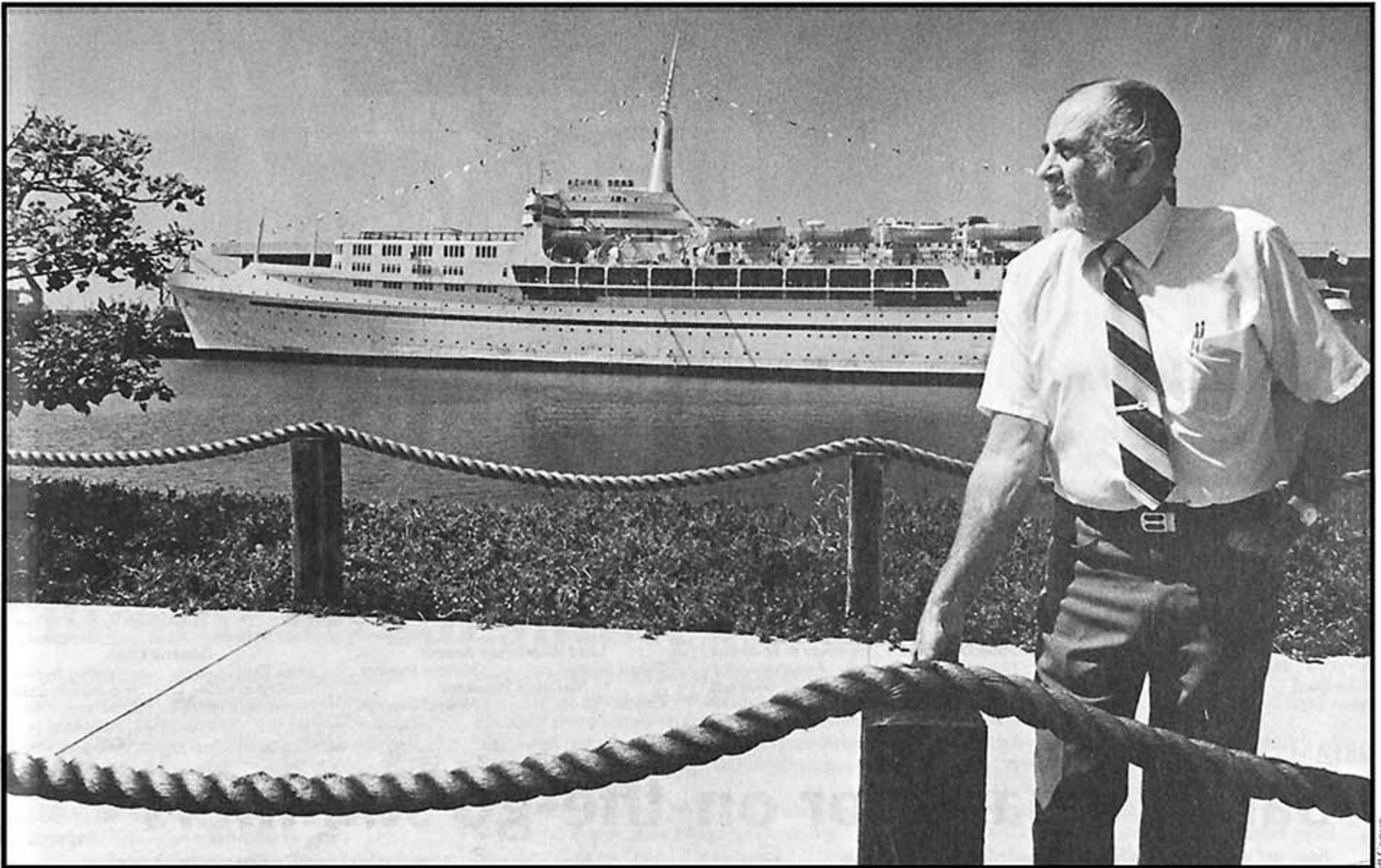


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The daily sight of cruise ships like the "S.S. Azure Seas" is one of the things that keeps Cal Cook, district service manager for San Pedro base, anchored in his city by the sea.

San Pedro: Cook hears the call of the Port

By Denise Tarr

The first thing you notice in San Pedro is the sunshine. Glancing off the waters that cut jaggedly into the land, it casts an intense white light over everything — the silky sails of yachts and the chalky surfaces of rocks. It's so bright, it almost hurts.

"There's no smog down here for the sun to fight through," explains Cal Cook simply. After 20 years of living in this bustling harbor community, Cook is an expert on everything, even the sunlight.

He knows, for example, where to get the best lobster in town, how many cruise ships dock daily and every ethnic group that makes up this giant melting pot by the sea.

But Cook's knowledge of his hometown goes far beyond tour guide facts. As district service manager of Southern's San Pedro base, he's in contact with the real pulse of the place, the hectic hub of smokestacks and container cranes known as the Port of Los Angeles.

Within a few compact miles stand some of the company's largest industrial consumers: shipyards, refineries, foundries and canneries.

This density — "Everything right where you need it" — is one of the things Cook finds fascinating about San Pedro. But then, he finds a lot that's unique on the waterfront that's been his backyard for two decades.

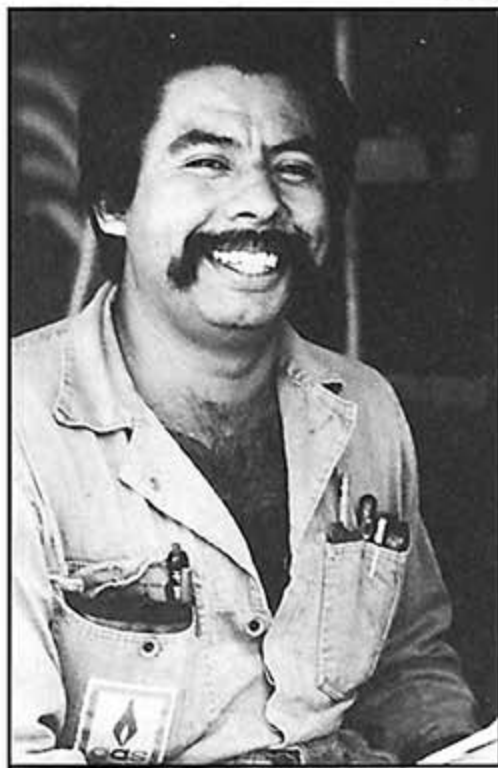
Standing on the water's edge, the town's municipal fish market only yards away, Cook points out a huge ship in the dim distance. It has a pointed front end, bright red. "That's an ice breaker. It goes all the way to South America," he explains, a touch of awe in his voice.

On the quay in front of him, Portuguese dock workers darn oily-looking tuna nets with wooden shuttles.

"We do read meters down here," says Cook, making his way over the stretches of webbing. "They're hard to get to, since they're located under the loading dock. But it's the only way the

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DREAM OR DISASTER

Safety smarts for on-the-go summers

Bags packed. House locked. Car loaded. You hit the open road feeling free and ready for fun.

After all, this is a break you've worked hard for. In fact, you've been planning for this summer spree all year . . . where you're going, how much you'll spend, who you'll see. It's all mapped out.

There's one area you might have overlooked though: safety. On the road, in the sun, at the picnic table, a little common sense planning can mean the difference between a dream vacation or a disaster.

In the sun — Your skin has to last you a lifetime. It deserves protection from the elements, especially the sun. Yet every year sun-hungry vacationers soak up far more ultraviolet rays than is healthy.

Too much of these rays can make for painful, even disfiguring, sunburns, premature aging and can be a prelude to skin cancer, a disease which strikes 5,000 sun-worshippers in Los Angeles County every year (250 of these will die from the disease).

Luckily there are ways to avoid these unhappy fates and still not miss out altogether on those soul-warming rays.

First, know your skin type and its tolerance. Fair-haired, blue-eyed people are generally more sun-sensitive than dark-haired, brown-eyed

people.

Second, be conscious of time and place. Midday — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — is the time when the sun is at its most intense. And go for small increments of tanning time in the beginning. You can't get that glorious bronzed look in one day.

Third, use commercially available sunscreens and blocks. And remember to re-apply them after swimming or after a couple of hot hours of heavy perspiring.

Dr. David Goldstein, a dermatologist with Kaiser Permanente, warns about those days when the sun seems safely filtered out by fog or haze. "Since ultraviolet light is not visible, you can't ever really tell how much sun you're getting," he cautions. "You can get a killer sunburn on the cloudiest of days."

On the road — When travelling, try to put the bulk of the miles behind you during the daylight hours. Don't push yourself to drive when it gets close to bedtime.

And tired or not, stop every hour or so during the day. Get out, stretch, have something cold to drink, change drivers if you're travelling with other people.

The key in long-distance driving, says the National Safety Council, is to avoid "highway hypnosis." Along with frequent stops, eating small, numerous meals instead of one large one,

and avoiding even one alcoholic drink, the council also recommends keeping the dashlight dim, since its glare can be hypnotic, too.

Another caution: don't let your guard down on the trip back. Coming back — tired and sunburned — it's too easy to push to get home quickly. Don't let the last stretch be yours.

At the table — Forget about the flies and ants. They're not the real pests when eating in the great outdoors. It's sneaky bacterial bugs such as salmonella or dysentery organisms that you need to look out for.

Away from refrigeration and the cleanliness of a kitchen, warm-weather picnicking provides an ideal breeding place for these "bugs." Even three or four hours at room temperature can produce toxins that cause food poisoning.

One tip is to refrigerate (or avoid altogether) picnic foods that contain eggs, mayonnaise or cream. Another is to eat any packed lunch that can't be refrigerated within three hours.

Better yet, choose non-perishable munchies like raw fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, cheese, bread and crackers.

So you're set. Your foot floors the pedal and you're off. And now that you know how to protect yourself, your summer getaway promises to be safe as well as fun.



1,500 donated pints of blood a day are needed to keep the "pipeline" flowing in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

ALIVE AND GRATEFUL

Blood: no substitute for the real thing

When **Bobbie Mintzer** said goodbye to her husband, **George**, at the hospital, neither of them was especially worried. "He had gone in for overnight observation for a nagging little stomach ache that wouldn't go away," recalls Bobbie, district manager of Northwest division.

But in the middle of the night, something went wrong. The ache exploded into no-nonsense pain, and George was wheeled into emergency surgery to stop massive internal bleeding.

"The operation was touch and go," Bobbie remembers. "They told me he had less than a 50% chance of surviving."

Yet, several hours and 23 pints of blood later, George Mintzer was alive — and grateful. "We were lucky that he was in the hospital when the rupture occurred," says Bobbie.

He had needed blood instantly — no time to contact friends and relatives for middle-of-the-night contributions. Fortunately for the Mintzers, a supply of blood was available and ample, thanks to those who donate on a regular basis.

Blood donors help save lives every day, asserts **Dave Dalgleish**, supervisor of administrative support for Pacific Lighting Gas Supply. Twelve years ago, he sat beside his brother at the USC Medical Center and watched him struggle through the aftermath of a serious accident.

In this case, too, availability of blood meant the difference between life and death. Since then, Dalgleish — a contributor for 10 years — has

been an ardent promoter of regular giving.

"People say they'd be glad to go down and donate if there's ever an emergency," he says. "But what they don't realize is that sometimes that's too late. Sometimes, the blood has got to be there already."

Continuous donations are just as important as volume, agrees **Ben Wilson**, retirement benefits counselor and until recently Headquarters coordinator for the company's blood donor program. "Don't forget that blood is perishable. It has a shelf life of only 35 days. That's why it's so important to have donations made on a regular basis."

About 120 pints of blood are donated each time the Red Cross visits Headquarters for donations, says Wilson.

But he adds, "Most of the donors are repeaters, people who've been contributing for years. What we need in the program is a little new blood."

One of the most loyal contributors is **Chuck Freeman** of consumer services administration. He has participated in company blood drives for 30 years, and is also listed with the Red Cross for emergency giving.

Freeman says there was no special incentive for his intense involvement in the blood donor program, other than to help his fellow human beings. In fact, not until his father-in-law's recent illness has he even had occasion to use the company program for his own benefit.

"Giving is just something I have wanted to

do," he explains, insisting that *macho* has nothing to do with it either. "I don't like the needle any more than anyone else."

Freeman began donating blood shortly after the company's program began in 1951. "Since then, there have been changes," says Wilson, "but the program's major purpose is still to assure that if employees or their families need blood, it will be available — free."

Because the company has an active blood program, employees and their families are not required to provide blood replacement or to pay for the blood itself. If in need, employees inform the hospital of the gas company's blood donor program or contact their company coordinator.

In the past, the program operated like a bank according to a debit/credit system. Company contributions were noted and companies were allowed to take from the blood bank only what they had put into it.

For several years now in Los Angeles and Orange counties, that system has not been operational, according to Wilson. Blood is available now to everyone who needs it.

Says **Gerry Sohle** of the American Red Cross, "The banking concept suggested — incorrectly — that blood can be stored for future use when actually a constant supply is needed at all times." She prefers to describe the new program in terms of a pipeline.

In order to keep the pipeline flowing in Los Angeles and Orange counties, Sohle estimates

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People & places

Four employees will be loaned by SoCal Gas and Pacific Lighting to the 1982-83 United Way-AID campaign. The four will be assisting United Way-AID in its campaign from Sept. 7 through Dec. 17. They are **Terry Coates**, a quality assurance inspector, customer services; **Mike Forster**, executive assistant, transmission; **Stephanie Thompson**, gas supply reference center; and **Mike Mulyran**, special services assistant, special services, Pacific Lighting . . . **Randy Cornelius**, a meter reader at the La Jolla base in Orange County division, recently was commended by the police chief in the city of Orange for his "willingness to become involved" when he helped track down a man suspected of exposing himself to two young girls. Cornelius followed the man's car and then flagged down a police officer, who stopped the suspect . . . **Claudia Dodson** in Inland's San Bernardino headquarters also got a commendation recently from the Nevada State Parks system for saving a fellow vacationer's life at Lake Mead through

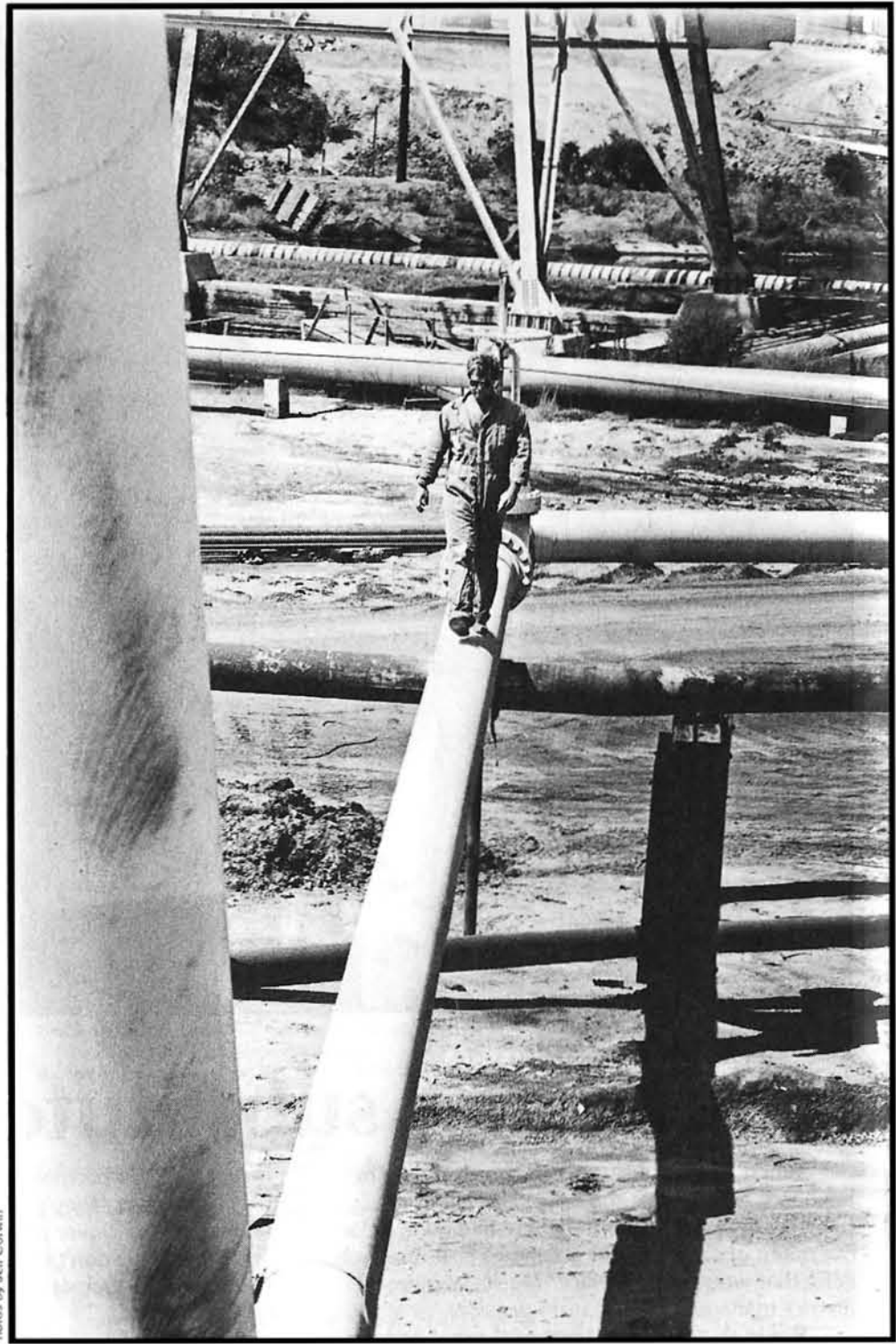


Carlos Lavin

"Woody" at Channing Street . . . 42 years and still at it.

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) . . . And, while in Las Vegas, **Gloria Mayol** of Headquarters' gas supply used first aid techniques to revive a man who had a heart attack until paramedics could arrive . . . The next automotive auction, with about 140 vehicles up for sale, is scheduled Sept. 18 at the Pico Rivera base, 8101 S. Rosemead Blvd., with bidding to start at 10:30 a.m. . . . **Woodrow Wilson Williams**, known as "Woody," at 68 is the oldest gas company employee still working. A special at Southern's Huntington Park payment office, he started in 1940 as an order router at then-Channing Street base and now is working past the "normal" retirement age of 65 . . . **Bob Varnado** took the recent West Basin Golf Assn. tournament in Marshall Canyon with a net score of 63. Runner-up **Art Juarez** had a score of 65; **Joe Ranney** took second with 66 and **Juan Carrillo** and **Don Yancey** tied at 67 . . . **Red Nowlin** of Southern has been elected first vice president of the South Gate Chamber of Commerce, while fellow Southernite **Al Wicks** was elected vice president of the South Central Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Photos by Jeff Corsem

Southern's Dave Duthie, above, "walks" the 20-inch high pressure gas line which feeds the gas turbine for SoCal Edison, one of the Port's largest industrial users of natural gas. Fishing vessels chug in and out of the harbor around the clock, right.



SAN PEDRO...

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trucks won't back into them." (The San Pedro base is responsible for nearly 85,000 meters in San Pedro, Wilmington, Carson and Harbor City.)

Moving past liners fueling for long voyages, Cook pauses near an open area, the proposed site of a 3,000-boat marina. "We'll be running a lot of gas out there someday," says this self-confessed "ocean person."

This part of the harbor is also the site of the annual Fishermen's Festival, an event Cook looks forward to every year. "There's lots of great ethnic food and music," notes Cook, who served last year as president of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and remains highly active in at least four other community organizations. "Cardinal Manning even makes a trip down here to bless the fleet."

The festival is part of the community color Cook really treasures. With a large population of Croatian, Yugoslavian, Italian and Norwegian fishermen settling here in the 1800s, the city today is a polyglot of cultures and customers.

But no matter what one's roots, says Cook as he drives past sleek cruise ships bearing such poetic names as "The Gallant Pioneer," "S.S. Azure Seas" and "Winter Moon," once people set foot on San Pedro soil they rarely leave. "People move here and they stay here," he claims.

With that loyalty goes a small-town feeling, too. It's a city of 96,000 that acts like a town of 10,000.

"We don't really feel like part of L.A. down here," he admits, adding with a grin, "If we could de-annex ourselves from the city, we would!"

Cook approaches a local landmark he's especially proud of. Up in the bluffs overlooking the slate-gray bay sits a huge bronze bell centered in a brightly painted pagoda.

"To commemorate a century of friendship and trust between our two peoples," reads the inscription on the bell, a bicentennial gift from the Korean government, rung on special occasions.

A far more common sound in these hills is the thick blast of ship foghorns from the harbor where ships are still arriving, fueling, departing — a constant flow.

Silhouetted bright blue against the sky, a crane loads the President Kennedy, a container ship. Crab-like, the crane clamps its jaws onto crate after crate, lifting, turning, then dropping its cargo.

Cook stops at Todd Shipyard, the base's largest customer. "They use a lot of gas out here," he says, waving his arm at the skeletons of three naval frigates still under construction. With a sizable new contract, Todd currently employs 5,000 people and combines natural gas ("right off our lines") with oxygen for steel-cutting.

Dave Aiton, the base's service technician, also comes down here occasionally to work with Todd's engineers on improving the plant's energy efficiencies, explains Cook.

Beyond the shipyards is another local phenomenon Cook feels connected to — the Vincent Thomas Bridge, one of the world's

largest suspension bridges.

"I watched as the first cable was laid back in 1963," he says with pride. "In those days the base was right below it."

The bridge carries traffic across into the industrial boom town of Terminal Island, where the air is filled with the smell of steaming fish.

Passing rows of workers in white lab coats and plastic hats, and anchovy boats, suction tubes stuck deep in their holds, it's obvious where the smell comes from: canneries, another large user of natural gas.

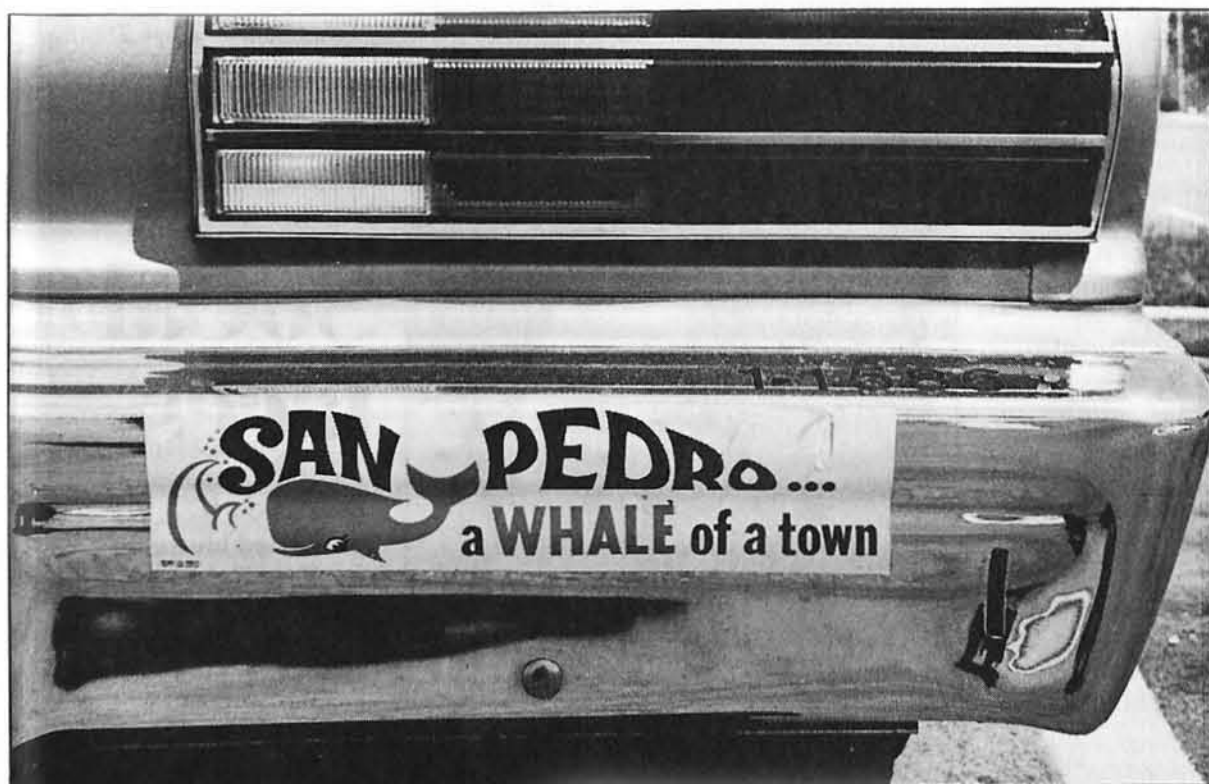
"I've seen this harbor change so much in the past 10 years," he says cutting back through Wilmington with its spiky skyline of oil rigs — neon-orange flames burning against blue sky.

His voice is wistful as he talks about the population explosion in his town. "Townhouses, condos, apartments. We're still expanding that way," he says.

On the hill just above the base, 1,600 new condominiums — row upon new row — are going up. "A lot of us don't like it," he says, breathing deep, "but you can't stop progress."

Cook pauses on the top of a hill not far from the base he's worked in for 10 years and the home he's lived in for 20. The Pacific breeze ruffles his shirt sleeves. Far below, a tug follows a tail of white froth. Although it's 3 p.m. the sunlight is still shockingly bright.

Only half-jokingly, Cooks shares a private plan. "When I retire I think I'll get a bus and hire myself out as a local tour guide. This is still the prettiest place I know."



Proud of all the local sites, including the Korean friendship bell, right, Cook says San Pedro is "still the prettiest place I know."

Employee Classified Ads

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'72 **Chevrolet**, Nova, transportation car, \$1,100. Ron Orum, (213) 884-9924.
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 '82 **Chevrolet**, Malibu classic station wagon, V6, excel cond, low mi, \$9,000 or offer. Sonia Matibag, (213) 965-7873 eves.
 '73 **Chevrolet**, Impala, V8, a/c, power steering/brakes, gd gas mileage, gd cond, \$1,200 or offer. Sandra Jean, (213) 934-2526 eves.
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FOR SALE

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Cabin, Lake Arrowhead, fully furnished/ equipped, sleeps 9, \$40/up per night, wkly rates avail. Gene Oliver, (213) 968-4151.
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Ads must contain the name of an employee or retiree. Other names are not acceptable.

Pledge forms due for stock ownership plan by Aug. 31

Pledge forms for the special employee stock ownership plan, commonly known as a TRASOP, covering the 1981 tax year, must be received by the company by Aug. 31.

Forms received after that date cannot be accepted even if the envelopes are postmarked before Aug. 31, regardless of the reason for the delay, said **Herb Stewart**,

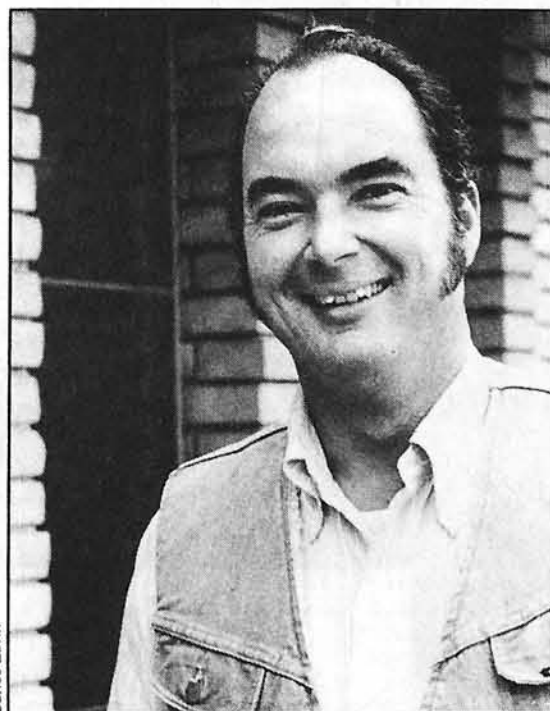
supervisor of employee benefits.

TRASOP (Tax Reduction Act-Stock Ownership Plan) is a plan through which the company can claim a 1% tax credit on certain of its capital investments and pass this savings on to eligible employees in the form of Pacific Lighting common stock.

Employee contributions are not required, but participants will be able to contribute an additional amount, that will be matched by the company, toward stock purchases. In return, the company will get an additional 1/2% tax credit.

The amount of the tax credit for 1981 will be less than last year's, which included tax credits for 1978, 1979 and 1980.

The plan is separate from the company's retirement savings plan.



Carlos Lavim

SoCal faces

Gas News is published biweekly for Pete Dahl and other employees and retirees of Southern California Gas Co. A crew leader in distribution at Eastern's Hemet base, Dahl began his career 21 years ago as a field assistant in distribution at Pomona base.

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Wood testifies on gas prices

"The rapid and massive increases in natural gas prices experienced by distribution companies such as Southern California Gas Co. in recent months now threaten the economic well-being of . . . our consumers,"

Bill Wood, gas company senior vice president, testified in Washington, D. C., this month.

Wood, testifying before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, warned the lawmakers that southern California consumers could face additional steep increases in gas costs if Congress does not act soon to modify the federal law governing natural gas prices.

The lawmakers are examining the effects of current gas pricing regulations on the nation's

Gas News will feature a more detailed story of Wood's remarks in an upcoming issue.

economy.

Wood pointed out that the gas company was granted a rate increase of \$805 million in April to defray price increases from its pipeline suppliers. The gas company will likely be forced to seek a similar increase in September. The increases are entirely due to the effects of the Natural Gas Policy Act, passed by Congress in 1978 and administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Wood asked Congress to urge the FERC to more carefully review proposed rate increases by gas producers and interstate pipelines.

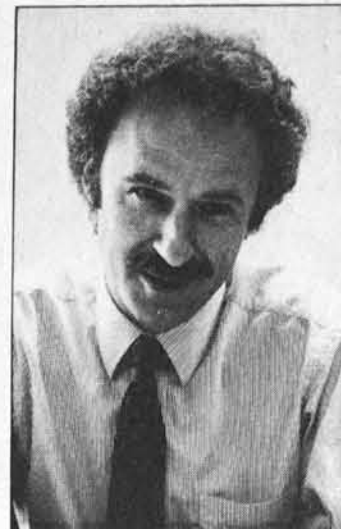
At present, the FERC almost automatically allows the increases

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Management



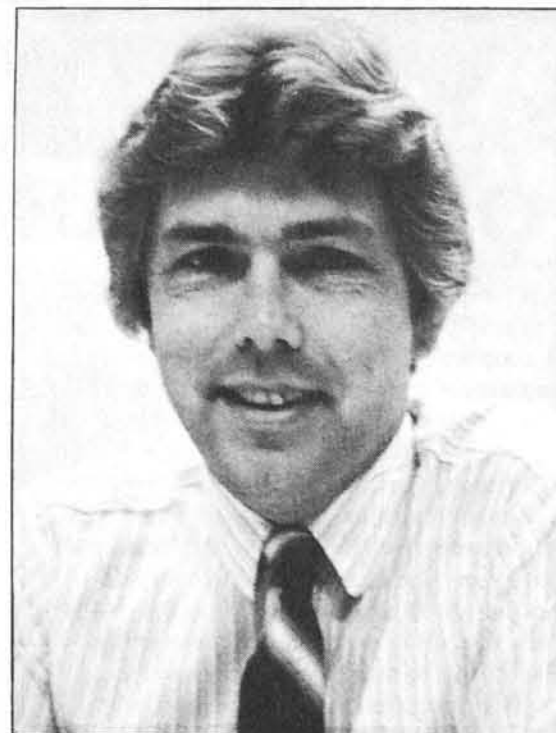
Rita Hanretty



Emil Sveilis



Suzana Van Sluys



Sid Newsom



Tom Tobin



Lenolia Nichols

Mary Jean Salcido is promoted from COLDS project specialist to customer services computer coordinator in customer services, Headquarters, reporting to Bob Filip.

And **Reggie Thompson** goes from service dispatch procedures representative to a temporary assignment as customer services computer specialist, reporting to Salcido.

These are two of 23 recent management promotions and transfers, which also include two promotions in accounting and finance.

In that department, **John Eaglin** is promoted from accountant to a temporary assignment as senior accountant, reporting to Rosemary Corpuz. And **Suzana Van Sluys** is promoted from accountant to senior accountant in disbursement accounting, where she reports to Don Beck.

Henry Mak is promoted from engineer to research field test engineer in engineering and design, reporting to Jim Rice.

In engineering services, **Richard Wiegman** is promoted to a temporary assignment as staff engineer-quality assurance from station supervisor in South Basin transmission. And **Cherif Youssef**, who has been on temporary assignment as staff engineer-quality assurance in technical services, is promoted into that job. They report to Carl Stahlecker.

In information systems, **Wayne Madison** moves from data analyst to

computer systems analyst and reports to Jim Carson. **Lenolia Nichols** is promoted from computer programmer to senior computer programmer, reporting to Pat DeRouen. And **Gregory Yannekis** joins the department as operations research specialist, coming from Stanford University. He reports to Rainer Otto.

Ocenia Edison returns to his regular position as material specialist in distribution, Headquarters, reporting to John Penrod, from a temporary assignment as technical supervisor in distribution, San Gabriel Valley.

Four market services' moves include that of **Tom Tobin**, who is promoted to community outreach marketing administrator after a temporary assignment in that job. He reports to Roger Embrey.

Also, **John Kleinbauer** goes from staff supervisor weatherization financing to weatherization direct sales supervisor, reporting to Tony Occhionero.

Deborah Shapiro joins market services as data processing analyst, coming from the University of California at Los Angeles. She reports to John Peterson.

And **Mel Green** is promoted to market services assistant, reporting to Sylvia Baughman, after a temporary assignment in that job.

In Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Co., **Sid Newsom** is promoted to supply analysis engineer, reporting to Stephanie Larsen,

from energy systems engineer in market services. And **Bruce Wetzel** joins the department as supply forecasting analyst, coming from The Rand Corp. He reports to Mark Pocino.

Rita Hanretty is promoted to a temporary assignment as instructor in operations support, reporting to Charlotte Delmonte, from billing support supervisor in San Gabriel Valley customer services.

Emil Sveilis is promoted from news bureau representative to program development administrator in public affairs, reporting to Frank Cates.

In regulatory affairs, **Gil Barrera** is promoted to senior gas balance analyst after a temporary assignment in that job and reports to Jack Smith. And **Shinji Hosokawa** is promoted to data analysis specialist from computer programmer in information systems. He reports to Bonnie Johnson.

Beverly Fletcher-Lowe is promoted to a temporary assignment as accounting group supervisor in South Basin transmission, reporting to Shirley Ladd, from senior accountant in accounting and finance.

Don Westphal is promoted to meter reading supervisor at Santa Ana in Orange County customer services from meter reading support assistant in customer services, Headquarters. He reports to Darrel Murphy.

Retirements

Jack Murphy

Distribution planning supervisor
San Gabriel Valley
August/35 years

Sylvester Manning

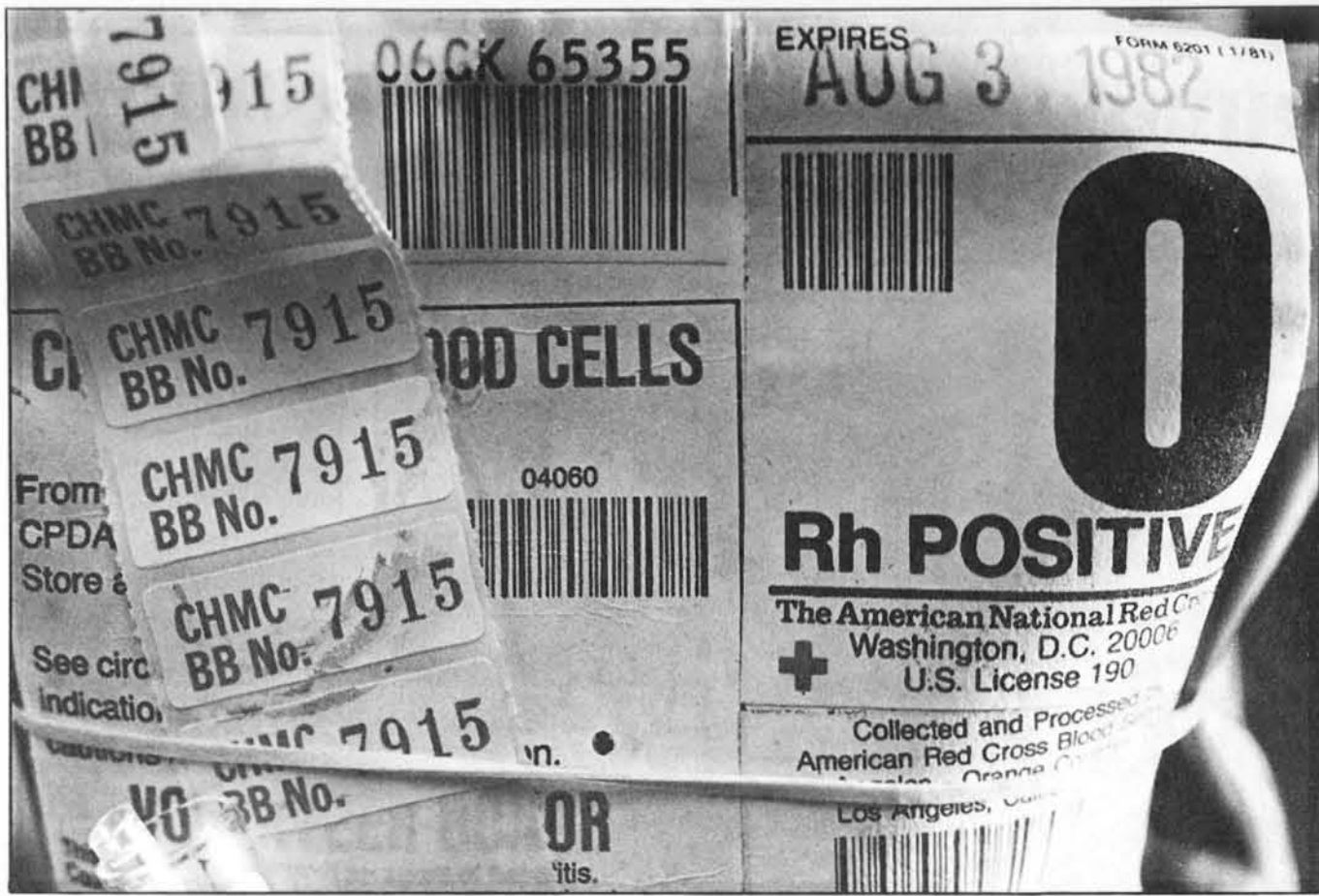
Crew leader
Distribution, Metro
August/36 years

Meda Mylerberg

Customer service representative
North Coastal
August/37 years

Bob Witter

Supervisor of general accounting
Controller's-accounting & finance,
Headquarters
August/45 years



“What we need in the program is a little more new blood”

BLOOD: NO SUBSTITUTE....

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that 1,500 units of blood a day are needed, with an additional 600 to 800 on weekends. The Red Cross supplies 220 hospitals in both counties by maintaining eight fixed contribution centers and 20 mobile units which visit prearranged locations daily.

“Company contributions are very important to us,” she emphasizes. “To ensure an adequate, continuous supply of blood, we try to schedule at least one company or organization every day.”

In spite of continued support by the gas company and other organizations, blood needs are still difficult to meet. There is always a shortage of the common, type O blood, says Sohle. One reason for that is the recent California law which bans the use of blood that has been obtained for pay. With this collection avenue no longer available, donations become even more crucial.

To complicate matters, the demand for blood is greater than ever before. “Usage has gone up enormously,” Sohle contends. “Surgery is the largest user, and the older the population gets, the more operations are performed. There are also many new kinds of operations. Open-heart surgery, for example, didn’t even exist 30

years ago.”

Sophisticated new blood processing systems are helping to extend blood usefulness, but the processes are costly. In the past, the person who donated a unit of blood could expect that contribution to go directly to one beneficiary. It was one-to-one giving.

Now, that same unit of blood goes further. According to Sohle, 70% of all blood donated today is separated into components so that one contribution can serve more than one person.

For example, platelets, the blood’s clotting agents, can be harvested for use by cancer patients whose systems, because of chemotherapy, cannot manufacture platelets of their own. The red blood cells can be removed for use by surgery patients. At the same time, protein in the plasma can be extracted and used to make serum albumin for the treatment of shock victims or to make gamma globulin, which stimulates the immunization system.

Unfortunately, no technology — no matter how sophisticated or costly — can create a substitute for the real thing — the blood itself.

“For that, we must rely on contributors,” says Wilson. “The responsibility for giving

belongs to everyone.”

Fortunately, most people are potential contributors, although there are some restrictions and safeguards. Anyone who weighs over 110 pounds and is between the ages of 17 and 66 is eligible to contribute.

Potential donors are screened by trained medical personnel. They are checked for anemia as well as blood pressure and temperature irregularities. Those on permanent medication or who have had hepatitis are ineligible.

According to Sohle, the entire process lasts about 45 minutes, including the initial health screening and rest period. Cookies and juice are provided during the rest period to aid the body as it rebuilds its blood supply. Participants resume their normal tasks without difficulty.

For employee convenience, donations at Flower Street Headquarters are scheduled five times a year in conference room B-91 of the 830 building. Scheduling and arrangements in divisions vary according to individual location.

Those who have questions about the program should contact their division coordinator or **Ann Guerrero** or **Verne Reyes** in industrial relations at (213) 689-3786.

WOOD TESTIMONY.....

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to take effect, despite repeated calls by the gas company for public hearings before such increases become effective.

“Prices are being paid that make no economic sense,” said Wood, who explained that as industrial customers stop burning natural gas, “more and more of the fixed transmission and distribution costs of delivering natural gas to homes will be shifted to residential customers.”

“We do not believe that the natural gas industry can work out

these problems in time. There are too many competing interests at stake,” he said. “Congress must pass legislation which establishes the necessary mechanisms for the marketplace to determine the commodity value of natural gas.”

The NGPA has reached its number one goal, which was to stimulate gas producers to increase exploration and drilling to avert gas shortages feared in the mid- to late-1970s, Wood said. But it has also caused gas prices to go up by leaps and bounds instead of the smooth, gradual ascent planned by the law.

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