



A ripening ball of sun glistens behind "Old Glory" as Building Mechanic Dave Lehman hoists the flag at Inland division during the early hours of the morning. Lehman is one of several employees throughout the company whose responsibility it is to properly

display the flag. As the nation approaches another time to display the U.S. colors, the staff of GasNews wishes everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.

Steve Spindler

## SoCalGas makes second notification under state water/toxic enforcement act

SoCalGas is continuing to comply with Proposition 65, also known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.

The Act requires businesses to provide periodic notification to both their employees and the public if their operations might expose people to certain substances "known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity."

"Our bill inserts during this June billing cycle are providing this notification," **Mike Neiggemann**, vice president of consumer services, said.

The inserts state that small quantities of certain substances listed in accordance with Proposition 65 may be present near SoCalGas facilities and work sites, in unburned natural gas and in possible by-products of natural gas combustion.

"The wording of the bill insert is essentially the same as our first insert, which was distributed in March," Neiggemann said. Neiggemann added that Proposition 65 bill

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**—George Strang**

inserts will be reissued every three months, as required by law.

Employees are also being notified of these state-identified chemicals on an ongoing basis, according to **Warren Mitchell**, vice president of human resources.

(Upcoming issues of GasNews will carry

more details on the company's ongoing training for employees on the handling of toxic substances.)

"Employees handling certain substances have access to material safety data sheets," Mitchell explained. "These documents cover proper handling and storage procedures of all potentially hazardous substances associated with our operations."

Businesses currently must provide notification for any of 29 chemicals. Notification will be required for an additional 34 chemicals by July 1, according to the timetable for administering Proposition 65.

However, since SoCalGas' operations do not expose employees or the public to the newly listed chemicals, our notifications do not need to change as a result of the addition of these 34 chemicals, **George Strang**, vice president of engineering and research, said.



# Employee classified ads

Next ad deadline: 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 5.  
Limit: 25 words. Mail to M.L. 111K.

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## AUTOS FOR SALE

'33 Bantam Roadster, hot rod, 60% complete, \$800 firm. John Bruni, (818) 893-2844 eves.  
'67 VW, restored, new eng-tires-battery, \$3,000 or offer. Lucy Vickery, (818) 576-5063 eves.  
'68 Ford, LTD, 390 cu. in., air, power steering-brakes, new water pump, \$2,000. Ed Davis, (818) 359-1727 eves.  
'74 Chevrolet, 350 pickup with 11 ft. cabover camper, 3/4 ton heavy duty, new tires, low mileage, stereo, auto, clean, \$3,200. Melvin Granflaten, (213) 695-3226.  
'75 Toyota, pickup, new tires-batteries, insulated camper shell, gd cond, \$1,700 or offer. John Timberman, (818) 915-4351.  
'81 VW, Dasher, wagon, complete rebuilt diesel eng, 4-sp, air, excel cond, \$2,500. Juan Cazares, (213) 925-1968 eves.  
'82 Datsun, 210, burglar alarm, stereo/ cassette player, excel cond, \$3,000. Yolanda Washington, (213) 603-0610.  
'82 Ford, Bronco, XLT, Lariat, power windows-steering brakes, air, am-fm cassette, tilt, hitch, lift, excel cond, \$8,200. Rosemarie Delgado, (714) 595-7863.  
'83 Volvo, DL, wagon, power steering brakes, am-fm cassette, air, 4-new tires, \$9,000. '72 Valbar, tent trailer, sleeps 6, \$2,000. Greg Bland, (818) 914-3111.  
'84 Cadillac, D'Elegance, white w/blue vinyl top, low mi, excel cond, \$8,800. Beryl Weaver, (213) 299-4399 eves.  
'86 Toyota, pickup, SR5, extra cab, air, am-fm cassette stereo, shell, fuel inj, 5-sp, low mileage, immaculate, \$7,800. Glenn Tanner, (213) 376-0047.  
'86 VW, Golf, air, auto, am-fm cassette, low mi, \$6,900. David Moreno, (213) 859-2305.  
'86 Jeep Cherokee, Laredo, 4wd, 4dr, 6cyl, auto, loaded, \$13,750. Carol Torres, (714) 798-3862 eves.  
'87 Mitsubishi, Starion, red, 5-sp, air, am-fm cassette, power steering-brakes, sun roof, 14,500 mi, excel cond, \$16,000. Olga Culhane, (805) 966-6503.  
'88 Nissan, 200SX, black, auto, Alpine, Porsche alloys, \$1,000 plus take over payments, or no dn plus take over payments w/o alloys/tires, payoff, \$10,400. Hector Monroy, (213) 948-4260.  
**MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE**  
'77 Kawasaki, KZ1000, top end rebuilt, new tires, chain and sprocket strong, great cond, \$1,250. Eddie Rodriguez, (818) 330-3222.  
'81 Yamaha, YZ60, dirt bike, low hrs, like new, \$250. '69 Yamaha, 250 trail bike, runs gd, \$100. Both for \$300. Lee Stewart, (714) 536-4467.  
**FOR SALE**  
**Park membership,** NACO WEST, lifetime membership, 14 resorts in California alone w/pools-lakes-recreation centers-RV hookups, \$250-wn, balance of \$4,300, or take over payments of \$104/mo. Rhio Gilon, (714) 338-6696.  
**Camcorder,** Zenith VM6100, VHS, complete, excel cond, \$800. Steve Albano, (213) 865-5151.  
**Boat,** '86 Bayliner, 19', open bow, 125hp Chrysler outboard, full instrumentation, am-fm cassette, excel cond, \$7,800. Chris Saliccioli, (714) 952-4830.  
**Camera,** Pentax, ME, super 35mm, with case, 35-135mm zoom, flash like new, \$425 or offer. Trent Plungas, (213) 379-8596.  
**Motorscooter,** '87 Honda Spree, red, 1,000 mi, great cond, \$295. Judy Packer, (818) 446-1646.  
**Dishwasher,** portable, white, w/wood counter top, excel cond, \$75. Beautiful lawns, basic lawn care, Long Beach/ Lakewood. Laura Morrison, (213) 599-8348.  
**Jet skis,** 2, Kawasaki, 500, long run jet ski trailer, w/covers, gas cans, \$4,500. Jim Ragan, (805) 242-2054.  
**Bike,** Peugeot 501 racer, Weinmann brakes, Mavic rims, plus more, gd cond, \$400 or offer. Judy Sall, (818) 441-2359.  
**Drum set,** black pearl w/Zilian symbols (9 piece), excel cond, \$900 or offer. Will consider trade for personal computer. Jess Loya, (213) 721-1319.  
**Air compressor,** 1/2 hp, w/spray gun, \$100. Hedge trimmer, electric, \$30. Rotisserie, \$25. Typewriters, 2, manual, \$50 ea. Mary Howard, (213) 420-8780.  
**Fans,** for desk or night stand, 3" in black and chrome, \$6.95. Rob Klose, (213) 660-4505.  
**Range,** Tappan w/microwave and hood vent, avocado, like new, \$550. Karen Leggett, (818) 357-2846.  
**Lawnmower,** McLane, front throw 20" reel, 3hp, power-propelled, like new, owners manual included, \$275. Robert Rivera, (213) 696-3573.  
**Camera,** RCA, VHS, w/case, model CKCO21, 6x1 power macro zoom lense, low light, like new, cost \$1,400, selling for \$900 or offer, many extras. Miriam Gonzalez, (818) 249-4375.  
**Appetite control patch,** new method of controlling weight without drugs, 30-day supply, \$32. Carol Jeffries, (213) 293-1774 eves.

## FOR RENT

**Condo,** Maui, Hawaii, 1-bdrm, facing ocean on beach at Kahana, sleeps 4, \$84-day, higher in winter, pics avail. Bill Ford, (818) 964-2578.  
**Cabins,** Big Bear lake, newly decorated, fully equipped, color TVs, fireplaces, kitchens, sun decks, sleeps 4-6, \$65-\$75 nitely, wkly rates avail. Marguerite Nilsson, (714) 585-5768.  
**Townhouse,** Baldwin Park, 2-story, 2-bdrm, 2-ba, central air, appliances, 2-car garage, newly painted, immediate occupancy, \$850-mo. Edith Carigma, (818) 966-2599.  
**Home,** Ensenada Beach, private village, 2-bdrms, adults only, sleeps 4, ocean view, living room, patio, \$26/2, \$160-wk. Ruth Hingley, (213) 454-4276.  
**Home,** Whittier Blvd. and Lorena area on Beswick St., near school-church shopping, \$675 mo. Home, Hacienda Heights, 3-bdrm, 2-bath, family rm, \$1,365 mo. Guadalupe Sanchez, (213) 697-4655.  
**Home,** Palm Springs, private, pool, fenced yard, barbeque, TV, fully equipped, sleeps 6, \$250-wkend, \$400 wk. Jean Baughman, (714) 849-4916 eves.  
**Cabin,** Big Bear Lake, located in wooded area near lake and village, close to golf and horseback riding, 2-bdrm, furnished equipped, \$110 wkend. Gwoon Tom, (818) 791-4654.  
**Villa,** Montego Bay, Jamaica, summer rate, April 15 to Dec. 15, 3-bdrm, \$350 per person/wkly; 4-bdrm, \$312 per person, double occupancy only. Odell Matthis, (213) 402-6649.  
**Home,** Alhambra, 3-bdrm, 2-ba, new carpets, new in-out paint, all new appliances, \$900 mo. Eunice Ng, (213) 254-1579.  
**Room and bath,** detached cottage, Santa Barbara, 2 people maximum, non-smokers, quiet and secluded, \$35-single, \$40 double. Dean/Phyllis Stovall, (805) 969-1433.  
**Cabin,** Lake Tahoe, partial lake view, sleeps 6, fireplace, 2-bdrm, sun deck, in Meeks Bay, \$300-wk. Shahed Meshkati, (213) 477-9797.  
**Home,** tranquil desert Mission Lakes, 10 minutes above Palm Springs, private spa, tennis, pool, golf avail, \$150-wkend, \$170 holiday wkend, \$250-wk. Dorothy Carson, (714) 788-2070.  
**Condo,** Kauai, Hawaii, next to Makai golf course in Princeville, large luxury 2-bdrm, 2-bath, lanai, sleeps 6, \$85-day, wkly rates/ pictures avail. Shinji Hosokawa, (818) 284-2729.  
**Home,** Montebello, 2-bdrm, 1-bath, laundry facilities, garage, recently painted, no pets, \$650-mo. Frank DeLaYara, (213) 728-3373.  
**Condo,** Mammoth, 1-bdrm, sleeps 4-6, tennis court, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, many extras, summer rates, \$50-night, \$250-wk. Sandy or Norm McMullen, (213) 430-3130.  
**Chalet,** Lake Arrowhead, fully furnished, equipped, cable color TV, fireplace, sleeps 9, \$50-night, wkly rates avail. Gene Oliver, (818) 968-4151.  
**Cabin,** Big Bear Lake, wooded area, 3-bdrm, fully furnished, w/view/deck, sleeps 10, \$200-wk, \$80-wkend. Joe Thompson, (818) 790-3682 eves.  
**Cabin,** Big Bear, Sugarloaf, fully furnished/ fireplace, color TV/cable, sleeps 8, \$100 up wkends, wkly rates. Beverly Bates, (714) 860-5458.  
**Beach house,** Ensenada, new 2-bdrm, 2-ba, beautifully furnished, w/washer, dryer, \$40-day, \$200-wk, adults only, deposit non-refundable. Mary or George Hendrick, (818) 919-2125.  
**Home,** Palm Springs, 3-bdrm, 2-ba, beautifully furnished, color TV, stereo, private pool, spa, sleeps 6, \$300-wkend, \$450-wk. Ernie Camargo, (818) 919-2714.  
**Cabin,** Running springs, sleeps 6, fireplace, 2-bdrm, stereo, built in gas kitchen, \$100 up wkend, \$250-wk. Bonnie or George Teats, (213) 803-5030 eves.  
**Condos,** San Felipe, Baja, 4, faces ocean on beach, each sleeps 6, completely equipped, \$60-day, pictures avail. Miriam Gonzalez, (818) 249-4375 eves.  
**HOMES FOR SALE**  
**Mobile home,** El Monte, 12x55, 1-bdrm, 1-ba, lg front room, kitchen and dining area, \$10,900 or offer. Dick Walker, (818) 913-8453.  
**Home,** Desert Hot Springs, new, 3-bdrm, 2-ba, laundry room, multi-purpose room, \$103,000. Keith Johnson, (619) 329-0185.  
**Motorhome,** '84 Coachman Ambassador 26, forced air, microwave, many extras, 15,000 mi, \$30,000. William Godon, (619) 367-3645.  
**Motorhome,** '85 Establishment, 27', rear twin, front queen, convertible dinette, awning, microwave, new Michelin tires, very clean, \$26,500. Eleanor Sternberg, (818) 994-3137.  
**Motorhome,** '83 Lazy Daze, 22', rear lounge, extras, hydraulic levelers, excel cond, \$21,000. Clyde Langham, (619) 868-3480.  
**Home,** Simi Valley, wood ranch, former model, 2-bdrm plus den, 2 1/2 bath, over pool, gated entrance, air, alarm system, \$185,000. Don St.John, (805) 484-8745.

**Home,** West Covina, 3-bdrm, 2-bath, built-ins, RV park, dining room, den, 16 yrs old, \$143,500, will/carry second. Ron Paoletto, (714) 599-4811 eves.  
**CAMPERS AND TRAILERS FOR SALE**  
**Trailer,** '79 HRC Monitor, 25' travel trailer, mint cond, ready to camp/live in, rear full bathroom, double bed, sleeps 4, \$4,600. Mary Epperson, (818) 768-2365.  
**WANTED**  
**Tent trailer,** reasonable price. Tom Masters, (213) 970-0249.  
**Roommate** wanted to share 2-bdrm home in North Downey, \$450 mo. Barbara Wade, (213) 923-2140 eves.  
**Old toys,** from 30s and 40s, in gd cond, will buy. Eldon Reichelderfer, (818) 848-2206.  
**Aircraft owners and pilots,** wanted to join 200 other happy volunteers flying for LA-based charity. Contact Dennis Torres, (213) 457-1016.  
**Police reserves,** L.A.P.D. is looking for qualified applicants for their Reserve Corps Program to function as regular officers. Contact Robert Nava at (213) 485-4097/by Cleve Freeman.  
**RETIREMENT EVENTS**  
**Retirement party for Al Garver,** Friday, July 15, 5:30 at T&J's, 8526 Valley Blvd., Rosemead, \$10 for hors d'oeuvres and gift. Send checks to John Sims, m.l. 720A.  
**Retirement cake and coffee celebration for Emery Sopko** at Anaheim Hdqtrs, Bldg. B, July 15, 2-4pm. Send gift contributions to Jeannie Woods, ml 8331, ext. 242-3123 by July 8.  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**Garfield High class reunion '15 year, GAGE D'AMOUR Class of '73,** July 23, L.A. Police Academy, cocktails 6pm/dinner 7pm, \$30/person contact Angie Roman (714) 594-3310, Mario Gomez (213) 721-5201.  
**Magician,** have top hat will travel, birthday parties, schools, clubs, all happy occasions. Sande Ridge, (619) 949-2967 after 1pm.  
**Relocating?** Job transfer? Get local and nationwide information on housing, schools and community free, no obligation. Ann Jones-Duran, (805) 527-6684.  
**Estate sale,** miscellaneous furniture, \$5-\$25, antique tables, Gibson Mandolin, \$395. Bob Crosby, (818) 249-3542.  
**Real Estate,** relocation specialist, thinking of buying or selling in Inland area (San Bernardino County)? Free escrow to GasCo employees/retirees. Walter/Elaine Melody, (714) 980-7685.  
**Live DJ,** music and fun come together w/"FULL TILT," 50% off, summer special if prepaid, book now. Rudy Moreno, (818) 281-5912 eves or (213) 223-6934 eves.  
**VCR owners,** see your 8mm-16mm home movies-slides or photos on videotape, reasonable, 10% employee/retiree discount. George Thomas, (714) 782-0500.  
**Clown available,** for children's birthday parties, lots of fun, reasonable price. Ceci Guerra, (714) 944-1970 after 7pm.  
**Carpet and upholstery cleaning,** residential/commercial, teflon soil retardant/ sealant for added protection, quality guaranteed work at reasonable rates, 8 yrs experience. Bob Abbey, (818) 337-3448.  
**Cats,** Calico, female, spayed, declawed, 1 yr old; Gray Russian, female, spayed, declawed, 6 yrs old,

all shots, fee to gd home. Mary Easter, (818) 288-4865 after 4pm.  
**Skin diving class,** kid/adults, slim down, build endurance, discover California marine life. Barbara Torina, (213) 490-9593.  
**Area specialist,** to help you buy-sell or lease a home in the Conejo Valley. Jodi Christensen, Realtor Associate, (818) 707-1289 or (805) 495-2181.  
**Found,** 14k gold bracelet, Flower Street parking lot, call to identify. Janet Clark, ext. 251-3594.  
**Professional video** and mobile DJ, M.A.S. Productions, free in-home demo, discount to GasCo employees. Matt Adragna, (714) 597-3792.  
**Whitewater wkend,** Aug 5-7, American River, least dangerous of major rivers, lots of fun, wkend, \$200 for transportation-meals-camping-rafting. Gloria Mayol, (818) 352-0919.  
**Classic rock group,** "Idle Motion," 40s,50s and 60s, clubs-parties-weddings, etc. Jeff Oestreicher, (714) 597-6962.  
**Limousine service,** transported with taste, delivered in style, all occasions, color TV, compact disc, VCR, stereo, dry bar. Michael Ryan, (714) 897-3037.  
**China,** 9/27 to 10/20, see Forbidden City in person, plus Shaoling Temple, Kuming (Stone Forest), Hong Kong. Wendy Chen for Paul Turner, (818) 285-9497.  
**Cats,** rare Honklett breed, papers available, free to gd home. Barry Rozzen, (818) 349-6218.  
**Mini blinds,** vertical blinds, made to measure to fit any size window, quality name brands, measuring and installation, free estimates. Mike/Gloria Mendez, (818) 792-6475.  
**Personal problems?** Try the Employee Assistance Program, confidential counseling, 24-hour hotline, (800) 321-2843.

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Ads are limited to one per person. Each ad is limited to a maximum of 25 words.

Ads must be submitted in writing to Gas News, mail location 111K.

Ads should contain:

- 1) full first and last name of sender,
- 2) home phone number (with area code).

Company extensions are not permitted except for car pools and retirement parties.

3) a brief description of the item with a price, if applicable.

Editor reserves right to edit or reject any ad.

## SoCal faces

GasNews is published biweekly for Tod O'Neill and other employees of Southern California Gas Co. O'Neill, a crew leader in South Inland transmission division, began his career at the company in 1979 as a technical assistant in Eastern division.



## McIntyre accepts community service honors from UCLA

Acknowledging the support he has received from his co-workers, his wife and his family, **Bob McIntyre**, SoCalGas chairman, accepted the 1988 UCLA Alumni Award for Excellence in the field of community service recently.

"No single individual, business or other entity by itself can arrest social decay or combat the unrest that follows in its wake. But individually we can contribute to activities which prevent decay, help channel unrest into productive action and ease

the plight of the helpless, homeless or disenfranchised," he said upon accepting the award.

McIntyre's contributions, both personally and as the top executive of the nation's largest natural gas distributor, have been recognized by numerous civic and educational organizations and by the Asian, Black, Hispanic and Jewish communities, just to name a few.

Chairman and chief executive officer of SoCalGas since 1985, McIntyre will retire at the end of this year.



SoCalGas Chairman Bob McIntyre, right, chats with another honoree, James Taylor.

# Employee communications crucial to future, Farman tells leadership

Communicating with employees to improve understanding and loyalty to the company is an important aspect of SoCalGas' recently completed strategic plan for 1988 through 1992.

The plan, which will help guide the company through the rapid changes and increased competition in the natural gas industry, was discussed recently by Vice Chairman **Dick Farman**. Farman spoke at the second gathering this year of the executive/manager group under the banner of "managing change."

Farman acknowledged that the company has been going through a "rough period" in recent years. "We've been testing our employee loyalty," he said.

The vice chairman called on executives and managers to use the company's strategic plan "to communicate with employees on what we're trying to achieve."

"Through communication, we can get understanding, which leads to improved commitment," he said.

There are five broad areas of concern that are emphasized in the strategic plan. They are: financial, marketing, gas supply, operations, and political/regulatory.

In the financial area, the

strategic plan reaffirms achieving the company's authorized rate of return as the primary financial objective. Increased capital spending is anticipated in 1990-92

beneficial to the company.

The strategic plan outlines SoCalGas' marketing goals by describing how the company will compete for all profitable

for various combinations of price, security and stability. The strategic plan also calls for the company to encourage competition among suppliers to increase the availability of gas supplies that meet our customers' needs.

Safety, quality service and low cost are the underpinnings of the company's goals in the operations area. SoCalGas plans to balance demands for expanded and improved services against the need to limit margin growth to achieve a competitive cost structure. While maintaining its reputation for service and safety, SoCalGas plans to minimize operating costs through productivity enhancement and research and development.

Finally, in the area of political/regulatory concerns, the strategic plan calls for the company to identify and pursue regulatory and legislative initiatives that support the company's mission and objectives. By anticipating regulatory challenges and establishing priorities, the company will secure from regulators the authority to offer customers the energy services they need on terms that are competitive and fair to shareholders.

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and has been approved by Pacific Enterprises. "By authorizing a significantly higher level of investment in the utility, Pacific Enterprises confirmed its commitment to maintaining a healthy, long-term core business in its portfolio," Farman said.

Achieving financial goals also involves reducing financial risks, signing noncore customers to long-term contracts and preserving regulatory procedures that are

segments of the southern California energy market. The company is improving its knowledge of customers' energy use decisions, maintaining its high penetration of the core market and aggressively pursuing new markets to achieve its goals.

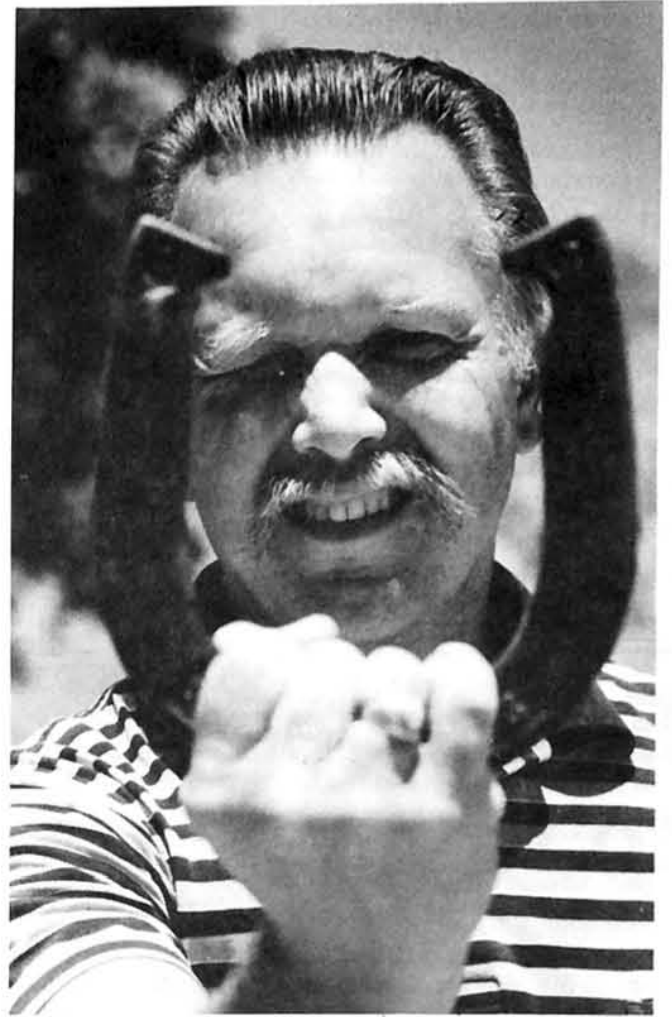
SoCalGas' gas supply strategy is to be "customer-driven." This means the company will enter into gas supply arrangements that reflect our customers' preferences



# Fun in the — North Ba



Jeff and Gary Briscoe combine the picnic atmosphere with the fever of the National Basketball Assn. playoffs. Jeff is a pipeline assistant and Gary, a station assistant in North Basin transmission division.



Ron Ledbetter, meter and regulator mechanic, sets his sights high in the horseshoe competition, but Dick Wiegman, station superintendent, took home the first-place trophy.



Marge and Travis Willmon decided to show their son-in-law, Rick Spence, instrument maintenance supervisor, how to 'get down.'



Dave Durham of the Bull Durham Band provided 'down-home' musical entertainment during lunch.

# style!



Children had several games to choose from, including the bean-bag toss. The clown face was painted by Lewis Moeder, maintenance supervisor at Honor Rancho underground storage field.



Moeder, put on a happy face. To Moeder's left is Jill Van Sickle, D. Shauer, Jesse Katz, and Pappas.

Good old banjo pickin' that makes feet stomp . . . the crack of bat-against-softball . . . a victorious cry of "Bingo!" . . . the metal clang of a horseshoe that hits its target and the less fortunate splat of a tossed egg that misses the mark. These were just a few of the sounds that ran gaily through North Basin transmission division's picnic earlier this month near the entrance road to the Honor Rancho underground storage field. The main sound, heard everywhere, was laughter. Young and old alike — more than 270 people in all — enjoyed barbecued steak lunches, games and contests like balloon popping, egg tossing and bean bag throwing, clowns and magic, and musical entertainment from the Bull Durham Band, a frequent headliner at Magic Mountain. Alan Royse, instrument supervisor, chaired the event and provided assistance to *GasNews* in covering the picnic.

Photos by Brian Glenn

## Health & Safety Review

Welcome to the latest edition of the Health and Safety Review. Comparing the 12-month period ending March 31, 1988 with the same period in 1987, industrial accidents increased 1.13% from 1,232 to 1,246; and lost time accidents remained almost exactly even (down to 400 from 401). For the calendar year 1987, motor vehicle accidents decreased to 820 from 839 in 1986 — a 2.26% drop.

As usual, the largest single number of accidents — 33% of the total — involved sprains and strains resulting from improper lifting techniques and moving of tools and materials. Dog bites were second at 20%.

A markedly improved safety record has been reported by the customer services field group at Northern division's Beverly Hills base. The group's number of industrial accidents in 1987 was half the level of the previous year. Motor vehicle accidents dropped 75% during the same period. Supervisors **Chuck Rady** and **Dalton Stamps** credit their division safety program and the commitment of the work group for the improvement.

Speaking of traffic safety, it's a serious matter. Eight hundred twenty-three pedestrians were injured and 141 were killed by motor vehicles last year on city surface streets in Los Angeles.

"One out of every five fatal traffic accident victims is a pedestrian," said Joseph Kaplan, president of the greater Los Angeles chapter of the National Safety Council. The chapter reports that more than 8,500 pedestrians are killed every year nationwide by motor vehicles.

Recent studies have shown that one out of every four adult pedestrians killed was under the influence of alcohol and that half of all pedestrian fatalities involved a traffic violation. Approximately 50% of all pedestrian victims are young children and elderly adults.

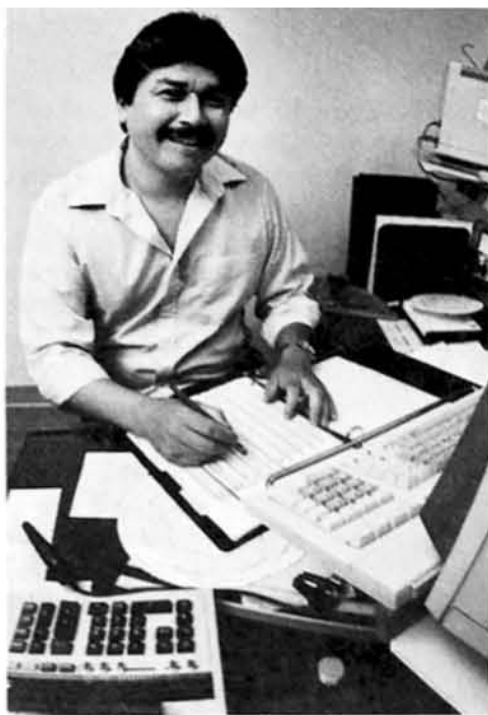
Kaplan offers these suggestions for pedestrian safety:

- Obey traffic signals.
- Look both ways before crossing.
- Make eye contact with the drivers of oncoming vehicles.
- Keep moving as rapidly as possible. Never stop in the middle of a crosswalk.
- Cross with a group whenever possible. Groups are more likely to be seen by motorists.
- Wear bright clothing at night and in bad weather so that drivers can easily see you.

We welcome your safety comments. Please send them to safety management, mail location 402F.

*Safety Management*





Ruben Minjarez



Joel Mumford



Mike Marshall



Jean Gotauco



Robert Zaricor



John Blanco

## Division moves

### MANAGEMENT

- Collection Support Supervisor**  
Cameron Davis . . . . . Southern to SJV
- Distribution Construction Supervisor**  
†Eric Shoecraft . . . . . San Gabriel Valley
- Meter Reading Supervisor**  
†Jesus Rodriguez . . . . . San Fernando Valley
- Shift Supervisor**  
†Archie Beasley . . . . . South Basin
- Shift Supervisor**  
•Mamon Boykin . . . . . South Basin
- Field Service Supervisor**  
†Robert Zaricor . . . . . Northwest to SGV  
†Terry Coil . . . . . Headquarters to Orange County
- Field Maintenance Supervisor**  
†Robert Arimoto . . . . . North Basin
- District Distribution Supervisor**  
Jimmy Starr . . . . . Headquarters to Southeast

### NON-MANAGEMENT

- Crew Assistant**  
Francisco Sanchez . . . . . Metropolitan to Southeast  
Harry Dowling . . . . . Southern to Eastern  
Jermine McNab . . . . . Western to Eastern  
•Robert Scharf . . . . . San Joaquin Valley
- Crew Leader**  
Frank Kalinowski . . . . . Orange County to SGV

- Field Mechanic**  
•Patrick Abarta . . . . . Western
- Field Service Representative**  
Alan Jones . . . . . Orange County to Southeast  
Ralph Chavez . . . . . Southern to Western  
Robert Munson . . . . . Inland
- Fitter**  
•Frank Martinez . . . . . North Coastal  
•Jim Cargill . . . . . Orange County  
•Thomas Hamilton . . . . . Orange County  
•Jeff Ayala . . . . . Orange County
- Meter and Regulator Mechanic #1**  
Paul Catrone . . . . . North Basin
- Meter Reader**  
Ann Pulley . . . . . San Fernando Valley  
Domingo Romero . . . . . Northern to Inland  
George Rivello . . . . . Southeast to Orange County
- Pipeline Mechanic**  
•James McCluskey . . . . . North Basin
- Senior Appliance Service Representative**  
•Gerald Little . . . . . Inland
- Station Assistant**  
•Brian Pappas . . . . . Northern to North Basin
- Planning Technician**  
•John Gilpin . . . . . Orange County
- Station Assistant**  
David Brown . . . . . Coastal

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- Instructor**  
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- Welding Instructor**  
†Jose Ojeda . . . . . Distribution and Measurement
- Office Instructor**  
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- Records Management Coordinator**  
•Gordon Sandviken . . . . . Administrative Services
- Residential and Appliance Service Specialist**  
†Jerry Bell . . . . . Consumer Services
- Equipment Utilization Specialist**  
•Melvin Ohmes . . . . . Distribution and Measurement
- Maintenance Extension Analysis Supervisor**  
†Thomas Hanami . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- Staff Engineer-System Engineering**  
•Joel Mumford . . . . . Engineering and Research
- Rate Design Manager**  
†Mark Sweeney . . . . . Regulatory Affairs
- Supply Planning Manager**  
†John Scalf . . . . . Gas Supply

- Payroll Systems Control Supervisor**  
•Arthur Sullivan . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- General Accounting Supervisor**  
•Randall Peterson . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- Contract Payment Supervisor**  
•Helen Corbitt . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- Payroll Processing Supervisor**  
•Brian Cherry . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- Payroll and Statistics Supervisor**  
•Alice Bauman . . . . . Accounting and Finance
- Demand Forecast Analyst**  
Bryan Cope . . . . . Regulatory Affairs

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- Noncore Accounts Clerk-G**  
Wanda Posey . . . . . Consumer Services
- Gas Measurement Clerk-U**  
•Ruben Minjarez . . . . . Distribution and Measurement
- Meter Mechanic**  
•John Blanco . . . . . Distribution and Measurement
- Photographer**  
•Michael Marshall . . . . . Administrative Services
- Appliance Records Control Clerk-U**  
Deborah Phillips . . . . . Consumer Services

• promotions † temporary assignments

# Division get-togethers make consolidation smoother

(Editor's Note: GasNews plans ongoing coverage of other division activities that help consolidation proceed as smoothly as possible.)

Employees from San Fernando Valley and Northwest divisions — two areas that will merge into the new West Valley division — are off and running in their efforts to get to know each other better.

Nearly 40 employees from both divisions and their families ran in "The Human Race," a fund-raising event that featured a two-, five-, and ten-kilometer race.

"We've been trying to bring together employees from both divisions to help make consolidation easier," says **Cathy Maguire**, district manager in San Fernando Valley division.

Employees asked friends to donate money based on the number of kilometers they ran or walked, thereby raising funds for various charities of their choice.

Maguire coordinated the company's participation with **Mi Sun Cho**, district manager from Northwest division. "We treated the event as a joint venture between the two divisions from the outset," says Cho.

Employees from both divisions appreciated the chance to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. "The whole event was very well organized and a lot of fun," says **Miranda Simonson**, customer services representative in Northwest division. Simonson entered the 10-K race with her husband, **Perry Simonson**, a meter reader in Northwest.

One of the 5-K racers was **Roger Embrey**, division manager of both San Fernando Valley and Northwest divisions. When the two divisions combine into the new West Valley division,

scheduled for Feb. 1989, Embrey will head the consolidated division.

"Consolidation is the most dramatic change to occur in the divisions since the merger of Southern Counties Gas Co. and SoCalGas in the early 1970s," said Embrey.

"There will be a lot of new situations and new faces in West Valley division, and we're trying to make the change as smooth as possible," Embrey added.

Other events will be scheduled to bring people together later this year, says **Carde Bellamy**, appliance service representative and president of the Northwest division employee's club.

Bellamy and **Jeanette Capaldi**, president of the San Fernando Valley division employees club, are working together on activities involving both clubs.

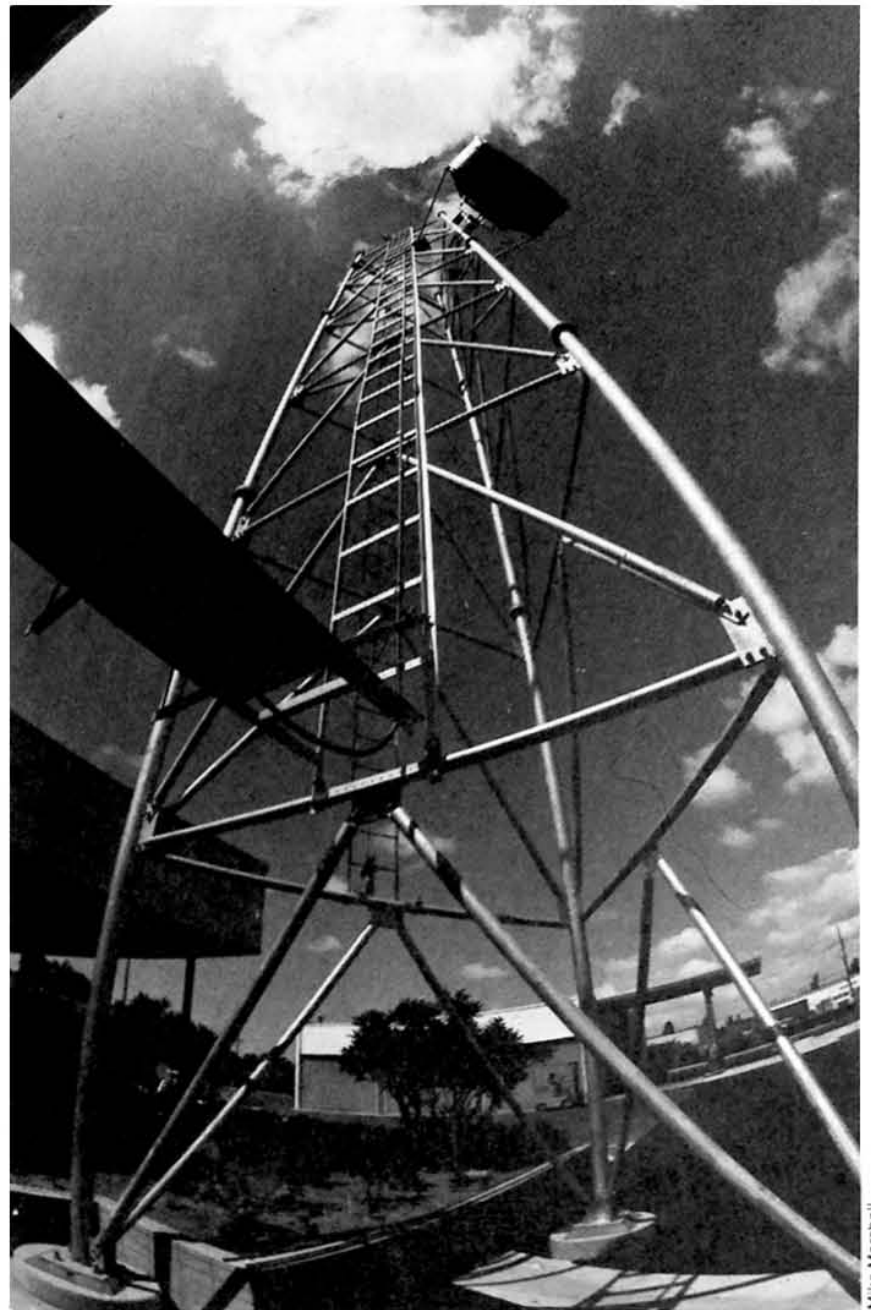
Employees from both divisions raised over \$3,300 from pledges at the Human Race event. An additional \$1,700 may be raised through the Volunteer Incentive Program, which awards \$100 checks to organizations for which employees serve as volunteers.

Twenty-five percent of all funds received from pledges were donated to the San Fernando Valley Volunteer Center, which helps provide volunteer support for the area's network of non-profit organizations. The remaining 75% was sent to the favorite charities of the participants.

For example, Perry and Miranda Simonson entered the 5-K race on behalf of the Holiday Humane Society in North Hollywood. Showing support for their choice of charity were the couple's two dalmatian dogs, Hot Shot Spot and Ms. Dotswoth, who also joined the race.



There weren't just humans in "The Human Race," a fundraiser involving San Fernando Valley and Northwest divisions. From left are Perry Simonson, meter reader, his dog, "Hot Shot Spot," Perry's wife, Miranda, a customer services representative, "Ms. Dotswoth," and Belinda Funches (#2789), a customer services representative. The Simonsons are in Northwest division and Funches is in San Fernando Valley division.



**STANDING TALL** — Tower, reaching toward sunny skies, symbolizes the company's efforts to continually improve its communications system, bringing it to new heights. The tower, and a new, just-completed telecommunications building, are located in Orange County division.

## People & places

Laker fans, take note: **Dick Farman**, SoCalGas vice chairman, will chair the Lakers Day luncheon, hosted by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, November 3 . . . **Johnny Joice**, freight coordinator in material services, is one of 6,000 people in the state selected to appear in the 18th edition of *Who's Who in California*, which recognizes "outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership and exceptional service" . . . **Helen Romero-Shaw** was among those honored at Los Angeles City Hall last month for "outstanding support and friendship" to the Latin American Professional Women's Association. The gas company was also honored for support of the organization, which works to enhance the image of Hispanic women and advance their professional careers. Accepting for the gas company was **Joyce Rowland**, community

involvement manager . . . **Don Beck**, past president of the Greater San Gabriel Valley chapter of the National Assn. of Accountants, has been elected treasurer of the organization's regional council and appointed to the National Committee on Public Relations . . . While most letters to supervisors announcing retirement are matter-of-fact declarations, a witty three-page epistle was turned in by **Frank Schofield**, field distribution supervisor in North Coastal division. The letter recounts his 42 years of service, in which he started out as a helper ("A helper is the guy who does all the work for the guy he is helping"), pitched in at the warehouse ("I've since returned all the pencils I stole"), and moved into management ("One day I couldn't spell 'fourman' and the next day I were one"). He closes with regrets that he "can't hang around and keep my permanent job."



# El Centro native has kept journal for 22 years

by Usha Viswanathan

The weather may be a safe subject of conversation with most people. But it may be wise to chew the fat on something else if you're talking to **Derrell Burnette**.

This SoCalGas employee has earned a reputation of being able to recall what the weather has been like each day for the past 22 years.

He could go back farther, pinpointing humidity levels, cloud patterns and wind direction, if only he hadn't been so darn slow in taking note of mother nature's daily offerings.

Burnette is a walking Poor Richard's Almanac of past weather patterns. That is, if his 22-year collection of journals is walking along beside him.

Rising at 4:30 each morning, the El Centro distribution construction supervisor has made a habit of writing in his journal about the incidents of every day for more than two decades.

"I find that people tend to forget what the weather was like. If we get into a disagreement on whether past years have colder, wetter or whatever, I can usually make a better case," says Burnette.

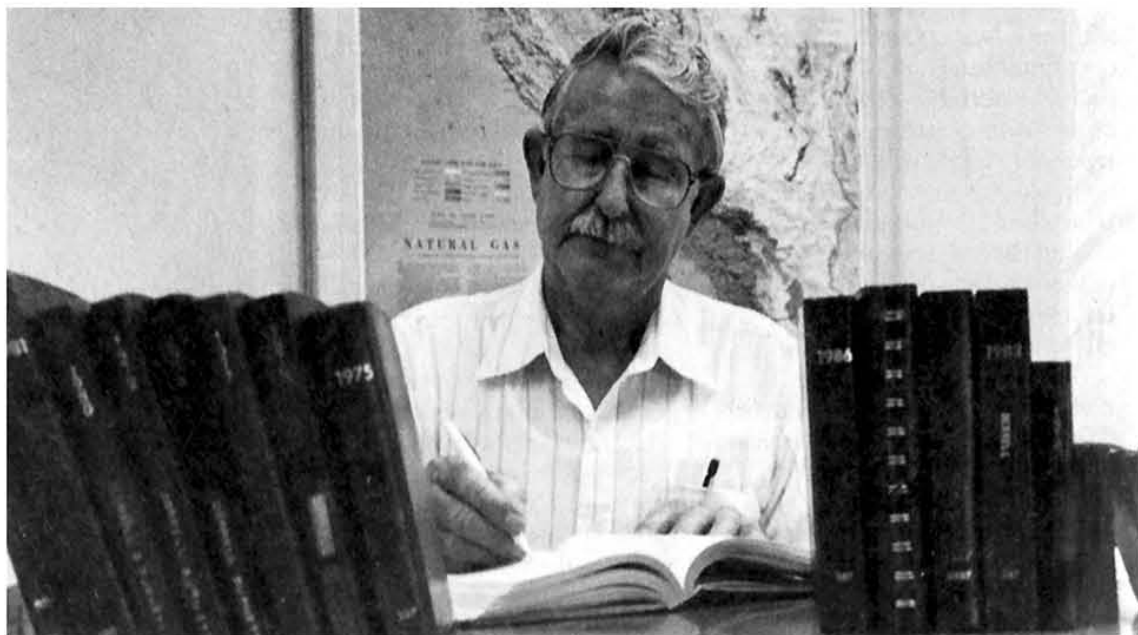
The elements are the first item he describes in predawn solitude. Other facts sprinkle his daily reckoning: visits by grandchildren, desert sites observed, pipeline jobs completed are also accounted for. Today, Burnette's journals cover several bookshelves at home.

"For years, I thought about keeping a journal — threatened to do it," says the father of 6 and grandfather of 13. "And New Year's Day 1967, I started. Haven't missed a day since."

Burnette got started because he was impressed by his late father-in-law's habit of keeping a diary of business activities and family stories.

As a farmer raising sheep, Burnette's father-in-law would rent grazing land for short periods. If landowners hassled him about the number of days his stock roamed their pastureland, a diary would offer proof of when sheep started grazing and when they were shepherded out.

"A written record carried more weight than a man's memory," says Burnette.



Derrell Burnette, distribution construction supervisor, has kept a diary for 22 years. Burnette says that the ledger-like entries he makes daily show him how he has spent his time.

Generations later, it still does. In the Burnette home, journals are the fastest way to settle family arguments.

"I use journals to go back — answer questions the family may raise on when did we take that trip or when did we visit so-and-so," he says. "Thinking back on events that happened 15 or 20 years ago in your life, you sometimes forget details."

Burnette's first journals were the size of a woman's palm. After seven years of making telegraphic entries, he switched to the book-size format. At that point, the journals took on a new form. Suddenly, there was room for special remembrances: Newspaper clippings of his children's accomplishments were inserted and corners of pages were rationed for grandchildren's scribbles.

Even on vacations, or when he visits the Los Angeles area offices, Burnette is sure to pack his journal.

"You've got to be religious about it," he says. "You have to be regimented, disciplined — devoted to writing daily."

Perhaps the greatest reward of keeping a journal: Burnette can see how he has occupied his hours.

"There's a certain amount of pride in seeing how you've spent your time," he says. "I think time is a valuable thing given to each of us and a certain amount of it has to be accounted for. I'm glad that I've been able to account for my time."

Burnette doesn't see himself ever ending his daily routine. "I would suspect that as long as I am able, I'll do it," he says. The habit has impressed upon him how valuable personal records can be to one's progeny.

"There's a desire on my part to leave something a little above and beyond memories so that my children and grandchildren remember me, know how I spent my time and how things transpired in my life," adds Burnette.

Even as rattlesnakes sleep under sagebrush in the barren desert surrounding El Centro, Burnette will rise to meet a commitment made only to himself. He will write about what happened to him each day in the town he's called home most of his life.

"I like the weather here," he says.

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