



# CEAC Newsletter

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## A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The Spring Conference was a success! We wanted to try several new initiatives this time to see if they would meet the needs of our members. To further strengthen our relationship with the League of California Cities, leadership from both organizations decided to meet at least twice a year and the first meeting was in San Diego. At that meeting, we determined how to sustain and move the California City and County Streetlight Association forward. We cleared some misunderstandings on the Governor's Strategic Growth Initiative, which led to the CSAC and LOCC joint announcement of a \$2 billion bond proposal to fund local street and road needs. We also discussed how we may work on the legislative battle over protocol for traditional Cable TV and transmission of video signals over the internet. It was a very fruitful meeting.

For the first time, we invited all new comers to a breakfast meeting on Wednesday. We were all somewhat anxious about the outcome. The breakfast was scheduled from 8am to 9am. By 8 o'clock, only one new comer had shown up. The officers were staring at each other with worried faces. Luckily by 8:30 am there were 13 new comers in attendance at the meeting. The meeting gave us the opportunity to introduce CEAC to the group and to tell them our efforts to improve the organization.

For the President's Banquet, we had our traditional Buffalo Bull Award and we hired a DJ for the event. From what I am told, tradition was that the banquet was originally open to guests. Then the Guests got tired of listening to the engineers talking about engineer jokes and decided to break off and have

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## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE CONT.

their own dinner. Over twenty years ago, an attempt was made to bring the guests back to the banquet and to revive the old tradition. The attempt was met with mixed reviews. Last year, Tim Hackworth attempted to revive the tradition, guests were again invited. This year, to follow the renewed tradition, guests were again invited. We kept the engineer jokes to a minimum and added dancing to see if the guests would enjoy the event. Judging from the reaction of the group, the DJ will be back again next year.

The last thing we did, and obviously not the least, was to squeeze in a general membership meeting during the conference. The purpose was to continue our efforts to improve the organization. Daniel Woldesenbet of Alameda County had taken input from the members during the November meeting and developed a four point program. For lack of a better term, and I know many of you do not like the term “strategic plan”, it was named **CEAC Vision 2008**. The four key principles of the Vision are:

- **Promote the Public Works Profession.**
- **Expand the membership base of CEAC.**
- **Facilitate more interaction with Board of Supervisor members at shared conferences.**
- **Improve internal and external communications for the CEAC organization.**

The membership validated the CEAC Vision 2008 and spent some time identifying issues that need to be resolved for Vision 2008 to move forward. I am happy to tell you that the Board of Directors has asked the Chair of the Public Works Administration Committee, Henry Hash of Tulare County, along with Daniel Woldesenbet, to gather interested members to develop an action plan to implement our vision. The group will meet on May 19th and will present their recommendations to the Board of Directors at a meeting on June 9th. We are confident that by the November general membership meeting in Orange County (Disneyland Hotel), we will have a list of accomplishments and a list of action items that the organization will embark upon.

Remember the “KICK ME” sign that I wore during the 2005 Spring Conference? Well, on April 4th, fifteen public works directors representing cities and counties from Siskiyou County (far north) to the City of San Diego (far south), answered the call from San Francisco and along with CSAC and LOCC legislative representatives met with the chair of the Senate Housing and Transportation Committee and the Governor’s Office including Business, Housing and Transportation Agency Secretary Sunne McPeak. We told our stories of how badly we need additional funds at the local level and how Proposition 42 is only a partial answer to our problems. De Ann Baker also presented to them a \$2 billion bond proposal from CSAC and LOCC jointly. I urge every one of you to visit your legislative representatives and impress to them our needs. I always point out to them that in Contra Costa County, fixing potholes is the number one transportation concern and that over 80% of the voters feel that fixing potholes is a high priority for the use of transportation funds.

I recently attended the South Coast Region meeting in San Luis Obispo and I am still waiting for an invitation to attend meetings from the other regions.

~ Maurice Shiu, President ~

**Minutes for November 30, 2005**  
**CEAC Board of Director's Meeting**  
**(Concurrent with Oversight Committee)**  
**San Jose Marriott Ballroom Salon V & VI**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS (Hackworth)  
 President Tim Hackworth called the County Engineer's Board of Director's meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. at the San Jose Marriott Hotel.
- 2) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
 Motion and Second (Shiu/Flynn) to accept the Oversight Committee's CEAC 2006 **Motion was unanimously approved.**
- 3) ADJOURNMENT  
 Board of Director's meeting was adjourned to the next meeting, December 2, 2005, at 7:30 a.m., at the San Jose Marriott.

**Minutes for December 2, 2005**  
**CEAC Board of Director's Meeting**  
**San Jose Marriott Ballroom Salon V & VI**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS (Hackworth)  
 President Tim Hackworth called the County Engineer's Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at the San Jose Marriott Hotel with the following in attendance:

**Officers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>County/Agency</u>
Tim Hackworth	President	Placer
Maurice Shiu	President Elect	Contra Costa
Mike Crump	Secretary	Butte
Mehdi Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Donald LaBelle	Parliamentarian	Alameda
Gerry Shaul	Past President	Lake
Phil Demery	NACE Representative	Santa Barbara
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
William (Bill) McIntosh	Treasurer Emeritus	Lassen (Retired)

**Regional Directors**

Farhad Mansourian	North Coast	Marin
Julie Bueren	Central Coast	Contra Costa
Tom Bolich	South Central Coast	Santa Cruz
George Johnson	Southern California	Riverside

**Committees**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>County/Agency</u>
Don Wolfe	Flood Control & Water Resources	Los Angeles
Farhad Mansourian	Oversight	Marin
Mike Emmons	Surveyor	Santa Barbara
Patrick De Chellis	Transportation	Los Angeles
Wes Zicker	Land Use	Placer

## Other Attendees

DeAnn Baker	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Henry Hash	Director Resource Management	Tulare
Ken Miller	CLOD	San Bernardino (Retired)
Karen Keene	Legislative Representative	CEAC/CSAC
Katrina Thompson	Legislative Assistant	CEAC/CSAC
Doug Wilson	CLOD	Tulare (Retired)
Max Bridges	CLOD	San Benito (Retired)
Richard Marshall	Development Services Eng	San Luis Obispo

## 2) CONSENT ITEMS

### 2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to Minutes of July 29, 2005, Board of Director's meeting. Item 3, first paragraph: **change**...accept a request for a slate of officers from the President... **to** ...*accept a request for a suggestion for Secretary from the President*...

### 2.2 NACE REPORT

Phil Demery provided a verbal update to the December 2, 2005, written report. The Board accepted the NACE report.

### 2.3 EXPENSE REPORT

Treasurer Mehdi Sadjadi, submitted the Treasurer's Report for the period January 1, 2005 to November 18, 2005.

### 2.4 SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT

Program Committee Chair Maurice Shiu, submitted the Spring Conference Report.

### 2.5 REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

#### 2.5.1 SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGION

Mike Edwards submitted the Region Report for December 2, 2005, Board of Directors Meeting.

#### 2.5.2 SACRAMENTO MOTHERLODE REGION

Peter Rei submitted the Region Report for December 2, 2006, Board of Directors Meeting.

#### 2.5.3 NORTH COAST REGION

##### **Discussion:**

Farhad Mansourian, North Coast Regional Director, advised the North Coast Region is proposing reorganization, creating a North Coast and a North Bay region. Tim Hackworth responded by asking all the regions look at improving their boundaries and suggested that the Regional Directors solicit and forward suggestions to Secretary Mike Crump. DeAnn Baker, Legislative Representative, noted that CSAC is also considering reorganization.

A report was also submitting summarizing the North Coast Region July 22, 2005, meeting.

#### 2.5.4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

George Johnson submitted a written report on the October 27, 2005, Region meeting.

2.6 REGIONAL DIRECTORS ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP

**Discussion:**

George Johnson advised that Tim Jones of Imperial County was retiring and recommended that Tim be acknowledged by CEAC for his service and receive the designation of Life Membership. The Board of Directors approved the recommendation and will present Tim a Life Membership Certificate at the Friday morning breakfast meeting, immediately following the Board Meeting.

2.7 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NOMINATION FOR NACE RURAL AND URBAN COUNTY ENGINEERS AWARD

**Discussion:**

President Elect Maurice Shiu advised the 2005 winner is from an urban county and the 2004 winner was from a rural county. Both winner's names will be forwarded to NACE for consideration for the NACE Engineer of the Year awards.

2.8 CEAC DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The report was accepted and referred to Executive Committee.

Motion/Second to accept CONSENT ITEMS.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

3) DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 CLOUDS REPORT

Bill McIntosh reported that the CLOUDS BBQ happened despite the rainy and windy weather.

3.2 2006 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Treasurer Mehdi Sadjadi submitted the proposed 2006 CEAC Budget.

**Discussion:**

Mehdi Sadjadi stated currently, the Treasurer is the only member who can write checks on behalf of CEAC; this could potentially present a challenge if something unforeseen happened to the Treasurer. Mehdi Sadjadi suggested the new Newsletter Editor be back-up to the Treasurer. Tim Hackworth recommended the incoming Secretary be back-up Treasurer and that individual retain the position of back-up Treasurer for a period of four years as they go through the chain of officers. Subsequently, George Johnson, incoming Secretary, was designated as back-up Treasurer and will retain the position for the next four years. This recommendation was supported by the Board of Directors.

Mehdi Sadjadi explained the difficulty in getting bonded. The maximum bond capacity is \$100,000.00, at a cost of \$300.00, per year, per person. Tim Hackworth stated his preference was to abide by the By-Laws and secure bonding for both parties. It was determined that Mehdi Sadjadi, George Johnson, and Farhad Mansourian would confer with CSAC staff to further define what is needed and secure the appropriate bonding.

Mehdi Sadjadi advised he dropped the telephone card and is personally covering the cost of phone calls. Tim Hackworth suggests Mehdi Sadjadi be properly reimbursed for these costs.

Included in the budget is a line item contribution of \$1500.00, for the 2006 PWSS Reception.

Maurice Shiu questioned ARTBA dues of \$7,250.00, asking if this was appropriate. Motion/Second (Shiu/Bolich) to refer the matter to the Oversight Committee for report at the Spring Conference.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

Motion and Second (Demery/Miller) to approve the 2006 CEAC Budget.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

### 3.3 2006 CEAC OPERATING BUDGET ISSUES

DeAnn Baker, CSAC Legislative Representative, referred to the 2000 – 2006 Analysis of CEAC budget, noting the 16% increase over a seven year period, primarily due to salary and benefits increases. Further, there was a spike in printing and posting costs in 2005. The 2006 budgeted printing costs were reduced as mailings will be made only to Directors and not Deputy Directors. Allowance for travel expenses may need to increase if members attend the Regional meetings.

Tim Hackworth stressed the importance of getting word out with the Newsletter, as postage and printing costs for each runs \$600.00 to \$700.00.

Travel and printing/postage costs were decreased to cover increased salary and benefits.

Maurice Shiu discussed salary and benefits costs. CEAC will need to make a decision when CSAC salary and benefits will exceed the indexed amount of \$108,000.00. Tim Hackwork and Phil Demery will review the matter at the Spring Conference to determine how this will be handled.

### 3.4 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Maurice Shiu pointed out that membership dues had not been increased in ten years, however, rural counties will not be able to handle a large increase. CEAC members at yesterday's workshop indicated they wanted to do more, which will increase costs. Maurice Shiu requested either a general or stepped increase be reviewed by the Oversight Committee and their recommendation be presented at the Spring Conference. Don Labelle suggested Oversight attempt to price membership suggestions if possible. Maurice Shiu suggested the Committee make recommendations, with phone calls to those not in attendance. Phil Demery stated CEAC needs to attract more members vs. increasing dues. Gerry Shaul suggested a poll of counties to ask why they did not attend the conference.

Tim Hackworth summarized the motion for a review of dues issues, with Oversight to provide suggestions and report at the Spring Conference. Motion and Second (M. Shiu/T. Bolich).

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

### 3.5 COMMITTEE REPORT FROM CHAIRS

#### 3.5.1 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES

Committee Chair Don Wolfe advised there was no additional report.

### 3.5.2 PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Gerry Shaul presented the report for Committee Chair Dave Knight. The Committee has evaluated different effort levels in developing a Strategic Plan for CEAC. An abbreviated effort would cost about \$5,000.00, a moderate effort about \$10,000.00, and a more extensive effort up to \$20,000. The Committee recommends proceeding with the \$10,000.00, moderate Strategic Plan effort utilizing the CEAC Officers and Regional Directors to work with the help of a facilitator to develop a 5 Year Strategic Plan.

Don Labelle asked how the Oversight Committee's review of membership and dues will integrate with the Strategic Plan, as it is one piece of the overall puzzle. Gerry Shaul stated if we do this, we need a facilitator and M. Crump suggested that the Mission/Vision be considered before a full Strategic Plan. Maurice Shiu would like to have a Mission Statement by the Spring Conference. Phil Demery stated he has done a lot of Strategic Plans that sit on a shelf – the need is to focus on certain key areas. Gerry Shaul suggested the focus could best be developed with a facilitator, and Tim Hackworth asked if CEAC wants to spend \$10,000 to get outside help.

Don Labelle moved to accept the recommendation of the Administration Committee, to place \$10,000.00 in the budget from contingency funds and authorize the Executive Committee to proceed upon results of Oversight Committee.

**Motion was unanimously approved.**

### 3.5.3 SURVEY AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Chair Mike Emmons presented the Survey Report, advising that 70 % of County Surveyor's will be retiring within the next five years. The Survey Committee will work with the private sector in developing a plan to address this issue.

### 3.5.4 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Pat De Chellis, Vice Chair advised there was nothing additional to report.

#### **Additional Comments:**

Mehdi Sadjadi stated the Regional Directors need to advise the CEAC Treasurer and President of new appointments. He also reminded the Committee Chairs to base any contracts with the calendar year, consistent with the CEAC budget.

Gerry Shaul emphasized the need to recognize any new Public Works Directors.

Ken Miller, as new Newsletter Editor, encourages assistance from Board and Regions.

### 5) ADJOURNMENT

Board of Director's meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m., to the next meeting, March 3, at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego.

/s/George A. Johnson  
George A. Johnson, CEAC Secretary

March 3, 2006  
Approval Date

## GUESTS ENJOY SPRING PROGRAM



### AT THE WELCOMING BREAKFAST

SEATED (L to R): Nancy Brogan, Karen Hackworth, Paula Zicker

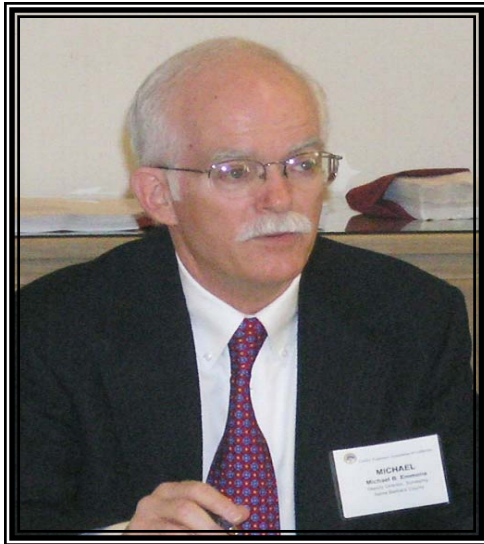
STANDING (L to R): Patty Hughes, Roma Lossius, Corinne Thorsell, Sandy Miller,  
Sharon LaBelle, Esther Shiu, Delores Sadjadi

The CEAC Spring Conference Guest Program was packed full of activity and enjoyment. Wednesday, March 1, began with a welcoming breakfast in the Hospitality Suite, followed by outdoor shopping in Fashion Valley and concluding with an afternoon tea back at the Hospitality Suite. Thursday included a trip up the coast from San Diego to visit the world renowned Scripps Institute of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego followed by a delightful lunch on a coastal bluff overlooking the “Blue Pacific” in La Jolla.





## CEAC COMMITTEE CHAIRS



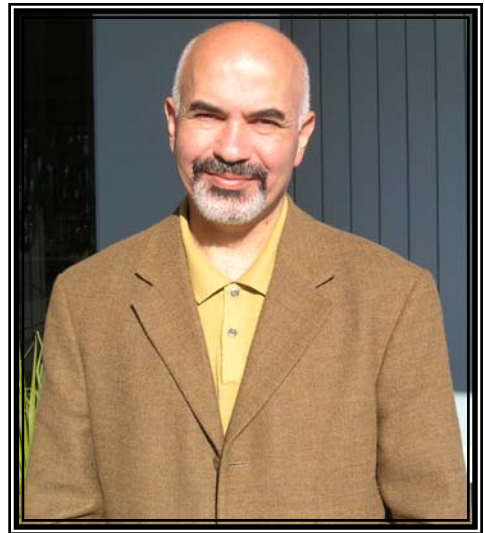
Mike Emmons—Santa Barbara Co.  
SURVEY



Jeff Pratt—Ventura Co.  
FLOOD CONTROL & WATER RESOURCES



Brigitta Corsello—Solano Co  
SOLID WASTE



Henry Hash—Tulare Co.  
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

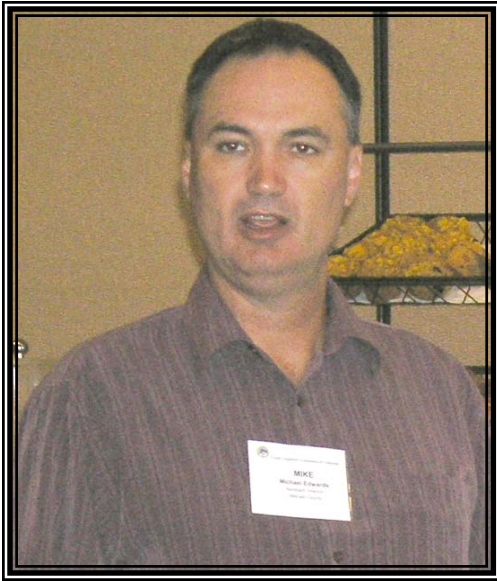


Peter Rei—Tuolumne Co.  
TRANSPORTATION



Cheryl Creson—Sacramento Co.  
LAND USE

## CEAC COMMITTEE CHAIRS (continued)



Mike Edwards—Merced Co.  
FELLOWSHIP

No photos available at this time:

Farhad Monsourian—Marin Co.  
OVERSIGHT

Pat Minturn—Shasta Co.  
PROFESSIONAL LIASON

Mike Crump—Butte Co.  
PROGRAM

Ed Townley—Lake Co.  
SALARY

Tom Bolich—Santa Cruz Co.  
SCHOLARSHIP

Excerpt From the Spring 1962 Newsletter

### *MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, Jan. 24, 1962)*

*The principle item on the agenda - - actually, the one purpose of the meeting - - was to hear and digest reports of the various committees. The threat by President Jones to use his new bull-whip apparently was most effective in that all committee chairmen .....were present and each reported progress regarding the work of their committees. **The Board was most appreciative of the work accomplished by these committees and enthusiastically endorsed their plans for the future.** The fact that each committee had held at least one meeting since October must surely set some kind of a record.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED - - THE WORK OF EACH OF YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEES IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF CEAC . **THANK YOU.**

P. S. — Rumor has it that President Maurice recently purchased a new bull whip.

#### THE LAW OF COFFEE:

As soon as you sit down with a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something that will last until your coffee is cold.

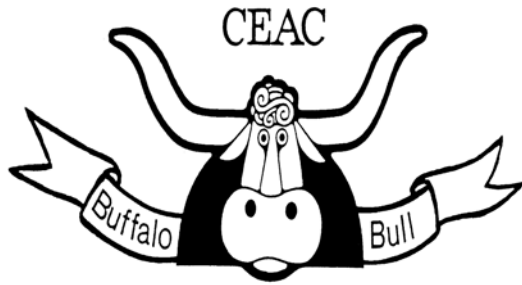
#### THE LAW OF PROBABILITY

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act.





# Congratulations to Carl Bonomini



On earning the Prestigious and Acclaimed **“Buffalo Bull Award”** for **2006**. You have made your Trinity County staff very proud of you.

“You clearly deserved this annual honor for a most inexplicable and incomprehensible contribution to County Engineering in California.”

~ The Tres Pinos Committee

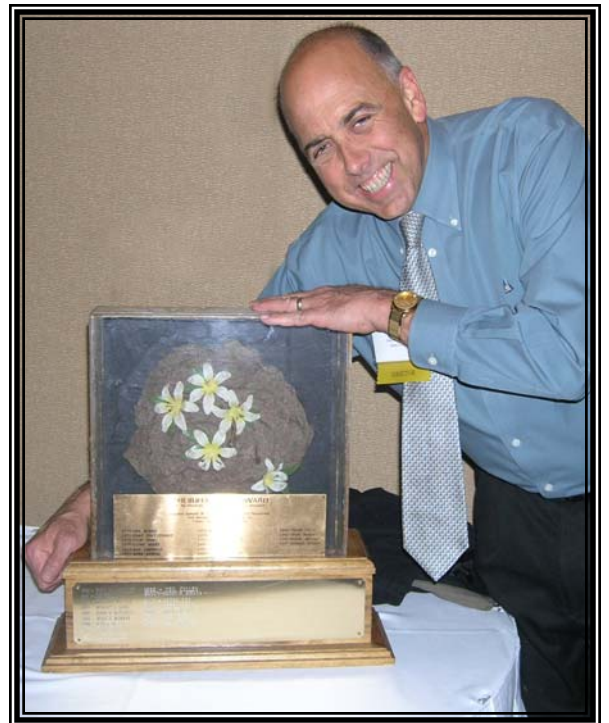


Nominee “Stand-In” Brian McDermott  
Siskiyou Co.  
“YOU OWE ME BIGTIME, CARL!”



Nominee and Glorious Leader Maurice Shiu

“I AM KEEPING MY MOUTH SHUT”



Nominee Tom Bolich  
Santa Cruz Co.  
‘A VERY HAPPY LOSER’

## ROBERT THOMAS (TOM) HUNTER RETIRES

Following a long and respected career in Plumas County, Tom Hunter, President of CEAC in 2002, will be honored at a retirement dinner celebration in Quincy, California on June 9th.

Tom was born and raised in Greenville, Plumas County, California. After graduating from Greenville High School, he attended Chico State University and graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

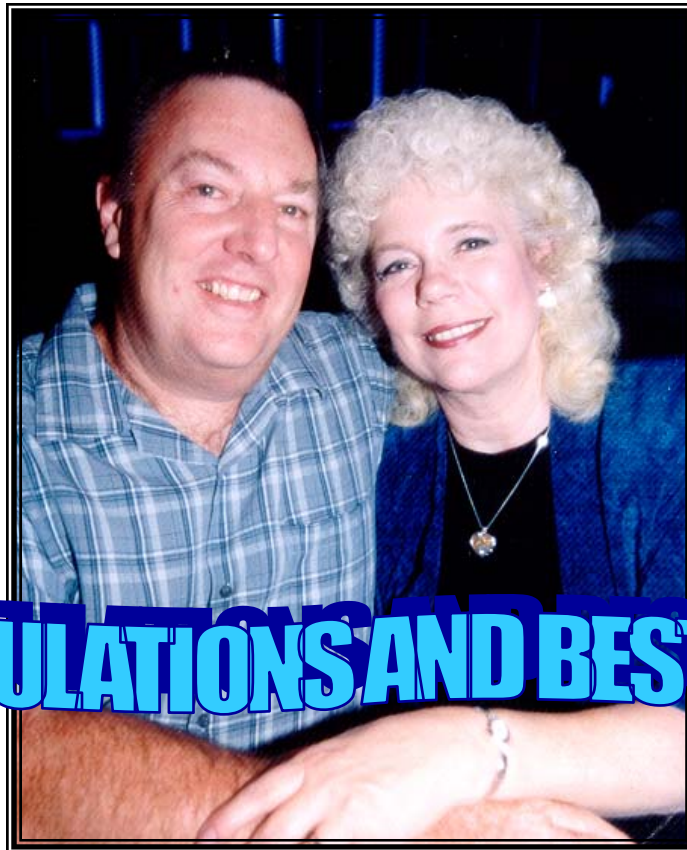
Following graduation, he began his career with the Plumas County Road Department as an Engineering Technician. After various job duties and numerous promotions, he was appointed the Director of Public Works on June 16, 1992.

Tom has devoted many hours to CEAC. He said, "My CEAC career has been as fulfilling as the time that I have spent in it. The CEAC organization is always changing for the better and I have enjoyed my relationship with other CEAC members and getting to know some of the NACE counterparts." He has served on the CEAC committees for Transportation, Solid Waste, Oversight and the City-County-State-FHWA Co-Op Committee including four years as the Chair of the Solid Waste Committee. He was a Norcal Regional Director for two years and has been the Executive Secretary of Norcal since Dave Gravenkamp retired. Tom has indicated he will continue to stay in touch and will administer the Bedroll Conference in the future.

**Tom was honored as CEAC's "Engineer of the Year" in 2001.** After his Presidency, he was installed as a CLOD of which he says, **"I am a CLOD and proud of it."**

On his long County career Tom commented, "I have enjoyed a great 34 years with Plumas County and certainly the Public Works Director position has been the most gratifying. I have had some great Board members to work for and with."

*You may make reservations for Tom's retirement dinner celebration by contacting Phyllis Taddei at (530) 283-6490 or by e-mailing to Phyllis at [pcpw2@psln.com](mailto:pcpw2@psln.com)*



*"Thank you Tom and Barbara for your contributions to CEAC ~ You Done Good"*

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**



# Droppings

*from out of the past*

## The Hat

By Dave Gravenkamp, Historian

Do you recall seeing the picture of President Maurice Shiu in the last Newsletter wearing the infamous CEAC hard hat? As you can see in the picture, or "up close and personal" if you've attended a CEAC installation ceremony, the hat is adorned with a "bunch of stuff". I'm hoping that identifying the "stuff" will not only be interesting but will provide more information concerning our past.

As you may know, Bill McIntosh is the oldest living Past President and therefore I questioned Bill about the hat's origin. Although probably not the first recipient, Bill feels that he was "one of the first" when he became our President in 1963. Then in 1964, Bill presented the hat adorned with a Lassen County A-1 route marker decal to his successor, Dave Pierson, Imperial County.

It is my belief that the additions made to the hat in the early years were to make it functional, e.g. running lights, horn, beer dispenser, etc. It would appear that later on the additions reflected something which occurred during a term in office. For example, the guy jumping rope atop the hat was added by Art Goulet, Ventura County and 1990 CEAC President. Those attending CEAC Board meetings at the Lake Almanor bedroll conference will recall Art "jumping up a storm" in the Camp Conery parking lot. The can of Snappy Tom was added by Mike Walford, Contra Costa County, and CEAC President in 1991. Seems as though Mike, as our fearless leader, was forced to use a substitute mix at the Snappy Tom Reception during the 1991 NACE Spring Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The train was added by Max Bridges, San Benito County and 1998 President, to signify his "jumping ship" to run the North Coast Railroad. Most recently, Immediate Past President Tim Hackworth added a small measuring tape on which he placed the Placer County logo. The tape apparently has no significance but merely a place to affix the logo. In addition, Tim added a California quarter with condor, dime, nickel and penny (change) to signify the changes taking place in county government and in our Association.

I thought it would be interesting to try to identify as much "stuff" as possible and learn why it was added. Therefore, I'd like to hear from all of you who placed something on the hat or if you recall someone else's addition. You can reach me by phone at (530) 842-4590 or drop me a note at 105 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Yreka, CA 96097. And if you insist, my e-mail address is [clocks@snowcrest.net](mailto:clocks@snowcrest.net). (Maybe I can ask Sue to retrieve it.)

I'd like the fall issue to identify all the "stuff", who added it and why. Thanks for your help.



## IN MEMORIAM

# John Walsh, former county road commissioner, dies

Feb. 9, 1927 – March 7, 2006

Former Tuolumne County road commissioner John Eugene Walsh died Tuesday, March 7, at his son's home in Oakdale.

He was 79.

He was born in Modesto and went to work in the hayfields near Livermore when he was 13. When he was 15, he went to work as a detail inspector for Lockheed Aircraft, helping build planes for World War II.

He finished high school in Sonora and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944. After returning from the service, he worked at the old Purity grocery store in Sonora and at several ranches in the county.

Mr. Walsh's first job on Tuolumne County roads was driving a 1935 V-8 Ford dump truck. That was in 1946, when each county supervisor was in charge of the roads in his own district and had his own foreman and crew.

But the next year the board decided that politics and

roads didn't mix and established a countywide road department headed by a commissioner.

Appointed in 1965, Mr. Walsh was the county's second and last road commissioner.

After he retired in 1981, the road and surveyor's departments were combined and a new head of public works was appointed.

In a retirement interview in 1981, Mr. Walsh said he was particularly proud of his successful efforts to get developers to build or upgrade roads to county standards.

But he added that maintaining roads cost even more than building them.

"It's kind of like having children," he said at the time. "It's expensive to have them and



JOHN  
WALSH

even more expensive to raise them."

After his county service, Mr. Walsh first lived in Modesto and then, in 2004, moved to Oakdale.

He remained active in county business for several years, representing retired county workers in talks with county supervisors and the administration.

Mr. Walsh was an Elder Emeritus and teacher at Table Mountain Chapel in Sonora, and enjoyed his family and reading the bible.

Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife, Joyce Walsh, of Oakdale; a son, John Michael Walsh, of Oakdale; daughters, Donna Walsh, of Sonora, and Tamela Walsh, of Oakland; a brother, David Walsh, of Oregon; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Walsh.

No services are scheduled.

Allen Mortuary in Turlock is handling arrangements.

## WELCOME NEW AFFILIATES

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“WE APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT”

**STATE NEWS**

Friday, March 31, 2006 • A7

# A pair of California condors spotted nesting in Big Sur

BIG SUR (AP) — For the first time in more than 100 years, California condors were spotted nesting in the northern part of the state, scientists said.

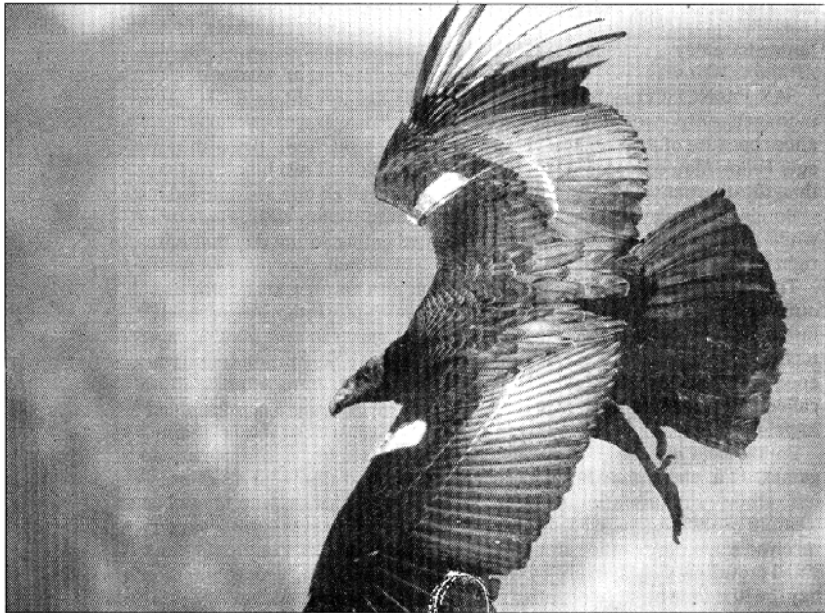
The condor couple was found Monday displaying typical nesting behavior inside a hollowed-out redwood tree in Big Sur, a mountainous coastal region south of Monterey, the Ventana Wildlife Society said Tuesday.

“For the past 10 years when this sort of thing came up, it turned out to be just in my dreams,” Kelly Sorenson, the group’s executive director. “Now it is a reality.”

The male and female took turns guarding the nest every two or three days, never leaving the nest unattended for more than several minutes, the scientists said.

“Although the view into the cavity is very limited and we can’t actually see the egg, we strongly suspect they have an egg based on their behavior at the nest site,” said Joe Burnett, a wildlife biologist.

Scientists have worked for years to bring the condor back from the brink



SHNS photo courtesy Fish and Wildlife Service

**The California condor, which once survived only in captivity, was reintroduced into the wild and is considered one of the successes of the Endangered Species Act.**

of extinction.

Ventana, a nonprofit group, began releasing condors into the wild in 1997 and now monitors a population of 38 condors in Central California. The last known

condor egg in Northern California was collected in 1905 in Monterey County.

The condor recovery effort has increased the number of birds tenfold over the past two decades. But about 40

percent of released condors have died from attacks by golden eagles and power lines, among other causes.

Biologists said the mortality rate of condors in Big Sur is much lower.

## IS THERE HOPE FOR LOCAL PAVEMENT REHABILITATION FUNDING?

In October of 2005, Peter Rei, Tuolumne County, and Brian McDermott, Siskiyou County, gave a presentation before California Transportation Commission (CTC) Commissioner Kirk Lindsey and CTC staff at the fall CalAct conference in Monterey. With the help of Katherine Matthews, RCTF, we were invited to make a similar presentation before the entire CTC at their November meeting.

The message asked the CTC to reconsider the low priority given to local pavement rehabilitation projects during the allocation process. Some of the issues discussed were:

- Most, if not all trips begin and end on local roads.
- Locals maintain 4 miles of roads for every 1 mile of State highways.
- Some counties do not have any projects that qualify for high priority with CTC, (including the State highways in those counties).
- Traditional revenue sources for local roads not keeping pace with higher labor, equipment and material costs (i.e. lower buying power).
- Prop 42 helps, but is not reliable and is not enough money to bridge the gap.
- Caltrans SHOPP, funded before STIP, is spending more on landscaping projects each year than is needed for local pavement rehab.
- Local pavement rehab STIP projects are a small portion of overall STIP, around 5%.
- Governor's GO California program recognizes pavement maintenance and preservation as the foundation of the state goals.

In their December meeting, the CTC adopted revised guidelines to give higher priority to STIP local pavement rehab projects and for those counties who have little or no programmed projects on state highways.

In April, CTC allocated funds to 116 local pavement rehab projects, totaling nearly \$50 million, some that had been waiting for funding for over two years.

## IMPROVED PERMITTING PROCESS FROM CALIFORNIA FISH & GAME?

Have you ever had a hard time getting a permit from Fish and Game? Well, there soon may be hope for improvement. The County Engineers Association of California and the California State Association of Counties have been meeting with the Deputy Director of the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to resolve some of our common operational and habitat issues. We whittled our long list of issues with DFG down to four key items (CEQA, Construction Windows, Mitigation, and Conservation Easements). To resolve these issues DFG has agreed to a series of regional meetings throughout the State with the DFG Regional Managers. The first meeting will be held in Region 2 on May 17, 2006. The topic for this meeting will be CEQA.

These meetings represent a long term improvement process, but in the end we will have a much better relationship with Fish and Game, a better understanding with DFG of each others interests and needs, and more efficient permitting (yeah!). **If you have any questions, contact Mitch Avalon with Contra Costa County at (925) 313-2203 or Karen Keene with CSAC at (916) 327-7500 ext 511.**



# THE PRESIDENT'S BANQUET



A WILD TIME ON THE DANCE FLOOR  
*"What Happens in San Diego doesn't Stay in San Diego"*

L. to R.

Luann Johnson

Jill Shaul

Sharon LaBelle



L. to R.

Bill McIntosh

Tim Hackworth

Karen Hackworth



On Left:

Mike and Delores  
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# **SO. CAL. PAVEMENT PRESERVATION CONFERENCE**

By

**Phil Demery—Santa Barbara County, CA Public Works Director  
and**

**Laura Melendy, Manager of Outreach & Information Services for the Institute of  
Transportation Studies, University of California Berkeley**

The Southern California Pavement Preservation Conference was held April 25 and 26, 2006 at the South Coast Air Quality Management District facilities in Diamond Bar.

More than 300 representatives from Caltrans, cities, counties, and industry attended the conference to learn of the work being done with industry assistance to preserve pavements at the federal, state and local levels. The conference provided ample opportunity for local agency pavement maintenance workers and decision makers to meet with federal and state agency experts and industry representatives.

Pavement preservation represents a proactive approach to extending pavement life by using an integrated, cost-effective set of practices. The cumulative effect of systematic, successive preservation treatments is to postpone costly rehabilitation and to prevent the need for reconstruction. Pavement preservation is about applying the right treatment to the right road at the right time.

Conference attendees learned of specific treatments that extend the life of the pavement. These included the traditional preventive treatments such as crack sealing, fog seals, cape seals, slurry seals, chip seals and thin lift overlays. Also included were the newer applied technologies of rubberized seals, rejuvenating seals, rubberized chip seals, interlayers, micro surfacing and thin lifts with rubber binders or bonded membranes.

Speakers discussed the importance of integrating strategies that are developed based on all available treatments to preserve pavement with a Pavement Management System (PMS). A modern PMS allows not only for inventory, assessment and capture of work history, but also is utilized for budgetary planning and deterioration modeling. Each road may respond to preventive treatments differently and as such will require constant evaluation feedback for future strategy selection.

Conference attendees heard two case studies of local governments that had implemented pavement preservation strategies. Speakers from the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Irvine emphasized the benefits of a quality pavement management system, and explained the importance of a dedicated funding source for pavement preservation.

Presented by the California Pavement Preservation Task Group, this conference was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the National Association of County Engineers, the County Engineers Association of California, the Maintenance Superintendents Association, the American Public Works Association, the California Department of Transportation, The Federal Highway Administration, and the California Local Technical Assistance Program.

**For a complete viewing of conference presentations use the following link:**

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TO: CEAC Members

FROM: Phil Demery, CEAC Representative to NACE

REGARDING: NACE Report

The 2006 NACE Conference was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 9<sup>th</sup>-April 13<sup>th</sup>. The California delegates in attendance included Maurice Shiu, Mike Crump, George Johnson, Peter Rei and myself. Also in attendance were fellow CLODS ; Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi and Winn Westfall. Jim Towns representing Western Emulsions was one of the exhibitors that continues to contribute to the success of the conferences.

The conference celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NACE was held downtown at the DeVos Place Convention Center adjacent to both the Grand River and the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Directly across the river was the Gerald R. Ford Museum and the City Museum. The Convention Center was completed in December 2004 and proved to be an excellent venue for this year's conference.

The NACE committee meetings were held on Sunday morning and the first of two Board Meetings were held that same afternoon. The first Board Meeting was used to discuss details of the financial report, upcoming budget and committee reports. In addition, a modification to the Executive Director job description was presented by the Executive Advisory Committee. Although Tony Giancola, NACE Executive Director, does not have immediate plans to leave the position, the modification would allow successors to fill the position without Engineering Degree and License. Although such qualifications are preferred they would no longer be required. The modification was approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held on the last day.

The Conference began on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and ended on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The conference consisted of General Session topics such as SAFETEA-LU impacts, Pavement Preservation, the U.S. Road Assessment Program and the US DOT Intelligent Transportation Systems Program. The conference also offered concurrent sessions on technical, management and transportation topics. The sessions that I found of most interest were on the effects of in-lane rumble strips on stopping behaviors of drivers and the session on roundabout design. Other sessions included sign reflectivity, bridge restorations, geosynthetics, rubberized asphalt, thin concrete overlays and best practices to accommodate the aging driver.

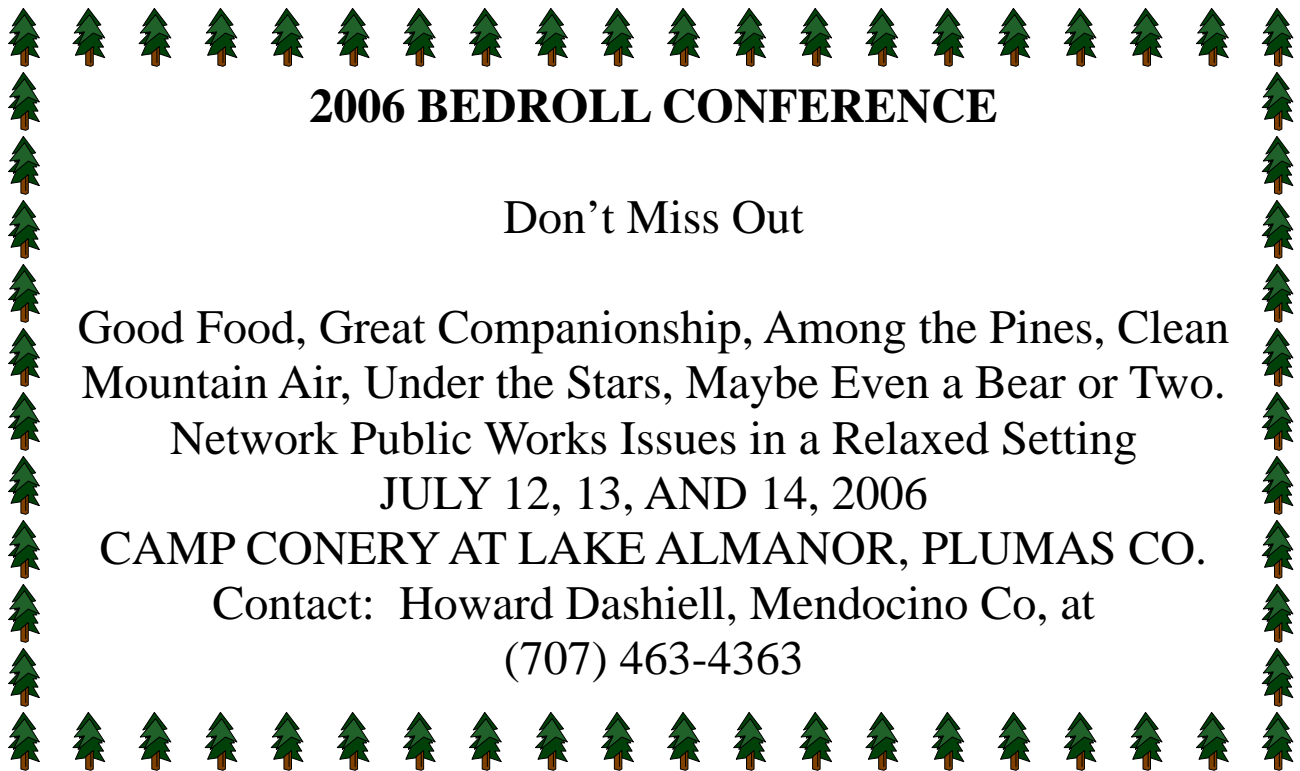
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## NACE Report (Continued)

On Wednesday morning, April 12th, CEAC hosted the traditional Snappy Tom reception. Our President, Maurice Shiu, pulled off a successful event thanks to the efforts of the entire California delegation. That night, the NACE officers were sworn in with Hiene Junge, Highway Superintendent from Pennington County, South Dakota as the new President. The banquet was a special night as this year marked the 50th Anniversary of NACE. Although everyone wished our own Bill McIntosh could have attended the celebration, Duane Blanck, fellow NACE Former Leader of Bill's from Minnesota, filled in well for Bill both in humor and NACE historical perspective.

On Thursday morning, the 2nd Board Meeting was held in which the budget for next year was adopted as well as the modified job description for the Executive Director. Minor changes in the NACE Strategic Plan were also adopted.

The 2007 NACE Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin April 22nd through 27th and the 2008 NACE Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon.



**2006 BEDROLL CONFERENCE**

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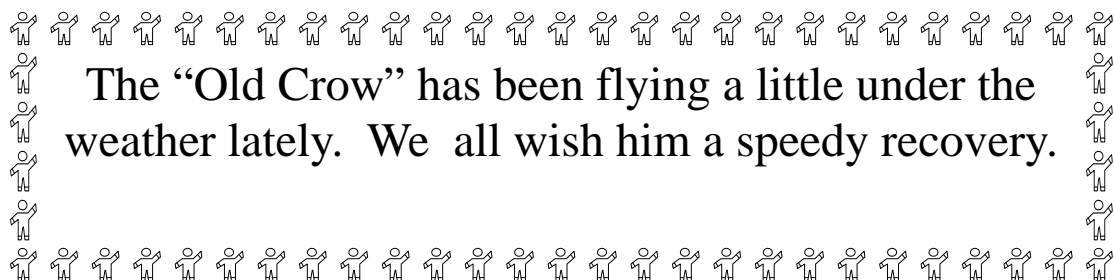
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The "Old Crow" has been flying a little under the weather lately. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



# THIS AND THAT....

## RURAL PEARLS

“Look back to see how far you’ve come before looking forward to see how far you have to go.”

A big game hunter is persuaded to take both his wife and her mother along on one of his expeditions. It does not go well. His mother-in-law is, if anything, harder to get along with in the wild. And to make matters worse, she won’t even abide by camp rules designed to keep the safari safe.

One night after dinner, the hunter’s wife realizes her mother is missing. Panicked, she rushes to her husband and begs him to start a search. He sighs, and together they set out. Before long, they hear a ferocious growl and come upon a small clearing. In the middle stands his mother-in-law, backed against thick, seemingly impenetrable jungle brush and facing a huge male lion.

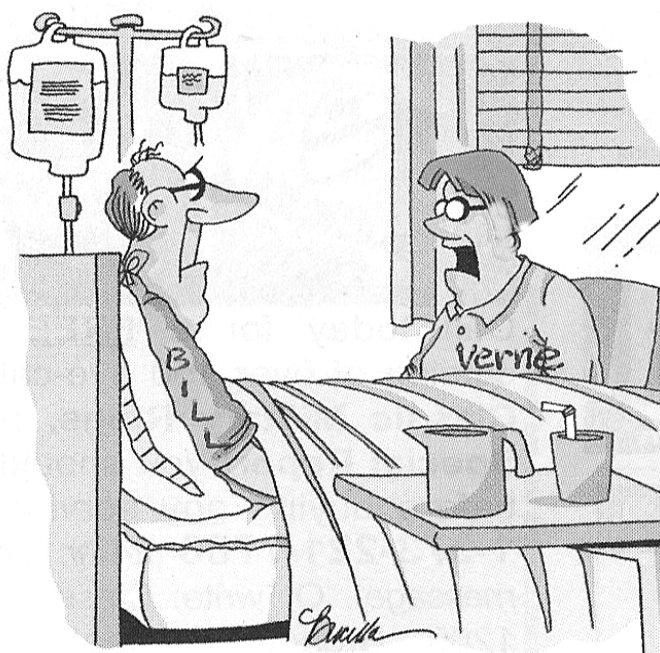
The wife whispers urgently, “What are we going to do?”

“Nothing whatsoever,” the husband responds.

“The lion got himself into this mess. He can get himself out of it.”

**While I was watching** four NBA playoff games last weekend, my wife and I got into a conversation about life and the need for leaving wills.

During the course of conversation I told her that I never wanted to exist in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and taking fluids from a bottle. She promptly got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of my beer.



“The doctor said you’ll regain the use of everything but your money.”

**One night at Cheers**, Cliff explained the “**Buffalo Theory**” to his buddy Norm, “Well you see Norm, its like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo, and when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weakest of brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That’s why you always feel smarter after a few beers.”