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JAMES N. GOLDSTONE, INTERIM REGISTRAR

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## REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

**T**he official designation of California Contractors Week last June allowed the Board to refocus its energy and attention on the people its here to serve—contractors. And did we ever! Our new contracting video, “Doing it Right—A Contractor’s Standard for Excellence” aired throughout the state on cable television. The Board also redoubled its efforts to educate the public and further good construction practices by conducting several home improvement related interviews with media statewide. The Board offered a new Contractor’s Kit to interested parties and they have flown off the shelves—literally hundreds have been distributed to date. Lastly, I had the pleasure of chatting with several contractors online LIVE during two separate chat sessions. Their questions were provocative and showed an unsurpassed dedication to contracting.

Now that the Contractor Surveys have been tallied, we have a clearer picture of how to best focus our newsletter. The results reaffirm what we already knew—contractors want to be fully informed, active participants in their chosen industry. The areas of strongest interest include enforcement, legislation and continuing education. And as always, the Contractors State License Board has answered the call.

In this issue you will find “Tales from the Front,” a new feature dedicated to enforcement issues such as stings and other ways your Board levels the playing field for licensed contractors. The “Legislative Update” column and “What Would You Do?” are also back by popular demand. In the future, space will also be dedicated to answering your questions directly in our new column, “Ask the Registrar.”

## Dr. Barnett To Be Chief Deputy State Controller; Board Appoints Goldstene Interim Registrar



Dr. Barnett

Dr. C. Lance Barnett recently accepted a position as the Chief Deputy State Controller after having served as CSLB’s Registrar for nearly three years.

On August 23, after voting to initiate a nationwide search for a permanent replacement, the members of the Board named James N. Goldstene as the Interim Registrar of Contractors.

Goldstene has more than 10 years of broad experience in state government, most recently serving as the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Barbering and Cosmetology.

For nearly eight years, Goldstene worked for the State Treasurer’s Office in various policy development and managerial capacities. Additionally, with a focus on consumer protection issues, Goldstene worked for then Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, and for the California State Assembly.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to assist the Board during this important transition,” said Goldstene.

## TALES FROM THE FRONT

### CSLB Enforcement Tracks Down Illegal Activities

**E**ver wonder what the Contractors State License Board does to level the playing field for licensed contractors? How does the Board catch the bad guys and discourage unfair competition from unlicensed contractors who often underbid legitimate contractors and defraud unsuspecting consumers? CSLB’s Enforcement Division has several weapons in its arsenal of enforcement techniques, including regular stings, the use of the Illegal Advertising Campaign and good old-fashioned footwork, all designed to track down unlicensed and unscrupulous contractors.

As part of the Enforcement Division, the Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) recently completed an extensive investigation involving two groups of “travelers” conducting roofing scams throughout Northern California. The Stewart and Johnston clans were ripping off consumers in mobile home parks throughout the area. Interestingly enough, between the two groups these con men hold eight licenses. As a result of the SWIFT unit’s hard work, seven arrest warrants have been issued, each in the amount of \$100,000. In addition, accusations have been filed to revoke the licenses.

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### It’s Official and It’s Mandatory—HIC Now a Reality

**H**ome Improvement Certification (HIC) is no longer an idea for the future—it is now a mandatory, legal requirement of any contractor working in the home improvement industry. What type of work qualifies as Home Improvement? Any work performed on existing residential property. Therefore all contractors wishing to perform work on residential property must have HIC. **Subcontractors are not exempt** and must obtain their own HIC, even if the general they are working under is already certified.



As of August 1, approximately 124,000 contractors have demonstrated a working knowledge of contract law and obtained the necessary certification by passing the 20-question, open book exam. These contractors are the only contractors in the State of California legally allowed to enter into a home improvement contract.

CSLB investigators will be checking for compliance during reactive complaint investigations and pro-active license verification checks at construction sites.

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BOARD BRIEFS

New members Larry Booth and Paul Baldacci got their feet wet at the Board's meeting in Santa Barbara on June 15. The agenda included recognition of Contractors' Week, honoring good guy contractors with CARES (Contractors Achieving Recognition for Exceptional Service) awards, and discussing performance measures, the Major Fraud Initiative and options for the future direction of CSLB's arbitration programs. The Board also recognized and thanked member Mrs. Phil Moore for her 10-year commitment and service to the construction industry.

Rodney Utt of Utt Construction, Tom Thomson of Thomson Construction, and Scott Armstrong of the Santa Barbara Contractors Association (not present) received the CARES award for their work with Direct Relief Inter-



CARES Award recipients Tom Thomson, Rodney Utt, and Scott Armstrong with Board Chair Joe Tavaglione.

national and the Preparedness Response Emergency Program (PREP). The program's mission is to provide every South Santa Barbara County public school with the emergency first aid and relief supplies needed in the days and weeks following a disaster. These supplies are housed in 8x16- or 8x24-foot containers that are built on each campus. After the containers are built in one day with the help of community volunteers and the Santa Barbara Contractors Association, they are filled with emergency first aid supplies. So far, 15 South Santa Barbara schools have become part of PREP. Since PREP was organized, Tom Thomson and Rodney Utt have volunteered their time to order building materials, schedule deliveries, meet with school representatives, recruit volunteers and manage construction crews.

Mike and Tom Maino of Maino Construction received the CARES award for their determined dedication in building

a 4,000 square foot Day Center for the homeless. The Prado Road Day Center offers homeless individuals and families a place to shower, launder clothes, get counseling and eat a hot meal served once each day at the center. Mike Maino recruited volunteer help from the community, the Carpenter's Union 1800 and the Habitat for Humanity. He also worked to remove a prevailing wage restriction imposed by a Federal grant that kept the cost of the facility to roughly \$300,000. Mike's son, Tom Maino (and fifth generation contractor) supervised the project.



Mike Maino

Thanks to all of you who give contractors a good name while serving your community.

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**Board Member Phil Moore Departs After 10 Years of Exemplary Service**



Mrs. Phil Moore

After a celebration that included hugs, handshakes, cake and more, Board Member Phil Moore's 10-year service to the CSLB came to an end last month. Known as the "Cal Ripken" of the CSLB, Mrs. Moore never missed a single Board meeting — or even a committee meeting — in her 10-year tenure. As generous with her opinions as she is with her time, Mrs. Moore prides herself on being one to speak her mind. For most of the 1990s she kept track of the Board's policies and zealously monitored its direction. One regular Board meeting attendee respectfully described her as

"the Board's conscience." Mrs. Moore herself acknowledges the important role public members play in maintaining the balance between contractors and consumers within the Board.

Mrs. Moore has been a lifelong volunteer with a penchant for dedicating her time to public service. This noble habit began when she was an Air Force wife raising four children at various bases in the United States, Germany and Japan. Her volunteer service has been widespread and has included teaching English to the wives of the Japanese Air Defense Force, working for the Red Cross, managing a thrift shop and raising funds for nonprofit organizations.

When her family moved to Lompoc, California after her husband retired,

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Since our recent contractor surveys indicated an extremely high interest in this column, it's back by popular demand. But after running different solutions to the same question in several CLC issues, we think its time for new questions. If you've ever come across a situation or contracting question that you'd like fellow contractors to comment or advise on, please write to Gina Crawford, CLC Editor, Contractors State License Board, PO Box 26000, Sacramento, California, 95826, or [publicaffairs@cslb.ca.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@cslb.ca.gov).

**Q:** *As a contractor asked to bid on a project, I know of a less expensive way to complete the task. Should I (a) divulge the idea/solution I developed or (b) bid on the prescribed plan, hope to get the job and then suggest the better method if and when I get the job?*

**A:** There is nothing wrong with proposing an alternative method and price when bidding on a project but this should be done in addition to the prescribed bid and clearly identified as an alternative. When all bids have been submitted, the owner or architect can then choose to re-bid the project or work with a selected bidder. If a contractor submits only a lower bid based on his own alternative plan without disclosing the change, he runs the risk that the bid will be accepted while the alternative plan is rejected. This would result in the contractor bearing the cost difference between the specifications and what he bid. It's true that the contractor who submits a specified bid along with his own alternative plan runs the risk of disclosing his idea and losing the job. However, the fact that he took the time to do both and has the experience to recognize alternative ideas goes a long way for those who determine bid selection. — *Bill Fargo, Bill Fargo Construction Consulting*

## And the Survey Says...

Last winter we ran a survey in the CLC asking for input on what you would like to see more of in the newsletter. We received over 700 responses which have been tallied in our database. A whopping 82 percent of responding contractors indicated a strong interest in the "Contractor Education Corner," while 77 percent had a strong interest in the "What Would You Do?" column and 75 percent were very interested in legislative updates. As for newsletter frequency, 67 percent of the respondents indicated a desire to receive the newsletter *more* frequently.

Of the potential new offerings, "Ask the Registrar" took the cake with 80 percent indicating a very high interest, with many notations indicating that interest was really off the scale. The second highest score went to the "Quick Quiz" — 74 percent of respondents indicated a high interest in this idea.

Scores for educational interests varied and the three highest scores in the "Very Interested" category went to Contracts (83 percent), Safety (78 percent) and Customer Relations and Mechanics Liens (tied at 72 percent).

As for your preferred information delivery method, booklets and pamphlets are a hit whether available from CSLB, building departments or trade associations. The Internet also made a

strong showing with 75 percent wanting information to be available there, and 71 percent said they would attend a free or low cost seminar to learn more about contractor issues.

The three least popular subjects indicated by high percentages in the "Not Very Interested" category were:

- Getting information from the Automated Phone Response System at our 800 number (54 percent).
- It seems contractors either love the Revocations column or hate it. While 21 percent of responding contractors rejected the Revocations column as useful information, this score was offset by the 56 percent who indicated they are "Very Interested" in this feature.
- Twenty percent nixed information about bonds.

Many of you took the time to write in your interests and wish lists as well. Among the most often requested: information about our enforcement activities and how the Board levels the playing field for licensed contractors. In direct response to your requests, a new feature for the CLC, "Tales from the Front" showcases in this issue.

Special thanks to the contractors who took the time to complete and return the survey — your input is the most valuable and accurate means the Board has of ensuring a high-quality newsletter that addresses all your interests.

CONTRACTOR  
EDUCATION  
CORNER**Demystifying the  
Residential Development  
Process:  
A How-To Seminar**

This seminar is sponsored by the California Department of Real Estate to assist industry to relieve and improve the shortage of California housing.

**Thursday, October 5, 2000**, 9 a.m.–Noon  
320 W 4th St., Los Angeles; 1st Floor Auditorium

**Thursday, September 28, 2000**, 9 a.m.–Noon  
1515 Clay St., Oakland; 1st Floor Auditorium

**Questions:** LA Office 213-576-6983; OAK Office 510-622-2552

**Topics:**

- Land Acquisition and Finance
- Viability Issues
- Local Planning Requirements
- Insurance
- Public Report Qualification Process
- Title and Escrow Issues
- Builder Perspective

**Reservations:**

As space is limited, seating is available through reservation on a first come, first served basis. Reservations may be made by calling DRE at (916) 227-1968 (reservation recorder) or (916) 227-0813 for questions.

**Associated Builders and Contractors**

Associated Builders and Contractors is a national trade association with over 21,000 members from all specialties in the construction industry. Members receive a 50% discount on non-member prices for all seminars. Non-member prices are as follows: \$300/regular full day, \$220/advanced full day. Half-day seminars are \$230/regular and \$160/advanced. For more information about the following seminars or to register, call ABC at (800) 748-6742.

**Prevailing Wage**

October 12, 2000  
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Fresno

**Construction Bookkeeping**

December 1, 2000  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Concord

**Safety Part II**

December 8, 2000  
8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
Concord Hilton

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

While the Board is tracking numerous bills in the legislature this year, the following four bills are of particular interest to CSLB programs:

**Assembly Bill 1849, by Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins**, would create a special unit within the Contractors' State License Board for the investigation of fraudulent acts committed by a licensee including violations of relevant labor laws. The bill will only go into effect if the Governor authorizes funding for the new unit. The unit would remain in effect until January 1, 2006. The bill has passed out of both the Assembly and the Senate policy committee. The next step will be the Senate Appro-

priations Committee where the funding issue will hopefully be resolved. The Board supports this bill.

**Assembly Bill 2370, by Assembly Member Mike Honda**, would authorize the Board to require all new applicants for Home Improvement Certification to submit fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check. (See story below.)

**Senate Bill 1524, by Senator Liz Figueroa**, would permit a homeowner to perfect a claim against a contractor's bond without having to demonstrate to the surety's satisfaction that the underlying violation of the Contractor License Law was willful or deliberate. This bill passed the Senate but failed passage in the Assembly Consumer

Protection Committee. SB 1524 has been granted reconsideration and its fate will be determined at a later date.

**Senate Bill 2029, also by Senator Figueroa**, is the Board's "sunset" bill, following the latest round of hearings by the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee. SB 2029 would add two additional public members to the Board making it a 15-member Board. The bill originally called for mandatory disbandment and reconstitution of the Board on the same day, making no guarantees that present members would be re-appointed to the new Board.

This idea initially gave the Board pause because of the considerable length of time it could take for new members to be appointed and become familiar with the issues and state government process. However, the alternative to this situation seemed to be allowing the Board to sunset after which it would become a bureau in the Department of Consumer Affairs. In light of this, the Board withdrew its initial opposition to SB 2029, in the belief that it is better for California to have a Contractors Board even if present members are not on it.

The bill appears to be moving through the Legislature now. Check future issues of this newsletter for the latest updates.



## CSLB Has Its Thumb on Fingerprinting

More than 90 percent of the 25,000 complaints received each year by the CSLB concern home repair and improvement. Although a good portion of these complaints concern poor workmanship, many involve fraud by unscrupulous contractors who take the money and run. When we investigate these contractors, we often find they have undisclosed criminal convictions.

Why doesn't the Board know about these convictions? Under today's law, the CSLB must rely solely on license applicants to tell the truth regarding past criminal history. Unfortunately, criminals tend to lie. Only when CSLB undertakes a criminal investigation against a licensee are such lies disclosed. One recent CSLB case involved a contractor who failed to disclose numerous recent criminal convictions, including fraud and grand theft. Not only were the contractor's lies about criminal convictions uncovered during a subsequent criminal investigation but the investigation also revealed that the contractor was in prison during the time he claimed to be gathering work experience required to qualify for licensing!

In answer to this situation, the Board is sponsoring AB 2370. If passed, what can licensed contractors expect? All new applicants for Home Improvement Certification will be required to submit their fingerprints to the Department of Justice's new electronic fingerprinting system, LiveScan. LiveScan will go a long way to help the Board seek out nontruths and shady home improvement contractors

by providing accurate electronic criminal histories to the Board. Fingerprinting will help the CSLB to appropriately deny Home Improvement Certification to contractors with criminal histories that indicate significant risk to homeowners. Without HIC, these contractors will not legally be allowed to work with homeowners.

The Board will review each criminal conviction to determine whether to deny certification. Stay tuned for more information as AB 2370 makes its way through the Legislature.

## HIC Now Mandatory

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Noncompliance in HIC could result in fines up to \$2,000 and permanent notation on the contractor's license record. And CSLB is not the only agency enforcing the new requirement. Some building departments will not allow contractors lacking HIC to pull permits for home improvement work.

If you still need to become certified, you may do so by taking the 20-question exam online at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or by submitting a printed exam to CSLB at PO Box 26000, Sacramento, California 95826. You may refer to the Home Improvement Certification Reference Booklet while taking the exam on paper or at our website. Once your exam is received, scored and posted, a new pocket license indicating your Home Improvement Certification will be mailed to you. Because of the

lengthier turn-around time for printed exams, the Board strongly encourages contractors still needing HIC to reduce certification delay and save weeks of time in transit by taking the exam online. If you do not have a computer and Internet access of your own, many public libraries and colleges offer free access to both. If you need to order printed testing materials, call CSLB at (800) 321-CSLB.

**Note:** HIC is **not** a separate licensing classification but rather an additional certification required of any licensee, regardless of classification, if the licensee wants to work in the home improvement industry. If you want to work on home improvement jobs, you must obtain Home Improvement Certification.

# Disciplinary Actions

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*NOTE: Disciplinary actions do not include licenses suspended for failure to maintain required bonds.*

## Business & Professions Code Sections

The following B&P Codes may be referenced in the list of Disciplinary Actions:

- 490 Relationship of conviction of a crime to licensed activity
- 7018.5 Failing to provide notice to owner regarding lien provisions
- 7026.7 Advertising as a contractor without a license
- 7028 Acting in the capacity of a contractor without license
- 7029 Contracting as a joint venture without the required license
- 7029.5 Failing, as a plumbing, electrical sign or well drilling contractor, to display identification on business vehicles
- 7030 Failing to include in a contract the notice that contractors are licensed by the Contractors State License Board
- 7030.5 Failing to fulfill the requirement that the contractor's license number be placed on all contracts, subcontracts, calls for bid, and other forms of advertising
- 7071.11 Judgment or admitted claim against bond
- 7083 Failing to report a change of address, namestyle, or personnel within 90 days
- 7085.6 Failing to comply with an arbitration award
- 7090.1 Failing to comply with civil penalty or "order to correct" in Registrar's citation
- 7097 Suspension of additional licenses
- 7098 Revocation of additional licenses
- 7099.6 Non-compliance with a final citation
- 7107 Abandonment of a project without legal excuse
- 7108 Diverted funds or property received for a specific job to other purposes
- 7109 Willfully disregarded plans and specifications, or failing to complete the job in a good and workmanlike manner
- 7109.5 Violation of Safety Laws resulting in death or serious injury
- 7110 Willful disregard and violation of building laws
- 7110.1 Violating Section 206.5 of the Labor Code
- 7111 Failing to keep records and to make them available to a representative of the Registrar
- 7111.1 Refusing to or failing to cooperate with deputy in investigation
- 7112 Misrepresentation of a material fact on an application
- 7113 Failing to complete a project for the price stated in the contract
- 7113.5 Avoiding or settling for less than lawful obligations as a contractor through the various bankruptcy proceedings
- 7114 Aiding and abetting an unlicensed person
- 7115 Failing to comply with the Contractors' Law
- 7116 Committing a willful or fraudulent act as a contractor
- 7117 Acting as a contractor out of namestyle
- 7117.5 Contracting with inactive license
- 7118 Contracting with unlicensed person
- 7119 Failing to prosecute a job with diligence
- 7120 Failing to pay for materials or services
- 7121 Prohibition against associating with suspended or revoked license
- 7122 Participation of license in violating Contractors Law
- 7122.5 Responsibility of Qualifying Person for acts committed by his/her principal
- 7123 Conviction of a Felony in connection with construction activities
- 7124 A plea of nolo contendere is considered a conviction
- 7154 Employment of unregistered home improvement salesman
- 7155 Participation in violation by a home improvement salesman
- 7157 Model Home kickback prohibition
- 7159 Failing to comply with contract requirements
- 7161(b) False advertising

## License Revocations

Name	City	License No.	Date	Sections Violated
3D DESIGN GROUP	CARMICHAEL	670350	4/23/00	7107, 7109A, 7113, 7115/7159, 7119, 7071.11
A C REGIONAL ROOFING	LOS ANGELES	703364	4/17/00	7090.1
A DRYWALL COMPANY	REDDING	617884	5/30/00	7109A, 7113, 7083
AAA ACTION ROOFING	REDONDO BEACH	712966	6/27/00	7090.1
AAAA CO	CANOGA PARK	400641	4/5/00	7090.1
AC CONTRACTORS	SAN JOSE	688675	6/9/00	7107, 7109A, 7113, 7159, 7116, 7030
ADAMS TOP QUALITY TILE	SAN JOSE	676222	5/17/00	7090.1
ALETO CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT INC	KELSEYVILLE	616481	6/29/00	7109A, 7109B, 7110, 7113, 7115/7164, 7097, 7098, 71217121.5, 7122.5
ALETO CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT INC	LAKEPORT	616481	6/29/00	7109A, 7109B, 7110, 7113, 7115, 7164, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
ALEXIS DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION	WEST HILLS	576598	4/19/00	7097, 7098, 7107, 7109(A, B) 7112, 7113, 7115, 7159, 7121.5, 7123
ALL CITY ROOFING	GARDENA	735056	4/3/00	7113, 7120, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
ALLPRO ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION	MARTINEZ	678469	5/2/00	7090.1
AMARK ELECTRIC	SAN FRANCISCO	558280	6/1/00	7090.1
AMCORP DEVELOPMENT INC	ROSEMEAD	607342	5/25/00	7090.1
AMERICAN UPGRADE INC	ANAHEIM	731732	6/22/00	7090.1
ARCE ARTURO GENERAL BUILDER CONTR	GLENDALE	682935	6/6/00	7090.1
BARBERA ROOFING	THOUSAND OAKS	694840	5/17/00	7090.1
BARNES BARRE CONSTRUCTION	CUPERTINO	263792	6/2/00	7085.6
BARONES TOM MASTER PAINTING	NEWBURY PARK	652579	6/23/00	7090.1
BASELINE PAINTING & COATINGS	LAS VEGAS	283494	4/24/00	7090.1
BATH-MASTERS	MOUNTAIN VIEW	444304	5/2/00	7090.1 B
AY AREA ENGINEERING CO	OAKLAND	759276	6/4/00	7085.6
BETTER BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION CO	FULLERTON	707287	5/16/00	7090.1
BRADLEY ROOFING	SUN VALLEY	366910	5/2/00	7090.1
BRIARWOOD INVESTMENTS/ALSTON'S	SACRAMENTO	618444	4/23/00	7107, 7109A, 7109B, 7108.5, 7113, 7115/7030A, 7068.1, 7159/ 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
BRIGGS CONSTRUCTION	WEST HILLS	327668	4/12/00	7085.6
BUDGET REMODELING & HOME IMPROV	TARZANA	727665	5/8/00	7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
BUILDING UNLIMITED CONSTRUCTION	LAS VEGAS	668481	6/22/00	7085.6
CABLE & SONS CONSTRUCTION	ANZA	474845	5/30/00	7107, 7109(A), 7110, 7113, 7117.5(C), 7097, 7098, 7121
CALIFORNIA CLASSIC LANDSCAPE/CONCRT	TRACY	540614	5/30/00	7.10771
E+15 CALIFORNIA RECLAMATION CORP	FRESNO	733847	5/25/00	7090.1
CAMDYNE CORP THE	WOODLAND HILLS	663767	5/16/00	7090.1
CAMERON CONSTRUCTION	CHICO	395626	4/24/00	7090.1
CARE CONSTRUCTION	HERMOSA BEACH	615664	5/16/00	7090.1
CARLSON COMPANY	LAKE FOREST	602984	5/17/00	7107, 7109(A), 7113, 7115, 7159, 7116, 7161(B), 7097, 7098, 7121, 7122
CASTLE ROCK	RANCHO CORDOVA	629018	4/26/00	7109A, 7113, 7115/7083/7030/7159c, e, f, g, j, k, l, 7117.5B, 7154
CAVENDER CONST CO	VISTA	233980	5/8/00	7090.1
CHARLES FRANK ANDREW	HAYWARD	319644	4/24/00	7090.1
CIGELSKY ROOFING AND CONSTR	CITRUS HEIGHTS	644293	5/17/00	7090.1
CIRCLE S CONSTRUCTION	GILROY	503051	5/8/00	7109A, 7115, 7159, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
CLYNE S W & SONS ELECTRIC	APPLE VALLEY	421991	5/16/00	7090.1
COBRA DEVELOPMENT INC	SAN JOSE	729811	6/2/00	7085.6
CREATIVE DESIGN SYSTEMS	INGLEWOOD	671775	5/8/00	7018.5, 7107, 7109(A), 7113, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
CROSSROADS ROOFING INC	MONROVIA	673560	4/5/00	7090.1
DEPOT REMODELING AND CONSTR INC	ENCINO	706080	5/8/00	7107, 7109(A), 7110, 7111.1, 7113, 7115/7071.13, 7159/ 7116, 7117(A), 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
DESIGN CONST CO	REDONDO BEACH	506206	5/25/00	7090.1
DINCO E E CONSTRUCTION INC	CARSON	617914	5/8/00	7090.1
DREAM HOMES	HAYWARD	695381	4/5/00	7018.35, 7107A, 7109B, 7113, 7115/7159/ 7116, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
DREAM KITCHENS CONSTRUCTION	MORGAN HILL	668153	6/5/00	7107, 7109AB, 7113, 7114, 7116, 7159, 7115(7143)
EIGENBERGER CONSTRUCTION & DEVEL	STOCKTON	319810	4/23/00	7109A, 7115/7030A, 7164, 7097, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
ENVIRO SYSTEMS LANDSCAPE CONSTR CO	RAMONA	654244	6/22/00	7090.1 F
AZ INCORPORATED DBA CATALINA POOLS	NORTHBRIDGE	550351	4/17/00	7090.1
FILL MICHAEL PAUL	FONTANA	668287	5/16/00	7090.1
FINLEY'S HOUSE OF CARPET	SAN DIEGO	287433	6/7/00	7107, 7108, 7113, 7115/7159/ 7116, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
FINLEY'S HOUSE OF CARPETS	SAN DIEGO	287433	4/17/00	7090.1
FIRST CHOICE DOOR MANUFACTURING INC	HUNTINGTON BEACH	668746	5/16/00	7090.1
FIRST PHASE CONTRACTORS INC	MIRA LOMA	508545	6/27/00	7090.1
FRESENIUS DAVID MASONRY	ANAHEIM	648654	6/6/00	7090.1
GREEN CONSTRUCTION	OAKHURST	487888	4/24/00	7090.1
GRIFFITH CONSTRUCTION	LATHROP	567870	6/26/00	7097, 7098, 7121
HAGINS CONSTRUCTION	ELVERTA	597686	6/29/00	7107, 7109A, 7110, 7113, 7115, 7159, 7097, 7098, 7121.5
HILL-WILLIAMS DEVELOPMENT CORP	NEWPORT BEACH	481239	5/8/00	7090.1
HOLMES CONSTRUCTION	OAKLAND	670970	5/17/00	7090.1
HOOVER ROOFING INC	LOS ANGELES	711287	5/25/00	7090.1
HUFANGA CONSTRUCTION	LAKEVIEW TERRACE	689308	6/30/00	7097, 7098, 7121
I Q REMEDIATION CORPORATION	ANAHEIM HILLS	689242	6/6/00	7090.1
IKUNA CONSTRUCTION/INVESTMENT CO INC	PACIFICA	674051	6/30/00	7097, 7098, 7121
INTEGRITY CONSTRUCTION CO	ANAHEIM	551785	4/19/00	7107, 7113, 7116, 7117.5, (B), 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
ISIDORE CONST	ANTIOCH	688483	6/23/00	7090.1 I
VANYI ZOLTAN LAZLO	GRANADA HILLS	646559	5/25/00	7090.1
JACK'S GEN BLDG CONTR/CONSTR SVC	OAKLAND	505201	5/17/00	7090.1
JAEGER ROOFING	MENIFEE	668882	5/22/00	7109(A), 7113, 7115(7083.1), 7120, 7154, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
JC CONSTRUCTION	NORWALK	446861	4/1/00	7085.6
JOHN MCCORMACK	TORRANCE	435246	4/18/00	7085.6
K G H INC	VAN NUYS	496603	6/27/00	7090.1

**License Revocations**

Name	City	License No.	Date	Sections Violated
KENNETH TOWNSEND dba-K.M.S. ROOFING	SALINAS	446267	4/28/00	7.09771E+15
KENWOOD INTERIORS	BUENA PARK	654358	6/6/00	7090.1
KIM SUN & GIL CONSTRUCTION INC	LOS ANGELES	721983	4/5/00	7090.1
KIST CONSTRUCTION INC	LOS ANGELES	649626	4/10/00	7090.1
KMS ROOFING	SALINAS	678465	4/28/00	7109.A, 713, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
LEE WILLIAM W CO	PITTSBURG	586311	6/1/00	7090.1
LEROY GRIFFITH CONSTRUCTION INC	LATHROP	735592	6/26/00	7107, 7113, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5
LIVE-OAK ROOFING & WATERPROOFING	SANTA CRUZ	711740	6/12/00	7085.6
M B W CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES	MORGAN HILL	291395	6/5/00	7121.5
MADDEN COMPANY BUILDERS	VALLEY SPRINGS	677713	5/17/00	7090.1
MADLA BILL M DBA BLUE ARROW BUILDERS	CHULA VISTA	512773	6/6/00	7090.1
MAHLMAN & PALU CONSTRUCTION	SACRAMENTO	752600	5/30/00	7107, 7109A, 7113, 7116, 189.7, 7159, 7117.6
MAHLMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	SACRAMENTO	665306	5/30/00	7122.5
MC CUE PATRICK H	HUNTINGTON BEACH	521932	4/10/00	7090.1
MICHAEL'S MASONRY CONSTRUCTION CO	SHERMAN OAKS	516539	4/10/00	7090.1
MONTTOOTH CONSTRUCTION CO	FALLBROOK	717652	4/5/00	7090.1
MORRIS RONALD	SAN DIEGO	505072	5/16/00	7090.1
MURDOCK FLOORING	PORT HUENEME	681920	4/24/00	7090.1
MUSSER JOHN K	CYPRESS	691324	6/22/00	7090.1
NAVARRO CONSTRUCTION	COVINA	724525	6/7/00	7107, 7109(A), 7113, 7115(7029.1), 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
NGUYEN T DBA CARIC QUALITY CONSTR	SO SAN FRANCISCO	589252	4/24/00	7090.1
NOR AM INTL MARINE/LAND ENGINEER	SOMERSET	729487	6/23/00	7090.1
NORTHERNMASTER CONSTRUCTION	CLOVIS	681626	6/23/00	7090.1
NORTHWEST CONSTRUCTION	SANTA CRUZ	579897	5/17/00	7090.1
NU BREED CONSTRUCTION	SAN PABLO	668404	5/17/00	7090.1
PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	SAN MATEO	697745	6/30/00	7107, 7109B, 7110, 7113, 7115(7030, 7030.5, 7159, 7097, 7098, 7121
PACIFIC ISLANDERS CONSTRUCTION	SYLMAR	736461	6/30/00	7107, 7115(7159, 7116, 7117.6, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT	VAN NUYS	585510	6/30/00	7097, 7098, 7121
PACIFIC OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS	MONROVIA	695709	6/27/00	7090.1
PERFECTION LANDSCAPE/LANDSCAP MAINT	FOLSOM	682374	5/17/00	7090.1
PERLIN R T CONST	VICTORVILLE	682930	5/25/00	7090.1
PETERS JOHN	FRESNO	538513	5/17/00	7090.1
PETERS JOHN	FRESNO	538513	6/1/00	7090.1
POLARIS DEVELOPMENT	EL DORADO HILLS	624154	6/23/00	7090.1
POOLS BY ANDREWS INC	RIVERSIDE	601545	5/16/00	7090.1
PROFESSIONAL'S PAINTING AND MAINT	FULLERTON	540773	5/8/00	7090.1
R B ROOFING	GLENDALE	629216	4/23/00	7107, 7113, 7116
R K CONST	FOLSOM	683196	4/24/00	7090.1
RAYS QUALITY PLUMBING	SALINAS	545112	4/24/00	7090.1
RICHEY ROOFING	MODESTO	719066	6/23/00	7090.1
RK EUSTIC CONSTRUCTION	SAN CLEMENTE	322696	5/15/00	7085.6
ROBERTS DEVELOPMENT INC/INJECTECH	NEWBURY PARK	714622	4/24/00	7090.1
ROOF GUARD	EL DORADO	728087	4/24/00	7090.1
RUSSELL COMPANY	SANTEE	664867	4/17/00	7090.1
S O S DESIGNING AND REMODELING INC	LOS ANGELES	567356	6/6/00	7090.1
SAL'S ROOFING SERVICE	EL MONTE	712060	6/6/00	7090.1
SARTAIN GLENN TREE & LANDSCAPE	RESEDA	746252	5/25/00	7090.1
SAUNDERS LLOYD CONSTRUCTION	HUNTINGTON BEACH	306261	4/5/00	7090.1
SCHIBER CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	SANTA MARIA	727123	6/23/00	7090.1
SCHIERMEYER CHRIS GENERAL CONTR	SAN JACINTO	299090	4/5/00	7090.1
SCOTT ROBIN	BEVERLY HILLS	708583	6/6/00	7090.1
SEMINOLE CONSTRUCTION	CHULA VISTA	698708	4/5/00	7090.1
SLOPER STEVEN C	MARTINEZ	480258	6/23/00	7090.1
SMITH TERRY W	LA QUINTA	621156	5/25/00	7090.1
SOLIS CONSTRUCTION	SAN FERNANDO	271424	4/10/00	7090.1
SOUTHWEST SHAKE SAVERS	BAKERSFIELD	609140	4/26/00	7090.1
SOUTHWEST SHAKE SAVERS	BAKERSFIELD	609140	6/1/00	7090.1
STATEWIDE REMODELING INC	LOS ANGELES	719038	5/16/00	7090.1
STEWART LARRY RAY	FALLBROOK	514433	6/6/00	7090.1
STONE AGE MARBLE & GRANITE	BURLINGAME	727622	5/17/00	7090.1
SWENDSEN'S HOME IMPROVEMENT	BOULDER CREEK	700075	5/17/00	7090.1
SWEENEY & SONS INC	SARATOGA	244237	6/30/00	7122
TERRY KEVIN CONSTRUCTION	TEMECULA	728056	5/16/00	7090.1
THE HANDYMAN	HESPERIA	702791	5/2/00	7085.6
THE SWEENEY COMPANY INC	CAMPBELL	643457	6/30/00	7109A, 7113, 7115(7083)
TILE BY JAMIE	LAKE FOREST	710684	5/16/00	7090.1
TOTAL COMFORT AIR	CHATSWORTH	619659	5/26/00	7085.6
TOWN-N-COUNTRY	SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	537516	6/7/00	498, 7112, 7121
UNITED SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	SIMI VALLEY	751992	6/22/00	7090.1
WALNUT VALLEY ROOFING COMPANY	WALNUT	678945	6/22/00	7090.1
WESTERN HEATING AND AIR COND CORP	VENTURA	727347	6/22/00	7090.1
WESTVAIL INC	LAFAYETTE	487178	6/1/00	7090.1
WHATLEY PAINTING	GRASS VALLEY	692155	5/17/00	7090.1
WHITE CONSTRUCTION	CASTRO VALLEY	700159	6/4/00	7085.6
WHITE'S DAVE PLASTERING	STOCKTON	642651	6/1/00	7090.1
WILLIAM A ALETO	KELSEYVILLE	739438	6/29/00	7097, 7098, 7121, 7122.5
WILLIAMS RONALD SCOTT	STANTON	598918	5/16/00	7090.1
WOZNIAK BILLY E	LOS ANGELES	700315	4/17/00	7090.1
WUPPERFELD JOHN A	TEHACHAPI	453437	5/2/00	7090.1
X-CELL ROOFING	RUNNING SPRINGS	651716	4/19/00	7109(A), 7113, 7115, 7159, 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
ZUNIGA DEVELOPMENT	LA HABRA HEIGHTS	405338	5/8/00	7090.1

**New Law Requires Reporting Independent Contractor Activity in 2001**

Beginning January 1, 2001, any business or government entity that is required to file a Federal Form 1099-MISC for services received from an independent contractor must also report specific information to the Employment Development Department (EDD). This reporting requirement, resulting from Senate Bill 542 (Burton), is in addition to the current requirement to report new hires.

Required information must be reported within 20 days of entering into a contract for \$600 or more, or if there is not a contract, within 20 days of when the aggregate payments reach \$600. The data will then be forwarded to state and local child support agencies to identify the income source of parents delinquent in their child support obligations.

For further information, please check EDD's Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov/txicr.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/txicr.htm) or call (916) 657-0529.

**Mrs. Phil Moore**

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Mrs. Moore continued her role as a model citizen, serving five years on the Santa Barbara County Human Services Commission. In addition to her volunteer activities, Mrs. Moore has also been politically active, serving as Chair of the Santa Barbara County Republican Central Committee and later as Vice Chair, South, of the California Republican Party.

Mrs. Moore's first appointment to the Board came in 1990 when Governor Deukmejian appointed her as public member in recognition of her commitment to public service. She was then re-appointed twice by Governor Wilson. When reflecting on her years with the Board, Mrs. Moore says, "It's all about relationships. In order to make important decisions, you must build trust in your fellow members."

Board staff wishes Mrs. Phil Moore the best in the future. She will be missed.

**Please Forgive our Technical Difficulties**

It has come to the Board's attention that the Spring issue of the California Licensed Contractor did not make it to many contractors in time for them to participate in the LIVE online chat with Registrar Dr. C. Lance Barnett on June 13, 2000. The CSLB takes its responsibilities, including the timely delivery of information to contractors, very seriously—be assured we will work even harder to ensure that future editions reach contractors in a more timely manner.

**PAO Has a New POB**

The CSLB Public Affairs Office has a new place to receive mail—E-mail, that is. If you have questions or comments about the Board's publications, special events or public forums, you may now send them via E-mail to [publicaffairs@cslb.ca.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@cslb.ca.gov). Of course, if you still prefer conventional mail, the address for that remains the same: Public Affairs Office, Contractors State License Board, PO Box 26000, Sacramento, California, 95826.

**Ask the Registrar**

A new feature column called "Ask the Registrar" is in the works in which the Registrar will address questions most pertinent to contractors. Please send your questions to CSLB Public Affairs at the above address.

## New CSLB Partnership with UNITE-LA

The Contractors State License Board has partnered with UNITE-LA (Urban Network for Improving Training and Education in Los Angeles) in a School-to-Career program that will promote construction as a career choice for students in the Los Angeles area. This partnership is part of an ongoing effort to promote a qualified labor force through education. The primary partners under UNITE-LA include the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Community College District, and Los Angeles Unified School District. The local CBS affiliate, Channel 2, has joined the Southern California partnership to create a regional media campaign with an aggressive plan estimated at \$3 million.

As partners with UNITE-LA, CSLB is developing a poster that focuses on

careers in the construction industry and on academic skills. The poster will be distributed to 71 middle schools, 49 senior high schools, 127 alternative learning sites and 9 community colleges. The poster has the potential to reach 400,000 to 600,000 students in levels 6 through 14. The unveiling of the poster is being planned around a career fair at the East Los Angeles Skill Center. CSLB will invite local media to cover and promote the event. As part of Unite-LA, the Board also has the opportunity to participate in a major college and career fair planned for this fall as well as 25 to 50 other career fairs planned throughout the year.

For more information on the CSLB UNITE-LA partnership, please contact Maria Kennedy at (323) 340-8286 or at [Mariacal@pacbell.net](mailto:Mariacal@pacbell.net).

## Habitat for Humanity Building Blitz

Habitat for Humanity is looking for 125 experienced construction workers to supervise the building of 20 homes in Wilmington, California (located between Los Angeles and its bustling port) during the week of Dec. 2-9.

Crew leaders will supervise a team of volunteers who will build the homes from the ground up in eight days. The homes are being sponsored by "Hollywood for Habitat," a group of writers, directors and movie stars. Volunteers could very well find themselves working side-by-side with someone famous.

Although Habitat for Humanity is probably best known for its most

famous volunteer, former President Jimmy Carter, it was Carter's good friend Millard Fuller who actually founded the international organization in 1976. Today, the nonprofit organization has helped almost 100,000 needy families build homes in more than 60 countries worldwide. By relying on volunteer labor and donations from corporations, civic groups, the faith community and individuals, Habitat is able to offer families no-interest, no-cost mortgage loans. In addition, each family invests 500 hours of "sweat equity" to help build their homes. For more information about the blitz build, check Habitat's web site at [www.habitatlb.org](http://www.habitatlb.org) or call (562) 427-4663.

## Tales from the Front: CSLB Enforcement

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The scams involved preying on elderly victims in mobile home parks by convincing them they needed major roof repairs. Upon investigation, it was discovered that despite being charged thousands of dollars, the only work done was to spread silver paint on the roofs. Often, the contractors were on the roof less than one hour. After the arrest warrants were issued, several of the suspects fled to Arizona. The father of the Stewart clan was picked up by the Arizona State Police and is awaiting extradition. The Stewarts have stipulated to revocation of their

licenses while the Johnstons have appealed. Criminal charges are pending.

Other enforcement news includes the nabbing of Nhac Van Tran, an unlicensed building contractor with a history of taking thousands of dollars for building projects and leaving homeowners with nothing but vacant lots. As a result of a month-long dogged pursuit, Tran was arrested in front of his empty office on June 12. Tran is accused of grand theft by false pretenses (a felony), diversion of construction funds (another felony) and contracting without a license (a misdemeanor).

## CSLB wants your opinion. . .

### What information should be available to consumers?

Examples:

- Should the Board's disclosure policies be expanded to provide more information about complaints, civil judgments, settlements, etc.?
- When should complaints against contractors be disclosed?
- Should "positive" information about individual contractors be disclosed—like special training, memberships in organizations that require higher skills, etc.?

### Do you want to participate?

The Board will hold public hearings in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento. The first was held in San Diego on July 28, 2000.

You may participate in two ways:

- Attend a public forum in person—call, write, or E-mail the Board and request information about the time and place of the hearing in your area. Or check our website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).
- E-mail, call, or write your comments to the Board:

California State License Board  
P.O. Box 26000  
Sacramento, CA 95826

Telephone: 916-255-3984

E-mail: [Egallagher@dca.cslb.ca.gov](mailto:Egallagher@dca.cslb.ca.gov)

### Change in Dishonored Check Policy

Dishonored checks submitted to the Contractors State License Board could result in contractor license suspensions, effective July 1, 2000. After receiving a dishonored check, CSLB will notify the licensee of the date the license will be suspended, which will be at least 60 days from the date of the notice. Pursuant to Section 7145.5 of the Business and Professions Code, if reimbursement for the check is not received by the Board within 60 days, the license will be suspended and remain suspended until full reimbursement is received.

## Coming to a City Near You— Free Contractor Education Seminars on the Way

The Contractors State License Board is currently planning its third annual Free, Fast and Fascinating Contractor Education Seminars. In previous years, these successful seminars have drawn contractors from all over the state wanting to learn more about their profession.

### Contractor Education Seminars

In an effort to make the seminars accessible to more contractors, seminar

locations vary each year. Seminars will be held throughout California—in Willits, Auburn, Martinez, Sonoma, Monterey, Bakersfield, Long Beach and Temecula.

This year's seminars will feature new topics that you have requested. The format has also been modified to allow attendees to benefit from all parts of the seminar as opposed to having to choose one topic over

another. So plan to spend an evening (from 6:30–9:30 p.m.) with CSLB staff and other industry experts. You'll be glad you did.

More information (and a registration form) will follow in the fall issue of the *California Licensed Contractor*. In the meantime, check our website at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) as well as local building departments and trade associations frequently for more specific details like dates, times, locations and seminar topics.

### Notice of Correction

The 2000 edition of the *California Contractors License Law and Reference Book* includes the term "Dig Alert" in the title of chapter 8. This is incorrect. The title should read "Regional Notification Centers" only. The error will be corrected in the next edition of the book.

## Order Your Contractor Kit!



The Contractor's Kit includes the following publications:

- *Blueprint for Becoming a California Licensed Contractor*
- *Home Improvement Contracts: Putting the Pieces Together*
- *What You Should Know Before You Hire a Contractor*
- *Advertising Do's and Don'ts*
- *A Guide to Contractor License Bonds*
- *Home Improvement Certification Facts*
- *Maintaining Your License*
- *Description of Classifications*

Originally offered in observance of California Contractors Week, our Contractor Kit has enjoyed overwhelming interest—in fact, so many have been ordered, we can't keep them on the shelves. Now we've made it even easier for you to order yours: visit our website, [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov), or call (800) 321-CSLB. Simply choose your preferred ordering method and follow the prompts. You'll get your kit, lickety split.

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