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Mark Your Calendars

September 4, 2006	Labor Day
November 23-24, 2006	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25, 2006	Christmas Day
January 1, 2007	New Year's Day
January 6, 2007	Annual Company Party Hyatt Downtown

Announcements

This year's Susan B. Komen Race was a lot of fun and most importantly a notable contribution to the Breast Cancer foundation. Urata is happy to contribute to our community and show our support.



This year's Annual Fishing Trip was a lot of fun. We had 33 people attend the fishing Trip. Only 7 people got seasick and all 33 people caught fishes. Congratulations to John Hicks who won the Big Fish contest with a Lind Cod. "Everyone had smiles on their faces when we left," exclaimed Kelvin Nall.



Congratulations to Kelvin Nall for becoming a Grandpa. Arthur Nall, who also works for Urata, had his first son, Braden Hall who was born on July 26. He was 21 1/2 inches and 7 1/4 lbs.



Congratulations to Jackie Senf and her husband Dustin on their new bundle of joy. Jackie and Dustin had their baby, DJ who was born on September 1st. He weighed 8lbs, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches.



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THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Las Vegas, NV

Article by Douglas Horman

Urata & Sons is making excellent progress on the One Las Vegas condominium towers. Located along South Las Vegas Boulevard, One Las Vegas is a lifestyle residential condominium complex on 19.5 acres. When completed this complex of 5 residential towers ranging from 18 to 21 stories will include amenities such as a boutique hotel, 20,000 square foot health club and spa, multimedia theater, tennis courts, billiards room, multiple dining venues and a parking garage.

Currently, phase one, which consists of two 20 story towers and a parking garage, is under construction. Urata's crews work two shifts on most days.

Placing concrete and installing structural formwork starts at 12:30 AM and continues through to early evening each day.

There are now a wide variety of trades working on this busy project



with an average daily workforce of 70 - 80. Tower 1 is approaching half of its eventual height and while Urata & Sons continues adding new floors to the local skyline, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and framing contractors are converting the lower floors into identifiable condominiums and

amenities. Tower 2, ahead of schedule, is now also rising up to chase the progress of Tower 1.

With the goal of adding one new story to each tower each week, One Las Vegas is rapidly taking its place as one of Las Vegas' premier developments. Currently, there are at least 95 developments in Las Vegas that are either underway or scheduled to begin in the near future. Urata & Sons hopes to continue to play an active role in filling the demand for high-rise projects in the Las Vegas area. Urata & Sons extends our gratitude to our entire staff who are working on these exciting towers.

Project Location:	Las Vegas, NV
Contract Amount:	\$23,000,000
Project Manager:	Doug Horman
Superintendent:	Craig Barney

Project City Center

"A City within a City"

Las Vegas, NV

Article by Kelly Urata

There is a new project in Las Vegas that Urata & Sons is hoping to be a huge part of. It's called Project City Center and will be built on a 66 acre lot between the Bellagio and Monte Carlo on the strip. This is an \$8-billion dollar project that will consist of two boutique hotels and half-a-million square feet of retail space. It will also feature a 50-story condo and two glass residential towers. It is the first development on the strip to give you a casino, hotel, and residence all in one! The property will also include parking structures, covered passageways, and common grounds. It is a mini

city within a city. The project will mean big business for the real estate market. By the time the project is expected to open Phase I in 2009 it will be the single biggest job producer in Las Vegas history. It will create nearly 8,000 construction jobs and 12,000 permanent positions.

Urata & Son's immediate scope of work consist of the Sales office for our new client, Thor Construction. We have also been awarded the Central Plant by our repeat client, Perini Building Company. Perini has been hired by MGM to serve as the primary General Contractor for the Project. Urata & Son's is hoping to be awarded more work by Perini and be a part of this magnificent transformation on the strip.

Working Around Cranes

EXPERIENCE CAN BE THE WORST TEACHER - Urata & Sons is working on several projects where there are several cranes on site at one time. Experience teaches us a lot about working around cranes. But often the lessons are costly. For example: A laborer carrying a bag of cement walked between a crawler crane and a building column. The crane swung round and fatally crushed him between the counterweight and the column. On another job, a workman was leaning on the crane frame, talking with one of his buddies. The load came in contact with a live power line and he was electrocuted. Here are some tips:

STAY OUT FROM UNDER - It's a smart move on your part to stay out from under suspended hooks and loads. There's always a chance that during a lift, the load could shift and fall. It may be a slim chance because of the good rigging techniques we use. But once is all it takes to cause a serious injury or a fatality. Also stay clear of swinging loads. That big "I" beam can squash you like a bug if

you get in the way.

YOU'RE NOT SAFE WHEN NOT SEEN Remember, too, that the crane operator may not see you. He's concentrating on moving his crane into position or swinging his load. Think of the swing area of the crane as "no-man's land." And stay out. The crane will have no sympathy if you get in the way.

OTHER DANGERS - Have you ever heard of a P.L.P.? It stands for Public Leaning Post. And a lot of people think that's what the crane is. They're asking for a shocking experience if the load or boom touches a live wire. So don't lean on the crane. Stay clear. It's too bad the workman we talked about earlier didn't take this advice. He'd still be around today. Of course, with all the overhead work going on, we always should wear our hard hats. Concrete slopped out of a lifted bucket can crack an unprotected skull. I don't understand why some persons never use the stairs or personnel hoists. They insist on "riding the hook." And they're asking

for trouble when they do. It's one of the most dangerous means of transportation around.

The crane is a fantastic piece of equipment. It saves us an enormous amount of work. But like anything else that's big and powerful, it can be dangerous. So please be careful and use extra caution on jobsites where cranes are present.



Northstar Resort - Truckee, CA

Man on the Move



Busy — It's a word on the tip of the tongue of just about everybody lately. As the need for construction increases and the market continues to flourish more and more employees barely find enough time to take a breather at work.

One key employee who takes on a tremendous amount of responsibility and who is always "busy" is John Bell. John started working for Urata in 1987, almost 20 years ago, when our main office was located in Carson City, Nevada. At the time, our office was very small and John was hired as an Estimator/Project Manager. The entire estimating department was about the size of John's current office. The company steadily grew and began taking on larger projects and expanding its service areas. Urata & Sons eventually

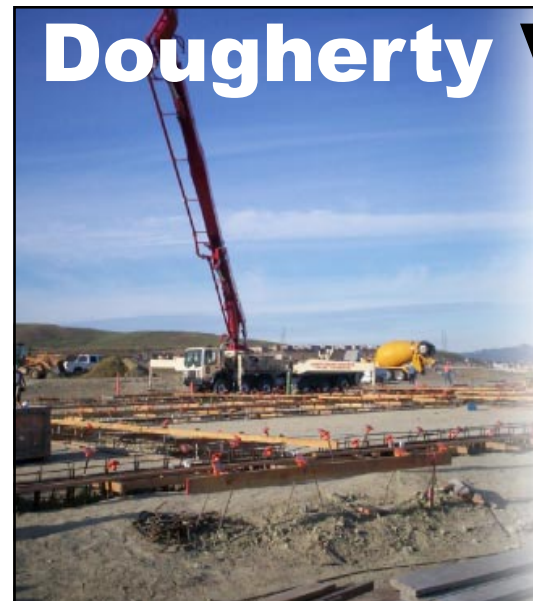
decided to relocate to the Sacramento region and so did John. John has been an integral part of Urata's growth and success. He takes on a substantial amount of responsibility.

On most days he spends a great deal of time estimating larger projects (\$10 - \$30 million), carefully reviewing bids, pricing out change orders, negotiating, traveling and attending long, drawn out meetings. Over the past years John has contributed to achieving some of our largest projects such as the Indian Gaming Casinos, the Northstar Resort project and our current projects in Nevada (One Las Vegas and the City Center Project). It is quite clear that his dedication and commitment to Urata has paid off.

John doesn't spend much time outside of work but when he is at home he enjoys spending time with his children. John exclaimed, "I used to enjoy hunting and fishing but now that I am always working I don't have the time to hunt and fish."

Dougherty Valley High School

Article by Kelly Urata



Urata & Sons is working with long time client Roebbelen Contracting on the new Dougherty High School in San Ramon, California. This new high school and many others are being constructed to support the new development in the Dougherty Valley. Dougherty H.S. will house 2,200 students. Our scope of work includes structural concrete for the performing arts center, two gymnasiums, a cafeteria and many classrooms. Our Sitework contract will include sidewalks, concrete planters and seatwalls. The project is being watched closely by the District, Architect and General Contractor from inception to completion to assure it opens on time and on budget. The school is scheduled to open in 2008.

General Contractor:	Roebbelen Contracting
Project Manager:	Travis Law
Superintendent:	Andy Conti
Contract Amount:	\$12,002,557

Welcome New Employees

Urata & Sons would like to give a warm welcoming to all of our newest employees.

California office

Elease Terry is our new Controller and joined our team in June. Elease has over 10 years experience working in Construction for General Contractors. Elease has been a significant asset to our team. She will be handling everything from our monthly financial statements, IRS audits, Job Costing, tax reporting and various other duties. For those of you who haven't met Elease she is always happy and very much a team player. In Elease's spare time she enjoys spending time with her daughters taking them to the park and to soccer. Elease also loves shopping and watching "I love Lucy" reruns.

Amanda is our new receptionist. Amanda joined Urata & Sons in June. She conveyed, "I love my job." As Amanda settles into her new role as head of the office she finds herself helping out in any way she can. Her duties include everything from handling the phone and mail, making travel arrangements to tracking Charlie Urata's schedule and

whereabouts. In Amanda's spare time she enjoys spending time with her son, dancing and outside sports.

Kris Witt joined Urata on August 14th. Kris will support our Project Management team. Kris has over 5 years experience working for a Roofing Contractor. Her duties will include reading contracts, typing Subcontract agreements & purchase orders, tracking insurance, assisting with closeout documentation and typing job correspondence. Kris has two children and in her free time she enjoys spending time with her two sons, Austin (age 6) and Brennan (age 1½). She enjoys watching them play soccer as well as playing soccer herself.

Nevada Office

Cesar Malaga joined Urata & Sons in July as a Project Engineer/Estimator in our Nevada office. Cesar has a BS Degree in Civil Engineering from Lime, Peru as well as a Master's Degree in Construction Management from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Cesar is currently working on the City Center Project. He is responsible for reviewing all the drawings and specifications and assist with pricing for Change Orders. In Cesar's spare time he likes to listen to music, play racquet ball and work

on visibility projects analysis.

Doug Horman joined our Nevada office as a Project Manager. Doug has a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Houston. He has worked on many design and project management positions, including some with NASA, Jetway, Salt Lake City Olympics and offshore oil structures. He is currently working on One Las Vegas and C2K Tennant Shell. He will also be assisting with the City Center Project. In Doug's spare time he enjoys cooking (especially the art of Texas BBQ) and reading science fiction novels.

Craig Barney joined Urata in June as a Superintendent. He is currently working on the One Las Vegas, overseeing Urata's construction efforts. He is originally from Salt Lake City. He enjoys hunt elk and deer, working on race dodge diesel trucks and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers win super bowls.

Brisa Prince is our new receptionist/Office Administrator for our Nevada Office. Besides answering the phone Brisa keeps the office under control, types miscellaneous correspondence, sends packages and other miscellaneous duties. In her spare time she enjoys the movies, bowling and shopping.

We are very pleased to have all of these employees join our team.