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TITLE BURNT DOG ENTERTAINMENT - CONSTRUCTION RACE IN HOME STRETCH
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REMARKS

ANCHOR: WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU AN IMPORTANT BULLETIN FROM THE BURNT DOG ENTERTAINMENT TEAM. I'M AL PICKLEDISH.

WITH RBC CORPORATION'S FANTASY FESTIVAL ONLY ~~FIVE DAYS~~ ^{DAVIS JURY}
~~AWAY~~, PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION ON THE MIND OF MANY CENTRAL COAST MUSIC FANS IS: WILL THE CAL POLY AMPHITHEATRE BE FINISHED IN TIME? BURNT DOG ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER CHRYSLER HURRICANE PUT THAT QUESTION TO AMPHITHEATRE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER MERLE NORMAN, ON THE SCENE. ~~BROTHER~~ ^{COUNCIL}
~~MERLE~~ ^{HURRICANE}

NORMAN: WELL, WE GOTTA LEAVE A COUPLA DAYS FOR THE SOUND CREWS TO COME IN HERE AND ADJUST FOR THE ACOUSTICS, SO ... UH ... THAT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO STOP WORK WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND GET THINGS CLEANED UP BY THURSDAY MORNING. I'D SAY WE GOT ANOTHER TWO, THREE WEEKS OF FULL-TIME WORK TO DO ON THIS PLACE. SO NO, IT WON'T BE FINISHED ... IT'LL BE IN A PRETTY ROUGH STATE.

HURRICANE: BUT WILL IT BE SAFE?

NORMAN: OH YEAH. ALL OF THE CRITICAL WORK'S ALREADY BEEN DONE ... THE MAIN STRUCTURE'S IN PLACE, AND WE'VE TESTED IT PRETTY THOROUGHLY. ALL THE RESERVED SEATS ARE IN. BUT NOTHING'LL BE PAINTED, AND WE'RE HAVING TO PUT UP SOME TEMPORARY WALLS HERE AND THERE. YOU SEE THIS AWNING IN THE DRAWINGS HERE?

HURRICANE: YES ... THE ONE THAT COVERS THE RESERVED SEATING AREA ...

NORMAN: YEAH, WELL, THE SKELETON'S IN PLACE FOR THAT, BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO COVER IT IN TIME, SO I SURE HOPE THE WEATHER HOLDS <LAUGHS>!

HURRICANE: WHAT ABOUT ... UH ... COMFORT STATIONS?

NORMAN: <PAUSE> OH ... YOU MEAN JOHNS! NO PROBLEM. I MEAN, THEY DESIGNED THIS PLACE WITH THIRTY-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN MIND. WE WON'T HAVE HALF THAT MANY HERE ON SATURDAY. WE'RE TESTING ALL THE PLUMBING TODAY, AND I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEMS. BUT EVEN IF WE CAN'T OPEN ALL THE JOHNS UP TO FOR THE FESTIVAL, THAT'S NO BIG TRAGEDY. THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH CAPACITY.

ANCHOR: RBC CORPORATION OF CARSON CALIFORNIA, THE COMPANY THAT IS BUILDING THE AMPHITHEATRE AS A GIFT TO CAL POLY, ORDERED A COSTLY INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BURNT DOG REPORTER DAN PETERSON, RBC'S VICE PRESIDENT FOR MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS, CANDY LOVICK, CLAIMED THAT RBC'S DECISION



ANTICIPATED THE EARLY--JUNE DATE FOR THE FANTASY FESTIVAL.

LOVICK: WHEN WE TOOK THE RECENT COMMUNITY POLL TO DETERMINE THE LINEUP OF ACTS FOR THE FESTIVAL, WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHO THE TOP CONTENDERS WERE. IT WAS BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THE BEST TIME TO HOLD THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE IN EARLY JUNE, BUT OUR CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE WERE TELLING US WE'D HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL JULY OR EVEN AUGUST BEFORE EVERYTHING WOULD BE COMPLETELY READY. SO WE DECIDED TO ACCELERATE THE CONSTRUCTION EFFORT, JUST IN CASE.

PETER TOM: THAT MUST HAVE COST A GREAT DEAL.

LOVICK: YES, IT DID.

PETER TOM: CAN YOU TELL US HOW MUCH?

LOVICK: WELL, BY THE TIME EVERYTHING IS FINISHED, WE'LL HAVE SPENT AROUND TWENTY--FOUR MILLION ON THE AMPHITHEATRE


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PETER TOM: INSTEAD OF THE SEVENTEEN AND A HALF MILLION YOU ORIGINALLY INTENDED ...

LOVICK: YES. AND THAT'S NOT COUNTING THE EXPENSES FOR THE FANTASY FESTIVAL ITSELF.

PETER TOM: THAT'S A HIGH PRICE TO PAY JUST TO GAIN A FEW WEEKS!

LOVICK: MAYBE SO, BUT IF WE HADN'T, THERE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN NO FANTASY FESTIVAL AT ALL. SEE, WHEN THE POLL



RESULTS CAME IN, IT TURNED OUT THAT JUNE SECOND WAS THE ONLY DATE THAT ALL FIVE OF THE MOST POPULAR ACTS WERE FREE TO PARTICIPATE. OF COURSE, THE FANTASY FESTIVAL WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE AMPHITHEATRE, BUT WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO CHOOSING BETWEEN THAT OR GETTING JUST THE RIGHT LINEUP OF TALENT, IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR WHAT OUR DECISION HAD TO BE.

PETERTOM: I SEE YOUR POINT.

LOVICK: ACTUALLY, THINGS ARE WORKING OUT RATHER WELL, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. ABOUT THE ONLY REAL DISAPPOINTMENT WAS THAT THE UNFINISHED AMPHITHEATRE CAN HOLD ONLY ABOUT FIFTEEN-THOUSAND PEOPLE.

PETERTOM: THAT'S LESS THAN HALF OF THE FULL CAPACITY, ISN'T IT?

LOVICK: RIGHT. THERE ARE ONLY 8,000 ACTUAL SEATS, YOU SEE. EVERYBODY ELSE IS SUPPOSED TO SIT ON THE GRASS BEHIND THE RESERVED SECTION.

PETERTOM: BUT THERE'S JUST DIRT THERE NOW.

LOVICK: YES, AND WE'RE NOT SURE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CREW CAN LAY DOWN ENOUGH TEMPORARY ASTROTURF IN TIME.

PETERTOM: AND IF THEY CAN'T?

LOVICK: ~~WELL, THEN WE'RE IN FOR A POTENTIALLY HUGE DUST PROBLEM.~~ SO, RATHER THAN RISK HEALTH PROBLEMS, WE DECIDED

TO LIMIT THE "FESTIVAL SEATING" TO AROUND SIX-OR-SEVEN THOUSAND. IT MAY STILL BE DUSTY, BUT NOT NEARLY AS BAD AS IT COULD BE WITH TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND OUT THERE! AND IF WE'RE LUCKY, LIKE I SAY, WE'LL GET ENOUGH ASTROTURF TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.

PETERTOM: AND SO, HURRIED LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR WHAT RBC FOUNDER AND ROCK PROMOTER JULIAN FRISCO CALLS THE "WORLD'S GREATEST ROCK AND ROLL PARTY." WHETHER FRISCO AND RBC CAN DELIVER WHAT THEY PROMISE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IN CARSON, I'M DAN PETERTOM.

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