

SIGN ON...

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, OUR RAILROAD WASHED, OR SHOULD I SAY, SLID OUT, SOMEWHAT ISOLATING US FROM A MAJOR <sup>SOURCE</sup> SORT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HEAVY DUTY GOODS IN AND OUT OF THE AREA. MY FRIEND VERN JANDERSON, WHO JUST PASSED AWAY, WAS ONE OF THE WORKERS ON THAT RAILROAD. THE LINE WAS BUILT ON WHAT IS KNOWN AS DIARRHEA COUNTRY, BECAUSE, LIKE HIGHWAY #01, IT'S ALWAYS MOVING. I GUESS IT'S TOO BADLY DAMAGED TO REPAIR, SO NOW THEY, WHO-EVER "THEY" ARE, ARE LOOKING AT A LINE TO THE SAC-<sup>OUT OF</sup> RAMENTO VALLEY. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO HAUL IN AND'S HERE? I'M NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST IT, BUT I QUESTION THE PRACTICALITY OF THE PROJECT. AS I THOUGHT ABOUT BUILDING RAILROAD LINES, I THOUGHT BACK TO THE 1800'S AND HOW COMPLICATED A SET OF RAIL LINES COULD BE TO LAY TRACKS OVER HILLS, AROUND CURVES AND ACROSS BRIDGES AND OTHER OBSTACLES. FROM THE SURVEYING TO THE LAYING OF TRACKS, I THOUGHT OF HOW THE IRONS THEMSELVES HAD TO BE DESIGNED AND BENT, SO TO SPEAK FOR CURVES AND HOW DID THEY KEEP TRACK (YUK, YUK) OF WHICH ONES WENT WHERE? NO COMPUTERS OR FANCY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO RELY ON - JUST LABORERS, MOSTLY CHINESE ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE READ AND STRAW BOSSES. WHEN I REALIZE HOW SMART THE PEOPLE WERE, IN THE "OLD DAYS" WHETHER IT BE DESIGNING AND BUILDING BRIDGES, SKY SCRAPERS, DAMS, OR BACK TO THE ROMANS AND GREEKS WHEN THEY PUT TOGETHER COLLISEUMS AND THOSE ELABORATE STRUCTURES, I WONDER IF WE COULD DO THAT NOW WITHOUT THE ELECTRONIC HELP. // I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU WATCH KEET-TV REGULARLY ~~OR NOT~~, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST-

TING PROGRAMMING ON THE STATION. WILD LIFE, MUSIC,  
PROGRAMS LIKE DOC MARTIN, WHICH, ONCE YOU GET INTO <sup>IS FUNNY</sup> IT, <sup>AND</sup>  
DOWNTON ABBEY AND HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOWS. LOTS OF  
GOOD STUFF TO WATCH. KEET-TV NEEDS OUR HELP, AS I THINK  
THE GOVERNMENT HAS CUT OR DISCONTINUED ITS FUNDING.  
ACCORDING TO THE ADS - A SUBSCRIPTION OF AS LITTLE AS  
FIVE DOLLARS A MONTH CAN HELP A LOT, IF THEY GET E-  
NOUGH OF THEM. WATCH FOR THE ADS AND JOIN THE CROWD  
KEEPING KEET-TV ON THE AIR! GO TO KEET-TV.ORG FOR MORE  
INFORMATION // I WATCHED MOST OF THE RHOY PARADE ON  
SATURDAY. LOTS OF NICE LOCAL ENTRIES, BUT TOO MANY  
LARGE GAPS. I UNDERSTAND SOME STOP AT THE VETERANS  
HALL AND PERFORM. CAN'T THEY DO THAT <sup>TOWARDS</sup> ~~AT~~ THE END,  
AND GET RID OF THE GAPS // IN READING ABOUT THE FA-  
TAL MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT LAST EASTER, I COMMENT THE OF-  
FICER'S DECISION NOT TO CHASE THE GUY. IN THIS PARTICULAR  
INCIDENT IT ENDED ON ITS OWN, BUT WILD CAR CHASES EN-  
DANGER TOO MANY PEOPLE // THE SUREVA CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES  
PRESENT IT'S LAST SHOW OF THE SEASON WITH PIANIST  
DARIA ROBOTKINA, A DELIGHTFUL ~~AND~~ MUSICIAN, AT CALVARY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ACROSS FROM ALICE BIRNEY SCHOOL FRIDAY, MAY  
SECOND AT 7:30 PM, WITH A MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION  
TO FOLLOW. BE THERE AND ENJOY THE MUSIC AND THE  
FELLOWSHIP. // ONE LAST THING ABOUT <sup>A NEW</sup> RAILROADS - MAYBE THEY  
CAN GET THOSE SIGN OFF  
OLD ~~CARS~~ / OUT OF HERE. SO THE LOCAL HOBBIES WON'T  
ENGINE + CARS HAVE A PLACE TO MESS UP!