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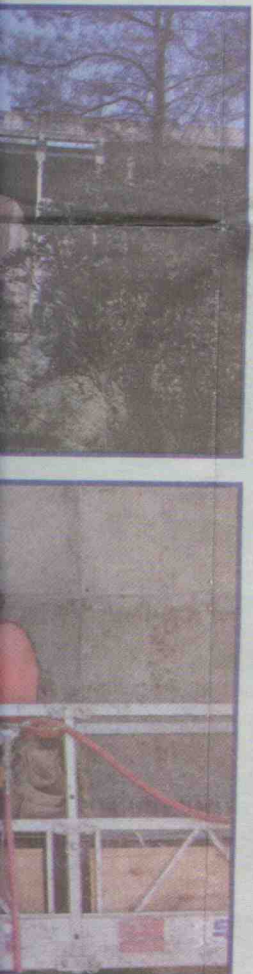
The dam provides irrigation water for thousands of acres in the west valley, as well as hydropower and recreation. Construction began in mid-2007 and will be complete in about three years.

The \$24 million project is the latest chapter in a long history that stretches back to the early 20th century, as part of the Bureau of Reclamation's "Orland Project," which involved the creation of a series of dams that opened up the western Sacramento Valley to irrigated farming. The dam was finished in 1928 and has held up pretty well, according to the bureau. The early builders allowed for slippage and movement, but the fault, running under the Stony Gorge Reservoir behind the dam, remains active to this day.

Shimmick Construction is the contractor on the dam project.



Above left: Cort Carter, Local 9109; Above right: Darrell Carter, Local 9144, foreman of



### Wildcat Activity Center

While work has slowed down dramatically in the Chico area, a small group of members have at least another year on the new Wildcat Activity Center, a two-story, 109,000-square-foot facility with a three-court gym, 15,000-square-foot fitness facility, climbing wall and bouldering area, indoor running track, four multi-purpose rooms, and a 10-lane recreational pool and spa. This exciting new facility will have something to offer everyone. The WAC will also house Outdoor Adventures.

John F. Otto Construction is the contractor for this student-funded facility.



At work on Chico's Activity Center (above), Gabriel Medina, Local 9109, and (right) Don Minnick, Local 9109. Right: Dustin Particiasepe, Local 46.