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Marlin Stadium, Miami ...

Construction is moving fast on the new Marlin ballpark at the former site of the Orange Bowl in Miami's Little Havana. The project is now 19 months into construction, and is progressing ahead of schedule and under the \$515 million budget. The General Contractor is a joint venture by Hunt-Moss. Scheduled to be complete before the start of the 2012 season, the 37,000 seating capacity stadium is shaping up to be a beautiful venue for Marlin baseball fans.

Right photo— The steel framing of the interior walls is about 80% complete, enough that Marlin players recently did some batting practice at the site, with construction workers chasing fly balls.



Left photo- The retractable roof installation is underway, and is expected to be completed by mid- summer, 2011. A moveable center piece is being lifted by the crane. A&B Pipe and Supply is proud to participate in this successful venture.



(Above)- The 20" main chill water supply line is equipped with expansion joints that were specifically modified for this stadium project by Victaulic. The unit can provide up to 3 inches of movement. Twelve were required in total.

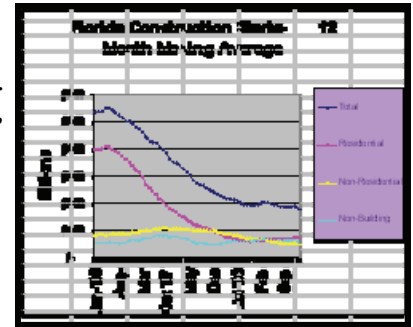
The mechanical contractor for this project is John J. Kirlin, LLC of Rockville, MD with a Florida Division and offices in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. A&B Pipe supplied most of the pipe, valves, and fittings. Massive chillers and pumps are located in the mechanical room outside left field fence. The air conditioning system has to handle 90 degree plus temperatures in a domed stadium with over 37,000 people in attendance. (Above) The 20" chill water pipe is installed and ready to be insulated.



From the Editor...

Governor Scott recently shot down the high speed rail project between Tampa and Orlando. This is a major blow for immediate construction activity in our state. Your editor spent 30 years in the railway industry, most of it related to high speed rail projects around the world, and my opinion is the rejection is well thought out! High speed rail for an 88 mile link is not warranted. To be successful, it must be competitive with air travel. There are no air routes between the two cities for a good reason; there is not sufficient demand! So why would a high speed rail link work? This project would have helped stimulate construction spending in Florida which, as shown in the chart at the right, is greatly needed, but would be a long term drain on our finances. The nation has been in an economic recovery for almost two years now, but we have not seen much construction recovery in the Sunshine State!

It is estimated that the state's population growth will be about 140,000 people in 2011 vs. 100,000 in 2010 (and 300,000 in the boom years). This dynamic is what will spur growth, along with a drop in unemployment. Hopefully, baby boomers now approaching retirement age will select Florida as their destination. Residential building is the key to our recovery, which then pulls non-residential and non-building construction as a necessity. We can forget about governments, federal, state, and local, to solve our problems.



2 North Breakers Row, West Palm Beach.....

2 North Breaker Row is a luxury condominium next to the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Built in 1986, the 5 story building houses 24 units ranging in size from 3,660 to 5,000 square feet. Recently, the condominium association voted to refurbish the two banks of elevators. UT Elevator Repair, a Jupiter company, was selected to do the job. The necessary material was purchased from Sun Pipe and Valves.



Left photo- Randy McGill, project manager for UT Elevator, in the elevator room. Below Right- The high pressure line uses Victaulic couplings with special T gaskets for hydraulic.



Below- A new piston is installed within the cylinder. Other new parts- tanks, valves, pumps, fluid reservoirs, controls, and piping.





FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Ft. Pierce ...



Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute was founded over 40 years ago to “explore, protect, and wisely use the ocean’s resources.” Now, as part of Florida Atlantic University since 2007, the Fort Pierce organization employs over 180 scientists, engineers, and support staff. Some buildings were severely damaged during the 2004 hurricane season, and a \$50 million construction program is now underway to renovate and expand their facilities. As part of this program, general contractor Balfour Beatty Construction is erecting a 42,900 sq. ft. Research Laboratory (photo at left). The mechanical contractor for the project is Thermal Concepts, Inc. A Davie company with a branch in Stuart. Sun Pipe and Valves is a major partner in this project.

(Right) Thermal Concept employees, Ian and Curtis Williams with Rand Calender from Sun Pipe, at a welding station outside of the building. Here, they are welding flanges to pipe for the risers at the pump station.



(Below) Piping to the two chillers is nearing completion. Seen in the photo, all flexible couplings are from Flex-Hose, the butterfly valves are from Stockham, and the hangers are from Anvil International. All pipe, valves, and fittings were supplied to Thermal Concepts by Sun Pipe and Valves.

(Below Right) The six chill water pumps are installed and the piping now underway.





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2011 Summit Meeting, Miami...

The A&B-Sun Pipe Sixth-Annual Field Marketing Summit was held on Saturday, February 19th at the A&B facility in Miami. A&B and Sun Pipe sales, marketing, and management personnel met with preferred supplier representatives from across the country to develop plans and goals for improving sales volume in 2011 and to discuss plans for improving service to our customers.



(Above) Enrique Collazo, CEO of A&B and Sun Pipe and Alex Paulino meet with Randy Johnson (Spirit Group) representing Conbraco.



(Left) Al Riverol and Richard Ruback meet with Josue Raudales from Hancor/ ADS.



(Left) Alex Garcia and Russell Bray meet with Matt Tolley and Joe Tomaro from Hodel-Natco Industries.



(Right) Aroddy Morejon and Lazaro Lopez meet with Pat Sawyer of Flex-Hose.



Left) Maurice Madarang and Yordany Espinoza meet with Joey Dieck of Allied Fitting and Matt Patton of Warren Alloy.



(Right) Walfre Estrada, Mario Amador, and Luis Lagos meet with Cody Snell of Mueller Company.