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So far, 2018 is starting out like last year. Several projects have gone out for bid in Texas, but our fair contractors have had no success picking up any jobs. Everyone's saying the same thing: the work is going cheap.

We are getting calls from some of our members and from non-union workers saying that 798 hands are starting to show up on this non-union work. Please understand that if you are seen working for a non-signatory contractor, you will be expelled with a \$10,000 raised initiation fee. Be mindful, any Union Brother or Sister member can file charges on you for performing UA work non-union. If you need a clear definition of what constitutes UA work, don't hesitate to contact a Business Agent, Organizer or an officer of this Local.

Danny and I just attended a safety seminar in Houston hosted by Associated Pipeline that was very impressive. My hat's off to Paul Summerville, the owner of Associated Pipeline. I have never seen an owner take a safety approach like he did; he brought in all of his superintendents and foremen. There were extensive talks all day about how they could work in a safer environment, so that each employee of Associated Pipeline could go home at the end of the job in the same condition as the day they arrived. There were talks about the work in West Virginia and the dangers involved, and how the projects could be completed in a safe manner. There was participation from Trans Canada, Enterprise, Caterpillar, John Deere, and PSS among a lot of others. Danny Hendrix and David LaBorde with the Teamsters did an excellent job speaking from the Labor standpoint.

I hope everyone has made reservations for the 2018 Steward School. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Most of the work will be in the mountains of West Virginia this year. Please work safe and watch out for others. **We should work safe all the time, not just when it's convenient."**

Pre-Jobs:

Trinity Energy Services:

-RMS Shop. Conroe, TX. Run 42" weld procedures for EQT (Mountain Valley Pipeline).
Superintendent: Randy Mathis. Welder Foreman: Troy Rice. Job started 1-15-18, this job is complete.

Geeding Construction:

-Cushing, OK to Houston, TX. Install pipe supports in TransCanada Stations.
Superintendent: Ed Brooks. Welder Foreman/Steward: Jarod Washmon. Job started, 2-2-18. Completion 2-20-18.

Precision Pipeline:

-CRC Houston, TX. Run 42" weld procedures for EQT (Mountain Valley Pipeline).
Welder Foreman: Jimmy Dick. Job started 2-13-18. Completion 3-16-18.