

'Green' has multiple meanings in Central Valley

Snelson, American Crane team up on Gill Ranch natural-gas project





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By Russ Burns, business manager

For The Good & Welfare

Political inaction is suicide

I know you're tired of it. It's everywhere. You can't get a cup of coffee at the gas station or turn on the TV without hearing someone saying something about it - politics. We have harped on you about it for months. Get registered. Get educated. Vote. If you get a paycheck, pay taxes, own a house, buy groceries or get gas, basically, if you breathe, politics affects you. And politics will affect you this election year more than ever, because those vying for positions in every state in our jurisdiction are polar opposites, meaning the election outcome will either build labor up and secure our jobs or tear it down, leaving us with less than we have now - we cannot afford any less. Just as you supported your union during the Master Agreement negotiations to secure a fair contract, I ask that you do the same now, to secure positive election results come November.

If former eBay CEO Meg Whitman is elected as California's governor over Attorney General Jerry Brown, unions will have no strength for the next four years. Can you afford that? If you don't take my word for it, check out the comparison between these two and others in this edition's Political Spread on pages 12-15. If that still doesn't convince you, take Brown's word for it. His campaign office has confirmed that he will be our keynote speaker during our Sept. 19 Semi-Annual Meeting. Don't miss out on this big event, and don't forget to vote.

Examples of our political efforts are ongoing. President Obama (who we endorsed and were given credit for getting elected) recently issued a statement saying he is going to "keep on fighting" to pass the "card check" bill, otherwise known as the Employee Free Choice Act, which enables working people to bargain for better wages and benefits, while restoring their freedom to choose to join a union.

Obama also recently passed a bill extending unemployment benefits to the long-term unemployed and urged the Senate to pass a \$26 billion measure that would extend programs from last year's Stimulus funds to help preserve the jobs of public employees, which, as we know, have been on the chopping block for far too long. Our California Unit 12 brothers and sisters recently voted in favor of their agreement. For more on this, see page 6.

There is movement regarding the Surface Transportation Act, which expired almost a year ago and has barely survived through extensions. Lawmakers are realizing that 90 percent of Americans believe infrastructure investment should be a priority. Nearly one-third of highway fatalities are due to poor road conditions. Finally, lawmakers are seeing that money well spent is money that saves lives – and that's on roads, one of our main sources of employment. Stay tuned for more updates on where this important bill is headed.

Another topic met with media and political attention has been high-speed rail. As a board member on the committee responsible for implementing it, I know that most Bay Area residents favor "bullet trains." High-speed rail will create more than 100,000 jobs each year. As things move forward, I will let you know. (On a side note, some political candidates are dead-set against high-speed rail. These folks should be avoided like the plague. Find out who they are on pages 13-15.)

One issue that will not be moving forward anytime soon is the important California water bond, once slated for the Nov. 2 ballot. The bill has been dropped from the election and will not be dealt with until 2012, because its prospects of passing are grim during these hard economic times.

Speaking of the economy, President Fred Herschbach's column this month discusses the status of our Health and Welfare Fund. While we made recent changes regarding the plan in order to keep it funded, there may be more changes ahead as we continue to battle low work hours. We have organized a Health and Welfare Best Practices Committee with rank-and-file members to brainstorm cost-saving ideas and hold our consultants' feet to the fire regarding returns. As more information becomes available, we will let you know the next steps. Until then, get and stay healthy - your pocketbook depends on it.

Please understand the importance of voting in this election. It's hard to see the low numbers of our registered voters and then hear the complaining in the field about how hard things are for labor right now. *We can do something about it, and it begins with a vote.*

Our work hours are beginning to pick up. I hear the reports from dispatch and get monthly work-hour updates from our Trust Fund. Some economists believe things are turning around, however slowly, and we have to have hope in that. Until then, stay informed and stay involved.

Talking Points By Fred Herschbach, president

IN THE NEWS

Fossils found in fourth bore

The Caldecott Tunnel project is one big dig. It's been all over the news as one of the largest projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), receiving some \$425 million. It's also been featured for its complicated nature - crews are constructing a fourth-bore tunnel north of the existing three tunnels on state Route 24 between Oakland and Orinda to reduce traffic congestion. Workers work night and day to eventually bore a tunnel 3,389 feet long and 41 feet wide through rock known for its fracturing and hardness.

This type of rock, made up of layers of sandstone and silt from stream and river beds, has preserved fossils 9 million to 10 million vears old. According to a recent article published in San Jose's The Daily Review, paleontologists, "fossil or hunters," were recently called in by Caltrans to understand natural "several climate changes" and unearth carefully preserved treasures from within the ground's layers.

The article explains that paleontologists have already found the imprint of a 10-million-vear-old avocado tree leaf, the likely tooth of a camel and remains of fish. Scientists believe more is yet to come when the roadheader starts the heavy hacking. During excavations of the first three bores in the 1930s and 1960s, construction workers found fossils of whales, camels, horses and even a baby mastodon - and they weren't even trying. These remains are now kept at UC Berkeley's Museum of Paleontology.

No bones about it, this is not boring work!

Stay tuned for more details about the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project.

Have you discovered something of interest while on the job, maybe dredging or boring? Call Engineers News at (916) 993-2047, ext. 2505 or e-mail mmcmillen@oe3.org.

All hands on deck

The Northern California Master Agreement was ratified by 97 percent of the membership and is on its way to be printed into book form.

In these economic times, both sides negotiated a fair agreement. Is it everything we wanted? No. Is it everything the employers wanted? No. In the end, both sides came together, and fortunately, there wasn't a labor dispute. We did perform a job action against one company that initially resisted the agreement, but the dispute was resolved shortly thereafter.

I would like to thank our Bargaining Committee members for their input. Without their help and influence, we would not have been as successful as we were. Remember: Not since former business manager Tom Stapleton's reign in the early '90s have we opened up the whole agreement for negotiations, and this is certainly not the kind of economy that warrants easy agreements!

The ratification meetings were well attended, and participants came with a lot of good questions. Naturally, there were brothers and sisters who wanted more – we all did – but there isn't any more to be had at this time. By the time the next negotiations come around in three years, hopefully the work picture will have improved and we can negotiate an even better economic package.

Speaking of economics, time and time again, we hear from the membership about how important our medical and dental benefits are, and I can't agree more. We recently met with our consultants to see how the Health and Welfare Trust Fund is doing. At this time, we can't be certain that by July 1, 2011, we will meet our hours' assumption. Last year at this time, we were at about 119.6 average hours per member contributing to the active Health and Welfare Fund. This year, we are at 90 hours per member. If this calculation holds, we will need more hours/money or have to cut benefits to keep our current plan. However, the hours do seem to be increasing. Districts are putting more operators to work as Stimulus funds are being released. At this time, it is still too early to tell whether it will be enough. We won't have an absolute number until February or March 2011, after the Fund is audited.

We are basically in the same boat with the Pension Fund. We must meet our assumptions. For the Pension, the assumption for 2010 is 28 million man hours with a return of 8 percent net of fees (after investors are paid). We believe we have placed our funds in investments that will bring us the maximum amount of returns, as we constantly monitor them and make adjustments when necessary. However, no adjustment has the same effect as work hours – the biggest force behind our returns – and we all know these are currently average, at best.

While we can't control the fluctuating market, we can control project funding, which brings me to politics. Politicians decide which state and national programs, departments, projects, etc. get money, but we decide who gets elected.

If you're like me, you're getting tired of the election coverage, but I want to share just a few recent statistics on the percentage of registered voters throughout our jurisdiction:

Northern California: 65 percent Nevada: 40 percent Utah: 50 percent Hawaii: 40 percent

If you are part of the percentage that is not registered, please take that first step. We must prevail in this election. If you don't want to take my word for it, check out this issue's political spread for a breakdown of where the candidates stand. Whatever reasons (or excuses!) you have for not registering to vote, let them go. Even if you never vote again (though I wouldn't suggest it), vote in this election. Our future is at stake, and if we turn out in huge numbers, we really can make a difference in the results.

California gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman is not our future. Her motives are completely against labor, and she won't vote in your favor – ever. She has made that clear.

Hawaii's current governor, Linda Lingle, is another anti-union politician who is ignoring the overwhelming support for light rail, and we must ask, why is she holding it up? Politics. When our brothers and sisters are losing their houses, Lingle, who is termed out, is playing political games to try and secure a victory in Hawaii's Sept. 18 Primary Election for current Lt. Governor Duke Aiona, who hopes to fill her position. (For Local 3's endorsements for the Hawaii District, see page 12.)

These labor opponents must be stopped. Get registered to vote, tell your family members and friends to do the same and then do it. We need all hands on deck. Also: Get your e-mail addresses to us, so we can communicate up-to-the-minute details on rallies, events and meetings for this political season.



OE3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Second Quarter 2010 Financial Results

The second quarter got off to a promising start; however, by June, many economic indicators had leveled off or fallen. The growth in our nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) slowed to 2.4 percent, with most of the growth occurring near the start of the quarter. First quarter 2010 GDP, originally forecast at 3.2 percent, was ultimately revised upward in the final analysis to 3.7 percent. Housing, which had been showing signs of improvement, cooled considerably in May and June, as the April 30 expiration of the federal tax credit for homebuyers adversely affected home sales more than expected. Since the recession began back in 2007, 1.9 million residential and commercial construction jobs have been lost. While the economy continues to grow at a slow rate, for many, it still feels like we're in a recession.

New job creation started losing steam at the end of the second quarter. After adding 290,000 jobs in April and 431,000 in May (411,000 census workers hired), June's payroll employment fell by 125,000, reflecting the layoff of 225,000 census workers. Nationwide, the June 2010 unemployment rate fell to 9.5 percent from March's 10.2 percent level and now stands even with June 2009's unemployment rate. Nevada's unemployment rate increased and now leads the nation at 14.2 percent, while California's unemployment rate (ranked third nationally) fell slightly from 12.6 percent to 12.3 percent. Utah's rate remained unchanged at 7.2 percent; Hawaii's rate continued to show improvement, falling for the fourth consecutive quarter to 6.3 percent.

During the second quarter of 2010, Local 3's membership decreased an additional 326 members, bringing the revised Year-To-Date (YTD) membership loss through June 2010 to 734 members or 1.98 percent.

Financially, Local 3 continues to experience losses. Second quarter 2010 receipts and expenditures came in at \$8.3 million and \$10.2 million, respectively – both virtually unchanged from

the first quarter. While supplemental-dues revenues showed a 9.7 percent increase during the second quarter over the first quarter, window-dues receipts declined 10.3 percent over the same period. YTD through June 2010, revenues came in at \$16.7 million – \$1.8 million (9.7 percent) below the same period in 2009 and \$1.3 million (7.2 percent) below budgeted projections. YTD expenditures through June 2010 came in at \$20.3 million – \$950,000 (4.5 percent) below the same period in 2009 and \$563,000 (2.7 percent) below the same period in 2009 and \$563,000 (2.7 percent) less than budgeted expectations. Overall, Local 3's net loss was \$3,675,919 during the first six months of 2010. Fortunately, Local 3 maintains reserves in excess of \$59 million to weather just this sort of economic downturn.

Although the economy cooled in June, numerous signs point toward a brighter second half of 2010 for Local 3 and its membership. Negotiations on the new Northern California Master Agreement were successfully completed, and President Obama signed legislation to extend unemployment benefits and provide funding relief for multi-employer pension plans. Also, while nearly half of the federal Stimulus monies has yet to be spent, interest rates remain at record lows, housing is more affordable than it has been in decades and work hours are finally starting to pick up.

Fund Balances (\$ in millions)				
06/30/10 06/30/09				
General	\$37.6	\$39.8		
Hardship, Strike, Lockout	\$7.4	\$3.7		
Emergency	\$8.5	\$10.9		
Defense	\$5.1	\$4.5		
Capital Maintenance	\$0.7	\$1.7		

Second Quarter 2010 Financial Report

(Unaudited, in thousands)

Profit and Loss Statement		Balance Sheet	
(June 30, 2010, Year-To-D	late)	(As of June 30, 2010)	
Membership Revenue	\$14,381	Cash, Investments & Deposits	\$30,538
Other Revenue	\$2,318	Employee Funded 457 Plan	\$1,424
Total Receipts	\$16,700	Automobiles	\$3,038
		Office Furniture & Equipment	\$1,811
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$12,712	Computers & Software	\$9,084
Per Capita Taxes	\$2,542	Communications Equipment	\$960
Office & Operations	\$1,567	Print Shop Equipment	\$1,102
Depreciation	\$780	Less Accum. Depreciation	(\$8,900)
Professional Services	\$531	Total Assets	\$39,056
PACs & Fund Allocations	\$533		
Admin & Public Relations	\$1,712	Liabilities	(\$2)
Total Expenses	\$20,376	Employee Funded 457 Plan	\$1,424
		General Fund Balance	\$37,634
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$3,676)	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$39,056

Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers 6/30/10

Plan Assets

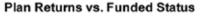
(1) Total Investments	\$ 2,672,824,868
Domestic Stocks	958,077,034
International Stocks	208,987,157
Bonds	764,058,028
Hedge Fund of Funds	227,067,938
Real Estate	339,399,875
Other Investments	175,234,836
8.5%	35.8%

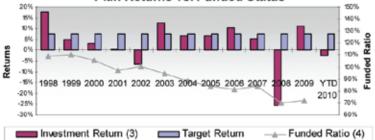
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1) Asset figures and returns are preliminary and unaudited. YTD 2010 return is six months ending 6/30/10.

- 2) Other Investments include an insurance contract with New York Life and operational cash.
- 3) Returns through 12/31/2007 were not calculated by IPS
- 4) The Funded Ratio is the value of assets used for the annual pension plan valuation divided by the present value of accumulated plan benefits as provided by the actuary.

	Plan Returns / Funded Status			
		Investment	Target	Funded
		Return (3)	Return	Ratio (4)
	1998	17.8%	7.5%	108.9%
	1999	4.8%	7.5%	110.4%
	2000	3.2%	7.5%	105.4%
	2001	0.4%	7.5%	96.9%
	2002	-6.6%	7.5%	100.6%
	2003	12.5%	7.5%	94.5%
	2004	6.7%	7.5%	88.7%
	2005	6.9%	7.5%	84.0%
	2006	10.5%	7.5%	81.3%
	2007	5.2%	7.5%	83.5%
	2008	-25.6%	7.5%	69.7%
	2009	11.1%	7.5%	71.6%
(1)	YTD 2010	-2.3%	7.5%	N/A





Commentary (2nd Quarter 2010):

The second quarter of 2010 was difficult for all major equity indices as the rally that began in March 2009 ended abruptly and severely with large losses during the last two months of the quarter. The S&P 500 Index returned -11.4% for the second quarter and 14.4% for the trailing one year. In June, employment declined by 125,000 and the unemployment rate edged down to 9.5%. The total number of unemployed workers stood at 14.6 million. The decline in payroll employment reflected a decrease (-225,000) in the number of temporary employees working on Census 2010. At the start of the recession in December 2007, the number of unemployed persons was 7.5 million, and the jobless rate was 4.9%. The Barclays Aggregate Index, which measures the broad fixed income market, returned 3.5% during the second quarter as investors sought the safety of government backed debt in response to foreign debt concerns and equity losses.



News & Notes By Dan Reding, financial secretary

We are only strong when we stand together

At the time of this writing, we just ratified the Northern California Master Agreement and the Master Crane Rental Agreement. I want to thank all the staff and rank-and-file members who were part of the negotiations. I was involved in both, being part of the AGC negotiations with Business Manager Russ Burns, who led the Northern California Master Agreement negotiations, President Fred Herschbach and Vice President Carl Goff, and as lead negotiator for the Crane Rental Agreement.

One thing I heard from the rank-and-file members in both negotiations was what an eye-opener the experience was and how being at the table was so different from what they thought it would be like. They got to see firsthand how challenging it is to negotiate in arguably the worst conditions any of us have ever seen. A lot of people from the Building Trades said that they couldn't believe how much we got in these economic times. Well, it was a group effort. All the members who attended Fair Industry Strike Training (FIST) classes, stood up in support at the district meetings and worked together to get these agreements deserve the credit for making it happen. I will be the first to say that I would have liked to have gotten more money and a few other things, but the employer would have liked to have given a lot less. The way the membership stood up in support enabled us to get what we got.

It still amazes me that we had members calling us and telling us that we were no good and that we should step down if we took the members out on strike. Can you imagine what kind of agreement we would have gotten with that mindset and if we were not willing to fight for what we thought was right? Those members should thank all the brothers and sisters who stood up and hopefully realize that we got what we did because of them.

Again, we are only as strong as the membership, and the membership is only strong when we stand together. Be safe.



Financial Secretary Dan Reding explains the conditions of the proposed Northern California Master Agreement to members in Rohnert Park before ratifying it July 10.



NO I reject the agreement and authorize a strike Please circle your Local # 3 12 39 501

Members ratify contract

Unit 12 members vote in favor of tentative agreement with the state of California

By Gary Rocha, business representative

July was as hot as it usually is, but even hotter for Unit 12 representatives trying to get the word out on the new contract that needed ratification before the Legislature went on holiday at the end of August. Meetings were set up from one end of the state to the other, and International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) State Unit 12 Director Tim Neep and Local 3 Coordinator Travis Tweedy oversaw several throughout Local 3's jurisdiction. Neep and Tweedy educated the members on the legislation proposal, which includes one Personal Leave Program (PLP) day for one year, health and welfare, pensions, holiday, overtime and wage protection from the federal minimum wage (\$7.25).

On Aug. 5, the ballots were counted, and the membership voted 2 to 1 in favor of the contract.

As of press time, the contract was on its way to be ratified by the California Legislature and then off to be signed by the governor. The soonest the contract can be implemented is this month (for payroll).

For questions regarding this contract, call Tweedy at (916) 993-2058. For more photos, visit the online gallery at www.oe3.org.

Ratification Results: Members voted 2 to 1 in favor of the contract



From left: Frank Davi from Parks and Recreation and Carl Boling of Caltrans help count and sort ballots in Sacramento on Aug. 5.



IUOE State Unit 12 Director Tim Neep explains the details of a tentative agreement reached with the state of California to members who work at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Gilroy Office (above) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) San Luis Obispo Office (at left).



Unit 12 members train to fight back in Sacramento.

Unit 12 members attend the Be Educated And Ready (BEAR) training at Local 3's headquarters in Alameda. These trainings helped educate and mobilize the membership.





Report & Review By Carl Goff, vice president

Why Jerry Brown? The answer's crystal clear

Since endorsing Attorney General Jerry Brown for California governor, several of our Republican members have asked why. I ask them, why wouldn't we?

Political parties aside, look at the issues: Brown is the only candidate who supports organized labor, supports Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), the eight-hour day and prevailing wages – our bread and butter – and supports Local 3. We can't say the same for opponent Meg Whitman, the former eBay CEO who has vowed to eliminate, outsource and downsize jobs, slash 40,000 state jobs to "solve" the budget crisis and increase visas for foreign workers, thus taking away *more* jobs from Californians.

Brown, on the other hand, pledges to run a frugal government by respecting the collective bargaining process and creating good jobs by working with labor.

I know – talk is cheap, especially come election time. But Brown has a history in politics that backs up what he says. While in office, Brown required the University of California to pay prevailing wage for all construction projects on all campuses, signed historic laws granting thousands of workers the right to collectively bargain and increased unemployment benefits for laid-off workers. He's also given farm workers the right to join unions and collectively bargain, so we know for a fact he's pro-union.

Brown isn't just talking the talk; we've seen him walk the walk.

And now, we'll see him in person. Brown plans to address the Local 3 membership at our Semi-Annual held at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTC) on Sunday, Sept. 19. Come join us and hear from Brown himself about what he plans to do if elected in November. The event is free! To top it off, we provide lunch and several vendors will be on hand to pass out free goodies. Don't miss it.

Someone who won't be there is Whitman, and because she has never held a government position, all we know for sure about her is that she drove down eBay's profit shares by 43 percent, while personally making more than \$500 million in stock options, charged eBay more than \$3.2 million to fly in a corporate jet and teamed up with Goldman Sachs to make nearly \$2 million by using wealthy clients (something since deemed illegal by Congress).

Whitman will be detrimental to the labor movement if elected on Nov. 2. If you think things are tough right now, it's only going to get worse with her in office.

Take a look at where she and Brown stand on other issues in an in-depth comparison between the two candidates on page 13. I've only given you some highlights. If you *still* have to ask, "Why Brown?" I'll ask again, why wouldn't we vote Brown for governor? You should too!

Remember: *Vote your back pocket on Nov. 2.* If we give up, they win.

Come see for yourself!

Local 3-endorsed California gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown's campaign office has confirmed that he will be our keynote speaker at the Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the RMTC. Come hear the attorney general speak, and learn firsthand why he is the best person for the job.

Union members help child in need

When Local 3 member Michael Hill took his family on a camping trip to Mendocino National Forest, it was supposed to be a fun Fourth of July weekend, but when his 18-month-old son, Wyatt, slipped and fell into the embers of the camp's fire pit, still smoldering from the night before, the celebration turned into a tragedy.

According to Hill, the family drove Wyatt 30 miles to the nearest town west of Corning, where a U.S. Forest Service employee called for an emergency helicopter to airlift Wyatt to the UC Davis Children's Hospital in Sacramento. There was only enough room in the helicopter for the child, so the rest of the family had to drive the 114 miles.

Wyatt remained at the UC Davis Children's Hospital for a short time and then was taken to the Shriners Hospital for Children (also in Sacramento) for treatment of third-degree burns to his hands and wrists and second-degree burns to his neck, chin and thighs. He remained there for three weeks.

What has also remained is the flow of generosity from the Hill family's union brothers and sisters. After learning about the accident during the last round of ratification meetings, Fairfield Crane Rep. Jimmy Jacobs organized a collection meet-up, and Local 3 members Dominic Accettola, Barry Morrissey and Rick Taylor, who work together on the Valero Refinery with Hill and his older brother, Greg, spread the word at work and on the phone.

Since then, the Hills have received \$3,500 in donations from union members – something they had not expected.

"We want to give special thanks to all the crafts from PMI, ARB and Maxim Crane – day and nights shifts at the Valero Refinery. We couldn't have made it through this without all of you. I will return the favor to as many people as I can in the future to keep the circle of caring alive," commented Hill.

Wyatt will need extensive rehabilitation in the coming months. He had to lose part of his pinky and index finger and must wear special gloves and a neck piece for a whole year, as well as undergo physical therapy. He may have to undergo some plastic surgery, but he is glad to be home and, as his father, Michael, described, "is a trooper and should pull through just fine," but the "whole circumstance is very overwhelming for my family and I, emotionally and financially."

If you wish to aid his family, please contribute to the Shriners Hospital for Children by visiting its website at support.shrinershospitals.org/site/PageServer?pagenam e=HowYouCanHelp, or by calling them toll-free at (800) 241-GIFT (4438).



From left: Brandy Hill (Wyatt's mother), Wyatt Hill, Operating Engineer Michael Hill (Wyatt's father), Makylah Hill (Wyatt's sister) and family friend and Operating Engineer Dominic Accettola.



Public Employee News By Don Dietrich, director

You can't afford to ignore **California's November election**

I have an urgent message to all public-sector employees: California's November election for governor could change the entire face of the state and is the most important political event ever

Public-sector workers are already weary from all the slashing of funding and resources during the last six years. The media has demonized us, blaming us for every conceivable problem facing the nation. We are responsible for the housing crash, the stock-market blunders and volatility, global warming, the war, etc. You name it - the media blames us for it. And they don't just blame public-employee unions. They blame all unions for having the audacity to negotiate living wages and benefits for their members.

Government agencies are being trained on how to negotiate to impasse, so they can impose terms and conditions on employees. Public employees are being subjected to harsh punishment for relatively minor work-rule infractions, such as termination

in cases where a reprimand is in order. Local 3 has had to resort to litigation instead of negotiation, which costs the employer and the union money that is better spent elsewhere. Yet public agencies continue to waste taxpayer money. We have a very high success rate of prevailing through litigation, which means these cases are costing the taxpayer *a lot* of money!

But if you think it has been bad the last six years, you haven't seen is elected as California governor. anything yet. If former eBay CEO Meg Whitman gets elected, hold



What will happen if Meg Whitman

on to your hat. She has a track record of outsourcing jobs to foreign countries and has not been shy about her dislike for an organized work force. Whitman has an agenda, and it's not intended to benefit those of you who work for the government. She is flat-out challenging public-sector unions. And we are up to the challenge!

There has never been a more pressing time than now to mobilize against her and for labor-friendly, union-endorsed Attorney General Jerry Brown.

Your political efforts mean self-preservation. Please contact your business representative or your union hall and volunteer. We can't match Whitman's money, so we need to do it the old-fashioned way: Getting out the vote.

Start with every one of your family members, friends and neighbors, and practice your "pitch" on them. Then come down to your union office, and let's get the rest of California onboard. Every vote will count. Brown for governor, or we all lose. Your destiny is in your own hands.

Have we learned anything at all?

By Rick Davis, business representative

It's politics as usual in El Dorado County, especially when the County Board of Supervisors decides to give the fire districts \$1.2 million over the next two years, while cutting wages, hours and benefits to county employees. I wonder if any of the fire chiefs and fire personnel in those districts are taking wage and benefit cuts.

At a recent El Dorado County budget meeting, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) presented her "doom and gloom" budget for the county. She discussed the savings the county needed and how the Board of Supervisors could get the money to maintain county services in this dire economic downturn. Some of her ideas included a \$3 million to \$4 million savings through Public Employment Retirement System (PERS), by making employees pay into their retirement fund, and an ongoing savings of \$10 million through employee layoffs, shorter workweeks and salary cuts. As usual, the burden of balancing the county budget was put on the backs of employees.

After the CAO spoke, board member Ron Briggs, who is up for re-election, moved to give the fire districts in El Dorado County \$1.2 million. This moronic idea was supported by board members John Knight and Norma Santiago. Where did they want these funds to come from? The county contingency account, of course! Let's make employees pay more for benefits; let's lay-off employees, reduce working hours and cut wages, but let's give the fire districts more money, which we cannot afford and are not, as the board, required to fund. Where does this type of thinking come from? I give board members Ray Nutting and Jim Sweeney credit, as they voted no on the issue.

Because of the pressure from employee groups and other administrators for this allocation of money when there is no money, the board didn't use contingency funds. Instead, it found funds from another account. The county budget is in the negative, but let's give the fire districts more money, and let's build a new, \$6 million animal shelter. This is it folks, leadership at its finest!

This is a perfect example of what has been occurring over the last decade in federal, state, county and city government. For the last three years, the working people of California have been paying dearly for poor leadership and self-serving decision-making by our elected politicians.

The people we elect to lead us and make informative decisions are failing us at every turn. We must take some responsibility, because we keep putting the same individuals in office. It will be interesting to see how many of the same politicians are re-elected in November, as those results will be an indication of whether the working class in this country is learning anything at all. For Local 3's endorsements, stay tuned to next month's Engineers News.

At the time of this writing, I am still at the table with my units in Sierra County, Alpine County and El Dorado Transit, and I am getting ready to open negotiations with three units in El Dorado County. I am still waiting for state mediation with my Rancho Murieta Community Service District (CSD) unit and wrapping things up in Plumas County.

Members are tired, worried and frustrated with the endless succession of bad news about state and local budgets. It would be wonderful to believe that there is some light at the end of this dismal tunnel we have all been in for more than three years, but then we would have to believe that there is some leadership in our federal, state and local governments and that there are some politicians out there who have our best interests at heart instead of their own. Good luck with that! Until next time, stay safe and take care of those closest to you.

Public employees: True community partners

By Bill Pope, business representative

These are extremely unusual times. The economy is in the tank. Taxpayers are blaming public employees and their "generous" salaries, benefits and retirement for the economic disaster.

Before the economic downturn, these same taxpayers were getting stock options, bonuses, free worksite childcare, etc. They looked down on public employment so much that public-employee jobs were vacant for months and months. Now, taxpayers are saying "fire all the public employees and lower the salaries, because there are lots of people who would do the same job for less money."

I have received unsolicited letters and e-mails from the public demanding that union members give up 10 percent of their compensation, create a two-tiered retirement system, etc.

The San Jose mayor and some council members are telling their constituents that employee costs are Public Enemy No. 1, and if employees don't give concessions, layoffs will occur and city services will be reduced.

Five separate bargaining units have been negotiating with the city of San Jose since April to renew their contracts and provide concessions. All groups knew that the city had a true deficit.

After about six bargaining sessions, the city declared impasse and moved to impose its terms on the bargaining units.

Those five bargaining units formed a coalition to fight the city's proposed imposition of contract terms. The coalition came up with a proposal that was believed to give the city what it needed at the 11th hour, and it was ratified by the members. The city said the proposal did not meet its needs and recommended the council approve imposition of the last, best and final offer. The coalition pleaded for more time and was granted the extension after-hours in closed session.

The bargaining units came up with another proposal that was ratified again by the members. The contract reduces their spendable income by 14.2 percent. Local 3 members approved the proposal by a 5-to-1 margin, proving that public employees are dedicated to their communities and proud of the services they provide to the citizens - they are members of those same communities. Now they are paying out of their pockets to maintain those services.

Public employees are not Public Enemy No. 1; they are and always have been partners in their communities.

Let's take back our country

By Mike Minton, business representative

I hope all District 60 public employees are able to hold on for a while longer. While almost all the problems with individual units have tapered off, the economy still dictates more issues within each employer's jurisdiction. For me, it has

come down to dealing with economic issues due to the state withholding funds for programs and projects that the employer is mandated to provide to its citizens. This lack of funding is causing the employer

to find other sources of revenue, meaning the backs of its employees.

You did not cause these problems and financial setbacks, but you are the current solution, offered as a kind of bailout. The employers expect you to give up negotiated salaries and benefits to help offset their deficits. Had the employers planned for this so-called "rainy day," many of these problems would not exist today. Public employees get blamed for what many politicians call excessive salaries and benefits. These politicians forget that they are also public employees, but they didn't have to negotiate their salaries and benefits. They just wrote legislation that gave them what they wanted, then stuck it on the back of some other piece of legislation that was somewhat favorable to the public.

Many of these issues are nearly impossible to change until the voters of this country get tired of being treated like ignorant, second-class citizens by politicians who think they can say and do anything regardless of what the voters tell

Educate yourselves on the issues and fight back with letters. phone calls, e-mails and votes.

them. When was the last time you heard a politician apologize for the state of the economy? When has one had an actual plan for cutting back spending that on didn't entail taking away salaries our

and benefits? Why can't they admit that they have been over-spending on ridiculous programs, personal projects and lawsuits?

When I see individuals who, because of their chosen lifestyles, get disability, welfare or health insurance that is better than most of us can afford, and then I see another person who truly has a disability that was caused by nothing more than misfortune, yet they have trouble getting benefits, I have a real problem. When I see the courts allow winning lawsuits against individuals or companies like McDonald's for coffee being too hot, or against builders because a burglar fell and broke both legs while breaking in from a third-floor skylight with a too-short rope, it is time for us, the voters, to stand up and be heard.

I apologize for getting off the subject, but public employee agents are dealing with employers wanting to take away salaries and benefits from those we represent simply because they did not control their spending when times were good. For every dollar increase in salary and benefits the average employee received, I bet that upper management and the politicians of our great country received a 5-to-1 or better increase in their salaries during the same time period.

We need to turn out at the polls this November and vote these politicians out. We need to elect those who understand the cause of these problems and have a plan to actually fix them. What we don't need is someone running for office telling us his or her version of the problem and then merely stating: "I will change this if elected," or some other form of verbal political garbage.

Now is not the time to tell yourself: "There's nothing I can do, so why vote?" Now is the time to turn out in mass numbers. Let the politicians know you're angry, and vote them out. Vote "no" on their ridiculous pieces of legislation. Educate yourselves on the issues and fight back with letters, phone calls, e-mails and votes. Let's take back our country.

Stay united, and remember: We're all in this together. We will eventually come through this smarter and stronger. When the time comes, we need to remember who was kicking us when we were down.



Credit Union By Jim Sullivan, Credit Union secretary/financial officer & recording - corresponding secretary

Convenience

Life is busy, and the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU) understands that most of our members are challenged with juggling responsibilities of home, work and family. That's why we offer convenient services to help make your life easier. Here are a few to consider:

eBranch Online Banking

Checking balances? Transferring funds? It's easy online. You can also keep track of your investments and stocks, set account notifications so you always know what's going on with your money, apply for a loan, create and download custom reports on your accounts, view your cleared checks instantly and so much more. By using our online Bill Pay feature, you can pay your bills and manage your expenses without having to go to the bank, without having to buy stamps and without having to drive to the post office. Our eBranch Online Banking also offers Open Transfers, which gives members the ability to transfer funds between OEFCU and other financial institutions online. Managing your money has never been this easy.

eStatements

Suffering from paper overload? Filing cabinets overstuffed? We understand, and that's why we provide you with easy, convenient eStatements. They don't need to be filed; we keep them online for you for a full year, so there's no chance they'll get lost. You can also rest easy knowing your information is securely stored with the Credit Union's data protection, unlike at home or in the mailbox.

Member Advantage Plus - OEFCU's auto buying consultant

Need a new or used vehicle but don't want to deal with all the shopping around, haggling with salespeople and not knowing if you got a good deal? Consider OEFCU's Member Advantage Plus auto buying consultant. First, apply for your financing at OEFCU and get your pre-approval. Second, do some research on the vehicle you want to purchase. Finally, call (800) 326-9552 (or for members outside California: (800) 409-4362) and provide the details on the vehicle you're interested in, such as the make, model, color and any special features you want. Our consultants will do all the legwork and find you the best deal. In most cases, they can even have your new car or truck delivered to your home or work! It's fast, it's easy and best of all, the service is free!

A member from Burlingame who recently used OEFCU's auto buying consultant said, "It was as easy as having pizza delivered."

OEFCU always provides the personal service of a small credit union coupled with the strength, sophistication and convenience of a large and *exclusive* establishment. Join our OEFCU family. Contact our member service representatives at (800) 877-4444, and visit our website at www.oefcu.org for more information on our products, services and other "Member Only" benefits.





We're here to help

Fringe Benefits Service Center: (800) 532-2105 Trust Fund Office: (800) 251-5014

Fringe Benefits

By Charlie Warren, director

How does your hour bank work?

Hour banks allow active members covered under the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund to continue coverage for themselves and their families at no additional cost during the off-season. Members can accumulate up to 990 hours (1,320 hours for members who established eligibility prior to July 1992) of coverage.

Once eligibility is established, maintaining your benefits requires 120 hours per month (for most contracts). Any hours worked in excess of 120 hours are stored in your hour bank. For months in which you work less than 120 hours, hours are drawn from your hour bank to make up the difference.

See the hour bank example below for California after initial eligibility is established:

Work Month	Hours Reported	Eligibility Month	Hours Required for Eligibility	Hours Applied/ Deducted from Hour Bank	Hour Bank Balance
June	180	August	120	+60	60
July	200	September	120	+80	140
August	20	October	120	-100	40
September	40	November*	120	+40	80
October	170	December	120	+50	130
November	0	January	120	-120	10
December	120	February	120	0	10

*insufficient hours for November eligibility

If you have any questions about your hour-bank balance, contact the Trust Fund Office at (800) 251-5014 or the Fringe Benefits Service Center at (800) 532-2105.

Hour-bank requirements are different for the Hawaii, Nevada and Utah plans. For information on those plans, please refer to your Summary Plan Description, or contact the Fringe Benefits Service Center at the following numbers:

Hawaii: (800) 660-9126 Nevada: (775) 857-4440 Utah: (801) 596-2677

Retiree Post

Old friends reunite at ratification meeting

He's been a member since 1948, but you wouldn't know it by talking with him, because he has just as much wit and vigor as a 20-year-old. During the summer's ratification meeting in Sacramento, Vic Bourbon met up with two old friends he had worked with over the years, Dick Fleming and Lloyd McMaster. Combined, they have almost 130 years

of service. Bourbon's secret? (Not the liquor!) "Horses and dancing."

From left: Sixty-one-year member Vic Bourbon stands with old friends, 41-year member Dick Fleming and 23-year member Lloyd McMaster.



Retiree Association Meetings

Retiree Association Meetings begin in October. The Local 3 officers look forward to joining retirees and their spouses for concise reports, good refreshments and plenty of fellowship. Look for the postcard inviting you to the meeting in your area, or check the schedule listed below.



10 a.m.

FAIRFIELD

2 p.m. Oct. 12 Veterans' Memorial Building 427 Main St. Suisun City

EUREKA Oct. 12 2 p.m. Best Western Bayshore Inn 3500 Broadway

LAKEPORT

Oet. 13 2 p.m. Lakeport Yacht Club 55 Fifth St.

REDDING Meeting and potluck Oet. 13 1:30 p.m. Frontier Senior Center 2081 Frontier Trail Anderson

ROHNERT PARK

Oct. 13 10 a.m. Operating Engineers' Building 6225 State Farm Drive, Ste. 100

YUBA CITY

Oct. 14 2 p.m. Veterans' Memorial Center 211 17th St. Marysville

OAKLAND

10 a.m. Oct. 19 Oakland Zoo - Snow Building 9777 Golf Links Road

CONCORD

Oct. 19 2 p.m. Centre Concord 5298 Clayton Road

MODESTO

Oct. 19 10 a.m. Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Road

STOCKTON

Oct. 19 2 p.m. Italian Athletic Club 3541 Cherryland Drive

Oct. 20

AUBURN

Auburn Recreation Center -Lakeside Room 3770 Richardson Drive

SACRAMENTO

Oet. 20 2 p.m. **Operating Engineers' Building** 3920 Lennane Drive

FRESNO

Oet. 20 2 p.m. Cedar Lanes 3131 N. Cedar

SAN FRANCISCO-SAN MATEO Oet. 21 10 a.m. Transport Workers' Union Hall 1521 Rollins Road

NOVATO

Burlingame

Oct. 21 2 p.m. Novato Oaks Inn -Mariposa Room 215 Alameda Del Prado

WATSONVILLE Oct. 21 Ramsay Park 1301 Main St.

MORGAN HILL 2 p.m.

10 a.m.

Oet. 21 **Operating Engineers' Building** 325 Digital Drive

RENO

Dec. 7 2 p.m. **Operating Engineers' Building** 1290 Corporate Blvd.

SALT LAKE CITY Dec. 8 2 p.m. **IBEW Hall** 3400 W. 2100 S.

Do you have a full-time student?

Members covered by the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trust Fund with dependent children ages 19 through 23 should submit proof of full-time student status at the beginning of each semester or quarter to ensure uninterrupted coverage.



Political Perspective

By Mark Kyle, director of government affairs and public relations

Political Spread overview *What's ahead for you and politics*

The Labor Dav weekend traditionally marks the beginning of election season, though Local 3 has been working on politics and public policy all year 'round. In Engineers News, we've discussed policies and politics important to you and your families, such as getting the economy going again, moving forward with high-speed rail, securing jobs, participating in the democratic process, electing politicians sympathetic to our needs, etc. This month, we talk about Hawaii's Primary Election and provide information about upcoming races in the other states in this special Political Spread which continues through page 15.

Hawaii's Primary Election: Sept. 18

On Sept. 18, the "rubber meets the road" in Hawaii's statewide Primary Election. Top-of-the-ticket races include spots for U.S. Senate, Congress and the governor's office.

Elections are also taking place for other state and local offices. For a list of Local 3's endorsed candidates, see right. This may not be a complete list, so visit our website at www.oe3.org for the most up-to-date endorsements.

Big-ticket races in California, Nevada, Utah

In the Nov. 2 General Election, every state in Local 3's jurisdiction is holding a governor's race and U.S. Senate race. To help you and your family make informed choices and to better understand why we endorsed certain candidates, we provide comparison charts for U.S. Senate races in three states and the governor's race in California starting on page 13. Also, go to our website at www.oe3.org for the most up-to-date information.

Ballot propositions

As if candidate races at the federal, state and local levels weren't enough, in three of our states, there are numerous ballot propositions as well. To help you better understand these propositions and why we make the endorsements we do, we list information on California's on page 15. Next month, we'll list and discuss our proposition endorsements for Nevada and Utah. (Please note: No ballot propositions will be listed for Hawaii's Sept. 18 Hawaii Primary Election or Nov. 2 General Election.) Visit our website at www.oe3.org for the most up-to-date information.

Volunteer: The VOTE program

You've heard it before, but I'm saying it again: Our strength is in our numbers. What's true in negotiations and organizing is true in politics. We'll



never match the amount of money some corporations spend (or some billionaires who want to buy their way into office), but we're rich in people – and that's you. So right now, please do the following:

Register to vote. Make sure every person 18 years or older in your household is registered to vote; talk to your neighbors and co-workers and get them to register.

Vote-by-mail. Signing up is easy; voting by mail is even easier, and you're more likely to actually do it.

Vote for Local 3 endorsed candidates. Read this issue of *Engineers News* and the letters and mailings we send you during the next couple of months; become educated; vote for jobs, your health care and your pension; vote for labor-friendly candidates endorsed by Local 3.

Volunteer. Get active in your local district office's political activities. Commit to just five hours between now and the Nov. 2 General Election. Every little bit helps, and again, there is strength in numbers. If only 50 percent of our members volunteered during this election season, we would dominate our local, state and federal elections. Be part of the force that makes a difference. See the 2010 Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) announcement on page 21 for more details on the program and to see the prizes you can earn for participating in polities.

Hawaii District 17 Election Recommendations

Hawaii's Primary Election is Sept. 18. Local 3's District 17 members are encouraged to vote for the following candidates who support unions and working families in the state of Hawaii. The following list is not necessarily complete. Please check our website, www.oe3.org, for up-to-date endorsements and more detailed explanations of initiatives and/ or candidates in all the races in your area.

Hawaii's General Election will be held Nov. 2, along with Nevada, California and Utah. Endorsements for these races will be printed in next month's edition.

HAWAII 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

U.S. Senate Daniel Inouye

U.S Congress Colleen Hanabusa

Statewide Constitutional Offices Governor Mufi Hannemann

Lt. Governor Brian Schatz

Island of Oahu City and County Offices – OAHU Mayor Kirk Caldwell

City Prosecutor Don Pacearo

Honolulu City Council Seats Steve Chang Ernie Martin

State Senate Mike Gabbard District 19 Wil Espero District 20 Mike Magaoay District 22

State House of Representatives Linda Ichiyama District 31 Mark Takai District 34 Ty Cullen District 41 Kurt Fevella District 43 John Kaopua District 44

Island of Maui State Senate Shan Tsutsui District 4

City and County Mayor Randy Piltz

Island of Kauai State House of Representatives Roland Segun District 16

City and County Mayor Bernard Carvalho

Candidate Comparison: You decide

It's getting down to the wire for the Nov. 2 General Election. By now you know this is one of the most important elections of our time. To make it easier for you, we've done an analysis on where the candidates

stand on issues that are important to the middle class and labor. You can see for yourself who the clear choice is. For more details, voter-registration dates and election updates, visit www.oe3.org.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S RACE: BROWN VS. WHITMAN



<u>Attorney General Jerry Brown</u>

Has supported working families for more than 40 years by:

- Fighting large corporations that exploit their workers and winning settlements for construction workers whose rights have been violated
- ★ Establishing the right to collectively bargain for teachers, school employees, firefighters, police and other state and local workers
- ★ Increasing unemployment benefits and workers' compensation
- ★ Protecting workers from toxic substances
- ★ Strengthening California's equal pay law

Has held several political positions, and while in office:

- ★ Signed historic laws granting thousands of workers the right to bargain collectively
- ★ Increased unemployment benefits for laid-off workers
- ★ Required the University of California to pay prevailing wage on all campuses for all construction projects
- ★ Required employers to inform workers about toxic substances produced or handled in the workplace

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Create good jobs by working with the trade-union movement and labor through an emphasis on infrastructure
- ★ Honor state retirement commitments and end abuses of the system that have cost millions, leaving public employees suffering through furloughs
- ★ Run a frugal government by respecting the collective bargaining process instead of running the state like a private business
- \star Not raise taxes unless voters approve them

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "There's a lot of stress out there, and that's what we've got to deal with. It means you need good jobs. You can't try to weaken the trade-union movement. They're an important player. You need to have a vibrant public sector within a very vibrant private sector. That's really my theme."
- ★ The current high-speed rail plan is a "bold" one that "we should make work."

From left: President Fred Herschbach, Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan, Attorney General Jerry Brown, Business Manager Russ Burns and Financial Secretary Dan Reding.

Former eBay CEO Meg Whitman

Has worked against middle-class, union families as a corporate leader by:

- ★ Speaking as the main supporter for the anti-union ABC company conference to fight Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)
- ★ Firing unionized Rite Aid workers, claiming unions are a problem
- ★ Leading eBay layoffs that boosted corporate profits, while shipping 40 percent of eBay's jobs overseas

Has never held a government position and didn't register to vote until 2002

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Slash 40,000 jobs for nurses, teachers, librarians and other state workers to "solve" the budget crisis
- ★ Bankroll a new campaign to roll back union rights and slash workers' pensions
- ★ Take away the eight-hour workday and guaranteed meal breaks
- ★ Eliminate, outsource and downsize jobs
- ★ Provide massive tax giveaways for the wealthy, while de-regulating big banks
- ★ Increase visas for foreign workers, thereby taking jobs from Californians and leaving foreign workers vulnerable to exploitation

Has been quoted as saying:

- \star " ... we've got to take on ... the unions."
- ★ "Our next governor must be tough enough to stand up to the unions and the politicians they control."
- ★ " ... the state cannot afford the costs associated with high-speed rail."



CALIFORNIA'S SENATE RACE: BOXER VS. FIORINA

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

While in office, has supported working families for more than 20 years by:

- ★ Leading efforts to increase investments in water infrastructure projects to protect communities from flooding
- ★ Doubling federal transportation funding for California, creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs, while improving roads and mass transit
- ★ Ensuring that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided \$48 billion for transportation improvements nationwide, including more than \$6 billion in California
- ★ Working with the Obama Administration to secure \$2.3 billion for high-speed rail
- ★ Securing \$67 million for the Port of Oakland dredging and expansion

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Maintain her reputation as a champion of the labor movement (has voted 96 percent in favor of labor)
- ★ Strengthen California's economy by creating jobs, helping small businesses compete and providing much-needed tax relief for middle-class families
- ★ Build a new, clean-energy economy by developing solar, wind, geothermal and other energy technologies that will create more jobs
- ★ Invest in the nation's infrastructure
- ★ Work to pass the next surface transportation bill, which will create thousands of construction jobs

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "Our nation's infrastructure is the backbone of our economy, and investment in roads, bridges and highways is a proven job creator. Our transportation and physical infrastructure is aging and needs to be rebuilt, yet we lag behind many other advanced countries in the level of our investment. I am committed to changing that."
- ★ "Investing in clean-energy industries and transportation infrastructure will create jobs and put California back on its feet."
- ★ "If she [Fiorina] had been in the Senate, we wouldn't have the Economic Recovery Act."

UTAH'S SENATE RACE: GRANATO VS. LEE

Small business owner Sam Granato

- Has supported working families by: ★ Supporting fair labor practices
- Emphasizing domestic job-creation to ensure well-paying jobs in Utah
- ★ Promoting workplace safety
- ★ Seeking new, innovative solutions to lower health-care costs for the middle class
- ★ Protecting Social Security and Medicare, so they function when American workers need them most

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Promote long-term job-creation and economic development to put Americans back to work
- ★ Oppose any legislation that unfairly affects Utah's working families
- ★ Bring common sense back to Washington and represent mainstream Utah values

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "Our country is strong because of our working class. These hard-working Americans are the backbone of our economy. We need to support them in every way possible."
- ★ "If I'm elected, I will reject extremist ideology and fight for the mainstream Utah values that we all share. It's time to give Utah's working families a strong voice in Washington."

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina

Has held no political positions and has harmed working families by:

- ★ Laying off tens of thousands of workers and shipping jobs overseas as head of Hewlett-Packard
- ★ Having no plan for handling California's water crisis, and instead, openly attacking Boxer, claiming her role as chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee gives her an advantage



If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Oppose Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)
- ★ Support big business and entrepreneurs by giving them tax breaks
- ★ Repeal current health-care reforms

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "There is no job that is America's God-given right anymore."
- ★ "Unions have attempted to eliminate competition under the guise of environmentalism."
- ★ The economic Stimulus package was a "waste of taxpayer money."

Attorney Mike Lee

Has a record of attacking working people by:

- ★ Opposing legislation that provides funding to create good jobs in Utah
- ★ Opposing any federal funding that's earmarked for transportation or mass transit
- ★ Advocating for the dismantling of Social Security
- ★ Attempting to import dangerous nuclear waste into the state

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ Oppose card-check legislation and make it more difficult for workers to unionize
- ★ Support a so-called "Fair Tax" system that places the tax burden squarely on the shoulders of the middle class
- ★ Repeal health-care reform, leaving millions of Americans without coverage

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "Somewhere down the road we need to ask: Is the federal government the right government to be administering [Social Security]?"
- ★ "First and foremost, we must work to defund and repeal Obamacare. Every possible means must be applied within Congress as well as through the application of the Constitution and the law to stop full implementation of this legislation."





* Opposing earmarke transit

NEVADA'S SENATE RACE: REID VS. ANGLE

U.S. Senator Harry Reid

Has supported working families for 23 years as a U.S. senator in Nevada by:

- ★ Spearheading five Clean Water Fund projects, 24 highway infrastructure investments and 28 transit capitol improvement projects, totaling more than \$143 million and creating more than 2,000 jobs in 2009
- ★ Protecting Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) by defeating efforts to prohibit their use on federally assisted construction projects
- ★ Voting against a federal right-to-work amendment
- ★ Leading the Senate in extending unemployment benefits and COBRA assistance to unemployed workers during the economic crisis
- ★ Defeating an attempt to strip Davis-Bacon from the \$150 billion Recovery Act

If elected, has vowed to:

- \star Make creating and saving jobs his top priority
- ★ Improve Nevada's transportation infrastructure
- ★ Position Nevada as the nation's clean energy leader

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ "We've done things to create jobs. Has it been enough? Of course not. Do we need a little more cooperation? The answer is yes."
- ★ "By helping Nevada seniors now and taking steps to fully close the gap, we are building a stronger Medicare and giving more seniors improved security in their health care."

Politician Sharron Angle

Has a record of attacking working people by:

- ★ Blaming the bad economy on "increased unionization" and "OSHA enforcement"
- ★ Opposing an increase to Nevada's minimum wage in 2005 from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.40 per hour
- ★ Voting no so frequently during her time in the state Assembly that votes were often called as "41-to-Angle"

If elected, has vowed to:

- ★ "Wipe out" Social Security entirely, since it is "hard to justify" and payroll deductions for it are "welfare"
- ★ Privatize veterans' health services
- ★ Phase out Medicare
- \star Eliminate the state departments of energy and education

Has been quoted as saying:

- ★ Nevadans collecting unemployment are "spoiled" and extending unemployment benefits for people out of work would be a "terrible thing."
- ★ "Going forward, we need to phase it [Medicare] out."

November 2010 California statewide ballot initiatives

Nine initiatives are on the Nov. 2 ballot. Local 3 maintains a position on seven of them. These recommendations are backed by political research, therefore, it is strongly recommended that you vote with your union. Details below will explain why.

Proposition Number	Title from CA Secretary of State's Office	Local 3 position	What it would do	How it affects us
19	Changes CA Law to Legalize Marijuana and Allow It to be Regulated and Taxed.	No Recommendation	Legalizes marijuana for adults 21 and over and allows local governments to regulate and tax	
20	Redistricting of Congressional Districts.	NO	(Re)draws Congressional Districts by the commission	Will waste taxpayer dollars; will segregate districts based on income level; sponsored by anti-union Berkshire Hathaway Executive Charles Munger
21	Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks and Wildlife Programs and Grants Free Admission to All State Parks to Surcharged Vehicles.	YES		
22	Prohibits State from Taking Funds Used for Transportation or Local Government Projects and Services.	YES	Prohibits state from borrowing funds dedicated for local government, redevelopment agencies and transit entities	Will protect funds dedicated to city and county construction projects that create jobs
23	Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unem- ployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year.	No Recommendation	Suspends the CA greenhouse law	
24	Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Carry Back Losses, Share Tax Credits and Use a Sales-Based Income Calculation to Lower Taxable Income.	YES	Repeals \$2.4 billion in corporate tax breaks scheduled to go into effect July 2010 that were part of 2008/09 budget approvals	Will raise money for the state without raising taxes
25	Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes.	YES	Lowers threshold for passing state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority (50 percent +1)	Will help break CA's yearly budget impasse
26	Increases Legislative Vote Requirement to Two-Thirds for State Levies and Charges. Imposes Additional Requirement for Voters to Approve Local Levies and Charges with Limited Exceptions.	NO	Requires a two-thirds approval of legislative (and local) ability to impose and raise fees and charges; reallocates tax dollars	Acts as a phony "solution" to taxes that will only confuse voters and actually cost them
27	Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting; Consolidates Authority for Redistricting with Elected Representatives.	YES	Eliminates citizens' redistricting commission	Will undo bad policy decision from last year





American Crane Operator Dave Thiel works in the laydown yard, which will be restored to farmland once the project is completed.



Forklift Operator Mike Darnall moves a form for a concrete pad as part of the compressor station.

"Green" has m meanings in C Snelson, American Gill Ranch natural-

Story by Mandy McMillen, managing editor; ph

Construction broke ground on an underge storage facility at Gill Ranch near Fresno on Ja will provide about 20 billion cubic feet of undergr the initial phase is completed (targeted for the en

According to Charlie Stinson, vice preside and operations for Gill Ranch, there will be 350 during the multi-phase project.

On a Saturday in mid June, *Engineers New* Local 3's own, working for main contractor Sn Inc. and subcontractor American Crane, to chec of their portion.

Members are responsible for the wells and facilities (four well pads are being drilled in sea and existing well pads are also being used) and central compressor station onsite, which is locat the Gill Ranch Storage Field. The station includes compressors and a 27-mile, 30-inch, bi-direct transmission pipeline that will connect the cowith PG&E's existing Line 401 near I-5.

Snelson offers a unique fleet of specialized e this task that includes vacuum excavation, hydro trenchers and sidebooms.

Yet, the job is challenging, as the pipeline will c water entities, such as the California Aqueduct River and the Chowchilla Canal, requiring p drilling techniques.



Members Danny Henry and Kelly Cameron work in a tight compressor station.

From left: Dave S Valenzuela and 30-inch pipe for pipeline in Mader

ultiple Sentral Valley

Crane team up on gas project

otos by Dominique Beilke, art director

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ross under surface , the San Joaquin precise horizontal Snelson Operator Mark Sawyer commented: "It's a great job, but it can get complicated. Everyone is really good to work with."

At a time when the Central Valley has been wracked by a debilitating recession, jobs such as this offer a small beacon of hope for about a dozen members, while gaining positive press because of the project's "green" aspects: Re-using existing underground natural-gas reservoirs, serving the growing demand of natural-gas storage in California and lowering commodity costs.

For operators in the field, "green" has a different meaning altogether – more to do with the color of money than an environmental concept.

American Crane Operator Jeremy Brown has been onsite for several months and is thankful for employment: "It is good money – an excellent job." Especially on a Saturday.

Tom Tjaden couldn't be any happier about where he's working or when: "It is close to home for me, and I am making gravy today [Saturday]."

The Swainson's Hawk, whose breeding ground is in the Central Valley, has also enjoyed the location of the project, since it and several migratory birds have been onsite. While their presence has been met with curiosity, work must cease until fledglings leave their nests, according to environmental regulations.

For more photos of the project, visit www.oe3.org and click on "Engineers News" and then "photo galleries."





Crane Operator Ron Shoffit.

Twenty-three-year member Mark Sawyer.

Apprentice Mike Arredondo operates a forklift at the compressor station.





Dozer Operator Tom Tjaden works for Snelson (also pictured on cover).



From left: Oiler Steve Brown and Crane Operator Jeremy Brown.



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GROVE

Twenty-nine-year member Ray Little operates one of the three cranes working in tight quarters at the compressor station.



Sideboom Operator Steve Sheehan.



Rancho Murieta Training Center for apprentice to journey-level operators

By Tammy Castillo, director of apprenticeship

Drug use is no joke in this industry

It's been an extremely long "winter" season with low work hours and layoffs for a lot of Operating Engineers – journey-level operators as well as apprentices. On a positive note, the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTC) provides many classes during this down time, such as Hazmat and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 along with classes for safety, backhoes, dozers, loaders, paving, engines, welding, hydraulics, cranes, excavators and pipeline work, etc.

RMTC has a mandatory orientation for anyone attending classroom training. Those attending field training must also attend the orientation and submit to a mandatory substance-abuse test with a negative pass. Every time RMTC indentures a new Probationary Orientation Program (POP) class into the Apprenticeship Program, students are given a very thorough overview of what's expected of them by the apprenticeship coordinators. Students complete an oral interview and are accepted into the program by each subcommittee. They are also required to submit to a substance-abuse test with a negative pass prior to attending training.

While training, POP apprentices are given a thorough substance-abuse orientation by the substance-abuse monitor. At the conclusion of the orientation, every apprentice must sign a substance-abuse signature page acknowledging they are required to remain drug-free while enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program. All apprentices are then asked if they have any questions regarding this information and if they understand. Of course, they have no questions and all shake their heads up and down that they do understand. I call this the "iguana bob." I also inform them that this is now their career.

To all my apprentices and journey-level operators: Before you drink and drive or take illegal drugs, think very seriously about the decision you are about to make. It could affect your life and future as an Operating Engineer. No more can people do drugs and remain in the Apprenticeship Program and/ or train. Just last quarter, we had several issues with this, including but not limited to applicants refusing to test and apprentices testing positive for marijuana and alcohol pre-employment, as well as journey-level trainees. Not only does the apprenticeship program require a drug-free environment, but so do the employers. So, if you are serious about your training and/or career, please remain drug free. It's just not a slogan.

Mechanics Corner By Dave Bibby, Heavy Duty Repair (HDR) instructor Keeping it tight

In my last article, I ended with the question: What does the "5" represent in the thread specification: ½-13UNC-2A X 3-5?

The "5" represents the strength of the bolt. The Society of Automotive Engineers standard (SAE-J429) establishes the materials used and the minimum strength for various bolt sizes. The most common bolt-strength identification is found on the bolt head in the form of short radial lines. The number of lines plus two indicates the SAE grade (3 lines plus 2 = grade 5 bolt). The following chart identifies the standard bolt-head markings, grade, materials and strength:

Head Marking	Grade and Material	Nominal Size Range (inches)	Proof Load* (psi)	Min. Yield Strength** (psi)	Min. Tensile Strength*** (psi)
No markings	<i>Grade Two</i> Low or medium carbon steel	¼ through ¾	55,000	57,000	74,000
Three radial lines	<i>Grade Five</i> Medium carbon steel, quenched and tempered	¼ through 1	85,000	92,000	120,000
Six radial lines	<i>Grade Eight</i> Medium carbon alloy steel, quenched and tempered	¹ ⁄4 through 1-½	120,000	130,000	150,000

*Proof load is the specified load the product must withstand without permanent set.

** Yield strength or yield point is the stress at which a material begins to deform plastically.

***Tensile strength is the stress at which necking begins.

A fastener or bolt is a device that mechanically joins or affixes two or more objects.

When a bolt is tightened, it is stretched, placing it under *tension*. Bolt tension results in a *clamping force cone*. At the *friction joint* (area under the clamping force cone), the captured parts are placed under compression.

This combination of tension and compression is designed to act as a spring-like assembly.

The only load on the bolt is tension, and any joint force (shear or bending) is carried by the friction joint.

For a secure joint, the bolt must be preloaded or set at a pre-determined tension.

There are several ways to set the preload: The first is by using a strain gauge, which is impractical for everyday use. The second is through the use of a torque, measured in foot-pounds (ft/lbs) or Newton-meters (N/m). Torque is the turning or rotary effort applied to a bolt when tightening. When a bolt has been "torqued" with a torque wrench to a specified amount, it will be under the correct tension. From an engineering standpoint, torque is determined with the following formula: Torque = K x preload x major diameter (K is known as the nut factor, which takes into consideration temperature, thread condition and how fast the nut is tightened).

There are inherent problems with the torque method, namely frictional losses. Where does the torque go? Due to friction, 45 percent is lost at the bolt head, and another 45 percent is lost due to thread friction.

The third preloading method is measuring the number of degrees the nut or bolt has to be turned to achieve the correct preload. Degrees of rotation are determined by the following formula: Turns = preload/ (spring rate x pitch). This is the most accurate method. Because friction losses are ignored, the spring rate of the bolt must be known.

Caterpillar uses a combination torque method known as torque turn. First, the bolt is torqued to a specified amount and then turned an additional number of degrees. For example, a typical torque for a connecting rod is 30 +/- ft/lb plus 90 degrees. Since a bolt head or nut is hexagon in shape, every flat represents 60 degrees. Marking both the object surface and one point of the bolt by turning the bolt so the marks are separated by $1-\frac{1}{2}$ flats equals 90 degrees.

The No. 1 cause of joint failure is loss of tension through relaxation or self-loosening. The only condition mechanics have control over is self-loosening through the use of appropriate thread-locking methods. Examples of locking methods include mechanical devices (split pins or tab washers – prevents loss of nuts or bolts), friction devices (nylon ring or deformed nut – increases friction but does not guarantee permanent lock under dynamic loads), locking devices (tooth-flanged bolts and lock washer – requires larger flange-bearing surface and can damage the surface) and thread-lock compound (adhesive that fills the voids between the threads; curing due to absence creates a bond to maintain tension).

These last few articles have just scratched the surface concerning fasteners. From minor/major diameter, pitch, course/fine thread and grade, the secret to a secure joint is the proper preload and keeping it tight.

Pulling their weight

Members participate in California State Fair truck and tractor pull

Story and photos by Jamie Johnston, associate editor

Looking for a fire-breathing, smoke-blowing, ear-splitting, gas-guzzling good time? Then bring your earplugs and head out to a truck and tractor pull.

It's here that Local 3 members may also find some brotherhood, as operators Ed Honesto and Larry Lopes are at the center of this supercharged sport.

The two were at it recently at the California State Fair's high-octane Hot Rod Tractor Pull held at the Cal Expo horse track this summer. Thankfully, they didn't compete against each other, as they're involved in two different classes.

Tractor-pulling dates back to the 1860s, when farming equipment was pulled by horses, and farmers would brag about their *true* horsepower. Fellow farmers would gather around to see which steed could drag the heaviest load, which was usually a barn door laid flat and topped with people, who would jump on, one by one.

Today, engines have replaced horses, and the family-friendly sport attracts fans of all ages. Trucks and tractors compete to see which can pull a heavy sled the farthest. The track is short, but the weight of the sled is increased as it moves, making it harder and harder to get to the finish line. To give it all they've got, drivers rev their engines, often creating black smoke, flames and lots – and lots – of noise. Sometimes they even pop a wheelie!

At the State Fair event, Lopes, a heavy equipment mechanic for the California Department of Forestry, took the wheel of a 1978 Dodge Power Wagon named Young Guns, which sports a Keith Black wedge-head motor, runs on about 1,400 horsepower and kicked up a lot of dirt while pulling the sled – named "The Terminator" – across the track.

The sport comes naturally to Lopes, who's been pulling things for as long as he can remember. His first "pull" took place when he was just a child and hauled rocks on the back of his bicycle, adding more and more weight to make it more challenging.

"This is a sport?" he asked when discovering sanctioned pulling events. He's been competing now for about 22 years. He also works on the equipment and rebuilds their engines.

Honesto has more of a behind-the-scenes role. His company, Master Tractor Ltd., sponsors a tractor-pulling team, which competed in the fair's 7,200/8,000-pound unlimited, modified weight class. One of the last to run, the team's shiny, bright blue tractor runs on four Chevrolet engines at 2,400 horsepower each, putting on quite a show.

Signatory with the union since forming in 1987, Master Tractor has provided a full range of grading services in the greater San



Thirty-four-year member Ed Honesto stands next to the modified multi-engine pulling tractor he sponsored at the California State Fair Hot Rod Tractor Pull.

Francisco Bay Area for the past 23 years. Honesto is the only employee of the two-person company ("my wife is the owner," he stresses), and since work has slowed, Honesto initiated "Phase 2" of his business plan and has begun selling work apparel, such as safety vests, gloves and hats. He hopes the tractor-pulling sponsorship will help promote his new endeavor.

So far, Honesto is having fun on the field and credits his ability to participate to Local 3. In fact, because "I've never worked outside the union," Honesto credits Local 3 for "everything I have."

"Local 3 is very beneficial. It's allowed me to college-educate my three kids. Local 3 gave me that opportunity," Honesto said.

Local 3 has also helped him build relationships with his union brothers and sisters – he can name a Local 3 mentor from every company he's worked for, such as operators Danny Diaz Sr., Harry Logue, Raul Ruiz, Patrick "O'Malley" Harris and George Azevedo.

"I owe a great deal of my operating skills to these brothers, for if it was not for their mentoring me, my operating skills would not be of the same caliber," he said.

Honesto hopes to bond over tractor pulling as well and is trying to establish a Local 3 discount for members who want to attend future tractor-pulling events. If he does, you'll see it here in the *Engineers News*. Stay tuned!



Dirt flies as Unit 12 member Larry Lopes pulls a heavy sled across the track during a truck and tractor pull at the California State Fair.

FIELD PERSPECTIVE: What the members are saying

Why do you volunteer for Local 3?



"I like to help out whenever I can." – Ray Schenone, seven-year member



"Trying to get the right people [politicians] into office." – Jerry Miller, four-year member



"I like helping for a good cause." – Gary Lionudakis, four-year member



"I come out to help out every time because I believe the union needs to stand strong, and the only way that will happen is if we get involved."

– Larry Watson, nine-year member

Plane amazing

Museum displays plane retiree flew on as radio operator

By Mandy McMillen, managing editor

Former Local 3 safety director and current Fairfield Bylaws Committee member Jack Short could be called somewhat of a legend. The Douglas R5D-4 Skymaster transport plane he "flew all over the islands" during his service as air crewman of Squadron VR-8 in the Navy between 1947-1951 is featured in the prestigious Castle Air Force Base Museum in Atwater, Calif. It's not a replica – it's the exact one.

Short stumbled upon this information while researching model airplanes online.

"I'm a fisherman and a retiree, and I've got a lot of time on my hands," said Short, who also served in the Seabee reserves from 1956-1960. With so much time, he "took up models – aircraft carriers" and wanted to find a model of the old plane he "dearly loved," so he could replicate it. Little did he know, he'd find the real thing.

He knew it was his because of the "last four serial numbers, 0407," on the side.

The plane was a Navy transport built in Santa Monica, Calif. It was assigned to the Military Air Transport Service in 1949 and used as the Blue Angels staff transport in 1956, when it carried the maintenance officer and maintenance team.

Upon viewing the plane online, Short and his wife, Cece, promptly got in the car and took a trip to see the giant beauty that had once encapsulated him and now his memories. At the museum, they were met with displayed "warbirds" reminiscent of America's Air Force and Navy history – the last few to survive decades of neglect.



From left: Retiree and Atwater Castle Air Force Base Museum volunteer Ron Gardner stands with Bylaws Committee member and Retiree Jack Short.

But nothing could prepare Short for the sight of his plane. It was the one, unmistakable with a wingspan of 117 feet, 6 inches and a height of 27 feet, 7 inches.

But perhaps just as shocking was meeting a Castle Air Force Base Museum volunteer, who looked at Short's Local 3 hat and asked: "Are you a member? So am I."

Forty-year member Ron Gardner retired from Teichert and spends his time volunteering at the museum. He also has military experience.

"He [Gardner] served in Vietnam as a Marine, and I served during the Korean War," said Short. Gardner also has an obvious love of planes.

Not only did the plane unite Short with his past – it gave him a current friend whom he has much in common with.

According to the plane's stats on display at the museum, it's "retired from military service but still in active civilian service."

You might say that with his Bylaws committee duties and union involvement, Short has the same status!

Bylaws Committee member Jack Short flew this Douglas R5D-4 Skymaster at the end of World War II.

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Our union, our future: VOLUNTEER

Business Manager Russ Burns is pleased to announce the 2010 Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) recognition program. Designed to reward members who give an extra-special effort this year toward volunteering, the program honors volunteers from each district with top-notch prizes (shown below), ranging from a lapel pin to a Visa gift card.

Every election is important, but this year is especially so, since Local 3 members in California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah will vote for their jobs, vote to invest in infrastructure and vote to secure retirements. This is why we need an active membership participating in phone banks, precinct walks, voter-registration drives and election education. Call your District Office to see how you can get involved in the VOTE program.

This election is too important to sit out!



ROHNERT PARK | 6225 State Farm Drive, Suite 100, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 • (707) 585-2487 Ghilotti Construction Co. to acquire North Bay Construction

District 10 members boarded a bus June 30 at the Rohnert Park office, along with union members from other crafts, and made the journey to the state Capitol in Sacramento, where they

were joined by other brothers and sisters in solidarity to fight for their jobs at the California Transportation Commission (CTC). In a letter to those who participated, District Rep. Chris Snyder stated: "I wanted to thank everyone for the tremendous turnout we had for the Willits Bypass hearing at the CTC. We packed the auditorium with Carpenters, Electricians, Ironworkers, Laborers, Operators and others in support of the Willits Bypass project. We had incredibly touching testimony from long-term unemployed construction workers who live in Mendocino County."

Caltrans' Dave Kelley, the chief engineer on the Willits project, said that our presence turned the tide on the bypass project – "How can you look those hundreds of guys and gals in the eyes and deny them work when we have the funds to give them back their livelihoods?" he asked. It is true, we made a difference, but it is also true that we bought Caltrans and the permitting agencies about a month and a half to permit this project. If the Army Corps of Engineers and Water Quality Board have not issued permits by the time this is printed, the state of California loses \$130 million of infrastructure money to another state, which would also render millions of dollars kicked in by local cities idle. That message needs to get out.

We are encouraging our elected officials to publically support this project. Even a heavily conditioned permit would allow the funds to be kept in California. California Alliance for Jobs Executive Director Jim Earp has graciously offered to be the go-between for Caltrans and the permitting agencies if they need him to work through



Ghilotti Construction's Rod Grant.



Ghilotti Construction's Aaron Bowman.

Pinches and Madrigal are in a runoff for Mendocino County's 3rd District supervisor seat in November. It is important to support the person who advocates jobs and is behind the

bypass project, which is supported by the overwhelming majority of people in the North County area. Pinches understands that these high-paying jobs are important to people who live in this community and the surrounding area.

By attempting to delay the project, which would effectively kill it, Madrigal showed total disregard for the unemployment problem we have. People in Willits have been waiting for more than 50 years for this bypass, and because funding has never been available until now,

that's one of the reasons this project has been on hold. To pass up the federal dollars coming into this area shows Madrigal's total disregard for economic development and putting people back to work.

Everything is pointing in our direction, but the deal is not sealed. Stay tuned for further details. At the time of this writing, permits have still not been issued.

Other big news for Operating Engineers: Ghilotti Construction Co. is acquiring North Bay Construction. According to a recent press release, the companies said the transaction will be completed by the end of 2012 in the form of an asset sale. The new company will bear the Ghilotti Construction name.

Ghilotti Construction, which has offices in Santa Rosa, San Rafael, American Canyon and Livermore, has between 220 and 300 employees, depending on active projects. The company made \$87 million in revenues last year. North Bay, based in Petaluma, has between 200 and 250 employees. Its current major project, the \$48 million widening of Hwy. 101 between Cotati and Petaluma, will be assigned to Ghilotti Construction. Projects under contract by North Bay will be completed by North Bay and its existing crews and project teams, the companies said. New projects of both existing companies will bid as Ghilotti **Construction Co.**

Dick Ghilotti will head the combined company, along with Ghilotti's Senior Vice President of Operations Brian Ongaro, General Manager Ali Yazdi and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Stacy Magill.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

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It should be noted that

Pinches

About 60 operators go to work on Mountain View Corridor

Things in Utah are going well. The work picture started slowly, but as of July, everything picked up.

Ames Construction started the I-15 CORE project in Utah County, which will employ many of our brothers and sisters for the next 2-½ years. According to the Utah Department of Transportation, the first phase of the project (from Lehi Main Street to Pleasant Grove) should be completed in June 2012, while the second phase (Pleasant Grove to Spanish Fork) is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

When finished, the I-15 CORE project will expand the freeway by two lanes in both directions from Lehi Main Street to Spanish Fork Main Street and the express lane from University Parkway in Orem to Spanish Fork. Work also consists of rebuilding and reconfiguring 10 freeway interchanges, replacing and restoring 55 bridges and providing additional improvements that will meet or exceed travel demands through the year 2030, including using 40-year concrete pavement along the entire corridor.

I-15 CORE is needed to alleviate traffic congestion, support economic development, increase safety and accommodate additional population growth. Since 2000, Utah County has been among the top 10 fastest-growing counties in the state. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) estimates this growth to continue into 2060.

Kiewit Federal started the Beehive site-work project for the National Security Administration, with about 40 Operating Engineers working day and night. By October, 3-½ million yards of material will have been moved. This project is located on the Salt Lake County and Utah County lines.

Granite/Kiewit/W.W. Clyde have teamed up to work on the Mountain View Corridor (south end of the Legacy Highway).

This project started Aug. 1, has a tentative completion date of December 2012 and should employ about 60 Operating Engineers.

If you are a member from another district in Local 3 looking for work, please call us to find out if we can help you.

Political watch

We have several important races coming up in November – **Peter Corroon** is running for Utah governor and **Sam Granato** is running for Senate. We need to think of our industry's future when it is time to vote.

As mayor of Salt Lake County, Corroon has proven over and over again that he understands working men and women. If we are ever going to get a prevailing wage back in this state, we need him at the helm as governor.

In the Senate race, Republican Mike Lee is running against Granato, a good friend of Local 3. If Lee is elected and has his way, we will no longer get federal funds. He is quoted in *The Salt Lake Tribune* as saying mass transit is fine, if the state can afford it. Think about that – no federal funds for mass transit, highway work, water projects, dams, etc. Without these funds to build our projects, how will you and your family survive? Granato is a small businessman who meets payroll every week and knows how to work and support his family. He will be a friend to the middle-class and work both sides of the aisle to make positive things happen. (For more details, see page 14.)

Please think about you and your family's future on Nov. 2 when casting your votes. If you are not registered to vote or have moved, call our office and we can send you the necessary forms. Remember: Every vote counts.

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Historic work

Teichert Construction was awarded the more than \$7.9 million Historic Folsom Streetscape project in December 2009 and hit the ground running in February, taking out the center islands and locating all site-sensitive underground utilities without missing a beat. The crews start and finish every day making sure that the public's safety is priority No. 1, the jobsite is secured and everyone is working as a team.

Peak construction started in May and will continue to run into the winter, keeping around nine operators working. With ever-changing soil conditions, from granite rock to loose tailings, and the variability of underground conditions, **Teichert's** crews are determined to stay on schedule so the stores in Historic Folsom will be ready for the holidays.

Looking at Hwy. 50

Anyone who travels up or down Hwy. 50 through El Dorado Hills sees the ever-changing **Nehemiah Construction**'s High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes project. This project, in its first phase, started in December 2008 and continues to evolve. Every month a new section of highway is open, bridges are completed, lanes are changed and we move closer to a smoother commute. This \$26 million project is keeping our brothers and sisters busy with day and night shifts and will continue into the spring of 2011.

Also on Hwy. 50, between Missouri Flat Road and Forni Road outside of Placerville, a \$25 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Joint Venture (JV) project with Viking Construction and DeSilva Gates started in March. The project consists of a bridge widening, auxiliary lane, bike lane, on-ramp at Missouri Flat Road, off-ramp at Forni Road, retaining walls and landscaping. Due to the late rain this season, crews are pushing to move this project forward. Now that good weather is here, this project will continue to keep our members working until mid 2012.

Remember: Hot weather is upon us, and it is important to stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water the night before work, replenish your body throughout the day to avoid heat-related illnesses and keep an eye on your crewmembers.



Backhoe Operator Jared Ruelan (above) and Excavator Operator John Henry Cotter III (below) work on Teichert's Historic Folsom Streetscape project.



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Another 16 wind turbines to be installed this year

North Bay Construction is steadily working on the Hwy. 121 realignment at Duhig Road in Napa. The \$6.5 million project should be completed before the rains set in this winter. The job consists of widening the shoulder and box culverts and realigning the curves. Crews have also built fish passages/culverts under the highway. The jobsite is about two miles long, and the bike path along the railway in Napa is about one mile.

In Birds Landing, **White Construction** began laying foundations for the newest installment of wind turbines at the Montezuma Wind Farm. Project owner **NextEra Energy** plans to install 16 wind turbines before the end of the year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTC) on Sunday, Sept. 19 for the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Apprenticeship Spotlight



Congratulations to Crane Apprentice Adam Burton, who joined the ranks of journey-level operator in July. Burton completed his apprenticeship with Kiewit at the Devil's Slide project.

Congratulations also go to Fairfield Apprentice **Dale Shankles**, his wife, **Melanie**, and their daughter, **Marissa**, on the birth of their new baby boy, **Matthew**.

Crane Apprentice Adam Burton.



Members Eric Pessagno and Manuel Rodriguz work on a fish passage as part of the Hwy. 121 project.



From left: Wayne McGovern and Ron Babbini work on the Hwy. 121 realignment in Napa.



Thirty-one year member Joe Brown.



Frank McIntyre has worked for North Bay Construction for nine years.

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Airport job puts members to work

Aloha, Local 3 family. This is a very important political year – the beginning of our future. We have to get out there and *vote*, and get our families, neighbors, friends and co-workers to do the

same. With our struggling economy, voting gives us a voice to change our future for the better.

Senior Business Rep. Sam Spencer and Executive Board member Michael Brandt joined a group of rail supporters at City Hall, Honolulu Hale recently, while Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced that he had the final federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for our rail Senior Business Rep. Sam Spencer and Executive Board member Michael Brandt join other rail supporters outside City Hall, Honolulu project, which he recently delivered Hale, as Mayor Mufi Hannemann announces that he has the final to Gov. Lingle. We are waiting for her federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the rail project. signature to start the rail project, but

it looks like we will have to wait until we have a new elected governor! Hawaii District 17 is endorsing Hannemann for this position. For more Hawaii endorsements for the Sept. 18 Primary Election, see page 12.

As far as current work goes, Isemoto Contracting is

constructing a new cargo-hold facility at the Hilo International Airport, which consists of a new building, parking lot, taxiways and drain line. The first phase of this two-phase project is

> estimated at \$15 million and will take about 200 working days to complete. The airport addition will provide a much-needed service to our growing community. Members on the job include Foreman Jason Kiaha, Chief of Party Francis Ke, Excavator Operator Richard Grace, Grader Operator Sonny Keakealani, Crusher Operator Michael "Ha'ole" Hanohano, Heavy Duty Repair (HDR) Mechanic Steve Lauro, Loader Operator Jason Egami, Dozer Operator Harry Medeiros and Semi-Truck Operator Kathleen Kuni.

Signatory company **Delta Construction** is working on the Aliamanu Crater, Rim Loop federal housing job, and one of District 17's new signatory trucking companies, **Kawao Trucking**, is working on **Delta Construction**'s jobsite on the Hickam Air Force Base.



This panoramic view shows Delta Construction's Aliamanu Crater, Rim Loop federal housing job.

DISTRICT REPORTS

About \$250 million worth of work may go to bid

District 70's dispatches are ahead of last year's totals, but it's hard to track steady work this year. Many projects have had setbacks due to weather, high water levels, refiguring project engineering, etc. That being said, we are still working and hope to accumulate more hours before the season ends

We have heard of about \$250 million worth of new work to bid in the district next year. The jobs currently going on in the area include: Ford Construction's Benton Airpark, Susanville and the West Central Landfill jobs; Balfour Beatty's Red Bluff diversion dam; Churn Creek Construction's Iron Mountain Mine; Tutor-Saliba and Sierra Equipment's I-5 Lakehead Bridge; Syblon Reid's North Battle Creek screens; Granite Construction's Blue Ledge Mine; Erick Ammon Construction's Bureau of Reclamation project at Shasta Dam; Steve Manning Construction's Lassen Park job on Hwy. 44; Blaisdell Construction's bridge in Oak Run; Meyers Earthwork's Shingletown job and Red Bluff diversion dam project; Anderson Drilling's Thomes Creek Bridge; Shasta Construction's Thomes Creek and Red Bluff bridges;

Tullis Inc.'s Cottonwood passing lanes; C.C. Myers' Red Bluff I-5 job; J.F. Shea's Viola job on Hwy. 44; Trinity Co.'s paving and Oasis overpass; Cox & Cox's Foothill water mains and Mary Street project; and Ron Hale Construction's Los Molinos and dig-outs throughout the district.

A big thanks goes out to all who participated in the Fair Industry Strike Training (FIST) classes and signed up to be strike captains. We appreciate your willingness to help the membership with your time. Thanks also to Business



Members Cliff Carpenter, Travis Farber, Tracy Criss. Ron Wellemever and Steve Babcock work at the Adin Caltrans Yard.

Manager Russ Burns, the other officers and the rest of the negotiating team for getting a three-year contract that does not put us backward in these hard economic times. Thanks also to those of you who turned out for the ratification meetings. This is one of the many privileges we have as Local 3 members. Whether it's an internal, local, state or national election, your vote counts. Exercise your voting privilege again for the Nov. 2 General Election!



From left: Second-step Apprentice Derek Pacheco and Dozer Operator Brian Sellars work on Tullis' \$10.5 million, two-lane widening project on I-5.

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Hunters Point shipyard development clears final hurdle

Once again, Local 3 members succeeded in their effort to secure more union work. After two years of planning, an office space proposed near the Hayward Park Caltrain Station was unanimously approved by the San Mateo City Council on July 12. The Hines project will sit on two parcels of land at Delaware Street and Concar Drive, replacing Telecenter Appliances and Denny's, and provide "class A" office space. This will be a 100 percent union project. We thank our valuable Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) retirees and active rank-and-file members, who took time away from their families to support the project. A



Engineering's Rvan Nigel Staples works at Terra Nova High School in Pacifica

special thanks goes to volunteers Joe Wendt, Dan Rosas, Vince Morales, Nick Winch and Bobby Strickland. We are proud of you.

In East Palo Alto, Tri-Valley Excavating began the soil stabilization and road widening of an access road that will be the main artery to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC's) Bay Tunnel pipeline project. Work on the shaft should begin

sometime this month. In Menlo Park, O.C. Jones was awarded the

\$3 million Kelly Park job, which will consist of demolition, concrete paving and landscaping.

In San Mateo, the Unified School District continues to let all union projects under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The latest is a more than \$22 million job at Millbrae's Capuchino High School.

In Pacifica, at Terra Nova High School, Ryan Engineering is working on the \$20 million improvement project, which includes new classrooms and a theater.

In San Francisco, the importance of local and statewide politics is evident again. Sen. Barbara Boxer visited workers at the Doyle Drive replacement project, including Operating Engineer Jay Smith of R&L Brosamer, who showed the senator around the site. Boxer secured the final piece of funding that made the project a reality. (For more reasons why Local 3 has endorsed Boxer in the Nov. 2 General Election, see page 14.)



OE3 Business Rep. Charley Lavery is photographed with Sen. Barbara Boxer during her visit to the Doyle in July.

At San Francisco City Hall, OE3 Business Rep. Charley Lavery joined other area unions to speak at a hearing on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the \$7 billion Hunters Point shipyard development. After 12 hours, at 2 a.m., the report was accepted, and the last major hurdle for the project was cleared.

In Marin, Ghilotti Brothers Inc. continues work on the Marin Headland Trail improvement project and on I-580 Drive replacement project east of San Rafael. On the south side of San Rafael, Ghilotti Construction is working alongside Hwy. 101. DeSilva

Gates restarted work on a subdivision that ground to a halt at the start of the housing-market crash.

In other exciting news, the groundbreaking for the \$4 billion Transbay Center, "Grand Central Station of the West," took place Aug. 11. This comes after scores of City Hall meetings and support of the project by Local 3 staff and members.

District 01 would like to thank everyone who came out July 10 for the Northern California Master Agreement ratification meetings held throughout Local 3's jurisdiction. Our VOTE team is top-notch, and our volunteers are not to be underestimated. When you need them, they are ready.

District 01 would like to welcome its newest business agent, Dave Terheyden. He was a steward at Sheedy Crane and will be a valuable addition to our district. Welcome aboard.

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Stanford's concert hall is music to Operating Engineers' ears

A total of \$50 million was donated to Stanford University to help build a world-class concert hall that will provide a premiere venue for artists and audiences on campus. The new, 112,635-square-foot venue will feature a vineyard-style hall with seating for about 900 people. The facility will provide well-designed and functional "back-of-house" spaces, such as a green room, dressing room and rehearsal area. The concert hall will sit on what was originally the site of the Stanford Men's Gym prior to the 1906 earthquake.

Top Grade Construction is performing the excavation for the project and has seven operators working onsite, including Foreman Gary Fox, Dozer Operator Horacio Islas Trejo, ejector truck operators Victor Figueroa and Richard Beltran, Gradechecker Don Coronado, Fergie Operator Saul Guzman and Excavator Operator Bruce Corey Jr. Also working on this project is J.J. Albanese, Campanella Corporation, which has all the demo work, and Preston Pipelines, which has all the underground work.

District 90 would like to thank all the members and their families for coming out to this year's picnic on July 10. A big thank you to the volunteers, Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU) staff and employees from the Fresno and Stockton halls who helped make the event a success.

We also want to thank District 50 and District 30 for all their help at the July 10 ratification meeting held at the Hall.

Look who's working on Stanford University's new concert hall with Top Grade Construction



From left: Dozer Operator Horacio Islas Trejo and Ejector Truck Operator Victor Figueroa.



Excavator Operator Bruce Corey loads an ejector truck, while member Don Coronado uses GPS Rover to check grade.

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Multiple employers work on \$121 million water-supply project

We are just months away from another critical election, so we ask that you stay informed on the propositions and the open seats in the city, county, state and federal races in the Nov. 2 General Election, with special emphasis on the governor's race. (To make this easier for you, a comparison of the two candidates running for governor can be found on page 13, as can descriptions of the propositions that will appear on your ballot. Local 3's endorsements will also be printed in next month's *Engineers News*, so please stay tuned.)

The governor's race is a crucial one, and Local 3 must prevail. Our prevailing wage depends heavily on who wins this seat. We must stay politically active by electing labor-friendly candidates into office. We must keep our work picture and our families strong and healthy, not to mention our wallets. Local 3 needs your help to accomplish this task. Please contact the Hall or any business agent on how you can participate in our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, so we can achieve this goal and take charge of our work picture. By being actively engaged, each and every member can have a positive impact on our future.

Ongoing work

At the time of this writing, we have multiple employers on the Delta Water Supply Project (DWSP), including **Preston Pipelines**, **Teichert Construction**, **Monterey Mechanical**, **Blue Iron** and **Vandnais**. The \$121 million job consists of a water-pump station, 13 miles of 52-inch concrete pipe and a water-treatment plant.

The Davis Road Bridge replacement is being performed by **MCM Construction** and consists of demo-ing the existing two-lane bridge and replacing it with a four-lane bridge. **Proven Management** is finishing work at the Victoria Islands alternative intake project.

Granite Construction continues work on the Airport Way beautification project in south Stockton.

ARB is the general contractor on the Lodi Energy Center worth more than \$99 million. This project will be performed under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), meaning all work will be union.

Upcoming work

Granite Construction has the Shima 1 and 2 parking lot for about \$1.3 million.

G&L Brock Construction has the Elliot Road resurfacing from Liberty Road to the Sacramento County line for \$351,667.

Teichert Construction has the \$547,825 Thornton Road resurfacing, which starts at state Route 12 and heads north 3,200 feet.

Mayo Construction has the \$859,300 fourth phase of the West Country Club reconstruction, which consists of removing concrete, cleaning existing drainage facilities, modifying and retrofitting the curb ramp and clearing and grubbing. Work also includes roadway excavation and concrete driveway, curb, gutter and sidewalk work.

Granite Construction is working on Hwy. 4, repairing failed areas and applying rubberized asphalt from the San Joaquin County line to five miles east of Farmington for more than \$1 million.

D.A. Woods has the \$279,192 Wolfe Road Waterline, which includes the construction of 4,800 lineal feet of 18-inch water pipeline from French Camp Road to Hartley Lane.

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Spanish Creek Bridge job in full swing

C.C. Myers was awarded the \$12 million Spanish Creek Bridge job on Hwy. 70 in Plumas County. The job has five operators and is expected to last three years.

In Sutter County, Flatiron Construction is building the Willow Slough fish ladder at \$2.9 million, and Mountain Cascade started construction on the \$18 million fish screen, with Stroer and Graff driving pile. DeSilva Gates has jobs on Hwy. 99 in Butte County and Hwy. 70 in Sutter County for a total of \$111 million. Syblon Reid continues working on the wastewater treatment plant in Williams, while RGW continues work on one in Live Oak.



Granite has a \$6.8 million project and a \$5 million project on Hwy. 99 in Butte County. Proven Management is hard at work on a \$4.4 million pump station near Yuba City. Pacific Tank signed a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on this job.

For more details and a complete list of District 60 jobs, stop by the Hall and view our job board, or call us and ask.

Operator Brock Randolph works for C.C. Myers on to be safe the Spanish Creek Bridge. hydrated.

We would like to remind our members dolph rs on to be safe in the hot weather by staying ridge. hydrated.



Operators replace the 1932 bridge at Spanish Creek.

We would also like to remind our brothers and sisters about Labor Day. This holiday falls on the first Monday in September every year (this year, that's Sept. 6) and is a creation of the labor movement. This day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers and constitutes a yearly national tribute to their contributions for the strength, prosperity and well-being of our great country. Be safe, and enjoy this great holiday.

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Kaiser project to create about 3,000 construction jobs



This artist's rendition shows what the Kaiser Permanente San Leandro Medical Center will look like when finished.

On May 3, the San Leandro City Council unanimously approved the proposed Kaiser Permanente San Leandro Medical Center, the largest construction project in the city's history.

The City Council vote of 7-0 paved the way for Kaiser Permanente to begin construction of the new medical center, estimated to cost between \$500 million and \$800 million. The approval includes the zoning change that will allow a portion of the site to be developed for retail/ mixed use in the future. The San Leandro Planning Commission recommended the project to the City Council.

The project will create about 3,000 new construction jobs across the Building Trades. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held July 12, and construction has already begun. **Rudolph and Sletten** is the general contractor; subcontractors at this time include **Tucker Engineering**, **Blue Iron Inc.**, **McGuire and Hester** and Griffin Soil. In 2009, Cleveland Wrecking was onsite and demolished all existing structures and crushed all concrete and asphalt. This material will be used to create a stable foundation for the building.

The six-story, 264-bed acute care hospital will have all private patient rooms, 10 operating rooms, 24-hour emergency services with 40 emergency treatment rooms open to the community, a newborn intensive care unit and a host of outpatient services. The center will replace the Kaiser Permanente Hayward Hospital as required by California's seismic safety standards.

The new medical center will be one of the most technologically advanced health-care facilities in California. It will also be "green," healthy and sustainable, with permeable asphalt and a drainage system that will catch all water, filter it and reuse it to irrigate the surrounding landscape.

After it is built, the new medical center will bring about 2,000 permanent jobs to San Leandro for a wide range of skill levels, meaning Kaiser Permanente will be the single largest employer in San Leandro.

District 20 would like to thank Mayor Tony Santos and Councilmember Jim Prola for their continuous support of this project and labor in general. Without politicians of this caliber working in our best interests, this project would not be at this stage. In east Contra Costa County, the Hwy. 4 widening and e-BART project finally started. **O.C. Jones, Vanguard** and **Shasta Construction** have placed K-rail for traffic control, so they could start the demo portion and remove the huge railroad crossing at Loveridge Road. Most of the demo work will be done at night to avoid traffic. These companies have to gear up and put some brothers and sisters to work, because parts of this project, like the eastbound portion of Hwy. 4, have to be finished by August 2011. The first phase will last three years, and the second phase is scheduled to start June 2011.

The western Contra Costa County work picture is warming up this summer with two water jobs. **C.S. Marine Constructors** started a \$4.25 million demo and wharf excavating project in Rodeo, a large project that should take the company through the winter months. Also on the water, **Vortex Diving** is still going strong with the \$2 million Port of Richmond dock upgrade and sheet-pile wall-repair project.

Apprenticeship Spotlight

Congratulations to Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Apprentice **Gistand Williams Jr.** for journeying out in July. Gistand spent the last two years of his apprenticeship working with **Bay Cities Paving and Grading**. Stay tuned for more information about **Bay Cities Paving and Grading**, one of Oakland's premiere signatory companies.

Members ratify three-year agreement for truck crane rental

At the time of this writing, the work picture has not changed much. The Ruby Pipeline is still delayed due to permit issues. Even though Nevada's unemployment rate is the highest in the nation, there are still entities out there that feel the creation of several hundred jobs, an influx of money into the local economy and an additional \$6 million to \$8 million in tax revenue for starving counties isn't worth it. The Reno area has slightly improved due to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) funding that occurred with Senate Bill (SB) 201, but work on the state-level has been sporadic. One month, a few jobs are released, but then the work dries out. Be thankful for the few jobs we do have and fight for the ones we would like to have.

In the Reno area, Granite Construction has RTC projects on Yori Avenue, Solomon Way, East Glendale Avenue, Parr Boulevard and Bravo Avenue and a paving project on I-80 from Patrick to Painted Rock. Q&D Construction has an RTC project on the street rehab in Sparks as well as projects for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), the city of Sparks, Douglas County and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). Sierra Nevada Construction has RTC projects on Silver Lake Drive and the city of Reno consolidated street program. The company is also working on the sewer and street program in Eureka and on Industrial Parkway in Lyon County. Peek Construction has underground projects on the Carson City north-south waterline and the Bowles Lane waterline in Minden as well as Lakeview Village water improvements in Douglas County. Frehner Construction is scheduled to do a grind and overlay with chip seal on Pyramid Highway north of Sparks and state Route 339 in Lyon County.

Granite Construction crews, along with Associated Concrete Pumping and

Titan Electric, have been working two shifts on the Hwy. 395 job in Reno, with paving and pipe crews working in Sparks and Reno. **Granite Construction** has also been working at the Reno-Tahoe Airport.

We would like to remind our members that Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training is mandatory in the state of Nevada. The Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) will be holding classes on the second and third Saturdays of every month. The JAC will also hold Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Part 48 classes on the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each month. The eight-hour MSHA refresher can be scheduled as needed. Keep these requirements up-to-date, as they may make the difference between starting tomorrow or next month. If you are interested in these or any other classes, please contact the JAC at (775) 575-2729. For questions regarding the pipeline, contact Elko Business Rep. Allen Strong at (775) 544-4343. Remember to keep your registrations and certifications up-to-date. For any other questions, please contact the Reno Hall.

Members working under the Northern Nevada Truck Crane Rental Agreement ratified a three-year agreement with the employers. A thank you to **Rick Fernandez** and **Mark Enniss** for a fine job as elected Bargaining Committee members and to the membership for the good turnout and discussion at this meeting.

From Elko

We finally got into some warm weather in the middle of July. The highway work picked up by union contractors is going full swing. On Hwy. 93, **Frehner Construction** is finishing a paving project south of Jackpot and starting one north of Ely, while **Peek Construction** is building a wildlife overpass north of Wells. **Eagle Peak Rock and Paving** is building a roundabout in Spring Creek and paving the road in Lamoille Canyon. Ames Construction has tails dams for Newmont Mining in Carlin and for Barrick Mining. Sierra Nevada Construction has an underground utilities project in Eureka.

The job with the most interest is the Ruby Pipeline. Numerous calls come in every day wanting to know if it has started yet. The answer at this time is no, because the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hasn't issued the proceed-to-construction permit. We are hoping this happens any day now and work can begin.

Gold mining still remains the main source of employment in the area. **Newmont Mining** in Carlin is keeping members very busy with the price of gold around \$1,250 per ounce.

On a sad note, Local 3 member Earl Longo passed away from an illness he'd been fighting for more than a year. Longo had been the chief steward at Newmont Mine for the last few years and was included in a feature



Earl Longo

on the mine in *Engineers News* in May. Longo was always there to help no matter what the job was. He will be missed by his family and union brothers and sisters.

Remember: **Newmont Mining** meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., and construction meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

We would like to congratulate **Dan** and **Michelle King**, the proud parents of baby boy **Benjamin Samuel King**, born April 20, 2010 at 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

We also send our congratulations to **Daniel** and **Donna Graham**, the proud parents of baby girl **Priscilla Sue Graham**, born July 8, 2010 at 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

On the lighter side

JOKE OF THE MONTH? UNFORTUNATELY NOT

Politics is no joke – when lousy politicians take office, loony laws are passed. That's why we've dedicated four pages in this edition to politics and continue to stress the importance of being registered to vote and voting. Take a look below at what's actually been passed through our Legislature.

According to dumblaws.com:

- In Chico, Calif., it is illegal to own a green or smelly animal hide, bowl on the sidewalk and drive a herd of cattle down any street.
- In Berkeley, Calif., law forbids anyone to whistle for his or her lost canary before 7 a.m.
- Throughout California, no vehicle *without a driver* may exceed 60 mph.

- In Nevada, it is illegal to drive a camel on the highway and place a bench in the middle of any street.
- In Utah, it is a felony to cause a catastrophe.
- In Hawaii, it is illegal to place coins in your ears.

According to an article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "at one time or another," it was illegal to allow elephants to stroll down Market Street unless on a leash, feed birds in public places, pick up used confetti to throw again and clean a rug on the sidewalk between midnight and 8 a.m.

Get out and vote in the Nov. 2 General Election. Let's pass some *legitimate legislation* and put labor-friendly candidates into office. (See pages 12-15 for details.)

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 28th District 17: Honolulu 1075 Opakapaka St. Kapolei
- 29th District 17: Hilo Hilo ILWU Hall 100 W. Lanikaula St.
- 30th District 17: Kauai* Hilton Kauai Beach Resort Orchid Room 4331 Kauai Beach Drive Lihue **Please note date change*

OCTOBER 2010

- 1st District 17: Maui* Maui Beach Maui Arts Cultural Center
 1 Cameron Way Kahului *Please note date change
- 12th District 04: Suisun City Veterans' Memorial Building 427 Main St.
- 12th District 40: Eureka Best Western Bayshore Inn 3500 Broadway
- 13th District 10: Lakeport Lake County Fairgrounds 401 Martin St.
- 13th District 70: Redding Operating Engineers' Building 20308 Engineers Lane
- 14th District 60: Oroville Southside Oroville Community Center 2959 Lower Wyandotte
- 19th District 20: Concord Concord Centre 5298 Clayton Road
- 19th District 30: Stockton Italian Athletic Club 3541 Cherry Land Drive
- 20th District 50: Clovis Veterans' Memorial Building 453 Hughes Ave.
- 20th District 80: Sacramento Operating Engineers' Building 3920 Lennane Drive
- 21st District 01: Novato Unity In Marin 600 Palm Drive
- 21st District 90: Morgan Hill Operating Engineers' Building 325 Digital Drive

NOVEMBER 2010 30th District 17: Honolulu 1075 Opakapaka St. Kapolei

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of July and have been determined eligible for Honorary Membership effective Oct. 1, unless otherwise noted.

Don Berry	1243117
Jimmie Ray Corder	1076466
H. K. Pang	1647477
Russell Patricio	1523001
Al Silva	1087730
Norville Tanner	1624269
Scott Young*	1609872
* Effective July 1, 2010	

SERVICE PINS

DEPARTED

MEMBERS

Ardito, John

District 60

05-18-10

Azlin, Owen

Fresno, CA

District 50

04-27-10

District 12

06-29-10

Bumatai, B

06-22-10

Paradise, CA District 60

Burton, John

Seaside, CA District 90

Chaffee, William

Corpuz, Melvin Eleele, HI

Diamond Springs, CA

06-01-10

District 80

05-19-10

District 17

05-24-10

District 11

05-17-10

Cortez, Frank Ely, NV

Court, Raymond

Roseville, CA

District 80

06-07-10

Blain, William

West Jordan, UT

Yuba City, CA

In honor and remembrance of years of service in Local 3, service pins are available to members with 25 or more years of membership. These pins come in five-year increments from 25 through 70 years of service. Please contact your district office to receive your pins.

A pin gallery is currently available online at www.oe3.org.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan has announced that the next Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTC), 14738 Cantova Way, Sloughhouse, CA.

06-08-10

District 50: Fresno

District 12: Utah

District 17: Hawaii

District 17: Hawaii

District 30: Stockton

District 99: Out Of Area

District 90: Morgan Hill

Culbert, Donald Oakley, CA District 20 06-11-10	Puni, James Kapaa, HI District 17 05-31-10	DECEASED DEPENDENTS Bost, Brenda.
Felber, Henry Middletown, CA District 10 06-19-10	Robinson, Melvin Bakersfield, CA District 99 06-18-10	 Wife of Bost, Calvin 11-24-08 Braegger, Cleo. Wife of Braegger,
Guinn, Wayne San Jose, CA District 90 05-20-10	Rose, Blair Sandy, UT District 12 06-17-10	 Richard (dec) 06-14-10 Dickinson, Emma. Wife of Dickinson,
Hammond, Bernard Pope Valley, CA District 04	Sanchez, Manuel Mililani, HI District 17	- William (dec)
06-05-10 Laughlin, Merle Stockton, CA District 30 05-22-10	- 06-18-10 Sotelo, Herman Sr. Fresno, CA District 50	Wife of Dunlap, Roy (dec) 06-17-10 Graves, Eula.
Meyer, Jimmie Vale, OR District 99	- 05-30-10 Stinnett, James Lovelock, NV District 11	_ Wife of Graves, Georg (dec) 12-30-09
06-26-10 Moak, James Chico, CA	- 05-07-10 Stone, Larry	Hearne, Ruth. _ Wife of Hearne, Edwa 05-08-10
District 60 12-23-09	Live Oak, CA District 60 06-07-10	Long, Tiffany. Wife of Long, Steve 05-17-10
Muck, Gerald Scottsburg, OR District 99 05-07-10	Winingham, Joseph Marysville, CA District 60	Pike, Rosaline. Wife of Pike, Floyd (de 06-05-10
Nicholson, Elmer Oakhurst, CA District 50 04-26-10	06-09-10 Yasutake, Haruo Pearl City, HI District 17	Wilson, Carma. Wife of Wilson, Corey 02-26-10
Noriega, Jess Wausau, WI District 99	05-10-10	Young, Ella Lou. Wife of Young, George (dec)

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

05-17-10

Congratulations to the 2010 Local 3 Merit Scholarship Winners

Michelle Aranovsky – \$500 Los Gatos, CA Parent: Rachel Aranovsky Reg#: 2540715

Rodney Henson – \$500 Lakeport, CA Parent: Chris Clarkin Reg#: 1965506

Crystal Jessen – \$500 Ogden, UT Parent: Robert Hopper Reg#: 2608459

Zeana McGuire – \$500 Sacramento, CA Parent: Charleston McGuire Reg#: 1711189

Himali Patel – \$500 San Jose, CA Parent: Ramesh Patel Reg#: 2632847

Monique Rootsaert – \$500 San Jose, CA Parent: Allison Rootsaert Reg#: 2541463

Sean White – \$500 San Francisco, CA Parent: Charles White Reg#: 2011148

Justin Hyer – *\$1,000** Winters, CA Parent: David Hyer Reg#: 1965525 Cristin Finch – \$500 Angels Camp, CA Parent: John Finch Reg#: 2199755

Katheryne Huihui – \$500 Kailua, HI Parent: Clarence Huihui Reg#: 2094597

Troy Killgore – \$500 Washoe Valley, NV Parent: Dwayne Killgore Reg#: 2106503

Chelsea Nice – \$500 Pleasanton, CA Parent: Charles Nice Reg#: 1875475

Brittany Rista – \$500 Kapolei, HI Parent: Richard Rista Reg#: 2216104

Jordan Stanaland – \$500 Marysville, CA Parent: Melanie Stanaland Reg#: 2622926

Johnny Yang – \$500 Olivehurst, CA Parent: Bao Yang Reg#: 2314594 Thomas Griswold – \$500 Carlin, NV Parent: Diane Griswold Reg#: 2665852

Veronica Iles – \$500 Castro Valley, CA Parent: Catherine Franck Reg#: 2464996

Joanne Matney – \$500 Rio Linda, CA Parent: Mark Matney Reg#: 2019788

Marissa Pamatigan – \$500 Kaneone, HI Parent: Nathaniel Pamatigan Reg#: 2072176

Chey Robb-Seno – \$500 Kapolei, HI Parent: Clyde Oshiro Reg#: 2141723

Kawika Watson – \$500 Waianae, HI Parent: Allen Watson Reg#: 1137742

Jennifer Easter – *\$1,000** Kelseyville, CA Parent: Victoria Cortez Reg#: 2622831



From left: Vince Toy and his son, second-place scholarship winner Jordan Toy, listen as wife/ mother Julie Toy thanks the Scholarship Commitee.



First-place scholarship winner Colby Johnson draws names for the \$500 Merit Scholarships with Rec. Corres. Secretary Jim Sullivan.



Second-place scholarship winner Liliana Vargas with her parents Otilia and José L. Vargas.

For more photos, visit us online at www.oe3.org. Click on the *Engineers News* tab, and you can find them in the "photo galleries" cue on the left.

*The two \$1,000 Merit Scholarships were sponsored by Operating Engineers Retiree George Azevedo.

Note: Winners were randomly drawn at the July 18 Executive Board Meeting.

Come along on the OE3 Cruise to the Mexican Riviera February 26, 2011–7 Nights



All OE3 members, retirees, their families and friends are invited on an exciting vacation to the colorful Mexican Riviera – Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas. The price includes a tax-deductible contribution to the OE3 Scholarship Fund.

Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Star* is a destination in itself. This beautiful ship features "Freestyle Cruising" (casual dress, anytime dining), a choice of specialty restaurants, a gorgeous spa and large sports deck as well as a huge theater, pools, a casino, numerous lounges and more.

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Space is limited; rates for third and fourth persons sharing a cabin are available with different deposit requirements; rates are guaranteed; government taxes will be added at final payment.

*Your deposit, payable by check or credit card, is \$250 per person. Final payment is due December 10, 2010. Payments are fully refundable until October 25, 2010, at which time Norwegian Cruise Line's cancellation penalties and terms and conditions apply.

Health News

Exercise: Good for the body and the mind

Puzzles, brain games can strengthen the memory; prevent dementia

Can you spot the 10 differences in the two photos below? They may look the same at first glace, but look again.

Once you've recognized the changes, pat yourself on the back, because you've just completed a workout - for your brain!

Studies show that an active brain can strengthen the memory and ward off things like Alzheimer's disease, so, just as doctors recommend exercising your body to stay in good physical shape, it's important to do the same to promote good mental health.

Here are some fun ways to stay sharp:

- Test your skills at crossword puzzles, Sudoku, word searches and scrambles, riddles, mazes and memory games, such as our picture puzzle below.
- Take classes and continue to learn. Things like studying a foreign language or upgrading your journey-level training can stimulate the brain while adding skills to your work resume. Check out the Rancho Murieta Training Center's (RMTC's) class schedule online at www.oe3.org, or call (916) 354-2029.
- Read often. Check out the rest of this month's Engineers *News* and try to find time for a good book.

"Dig" up the 10 differences between these two photographs

- Remember and repeat groups of words. Try memorizing • your grocery list.
- Read and repeat tongue-twisters.
- Play computer brain games.
- Perform mathematical functions regularly. Luckily, for Operating Engineers still in the field, this is a daily task, as there's always grade to set, levels to meet and weight to move.
- Take quizzes (see this month's Mechanic's Corner) and answer trivia questions.

As with any workout, you must remember to feed your brain as well and drink plenty of water. Never skip breakfast, because, as doctors say, it's the most important meal of the day and is essential for your brain to function efficiently. Foods containing omega-3 fatty acids are known to boost intellectual stamina, such as walnuts, flaxseed and fish. Drinking water is also important, as it prevents dehydration, which can cause mental fatigue and lethargy. Have fun! After all, they are brain games!



Are you trivia-talented?

Try your "hand" at the questions below. (Answers listed at end.)

- 1. John Steinbeck called it "The Mother Road." It was dubbed the Main Street of America. What is it?
- 2. How many years did the Golden Gate Bridge take to build, and in what year was it finished?
- 3. What direction do odd-numbered interstates travel? How about the even ones?
- 4. Which president is responsible for establishing the Interstate Highway System?

Answers: 1): Route 66. 2): Four years; 1937. 3): Odd numbered: north-south; even-numbered: east-west. 4) President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Answer to the photo puzzle: Delineator added; flood light on; handle on the back of the cab missing; trackpad under step missing; lunch box turned; exhaust pipe taller; equipment number 12-38 changed to 13-38; hydraulic hoses for the blade missing; cone added; Local 3 sticker color changed.

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Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 3920 Lennane Dr. Sacramento, CA 95834 ATTN: Swap Shop*

Or call: (916) 993-2047, ext. 2506

Or fax ads to: Swap Shop (916) 419-3487

Or e-mail to: jjohnston@oe3.org

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FOR SALE: Get ready for hunting and fishing with a 2007 Jayco BHS 3-foot travel trailer. Like new – only used twice and bought new. Full slide out, sleeps 10 comfortably, includes winter cover, tire covers and equalizer hitch. \$18,499. (801) 280-2484 or CMcky49@ msn.com. Reg# 2613791.

FOR SALE: 5th wheel, 2009 Everest by Keystone, mod.320t, bought new five months ago. All options available, three slides, living room fireplace, big flat-screen TV, two recliners, sofa sleeper, elect. jacks front and back, elect. awning, new condition. Low book is \$57,000; asking \$45,000. (530) 877-3378. Reg# 1130324.

FOR SALE: 2003 30-foot Alfa Sun double-slide, full 8-foot ceiling, central heating and air. New tires and batteries. Just had wheel bearings packed. Brakes are at 80 percent. Has a Generack generator. Non-smokers and no pets. Used very little and stored inside. \$25,000. (530) 241-0134. Reg# 1231332.

FOR SALE: 5.36-acre estate lot in Colfax, Calif., 1-½ hours to Lake Tahoe. Ready to build on. All public utilities onsite, including water and hydrant. Flat, easy to build. Perc and mantle completed for up to 5-bd home. Zoned for horses. Private. Cleared around building sites. \$195,000. No CCRs/association dues. Seller financing available. (916) 300-9178 or johnandkel50@ surewest.net. Reg# 2495977. FOR SALE: 1997 Sea Ray 215 Express Cruiser, 21 feet, 6 inches. The motor is a 5.7 Mercuiser, Cuddy, with sink and potty, depth sounder, hummingbird fish finder, fiberglass liner, removable carpet, bimin top, bait tank. \$14,500. (925) 768-3748 or (925) 768-1044. Reg# 1866541.

FOR SALE: 1989 Prowler by Fleetwood 5th-wheel, 32.5-foot, two-door model with rear bedroom. California PTI registration (\$2 @ year). Has been in storage yard since 2005. \$5,000 OBO. (510) 352-0951. Reg# 1750433.

FOR SALE: Ironman Evolution EVO-1 elliptical fitness trainer. Paid \$1,100, selling for \$550. Contact Melinda at (916) 687-7891. Reg# 2434282.

FOR SALE: Tailgate and bumper off a 2008 Dodge ONE Ton. White. Good condition. Also a 2 in receiver. \$1,000 OBO. (209) 785-5161. Reg# 0800936.

FOR SALE: New home, ready to move into. LaVerkin, Utah, 18 miles from Zion National Park; 150 miles from Las Vegas, Nev. 3,600 square feet: 1,800-square-foot ground level finished, 3 bd/2 ba; 1,800-square-foot basement unfinished. \$270,000. (801) 310-9393. Reg# 1079914.

FOR SALE: 2005 30-foot, 3-axle Weekend Warrior toyhauler. Separate bedroom with queen-sized bed, tub/ shower, refrigerator/freezer, microwave, three-burner stove, Blaufunkt AM/FM/CD player with outside speakers, two couches, queen bunk, awning, RV cover, fuel station. \$17,500. (707) 528-9782. Reg# 1661097.

FOR SALE: 14-by-44 park model 2 bd/1 ba, 1 storage shed and shop, parking on both sides. In adult park. Great summer home or year-round. Close walk to beach. Brookings, Ore. \$32,000. (541) 661-1423. Reg# 1142922.

FOR SALE: A 416 Caterpillar backhoe hydraulie pump. New take off. Two bolt mount. Part# 9T6857. Caterpillar backhoe controls pump \$650. Controls \$300. New condition. (707) 442-5265. Reg# 1620480.

FOR SALE: 1992 Safari Ivory edition, 36.5-foot-wide body motorhome. Cummins diesel pusher. Two air conditioners, two TVs. Gas or electric fridge. Four-burner stove. Microwave-convection oven. Dishwasher. Gas or electric water heater. Dual-control airbed. Solar panels. Dash air converted to R134A all new parts. \$225,000. E-mail johnatclovis@gmail.com. Reg# 1466918. FOR SALE: 1974 Dodge, Class A Motor Home. Walk to work, 23 feet. Stand-up hot shower, propane heat, stove. Sleeps six. \$1,000. aualloy@ gmail.com or (707)709-8723. Stockton. Reg# 1389404.

WANTED: Registered voters. It's a big political year for all four states in Local 3's jurisdiction, and we need to make sure we elect the right people into office. To do that, you need to be registered to vote. The final day to do so by mail in Hawaii, Utah and Nevada for the Nov. 2 General Election is Oct. 2. In California, you have until Oct. 18. Local 3 Political Department.

FOR SALE: 2008 Fleetwood TT/Pendleton Gear Box 5th Wheel. Includes 5.5kw Generator (ONAN), built-in power washer, air compressor. All in excellent condition. Never been lived in. Financed through the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union. Looking for someone to take over payments. For more information, call (530) 923-4878 and speak with Vic. Reg# 1276105.

FOR SALE: 2005 John Deere 310sg backhoe. 2,000 hours. Like new. Privately owned. Not from a rental fleet. Enclosed cab, 4wd, 4 in 1 bucket, extend a hoe, ac/ heater. Radio, bucket quick change, pattern control switch, ride control, auxiliary hydraulics, etc. Equipped with every option available. \$51,000. (707) 998-3161. Reg# 1098506.

FOR SALE: Sixty 8-track tapes and 24 4-track. Oldies and the best of many voices. \$1 each, plus postage. (503) 639-4496. Reg# 0716361.

FOR SALE: 2 bd/2 ba split-level home; ½-acre lot. Partial ocean view; seven miles north of Gold Beach, Ore. Two-car garage that also fits an RV. Added sunroom. 2,400 square feet (includes shop space). \$290,000. (541) 247-6064. Reg# 1109423.

FOR RENT: 2 bd/2 ba ocean-front condos in Maui. Both units are right on the ocean at Sugar Beach in Maalaea Bay. Full kitchens, laundry. Sleeps six. Visit www.MarysMauiCondo.com or call (707) 480-4121. Reg# 0782777.

FOR SALE: Condo in Maui, 2 bd/2 ba. Ready to move in or use as avacation rental. Comes furnished. Ocean-front unit. (707) 747-6727 or vpd412@ aol.com. Reg# 0782777.

FOR SALE: 27-foot Star Stream by Star Craft. Has a special body – baked enamel with silver auto paint on aluminum body. \$17,000. (702) 635-4301. Reg# 0908550. FOR SALE: RV 2004 Monaco 32-foot Diesel Pusher Cummins 300 HP Allison. Ebony with vintage oak cabinets, two sliders, trailer package, air suspension, sound system, two TVs, entertainment center, two air conditioners, electric/gas refrigerator, low miles, solar charger, custom side backup lights, rear backup camera, air horn, warranty 8/30/2010. More. \$84,000 OBO. (831) 332-7384. Reg# 1558161.

FOR SALE: 2005 travel trailer, 25-foot Thor Wander with slide out. Fully loaded. Like new. A must see at \$9,500. Ask about the extras. (209) 345-7355 or bigguns01@att. net. Reg# 1631682.

FOR SALE: 2002 Kawasaki quad, 300 cc five-speed auto with reverse. New battery. Like new with extras. Priced to sell at \$2,500. (209) 345-7355 or bigguns01@att. net. Reg# 1631682.

FOR SALE: 2000 Harley Davidson Dyna F.X.D., Diamond Ice (silver), 4,700 miles. Like new, must see, California licensed. \$8,000 firm. (559) 229-5407. Reg# 1113764.

FOR SALE: Flow meter, hydraulic test gauges, larse die set, Cummins top dial set and special tools, tongue multiplier. Flow master header back exhaust kit with mufflers for GM 'A' body, 5 HP Briggs motor, 9-inch Ford drop-in 3:00 gear, SBC bare heads, 186,041. 20-foot jet ski boat with SBC 370 HP tandem trailer. (530) 339-2129. Reg# 2163640.

FOR SALE: 8-foot-by-8-foot steel dump bed for 1-ton truck or could be made into dump trailer: \$700. Antique salt and pepper collection. 250 sets: \$1,000. Two rebuilt starters, one for a 92 series Detroit and a 220 cummins engine for \$50 each. (530) 346-2918 or farmerar@cwnet. com. Reg# 1271053.

FOR SALE: New, 50th anniversary Local 3 commemorative belt buckle #183, never worn. The buckle is silver with 22 ct. gold. Also, the letter, certificate and mailing envelope. (541) 661-7770 or donaldjack74@ yahoo.com. Reg# 2093100.

FOR SALE: 2003 37-foot Sierra Sport 5th wheel toy hauler in excellent shape. Very low hours. Self-contained with many upgrades, two slide outs and separate garage area. 5500 Onan gen set, 106-gallon fresh-water tank. Sleeps up to 10 comfortably. \$20,000. Call Don at (530) 693-4283 or (530) 990-4750. Reg# 1866488.

FOR SALE: 2006 Kawasaki KFX 700 sport quad. Excellent shape. Very low hours. Never raced. Always ridden by an adult. Silver and black. Stock, but very fast. \$3,800. Call Don at (530) 693-4283 or (530) 990-4750. Reg# 1866488.

FOR SALE: A 2002 Kawasaki 650 KLR dual sport. New motor. Never been motor crossed. Extras. \$3,000. (916) 955-7878. Reg# 2106364.

FOR SALE: 2007 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electra Glide [FLHTCU]. Custom Jake blue and Elwood blue paint, California license BLUEBRO. 19,000 miles, new Michelin Python mufflers, tires, extras. Perfect condition, meticulously maintained and pampered. The best ride you'll ever experience. \$18,000 OBO. (925) 366-7378 or skyhook03@comcast.net. Reg# 2417899.

FOR SALE: 1991 Pace Arrow motor home, 32 feet. Chevy 454, fuel injected, only 32,500 miles, 7 kw Onan generator. Twin beds in rear, sofa bed couch sleeps five to six. \$9,800 OBO. (510) 222-8869. Reg# 2282104.

FOR SALE: 1987 mobile home, 2 bd/2 ba, laundry room, double car carport. New roof, three years, window shutters. Well-maintained adult park 55+. Make offer. Call Jerry at (209) 406-0707 or Darlene at (209) 482-1198. Reg# 1187250.

FOR SALE: 1989 18-foot Sunbird boat. 4.3 liter Chevy V6 engine with King Cobra package and OMC Cobra outdrive. Open bough. Low hours. Good condition. \$6,500, including one-axle trailer with new tires. (209) 795-6569 or (209) 404-5083. Reg# 1040650.

WANTED: Volunteers. It's a big political year for all four states in Local 3's jurisdiction, and we can use all the help we can get. Please call your district office to find out how you can help. Local 3 Political Department.

WANTED: Camper shell to fit Toyota Tundra longbed. Full 8-foot length and bed width measuring 5 feet,1 inch inner/5 feet, 9-inch outer. This is the midsize bed, 2003-2006 model year. (707) 887-1244. Reg# 2018324.

FOR SALE: 2001 Bass Tracker Bass boat, 17-feet, 6-inches Pro-Crappie 40 HP Mercury four-stroke electric troll motor two down rigger, two fish finders. Motor and lower-end oil changed. Very low hours. \$6,800. (530) 367-3883. Reg# 1155433.

FOR SALE: 20 acres – can be split – on county-maintained road. 2,130-square-foot triplewide, 3 bd/2 ba, 28-by-32 garage, backhoe, tillers, lawnmower, tools, furniture. Reduced to \$250,000. (435) 587-9183. Reg# 2241844.



Vortex Marine Construction crewmembers include, from left: Jesse Stubblefield, Bryce Whitcomb, Ken Kellogg and Rick Firebaugh.

In the middle of the action Members work amid breathtaking views of San Francisco Bay

Story and photos by Dominique Beilke, art director

Millions of people visit San Francisco every year, as it is one of the most famous international tourist sites. They come to see the Golden Gate Bridge sparkle amid the fog, ride the ferry to Alcatraz Island or see the mix of Victorian and modern architecture. But few get to see it from the angles that Local 3 members recently did. In August, Vortex Marine Construction conducted maintenance dredging near St. Francis Yacht Club in the San Francisco Bay, while witnessing panoramic views of the city's best.

The four-man crew dredged about 40,000 cubic yards of material that was then transported and offloaded on the south side of Alcatraz Island.

Using an 800-yard scow, two members of the crew made up to five daily half-hour trips to the dump site, which gave them dramatic views of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge – for free.

"It is cool to be in this location and around people," said Deck Engineer Bryce Whitcomb.

Dredging can be a solitary task, often occurring in remote areas removed from a lot of "action," but this crew was literally in the middle of it all, and they didn't have to pay any fare or wait in any line to see postcard-worthy shots.

For more photos of this project, visit www.oe3.org and click on "Engineers News" and then "photo galleries."