"Green" has multiple meanings in Central Valley

Snelson, American Crane team up on Gill Ranch natural-gas project
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.
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 years old. According to a recent article published in San Jose’s The Daily Review, paleontologists, or “fossil hunters,” were recently called in by Caltrans to understand “several natural 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-year-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.

Talking Points
By Fred Herschbach, president
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) 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.

### Second Quarter 2010 Financial Results

#### Profit and Loss Statement

**(June 30, 2010, Year-To-Date)**

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### Balance Sheet

**(As of June 30, 2010)**

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### Second Quarter 2010 Financial Report

*Unaudited, in thousands*
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 and 9.5% for the trailing one year. U.S. Treasuries posted strong gains in the second quarter as investors sought the safety of government backed debt in response to foreign debt concerns and equity losses.

Notes:
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.

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.
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.o3o.org.

Ratification Results:

Members voted 2 to 1 in favor of the contract

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).
**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 collectively bargain and increased unemployment benefits for laid-off workers.

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 Murrieta 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.

Somehow, somehow we will make it through the hard times together, because once you build a bond, we can’t break it. And now, we’ll see him in person. Brown plans to address the Local 3 membership at our Semi-Annual held at the Rancho Murrieta 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.

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**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 Dominick 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?pagename=HowYouCanHelp, or by calling them toll-free at (800) 241-GIFT (4438).

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**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.
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 anything yet. If former eBay CEO Meg Whitman gets elected, hold 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 leadership in our federal, state and local governments and that leadership at its finest!

What will happen if Meg Whitman is elected as California governor.

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.

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 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 on spending that didn’t entail taking away our salaries 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.

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

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?” No 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.
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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:

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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:

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*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 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.

- **FAIRFIELD**
  - Oct. 12 2 p.m.
  - Veterans’ Memorial Building
  - 427 Main St.
  - Suisun City

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

- **LAKEPORT**
  - Oct. 13 2 p.m.
  - Lakeport Yacht Club
  - 55 Fifth St.

- **REDDING Meeting and potluck**
  - Oct. 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**
  - Oct. 19 10 a.m.
  - 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

- **AUBURN**
  - Oct. 20 10 a.m.
  - Auburn Recreation Center – Lakeside Room
  - 3770 Richardson Drive

- **SACRAMENTO**
  - Oct. 20 2 p.m.
  - Operating Engineers’ Building
  - 3920 Lennane Drive

- **FRESNO**
  - Oct. 20 2 p.m.
  - Cedar Lanes
  - 3131 N. Cedar

- **SAN FRANCISCO-SAN MATEO**
  - Oct. 21 10 a.m.
  - Transport Workers’ Union Hall
  - 1521 Rollins Road
  - Burlingame

- **NOVATO**
  - Oct. 21 2 p.m.
  - Novato Oaks Inn – Mariposa Room
  - 215 Alamada Del Prado

- **WATSONVILLE**
  - Oct. 21 10 a.m.
  - Ramsay Park
  - 1301 Main St.

- **MORGAN HILL**
  - Oct. 21 2 p.m.
  - 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.

Retiree Post

Old friends reuniite 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!)

“He’s 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.
Political Spread overview
What’s ahead for you and politics

The Labor Day weekend traditionally marks the beginning of election season, though Local 3 has been working on politics and public policy all year round. In "Engineers Necess", 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 Necess" 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 politics.

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
Muhi Hannemann
Lt. Governor
Brian Schatz

Island of Oahu
City and County Offices – OAHU
Mayor
Kirk Caldwell
City Prosecutor
Don Papearo
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.oc3.org.

California Governor’s Race: Brown vs. Whitman

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:
★ “… 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.”

Attorney General Jerry Brown

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
★ 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.
**UTAH'S SENATE RACE: GRANATO VS. LEE**

**Small business owner Sam Granato**

Has supported working families 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: Boxer vs. Fiorina**

**U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer**

While in office, has supported working families for more than 20 years by:
- Opposing any 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
- Opposing Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)
- Supporting fair labor practices
- 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
- Promoting 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

If elected, has vowed to:
- Maintain her reputation as a champion of the labor movement (has voted 96 percent in favor of labor)
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- Build a new, clean-energy economy by developing solar, wind, geothermal and other energy technologies that will create more jobs
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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.”
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 capital 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:
★ 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
★ 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.

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<td>Changes CA Law to Legalize Marijuana and Allow It to be Regulated and Taxed.</td>
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<td>Legalizes marijuana for adults 21 and over and allows local governments to regulate and tax</td>
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<td>Redistricting of Congressional Districts.</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>(Re)draws Congressional Districts by the commission</td>
<td>Will waste taxpayer dollars; will segregate districts based on income level; sponsored by anti-union Berkshire Hathaway Executive Charles Munger</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Generates $500 million in state revenues; increases funding for parks to at least $250 million annually</td>
<td>Will keep state parks open, which provides jobs for Local 3 state workers</td>
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<td>Prohibits State from Taking Funds Used for Transportation or Local Government Projects and Services.</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Prohibits state from borrowing funds dedicated for local government, redevelopment agencies and transit entities</td>
<td>Will protect funds dedicated to city and county construction projects that create jobs</td>
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<td>Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unemployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year.</td>
<td>No Recommendation</td>
<td>Suspends the CA greenhouse law</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Repeals $2.4 billion in corporate tax breaks scheduled to go into effect July 2010 that were part of 2008/09 budget approvals</td>
<td>Will raise money for the state without raising taxes</td>
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<td>Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass a Budget from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. Retains Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Taxes.</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Lowers threshold for passing state budget from two-thirds to a simple majority (50 percent +1)</td>
<td>Will help break CA’s yearly budget impasse</td>
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'Green' has multiple meanings in Central Valley

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

Story by Mandy McMillen, managing editor; photos by Dominique Beilke, art director

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

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

Members Danny Henry and Kelly Cameron work in a tight spot at the compressor station.
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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.”

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**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: 1%-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:

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*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 1-½ 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, coarse/fine thread and grade, the secret to a secure joint is the proper preload and keeping it tight. | Engineers News | **18**
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 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!
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.

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!
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!

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. Even a heavily conditioned permit would allow the project to proceed, which would also render millions of dollars to another state of California.

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 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.

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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.
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, 3½ 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.

**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.
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.

Airports 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 project, which he recently delivered to Gov. Lingle. We are waiting for her 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.
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, refuqiring 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 1-5 Lakehead Bridge; Syblyon Reid's North Battle Creek screeners; 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 Thames Creek Bridge; Shasta Construction's Thames 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 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!

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Hunter's 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 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.)

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 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 Terleyden. He was a steward at Sheedy Crane and will be a valuable addition to our district. Welcome aboard.
Stanford’s concert hall is music to Operating Engineers’ ears

A total of $850 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.

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 Vandnairs. 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 $899 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 $835,667.
Teichert Construction has the $847,825 Thornton Road resurfacing, which starts at state Route 12 and heads north 3,200 feet.
Mayo Construction has the Shima 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.
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, Flatron 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 Graf driving pile. DeSilva Gates has jobs on Hwy. 99 in Butte County and Hwy. 70 in Sutter County for a total of $1.11 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.

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

OAKLAND

Kaiser project to create about 3,000 construction jobs

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/landscape.

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.

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.

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 project on Hwy. 99 in Richmond and Vortex Diving is still going strong with the $2 million Port of Richmond deep-up 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. Peck 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. Frenicher 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, Frenicher Construction is finishing a paving project south of Jackpot and starting one north of Ely, while Peck 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 on the mine in Engineers Newscast 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 and place a bench in the middle of any street.

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.)
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
Jimmy 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

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.

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Ardito, John
Yuba City, CA
District 60
05-18-10

Azlin, Owen
Fresno, CA
District 50
04-27-10

Blain, William
West Jordan, UT
District 12
06-29-10

Bumatal, B
Paradise, CA
District 60
06-22-10

Burton, John
Seaside, CA
District 90
06-01-10

Chaffee, William
Diamond Springs, CA
District 80
05-19-10

Corpus, Melvin
Eëlee, HI
District 17
05-24-10

Cortez, Frank
Ely, NV
District 11
05-17-10

Court, Raymond
Roseville, CA
District 80
06-07-10

Culbert, Donald
Oakley, CA
District 20
06-11-10

Felber, Henry
Middletown, CA
District 10
06-19-10

Guinn, Wayne
San Jose, CA
District 90
05-20-10

Hammond, Bernard
Pope Valley, CA
District 04
06-05-10

Laughlin, Merle
Stockton, CA
District 30
05-22-10

Meyer, Jimmie
Vale, OR
District 99
06-26-10

Moak, James
Chico, CA
District 60
12-23-09

Muck, Gerald
Scottsburg, OR
District 99
05-07-10

Nicholson, Elmer
Oakhurst, CA
District 50
04-26-10

Noriega, Jess
Wausau, WI
District 99
05-17-10

DECEASED DEPENDENTS

Bost, Brenda.
Wife of Bost, Calvin
11-24-08

Braegger, Cleo.
Wife of Braegger, Richard (dec)
06-14-10

Dickinson, Emma.
Wife of Dickinson, William (dec)
05-04-10

Dunlap, Earlene.
Wife of Dunlap, Roy (dec)
06-17-10

Graves, Eula.
Wife of Graves, George (dec)
12-30-09

Hearde, Ruth.
Wife of Hearne, Edward
05-08-10

Long, Tiffany.
Wife of Long, Steve
05-17-10

Pike, Rosaline.
Wife of Pike, Floyd (dec)
06-05-10

Wilson, Carma.
Wife of Wilson, Corey
02-26-10

Young, Ella Lou.
Wife of Young, George (dec)
06-08-10

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.
Meetings & Announcements

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.

Prices start at:
- Inside Cabin - $499 per person, double occupancy
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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.

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

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Lakeport, CA
Parent: Chris Clarkin
Reg#: 1965506

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brittany Rista – $500
Kapolei, HI
Parent: Richard Rista
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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 glance, 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.oce3.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.

• 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!

“Dig” up the 10 differences between these two photographs

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.

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?

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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.oec3.org and click on “Engineers News” and then “photo galleries.”