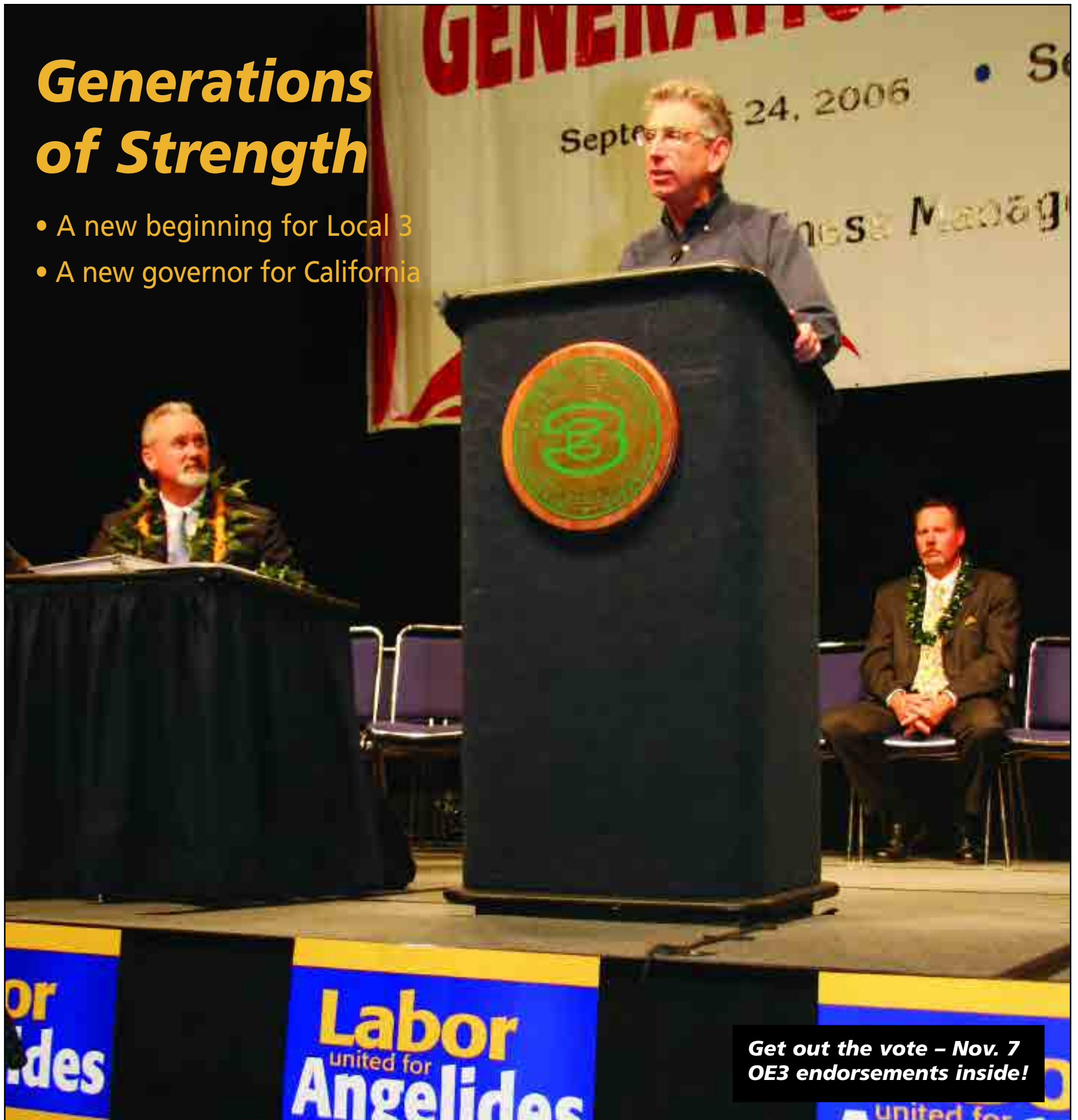


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## *Generations of Strength*

- A new beginning for Local 3
- A new governor for California



**Get out the vote – Nov. 7  
OE3 endorsements inside!**



## For The Good & Welfare

By Russ Burns, business manager

### In high gear

It was good to see all of you last month at the September Semi-Annual. We had a great turnout and lots of Local 3 families joining us, which was nice to see. I know many of you (myself included) enjoyed hearing from Phil Angelides. His attendance says quite a lot about the political power and significance of Local 3, especially at this point in the campaign, so close to Election Day.

If you weren't able to make it to the Semi-Annual, we have full coverage for you in this issue of *Engineers News*, beginning on page 11. I hope you take the time to read through this section and the rest of this month's issue. There's a lot going on around Local 3 these days, and it's important you're kept in the loop of the changes and the important issues before us – like the November General Election, which is first and foremost.

#### November General Election

We're in high gear in preparation for Nov. 7, with phone banking, precinct walking and election endorsements from our district Political Action Committees (PACs). As is explained in the election spread this month, the endorsements are listed by Local 3 district offices for your convenience at the voting booth. If you have any questions about the endorsement list or information about the election itself, please contact your district office.

You should also contact your district office if you have questions about signing up to volunteer with the Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT). We need all the help we can get, if we want to make a difference in our local, state and federal governments this election season. Sign up to phone bank or precinct walk, read the *Engineers News* and attend your district meetings – these are all great ways to get involved.

What's at stake in November is high-quality jobs for our membership and a better quality of life for working men and women across the nation. In California, we have the opportunity to terminate Arnold and replace him with a governor who cares about working families – Phil Angelides. The November election also affords us the opportunity to pass the largest public works bill in California state history. This is the mega bond package you've been hearing so much about – Propositions 1A through 1E. We need YES votes on these propositions to create \$37 billion worth of projects and thousands of jobs for our membership.

The key races in our other states include Dina Titus for Nevada governor and Randy Iwase for Hawaii governor. The governor's seat in Utah is not up for election at this time, though we have several important races we're tracking at the state level in Utah, including the endorsements of:

- Mel Brown for House District 53
- Jay Seegmiller for House District 49
- Trisha Beek for Senate District 9

As I've mentioned, a complete list of election recommendations is listed on pages 4-7.

#### Attend your district meeting

In addition to this month's political spread, we're talking politics (and much more) during our fall round of district meetings across the jurisdiction. We're showing a PowerPoint presentation at these meetings, detailing the positive changes going on at Local 3. The presentation includes information about this administration's goals and objectives, as well as Executive Board actions, revisions to our bylaws, an update on your pension and a recap of the election issues I've mentioned above. In all, the presentation lasts about 10 minutes and concludes with a Q&A session, so I hope you can make it out.

#### International news

In closing, I want to give you an update on the California-Nevada Western Conference the officers and I attended in September, along with representatives from other locals within the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). Fortunately, we had the opportunity to sit down with International General President Vincent Giblin for a good, productive meeting. Giblin gave this administration his full support and made it clear that he is here for the brothers and sisters of Local 3 – wherever, whenever we need assistance.

As you might expect, it is critical for us to have a good working relationship with the president of our International. Local 3 has always had a strong relationship with Giblin, and clearly, we still do. You have a strong team of officers serving you at the local and International levels, and we're moving forward the best way we know how – doing everything we can to provide you with the best possible member service.

With that, I want to remind you to get out and vote on Nov. 7, call the hall with any questions, and most importantly, be safe out there, brothers and sisters.

In solidarity,

Russell E. Burns  
Business Manager



From left: Forty-year-member Hank Gutierrez tries a special tension-relieving oil from BeautiControl specialists Kristina Turner and Kendra Ollar. ....11

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## In the News

### NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

We've got you covered. This month's *Engineers News* includes a complete list of Local 3's Political Action Committee (PAC) election recommendations, beginning on page 4. Check it out, and don't forget to get out the vote on Nov. 7!

### We want your feedback

We're looking for some constructive feedback on what's covered in your monthly newspaper, *Engineers News*. What would you like to see more of? Less of?

Please send your comments to Heidi Mills in Local 3's Public Relations Department at [hmills@oe3.org](mailto:hmills@oe3.org), or you can phone: (916) 419-3260, fax: (916) 419-3487 or mail:

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### Minimum wage increased in California

Last month, Gov. Schwarzenegger signed a bill that will increase California's minimum wage to \$8 an hour by January 2008. This bill (AB 1835), authored by state Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, will make California's minimum wage greater than any other state.

Currently, the minimum wage in California is \$6.75 an hour, and the last time it was raised was more than four years ago in January 2002.

### Tell Schwarzenegger to sign SB 815

SB 815, authored by state Sen. Don Perata, restores workers' compensation benefits to permanently disabled workers in California. Specifically, the bill:

- restores some of the workers' comp benefits Schwarzenegger's administration reduced by more than 50 percent
- partially restores permanent disability benefits by increasing the number of weeks of benefit payments
- requires no new costs for employers
- re-establishes fairness and dignity for injured workers and their families



Call or write the governor today, and tell him to sign SB 815.

Visit [www.govmail.ca.gov](http://www.govmail.ca.gov) to send an e-mail, or you can phone: (916) 445-2841, fax: (916) 445-4633 or mail:

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814



## Talking Points

By Fred Herschbach, president

### We are here for you

It has now been more than a month since I was sworn in to serve as your Local 3 president.

And let me tell you, from day one, we've hit the ground running in order to – literally – cover as much ground within the four-state jurisdiction of Local 3, as possible. There have been many changes made and there are many more to be made, but I am excited to be a part of this team and to impart good changes to make Local 3 even stronger.

We have spoken with you about our platform vision – truth, integrity and accountability – but among the components of that platform, my main aim is placing the membership's needs at the top.

In order to do this, we need to bridge together a solid network of communication between staff and members and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE). We have held meetings in all staff departments to assess the needs and aims of each integral part, we have met with thousands of members, and we recently held a meeting with IUOE General President Vincent Giblin to chart out a course for the new future of Local 3.

I am proud to say the IUOE is behind us and ready to work with us toward taking positive steps forward. Giblin has offered help in any way we need it, and we value that aid. It solidifies the importance we place on creating relationships – not just within the walls of Local 3 but across many territories, socially and politically. Relationships and insight are essential to our strength.

This past month, I've already created new relationships. I've been across the Local 3 jurisdiction talking with members, and I look forward to dealing with you on a daily basis. I'm listening to your concerns in the field, and I am internalizing your viewpoints. We are here for you. On a deeply personal and professional level, I know how important your needs are, because I grew up in the field, got on staff and then finally realized I needed to voice my opinion about the changes that needed to be made to better secure the integrity and foundation of this organization. That was nearly a year ago.

Clearly many members felt the way I did, and it was made apparent by the August election results. Today, I am ready to make those changes I envisioned so long ago. Your confidence in us gives us the confidence to move ahead.

In closing, it is important to mention that we are all embarking on a new beginning. This past election may have been historical, but it is the future – not the past – we are focusing on.



# Under the Dome

## 2006 General Election Recommendations

### CALIFORNIA

**U.S. Senate**  
Diane Feinstein

**Governor**  
Phil Angelides

**Lt. Governor**  
John Garamendi

**Attorney General**  
Jerry Brown

**Secretary of State**  
Debra Bowen

**Treasurer**  
Bill Lockyer

**Controller**  
John Chiang

**Insurance Commissioner**  
Cruz Bustamante

Board of Equalization  
District 1 Betty Yee  
District 2 No recommendation  
District 3 No recommendation

Proposition 1A – Proposition 42 Fix – Yes  
Proposition 1B – Infrastructure Bond – Yes  
Proposition 1C – Housing Bond – Yes  
Proposition 1D – Education Bond – Yes  
Proposition 1E – Levee Bond – Yes

Proposition 83 – Sex Offenders – No recommendation  
Proposition 84 – Water Quality – No recommendation  
Proposition 85 – Parental Notification – No recommendation  
Proposition 86 – Tax on Cigarettes – No recommendation  
Proposition 87 – Alternative Energy – No recommendation  
Proposition 88 – Education Funding – No recommendation  
Proposition 89 – Political Campaigns' Public Financing – No  
Proposition 90 – Government Acquisitions – No

#### District 01: Burlingame

*Marin County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 6 Lynn Woolsey

State Assembly  
AD 6 Jared William Huffman

*San Francisco County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 8 Nancy Pelosi  
CD 12 Tom Lantos

State Senate  
SD 8 Leland Yee

State Assembly  
AD 12 Fiona Ma  
AD 13 Mark Leno

San Francisco County Board of Supervisors  
District 2 Michela Alioto-Pier  
District 4 Jaynry Mak  
District 6 Chris Daly  
District 8 Bevan Dufty  
District 10 Sopenhia "Sophie" Maxwell

San Francisco Community College Board of Trustees  
Johnnie Carter  
Anita Grier  
Lawrence Wong

San Francisco Unified School District  
Board of Education  
Jane Kim  
Hydra Mendoza  
Bob Twomey

*San Mateo County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 12 Tom Lantos  
CD 14 Anna Eschoo

State Senate  
SD 8 Leland Yee

State Assembly  
AD 12 Fiona Ma  
AD 19 Gene Mullin  
AD 21 Ira Ruskin

Colma City Council  
Helen Fisicaro

Daly City City Council  
Leah Berlanga  
Maggie Gomez  
Michael Guingona  
Carol Klatt

East Palo Alto City Council  
Ruben Abrica  
Bernardo Huerta  
David E. Woods

Menlo Park City Council  
Richard Cline  
Heyward Robinson

Pacifica City Council  
Julie Lancelle  
William A. Moore  
James Vreeland

Peninsula Health Care District  
Helen Galligan  
Donald Newman  
Susan Smith

San Mateo County Board of Education  
Area 3 Rhonda Ceccato  
Area 4 Rod Hsiao

Sequoia Health Care District  
Arthur Faro  
Don Horsley  
John Oblak

South San Francisco Unified School District  
Alicia Gonzalez  
Liza Normandy  
Philip Weise

#### District 04: Fairfield

*Napa County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 1 Mike Thompson

State Senate  
SD 2 Pat Wiggins

State Assembly  
AD 7 Noreen Evans

American Canyon City Mayor  
Cindy Coffey

American Canyon City Council  
J.T. Miller

Napa City Council  
Juliana Inman  
Harry Martin

Napa Valley College Trustee  
Area 1 Daniel Digardi  
Area 2 Bruce Ketron

Napa Valley Unified School District  
Area 3 Thomas Kensok

St. Helena City Council  
Eric Sklar

St. Helena Unified School District Trustee  
Jodi Hill

#### *Solano County*

U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 3 Bill Durston  
CD 7 George Miller  
CD 10 Ellen Tauscher

State Senate  
SD 2 Pat Wiggins

State Assembly  
AD 7 Noreen Evans  
AD 8 Lois Wolk

Dixon City Council  
Gil Vega

Rio Vista City Council  
Cherie Cabral  
Andrew Pestana

Solano Community College Trustee  
Area 3 Marie Young  
Area 3 Pam Keith  
Area 3 Mel Orpilla

Suisun City Mayor  
Pete Sanchez

Suisun City Council  
Jane Day  
Mike Hudson

#### District 10: Rohnert Park

*Lake County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 1 Mike Thompson

State Senate  
SD 2 Pat Wiggins

State Assembly  
AD 1 No recommendation

Measure Z – Clearlake Transactions and Use Tax – Yes

*Mendocino County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 1 Mike Thompson

State Senate  
SD 2 Pat Wiggins

State Assembly  
AD 1 No recommendation

*Sonoma County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 1 Mike Thompson  
CD 6 Lynn Woolsey

State Senate  
SD 2 Pat Wiggins

State Assembly AD 1 No recommendation AD 6 Jared William Huffman AD 7 Noreen Evans	State Assembly AD 11 Mark De Saulnier AD 14 Loni Hancock AD 15 Terry Coleman	San Joaquin County Sheriff Steve Moore	Arcata City Council Alex Stillman Mark Wheately
Cloverdale City Council Bob Jehn Joe Palla	Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors District 1 John Gioia District 3 Federal D. Glover	Stockton City Council District 3 Carole Murphy District 5 Sue Eggman	Rio Dell City Council Debra Garnes
Petaluma City Mayor Pam Torliatt	Contra Costa County Sheriff Warren E. Rupf	Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees Luis Gonzalez Beverly McCarthy	<b>District 50: Fresno</b> <i>Fresno County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 18 Dennis A. Cardoza CD 19 T.J. Cox CD 20 Jim Costa CD 21 No recommendation
Petaluma City Council Teresa Barrett Mike Harris David Rabbitt	Martinez City Council Lara Delaney	Tracy City Council Ed Gable	State Senate SD 14 No recommendation SD 16 Dean Florez
Rohnert Park City Council Aimee Breeze Armando Flores	Pinole City Council Maria Alegria	Measure K – Road Infrastructure Improvement – Yes  <i>Stanislaus County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 18 Dennis A. Cardoza CD 19 T.J. Cox	State Assembly AD 29 No recommendation AD 30 Nicole M. Parra AD 31 Juan Arumbula
Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Bob Blanchards	Richmond City Council Ludmyrna “Myrna” Lopez Tony Thurmond Maria Viramontes	State Senate SD 12 Wiley Nickel SD 14 No recommendation	Fresno City Council District 1 Chuck Riojas District 5 Mike Dages
Santa Rosa City Council Caroline Banuelos Susan Gorin	San Pablo City Council Arturo M. Cruz Genoveva Garcia-Calloway	State Assembly AD 17 Cathleen Galgiani AD 25 No recommendation AD 26 No recommendation	Fresno County Board of Supervisors District 4 Cynthia Gonzales
Santa Rosa Junior College Board Mike Smith	West Contra Costa School Board Charles Ramsey	Oakdale City Mayor Pat Paul	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Larry Wilder
<b>District 20: Oakland</b> <i>Alameda County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 9 Barbara Lee CD 10 Ellen Tauscher CD 11 Jerry McNerney CD 13 Fortney “Pete” Stark	<b>District 30: Stockton</b> <i>Alpine County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 3 Bill Durston	Stanislaus County Superintendent of Public Instruction Joe Galindo	<i>Kings County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 20 Jim Costa
State Senate SD 10 Ellen Corbett	State Assembly AD 4 No recommendation	Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors District 3 Gary Lopez	State Senate SD 16 Dean Florez
State Assembly AD 14 Loni Hancock AD 15 Terry Coleman AD 16 Sandre Swanson AD 18 Mary Hayashi AD 20 Alberto Torrico	<i>Amador County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 3 Bill Durston	Measure K – Road Infrastructure Improvement – Yes	State Assembly AD 30 Nicole M. Parra
Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 2 Richard Valle District 3 Alice Lai-Bitker	State Assembly AD 10Jim Cook	<i>Tuolumne County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 19 T.J. Cox	<i>Madera County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 18 Dennis A. Cardoza CD 19 T.J. Cox
Alameda City Council Frank Matarrese	Amador County Board of Supervisors District 5 Mel Welsh	State Senate SD 14 No recommendation	State Senate SD 12 Wiley Nickel SD 14 No recommendation
Fremont City Council Bill Harrison	Measure K – Road Infrastructure Improvement – Yes	State Assembly AD 25 No recommendation	State Assembly AD 25 No recommendation AD 29 No recommendation
Hayward City Mayor Mike Sweeney	<i>Calaveras County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 3 Bill Durston	<b>District 40: Eureka</b> <i>Del Norte County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 1 Mike Thompson	Madera County Board of Supervisors District 5 Tom Wheeler
Oakland City Council District 6 Marcie Hodge	State Assembly AD 25 No recommendation	State Senate SD 4 Paul Singh	<i>Mariposa County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 19 T.J. Cox
Peralta Community College District Trustee Alona Clifton	<i>San Joaquin County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 11 Jerry McNerney CD 18 Dennis A. Cardoza	State Assembly AD 1 No recommendation	State Senate SD 14 No recommendation
Union City City Council Ben Elias	State Senate SD 14 No recommendation	<i>Humboldt County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 1 Mike Thompson	State Assembly AD 25 No recommendation
<i>Contra Costa County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 7 George Miller CD 10 Ellen Tauscher CD 11 Jerry McNerney	State Assembly AD 10 Jim Cook AD 15 Terry Coleman AD 17 Cathleen Galgiani AD 26 No recommendation	State Senate SD 2 Pat Wiggins	<i>Merced County</i> U.S. Representative in Congress CD 18 Dennis A. Cardoza
	San Joaquin Board of Supervisors District 4 Richard Dean	State Assembly AD 1 No recommendation	State Senate SD 12 Wiley Nickel

State Assembly  
AD 17 Cathleen Galgiani

*Tulare County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 21 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 16 Dean Florez  
SD 18 No recommendation

State Assembly  
AD 30 Nicole M. Parra  
AD 31 Juan Arumbula

#### **District 60: Yuba City**

*Butte County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

Butte County Board of Supervisors  
District 3 Maureen Kirk

*Colusa County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Glenn County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Plumas County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

*Sierra County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

*Sutter County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Yuba County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

#### **District 70: Redding**

*Lassen County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

*Modoc County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Shasta County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

Redding City Council  
Rick Bosetti  
Dave Rutledge  
Mary Steigal

Shasta County Assessor-Recorder  
Leslie Morgan

Shasta County Board of Supervisors  
Les Baugh

*Siskiyou County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Tehama County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith

*Trinity County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 1 No recommendation

#### **District 80: Sacramento**

*El Dorado County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Assembly  
AD 4 No recommendation  
AD 10 Jim Cook

*Nevada County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington

*Placer County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 4 Charlie Brown

State Senate  
SD 4 Paul Singh

State Assembly  
AD 3 Mickey Harrington  
AD 4 No recommendation  
AD 5 No recommendation

*Sacramento County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 3 Bill Durston  
CD 4 Charlie Brown  
CD 5 Doris Matsui  
CD 10 Ellen Tauscher

State Senate  
SD 6 Darrell Steinberg

State Assembly  
AD 4 No recommendation  
AD 5 No recommendation  
AD 9 Dave Jones  
AD 10 Jim Cook  
AD 15 Terry Coleman

Sacramento County Board of Education  
Gretchen Bender

Sacramento School Board  
Roy Grimes

SMUD Board of Directors  
Larry Carr  
Patrick Kennedy  
Genevieve Sharoma  
Bill Slaton

Sacramento County Sheriff  
John McGinness

Measure Q – Advisory vote on sports/entertainment arena – Yes

Measure R – County Transaction and Use Tax (sports/entertainment arena) – Yes

*Yolo County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 1 Mike Thompson  
CD 2 No recommendation

State Assembly  
AD 2 Mel Smith  
AD 8 Lois Wolk

West Sacramento City Council  
Mark Johannesen

Yolo County Supervisor  
Mike McGowan

#### **District 90: Morgan Hill**

*Monterey County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 17 Sam Farr

State Senate  
SD 12 Wiley Nickel

State Assembly  
AD 27 John Laird  
AD 28 Anna Marie Caballero

Seaside City Mayor  
Ralph Rubio

Seaside City Council  
Thomas Mancini

*San Benito County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 17 Sam Farr

State Senate  
SD 12 Wiley Nickel

State Assembly  
AD 28 Anna Marie Caballero

San Benito County Board of Supervisors  
Reb Monaco

*Santa Clara County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 11 Jerry McNerney  
CD 14 Anna Eschoo  
CD 15 Mike Honda  
CD 16 Zoe Lofgren

State Senate  
SD 10 Ellen Corbett

State Assembly  
AD 20 Alberto Torrico  
AD 21 Ira Ruskin  
AD 22 Sally J. Lieber  
AD 23 Joe Coto  
AD 24 James Beall Jr.  
AD 27 John Laird  
AD 28 Anna Marie Caballero

San Jose City Mayor  
Cindy Chavez

Measure A – Farmland Protection – Yes

*Santa Cruz County*  
U.S. Representative in Congress  
CD 14 Anna Eschoo  
CD 17 Sam Farr

State Assembly  
AD 27 John Laird  
AD 28 Anna Marie Caballero

Santa Cruz Port Commissioner  
Dennis Smith

Santa Cruz County Sheriff/Coronor  
Steve Robbins

Measure E – Retirement Tax Repeal – No



HAWAII

U.S. Senate

Daniel K. Akaka

Governor

Randy Iwase

Lt. Governor

Malama Solomon

U.S. Representative in Congress

CD 1 Neil Abercrombie  
CD 2 Mazie K. Hirono

State Senate

SD 2 Russell S. Kokubun  
SD 4 Shan Tsutsui  
SD 8 No endorsement  
SD 9 Les Ihara Jr.  
SD 10 Brian T. Taniguchi  
SD 11 Carol Fukunaga  
SD 13 Suzanne Chun-Oakland  
SD 14 Donna Mercado-Kim  
SD 15 Norman Sakamoto  
SD 19 No endorsement  
SD 20 Will Espero  
SD 24 Jill Tokuda  
SD 25 Frank T. Lockwood

State House

District 1 Dwight Y. Takamine  
District 2 Jerry L. Chang  
District 3 Clift Tsuji  
District 4 Faye HanoHano  
District 5 Robert N. Herkes  
District 6 Josh Green  
District 7 Cindy Evans  
District 8 Joseph M. Souki  
District 9 Bob Nakasone  
District 10 Angus McKelvey  
District 11 Joe Bertram  
District 12 Kyle T. Yamashita  
District 13 Mele Carroll  
District 14 Hermina M. Morita  
District 15 James K. Tokioka  
District 16 Roland D. Sagum  
District 17 AJ Halagao  
District 18 Lyla B. Berg  
District 19 Mike Abe  
District 20 Calvin K.Y. Say  
District 21 Scott Y. Nishimoto  
District 22 Scott K. Saiki  
District 23 Tom Brower  
District 24 Kirk Caldwell  
District 25 Della Au Belath  
District 26 Sylvia Luke  
District 27 Sesnita Moepono  
District 28 Karl Rhoads

District 29 Joey Manahan  
District 30 No endorsement  
District 31 Glenn Wakai  
District 32 Jane Sugimura  
District 33 Blake K. Oshiro  
District 34 K. Mark Takai  
District 35 Alex M. Sonson  
District 36 Roy M. Takumi  
District 37 Ryan I. Yamane  
District 38 Marilyn B. Lee  
District 39 Marcus R. Oshiro  
District 40 Sharon Har  
District 41 Jon Riki Karamatsu  
District 42 Rida T.R. Cabanilla  
District 43 Scott R. Belford  
District 44 Michael Kahikina  
District 45 Maile S.L. Shimabukuro  
District 46 Michael Y. Magaoay  
District 47 No endorsement  
District 48 Ken Ito  
District 49 Pono Chong  
District 50 No endorsement  
District 51 Tommy Waters

Honolulu County and City

District 2 Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
District 4 No endorsement  
District 6 Rod Tam  
District 8 No endorsement

Hawaii County

District 1 Dominic Yagong  
District 2 Donald Ikeda  
District 3 Paula Z. Helfrich  
District 4 Stacy Higa  
District 5 No endorsement  
District 6 No endorsement  
District 7 Virginia Isbell  
District 8 No endorsement  
District 9 Leningrad Elarionoff

Maui County

Lanai District G. Riki Hokama  
East Maui District Bill Medeiros  
South Maui District Michelle Anderson  
West Maui District No endorsement  
Wailuku, Waihe’e, Waikapu District Mike Victorino  
Molokai District Danny A. Mateo  
Makawao, Ha’iku, Pa’ia District Michael J. Molina  
Kahului District Joseph Pontanilla  
Pukalani, Kula, `Ulupalakua District Gladys Coelho-Baisa

Kauai County City Council

Bill “Kaipo” Asing  
Jay Furfaro  
Daryl W. Kaneshiro  
Ronald D. Kouchi  
Mel Rapozo

NEVADA

U.S. Senate

Jack Carter

U.S. Representative in Congress

CD 1 Shelley Berkley  
CD 2 Jill Derby  
CD 3 Tessa Hafen

Governor

Dina Titus

Lt. Governor

Robert Unger

Attorney General

Catherine Cortez Masto

Secretary of State

Ross Miller

Treasurer

Kate Marshall

Controller

Kim Wallin

Supreme Court

Seat C Michael Cherry  
Seat F No recommendation  
Seat G Nancy Saitta

District Court Judge

Department 3 No recommendation

State Board of Education

D2 No recommendation  
D4 Cindy Reid  
D5 No recommendation  
D6 No recommendation

State University Regent

District 1 Cedric Crear  
District 4 Mark Alden

District 6 No recommendation  
District 12 Stavros Anthony

State Assembly

AD 1 Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
AD 2 Carlos Blumberg  
AD 3 No recommendation  
AD 4 No recommendation  
AD 5 Dawn Dudas  
AD 6 Harvey Munford  
AD 7 Morse Arberry Jr.  
AD 8 Barbara Buckley  
AD 9 Tick Segerblom  
AD 10 Joseph Hogan  
AD 11 Ruben Kiheun  
AD 12 James Ohrenschall  
AD 13 Adam Taylor  
AD 14 Ellen Koivisto  
AD 15 Kathy McClain  
AD 16 John Ocegüera  
AD 17 Kelvin Atkinson  
AD 18 Mark Manendo  
AD 19 Jerry Claborn  
AD 20 No recommendation  
AD 21 Richard Keene  
AD 22 No recommendation  
AD 23 Rosemary Womack  
AD 24 David Bobzien  
AD 25 Heidi Gansert  
AD 26 No recommendation  
AD 27 Sheila Leslie  
AD 28 Mo Denis  
AD 29 Susan Gerhardt  
AD 30 Debbie Smith  
AD 31 Bernie Anderson  
AD 32 Mike Sprinkle  
AD 33 No recommendation  
AD 35 No recommendation  
AD 36 Laurayne Murry  
AD 37 Marcus Conklin  
AD 38 Cathylee James  
AD 39 Joetta Brown  
AD 40 Bonnie Parnell

AD 41 David Parks  
AD 42 Harry Mortenson

Clark County

State Senate  
SD 2 Maggie Carlton  
SD 5 Joyce Woodhouse  
SD 7 Terry Care  
SD 8 Chanda Cook  
SD 10 Bob Coffin  
SD 12 No recommendation

Elko County

Treasurer  
Rebecca “Becky” Erickson

Justice of the Peace (Elko Township)  
Mary E. “Molly” Leddy

Washoe County

State Senate  
SD 1 Bernice Martin Mathews  
SD 2 John Emerson  
SD 4 No recommendation

Reno City Mayor  
Bob Cashell

Reno City Council  
Ward 2 Sharon Zadra  
Ward 4 Dwight Dortch

Sparks City Mayor  
Geno Martini

Sparks Municipal Judge  
James Spoo

Washoe County Commission  
Pete Sferrazza

Washoe County School Board  
District C Barbara Clark

UTAH

U.S. Representative in Congress

CD 1 Steve Olsen  
CD 2 Jim Matheson  
CD 3 Christian Burrridge

State Senate

SD 3 Gene Davis  
SD 5 Ed Mayne  
SD 9 Trisha Beck  
SD 12 Brent Goodfellow  
SD 28 Pete Ashdown

House of Representatives

District 25 Christine Johnson  
District 30 Jackie Biskupski  
District 31 Larry Wiley  
District 38 Chuck McDowell  
District 39 Jim Dunnigan  
District 44 Tim Cosgrove  
District 46 Karen Morgan  
District 49 Jay Seegmiller  
District 53 Mel Brown  
District 69 Brad King

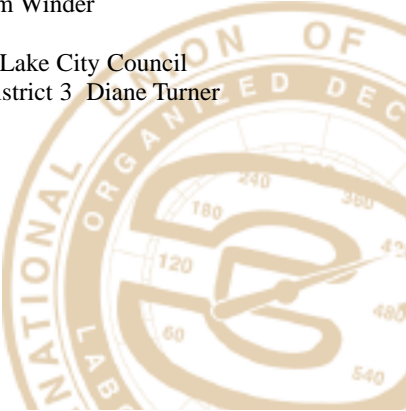
Salt Lake County

Salk Lake County Clerk  
Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Sheriff  
Jim Winder

Salt Lake City Council

District 3 Diane Turner





## RANCHO MURIETA TRAINING CENTER

for Apprentice to Journey-level Operators

By Curtis Brooks, director

### SRT is a necessity

As we wind down the season of Pre-Orientation Period (POP)/first-step apprentice starter classes, we look forward to supplemental-related training (SRT) and journey-level upgrade training. Many of you will soon get the call to come to the training center for your SRT. You and your employer know this is an important part of your apprenticeship agreement that must be complied with.

Every year as we start down this path, we hear the same stories: "I'm going to have to close my job down if this apprentice has to go to school." Or: "The apprentice is the key person on my crew." You name it; we've heard it.

We recognize from employers' reports that the Local 3-trained apprentice is getting better and more proficient. However, this educational obligation for SRT must be met in order for us to keep our charter as a state-approved apprenticeship program.

When possible, we will rotate apprentices to help cover jobsites to avoid causing a hardship on the employer, but please know: SRT is a necessity of which the apprentice cannot be excused.

We are all working toward the same end result – qualified hands and getting the job done on time. Everything we do is on a schedule, and training is no different. Please bear with us, and know that we are doing the best we can to keep everyone on schedule.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

See you on the next one.

### APPRENTICESHIP SPOTLIGHT DISTRICT 10: ROHNERT PARK

Jemal Williams is a fourth-step construction apprentice working for Argonaut Constructors in Santa Rosa. We are proud to recognize him this month for all the Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) hours he accumulated in 2005. Of all the apprentices in District 10, he earned the most – 23 hours. He walked picket lines at 5 a.m., and he worked on numerous phone banks. Jemal would show up anytime we'd call. Congratulations, and keep up the good work, Jemal!



Local 3 Apprentice Jemal Williams works for Argonaut Constructors in Santa Rosa.

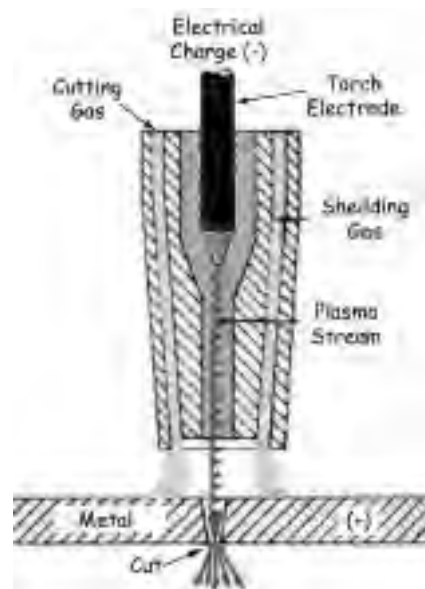


### Cutting steel

In our industry, we either use a hacksaw, an abrasive-cutoff saw or a flame-cutting torch to cut steel. The hacksaw is slow, and the cutoff saw has its limits. The flame torch can cut almost any kind of steel, but it puts a lot of heat into the project, and it only cuts ferrous (magnetic) metal.

Carbon Air-Arc is great for gouging (cutting a groove) but leaves something to be desired when cutting steel in two. There are other ways to cut steel, but in our trade, one of the coolest ways is the plasma torch.

Ooh, *plasma torch* – sounds space age, and it gets even better when you understand how it works. You take a gas (compressed air, nitrogen, argon, oxygen, etc.), and you pass it through a very small opening while you super-heat the gas, and change it into what most scientists agree is the fourth state of matter. That's called plasma.



OK, for those of you who forgot Physics 101 (or was that Chemistry 101?), the first state of matter is a solid. Apply heat to change it into the second state of matter, which is liquid. Add more heat, and it forms the third state of matter – gas. Get it really hot and voilà – you get the fourth state of matter, called plasma.

So we take the hot plasma running through a very small hole that increases its speed, and we aim it at our work piece. It cuts a straight line with very little heat input into the base metal (that's good), and it's fast. New technology – isn't it amazing? Well, it's not that new. It was started at the

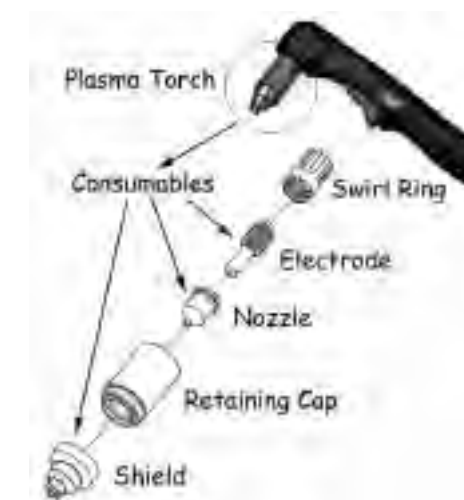
height of WWII and was used in the sixties. It wasn't quite portable in those days, but it is now.

Plasma torches can be portable and easy to use. They cut through metal beautifully and can be used for gouging. Plasma torches cut ferrous and non-ferrous metals (i.e. aluminum). There are 110 volt, 220 volt or 440-volt models.

Generally, the more voltage/ampere, the thicker metal they can cut and the larger the machine.

The units don't take much maintenance, except for the filter and the consumables. The filter's life depends on the purity of the supplied gas and lasts a good while. Unfortunately, the consumables need to be replaced frequently.

The electrode and the nozzle wear out the quickest. The shield, depending on how you treat it, lasts a while, whereas the retaining ring and the swirl ring last a long time.



In all, a plasma torch is a fast and efficient means of cutting metal. It cuts 1/2-inch thick and thinner metals great. It can cut thicker metal, but the size of the machine it takes starts to lose its portability. Don't get me wrong, it doesn't replace the oxy/acetylene torch, but it does have its place in our industry.

Note: The fumes from this process can be hazardous. This would be a good time for a respirator.





## FRINGE BENEFITS

By Charlie Warren, director

### Retiree Association meetings

The final round of Retiree Association meetings for this year begins this month. The officers of Operating Engineers Local 3 look forward to joining retirees and their spouses for concise reports, good refreshments and plenty of fellowship. Please check the schedule to find the meeting in your area.

<b>AUBURN</b> Thursday, Oct. 5 10 a.m. Auburn Recreation Center – Lakeside Room 3770 Richardson Drive	<b>OAKLAND</b> Thursday, Oct. 26 10 a.m. Oakland Zoo – Snow Building 9777 Golf Links Road
<b>SACRAMENTO</b> Thursday, Oct. 5 2 p.m. ILWU Local 17 Hall 600 4th St. West Sacramento	<b>EUREKA</b> Tuesday, Oct. 31 2 p.m. Best Western Bayshore Inn 3500 Broadway
<b>WATSONVILLE</b> Tuesday, Oct. 17 10 a.m. Ramsay Park 1301 Main St.	<b>REDDING Meeting &amp; Potluck</b> Wednesday, Nov. 1 1:30 p.m. Frontier Senior Center 2081 Frontier Trail Anderson
<b>MORGAN HILL</b> Tuesday, Oct. 17 2 p.m. Operating Engineers' Building 325 Digital Drive	<b>YUBA CITY</b> Thursday, Nov. 2 2 p.m. Veterans' Memorial Center 211 17th St. Marysville
<b>FRESNO</b> Wednesday, Oct. 18 2 p.m. Cedar Lanes 3131 N. Cedar	<b>BURLINGAME</b> Thursday, Nov. 9 10 a.m. Machinists' Hall 1511 Rollins Road
<b>MODESTO</b> Thursday, Oct. 19 10 a.m. Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Road	<b>NOVATO</b> Thursday, Nov. 9 2 p.m. Unity Inn Marin 600 Palm Drive
<b>STOCKTON</b> Thursday, Oct. 19 2 p.m. Italian Athletic Club 3541 Cherryland Drive	<b>UKIAH</b> Thursday, Nov. 16 10 a.m. Hampton Inn 1160 Airport Park Blvd.
<b>CONCORD</b> Wednesday, Oct. 25 10 a.m. Centre Concord 5298 Clayton Road	<b>ROHNERT PARK</b> Thursday, Nov. 16 2 p.m. Operating Engineers' Building 6225 State Farm Drive, Ste. 100

Fringe Benefits Service Center (800) 532-2105



### How to read your explanation of benefits

You may have noticed the "explanation of benefits" forms you've been receiving are coming from Blue Cross (BC) Life and Health Insurance. You probably also noted the forms look a little different than they used to. This is because your medical claims are processed through the Blue Cross system. Your claims are still paid by the Operating Engineers Trust Fund. The difference is the Trust Fund now uses the Blue Cross computer systems to process the bills. We hope the following example will help you understand and locate the most important information on the new forms.

Operating Engineers  
Health & Welfare  
Trust Fund

EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

ISSUE DATE: August 28, 2005 PAGE: 000001

Subscriber's Name: DON ENGINEERING  
Identification Number: 00000000  
Group Number: 00000000  
Product: FUTURE RISK INSURANCE

MAN CHINESEMAN  
3677 N. WALLEY STREET  
ALBANY, CA 94706

ITEM 1

Request Number: 00000000  
Provider of Services: DOCTORS CARE MEDICAL GROUP  
Place of Service: 000000  
Patient Acct. Number: 00000000

To: DOCTORS CARE MEDICAL GROUP

It is your responsibility to pay: \$0.00 It is not your responsibility to pay: \$0.00

Thank you for using a Network Participating Provider.

DATE	TYPE OF SERVICE	TOTAL CHARGE	AMOUNT PAID BY TRUST FUND	AMOUNT PAID BY MEMBER	AMOUNT PAID BY CO-INSURANCE	AMOUNT PAID BY OTHER
08/28/05	Medical visit	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
08/28/05	Medical visit	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
08/28/05	Medical visit	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL CHARGE	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

ITEM 2

MESSAGE:

01 - This is the amount in excess of the allowed expense for a participating provider. Therefore, it is not responsible for this amount.

02 - This amount is the member's responsibility.

03 - This balance is the member's responsibility.

ITEM 3

ITEM 4

Check out our Website at WWW.BCINSURANCE.COM  
Or call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-251-6313

MAIL TO: BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA  
PO BOX 8000  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90008-0000

WE REQUEST THAT YOU RETURN THIS COPY FOR OUR RECORDS.

- Item 1 – the provider of services (your doctor, hospital, lab, etc.)
- Item 2 – service date(s)
- Item 3 – co-insurance (amount you owe your doctor, hospital, lab, etc.)
- Item 4 – claims payment (amount the Trust Fund paid)

As always, you should compare these items to the billing statement you get from your doctor, hospital or lab.

If you are covered in the Nevada, Utah or Hawaii comprehensive plans, your explanation of benefits may look a little different than this one, but the four items noted above are still applicable.

Members covered with Kaiser, Kaiser Senior Advantage, PacifiCare Secure Horizons, Health Net or Health Net Seniority Plus are not affected.

If you need any help understanding your explanation of benefits, please contact the Trust Fund's Medical Claims Department at (800) 251-5013 or the Fringe Benefits Service Center at (800) 532-2105.

### Assistance and Recovery Program (ARP)

If you are struggling with marital discord, dysfunctional family relationships, alcohol and/or drug abuse, Local 3's Assistance and Recovery Program (ARP) is here to help. For more information, please call (800) 562-3277. This phone line is monitored by ARP staff, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





## SAFETY

By Guy Prescott, director

# Little things that make a big difference

It's that time of year again, when the mornings are noticeably darker. This adds additional risks to your morning commute and work routine. However, with a little pre-planning, these risks can be minimized.

- At the end of your shift, leave the cab in a clean and clear condition. Removing trash, sweeping the cab and cleaning the steps will help eliminate tripping hazards in the morning.
- When parking equipment, check the surrounding area for hazards that may not be seen in the early morning light. Mark them with tape or cones, so they stand out in the morning.
- If possible, park equipment where your car headlights illuminate the path to the equipment the following morning.
- Pack a flashlight with your lunch.
- Remember, critters may be sleeping in the area under your equipment. Make noise and use a flashlight to check the area before you climb into the seat.
- If you're operating equipment before sunrise, be sure the headlights are operating and properly focused on the work area. Keep speeds down, so you're able to stop within the illuminated area of your headlights.
- Take time to clean any morning dew or frost off all windows.
- Ensure ground crews have on reflective vests and are carrying a flashlight. Make sure you are visible, too.

These are just a few of the little things that can make a big difference in those early morning hours on the job. It doesn't take much time to be safe, but it sure can save a lot.



## CREDIT UNION

By Rob Wise,

Credit Union secretary/financial officer  
& recording - corresponding secretary

## Easy electronic banking services for your busy lifestyle

Got a busy schedule? If you are like most people, you are always on the go. For the convenience of a busy lifestyle, many services are now offered 24-hours a day. For instance, you can grocery shop, pump gas or shop online anytime you want – around the clock. Managing your finances is no different. When you need access to your accounts, you now have many convenient choices.

### Turn your PC into your personal financial center

Get the freedom to bank day or night from the comfort of your home or office, with Internet Banking. With your Internet Banking password, you can review account histories, transfer funds, view cleared checks or make a loan payment. You can also apply for home-equity loans, car loans, credit cards and even home loans – all in the comfort of your own home.

### Online bill-paying saves you time and money

Paying bills has never been easier – simply point, click and you're done. No checks to write, stamps to buy, envelopes to address or late payments from last-minute post-office runs. Once you set up a payee list, you'll be able to pay a stack of monthly bills in a matter of minutes. Do them at home, at work or on the road. All you need is a computer with Internet access. Send payments to virtually any person or company, with just a touch of a button. You can set up regular monthly bills, such as your mortgage or car loan, or make a one-time payment to your veterinarian. Once you try Bill Pay, you'll never want to lick another stamp.

### E-Statements

Whether you're on vacation or at home watching television, you can retrieve and view your account statements online. E-Statements are virtually the same as paper statements but much more convenient. You can view your account activity sooner than if you had to wait for the postal service to deliver your statement by mail. It's safer, too. With a secure online connection, your account information can't be lost or stolen. Organizing your statements is easy. You can save your statements to your desktop or print them directly from your computer. For your convenience, you may access the last 12 months of statements online.

### Hassle-free direct deposit

Direct deposit electronically delivers your payroll checks, Social-Security payments, invest-

ment dividends and even federal-tax refunds into your savings or checking account. Your money is deposited into your account on the day you're scheduled to receive your payment. You can write checks, pay bills or withdraw money on the same day. Managing your finances is also easier, because

you can have your checks deposited into one account or split them among several banking accounts. There are no checks to be lost or stolen, no parking hassles or long teller lines, and you'll receive your money on time, even if you're out of town.

### Banking by phone

When Internet access is not available, telephone banking gives you quick and easy account access, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. All you need is a phone and your personal identification

number (PIN) to review your account balance, transfer funds or make a loan payment, in addition to many other options.

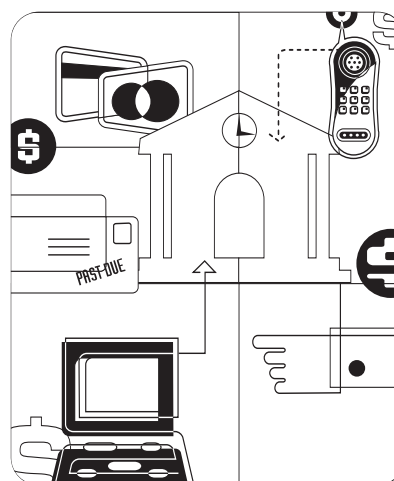
### Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

When you're on the go and need cash in a hurry, you can access your account at any ATM, whether you're a few minutes from home or miles away. You can complete most transactions, such as cash withdrawals, deposits, transfers or account-balance inquiries at thousands of ATMs nationwide. If you have no time to stop at an ATM, you can use your ATM/debit card to make purchases and get cash back from merchants anywhere Visa is accepted. Funds are deducted directly from your checking account.

### Manage your money where and when you choose

No matter how busy your lifestyle gets, you'll always have easy access to your money when you bank with Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU). Whether you like friendly, personal service when banking at one of our branches or prefer the convenience of instant online access to your accounts, all of the electronic services noted above are available and free with OEFCU's E-Z Online Checking. It's the easy way to manage your money with all the bells and whistles included.

If you think electronic banking is too difficult for you, think again. Try the free OEFCU online Home Banking demo at [www.oefcu.org](http://www.oefcu.org), and see how easy it is to use. If you have any questions, call a member service representative at (800) 877-4444.







Business Manager Russ Burns addresses an attentive crowd during the Sept. 24 Semi-Annual Meeting at the Sacramento Convention Center.

## Generations of Strength

A new beginning for Local 3 • A new governor for California

By Heidi Mills, managing editor

Photos by Heidi Mills and Dominique Beilke, art director

Spirits were as high as the gold and green balloons in the Sacramento Convention Center last month as the crowd gathered for the much-anticipated Sept. 24 Semi-Annual Meeting. A new Local 3 officer administration headed by Business Manager Russ Burns was seated before the membership, and the Democratic candidate for governor, Phil Angelides, was outside, awaiting his cue to enter the building.

Burns and Angelides were set to speak following the regular order of business, which included the roll call of Local 3's newly elected officers and Executive Board members, a report on the union's finances, the minutes of the previous Semi-Annual Meeting and the general report of the Executive Board.

After the reports were read and approved, President Fred Herschbach invited Business Manager Russ Burns to the podium, as the crowd erupted in applause.

### A new beginning

"I'm so honored to stand here in front of the brothers and sisters today, and I want to thank them for all the help that they have given us through this election," Burns began. "It was a tough eight months – friend vs. friend, family member vs. family member. But it's time to turn this organization back around and all come together."



Local 3-supported Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides meets and greets the crowd before his speech.

The audience responded with cheers as Burns continued, saying his aim is to prove the new officer team is truly the team to lead Local 3 into the future.

The business manager then began on the first of several issues he said were part of "a new beginning for Local 3."

### Bylaws Committee

In June, Burns said, the Executive Board approved an order to create a Bylaws Committee of elected rank-and-file members from each district. He explained the election of this committee will take place during fourth-quarter district meetings, and he encouraged the membership to bring their thoughts and ideas to the committee.

"This is all about bringing checks and balances back to this local union," Burns said. "We want to make sure that every day, we're giving you folks 100 percent, and the only way we're going to do that is through these bylaws changes and check and balances – that's on everyone – from me to our dispatcher. That's across the board."

Next, he turned to matters of fiscal responsibility.

### Fiscal responsibility

Burns reported the union's General Fund had grown by \$15 million in the last two years. Because the fund is currently at \$22.5 million, he said it's time to give back to the membership through their dues structure. As long as the General Fund stays solvent and the union has adequate reserves, the union will either lower the supplemental dues or cap the hours, he continued.

"This is an issue we're working on as I speak," Burns said. "It's something we're trying to fast-track, and we hope it will be incorporated in our bylaws changes."

Switching gears, the business manager began on the topic of Local 3 staff compensation.

### Compensation review

This topic came up repeatedly on the campaign trail and is now being looked into, Burns said, adding that the union is doing a salary analysis to compare Local 3 staff compensations to other crafts and to other Operating Engineers locals in California. He went on to explain the final analysis will go before the E-board and then to the membership, "so you will know what we've done and that it's the right thing."

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From left: Treasurer Dan Reding and 31-year-member Randy Murphy share good stories at the Sept. 24 Semi-Annual Meeting in downtown Sacramento. Many members, their families and friends had similar story-swapping moments.



Eight-year-old Paige Jorgensen gets the clown's artistic touch in the form of face-paint, while her father, nine-year-member Clint Jorgensen, watches.



From left: Fifty-one-year-member Rolla Powell, 56-year-member Bill Squibb and 35-year-member Larry Uhde – “the young’n of the group” – stop for a Kodak moment.



Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides shakes hands with OE3 Women's Group Leader Lisa Dickerson.



Doug Green's 33 years' experience in OE3 may help him for this lung-function test provided by Natural Health Solutions.

Local 3 member Mariano Jimenesc sits still for a caricature drawing by Wolfgang. The caricature booth was popular among the many booths displayed at the Sept. 24 Semi-Annual Meeting.



## Generations of Strength *Continued from page 11*

“To sum all that up,” Burns said. “When we know, you folks should know – not a year, not two years, not three years down the road. When we find out, you folks truly should know.”

The audience cheered in response, as Burns continued with a word of caution: “Before you clap, I want you to know that not everything we tell you is going to be what you want to hear.”

“We’re going to tell you the good and the bad,” he continued. “All we ask is that if we tell you the bad, you give us the opportunity to work on it, and fix it and report to you, brothers and sisters, while we’re making these changes. That’s all we ask.”

Informing the membership is just as important as servicing the membership, Burns said, transitioning to his next topic.

### Membership service is key

“If we’re not out there every day – negotiating the best contracts, answering your contractual issues, addressing your grievances and preparing for a top-notch arbitration, then we’re not doing our job,” Burns told the crowd.

The union’s responsibility is to ensure the agents are in the field, doing their jobs, along with the district representatives on up, he said.

If staff training is needed, that will happen, he added.

“We want to make sure the men and women who represent you know how to do their job, and know how to do their job efficiently,” Burns said. “It’s just like being in the field.”

“Each and every one of us up here came from the field, and we all know one thing: When we worked in the field, if we couldn’t get it done, we didn’t stay, correct?”

The audience answered with cheers and whistles, to which Burns replied: “So, we have to do our job so that we can stay.”

A big part of doing our job, he continued, is organizational transparency.

### Organizational transparency

“Organizational transparency – that means when we know, you should know – like an open book,” Burns explained. “That way, everybody knows what direction this organization is headed, without looking over your shoulder, without being concerned.”

Transparency will allow for more effective communication, he continued: “It will allow the members to tell us when we’re making mistakes, and tell us about something they may be familiar with that we’re not. Unless we have that transparency, we’ll never know.”

Burns then brought up the topic of benefit management.

### Benefit management

Like the union staff, Local 3’s service providers have a job to do, he said.

“If they’re not doing their jobs, it’s coming out of all of our back-pockets, and that needs to stop.”

“The days of these individuals costing this organization money and not fulfilling their obligations to the membership of this local union are over,” he told the crowd. “It goes back to what I said earlier, if you can’t get it done, you can’t stay.”

Onto the next topic, the business manager announced he had an update on the Local 3 pension.

### Pension update

Burns said the pension through June was at 2 percent and that it had recently increased from 2 percent to 4.5 percent in a two-month period. He went on to say the

union’s goal is to bring that number up an additional three percent to the benchmark rate of 7.5 percent.

As promised in the campaign, Burns said: “We’re focusing on the pension every day.”



Several Local 3 members had the opportunity to visit with Business Manager Russ Burns after the meeting was over.





From left: Former Local 3 President Jerry Bennett, Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise and 35-year-member Gordon MacDonald visit outside the Sacramento Convention Center before the Semi-Annual Meeting is called to order.



From left: Vice President Carl Goff smiles for a picture with Member Greg Flanagan after adjournment.



OE3 33-year-member Dennis Giffith smiles as Julie Armstrong signs him up for the Local 3 Mexico cruise setting sail in January 2007.



From left: New member Charlotte Ledbetter and third-generation OE3er Royelle Hair smile for a close-up.



President Fred Herschbach joins the audience in welcoming new Business Manager Russ Burns to the podium.



From left: Financial Secretary Jim Sullivan sports his Hawaiian lei, while visiting with 39-year-member Jay Bosley. The officers were honored by District 17 with festive leis before the meeting began.

Since the International's central pension and the Ironworkers' pension are doing well, Local 3 is looking into where they're investing and whom they're using, he said.

The investors "who are not doing the job for us" have until the end of the year to make something happen, and if they can't do it, they will be replaced, Burns announced.

"The bottomline is, we have to look at the best interests of our membership," he said. "That's our job."

Moving on, he addressed the impact of the Nov. 7 General Election.

### **General Election: jobs, jobs, jobs**

We have \$37 billion in propositions on the November ballot, Burns said, noting the breakdown of the mega-bond propositions: \$19 billion for infrastructure, \$3 billion for housing, \$10 billion for schools and \$4.1 billion for levee and flood protection. In addition, he noted, we have a \$10 billion Hetch Hetchy Project and \$3 billion worth of refinery projects in the works.

"So now I've got to ask 'the ask,'" Burns said. "We've got our OE CAT program. Each district representative has a calendar prepared, waiting for your name. If you can give an hour or two hours or anything – phone banking, precinct walking, putting up signs – it's going to help out tremendously."

Continuing on the subject of member involvement, Burns encouraged the crowd to read the *Engineers News* and Local 3's website and to contact their district offices for the union's election endorsements.

"We have to support those labor-friendly candidates who are for working men and women," he said. "Please get out and vote in November."

With that said, Burns again thanked the membership and their families for attending the meeting, and then he introduced the keynote speaker – Local 3-endorsed Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides.

### **Angelides: Thank you, Local 3**

Upon taking the podium, Angelides thanked the membership for their support and for what they do – sweat, toil and labor – every day on the job.

His speech focused primarily on the next six weeks of his race against the Bush-Schwarzenegger team and their corporate allies.

"We've got to win for the people who are counting on us," Angelides said.

Those people include the young people who want to go to college and can't afford it, he explained, and working families who have to work two jobs to make ends meet.

"We want California to be a state for the many and not the few," he said, adding that Schwarzenegger's team – the same team that elected Bush in 2004 – wants the opposite.

"Since I won this nomination, they've spent \$30 million to destroy my record," Angelides said. "They've taken all their punches, and now, the bell has just gone off for the 11th round. We're up off our stools. We're going to the center of the ring. We are going to score a knockdown for the people of California!"

The audience cheered in response.

Once it was quiet, Angelides announced that since the governor took office, middle class California families are spending \$4,400 more out of pocket to pay for rising health care premiums, the costs of college and rising gas prices. In comparison, he said, the oil companies, HMOs and pharmaceutical companies are making \$556 million a day.

"I call that little index the Bush-Schwarzenegger index, but you can call it the BS index for short," Angelides said.

He concluded by acknowledging there's a lot of work left to do before Election Day.

"I ask you today to join with me in building a California for the many and not the few, a California that once again inspires the rest of the world, a California that lifts up everyone who's been left out, locked out, left behind. Those are our values. We're going to fight for them, and we're going to win. Local 3 – let's go, let's fight, let's win!"

The crowd stood in applause as Angelides turned to shake hands with the officers and then began greeting those in front and waving to the rest of the crowd.

In closing the meeting, President Herschbach moved to the Good of the Order. Several members lined up to speak, and finally, the meeting concluded with the announcement of the raffle winners and adjournment.





Crane Operator Duane Nicholson sets the wall panels for the Napa River Flood Protection Project. These temporary panels will keep the water at bay, while the permanent floodwalls are built.



New member Alex St. Amant (far right) directs as Giken's team welds the pile.



Five-year-member Duane Nicholson operates an excavator, as well as an RT-175 Terex crane for R & L Brosamer.



This silent pile driver utilizes hydraulic-press technology, which uses the reaction force derived from fully installed piles rather than vibratory energy – the louder, more abrasive technique of regular pile drivers.

## Pile driver may be silent, but PLA speaks loud and clear

By Mandy Jessup, associate editor

Fairfield Organizer John Galeotti recently solidified a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with Japan-based construction solutions company Giken and signatory contractors R & L Brosamer and Blue Iron over the well-known Napa River Flood Protection Project that has been ongoing since the past winter's devastating floods in Napa.

Since 1862, the Napa River has flooded 21 times with substantial impact to the area every single time. Napa Creek, which runs through the center of the city, is even more flood-prone. As part of the Napa River Flood Protection Project, OE3 members are building a six-mile floodwall around the Napa River, which should be finished by the end of 2007. Currently, members are driving temporary pile and placing wall panels to keep the river at bay, while the permanent walls are constructed.

Because the project rests along Napa's waterfront, downtown shops and restaurants complained about the unmistakable reverberation of the pile driving, so Japan-based Giken was called to send in a new technological advancement – a silent pile driver. Using hydraulic-press technology, the silent pile driver grips previously installed piles with hydraulic jaws. The result is nearly soundless.

A new OE3 member as a result of the PLA, Alex St. Amant, helps with the welding of the pile, since the silent pile driver gains its force from already existing pile. He is also a new pile-driver operator, which entails using a remote control device on the ground or operating the machine from a platform location above.

According to St. Amant, "The rate of the silent pile driver depends on every job. Sometimes it's slower, sometimes

faster. It depends on the material you're working with."

This silent pile driver has been used most recently in the Florida area with soils. Along the Napa waterfront, the silent pile driver had some initial trouble breaking up the concrete on the river bottom, but Crane Operator Jeff Faughnan brought in the augur attachment for the pile driver, and the work has been steadily progressing since then.

"We're driving pile for a temporary wall, so we can excavate behind it," Faughnan said. He continued: "We weld the pile up for support and then drive it down, and I feed the sheet pile."

Faughnan has liked the work so far, even with the initial slow-going, because he's getting 6-10s.

Crane Operator Duane Nicholson agrees with him, since he is getting good hours too and is close to home. Using the

Terex, he places the wall panels farther up the Napa River from where the rest of the crew is driving pile.

"I like the crane, because it's easier on the body. I used to be a pile-butt. With this job, it's a slow pace with just a few guys, and I like that," Nicholson said.

The customers and owners of the Napa waterfront restaurants and shops like the quiet along the river, with the silent pile driver. Its minimum subsoil disturbance doesn't even faze the birds now content to sit on the machine and fly near the water.

Organizer John Galeotti sees the pile driver as a new wave of technology Local 3 might want to learn someday, but for now, he is happy to have the PLA with Giken and the hours for our members.

"Everybody out there is signatory," Galeotti said.



From left: Oiler Robert Blackwell, Excavator Operator Fernandez Minsel and Crane Operator Jeff Faughnan.





## TECH NEWS

By Ed Wodzienski, business representative



Local 3 member Benjamin Tambwe works as a project inspector on the job at the Santa Clara County Medical Center Clinic. He works for Signet Testing.



Special Inspector Javier Septimo checks the concrete mix on the new Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Clinic in Gilroy, Calif. He is employed by Construction Testing Services.



This good-looking group is the Local 3 Construction Unit working at the San Jose Water Company.



## ORGANIZING

By Bruce Noel, director

### NLRB decision could strip collective bargaining rights of millions

Organizing in the current Bush administration's anti-worker environment is tough. All the scales are tipped in the employer's favor. President Bush has stacked the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with pro-business appointees. Currently, a pending ruling could strip millions of their collective bargaining rights and make organizing workers that much harder. By the time this goes to press, the decision may have already been handed down.

The rule is pending on what are known as the "Kentucky River" cases, which are three cases before the NLRB. The outcome of these cases could redefine what constitutes a supervisor. The ruling could potentially make it easier for employers to reclassify workers as supervisors, thus stripping away their rights to be in a bargaining unit. Workers in industries such as health care, building trades, broadcasting and port-shipping could be adversely affected.

The legal definition of supervisor is:

*any individual having authority, in the interest of the employer, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibly to direct them, or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend such action, if in connection with foregoing the exercise of such authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment.*

The Kentucky River cases revolve around the idea of who, as a worker, has the ability to "responsibly direct other employees" while using "independent judgment." Up until now, the NLRB has held that workers who simply direct the work of others cannot be considered supervisors, because they cannot hire, fire, promote, evaluate or discipline the employees they oversee. Now, with an adverse ruling, there is the potential that skilled workers who merely help, direct or assist other employees can be considered supervisors. The Economic Policy Institute estimates as many as eight million workers could lose their collective bargaining rights, including some in the construction trades. This would be devastating to our organizing efforts and to our industry strength in general.

It is important we stand together as workers and make sure our bargaining and organizing rights are not stripped away. In the upcoming election cycle, we have the chance to send a strong message to those who may hurt workers' rights. Let the politicians and political parties who stand by Bush's anti-worker policies know we demand our rights be respected. Remember, united we stand; divided we fall.



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Reservation forms are also available at your district office and [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org).

## FROM EUREKA

**Crescent City gets first Home Depot**

Hello from the North Coast.

The 2006 work season in District 40 has been good. **Mercer Fraser** continues to pick up projects in the Eureka District and is



*Fifty-year Retiree Joe Biasca and his wife, Pat, at their Eureka home.*

currently working on a project in Oroville. As the largest Local 3 employer in District 40, we appreciate the great working relationship we have established with **Mercer Fraser**, and we appreciate its continued commitment to the apprenticeship program.

**Kiewit** is proceeding nicely on its Humboldt State University Physical Education Building. This is a design-build and is keeping three Local 3 members busy.

**Shasta Constructors** is finishing two projects in the area in Del Norte County – both from last season.

**MCM** is finishing a bridge replacement on the Van Duzen Bridge (Hwy. 101), which has been ongoing for the past two seasons. Once the crew finishes there, they will go to the \$67 million Confusion Hill Project, which will do away with the slide area that has plagued Hwy. 101 for years.

**Granite Construction** also continues to pick up projects in the area. The company completed the dirt work and paving for the new Home Depot in Crescent City, which is the only one on the North Coast.

In other news: Eureka District Rep. **Steve Harris** recently presented Retiree **Joe Biasca** with his 50-year watch at the Biasca home. Joe served many years on the Eureka Grievance Committee before his retirement. District 40 congratulates him.

We thank all our members for their continued efforts to keep their telephone numbers on the out-of-work list current. This is your lifeline to work.

Another big thank you goes to all the members who took the time to vote in our internal Local 3 election. You have spoken, and your concerns will be addressed.

Until next time, be safe.  
Steve, Carol and Corrina

## FROM SACRAMENTO

**Teichert Martis Plant ratifies agreement**

The temperature is finally cooling down a little, but the work picture still looks good. **Syblon-Reid** is having a good year finishing up a wastewater-treatment plant expansion in Nevada City, as well as a pump station in Loomis. The company is also busy on the widening of Sierra College Boulevard with utility work in Roseville and Lincoln. **Kiewit** is busy with utility work along Hwy. 193 in Lincoln and subdivision work in Truckee.

One of the largest projects in our area, the Lower Northwest Interceptor Project, is nearing completion with nine of our employers working on its finish. **Kiewit** is nearly finished working on two pump stations, and **Las Vegas Paving**, **Steve P. Rados** and **Mountain Cascade** are putting the last pieces of pipe in the ground. Once completed, we will get ready for another phase of the Upper Northwest Interceptor Project, which was put to bid in early July. Details will be available soon.

With concerns over the strength of our levee system, plenty of money has been put toward repairing some of the problem spots on the Sacramento River. **Dutra**, **Steelhead** and **FCI** are three of our employers awarded this work and have already started projects up and down the river.



*Member David Brown works for DeSilva Gates at Sierra De Monterrat in Loomis.*

*Congratulations to Retiree Bill Smith, who received his 50-year clock earlier this year.*

**Teichert Construction** has completed some projects in District 80, and the company has started some new ones in the Natomas area. **Teichert** is also staying busy with subdivision work in Lincoln, Elk Grove and Roseville, as well as resurfacing I-80. These new projects keep our members busy after such a late start to the season.

**Teichert Materials Martis Plant** members ratified their new agreement with an \$8 increase over four years. This will also cover the Boca and Truckee plants.

In the coming months, we have a lot of work in getting labor-friendly governor **Phil Angelides** elected and the mega bonds passed. See more about this on page 4. We'll need lots of help getting the union agenda heard in the capitol and getting people out to vote.



*Keeping the dry grass clipped, a Caltrans tiger-mower operator works hard on the hillside in District 80.*



## FROM NEVADA

**District 11 endorses Titus**

The election session is heating up in Nevada with a strong slate of candidates endorsed by Local 3. We have a great opportunity to help our labor-friendly candidates get elected and re-elected. One of the biggest races is the governor's seat. We're working hard to assist Senate Minority Leader **Dina Titus** in her bid for Nevada governor. If elected, she would give labor a bigger voice in Carson City.

The governor plays a key role in appointing officials, such as the Labor Commissioner, who make decisions every day that affect the lives of working men and women all over the state of Nevada. Dina has proven she cares about us and the laws that affect our work. We hope you'll give **Dina Titus** your consideration when you vote.

In this issue of *Engineers News*, you'll find a complete list of Local 3-endorsed candidates. These candidates are selected based on their voting record in the case of incumbents or interviews for new candidates. Please contact our office at (775) 857-4440, if you have any questions before the election. Most importantly, please vote when early voting opens or on Election Day, Nov. 7.

The work in the Nevada District is still going strong. The most recent jobs gone to bid are Kietzke Lane with **Frehner Construction** as the low bidder at almost \$1 million and Virginia Street with **T.W. Construction** as the low bidder at \$2.7 million.

**Pavement Recycling** is working in Jiggs on an overlay job, and **N.A. Degerstrom** started another mine project north of Wells.



*Frehner's Paving Operator John Geary "Scruff" paves around Pyramid Lake in Nevada.*

## FROM ROHNERT PARK

**Geyserville Bridge opens ahead of schedule**

Work is bustling on the \$72 million Hwy. 101 Widening Project through Santa Rosa. **MCM and Ghilotti Construction** keep several hands busy on the widening from Steele Lane to the Hwy. 12 interchange. This project should provide jobs for our members until the spring of 2009. Funding for this project was jump-started with funds generated from Measure M for the Steele Lane portion of the project. Remember: Projects like this don't just happen; they are created from the efforts volunteers like you put forth on the political front to secure funding and elect candidates who will spend that funding in OUR best interests.

The relentless rains of last winter created some projects and caused delays on other projects. The \$65 million Confusion Hill Highway Realignment Project began in July. The new stretch of highway will bypass an area of Hwy. 101 in the Eel Canyon that has been routinely closed due to mudslides and falling rocks forcing motorists to make a 450-mile detour. **MCM Construction** is the general contractor, and **Mercer-Fraser** and **R.E. Ladd** are subcontractors on the project, which consists of the construction of two bridges and the removal of 300,000 yards of dirt. The project is scheduled for completion in July 2009.

The Geyserville Bridge opened ahead of schedule. Construction of the new bridge began in March. Thanks to the highly-skilled Operating Engineers at **C.C. Meyers, Foundation Constructors, Silverado, Malcolm Drilling** and **Rege Construction**, the new bridge opened Aug. 18.

**Argonaut** is keeping crews busy on the Varenna at Fountain Grove Project in Santa Rosa and at the realignment project on Hwy. 1 south of Schooner Gulch. The **Argonaut** underground crew is busy replacing water services in Sonoma, and the paving crew is busy on the Steele Lane overlay.

**Ghilotti Construction** has the contract for the Sonoma County overlays this year. **Ghilotti** Superintendent **Rick Cohn** reports that the company has a lot of work on the books and would like to put on another paving crew.

**Granite Construction** picked up the Mendocino County overlays this year and also has a crew punching in a new road at the River Rock Casino and the Kits Corner Project in Lake County.

**Terracon Pipeline** is busy with a couple of projects in Santa Rosa – the water-main replacement project on Summerfield Road and also a collection and water-main replacement project on Kenmore Avenue.



*Fifty-year watch recipient Geno Dericco smiles in the sunshine. He is a happily retired drag-line operator.*



*Retired OE3 Mechanic Joe Donnelly receives his watch for 50 years of union service.*



*Fifty-year-member Wally St. Clair is honored with a Local 3 watch.*



*Fifty-year Honorary Member Jack Rist poses while receiving his service watch.*



## FROM STOCKTON

**Valentine, Halloran take new roles in District 30**

The Stockton District has experienced some changes as a result of the August election. **Richard Valentine** is our newly elected Executive Board Member. You can meet him at the Stockton District meeting Oct. 19 or at any Grievance/Political Action Committee (PAC) meeting on Wednesday nights.

**Mike Halloran** has also been newly elected and takes a different role on our committees. He was appointed to our Executive Board in March 2005 and has returned to our Grievance Committee to complete the unexpired term of **Brad Brixey**. Brad served the Stockton District well; however, **Teichert Construction** has been keeping Brad so busy, it was difficult for him to balance everything. We thank Brad for a job well done.

Our next Membership Appreciation Night is Oct. 11. We will enjoy these evenings of camaraderie, until the weather becomes too wet or too cold to fire up the "Barbie."

We are in the middle of another critical state-wide election campaign, which will have significant ramifications for our future. In this issue of *Engineers News*, the Local 3-endorsed recommendations regarding candidates and ballot propositions are listed by district beginning on page 4. Our Political Action Committee (PAC)

meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m., and the recommendations we make come from thorough consideration at these meetings. Please review these recommendations as you prepare to vote.

As we approach the Nov. 7 General Election, it is important to confirm you are registered to vote, and if you are not registered, please do so now. The Oct. 23 voter-registration deadline is approaching fast.

Our Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) held the election campaign kick-off in September, and we have been phone banking from the Stockton Hall and precinct walking each Saturday in a combined effort with other unions to help elect those candidates who support labor issues. Phone banking and precinct walking are important OE CAT functions, and we can always use more volunteers. In appreciation for their efforts, we always provide food and soft drinks, and through our awards program, volunteers are presented nice gifts in conjunction with their volunteer hours.

In closing, we hope many members attend our Oct. 19 district meeting. It is an excellent opportunity to meet our newly elected officers. We hope to see you there.

## FROM BURLINGAME

**From poorhouse to posh haven, Laguna Honda Hospital gets renovated**

In Burlingame, something is always popping up. Currently, work on the Laguna Honda Hospital Renovation Project in San Francisco has been keeping members busy. The replacement project is a massive undertaking, with more than five companies working around the clock, including **Turner** (the main contractor), **Jos. J. Albanese**, **Ryan Engineering** and **Malcolm**.

The project entails transforming the aging, outdated Laguna Honda Hospital (established in 1866 as an almshouse shelter for the homeless) into an environmentally sound and accessible adult care and rehabilitation facility. The project covers 850,000 square feet of new construction and renovation, including a full acute-care hospital and a 1,400-bed residence facility for the elderly with a greenhouse and petting zoo.

The jobsite is currently booming with the skeletal erections of foundations and shotcrete work. Something is going on at every turn. Operating Engineers can be found onsite as elevator, excavator and backhoe operators.

New member **Luis Lopez** operates a backhoe onsite.

"We're working on the demolition of the old hospital, and the hours for me have been good," he said. Lopez has been on the job for almost eight months.

The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2008.



New member **Luis Lopez** has been working at the Laguna Honda Hospital Renovation for almost eight months in the Bay Area. He operates a backhoe and thinks his work on this project may last for three more years.



Above: Ireland native **Ben McDonald** has been a Local 3 member for one year and enjoys every aspect of his membership, as well as his work on the Laguna Honda Hospital Renovation in San Francisco. He operates an excavator to install footings for the new building.

Member **Edgar Monterrosa** is the elevator operator for one of the three new buildings being erected for the renovated Laguna Honda Hospital in the Bay Area.

## FROM UTAH

**Your vote counts**

It's that time of year when we prepare to go to the polls and vote for our jobs. In Utah, we have a unique legislature. As middle-class working families, we need all the help in office we can get, not only to fund highway and water projects, but to fund education for our children and grandchildren, reign in rising health-care costs, stabilize our economy to ensure our pensions and the list goes on.

We all need to get active. Investigate candidates in your area and vote for your candidate. Your Political Action Committee (PAC) works through the year interviewing candidates from both parties and endorses the ones they feel will further advance our goals for a more secure future.

Please look over the endorsements and

propositions beginning on page 4 and most importantly, get out there and vote – it really does count.

Our work picture in the last few years has been good and continues to look favorable, but we must secure our future Nov. 7; we have never had a better opportunity. Let's all take advantage of it!

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One of the projects keeping several members busy in the district this fall is the Promontory Project in Summit County. **Ames Construction** has a dirt crew and a pipe crew building an 18-hole golf course and housing development at this location. These crews are doing a great job, and we encourage them to keep up the good work!



Local 3 members Shilo Erickson (sitting) and Foreman Jim Keetch work for Ames Construction on the Promontory Project in Summit County.

Ames Construction's pipe crew installs utility lines in Summit County for the Promontory Project.

## FROM YUBA CITY

**Granite goes full force on Hwy. 149**

As summer comes to an end, the great weather continues. Public works projects and private work continue to keep our members busy. On Hwy. 70 north from the Sacramento County line, private and

public work is scattered from one end to another. I-5 and Hwy. 99 are busy as well.

**Granite Construction** has a bunch of work in Chico. To top that, **Granite** is going "full-boar" on its joint-venture project with **FCI** on Hwy. 149.

**Teichert Construction** landed the Hwy. 99 Nicolaus widening project and will be widening the highway from two lanes to four lanes from the Hwy. 99/70 split to the Feather River. The job will last until September 2007.

**E Ticket** has been busy with jobs in Oroville, Gridley and in the Sacramento District.

**Shimmick Construction** is working on 4.5 miles of new canal, fish screens and a pump station project at the Colusa County line near Yolo County.

**MCM** is at the Teesdale Weir Bypass constructing fish screens, and **Steelhead**

**Constructors** is replacing the bridge on Hwy. 32 west of Chico.

**Baldwin Contracting** has work at the new River Bend Elementary School off Garden Highway and was also awarded the Noble Road and Woodruff Lane widening in Marysville. The company is also finishing up in Orland on Hwy. 32 and the Hammonton/Smartsville Road Rehabilitation Project.

This is just a sample of what is happening in the Yuba City District. Caltrans is in full swing on its regular road maintenance, and the Department of Water Resources is in its get-ready-for-winter mode.

Even though we had a late start this year, most signatories are playing catch-up on the work. Most members have been getting overtime, and the temperatures have been relatively mild, which is not bad

compared to what they usually reach this time of year.

As we prepare for the fall, be safe and enjoy!



Foreman Jim Bass displays his 25- and 30-year service pins, which he received while on the job earlier this summer. Bass works for Granite Construction on the Hwy. 149 job.



Retiree Harold Eckes proudly shows off his 50-year mantle clock and pin, which he received in August.



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DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 2006

- 5th District 80: West Sacramento  
ILWU Hall  
600 4th St.
- 17th District 90: Morgan Hill  
Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive
- 18th District 50: Fresno  
Ramada Inn-University  
324 East Shaw Ave.
- 19th District 30: Stockton  
Italian Athletic Club  
3541 Cherryland Drive
- 26th District 20: Martinez  
Plumbers 159  
1304 Roman Way

- 31st District 40: Eureka  
Best Western Bayshore Inn  
3500 Broadway

NOVEMBER 2006

- 1st District 70: Redding  
Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane
- 2nd District 60: Marysville  
Veterans' Memorial Center  
211 17th St.
- 9th District 01: Novato  
Inn of Marin  
250 Entrada
- 29th District 12: Salt Lake City  
IBEW Local 354  
3400 W. 2100 South

- 30th District 11: Reno  
Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.

DECEMBER 2006

- 7th District 10: Lakeport  
Yacht Club  
55 5th St.
- 12th District 17: Honolulu\*  
Farrington High School Auditorium  
1564 N. King St.
- 13th District 17: Kona  
King Kamehameha  
Kona Beach Hotel  
75-5660 Palani Road
- 14th District 17: Maui  
Maui Beach Hotel  
170 Kaahumanu Ave.  
Kahului
- 21st District 04: Suisun City  
Veterans' Memorial Building  
427 Main St.

\*Please note location change

ELECTION OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE NOTICE

At the June 25, 2006 Executive Board meeting, it was moved, seconded and carried that the following eligibility requirements be established for a Bylaws Committee member election to be held at the regular fourth-quarter district meetings in 2006:

1. Must be a member in good standing.
2. Must be a resident in the district, as indicated by the address shown on union records as of Sept. 25, 2006.
3. Must be a registered voter in the district.
4. Cannot be a registered apprentice.
5. Cannot be an employer or an employee of the local union.

The schedule for these meetings appears on this page under District Meetings.

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Azama, Richard District 17 Kaneohe, HI 06-04-06	Epperson, Theo District 50 Fresno, CA 07-15-06	Lohr, Victor District 60 Orland, CA 07-20-06	Sisneroz, Joe District 30 Modesto, CA 07-26-06	Carter, Caroline. Wife of Carter; Thomas 07-21-06
Bean, Roy District 12 Salt Lake City, UT 07-08-06	Escover, John District 20 Livermore, CA 07-05-06	Mahuka, John District 17 Ewa Beach, HI 07-04-06	Strickland, Ray District 60 Oroville, CA 05-07-06	Cramer, Betty. Wife of Cramer; Jake (dec) 07-23-06
Beard, Larry District 30 Stockton, CA 07-12-06	Faria, Earl District 20 Brentwood, CA 07-14-06	Martin, Robert District 11 Fernley, NV 08-01-06	Swindlehurst, Donald District 11 Elko, NV 07-09-06	Cunningham, Alma. Wife of Cunningham, James (dec) 08-07-06
Beatty, George District 90 Los Altos, CA 07-15-06	Fox, W. District 99 Tucson, AZ 07-03-06	McDonough, James District 80 Coloma, CA 05-23-06	Whiteside, Roy District 80 Newcastle, CA 07-04-06	Fauvor, Pearl. Wife of Fauvor, Mel 08-02-06
Bossert, William District 99 Bonanza, OR 07-29-06	Froese, Irvin District 70 Redding, CA 07-18-06	Mikaele, Peter Jr. District 17 Waianae, HI 07-11-06	Wilcox, Marvin District 99 Wilburton, OK 05-09-06	Gabbitas, Katelyn. Daughter of Gabbitas II, Mike 08-02-06
Burns, Johnny District 11 Reno, NV 07-01-06	Garner, Earl District 60 Chico, CA 06-09-06	Mills, Mavin District 12 Sandy, UT 07-04-06	Williams, Ray District 11 Sparks, NV 06-14-06	Heck, Krista. Daughter of Heck, John 07-23-06
Clark, W. District 80 Sacramento, CA 07-10-06	Henriques, Ernest District 70 Red Bluff, CA 07-28-06	Moore, G. District 70 Redding, CA 07-17-06		Johnson, Lorraine. Wife of Johnson, Ralph 07-18-06
Costa, James District 30 San Andreas, CA 06-30-06	Hill, Rex District 80 Cool, CA 07-23-06	Needens, Richard District 99 Cathedral City, CA 08-20-04		Osborne, Delores. Wife of Osborne, Billy 07-28-06
Croll, Jack District 80 Zamora, CA 06-24-06	Hodges, Samuel Jr. District 99 Olympia, WA 07-06-06	Parker, Robert District 70 Douglas City, CA 06-30-06	DECEASED DEPENDENTS	Stacher, Barbara. Wife of Stacher, Henry 04-10-04
Curtis, Dick District 99 Lincoln City, OR 07-12-06	Jardine, Walter Sr. District 17 Honolulu, HI 07-21-06	Peters, Carl District 04 Fairfield, CA 07-29-06	Andreasen, Mary. Wife of Andreasen, Earl (dec) 07-11-06	Stephens, Rose. Wife of Stephens, Thomas 04-02-06
Dadone, Maurice District 90 Santa Cruz, CA 07-19-06	Keeter, Clyde District 04 Vallejo, CA 06-19-06	Sahr, Hank District 20 Alameda, CA 08-12-06	Barton, Mary. Wife of Barton, Merle (dec) 08-05-06	Stoner, Barbara. Wife of Stoner; William 08-02-06
Dawson, William District 10 Windsor, CA 06-19-06	Lacroix, Kenneth District 11 Hawthorne, NV 07-19-06	Samuel, Otto District 60 Yuba City, CA 07-25-06	Billingsley, Adeline. Wife of Billingsley, Lloyd (dec) 07-22-06	Blair, Diana. Ex-wife of Vargas, Edwin 07-03-06
	Lodin, John District 99 Sun City, CA 07-14-06	Saronitman, Henry District 17 Kapaa, HI 07-30-06	Bisaillon, Joann. Wife of Bisaillon, Ray 08-18-06	Wall, Delores. Wife of Wall Jr., Lionel 07-24-06
			Close, Juanita. Wife of Bruschke, Herman (dec) 08-18-06	Welker, Beatrice. Wife of Welker, Joseph 08-10-06

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mjessup@oe3.org**

\*All ads must include Member Registration Number or ad will not appear.

FOR SALE: 18-ft trailer with tandman axles, electric brakes can haul up to 7,000 pounds, great shape, \$2550. OBO AND: '01' Ford Excursion w.8-in. lift, 36-in. tires, w/12-in. rims, black with ghost flames, fully loaded, must sell: \$32,599 OBO. Call : (707) 878-2413. Reg# 2187569.

FOR SALE: '78 backhoe, John Deere, model 410. fair condition. Fair rubber, 2-wheel drive. Not-extend. \$12,500, AND: Ford Ferguson tractot with box scraper and spring tooth. Runs good. Good rubber. \$2850. Los banos, call: (209) 509-5696. Reg# 1043556.

FOR SALE: 5th Wheel, 28' Dutchman, excellent condition, Awning, Sleeps 6, AC/HR, micro, fridge/freezer, Stove/oven. Asking \$7000. (925.682.4320) Member Reg.# 772910

FOR SALE: Five used irrigation valves, 24-in., new seals. \$50 each. Call: (209) 634-5767. Reg# 1065265.

FOR SALE: '98 patio hauler, 35-ft., 5th wheel, made by Kit. Has 10-ft. toy hauling area, single slider in the living area and 4500-watt generator. Tires and batteries are one-year old. Asking \$16,500. Can deliver. Call: (209) 369-9476. Reg# 2455650.

FOR SALE: 5 acres horse property, 3 bd, 2 ba double wide. Lg kitchen and living rm, old barn with Silo. Shop, garage, two decks, fruit trees, horse fence and cross fence, 25-gal well. Owner will carry paper, \$160,000. Call: (208) 686-0223. e-mail: jendavleon@aol.com. Reg# 42943468.

FOR SALE: '91 Dodge 3500, 6 cyl. Turbo Diesel-4x4, 5 speed manual transmission, 55,600 miles. Air, power steering, windows. AM/FM cassette ABS (4 wheel) custom bumper, premium wheels, tires under 4,000 miles, original owner, no dents, original paint, (champagne) ,set up for 5th wheel. in very good condition asking \$7,000 OBO. Call (530) 832-4392. (Don or Virginia). Reg# 1722319.

FOR SALE: Equestrian Estates, gated and paved location - Cottonwood California Acres - 11.88 Undeveloped land, Views of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta, \$330,000. AND: Equestrian Estates (same info as above) 14.69 acres undeveloped land, \$305,000. Contact Albert at (530) 365-3198. Reg# 241064.

FOR SALE: Jackson, CA. 2 bd, 2 ba mobile in desirable 55/older park. Very clean, huge deck, walking distance to shopping, excellent condition, turn key, Call (530) 518-8926, \$42,500. Reg# 272622.

FOR SALE: '75 4905A GM Bus 40-ft. converted, re-titled '89. 15K miles on rebuilt 8V71 engine/Allison auto transmission, raised roof, 6-in. oak cabinets, rear queen walkaround bed, 110 waste - 100 freshwater. Consider 9 - 9.5-ft. pickup camper on trade, or \$30,000 OBO. Reg# 2269570. Call (775) 910-9625.

FOR SALE/TRADE: 2 plots in Vets section of Cloverdale cemetery, Boise, ID. \$3,000 OBO. Call: (775) 910-9625. Reg# 2269570.

FOR SALE: Cat 112 grader 3U688-a real cherry, tinted windows, scarifier, looks good. \$14,000 OBO or TRADE for newer 5th wheel. AND: 20-ft. Dodge coachman mini home, new tires, like new inside, new curtains and upholstery. 48K miles. \$2500 AND: Ingersol trench compactor \$650 AND: chipper shredder 6 HP motor, near new \$300 AND: 20-ft. tandem utility trailer with tool box \$1200. Call: (801) 266-2061. Reg# 1980751.

WANTED: Camper shell to fit 2004 Toyota Tundra. Inside bed measure 61-in. X 96-ft. Good condition, low price. Call: (707) 887-1244. Reg# 2018324.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: '99 Ford pickup, diesel, extended cab, power stroke, has boat loader and comfort, AND: 5th wheel '98-s7-ft. with large slide: both low mileage and good shape. Call (530) 742-2171. Reg# 270454.

FOR SALE: (Owner/operator retiring) Case 580 L backhoe: Cab, 4 and 1 loader, extend-a-hoe, buckets included (12, 18, 24-in). AND: '84 GMC 7000: 12-ft. flatbed, fuel tank w/elec. change over pump AND: Walton, goose-neck trailer: 12-ton, rampl load, \$45,000. Call p.m. (408) 842-6215. Reg# 1071005.

FOR SALE: 2002 Chevy Heavy Duty Crew Cab truck. LS package, tow

package, cruise control, AM/FM CD, power windows, power locks, bed liner, shell, chrome nerf bars, white, 33,100 miles, extended transferable warranty. \$17,500 OBO (559)741-9078 Reg #1749997.

FOR SALE: '05 Outback, 5th wheel, by Keystone, 29-ft. Bunk house w/ tons of storage, bunk lifts for more storage, 1 Great slide, full corner shower, stand up in master bd, separate toilet room, couch has hida-bed. NADA Guide books from \$25,000- \$30,600, asking \$23,999. Call: (530)743-4028 or e-mail: plumbfun@sbcglobal.net. Reg# 2373225.

FOR SALE: 26-ft. X 60-ft. Mobile Home on 6 acres. 3 Bdr, 2 ba, 16-ft X 40-ft. deck w/hot tub and view of Sierra Foothills above Oroville, CA. Zoned for additional home, if desired. \$290,000. Call: (530) 534-8854. Reg# 2398827.

FOR SALE: '86 CT 110 Honda trail bike; 5281 miles, perfect condition. \$1,100. Call: (307) 743-3085. (Yuba City, CA). Reg# 0603377.

FOR SALE: '93 Alegro 33' 18K miles, with 12 ft. slideout. 7,000 generator, auto levelers and step. 2 AC units. 90% rubber. \$40,000. (541) 546-2240. Reg# 2477310.

FOR SALE: Wane Stump Cutter, 20 " Tow-able, with Wisconsin Robbin V4-65 Runs Good. Needs Clutch. \$3,000 OBO. AND: Double Star MFG. Antique Free Standing Parlor Stove. Needs To Be Refinished. \$1,800 OBO. AND: '89 Ford F250 4X4 8' flat bed. Rebuilt 351 w/on a stand, \$3200 in engine. Needs paint, upholstery, tires. E-mail connors\_pa@yahoo.com or call: (707) 544-6762. Reg# 2404458.

FOR SALE: Investment lots located in Klamath Falls, OR. Growing area. Expected growth next year, more than 4,000 Gt/acre slope with grass and rye coverage. Can carry with \$5,000 down and \$150 a month at 5 percent interest. Call: (541) 798-1073. Reg# 0728471.

FOR SALE: Retired Master Mechanic's life-time accumulation of Snap-on tools and rollaways AND: 2000 400 4X4 ATV. \$3,000 AND: 3/2 home in Medford, Ore., across the street from new golf course, view of 16th hole and Mt. Ashland. \$374,900. Please call (541) 301-3566 or (541) 245-2797 for details. Reg# 1771473.

FOR SALE: '05 Harley Davidson sportster, XL 883 Custom. Sierra red, 5,000 miles, one-year warranty left. A steal at \$7,000. Call: (650) 347-4224. Reg# 2264405.

FOR SALE: 03' Harley Davidson. Ultn. Stage to kit, screaming eagle pipes. \$15,000. Will talk. Serious callers only: (209) 892-2562. Reg# 2193846. WANTED: 50th anniversary Western belt buckle. Call Dan: (916) 801-8339. Reg# 2346454.

FOR SALE: 99' Fleetwood Westport Avion, 33-ft. luxury, 5th wheel; GBRW 14,600; duct heat and A/C;

elec. frnt leveling jacks, solar battery charger; 50 AMP service; tires like new; DMV reg. through 4/07; 3 slides, 4 awnings, over-sized refrig.; micro.; filtered water dispenser, QN sofa bd, RCA entertainment center; parks cable reception; phone jack; LR ceiling fans; BDRM TV outlet; QN bd; 6-ft mirrored closet; second closet plumbed for washer/dryer; private toilet; LRG shower; oak cabinetry; lots of storage, Sacrifice \$29,990. '99 Dodge quad cab long bed w/pkg avail. Call (209) 747-9143. Reg# 2217861.

FOR SALE: Winch cable, new 5/16 th. 150 ft. with hook. Have fairlead roller if needed. AMC Motor, 390 cid rebuilt & balanced 5000 mi. back. Can be had with after-market F.I. (650) 494-2009. Reg#1242916.

FOR SALE: '91 34-ft. Bounder motor home. Interior, exc.cond. Side aisle to bdrm, w/queen bd. Big closet and lots of extra storage. Front and rear heat and air. Backup camera-elect. Jacks, new engine, newer trans. And drive line. Tow package incl. (503) 982-6160. Reg# 1238689.

FOR SALE: '98 TRAVEL-EAZE fifth-wheel 30ft. New was \$36,000. fiberglass exterior, Queen bd, oak cabinets, dual pane windows, ceiling fan, luggage rack, 2 awnings, skylights, storm windows, \$14,500. AND: Saddles: Big Horn Western Saddle. All leather, fully carved. Also Stubben English saddle. (707) 839-4001. Reg# 2035197.

FOR SALE by owner: fully furnished top floor, 1 bdrm, 1 ba condo with ocean view at the Kona Reef Resort, on the Kona Coast of Hawaii, priced for immediate sale: \$329,000. Great water-front island get-away or rental property. This is a trust property that must be liquidated. Call: (310) 476-1232. Reg# 0867016.

FOR SALE: 2000 manufactured home in family park, West Sacramento. 1400 sq. ft. 4 bdrm, 2 ba. Call: (209) 210-7917. Reg# 2510329. WANTED: Small excavator or backhoe. Must fit in small-size pickup, have soft tracks or tires and run. Call: (707) 882-2406. Reg# 1137650.

FOR SALE: beautiful Bethel Island CA home on deep water, 36-ft. covered berth with two side ties. 2600+ft. heated/cooled home. 3 large bdrms, 2.5 ba, 13x27 ft. entertainment rooms, lngrm, dining rm and kitchen have fantastic views of water and Mt. Diablo. Kitchen has large island. Decks surround 3 sides of house. Tiles/hardwood floors. Dble-car garage. Call (925) 684-2861. Reg# 2018052.

FOR SALE: lovely, two-story Brentwood CA home built in '98; builder's warranty. Main floor has livingroom/diningroom, family room with fireplace, plus bdrm and full ba. Second level: Master bdrm with ba and 2 bdrms and a full ba.

Kitchen and baths have upgraded tile floors, central heat/air. Beautiful backyard with pool. Call (925) 684-2861. Reg# 2018052.

FOR SALE: 13-ft, 7-in. cartop boat and 5-hose motor AND: 14-ft. Klamath boat and trailer, 9.9 merury 4-stroke motor AND: '86 Nissan Pick-up. Call (707) 251-1425. Reg# 0598622.

FOR SALE: '02 Bounder 31W, two slides living and bdrm. TV dish , 6 CD changer, Dual Roof A/C large swivel chair., ice maker, workhorse chassis. 8.1L vortec Engine. Low mileage. USA Awning. (916) 645-1425. REG# 1098532.

FOR SALE: '84 Chevy truck, diesel, double axle, tool boxes, runs great: \$4200. AND: John Deere backhoe, model 400, 2-wheel drive, gas powered. \$4000. Call: (707) 987-3921. Reg# 2335310.

FOR SALE: 3 axle equipment trailer, rated at 17,000 pounds. 6 new tires, electric brakes. \$1750. Call Greg at (707) 529-6740 or (707) 557-3256. Reg# 227624.

FOR SALE: '88 Southwind 33L. M.H. Dual AC, 6.5 KW gen, micro., tv, many extras. \$12,000. AND: 15.5 ft. starcraft fiberglass boat with 50 Johnson VRO and 6 HP. Evenrude Scotty down rigger and Lawrence X 85 depth finder, \$2,000 OBO. AND: 11.6 dreamer camper fully self-contained. Call (408) 779-3800. Reg# 1057492.

FOR SALE: '71 Plymouth Valiant, built 360, w2 heads, 727 tranny, 4:10 gears. straight body, no rust, glass lift off hood with six pack scoop (never mounted). Must sell. \$6,500 OBO. Call: (530) 355-0892 or (530) 275-2954. Reg# 2512123.

FOR SALE : '89 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 4.5 inch rubicon express lift kit, offroad bumper and two 8-inch offroad lights, 31x10.5 bfgood-wrench tires on 15-inch chrome rims. Engine: 4.5L inline 6 with a Stroker kit w/only 3500 miles on it. 180K on frame, passes smog. \$4995 OBO. (530) 758-3212. Reg# 1793823.

FOR SALE: DR Chipper, towable tail & Signal lights. Chips up to 4-inch trees, branches. \$2,000 AND: Aluminum tool box for wide bed pickup. Ph: (435) 662-1933. cell: (702) 635-4301 Reg# 0908550.

FOR SALE: Retired CAT mechanic's tool: gas 10HP air compressor; 2000-lbs. 12V crane; HD Victor gas welding and cutting torch set, all tips and bottles; drive socket and ratchet set; many sockets and combination wrenches. Too much to list. One best bid for all. (925) 427-5198. Reg# 1198996.

FOR SALE: Mustang Cobra, Lmted Ed., '93. 1 owner. #241 of only 4993 Cobras built, 5.0 liter eng. Teal w/gray cloth seats. Less than 33,000 original miles; gets 20 mpg. Never been wrecked, excellent condition. Beautiful, classic car. \$15,000 (707) 986-7874. Reg# 1046737.



## FROM FAIRFIELD

**Mega bonds critical for public works**

The work picture in Fairfield District 04 looks good with plenty of sunshine on the horizon. Although interest rates have climbed and are starting to kill off some of the private work, public-works projects are picking up more and more.

The upcoming November election will either kill or boom the public works with the mega bonds on the state end and the Napa Valley School District bond on the local end. No matter where you look in November, work for the Operating Engineers is available and not just small work – we could be talking about work for the next 10 to 15 years, if we get these bonds passed.

In other political news, we have some good upcoming local races in Suisun, Rio Vista, American Canyon, Napa and Dixon with labor-friendly candidates endorsed by Local 3 and the Napa Solano Labor Coalition.

Don't forget to check your local listings and this issue of *Engineers News* for endorsements and most importantly, remember to get out and vote.



OE3 members operate 57s for DeSilva Gates on the Shea Homes Project.

We are looking for volunteers for our Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) in preparation for November. Phone banking and precinct walks will be the weapons of choice.

## FROM REDDING

**Operators busy on mass landfill excavation**

In District 70, **Ford Construction** is busy working at the West Central Landfill in Redding on a project classified as a unit 4-A landfill-cell expansion that covers 20 acres. The bulk of the project includes the mass excavation of 310,000 yards of materials, such as screen aggregate, drain

rock and A/B road base. An average of 14 Operating Engineers have worked on the project at its peak. **Ford Construction** is operating six 657 scrapers and moving 20,000 yards of material per day. The project is expected to finish by the time this article goes to press.



Artemio Diaz unloads drain rock from the trucks for the base of the landfill at the West Central Landfill expansion project in Redding.



OE3 Dozer Operator John Pinkston pushes pile at the West Central Landfill as part of the massive 310,000 yards of excavation for the landfill-cell expansion.



The West Central Landfill has been full of OE3 equipment since the start of its expansion, which is expected to finish this month.



From a distance, the wall of the West Central Landfill is massive, while a 980C loader and 16H motorgrader continue work on the excavation of materials for the landfill expansion.



Operating a 657 scraper, member Robert Robinson heads out while on the job at the West Central Landfill expansion in Redding.



## FROM FRESNO

**CAT members, apprentices honored**

Several Fresno District OE3 members received their Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) awards at the September meeting, which included jackets, lunch boxes, pocket knives and sunshades. We challenge all members to get involved this CAT season to support the district's political efforts. OE CAT participants assist with the voter-registration drive for unregistered Local 3 members and assist with precinct walking and phone banking during election season. They also educate Local 3 members on workers' issues.

Congratulations to **Allen Federoff Jr.**, **Victor Taylor III** and **Jesus Gonzalez** for their recent journey-level advancement.

Apprentices **Lloyd Lawson**, **James Quesada**, **Timothy Jackley** and **Jacob Jennings** recently advanced to third-step apprenticeship and deserve our congratulations, too.

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Mark your calendars for the following upcoming meetings, and feel free to contact the Fresno District office at (559) 229-4083, should you have any questions:

- Retiree Meeting, Oct. 18, 2 p.m., Cedar Lanes, 3131 North Cedar Ave.
  - District Meeting, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Ramada Inn, 324 East Shaw Ave.
- Have a safe and happy Halloween!

## FROM OAKLAND

**C.C. Myers celebrates safety**

C.C. Myers recently rewarded OE3 construction/Caltrans workers and its subcontractors with a lunch celebration for being safe on the job at its I-80 project in Rodeo and Hercules. The project covers I-80 at Hwy. 4/John Muir Parkway to I-80 at Cummings Skyway and entails replacing the existing California Avenue Bridge, widening I-80 both ways and putting in a new sound wall. **Case Pacific** is doing the sound wall, and **Drill Tech** is doing the drilling.

This project adds to all the work on I-80 from San Pablo Dam Road to I-80 at Cummings Skyway. The San Pablo Dam Road (east) has a slope from the earlier season's heavy rainfall. Member and Excavator Operator **Gary Pimentel** is working for **Ghilotti Construction** to repair this dangerous slope.

**Granite Construction** is still finishing repairs on the I-80 landslide in Pinole at Pinole Valley Road.

Besides the I-80 work, there is plenty more work in District 20 with **Kiewit Pacific** still going strong at Shafer Ranch in Dublin on a two-phase housing project.

In other news: Congratulations to 50-year-member **Dennis Farnden**, who was happy we visited with him and awarded him his watch and pin for his 50-plus years of OE3 service with **Gallagher & Burk** and **DeSilva Gates**.



Working on I-80 in Pinole at Willow Exit, Boom Truck Operator **Keith Hidalgo** works for Case Pacific.



Excavator Operator **Jimmie Dean Meyer** and Working Foreman **David A. Richardson** work for C.C. Myers on I-80.



Excavator Operator **Mark J. Christensen** does some soundwall-repair drilling for Case Pacific on the I-80 widening job in Rodeo.



**Dennis M. Farnden**, 85, receives his 50-year OE3 watch and pin.



Member and Excavator Operator **Gary Pimentel** works for **Ghilotti Construction**.



**Granite Construction** Gradesetter **Styries Fair** gets the job done using GPS on the I-80 landslide in Pinole.



Member **Chris Lopez** operates a dozer for C.C. Myers.