Kaiser’s Roseville expansion employs skilled team of operators
For The Good & Welfare

By John Bonilla, Business Manager

No one is bigger than all

It was a great honor for me to present Local 3’s Vice President Frank Herrera with his 30-year pin at a recent Sacramento District meeting. That experience marks a common theme in my life, labor history and the current and future position of Local 3.

Frank and I did not always get along. We may have played baseball together, but it was never as teammates. We bullied each other; we couldn’t stand each other, and this aggression stayed with us into high school and even afterward. We were both apprentices at Rancho Murieta, and we had a two-year running streak of silence (after many years of conflict). If you see us today, you know those emotions have changed, and what changed was the shift in focus from ourselves as separate people struggling for individual aims, to brothers working together toward something greater than ourselves. When I first came to work in Local 3, I asked Frank to support me, and he did. Now, we are together as officers. His belief in me empowered me, and he will tell you that his support helped him to see beyond his personal aim to the larger whole of Local 3. We did not know that our truce would carry us this far, but it has.

Clearly the need to come together is more important now than ever with the splits in the AFL-CIO. The model of the Basic Crafts Alliance stands as a successful symbol of what this union needs and what this union is capable of, and others are taking note. The Basic Crafts Alliance between the operators, laborers and carpenters is gaining ground nationwide as a key concept for labor strength. I urge you to use its model of relationship-building in your own daily work environment.

Unions are not necessarily known for keeping the peace; you’re talking to someone who’s well aware of that. I did not always see the importance of siding up with the enemy to fight the larger fight. The history of the labor movement lays claim to that mentality, as well. Jurisdictional disputes used to get decided over knuckles and blood in the dust and negotiations made over one too many beers and bad endings. There were good and bad guys and you fought for yourself; the enemy stayed the enemy no matter what.

But times have changed. Unions can no longer survive in today’s economic and political climates utilizing the tactics of yesteryear, and because of that, union mentality is changing. We can no longer view the employer as the bad guy, anymore than we can view ourselves that way, because then things don’t get done. As your business manager, I will sleep with the devil, even if he’s named Arnold, to get the best deal for you, as I did with Proposition 42, the gas tax that he fully funded. I will work beside a carpenter and laborer because that act makes us all stronger, and I will work beside my worst childhood enemy and call him my brother because together we are far stronger than apart. Your union, as a unified center is stronger than any individual – stronger than any business manager, corporate giant or right-wing politician.

I see the benefits of alliances everyday. I plan on staying around awhile and using that strategy against labor division, jurisdictional disputes and any and all forces at the political level working to divide us. One such force is Bush’s suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act for the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. He is beginning his plan to repeal it entirely, and this will undo us. We cannot let that happen.

Side together. Work together. Call one another to get out to phone bank and precinct walk together. Deal with employers as equals and other crafts as your friends. No one person is as large as the family they come from. No one member is larger than Local 3. If we carry this mentality throughout, we will prevail. Just as Frank’s friendship proved far more valuable to me than his anger, a mobilized effort toward unity and combined forces will help us all in the end.

In solidarity,

John A. Bonilla
Business Manager
IUOE General Vice President
Sacramento District helps build community playground

Local 3’s Sacramento District 80 recently joined volunteers from The Home Depot to build a new playground for the children living in Morrison Creek Estates, off Franklin Boulevard in Sacramento.

The playground was one of more than 100 service projects completed in California in September as part of the “Corporate Month of Service,” a national effort spearheaded by The Home Depot to increase volunteerism.

Staff from the Sacramento District contributed by leveling the surface of the playground with a drag scraper borrowed from the Rancho Murieta Training Center. The Home Depot donated the slides, swings and other playground equipment and also sent volunteers to help with the installation of the equipment, as did Albertsons and Sheraton Hotels.

Local politicians and community volunteers, including Sacramento District Rep. Roger Wilson, business agents Chris Macharro and John Bonilla Jr. and International Union of Operating Engineers Rep. Anne Marie Flores, came together Sept. 22 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the project.

The kids of Morrison Creek Estates now have a safe, fun place to play. Thanks to everyone involved for their efforts.

Gas pains

I was around for the Arab oil embargo during the 1970s. You remember those days – gas prices going up 50 cents a gallon or more, long lines at gas stations, odd and even buying days to ration gas and stations sometimes being out of gas. I thought those days were behind us. It now looks like I was wrong. Even before the impact of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, working Americans were experiencing significantly higher gas prices and in some areas, limited supplies, putting a pinch on family budgets and lifestyles. Contractors also were experiencing a pinch on their bottom lines from sky-high diesel fuel prices. In simple terms, both consumers and businesses were already suffering.

I’ve been following the various ideas being advanced by elected officials and others regarding the steps our nation should take to address the problem. Some of the ideas may have merit; others I’m not too sure about. I am sure we need to do something, and we need to do it soon.

As the charge officer for Hawaii, I’ve had first-hand experience with that state’s attempt to keep pump prices down by adopting a new law that caps pre-tax wholesale prices. The state sets wholesale prices each week for each island. On paper it looks good, but the result has been weekly price swings, up and down, from 25 to 50 cents a gallon. Try to balance your household budget using those numbers. To me, it doesn’t look like the plan is working. Time will tell.

I’ve heard many people say gas taxes should be suspended. I’m not too high on that idea, primarily because there is no guarantee a gas-tax reduction will be passed on to consumers. I’m also concerned that suspension of gas taxes will cost states revenue they cannot afford to lose. Moreover, it’s gas-tax revenues that fund Operating Engineers’ highway construction jobs.

One idea I agree with is the necessity to get serious about adopting a new energy policy. Twenty years ago, gasoline consumption was equivalent to about 6.5 million barrels of oil per day. Today, it’s about 9 million barrels. We haven’t built a single new refinery in the last 30 years. We need to start building refineries to maintain our economy. This may cause environmental concerns, but I believe new technology will help us build and operate refineries in a more environmentally responsible way.

Another idea worth considering is: What should be done with the windfall profits oil companies are earning from rising gasoline prices? Many oil companies report profits have tripled from a year ago. Don’t get me wrong, I support them making a fair profit. But it seems they are making excess profits at everyone’s expense. Perhaps Congress should take steps to tax the excess profits and use the revenue to help fund reconstruction of hurricane-damaged Gulf Coast areas. Are you listening, Washington?
Tough loss doesn’t stop efforts

Recently, workers employed by the Johns Manville Corporation in Willows, Calif., suffered a disappointing loss in an attempt to gain Local 3 representation. In February of this year, workers at the fiberglass insulation plant contacted Local 3 organizers to seek union representation. Before contacting us, the workers did their homework. They told us they knew about our organizing success rate, benefits and reputation for standing up for workers’ rights, which inspired them to contact us.

In March, support began to build, and the campaign gained momentum. Local 3 organizers did not have access to the worksite, so authorization cards had to be gathered by an inside organizing committee. With a workforce of more than 300, this was no small task, especially since the jobsite had four production crews, maintenance crews and warehouse crews employed on rotating shifts, seven days a week. The committee proved they were up to the challenge, and by late June, they had collected enough cards for us to file for an election.

Once we filed, the employer stepped up efforts to combat our organizing. Other unions had previously made unsuccessful attempts to organize the plant, so the employer had plenty of experience. In response, Local 3 organizers educated our committee about what the employer would say and do. Armed with this information, workers used a series of worksite flyers to then educate workers on the real issues. Initially, the committee had great success and momentum continued to build in our favor. In retaliation, Johns Manville reached into its deep pockets and initiated a full frontal assault.

Workers were forced to attend captive audience meetings several times a week; they were shown videos, given literature and continuously bombarded by supervisors with misinformation about Local 3 and unionization. Committee members fought back with the truth during the forced meetings, often causing management to end the meetings with: “We are not answering questions today; let’s go to work!” Before the election, on Labor Day weekend, Johns Manville brought in management from other plants to hammer workers with the employer’s message. Unfortunately, the message was successful. The committee estimated more than 30 workers changed their votes in the last days before the election. When the votes were counted, we lost by a vote of 118 to 172. Ironically, when we petitioned for the election, our percentage of support was exactly the opposite.

After the loss, you might expect that the committee was ready to give up. Not so. They said they were already planning for another organizing effort. They remain confident that workers who did not support the union will soon realize they made a mistake. Committee members are a determined group. I believe they will be successful. It’s been Local 3’s great honor to stand with them.

Road fight pays dividends

When Local 3’s Joint Apprenticeship Committee put forward an application to the U.S. government to lease 57 acres for a training center in the Yuba Goldfields, it brought the community one step closer to another positive outcome of the difficult effort to restore public access to the area.

When I became the district representative of Local 3’s Marysville-Yuba City office in 1998, I was thrust into the middle of a tremendous community effort to get Yuba County officials to recognize Hammonton Road as a county road. This effort began before my arrival here, continued after my arrival and was supported by Business Manager John Bonilla.

As the officer in charge of training, I am involved in the effort to ensure that public access to the area remains secure so the training center can be built.

That a Texas mining company could claim a public road as its sole property without the community fighting back was one issue. That the road was the only access to public lands and 10,000 acres of construction-grade sand and gravel was of even greater significance to the rock, sand and gravel industry and the financial health of Yuba County.

The ultimate decision by the courts that Hammonton Road through the Yuba Goldfields is a public road has had a tremendous positive impact on area residents. Dozens of fishing ponds have been opened up for public access. Weekend recreation in the goldfields includes parents and children exploring and fishing. Property values along the road have increased.

The proposed training center is another added value. When it is opened, the training center will not only provide opportunities for men and women to learn how to operate heavy equipment and to work as skilled operators at high wages in the rock, sand and gravel industry, it will provide a resource for local and federal governments to repair Hammonton Road. We have already made a commitment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that our presence in the Yuba Goldfields will result in cooperative efforts to restore not only the road through the area but to sculpt some of the existing rock, sand and gravel piles to accommodate camping, as envisioned by the BLM.

Throughout this effort, we have maintained a solid working relationship with the BLM. Area Resource Manager Deanne Swickard has treated the interests of the community at large and our training trust with deep respect. The training center looks forward to a long, positive relationship with the BLM.

We also have developed positive working relationships with organizations within the Yuba-Sutter area, not to mention our good friends on the Board of Supervisors, Mary Jane Griego and Hal Stocker.

I will always treasure my experience working with the residents of Yuba and Sutter counties in restoring public access to the Yuba Goldfields. The training center will be an operation that will add great value to the Yuba Goldfields and to Yuba County.

In solidarity.

From left: Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise, Yuba County Supervisor Hal Stocker, Treasurer Carl Goff, Yuba County Supervisor Mary Jane Griego, Vice President Frank Herrera, Training Center Director Curtis Brooks, Yuba County Supervisor Dan Logue, Business Manager John Bonilla and Financial Secretary Russ Burns. The group met at the site of the proposed Yuba Goldfields Training Center in September to show solidarity for the proposal.
SRT vital to apprenticeship career

Once again we are into the fall season, and Supplemental-Related Training (SRT) has started. Along with that comes the requests from employers for apprentices to be excused from SRT.

As we all know, this is an annual event. Excusing and postponing SRT puts an added burden on the training center and requirements under the apprenticeship standards. We must stay on schedule. One of the most common statements we hear is: “We have to have this apprentice. He or she is vital to the job.” While we appreciate the fact that the quality and ability of apprentices make them vital to a job, it is also vital to the apprentice’s career that SRT’s needs are met in the proper time frame. It may be cliché, but poor planning does not constitute an emergency on the part of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC).

Please discuss any special needs with your coordinators in advance, so we can rotate or place another apprentice with you to get you through the mandatory two-week training. While in rare instances, we may be able to accommodate individuals, but this is only an exception and not the rule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. See you on the next job.

Air conditioning certification now available

Do the terms “condenser,” “evaporator,” “expansion valve,” “compressor” or “office tube” mean anything to you? If they do, then you know something about air conditioning systems.

Did you know that releasing Freon into the atmosphere is harmful to the ozone layer and illegal? Did you know you have to be certified to perform a service on an air conditioning system? Do you know the difference between R12 and R134a? Did you know that, unlike R12 systems, in an R134a system, adding Freon to a system that isn’t cooling properly could cause it to produce warm air?

R134a is much more sensitive to having the proper amount of Freon in the system than R12. The days of simply adding Freon until the system runs cooler are gone. R12 is still available, but the price is outrageous.

R134a is the new Freon used in late-model equipment, but not enough or too much Freon can make the system perform poorly. It is less forgiving.

There are three main types of systems used on mobile equipment: expansion valve, orifice tube and “H” block. The same systems are used in trucks and automobiles.

Do you recognize this system? It’s an orifice tube air conditioning system. Do you know where it is hot and cold? Where does the Freon change from liquid to vapor and vice versa?

If all this seems foreign to you or you have questions and need to fill in some blanks, we are now offering a two-day air conditioning certification class. Upon successful completion of the course and the International Mobile Air Conditioning Association (IMACA) Education Foundation Test, you will receive a certification that’s good in most states.

If you’re ready to get certified and learn some new and old techniques to keep cool, we’re here to help.

CCO Practical Test

New CCO candidates and candidates who have passed the written portion of the CCO exams should contact Pauline McCullough at (916) 354-2029, extension 232, to schedule an appointment or obtain CCO information on the Practical Test.

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Fringe Benefits

By Charlie Warren, Director

Using your prescription drug plan

For members covered with the Operating Engineers and Pensioned Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Comprehensive Plans: When your doctor writes a prescription, ask if a generic drug will work for you, as it will save money. If the doctor does not want you to take a generic drug, even if available, ask that the prescription indicate no generic substitutions. This is important, because it could make a difference in your co-payment when using a retail pharmacy.

When the prescription is for 34 days or less and is a one-time prescription, take it to a participating local pharmacy. When the prescription is for more than 34 days and has one or more refills, have your doctor write two prescriptions – one for a 34-day supply and the other for refills up to a 90-day supply (100-day supply for retirees). Take the prescription for the 34-day supply to a participating retail pharmacy and have it filled. Send the prescription for the 90-day supply (100-day supply for retirees) to the Mail Order Pharmacy. Kaiser members must have their prescriptions filled at a Kaiser pharmacy. To locate a participating pharmacy or find out more about your prescription drug plan, please call:

Fringe Benefits Service Center
(800) 532-2105 or (510) 748-7450

Trust Fund Office
(800) 251-5014 or (510) 433-4422

American Diversified Pharmacies/Rx America
(800) 568-2177 or (916) 263-0233

Important announcement about Medicare Part D – Prescription Drug Plan

For Active and Retired Operating Engineers who are or will soon be eligible for Medicare: Your current prescription drug coverage through all Operating Engineers Local 3 Health & Welfare plans provides you and your spouse with better coverage and less out-of-pocket expenses than the prescription drug program being offered by Medicare in 2006. Please do not enroll in Medicare Part D. The Trust Fund Office will send you a letter regarding this program soon.

Tech News

By Business Representatives
Ed Wodzienski and Rob Jones
and Testing, Inspection and Surveying Director Dean Dye

Brain teaser

Problem 97: What is the relation of N to M? What is the relation of P to N?
Problem 98: Referring to Problem 97, is there a \( \triangle \) less than 180° such that M is an integral multiple of N?

Solutions can be found at www.prosurv.com. Click on the puzzle piece icon titled “Problem Corner.”

From left: Party Chief Dave Harrington and Chainman Jeremy Sheppard work for HMH Surveying on a job in South San Jose.
Credit history is huge

Talking points for your teen

Most teenagers flirt with varying degrees of responsibility, and parents are usually forthcoming about teaching teenagers the importance of doing their homework, staying away from drugs and other dangers. But how many people teach their teens about managing money? Just as you wouldn’t let your teen drive a car without any prior instruction, you shouldn’t turn them loose with a credit card in a world full of financial traps.

In past years, many high schools offered personal finance classes where students were taught the basics of budgeting, managing a checking account and the cost of credit. Teens today don’t have that luxury. In most schools, budget cuts have sent personal finance classes to the same resting place as driver’s education, music, art and physical education. In fact, only 36 percent of today’s teens say they learn about money in school.

So, parents, it’s up to you. How do you get started? Begin with the big picture. Tell them about the real impact their early financial decisions will have on nearly every aspect of their lives and how those decisions will be reflected in their credit history. There’s much more to discuss than credit history, but we’ll save that for another article.

Credit history will impact nearly every aspect of your life

Let’s say two friends each borrow $50 from you on the same day. You make a deal with both friends that they will pay you back in one week. One friend pays back on time. The other friend makes several excuses before paying you back three weeks later. If both friends came to you again and you could only lend to one, whom would you trust?

Now let’s say you could tell any landlord, insurer, lender or employer how each friend handled his/her obligation to you. That’s how your credit report works. Lenders report to three major credit-reporting agencies. These agencies maintain an ongoing electronic and written record of how you handle your financial obligations.

If your credit history is good, it will help you. If it’s bad, it will hurt you. If you make a mistake, negative information will stay on your credit report for seven years. Keep it good by making all payments on time. That means loans, rent, utilities, insurance – everything.

Five reasons to protect your credit reputation

1) Your car insurance. Believe it or not, a person with a perfect driving record can be subject to the same high rates as a driver with tickets and accidents. Why? Because in addition to your driving record, insurers use credit history to decide how much you pay.

2) Your apartment. Landlords run credit reports. If you have a blemished history, it will be difficult to find a decent place to live. There will almost always be someone with good credit vying for the same apartment or house. If you were a landlord, which tenant would you choose?

3) Your job. Employers often review your credit history as part of your employment screening. Some employers won’t even hire someone with a poor credit history. Others may use it as a deciding factor between two otherwise equally qualified candidates. In the business world, your credit history is a common measure of how trustworthy you are.

4) Your loans and credit cards. Let’s say your first loan was a car loan, and you weren’t so great at making payments on time. Now that car’s worn out and won’t make the long road trip you have planned. You have enough cash to pay for a rental car and hotel, but guess what? Most hotels and rental car companies don’t accept cash – you need a credit card. You can’t get a credit card because lenders can see that you weren’t so reliable at paying your car loan.

5) Your checking and savings accounts. Credit reporting agencies aren’t the only companies keeping track of you. ChexSystems is like a credit report for your savings and checking accounts. If you overdraft your accounts and don’t pay back the money in a timely manner, you could end up in the ChexSystems database. Your only option for cashing your paycheck will be to go to a high-priced check-cashing facility. Likewise, if you bounce a check with a merchant and don’t pay up, they may report you to another database that tells merchants you’re a bad risk.

Take a few moments this week to talk to your teens about finances. Yes, they may act as if it is some form of medieval torture, but your words will sink in. The next step is to help them get started with their own accounts. The Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU), your union-member-owned credit union, is the perfect place for a first account. OEFCU cares about helping your teen get off to a good start. Call today at (800) 877-4444. Believe it or not, someday your teen will thank you.
Spend some time talking with Local 3 Retiree George Erdahl, and you'll walk away with a smile. Maybe it's his own contagious laugh, or his easy-going manner, but whatever the case, the 41-year member is full of life, humility and good nature.

He began his career with Local 3 in 1964. He was working as a logger in Humboldt County, but "could see the writing on the wall; timber was disappearing, and there were no benefits," Erdahl recalled. He knew that skinners and dirt moving with the union was where the opportunity was. He eventually went with Local 3 and remained working as a dozer hand for the rest of his active career in Humboldt County and then in Redding, Calif., where he still lives with his wife, Mary.

"I was born in the mountains and wouldn't trade a desk job for the outdoors for anything," Erdahl said. "Joining the union was a decision I never regretted."

If you ask him what he does with his time in retirement, he'll tell you and so will his wife that it involves the outdoors – in the mountains for weeks at a time, camping with just his mules, hunting deer and fishing for abalone.

"He roams around in the mountains for weeks at a time; he walks all day and goes alone because no one can keep up with him," Mary, his wife, said.

She doesn't worry about him out in the 517,000-acre Trinity Alps wilderness area, because she said there are some things she can't control, and she'd worry herself sick if she worried about all of them. She spends her time as a volunteer in a local thrift shop.

Times have not always been easy for the Erdahls, especially during the winters when work was slow, but George Erdahl dug deep and held on through the slow season, in much the same way he holds onto the sides of the cliffs he propels from.

"When rain shut the work down, I was thankful I had the union," Erdahl said. "Work was always available if I needed it badly enough."

He notes that today union loyalty is a shifting mentality, and he hopes new apprentices and members realize, "the union's no stronger than the people in it. If they don't participate and share their opinions, they'll lose the privileges we worked for."

And work, hard work seems to be imbedded in the solid, hard-nosed nature of this mountain-climbing, abalone-hunting Local 3 member who often frequents meetings and district picnics today.

"I grew up in the mountains and so outdoor work was where I belonged," Erdahl said.

It would seem fitting to join Local 3, then, since his work was in the outdoors and his loyalty – to the union.
In the aftermath of Katrina, retiree teaches us a lesson

Local 3 Retiree Rob Roy moved to Gautier, Miss., to enjoy his days of retirement but was washed out, losing his fishing boat, furniture and belongings in the wave of Hurricane Katrina. The storm surge literally came through the front of his house at a height of seven feet, taking out the doors and windows and pushing all his belongings to the back of the house. But with grace and strong character, Roy notes what is most important: “...we’re at least alive, lost everything but found in the mud and debris, my equipment keys that retired with me and my Local 3 belt buckle. It’s amazing what salt water can do; it turns everything to rust and corrosion in a matter of hours, but it’s just stuff, and we will survive.”

On behalf of Business Manager John Bonilla and all of Local 3, our thoughts go out to Retiree Rob Roy and his family. More important than his need for our prayers, however, is our need to recognize the strength of character in a member who can lose everything and still be thankful for his life, his family and the memories and few precious mementos – like that Local 3 belt buckle – that remain. Even at a time of such dire loss, Roy remains strong and teaches us the value of human connection and memory rather than commodities or "stuff."

Rob, we are thinking of you and learning from your example.

Along with his solid perspective and memories, Retiree Rob Roy’s American flag still remained amid the debris of the storm.

Being prepared prevents panic

The nature of work for Local 3 members often keeps us on the road and away from our families for extended periods of time. Therefore, with the backdrop of the recent hurricane disasters and the ongoing war, all Local 3 families should consider creating and maintaining an emergency preparation plan in case family members are separated in times of disaster and cannot be reached. Panic is a reaction to stress, but its effects are worsened when paired with the unknown and family separation. It’s important to have a plan. The following emergency preparation tips will help alleviate stress and worry for Local 3 families if separated during a disaster:

- Have an out-of-town contact in mind to better communicate among separated family members. Cell phones are not always in service, so make sure there is an outside direct-line contact available; this person may have a better chance of reaching your separated family member.
- Be sure every member of your family has the number of this emergency contact.
- Find out what kind of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified, such as emergency radio, television broadcasts and special sirens.
- Be aware of the emergency plans of your family members, whether they are in school or at work.
- Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency.
- Make sure you set aside plenty of water and food and pack a similar supply with traveling loved ones. One gallon of water per person, per day is a good measure of how much water you need. Consider enough water for three days and set aside at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food items and food for pets, if necessary.
- Create an evacuation plan, including mutual places you and separated family members will meet in case disaster keeps you from staying safely at home.
- Keep with you and send traveling family members a First Aid Kit, including bandages, sterile dressing, cold pack, non-aspirin pain reliever, two pairs of sterile gloves, cold pack, scissors, necessary prescription medications and a CPR breathing mask.

This is a minimized list. For more information, contact your local Red Cross chapter or visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org. Remember, the best way to prevent panic is to be prepared!
Under construction

The structural construction of the new Kaiser Permanente Women & Children’s Center in Roseville, Calif., was completed on time and within budget, thanks to good weather and an army of skilled union members working on the project, including Local 3 Operating Engineers Stan Miller, Ben Vargas and Andra Luke.

The four-story facility is part of the initial phase of a more than $500 million expansion project at Kaiser Permanente’s Roseville Medical Center campus on Eureka Road. In addition to the Women & Children’s Center, which is scheduled to open in 2008, Kaiser Permanente plans to build a new medical office building and expand its emergency department. Those additional phases of development will mean more work for Local 3 members over the course of the next several years.

Here’s an introduction of the members who teamed up to work on the project this year:

Crane Operator Stan Miller
Stan Miller has been running cranes for 39 years out of his 40-year career as a Local 3 Operating Engineer and says there’s little else he’d rather do.

“I don’t run anything else or anything else,” Miller said.

To this dedicated operator, a crane, not even retirement, was enough to get him back to work this summer to go back to Peninsula Crane & Rigging (PCR) needed an experienced operator for the expansion project in Roseville, and Miller fit the bill. He was dispatched in August for six weeks of hoisting and hanging iron for the new facility.

While on this, his last job, Miller received his 40-year service pin from Sacramento District Rep. Roger Wilson. It was a well-deserved, proud moment for him. With his pin and this job completed, Miller said he’s now ready to re-retire for good.

Assistant to the Engineer Ben Vargas

Local 3 member Ben Vargas has one, good word to describe the time he’s spent working on the Kaiser expansion: “outstanding.”

“We haven’t had any problems or any delays,” Vargas said.

“Plus, the weather’s been perfect.”

Indeed, it doesn’t get much better than cool temperatures with clear skies and no accidents, injuries or slowdowns. No wonder Vargas describes the weather as “fantastic.”

Elevator Operator Andra Luke

Six-year Local 3 member Andra Luke has never met a stranger, especially these days. As an elevator operator for Champion Elevators on the expansion project in Roseville, Luke is responsible for providing service to more than 50 union members working on the jobsite, taking them where they need to go in a timely fashion. It’s a job of non-stop action, moving up and down between the first and fourth floors, opening and closing the doors, and it often demands more, like when her co-workers need an extra hand hauling their gear or construction materials into the elevator.

“I don’t just open the door and operate the elevator,” Luke said. “I try and help out in any way I can. Sometimes that means helping with materials, sometimes not. I’m also a counselor, mother, pastor and friend, and I don’t mind it.”

In watching her work, one might say she’s more than anything a figure of professional continuity and camaraderie, always there, always first to say hello. The workers fondly refer to her as “Mrs. Luke,” and that’s fine with her. She prompted them to call her that, by writing it on the back of her hard hat.

Before becoming an elevator operator, Luke worked as a plumber and then as a building inspector. A back injury changed the course of her career and led her to her current profession.

“I love telling people what I do for a living,” Luke said. “Most of them have never heard of an elevator operator, so I always have to explain it.”

She doesn’t mind explaining herself to others at all. In fact, she says she enjoys talking about it almost as much as she enjoys doing her work.

Luke will operate the elevator she’s running now, which is a temporary elevator on the outside of the building, for about two months, then she’ll move inside to run the permanent elevator.

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Assistant to the Engineer Ben Vargas checks in with Crane Operator Stan Miller regularly throughout the day. Both operators work for Peninsula Crane & Rigging (PCR).

Member Andra Luke closes the elevator door before heading to the top floor for a passenger.

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**FROM EUREKA**

**New job awarded in Humboldt County**

Hello from the North Coast. We hope this issue finds everyone healthy and happy.

This year has been better than in recent years for Eureka District 40. Mercer Fraser and Granite Construction employed many Local 3 members on several projects, big and small.

With the help of the Construction Industry Force Account Council (CIFAC), John N. Peterson was awarded a $300,000 job in Humboldt County. This was a great opportunity for the members on that project.

District 40 recognizes CIFAC and the Foundation for Fair Contracting (FFC) for their great work. CIFAC representative Sally Riley and FFC representative Craig Sprinkle are hard-working and even-handed. These companies and their staff work on behalf of all working people for compliance with public contract code and wage and condition violations in California.

Work in the Eureka District is winding down for the winter with the anticipation of a better year next season.

Please vote on Nov. 8 and vote No on Prop. 75. The defeat of Prop. 75 is vital to our existence. Also, support Eureka District endorsed candidates: Maggy Herbelin and Mike Wilson for Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and Shane Brinton for Northern Humboldt School Board.

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and the New Year finds you healthy.

As always, be safe.

Steve, Carol, Tina and Nancy

**Members get new agreement**

The work picture in the Fresno area continues strong. Gary Meadows of Garrett Construction stated he has had to turn work away; however, work is brighter these days at the company’s new four-acre office on South East Avenue in Fresno. Garrett now has plenty of office and equipment space. The company is so proud of its new facilities that it was giving tours.

Employees of Vulcan Materials are proud of their newly ratified asphalt agreement and rock, sand and gravel agreement. Vice President Frank Herrera was the head negotiator for the agreement along with committee members Jim Beebee, Robert Moock and Earl Hogue. They did an excellent job getting an agreement for the members. The contract averaged $6.50 over four years with very little language change. Congratulations to all those involved in the negotiations, and we appreciate member involvement in Local 3.

Congratulations also go out to members Rodney Garrett, Mario Lango and Allen Federoff. Rodney recently advanced to journey-level operator. Mario advanced to second-step apprentice and Allen advanced to fourth-step apprentice. Both apprentices are mechanics for Emmett’s Excavation.

Apprentice Anthony Villanueva and his wife, Angela, recently celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Makayla, born Sept. 22.

Our best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday.

**FROM FRESNO**

Sporting his Local 3 hat, Second-step Apprentice Mario Lango works for Emmett’s Excavation.

Recently advanced Journey-level Operator Rodney Garrett smiles for a picture.

**District boasts double picnics, double fun**

Before the district meeting held on Oahu, the Big Island’s District 17 picnic was held. More than 150 members attended, which included families, friends and Business Manager John Bonilla, President Bob Miller, Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise and Treasurer Carl Goff. All were well-entertained by Local 3 member Lopa Maunakea and his band; all were well-fed with generous amounts of hunted local delights – fish and game – prepared by Big Island Business Rep. Bruce Brumaghim, staff and members. Thanks to all for a job well done.

District picnics don’t stop there, since the Maui picnic occurred after a week of meetings on the Islands. Once again, good food and entertainment prevailed in front of a most appreciative crowd and beautiful scenery.

From left: President Bob Miller and member Vernon Bal talk bikes at the Maui District picnic on Kamahole Beach.

Local 3 members and families enjoy the festivities at the District 17 picnic.

Business Manager John Bonilla chats with Retiree Tom Blair while sampling some of the hunted game.

**No such thing as a slow season**

Work is starting to slow down for Yuba City District 60, but there’s plenty of Local 3 activities going on to get you away from the house and all the honey-dos. We have an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup day scheduled for each month, the most recent on Nov. 19. For details or questions please call the District 60 hall at (530) 743-7321. There will also be a grade-setting class and a Hazmat eight-hour refresher course scheduled for the Yuba District sometime this winter.

**District 90 mixes beans with politics**

With help from Morgan Hill District staff, Business Agent Manny Pinheiro and Apprentice Coordinator Butch Cabrera prepared the spicy barbecue over two separate grills. The serving tables were staffed by Business Agent Al Sousa and Dispatcher Joe Morrison, Asst. District Rep. DJ Robertson made sure everyone had water and was in line for the excellent lunch. A hungry crowd of more than 65 Operating Engineers and their labor associates soon arrived for excellent food.

Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn chatted with the members as she dished out hot, delicious chicken. As the crowd finished, both she and Fred Herschbach spoke about the dangers of Prop. 75 and the need for members to become active participants in the political process. Afterwards, a number of members signed up to phone bank and precinct walk.

**Road projects abound in District 10**

The work picture in District 10 continues to thrive. Most companies are working long hours and have substantial backlogs.

July 30 marked the completion of the single biggest highway construction project on the Mendocino Coast in more than 50 years. The $34 million bridge spanning the Noyo River was completed by MCM Construction on time and within budget. The four-lane structure is the first bridge in California to feature transparent bridge railings. State highway officials agreed three years ago to use the unusual dual-steel railings along both sides of the 875-foot-long span, putting an end to community controversy over the original bridge design. As a result, the railings allow motorists to see spectacular views of the Noyo Fishing Village to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Also notable is its width – its 87 feet makes it wider than the Golden Gate Bridge because of the 11-feet-wide paved center divider that runs its length. It also has eight-feet-wide shoulders and five-feet-wide sidewalks on each side.

While the final phase of construction went smoothly, there were initial problems. Construction crews were barred from bulldozing a road on the south side of the Noyo River. A barge was used to float a crane and other equipment across the harbor inlet to a specially built landing. Then the presence of sea lions temporarily prevented pile driving for new bridge columns. Also, a fatality tragic accident occurred when a steel support structure collapsed.

On July 14, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) earmarked $81.26 billion in new transportation funding to start construction on 337 projects throughout the state. All projects funded at that time are ready to go to construction, including the $51.3 million widening of state Route 101 in Sonoma County. This project will reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the northern Bay Area. Two new carpool lanes will be added between Route 12 and Steele Lane. The estimated project cost is $82.5 million.

North Bay Construction is working any and all hours to beat the winter. The company has a record amount of work and tremendous backlog. North Bay also has a great amount of winter work that should go into 2006, and it already has a large backlog for next year. North Bay is in need of good operators and forepersons, so if you want to join a good team give them a call. Operator Tom Wilson, one of the company’s first employees, has decided to retire after 28 years of exemplary service; North Bay Construction congratulates Tom for his dedication and tireless service and hopes he enjoys his new life.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of 26-year member Ron Olibas. He worked for North Bay and was one of the company’s best operators. He will be missed; our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

At a recent retirees meeting, Business Manager John Bonilla presented a 50-year clock to member Bill Parker. District Rep. Greg Gunheim also presented member Dave Korte with a 35-year pin. Our hat goes off to the many long-term members of this great union. What better testimony to the exemplary benefits and working conditions gained and provided by the professional leadership of Local 3, than the longevity and strength of its membership.

Remember: Think safe, act safe and be safe. The life you save may be your own.
The long fight to maintain prevailing wages

Working families constantly need to work together against politicians, businesses and employers who seek to earn larger profits by cutting wages and benefits and employing workers who aren’t properly trained or skilled.

This fact sheet illustrates a fight continued over many years to keep appropriate wages or “floor” on publicly funded construction jobs.

Without a prevailing wage policy that says construction workers on public projects should be paid at least the average amount for work in that region, responsible contractors find themselves bidding against cheaper, fly-by-night employers. This prevailing wage has been set since 1956 by calculating the single rate paid the greatest number of workers in a particular craft in a locality.

Why we all benefit from prevailing wages

No responsible construction company can win a least cost competition against less reputable builders who pay low wages, send injured workers to emergency rooms to be cared for at the taxpayer’s expense and offer no retirement security. Since workers move on quickly, none of the best trained and skilled construction tradespeople end up on public projects. Therefore, no one is well served by this race to the bottom, except shoddy contractors or companies who value profits above everything else.

Former Gov. Pete Wilson sought to scapegoat construction workers

Former California Gov. Pete Wilson began efforts to weaken the prevailing wage program in 1993. By 1995, 10 bills were moving through the legislature to cut prevailing wage protections. Economists claimed the savings would be as much as $200 million, all taken from workers through lower wages and benefits and cutting retirement programs. Former Gov. Wilson persisted, seeking to change the 1965 rule defining prevailing wages.

In November 1995, a coalition of construction worker unions organized as the State Building and Construction Trades Council (SBCTC) hired a law firm to gain a legal injunction against Gov. Wilson’s plans, but his staff went back to square one and began working again to cut prevailing wage protections.

The SBCTC organized giant rallies in February 1996, mobilizing more than 15,000 in Sacramento and 25,000 in Los Angeles. Traffic came to a standstill in both cities, and the national media took notice. Despite the controversy, the Wilson Administration continued to push new regulations. Again, SBCTC went to court. In 1997, they were joined by nine large contractor associations – those believing in paying decent wages and benefits in order to keep a trained and experienced workforce – along with Local 3. In May 1997, the courts once again told the Wilson Administration to stick with the long-time prevailing wage rules.

Hard work produces a victory benefiting workers and taxpayers

Continuing to work on strengthening the prevailing wage policy against attack, SBCTC sponsored SB 16, which upgraded prevailing wage policies from regulation into statute. Finally, after years of hard work and many dollars expended, former Gov. Davis ended the long war over prevailing wages by signing SB 16 on June 1, 1999.

However, under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, prevailing wage is again a topic of hot discussion. Stay tuned for updates.

OE3 Scholarship Fund

Giving gifts that last a lifetime

A charity is only as strong as its contributors want it to be, and the Local 3 Scholarship Fund is no exception. Today the fund is strong, both financially and in the support it receives from Local 3. It has grown substantially in the last five years, with much of the success due to an increase in donations from members and the employer community. Many contributions are from longtime supporters, but new members and organizations have recently become acquainted with the fund.

If Local 3 has touched you or your family, please consider the scholarship fund as an opportunity to give back to the union. Gifts to the fund make it possible for members to play a role in helping young adults understand the importance and economic relevance of union membership. Every gift makes the scholarship fund stronger.

To encourage and enable the academic success of Local 3 children, a partnership between Local 3, employers and related businesses created the scholarship fund to provide financial assistance for the children of Local 3 members. The Thomas Morton Foundation became the charter member of the Local 3 Scholarship Emeritus Circle with a donation of $25,000 last year. Established by Ann Parks in memory of her husband, the Ed Parks Memorial Fund sponsored a first-place scholarship winner last year and this year, along with the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU), which sponsored a second-place winner.

As the demand for meaningful scholarships increased, Local 3 developed new fund-raising opportunities. In 2003, many Local 3 members participated in a cruise to Alaska with $50 of the fare earmarked as a donation to the scholarship fund. Members continued this opportunity with special cruises to Mexico and Alaska in 2005 and the Western Caribbean in January 2006.

The Tom Stapleton Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament held annually in September remains the biggest source of revenue for the fund. The 2005 tournament raised more than $55,000.

Most contributions come in the form of traditional cash donations, but some have chosen more creative donation methods. Because of tax considerations, some contributions can result in the donor being able to give a gift that is greater than he or she thought possible. These gifts help build the strength and future of the scholarship fund and allow the donor to experience giving the gift of a lifetime.

The Local 3 Scholarship Fund offers a variety of ways to contribute:

- **Cash gifts.** Gifts to the general scholarship fund can be in any amount.
- **Memorial and Honor gifts.** You can contribute to the scholarship fund in the memory or honor of a loved one, friend, colleague or to commemorate a special occasion. Written acknowledgment of your gift and the amount will appear in scholarship and media correspondence. A $500 minimum is necessary to establish a named gift, and there are four donation levels:
  - Bronze $500
  - Silver $1,000
  - Gold $5,000
  - Platinum $6,000
- **Bequests.** Gifts made through your will, allow you to retain control of your assets during your lifetime and distribute them as you wish upon your death. Our members and friends may choose to include a gift to the Local 3 Scholarship Fund. A charitable bequest may reduce your estate tax. Consulting an attorney is advisable any time you make or change a will.
- **Securities.** There may be an advantage to giving marketable securities – stocks, bonds or mutual funds – instead of cash. In some cases, you may receive a charitable deduction on your taxes, as well as avoid taxes on capital gains. Consult your financial adviser for details.

If you would like more information on donating to the scholarship fund, please contact the fund administrator, Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise at (510) 748-7400.
Operating Engineers Local 3 Scholarship Contest Rules for 2006

Applications available at district offices, credit union branches and www.oe3.org

The Local 3 officers and Executive Board understand that the workplace is rapidly changing, and many jobs now require new skills that can be attained only with a good education. Local 3 is dedicated to giving our young people the opportunity to succeed by providing them with the chance to further their education and training. For this reason, Local 3 awards annual scholarships to sons, daughters, stepchildren and foster children of Local 3 members.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Four college scholarships will be awarded to children of Local 3 members. Two scholarships of $3,000 each will be awarded to the first place female and male applicants. Two scholarships of $2,000 each will be awarded to the second place female and male applicants. These scholarships must be used for study at accredited U.S. colleges or universities.

Winners also receive an additional $1,000 per year from the Scholarship Fund for the second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.

The academic scholarships will not impose restrictions of any kind on the course of study. Recipients may accept any other grants or awards, which do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

WHO MAY APPLY

Children of Local 3 members may apply for an academic scholarship. One parent of the applicant must be a Local 3 member for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application.

Children of deceased Local 3 members are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The parent of the applicant must have been a Local 3 member in good standing for at least one year immediately preceding the date of death.

The applicants must be senior high school students who have, or will be, graduated at the end of either: 1) the fall semester (beginning in 2005) or: 2) the spring semester (beginning in 2006), in public, private or parochial schools who are planning to attend a college or trade school anywhere in the U.S. during the academic year and who are able to meet the academic requirements for entrance in the university or college of their choice. Students selected for a scholarship must have achieved not less than a B cumulative average in their high school work.

Applications will be accepted between Jan. 1, 2006 and March 31, 2006.

AWARDING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Upon receipt of the application and required forms, Local 3 will not exercise any choice among the various applicants or indicate in any way that one applicant should be favored over another. Based on factors normally used in awarding academic scholarships, the University Scholarship Selection Committee will submit recommendations for finalists to the Local 3 Executive Board. The list of potential winners and their qualifications will be reviewed and studied by the Executive Board and the scholarship winners selected.

Academic scholarship winners will be announced at Local 3’s June Executive Board meeting. Checks will be deposited in the winning students’ names at the college or university they plan to attend.

Applicants who are not selected for an academic scholarship will automatically be eligible for the random-draw scholarships; therefore, only one application is required. Twenty $50 random-draw scholarships will be awarded at Local 3’s July Executive Board meeting. Applicants need not be present to win.

INSTRUCTIONS

All of the following items must be received by March 31, 2006:

1. The application is to be filled out and returned by the applicant.
2. The report on the applicant and transcript is to be filled out by the high school principal or person he or she designates and returned directly to Local 3 by the official completing it.
3. One to three letters of recommendation giving information about the applicant’s character and ability. These may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends or others who know the applicant. Please submit all letters of recommendation with the application.
4. A recent photograph, preferably two inches by three inches, with the applicant’s name written on the back. The photo should be clear enough to reproduce in the Engineers News.
5. The name, address and phone number of the applicant’s local newspaper for the purpose of sending a press release on behalf of each winner.

RANDOM-DRAW SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the four academic scholarships, Local 3 will award 20 $500 random-draw scholarships. The names of all applicants will be entered into a drawing to be held at Local 3’s July Executive Board meeting. Applicants need not be present to win.

Random-draw scholarships are available only to the sons, daughters, stepchildren and foster children of Local 3 members. One parent of the applicant must be a Local 3 member for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application.

Children of deceased Local 3 members are eligible to apply for the scholarships if the parent was a Local 3 member for at least one year immediately preceding the date of death.

Children of Local 3 members who plan to attend a college or trade school are eligible to apply. They will not be judged on academic qualifications. All applicants who apply for the Local 3 academic scholarships and do not win will automatically qualify for this drawing.

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006. Previous winners are not eligible to apply.

The money will be funded when the college or trade school confirms the winner is a full-time student.

WHERE TO GET APPLICATIONS

Academic and random-draw scholarship applications are available at the local's district offices, credit union branches and www.oe3.org. It is the applicant’s responsibility to submit the application on time to:

Robert L. Wise
Recording-Corresponding Secretary
Operating Engineers Local 3
1620 South Loop Road
Alameda, CA 94502-7090

Yes! I would like to support the Operating Engineers Local 3 Scholarship Fund. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:

☐ $20  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ Other $_____

Clip out & mail to: Robert L. Wise, Recording-Corresponding Secretary • Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 • 1620 South Loop Rd., Alameda, CA 94502
**OE3 welcomes new members**

Local 3 is proud to welcome the following new members who were sworn in at the September 2005 district meetings:

**District 11 Nevada**
Gaye Allison  
Efrain Arellano  
William Boldon  
Chad Darre  
Dario Guizar  
Germia Husak  
Keith Johnson  
Kyle Johnson  
Tomas Molinar  
Dana Morgan  
Jedidia Olson  
Davis Rackley  
Chris Rollison  
Andrew Sloan  
Vicr Sotelo  
Jamie Watts

**District 17 Maui**
Steven Ahkoi  
Branden Barut  
Leilani Botelho  
James Tsuha  
Dana Daniels  
Conrad Derego  
Derrick Chesterton  
Derrick Pang  
Karl Thomas  
Paul Thomas

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**HONORARY MEMBERS**

The following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of September 2005 and are eligible for Honorary Membership effective Oct. 1, 2005.

Johnny Burns ...........................................1115295
John Collins ............................................1225931
Chancey Cook ...........................................1191074
Raymond Halvorson ..................................1419431
Masami Iramura .......................................1328167
Victor Johnson ........................................1187279
Richard Kawakosha ..................................1431553
Johnathan Liu .........................................1451750
Issac K. Liu ...........................................1364716
Robert Marr ............................................1305622
Rex Miller ...............................................1451609
James Pontes .........................................1451798
Randall Raabe ........................................1451876
Donald Rhodes .......................................1315885
Donald T. Rush ........................................1451625
Craig Smith ............................................1451630
Paul Squatrito .........................................1265336
Dale Steele .............................................1091982
Harold Viela Sr. ......................................1324987
Pete Ward Jr. .........................................1414980

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**Departed Members**

Our condolences to the family and friends of the following departed members:

Baer, Paul  Placerville, CA  08-02-05  Redwood City, CA  09-10-05
Banchero, Mario Martinez, CA  08-06-05  Kamai, Richard  Kealakekua, HI  09-09-05
Blackwell, Gary Salinas, CA  07-30-05  Larkin, Jim  Novato, CA  08-05-05
Bright, Vernon Jackson, CA  08-09-05  Mahoney, Kenneth  San Francisco, CA  08-02-05
Crowley, James West Valley City, UT  08-07-05  Merrill, Eugene  Scotts Valley, CA  05-26-05
Darrough, Robert Yuba City, CA  08-03-05  Mullings, Bill  Gilroy, CA  08-13-05
Douglas, Gordon Spanish Fork, UT  07-27-05  Owings, Keith  Boise, ID  08-16-05
Dwiggins, Charles Fresno, CA  08-22-05  Pack, Charlie  Live Oak, CA  08-18-05
Galaviz, Arthur Visalia, CA  08-26-05  Pfeifer, Howard  Applegate, CA  11-20-04
Domes, Anthony Waipahu, HI  08-09-05  Ragsdale, W.  Lemoncove, CA  08-06-05
Harling, Vernon McKinleyville, CA  08-16-05  Reese, Nyle  Salt Lake City, UT  09-12-05
Horihata, Shunji Hilo, HI  07-20-05  Weir, Gay  Garland, TX  07-03-05
Hunter Jr., Andrew Modesto, CA  08-14-05  Zimmer, Fred  Fresno, CA  07-30-05

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**OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 3**

Operating Engineers Local 3 welcomes the following new contractors:

**District 01 San Francisco**
Joe Mc’s Underground Construction  
Oliver Transbay Construction  
Remediation Services  
SD Drilling  
Trinet Construction

**District 04 Fairfield**
Ayala Boring  
PLC Trenching

**District 11 Nevada**
Gusick  
Ed Boland Construction

**District 12 Utah**
Skyline Professional Services  
Wilson’s Mechanical Services

**District 17 Hawaii**
Roger Palama  
Wally Rita Trucking

**District 20 Oakland**
Spilker Associates

**District 70 Redding**
Shirlee’s Conveyer Rental & Sales

**District 80 Sacramento**
Clark Arnold

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**DECEMBER 2005**

1st  **District 01: Novato**
Inn of Marin  
250 Entrada

5th  **District 17: Kona**
Kona High School Cafeteria  
Lihue

6th  **District 17: Honolulu**
Washington Intermediate  
School Cafeteria  
1633 South King St.

7th  **District 17: Hilo**
Hilo ILWU Hall  
100 W. Lani kaua St.

8th  **District 17: Kona**
King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel  
75-5660 Palani Road

9th  **District 17: Maui**
Maui Beach Hotel  
170 Kaahumanu Ave.

15th  **District 04: Suisun City**
Veterans’ Memorial Bldg.  
427 Main St.
Deceased Dependents

Bonito, Kay.
Wife of Bonito, Frank
06-06-05

Jean, Marilyn.
Wife of Jean, Don R.
08-15-05

Johnston, Hazel.
Wife of Johnston, Earl C. (dec)
08-10-05

Kinney, Florence.
Wife of Kinney, Wesley (dec)
08-28-05

Leon, Sylvia.
Wife of Leon Sr., Frank
09-10-05

Odom, Ella.
Wife of Odom, Lyonel O.
09-02-05

Penuna, Valentina.
Wife of Penuna, Ignacio
09-06-05

Tetsutani, Ichiko.
Wife of Tetsutani, Toshio
07-18-05

Waa, Nellie.
Wife of Waa, Herman (dec)
07-21-05

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**Business in beautification**

It’s business as usual in Redding District 70. A notable project includes the widening and beautification of Hwy. 273 from Caterpillar to North Market Street. Redevelopment funds in Redding made the $10 million project possible. The five-mile-long stretch of highway is expected to take 1.5 years to finish and will include a new median and planter. J.F. Shea is the contractor and currently employs 20-25 Local 3 operators. As the season slows work down, Redding District 70 reminds everyone to keep an “up” attitude and to stay safe on the job.

**Construction Career Days a success**

Local 3 apprenticeship and District 12 staff was pleased to participate in the Utah Construction Career Days Sept. 27-29 at the Utah State Fairgrounds. The three-day event was a huge success with more than 6,000 middle and high school students in attendance. While under the supervision of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) staff and volunteer retirees, the students were able to sit in the seat and operate various types of cranes and earth-moving equipment.

Before taking the opportunity to operate the heavy equipment, many students stopped by the Local 3 apprenticeship booth to receive literature and information on the apprenticeship program and what it takes to be an Operating Engineer. Many students attended with their parents and relatives during family night of the event.

Signatory employers such as Granite Construction, Ames Construction, W.W. Clyde, Geneva Rock Products and Wheeler Machinery were also present with equipment and employee representatives.

The event was a tremendous success. We offer an enormous thank you to the retirees who volunteered their time to help with equipment and direct students throughout the Construction Career Days event.
Business is good for District 04

Business is good in Fairfield District 04, and it’s all business at the Malcolm Drilling project. Work includes drilling, pouring and replacing rebar cages for 980 drill piers. This $230 million project will include a structural steel frame and utilities plant that will stand six stories tall and cover 460,000 square feet. The project is scheduled for completion in November 2008. It is in addition to an existing Vallejo Kaiser Hospital and includes signatories Granite Construction, Malcolm Drilling, Amos & Andrews, Mike Brown Electric and Tyack Construction. The general contractor is McCarthy. Members such as Steve Benesi find good hours at this project.

End of summer marks gain and loss

The end of another busy season is around the corner, but members are still working hard. Because of the late start this year, larger contractors are pushing to the end to get as much done as possible.

Las Vegas Paving is working against the clock to get through environmental zones on the Northwest Interceptor Project. If successful, work will continue until the weather shuts it down.

Steve P. Rados is also on the interceptor project. The company doesn’t have environmental issues, so it plans to continue as weather allows.

Teichert Construction started two large projects late this season and will also continue as weather permits. One project includes Laguna Ridge, which has about 30 operators moving nearly 1 million yards of dirt. The other Teichert project involves 3 million yards of dirt-moving work for a new resort golf course at Cache Creek Casino.

Granite Construction put the finishing touches on the Jefferson Boulevard Project in West Sacramento. The District 80 hall continues to dispatch hands out to the Metro Air Park Project. This project estimate is $29 million and should employ 30-50 members.

Organizer Jim Horan and the District 80 staff recently signed new contractor Clark Arnold Corporation – a Sacramento-based company located off 82nd Street. The company specializes in underground utility construction and is owned by Jonas Clark and Christopher Arnold. The company currently employs 20 Local 3 members on six underground projects. Membership involvement played an important part in this organizing success; a big thank you goes to all.

District 80 recently lost three brothers: Teichert Foreman Robert Wingard, 18-year member and Teichert Loader-Operator Jeff Bisby and El Dorado Disposal Sorter Fred Williams. Our hearts go out to their families.