Looking Ahead: The Governor's Race 2002

MARCH 5 PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS
TRIPLE-AXLE RIG'S 'BORE AND POUR'
NEW RMTG DIRECTOR OULINES GOALS
For The Good & Welfare
By Don Doser, Business Manager

Big day coming:
Make your voice heard March 5

Soon after you read this issue of Engineers News, Californians will head to the polls for the March 5 primary election. Several propositions are up for consideration, and a few of these in particular will have a direct impact on labor. I urge you to make your voice heard through your vote. If you aren’t registered, it’s too late for the March 5 primary, but not too late to get registered for the next election in November. We don’t want anti-labor interests deciding our future for us. We need your vote.

Two propositions, 42 and 45, need our special attention and support. The first, Prop. 42, would provide a tremendous boost to the construction industry. If passed, Prop. 42 would require the state sales tax paid on gasoline and diesel fuel purchases to be paid only once per year. This would provide:

• Safer travel. Prop. 42 would earmark more than $1 billion annually for transportation projects. This would help alleviate the traffic nightmares that commuters face every day. It would also make bridges safer and reduce accidents.

• No new taxes. The state sales tax on gasoline is one that Californians already pay. Prop. 42 will simply ensure that these tax funds go to transportation projects. This costs you nothing extra while delivering the benefits of safer roads and less traffic.

• Economy boost. According to the Federal Highway Administration, every dollar spent on road and highway infrastructure benefits the economy by $5.70. Prop. 42 would speed approval and construction of key projects, as well as create thousands of construction and engineering jobs. As operators, this is exactly what we want and need to maintain our livelihood.

• Only one percent of state budget. Prop. 42 will not strain the state’s budget. In comparison to many other propositions that require a much larger portion of the money pie, Prop. 42 will only require one percent of the total budget.

Prop. 45 needs our support

The second major proposition needing our support is Prop. 45, the initiative that would allow registered voters in an Assembly or state Senate district to submit petition signatures permitting their incumbent state legislator to run for re-election and serve for an additional four years maximum, if elected by a majority vote. This option would only be permitted once per legislator. Petitions would be filed before the end of legislator’s final term and petition signatures would be subject to specified requirements.

Get to the poll nearest you

As you can see, these issues are of utmost importance to us as union members and as operators in the construction industry. If passed, Prop. 42 would mean an enormous gain for the membership. Our share of work would significantly increase, as would the safety of our bridges and highways. Please don’t take its significance lightly; we need your vote on March 5 to pass Prop. 42.

If you’re not registered to vote, contact your district representative. Even though it’s too late to register for the March 5 primary, it’s not too late to register for the fall election. Local 3 has a lot riding on this election. The stakes are high. We must have your ‘Yes’ vote to make that outcome favorable. The benefits of passing Prop. 42 and Prop. 45 will be well worth the time and effort it takes you to vote. For yourself and your family, make the trip on March 5 to the poll nearest you. You won’t be sorry.
In the News

1953 world middleweight champ, RMTC worker
Carl "Bobo" Olson dies

HONOLULU, Hawaii – Carl "Bobo" Olson, a former world middleweight champion who later worked at Local 3's Rancho Murieta Training Center, died recently from the effects of Alzheimer's disease and pugilistic dementia. He was 73.

Olson was recreational activities instructor and security person at RMTC 1974-85 and often worked out in an outdoor boxing ring at the training site.

In his prime he fought during a golden age of boxing in the 1940s and 50s, facing Sugar Ray Robinson four times but never winning. He is a member of the boxing Hall of Fame.

"He was a rugged, spirited individual who exemplified the fighting spirit of Local 3 by hanging in there every round," Business Manager Don Doser said. "He also was a gentlemanly fighter, and we're glad he was part of RMTC."

Olson, a native Hawaiian, was gravely ill and died Jan. 16 in Honolulu after family members instructed doctors to take him off life support, according to published reports.

His family was at his side.

"Bobo went peacefully but he took us the whole 15 rounds," his wife of 53 years, Judy Olson, said afterward.

Olson compiled a record of 98-16 with 48 knockouts with only two ties. His reign as middleweight champ lasted from 1953 through 1955 before retiring in 1966. He was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in Los Angeles and the International Boxing Hall of Fame in New York. He is also a member of the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame, and two Halls of Fame in Sacramento.

Talking Points

By John Bonilla, President

John's two cents

Federal stupidity; operators' ingenuity

Consider those recent headlines:
- Bush budget includes $9 billion cut in highway funds
- Los Angeles Times
- State loses federal cash for highways
- San Jose Mercury News
- California highways hit hard
- Riverside Press Enterprise.

Something ugly is going on, and it promises to hurt more than Operating Engineers. These scary headlines should have Californians worried about the quality and safety of their highways.

In short, California stands to lose about a half-billion dollars in federal funds under President Bush's proposed 2003 budget. Other states would suffer similar cuts, but California would be hurt the most.

A cut that size would have a huge, negative impact on Golden State highways, according to Jeff Morales, director of the California Department of Transportation.

More important, the reductions could derail plans by Gov. Gray Davis to increase annual spending on state transportation projects by $1 billion. Davis and pro-worker members of Congress should push to avoid those cuts. If anyone forgets, rest assured your Local 3 leaders and the Operating Engineers Community Action Team will be there to remind them.

On another subject: Operators get it done

It wasn’t a glamorous job. Fact is, the unusual project was full of dirt and mud - when it wasn’t freezing cold and windy.

But nearly three dozen Local 3 members gutted it out this past winter, working long shifts under trying conditions. They did a first-rate job operating a unique-to-the-nation drilling rig. They built a $5 million underground wall beneath a CalPERS office expansion for Raito Constructors of San Leandro, Calif. (See Engineers News feature, pages 4-5.)

Don’t take my word for the quality of this crew.

Project manager Jim McMillan praised Local 3 operators for getting it done on time, with a minimum of gripes.

As I’ve said before, this is another example of why Local 3 members are in high demand for jobs that require the highest-skilled operators in the industry.

We get the job done.

Steve Montero, left, a member of Local 3 for 25 years, and 17-year-member David Howard, refueling his rig, share a light moment during a break from Raito's unique project.
32 Operating Engineers weather cold, rain, mud, wind

Raito brings 'bore and pour' to expanded Sacramento landmark

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Al Billigmier's tungsten-carbide teeth are at the cutting edge of one of the Capital's newest landmarks.

Billigmier, a Local 3 member since 1983, keeps sharp dozens of three-foot-wide drilling bits for a special triple-auger rig that injects mixed-in-place, cement-bentonite slurry for an excavation-support wall 2,100 feet long and up to 130 feet deep.

"No one in the U.S. is doing what we're doing," Jim McMullan, project manager for Raito, Geotechnical Constructors of San Leandro, Calif., said about his firm's bore-and-pour technique made possible by its Dynamic Hercules 908 rig. It stands 36 meters high equipped with the three giant drills.

"There's 19 of these rigs in the world, and 18 of them are in Japan," he said with pride. "We have some of our best men on it, doing a great job working in tough conditions. They're Local 3 all the way."

Raito's project is part of a $250 million expansion of the California Public Employees' Retirement System headquarters in downtown Sacramento. It fills two city blocks bounded by 3rd, Q, 5th and R streets, and will be home to the nation's largest public pension fund with assets totaling more than $151 billion, CalPERS spokesman Brad Pacheco said. The fund provides retirement and health benefits to more than 1.2 million state and local public employees.

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Local 3's role

The foundation for that landmark will be the product of nearly three dozen Local 3 members working for Raito. The perimeter cutoff, excavation-support wall is one of the initial phases of construction, and Operating Engineers began long shifts on the $5 million job last November - rain, wind or shine.

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'Supercutter': Al Billigmier, a Local 3 member since 1983, doublechecks the alignment of tungsten-carbide teeth for a 750-pound drill bit, a key feature of the unique-to-the-nation drilling rig used in the downtown Sacramento project.

CLEAN CUT: Local 3 member Gary Johnson steam cleans mud and debris from Raito's triple-auger Dynamic Hercules 808 rig. "That way dirt don't fall on you," fellow Operating Engineer Chris Johnson said.

THE BIG PICTURE: This view of the CalPERS expansion is from the roof of the scalpint, according to plans by CalPERS' design consultant Pickard Chilton.

'Superstar' - Glass lobby, the centerpiece and main entry to the complex. Exterior walkways will link the two structures, and a pedestrian concourse below Q Street will tie the building to CalPERS' headquarters, known also as Lincoln Plaza.

Other features of the expansion mirror Lincoln Plaza, including the atrium and several outdoor terraces, offering employees access to sunlight, fresh air and lush landscaping, according to plans by CalPERS' design consultant Pickard Chilton.

Newlandmark'

Expected to be completed in 2004, the CalPERS addition will feature landscaped terraces and an architectural look that reflects the design award-winning current CalPERS headquarters north across the street. The addition will consist of two U-shaped wings of four and six floors that form a public courtyard bisected by a mews for pedestrians and vehicles along 4th Street.

A giant trellis-covered veranda will embrace a six-story sculptured glass lobby, the centerpiece and main entry to the complex. Exterior walkways will link the two structures, and a pedestrian concourse below Q Street will tie the building to CalPERS' headquarters, known also as Lincoln Plaza.

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PROUD WALL-IN-THE-HOLE GANG: This is the Local 3 crew that worked long shifts to build a $5 million, 2,100-foot wall up to 130 feet below ground as the foundation for a Capital office expansion. Sacramento Business Rep., Richard Marshall, far right, said tipping the job in favor of the 32 Operating Engineers for Raito Geotechnical Constructors was the unique triple-auger rig in the background.

From an engineering standpoint, Raito's project is unusual because of the combination of deep reach and auger-mixed wall installation without using other equipment such as backhoes, excavators, trenchers or clamshells.


McMullan agreed.

"Nobody else in the country does mix-in-place work like we do with triple-action augers," McMullan said. "On this sort of project we compete with traditional slurry-wall trench contractors. But we think our method gives a better product, faster and more economically."

Here's how it works

"We go around the perimeter of the site with a smaller Dynamic Hercules 608 rig drilling pilot holes," McMullan said. "We then follow it up with a triple-axle rigged Dynamic Hercules 808 rig to construct the mixed-in-place cement-bentonite slurry wall. Then we lower steel sheet piling vertically in the fresh slurry mix."

"Then we go home, return the next day and do it again."

The CalFERS engineering team overseeing the project said the deep wall is necessary to form an impermeable barrier to achieve three goals:

- Reduce the amount of dewatering necessary for the excavation required for two stories of underground parking.
- Isolate the site from the existing contaminated groundwater plume originating at the Union Pacific Railroad yard about a mile north.
- Reduce the likelihood of subsidence in areas surrounding the site due to groundwater pumping.

In a day's work

A reflection of Operating Engineer skills is how Billigmier, dispatched as a mechanic welder on heavy duty drilling equipment, carefully aligns a new five-pound tooth onto the 750-pound drill bit.

After spot welding the giant tooth into place, he double-checks the alignment then strengthens the lead tooth with steel gaskets before moving on to the next tooth.

At least three more jagged drill bits lie nearby awaiting Billigmier's attention. Each one may last one to two days, sometimes longer, depending on rock and debris in the soil.

The better Billigmier's alignment, the smoother the cut.

"The teeth on the opposing side of the drill must intermesh with the material," Billigmier explained from his "workshop," a driveway-sized steel plate shaded by a yellow tarp. "Sometimes, when it's raining, it blows right through."

No matter. The giant drill bits remain the core of a unique triple-auger project staffed by union-minded, union-trained Operating Engineers of Local 3.
New director; new direction

As the new director for the JAC’s Rancho Murieta Training Center, I would like everyone to know that my goals are to make RMTC a well-equipped training institution desirable to the entire local.

That means that every component from the grass to the rooftops will reflect what this union is all about. With qualified top-notch personnel, state-of-the-art equipment and relevant programs, we will be service oriented with the aim of achieving the highest standard of training. Our ultimate results are to encourage pride in apprenticeship, to promote respect for the union and the officers who run it, and to show appreciation for all members – apprentices and journey-level operators alike.

When you became an apprentice or joined the union as a journey-level operator, you were adopted into a unique fellowship, or family. We are a family who supports one another and makes it so that around every corner there is an opportunity either for employment, advancement or training. Therefore, we aim to be efficient in the course of business yet sensitive to the needs of our brothers and sisters and their families.

Under my direction and with the support of the Local 3 leadership, the Apprenticeship Program will never be a stumbling block to anyone who puts forward his or her best effort. The way I see it, apprenticeship is not just about learning skills; it’s also about forging relationships, care and commitment. I and my staff — coordinators, instructors, administrative personnel, maintenance personnel and cafeteria personnel — believe this is essential to bringing people together for the purpose of strengthening this great organization.

More enhanced training

In the last Engineers News we discussed new advanced training for grade-setters. We outlined how the advanced training would consist of five days of overview of the fundamentals and intensified slope staking and more.

In order to keep up with the demands for advanced training, the Rancho Murieta Training Center just recently completed modifications to a couple of its existing facilities. By doing so, we’ve added one small classroom and one large classroom to allow for two or more combined classes, with office space for the instructors to prepare training materials.

The blade class in particular will benefit, as it will acquire space for electronics training. Like the grade-setters, the blade operators are creating a class for advanced training, which will focus on electronics training for the blade operators.

To receive advanced training in the blades electronic class, no prior knowledge of electronics is required. This five-day class will be designed to accommodate those who are familiar with the motorgrader and have a desire to increase their skills even more. Operators should, however, be blade-support level and be familiar with all the levers and their functions.

At least one day will be spent in class learning all the electronics systems components and their functions. Trainees will learn how to perform a full calibration and daily calibration with TOPCON Systems 4 and 5, with spectra precision also available. (Blade Pro) Trainees will also learn how to properly operate Sonar Tracker II and laser control instruments. During class time, students will also discuss subjects pertaining to finish profile work, proper sloping and other techniques that can enhance your skills to becoming a finish blade operator.

Monthly quiz answer

Last month we asked the question: “Do you know what a latching fuel shutoff solenoid is and how it’s activated and deactivated?”

ANSWER: The latching fuel shutoff solenoid (1) activates the fuel on or run position with momentary power from the motor terminal on the starter. It latches to the fuel off position with power from the “C” terminal on the key start switch. Some solenoids are equipped with a manual shutoff button (2). Depressing it latches the solenoid to the off position. There is no provision for manually latching the solenoid to the run position.


Next question

Now test your knowledge on this question: What do the CAT acronyms CID, FMI & MID mean?

See next month’s column for the answer.

Advanced training

As new methods of training and increased training opportunities present themselves, the RMTC proposes to introduce advanced training for apprentices and journey-level operators.

The types of training currently available are POP (probationary orientation period), SRT (supplemental related training), and journey-level training. An excellent example of these types of training can be seen with gradesetting instruction.

At the POP, a four-day instruction period, the goal is that each individual be taught the fundamentals necessary to get started in this career. These fundamentals would include safety, converting inches to tenths and hundreds, use of a handleless, laser and instruction on how to move elevations around the job site with both. It is also necessary to include instruction on placing the boots or hike-ups on cut or fill stakes.

SRT consists of 10 days of training with the first three days as a repeat of POP level training because invariably there are beginners to gradesetting whether they are first step or fourth. From there we move into slope stakes, cut and fill, and how to put a mental picture to all of the numbers that are written on slope stakes and reference points. We work through problems involving stationing, percent and angles, and how to write your own slope stakes. We discuss the metric system and the numbers you need to know to convert back and forth. However, minimal plan reading is done at this time due to lack of fundamentals by a majority of classes.

Apprentice-to-journey-level grade graduates

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For more information on class schedules and other courses, read Engineers News and our Web site, <www.oe3.org>.

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For operators who have passed the written portion of the CCO exams, the practical exams will be held on weekends throughout the year. Contact Kim Carrillo at the Rancho Murieta Training Center (916) 354-2029 ext. 229 to schedule an appointment or to obtain CCO information.
Preferred Provider for hearing aids

Hearing aids may be purchased from any vendor, however the Hearing Aid Care Plan (HCP) has been a Preferred Provider for hearing aids since 1990.

HCP has retail dealers in various locations throughout California, Oregon, Utah, Hawaii, and Nevada. Hearing aids purchased from HCP are guaranteed to be new devices and are warranted by Acoustic Hearing Instruments against defects in material and workmanship for four years.

In addition, they will carry insurance against loss, theft or breakage for one year from date of purchase. The following chart shows the amount HCP will charge, the Fund Benefit payable and your out-of-pocket expense per hearing aid:

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*Retirees and California participants

Office visits and hearing examinations by a doctor or a licensed clinical audiologist are payable under the medical plan. The plan will pay $900 per ear for a hearing aid and hearing exam. There may be services or supplies offered by the dispensary which are not covered under the plan, such as insurance, extended warranty and service books; purchases of any of these items is not reimbursable. There is a limit of one hearing device for each ear in a four-year period.

To find the name of a PPO or when one is in your area, to verify eligibility, or for assistance regarding any problems with your hearing aid after purchase, please call (800) 322-4327.

If you'd like additional information, call Fringe Benefits at (800) 532-2105 or (510) 746-7450.

Thanks to Business Manager and International Vice President Don Doser's comprehensive organizing program, Local 3 had another banner year helping underrepresented workers.

Out of 28 elections and recognition demands, Local 3 won 52 percent, the national average is 52 percent.

New membership for the year 2001 was up by about 800. Including agency fee payers and applicants, we number nearly 42,000.

More than 150 new employers signed contracts throughout local 3's six-state jurisdiction, providing hundreds of new jobs for our members.

REPRESENTATIVES AND INFORMATION FROM LOCAL 3 BENEFIT PROVIDERS

FRINGE BENEFITS

By Charlie Warren, Director

ORGANIZING

By Bob Miller, Local 3 Vice President

Organizing Outreach 2002 Schedule

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Go with home equity from a union organization

Our local's own credit union, the Operating Engineers Local 3 Federal Credit Union, has loans for virtually every purpose, including home equity lines of credit. Equity is the difference between your home's value and what you owe on your home loan(s).

If you have equity in your home, this is the time of year you may be receiving numerous offers from home equity lenders. As a Local 3 member you have a choice when it comes to selecting a home equity loan provider.

You have the opportunity to go with a union firm if you choose OEFCU for your home equity needs. Taking your financial business to a union firm supports Local 3 and the entire union movement.

As a convenience to you, OEFCU lets you construct your home equity line of credit with both fixed and variable rate credit on one credit line.

For example, you could take out an $80,000 line of credit and use $34,000 of it to purchase a truck on a five-year fixed rate loan. The remainder of your line, to be used for a long-term project such as a room addition, for example, could be constructed as a variable rate loan. Not all home equity lenders offer this type of flexibility.

Other advantages of an OE Home Equity Loan include:
- No annual fee or origination fee.
- No points loans available.
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- No prepayment penalty.
- Pay no interest until you use your equity line.

To request a home equity application, contact any credit union branch. Branch locations are available at the credit union's Web site at <oefcu.org> or by calling (800) 877-4444 or (925) 829-4400.

Don't spend more time or money than necessary buying a car

Member service representatives at any OEFCU branch can help you save time and money on your next car or truck purchase. Call any branch to request pricing on the vehicle you plan to trade in or sell and on the vehicle you plan to buy. Knowing the dealer's invoice price before you go into the dealership is a big help when it comes to getting your new wheels at a fair price.

Better yet, you may want to avoid dealership haggling altogether by contacting the credit union's Auto Buying Consultant* service at (800) 326-9552 or e-mail <autobuyingconsultant@oefcu.org>.

The Auto Buying Consultant staff will locate your vehicle, negotiate with the dealer for the best price and help you through the paperwork. The Auto Buying Consultant service, which is free, even includes in most cases delivery of your new truck or car right to your home or work.

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Looking ahead:
The governor's race 2002

By Amy Modun, Managing Editor

In just a few more months, Californians will decide who governs for the next four years. Of the candidates, union members have one clear choice - Gov. Gray Davis for re-election.

Local 3 has endorsed Gov. Davis because of his long history of supporting labor. During his four years as governor, Davis has dedicated himself to the causes of working families. He kept his promises to us. He continues to work hard for us, and while he depends on us for support, we also depend on him for the well-being of our livelihood.

Take a look at Gov. Davis' outstanding labor record during the past four years. Since he took office in 1999, he restored daily overtime and workplace flexibility, strengthened measures that ensure workplace safety and health enforcement, increased funding for labor law enforcement, and approved legislation that allows working parents to use sick leave to care for an ailing child, parent or spouse. The following highlights his accomplishments in detail:

- Overtime expansion: The Industrial Welfare Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor to reflect the interests of the public, labor and business, extended overtime to hundreds of thousands of workers in California who never before received it. Overtime was extended to the construction, drilling, logging and mining industries.
The following are Local 3's political endorsements for the March 5 California primary. Local 3's leaders identified who supports working families. As for statewide propositions, it is Local 3's policy to make a recommendation only on those that have a direct impact on our members.

### Statewide offices
- **Governor**: Gray Davis
- **Lt. Governor**: Cruz Bustamante
- **Secretary of State**: Kevin Shelley
- **State Controller**: Johan Kehns
- **State Treasurer**: Phil Angelides
- **State Attorney General**: Bill Lockyer
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction**: Jack O'Connell
- **State Insurance Commissioner**: John Garamendi

### State Board of Equalization
- **District 1**: Carole Migden
- **District 2**: No recommendation
- **District 3**: No recommendation
- **District 4**: John Chiang

### U.S. House of Representatives
- **District 1**: Mike Thompson
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### California Legislature

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- **District 2**: Wes Chesbro
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- **District 8**: Jackie Speier
- **District 10**: Liz Figueroa
- **District 12**: No recommendation
- **District 14**: No recommendation
- **District 16**: Dean Florez

#### State Assembly
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- **District 2**: Doug Kinyon
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Shasta Co. Supervisor ............. Sharmaine Fogle
Tehama Co. Sheriff ................. Clay Parker

District 80 - Sacramento
El Dorado Co. Supervisor .......... Penny Humphreys
Sheriff .......................... Jeff Neves
Placer Co. Supervisor ............. Bill Santucci
Assessor ......................... Tim Holcomb
Sacramento City Council
District 1 ...................... Ray Tretheway
District 3 ..................... Steve Cohn
District 5 .................. Lauren Hammond
District 7 .................. Robbie Waters
Sacramento Co. Supervisors
District 1 ................ Roger Dickinson
District 2 .................. Ila Collin
Lake Tahoe Basin Federal
Advisory Committee ............... Ron Slaven
Measure D ................ Yes
Roseville High District
$79.5 million bond ................ Yes
Folsom/Cordova School Bond ...... Yes

District 90 - San Jose
Santa Cruz Co. Supervisor .... Mardi Wormhoudt
San Jose City Council
District 5 .................. Nora Campos
District 9 .................. Chris Hemmingway
Santa Clara Co. Supervisor
District 1 ................ Don Gage
Superior Court Judge
Seat 9 ........................ Ronald Z. Berki
Monterey Co. Supervisor
District 3 ................... Richard Ortiz

Ballot measures

Proposition 42
Gas Tax
Known as the Transportation Improvement Act, this proposition would provide more than $1 billion a year in additional construction projects and public transit funding aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving our transportation systems statewide. It would do so by requiring the existing sales tax on gasoline to be used to fund street, road, highway and public transit improvements and repairs. Vote Yes

Proposition 45
Term Limits
This proposition would allow an incumbent Assembly member or state senator to serve four years beyond current term limits of six or eight years, respectively, if re-elected by a majority of voters in their district. Vote Yes

The governor’s race 2002

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- Raising the state’s minimum wage: California’s minimum wage earners received a pay increase. Governor Davis approved an increase in the state minimum wage from $5.75 to $6.25 effective Jan. 1, 2001. An additional $0.50 increase was approved effective Jan. 1, 2002.
- Cesar Chavez Holiday: Honoring the founder and long-time leader of the United Farmworkers of America, the governor signed a bill declaring March 31, as Cesar Chavez Day in California. The bill, establishing the first paid state holiday in the nation to recognize Chavez, also requires the development of a curriculum to teach children about non-violence and economic justice, and encourages students to participate in community service activities through AmeriCorps and the California Conservation Corps.
- Farmworker housing: Mindful of those workers who drive the economic engine of California’s Central Valley, the governor signed legislation that provides $500,000 in tax credits to builders of farmworker housing; another bill that increases family services for farmworkers and their families and improves the safety of farm labor vehicles.
- Child care: The governor approved measures that expand the resources necessary to retain qualified child care employees in state-subsidized centers, and that require the state to develop recommendations for playground safety requirements at licensed child care centers.
- Labor law enforcement: The governor signed legislation strengthening labor law enforcement and increasing penalties for employers who do not pay wages to their workers, and approved a measure that strengthens employment protections for people with disabilities.
- Binding arbitration: Governor Davis approved a binding arbitration process for firefighters and law enforcement employees that preserves the rights of these employees while offering consistent protection of the public.
- Workplace safety: Governor Davis approved increases in funding for Cal/OSHA to improve workplace safety, targeting employers with the highest proportion of fatalities, injuries, illness and workers’ compensation losses.
- Young worker safety: The governor approved a statewide young worker health and safety resource network, which will increase the ability of young workers and their communities to identify and address workplace hazards for protecting young workers from on-the-job injuries/illnesses.
Scholarship Contest Rules for 2002

Applications are available at district offices and credit union branches

The Local 3 officers and Executive Board understand that the workplace is rapidly changing, and many of the jobs in the future will 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 in tomorrow's jobs by providing them with the chance to further their education and training. For this reason, Local 3 awards annual scholarships to sons and daughters of Local 3 members.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Four college scholarships will be awarded to sons and daughters 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 runner-up female and male applicants. These scholarships must be used for study at any accredited U.S. college or university.

Winners also receive an additional $500 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 that do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

WHO MAY APPLY

- Sons and daughters of members of Local 3 may apply for an Academic Scholarship. One parent of the applicant must be a member of Local 3 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application.
- Sons and daughters of deceased members of Local 3 are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The parent of the applicant must have been a member of Local 3 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 2001) or 2) the spring semester (beginning in 2002), in public, private or parochial schools who are planning to attend a college or university anywhere in the United States 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 scholarship must have achieved not less than a "B" average in their high school work.

Applications will be accepted between January 1, 2002 and March 31, 2002.

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 to the Local 3 Executive Board recommendations for finalists. The list of potential winners and their qualifications will be reviewed and studied by the Executive Board and the scholarship winner selected.

Academic scholarship winners will be announced at the July Executive Board meeting of Operating Engineers Local 3. The checks will be deposited in the winning students' names at the college or university they plan to attend.

All of the following items must be received by March 31, 2002:
- The application, to be filled out and returned by the applicant.
- Report on applicant and transcript, 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.
- Letters of recommendation. The applicants should submit one to three letters of recommendation giving information about their 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.
- Photographs. A recent color photograph, preferably 2 inches by 3 inches, with the applicant's name written on the back. The photo should be clear enough to reproduce in the Engineers News.
- Media information. Provide 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 also award 20 $500 "Random-Draw Scholarships." The names of all applicants will be entered into a drawing to be held at the July Executive Board meeting. Applicants need not be present to win. The scholarships are available only to the sons and daughters of Local 3 members.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RANDOM-DRAW SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sons and daughters of Local 3 members may apply for the scholarship. One parent of the applicant must be a member of Local 3 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the application.
- Sons and daughters of deceased members of Local 3 are eligible to apply for the scholarships if the parent was a member of Local 3 for at least one year immediately preceding the date of death.
- Sons and daughters of Local 3 members who plan to attend 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 until March 31, 2002. Previous winners are not eligible to apply.
- Winners will be determined by a random drawing to be held at the July Executive Board meeting. Applicants do not need to be present to win.
- 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 your district office or credit union branch office. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the application on time to:

Robert L. Wise
Recording-Corresponding Secretary
Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
1620 South Loop Road
Alameda, CA 94502-7090.
Operating Engineers bridging through 2002

By Assistant District Rep. Bran Eubanks

FAIRFIELD, Calif. - Work on the new Benicia Bridge started the second week of January, with Kiewit Pacific employing about 35 hands on the $68 million, three-year project.

In addition, OC Meyers picked up the $68 million 680/780 Interchange project that abuts the new Benicia Bridge. Work is expected to start sometime in March.

FCI/Interbeton has about three months left on the retrofit of the old Benicia Bridge.

Nearby, workers on the FCI/Cleveland Bridge are midway done with the new Carquinez Bridge. OC Jones & Sons works two shifts on the new approach to the Carquinez Bridge. OC Jones also picked up the Hwy. 37 widening project. This $22 million project will start in March.

RL Brosamer picked up the $40 million Hwy. 29 bypass project in Napa, while Walsh Pacific has about 1.5 years left on the $65 million water treatment plant extension in Vacaville.

Future projects going to bid include four new bridges in Napa County and more of the Napa flood-control project. The next 12 to 18 months should give the district another $600 million to $800 million in public works projects.

From Business Rep. Mark Burton

Refinery work is going strong. Bigger Crane has work at Chevron, Ultraman (which is now Valero) and work coming up in Equilon (which was Shell). Maxim Crane Works has work in Valero (Exxon) and Ultraman.

Cherne Contracting has NOX and turnaround projects in Chevron and Valero. They are also planning to construct a new plant in Valero in mid-March 2002 which is to be completed by the end of 2002.

The work in the refineries is keeping our operators working a lot of hours.

A BATT card is required to work in the refineries. If you would like to take a BATT class the number to call to make an appointment is (925) 313-0500. If you have a BATT card, bring it into a District Office or send in a copy so it can be entered into our computer system.

Be safe and have a good year.

Projects keep North Bay operators busy

ROHNERT PARK, Calif. - Some good news for District 10 Operating Engineers and the North Bay Counties came from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which adopted its list of Bay Area Transportation plans for the next 20 years.

Officials have lined up $65 million for commuter rail, from Cloverdale in Northern Sonoma County to Larkspur in Marin County. MTC officials have commitments from state sources to pay for the Hwy. 101 widening north of Novato to the southern end of Sonoma County.

These projects still fall millions of dollars short. Sonoma County has needs that cost more than what is available. Local city and county governments have to come up with serious monies for matching the funds. The state will then follow with more committed funds for these projects.

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority established an ad hoc committee to explore the potential for a sales tax measure on the November 2002 ballot and to help fund and deliver future transportation projects in Sonoma County.

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority also voted to support Proposition 42 on the March 2002 ballot, which Local 3 also supports. The measure will permanently direct the state sales tax from sales on gasoline go to transportation projects.

In other news...

In December 2001, Hanson Building Materials was granted a permit to expand a deep pit gravel mining operation along the Russian River just north of Windsor.

Under the agreement, Hanson will add 13 acres to its existing terrace mine. The company has had up to nine Operating Engineers working through the winter months.

Syar Industries of Healdsburg had its normal winter layoff. The company has been able to keep a number of operators working on the day shift, but had to cut back on the swing shift.

There have been mounting concerns from local residents about the dust and noise created on the swing shift. At a Healdsburg City Council meeting in December, Jim Syar, president of Syar Industries, in the spirit of being a good neighbor, addressed the city council and local residents to explain what steps Syar Industries has taken and will take to help control the noise and dust problems.

A small number of our members attended that meeting. We are hoping that this problem can be resolved. But if opposition continues to try and shut down Syar's swing shift, then the Rohnert Park District 10 office will call on all members in Healdsburg and the surrounding areas to show Local 3's support for Syar Industries and jobs for our members.

In Lake County, Argonaut Constructors still works on the Basins 2000 Project and is ahead of schedule.

Birth announcement

Congratulations to Claudia and Mike Rubio, a Local 3 member since 1997, on the birth of son Michael Jacob Rubio on Nov. 21, 2001.

Apprentice spotlight

POP Apprentice Christy Aguirre, seen here operating a trenching machine for Watkin & Bortolussi.

Chad Allan, first-period apprentice for Steve P. Rados, is seen here grace- ing. Allan is also a team captain for the Community Action Team program.

Tammy Castillo, apprentice coordinator, for the Fairfield and Rohnert Park District offices, commended both Aguirre and Allan for excellent on-the-job performance.

"Keep up the great work," Castillo said.

Dates to remember

March 5 Primary election. Please vote!
March 21 Hazmat re-certification, eight-hour class, 7 a.m.
March 21 Retirees District meeting, Ukiah, 10 a.m.
March 21 Retirees District meeting, Rohnert Park, 2 p.m.
March 21 Pre Retirement meeting, 6 p.m.
March 21 District 10 quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.
Eureka moves to new office

EUREKA, Calif. - After 48 years in the same location, the headquarters for the District 40 office in Eureka has moved to a new location, District Rep. Bill Burns said.

Local 3 bought the new office, a 975-square-foot former doctor's office located at 2367 Harrison Ave., at the opposite side of town from the old office at 2906 Broadway, which has been sold.

Phone numbers will remain the same.

The new headquarters for District 40 in Eureka.

Dispatches up, work outlook strong for 2002

By Business Rep. DJ Robertson

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Work in our area is booming and has not slowed due to our nation's economy. Dispatches in the San Jose Office are up 15 percent from last year.

From the San Jose Area

Finally, after numerous city council and political meetings, the Metcalf Energy Center looks like it's underway in South San Jose. This is a 650-megawatt power plant that will be 100-percent union and will give our brother and sister's work for at least two years. Mortenson Construction is the general contractor and, after a brief mark-up meeting, it looks like the crafts should be ready to rock 'n' roll by early spring.

Top Grade Construction is doing all the infrastructure work and has employed about 10 Operating Engineers.

Pavex Construction reports that work on the coast of Monterey looks good this upcoming season. There is lots of work on the books and plenty of money out to bid. After speaking with other contractors in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, work looks promising for the upcoming season.

From Santa Cruz and Monterey counties

The Moss Landing Power Plant has about 50 Operating Engineers working year round, seven days a week building a 1,200-megawatt power plant. This job should keep members busy about four years.

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Under new District Rep. Fred Henschbach, the San Jose District during 2001 organized 27 new contracts. This will contribute to Local 3's Business Manager Don Doser's goal to organize 100 percent of the construction market share to provide better wages and fringe benefits for our members.

Any members willing to learn how to organize should come by our Organizing Outreach Seminars held on:

- Tuesday March 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 6 about four years.
- March 14, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the San Jose Hall and Thursday March 14, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the VFW (Freedom) Hall.

We hope that all our brother and sisters have a busy and safe season.

Variety of projects keep Sacramento operators on the job

By Business Rep. Dan Mostat

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Work continues to be good with contractors trying to do what they can between storms.

Kiewit Pacific has moved south of Del Webb to move 1.1 million yards of material, which is Phase I of the Twelve Bridges Project off Hwy. 65. Phase II, which calls for about the same yardage of material to be moved, will go this summer. Kiewit is still working toward completion of the $85 million Pleasant Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant project and is about 60-percent complete. Tc&S Construction still works on its portion of this project installing the big pipe.

Both Teichert Construction and Granite Construction continue to do a lot of work in the Roseville-Rocklin area.

Thanks, CATs

We would like to thank the many Community Action Team members and volunteers who gave up nights with their families to help get the Bickford Ranch Project approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors. We attended a lot of Placer County Planning Commission meetings in Lincoln, Twelve Bridges, Club House, Loomis and Auburn along with collecting many signatures on petitions in support of the Bickford Ranch Project. This took a lot of time and work and is an example of what we can do with a little bit of time when everyone works together.

The Bickford Ranch Project will be located across Sierra College Boulevard at the end of Twelve Bridges Road. This project will cover 1,954 acres, designed to provide a variety of recreation and housing while maintaining the natural beauty of the land.

It also includes 1,832 housing units and eight acres of commercial use. This project will include some lots, ranging from just under a quarter acre to 10 acres. This site will have two parks, plus an additional 33 acres of passive or open park land and more than 25 miles of public equestrian, bicycle and pedestrian trails, an 18-hole golf course and fishing ponds for the public. This project will put a lot of members to work.

We will look at a few more projects like this in the future to go before the board of supervisors and may need to call on you for help to get them approved.

Again, please remember that if we each take a little time to be involved in helping our union, we can move a lot of dirt and create more union jobs.
Elected officials will help determine District 60 work picture

YUBA CITY, Calif. - District 60 has been extremely busy this political season, supporting candidates who will help improve conditions for union organizing efforts in the region and general living conditions in the community.

The prospects for District 60 are changing because of our political activities. It is important that we support candidates who are both labor friendly and have the community’s best interests in mind.

It is critical that our members not only participate by voting on election day, but they should become active in our political efforts through the Community Action Team, or CAT, volunteer program. To participate, contact CAT leader Dave Slack at (530) 743-7321.

Members can expect calls from our phone banking volunteers. Please take the time to listen to the information they provide about candidates and Proposition 42, which would ensure that gasoline taxes are used on transportation projects only.

Organizing efforts will increase in nearby Butte County. We expect good success because of our growing political relationships in the county.

- By District Rep. Frank Rodriguez

Union projects scheduled

Reliant Energy’s multi-million dollar project to construct a 500-megawatt power plant in Colusa County under a Project Labor Agreement is expected to break ground in June. General contractor Bechtel Corporation is expected to employ 40 operators at the peak of a job that should last two years.

In Yuba City, Dillingham Construction works on a small power plant for Calpine adjacent the Sunsweet plant. The job should last another six months.

A project to widen 2.5 miles of Hwy. 99 south of Yuba City will go to bid in March.

Baldwin Construction has commitments for about $4 million in construction projects in 2002, and the company expects a good year for work.

Finally, Caltrans has put on hold a project to widen Hwy. 149 north of Oroville.

- By Business Rep. Ron Pace

Work picture is promising

Work has been a little on the slow side in construction since the heavy rains in December. But the overall work picture in the district looks promising this year. Tetchert at Hallwood and Patterson Sand and Gravel still run two shifts.

I have been working with the non-union contractors in the area to sign with Local 3. We have had successes, signing three new contractors, including Triangle Engineering, which is expected to start work in the Yuba Goldfields this spring. Other new union companies are Western Blasting, which is presently keeping one mechanic busy five days a week, and Blue Point Rock out of Smartville, which should start operations in March.

We remain involved with Western Aggregates and are trying to get a contract signed. Special thanks to all the hands at Western Aggregates for their time and effort they have donated to this long campaign. Because of the employees at Western, we now see light at the end of the tunnel.

- By Business Rep. Dave Slack

Apprentices have been busy volunteering for political activities, putting up yard signs, phone banking and helped create an Operating Engineers Local 3 float for the Olivehurst and Marysville Christmas parades.

An especially rewarding project was a cleanup and improvement project at a community park in East Linda.

As the new apprenticeship coordinator for District 60, I enjoy working with the apprentices.

Thanks to the apprentices for their hard work.

- By Larry King, apprenticeship coordinator

A final note

The annual picnic for District 60 is scheduled for May 18 at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. More details to come.

Crane course helps Utah hands pass test

SALT LAKE CITY - On Dec. 25, 2001, John Teller, the Crane Tech/Instructor at Rancho Murrieta Training Center east of Sacramento, left California to teach two 10-hour crane classes in Salt Lake City.

Teller has been teaching crane classes for five years and has a 95 percent pass rate. His peers consider him among the best in the industry. These classes were held prior to the CCO test for Crane Certification. Eleven hands attended the study sessions held at the Salt Lake City union hall. Seventeen Utah crane hands took the CCO test on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001. All the Utah hands who attended the study groups passed. They wish to thank Teller for his expertise in his subject, his willingness to help, and his dedication to making Local 3 the benchmark in the industry.

HAZMAT classes; dates to remember

Brian Bishop and Jay Bosley held Hazmat classes in the Salt Lake hall in January. There were 54 hands getting their eight-hour refresher cards and 22 hands going through the 40-hour class. There were eight apprentices taking the 40-hour class. They were Albert King, Anna Romero, Lorraine Yazzie, Justin McCurdy, Teressa Simmer, Jacob Baum, Tim Lemasney, and Josh Sunde.

We are busy this time of year with supplemental-related training for the apprentices. Pipeline school for journey-level grade will be held April 1-19. First aid CPR training is March 16. MSHA training will be April 6. There also will be the Semi-Annual in Sacramento on March 10 and District Meeting March 28.

If you want to attend one of these schools call the Salt Lake hall and register. Classes are limited to 30. If needed, we will schedule more classes.

This season looks to be a good work season with the pipeline and all the other work most of our hands should be working pretty steady. Remember that training is the key to employment and organizing, so check with your local training center for journey-level upgrade training. It makes a difference.

By Phil McChesney, apprentice coordinator
**Pre-Retirement Meetings**

**OAKLAND**  
Tuesday, Feb. 26  
6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
1620 South Loop Road, Alameda, CA

**CONCORD**  
Wednesday, Feb. 27  
6 p.m.  
Concord Centre  
5299 Clayton Road

**RENO**  
Thursday, Feb. 28  
6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.

**WATSONVILLE**  
Tuesday, March 5  
6 p.m.  
VFW Post 1716  
1960 Freedom Blvd., Freedom, CA

**SAN JOSE**  
Thursday, March 7  
6 p.m.  
Masonic Temple  
2500 Masonic Drive

**ROHNERT PARK**  
Thursday, March 21  
6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
6225 State Farm Dr., Suite 100

**CASPER**  
Wednesday, March 27  
6 p.m.  
Engineers Building  
4925 Wardwell Industrial Drive

**SALT LAKE CITY**  
Thursday, March 28  
6 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
1958 W.N. Temple

**Retiree Association Meetings**

**OAKLAND**  
Tuesday, Feb. 26  
10 a.m.  
Oakland Zoo - Snow building  
9777 Golf Links Road

**CONCORD**  
Wednesday, Feb. 27  
10 a.m.  
Concord Centre  
5298 Clayton Road

**RENO**  
Thursday, Feb. 28  
2 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.

**WATSONVILLE**  
Thursday, March 7  
10 a.m.  
VFW Post 1716  
1960 Freedom Blvd., Freedom, CA

**SAN JOSE**  
Thursday, March 7  
2 p.m.  
Masonic Temple  
2500 Masonic Drive

**UKIAH**  
Thursday, March 21  
10 a.m.  
Discovery Inn  
1340 N. State St.

**ROHNERT PARK**  
Thursday, March 21  
2 p.m.  
Operating Engineers building  
6225 State Farm Drive

**CASPER**  
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**Semi-Annual Meeting**

Recording-Corresponding  
Secretary Robert L. Wise has announced that the next Semi-Annual meeting of the membership, will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2002 at 1 p.m., at the following address:  
Sacramento Convention Center  
1301 L Street  
Sacramento, CA

**Election of market and geographic area committee members**

Business Manager Don Doser has announced the election of Market and Geographic Area Committee Members at each of the regularly scheduled district meetings in Northern California and Reno during the first quarter of 2002.

Eligibility rules are as follows:

1. Members must live in the committee's geographical area.
2. Members must make a living working in the industry in that area.
3. Members must be an 'A' Journey-level grade operator.
4. Member must be in good standing.
5. Members cannot be owner-operators.

No member shall be nominated unless they are present at the meeting and accept the nomination and, if elected, assume the position.

No member is allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Market and Geographic Area Committee.

The schedule of the meetings in which these elections will be held appears in the adjacent district meetings listing.

**2002 Grievance Committee Election**

Recording-Corresponding  
Secretary Robert L. Wise has announced that in accordance with Article X, Section 10 of the Local Union Bylaws, the election of Grievance Committees shall take place at the first regular quarterly district meeting of 2002.

The schedule of the meetings in which these elections will be held appears in the adjacent district meetings listing.
Departed Members

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

Francis Akina ...........Kihel, HI ..........01-03-02
John Ball ..............Fresno, CA ........12-27-01
Clayton Bassett ......San Francisco, CA ......01-15-02
Rollin Batbam ........Chico, CA .........12-29-01
Richard Benson ......Clovis, CA ..........12-23-01
Albert Boardman ....Auburn, CA ..........01-11-02
Dale Buehler ........Fremont, CA ..........01-19-02
Barry Cloud ..........Antioch, CA ......12-28-01
Rollie Cole ..........Fresno, CA ..........01-10-02
Gene Colgate .........Red Bluff, CA ......01-09-02
William Conner ......Citrus Heights, CA ....12-16-01
Edward Crowl ..........Windsor, CA .......12-17-01
Roy Daris ..........Anbuna, UT .........01-08-02
E. Faulkner ..........Oakdale, CA ..........01-17-02
Dalton Fisher ........Watsonville, CA ....12-14-01
Massimo Forner ......Porterville, CA ....12-23-01
Frank Freitas ........Fremont, CA ..........11-03-01
J. Dean Gardner ....Enterprise, UT .......12-13-01
Virgil Gilliam .........Cameron Park, CA ....12-26-01
C. Hanson ..........Shasta Lake, CA ......01-16-02
Adrian Hensen .......Live Oak, CA ..........01-22-02
Charles Humes .......Wallsburg, UT .......01-02-02
Billy Inman ..........Salinas, CA ..........01-14-02
L. Johnson ..........Pilot Hill, CA .......12-13-01
Vukasin Krotkika ......San Jose, CA ......01-10-02
Delano Larsen .......Castro Valley, CA ....12-01-02
Ray Martin ..........Fresno, CA ..........01-17-02
Earl McWilliams ......Citrus Heights, CA .01-05-02
Alex Medano ......San Mateo, CA ........12-31-01
Bruce Murdoch ......Oroville, CA ..........12-26-01
Soren Olesen .........Hydesville, CA ......01-16-02
Carl Olson ..........Honololu, HI ..........01-09-02
Kenneth Olson ......Northridge, CA .......12-11-01
Joe Orwell ..........Mantocas, CA ......01-19-02
Herman Parker .......Shasta Lake, CA ....01-03-02
James Parnell .........Doyle, CA ..........12-25-01
James Perryman ......Kingston, OK .......01-07-02
Leon Petty ..........Silver Springs, NV ....12-28-01
Wendell Pitchcer ....Livingston, TX ....12-16-01
Abel Pololu ..........Haleiwa, HI ..........12-11-01
Robert Posey ........Mariposa, CA .......01-23-02
Larry Prather .........Hagerman, ID .......12-18-01

Deceased Dependents

Barri & Cloud, John ............01-01-01
Beparted CMembas

ENGINEERS NEWS

HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retirees have 35 or more years of membership in Local 3 as of January 2002, and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective April 1, 2002, unless otherwise noted (*).

James G. Bardsley ........1264969
Keith Barney ..............1101993
Edwin W. Boyer ..........1229754
Bernie Burns* ...........1058838
Arthur Casas ........1219824
Dan Cottingham ....1225672
Norvin Cox ........0939864
Gary Fruitas ..........1187412
Robert Johnson ....1166641
William Kaukin* ....1155523
Robert L. Malone* ....1142961
Dean Noble ..........1273466
Oscar Rice ........0915638
Joseph Rivera ..........1212476
Charles Sasser ..........1219693
John Sommerfeld .......1142961
David Spain* ..........1259797
Johnnie Stantfill* ....1175152
Gordon Thurlow* ......1152790
Luther Woods** ....1154996

* Effective: January 2002 ** Effective: January 2000

Shoulder to Shoulder in America

The following are Local 3 members who donated blood to disaster victims:

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Carry your dues card

Recording Corresponding Secretary Robert L. Wise wishes to remind all members to carry their paid up Local 3 dues card. When attending a Semi-Annual, quarterly district or special called meeting of the union, your paid up dues card is proof of your good standing status as a member of IUOE Local 3 and your right to vote in such meetings and participate in the business of the union.

FOR SALE: 1990 Mobil Travel Trailer, 28', king bed, 2 slides, all power, manual slideout. $9,990. Call (209) 749-3536. Reg#1252533.

FOR SALE: 1992 F250 HD 4x4 reg. Cab, XL, Lariat, 7.3L diesel, auto 4-speed trans, all power options, original owner, well maintained. Only 71,000 miles, includes 80-gallon fuel tank and 3 weather guard toolboxes. $9,900. Call (510) 524-6425. Reg#1867256.

FOR SALE: Huber Rollers, tandem, hydraulic steering, runs good. $1,000. Phone (916) 991-9530. Reg#0486196.

FOR SALE: 1982 Dodge Ram Charger, V8 engine, 165 miles, automatic, runs great, needs minor bodywork. $2,000 OBO. Call (916) 973-9839. Reg#2445252.

FOR SALE: 1995 Holiday Ramble, 5th wheel, 36', slide, full power, fully loaded, 25,500. Also, 1997 F350 crew cab, power stroke, 5-s, 31,000 miles, fully loaded, show room shape, $26,000. Two power chips for Ford power stroke, $150 each. 400 Arctic Cat Quad 2001, new with trailer, $6,000. Serious only. (907) 301-1363. Reg#2123333.


FOR SALE: 1975 Ford F250 XII truck, 4x4. Low miles. Has tow set up on front. $4,500 OBO. Call (925) 828-5994 (evenings). Reg#1913417.


FOR SALE: 2005 Toyota 4Runner V6, 4WD, excellent condition. $18,000 OBO. Call (929) 828-5994. Reg#1913417.


FOR SALE: 2001 Yamaha YZ250, 2001. Never been raced. $3,000. - - - ----- reg. Cab, XLT Lariat, 7.3L diesel, 84,000 miles, automatic, runs great, heads, motor, trans, all power, 4 new tires. $3,000. (530) 842-3019. Reg#0486196.


FOR SALE: 1999 Kawasaki KX125. Pro circuit pipe, brand new top end-2 hours, renthal handlebars. $3,100 OBO. Call (530) 743-3266. Reg#2311632.

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Operating Engineers donate time, skills to build park for disabled kids

FRESNO, Calif. - The formal construction groundbreaking for the Fresno area’s next park for disabled children included participation by Local 3 Operating Engineers.

Joining the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Local 3 members during the recent event were Assemblymember Sarah Reeves, D-Fresno; California State Parks District Superintendent Ted Jackson; representatives for state Sens. Jan Costa, D-Fresno, and Charles Poochigian, R-Fresno; Fresno Mayor Alan Autry; and Fresno City Council member Sal Quinonez.

A wide variety of community leaders and involved citizens also participated in the event. Print, radio and local television media provided excellent coverage.

How it began

Several months ago, Brandy Swisher, the public relations representative for the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, (and daughter of Local 3 Business Rep. Larry “Hippie” Daniels), approached Fresno District Rep. Mike Brown with an idea for a partnership to help construct the park. Trolley Creek Park will be incorporated with an existing 10-acre Flood Control basin in southeast Fresno and is modeled after Flood Control’s nation-ally acclaimed Oso de Oro Lake Park in northwest Fresno.

Recognizing the possibilities in the proposed partnership, Brown met again with Swisher and Bob Van Wyk, Flood Control’s assistant general manager.

Following that meeting, Brown gathered his Fresno business representatives to brainstorm on how Operating Engineers could help. Brother Ray Bondell suggested contacting Cricket Foster, owner of Foster & Sons G.E.C. to gauge his interest in donating dirt work.

Local 3’s proposal to Foster involved donating grading work — labor and equipment — for the three-acre site. Foster, whose company is a local signatory dirt mover, generously agreed to donate the grading work.

The groundbreaking ceremony showcased operators’ coordination and the Foster & Sons donation. During the media event, Flood Control General Manager Doug Harrison pointed out the critical role of Local 3 Operating Engineers — the largest private donation to Trolley Creek Park to date — and the grading work by Foster & Sons.

An eye-catching part of the groundbreaking were the Foster & Sons 140 blade, 623 scraper and one fine looking more established areas up to date with new ways to keep Operating Engineers involved in the forefront of community involvement and political action. We urge you to contact your local business representative to find out how to get involved with Foster & Sons’ Community Action Team, or CAT, program and help keep the strongest union in the nation growing.