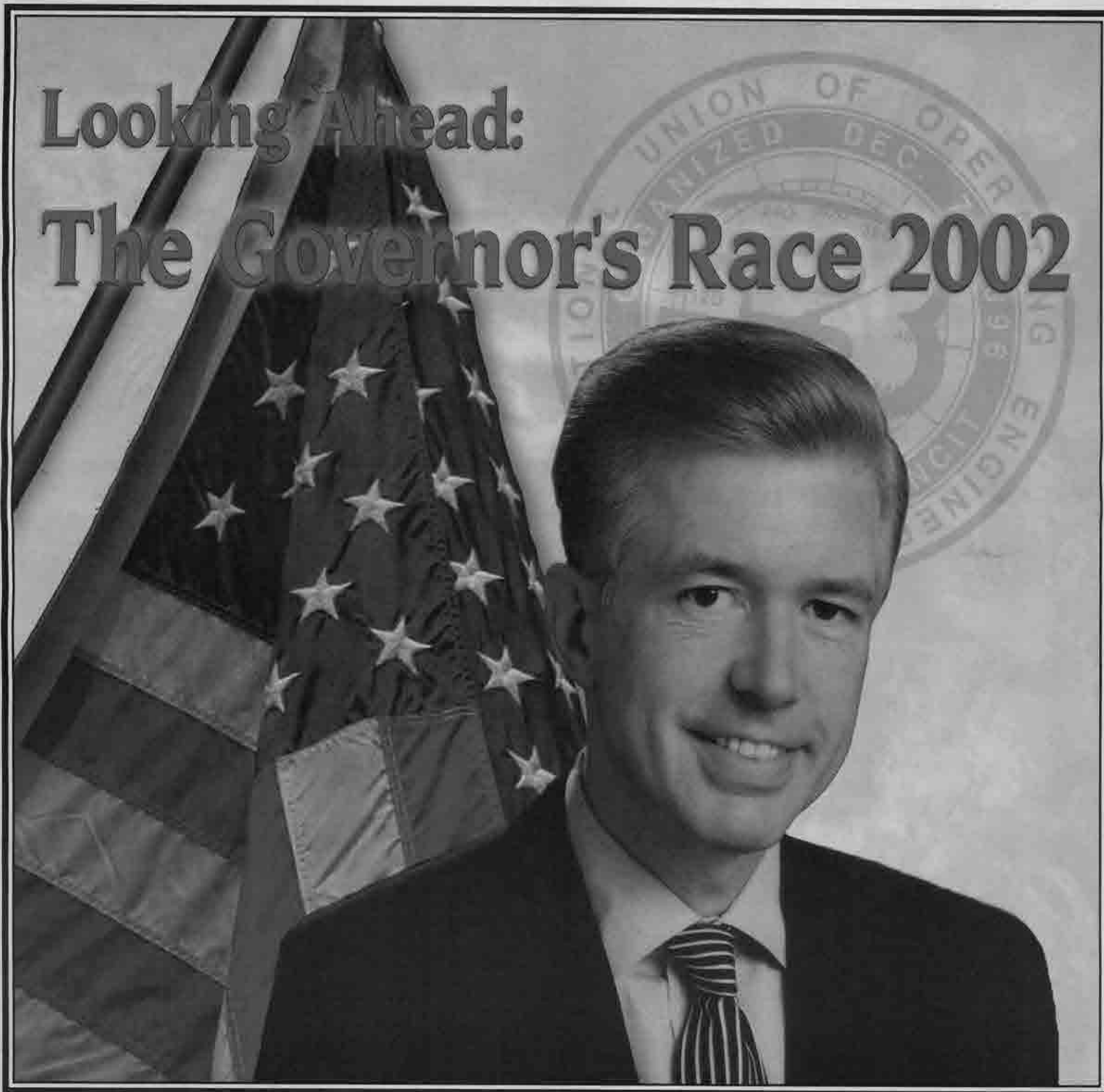


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For The Good & Welfare

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 spent on transportation projects. Here's a brief summary of the benefits Prop. 42 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.



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In the News

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



Courtesy, Sacramento Bee

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 these 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 McMullan 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

Story and photos by Ray Sotero, associate news editor

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 808 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.



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.

'New landmark'

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



THE BIG PICTURE: This view of the CalPERS expansion is from the roof of the five-story state building to its immediate south. The current CalPERS headquarters is at top.

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.

"Throughout the complex, we have sought to achieve a functional elegance, careful balance and intricate weave of forms, spaces and materials," William Chilton, managing principal, said. "We hope it will...become a new landmark for Sacramento."

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.

McMullan, senior project manager for Raito, an international firm that specializes in geotechnical construction, said the quality of Local 3 labor is one of the keys to Raito's success.



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.



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.

"It's specialty work," Sacramento Business Rep. Richard Marshall said. "Not a whole lot folks do this."

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 CalPERS 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 gussets 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.



TEAMWORK: Chris Johnson, right, a member of Local 3 for six years, braces a steel sheet pile for welder Buzz Kelley, a five-year member of Local 3. The 50-foot-long, 4,800-pound sheet piles are lowered into the ground to support a 2,100-foot reinforcing wall.



RANCHO MURIETA

TRAINING CENTER

for

Apprentice to Journey-level Operator

By Curtis Brooks, Director

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 gradesetters. 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 gradesetters, 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 solenoid is and how it's activated and deactivated?"

ANSWER: The latching fuel shutoff solenoid (1) activates to the fuel on or run position with momentary power from the motor terminal on the starter solenoid. 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.

Reference: CAT 950F Service Manual.

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 hundredths, use of a handlevel, laser and instruction on how to move elevations around the jobsite 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, percentages, 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

Operator	Branch of training	District	Date of completion
Kenneth Burns	Crane Operator	Oakland	Dec. 31, 2001
Casey McCoy	Construction Equipment Operator	Sacramento	Jan. 16
Elbert Dunn, Jr.	Rock, Sand & Gravel	Oakland	Dec. 24, 2001
Eric Figgins	Heavy Duty Repairer	Sacramento	Dec. 31, 2001
Kelly Peacock	Heavy Duty Repairer	Redding	Dec. 17, 2001
Adam Hinman	Heavy Duty Repairer	Oakland	Jan. 28
Christopher J. Hudson	Heavy Duty Repairer	Oakland	Jan. 28

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

Schedule of CCO courses

2002 CCO Written Test Classes

March 24, June 23, Sept. 22, Dec. 15

2002 CCO Practical Test Dates

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



FRINGE BENEFITS

By Charlie Warren, Director

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 Accurate 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:

	Charge	Fund Pays*	You Pay
Conventional hearing aid	\$1,000	\$900	\$100
Programmable hearing aid	\$1,800	\$900	\$900
100 percent digital hearing aid	\$2,250	\$900	\$1,350

*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 dispenser 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. Please use your current medical claim form for any changes. Using this PPO network should save money, but remember you are free to go to the provider of your choice.

Union Families - United We Stand For Healthier Lives

What: Lots of good health information and free testing.

Representatives and information from Local 3 benefit providers, including: American Diversified Pharmacies, Addiction Recovery Program, Center for Conservative Therapy, Hearing Care Plan, Kaiser Permanente, Trust Fund and Vision Service Plan.

In addition, you'll be able to check your blood pressure and cholesterol levels at no charge.

There will also be information on physical fitness and healthy eating.

Why: To increase our awareness of good health and fitness.

When: Sunday, March 10, 2002

Where: Semi-Annual Meeting,
Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J St.

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Then, after the Semi-Annual Meeting until 3:30 p.m.

If you'd like additional information, call Fringe Benefits at (800) 532-2105 or (510) 748-7450.

ORGANIZING

By Bob Miller, Local 3 Vice President



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 82 percent; the national average is 52 percent.

New membership for the year 2001 was up by about 500. 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.

Some campaign highlights and specifics:

- **Patterson Sand and Gravel, Sacramento District:** Local 3 won an National Labor Relations Board election by 94 percent on July 26, 2000 and signed an agreement for the 40 operators and drivers on Jan. 20, 2001.
- **Eldorado Disposal Services and Waste Management, Sacramento District:** Eighty workers voted by 69 percent on March 16, 2001, for Local 3 representation. A contract was recently ratified and awaits company signature.
- **Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco District:** Seventeen tow truck drivers voted 100 percent on April 2, 2001 to belong to Local 3. A contract was signed in August 2001.
- **Mt. Grant Hospital, Nevada District and Healthcare Division:** A contract was ratified on April 26, 2001, and signed representing 37 health care workers in Hawthorne, Nev. This followed a closely contested election and a vigorous anti-union campaign by the company.
- **Browning Ferris Industries, San Jose District (two units):** After winning an election by 100 percent on Aug. 10, 2001 for 15 equipment operators, Local 3 was approached at another facility and won an election on Oct. 26, 2001, by 57 percent. Negotiations continue.
- **Frehner Construction and Mountain Valley Construction, (two companies), Utah District:** Frehner signed the Utah master agreement in May 2001 and immediately requested more than 20 dispatches. Mountain Valley signed the master in July 2001 and brought in 15 equipment operators. Both were top-down organizing efforts.
- **Fresno Irrigation District, Fresno District:** Fifty-five public employees voted for Local 3 on Aug. 22, 2001, by 100 percent. Negotiations continue.
- **Bear Equipment Rental, Oakland District:** A member tip led to a top-down organizing drive resulting in voluntary recognition on Sept. 25, 2001. Negotiations proceed for seven mechanics.
- **Western Aggregates, Sacramento District:** Fifteen production and maintenance workers ratified an agreement on Oct. 12, 2001, after winning a tough election and campaign.
- **Waste Management, San Jose District:** Forty-eight operators and drivers won an election on Aug. 7, 2001 by 73 percent. Negotiations continue.
- **Alpine County, Sacramento District:** Negotiations near completion for this unit of 60 public employees after winning an election on Aug. 3, 2001 by 98 percent.
- **Rental Services Corp., Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose Districts:** Culminating a prolonged legal battle after RSC bought out Prime Services, the National Labor Relations Board issued a bargaining order on Oct. 24, 2001. Negotiations have started and cover five shops that represent more than 40 mechanics and personnel.
- **Porterville Police Association, Fresno District:** Twenty-four officers voted for Local 3 by 100 percent on Nov. 9, 2001.

Organizing Outreach 2002 Schedule

District	Date	Time	District	Date	Time
Oakland	2-19-02	6 p.m.	Freedom	3-14-02	6 p.m.
Fresno	2-20-02	6 p.m.	Fairfield	3-19-02	
Stockton	2-21-02	6 p.m.	Eureka	3-20-02	9 a.m.
Sacramento	2-27-02	5 p.m.	Elko	3-26-02	6 p.m.
San Jose	3-12-02	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.	Reno	3-28-02	6 p.m.
Redding	3-12-02	6 p.m.	Hawthorne	3-29-02	10 a.m.
San Francisco	3-13-02	6 p.m.			



CREDIT UNION

By Rob Wise, Credit Union Treasurer
& Local 3 Recording & Corresponding Secretary

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.
- OEFCU pays up to \$400 of any third-party closing costs.
- 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 haggles 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.

Even after hours the credit union's Web site is ready to serve you twenty-four hours a day when it comes to your car loan needs. The Auto Center at oefcu.org includes handy links to CarFax for performing a lemon check before you purchase a used car. Bookmark oefcu.org/auto_center so that you can explore all the Auto Center options available to you.

Eligibility for credit union membership is one of the most important benefits available to you and your immediate family members. E-mail memberservices@oefcu.org for an application or request one at any OEFCU branch or by calling (800) 877-4444 or (925) 829-4400.

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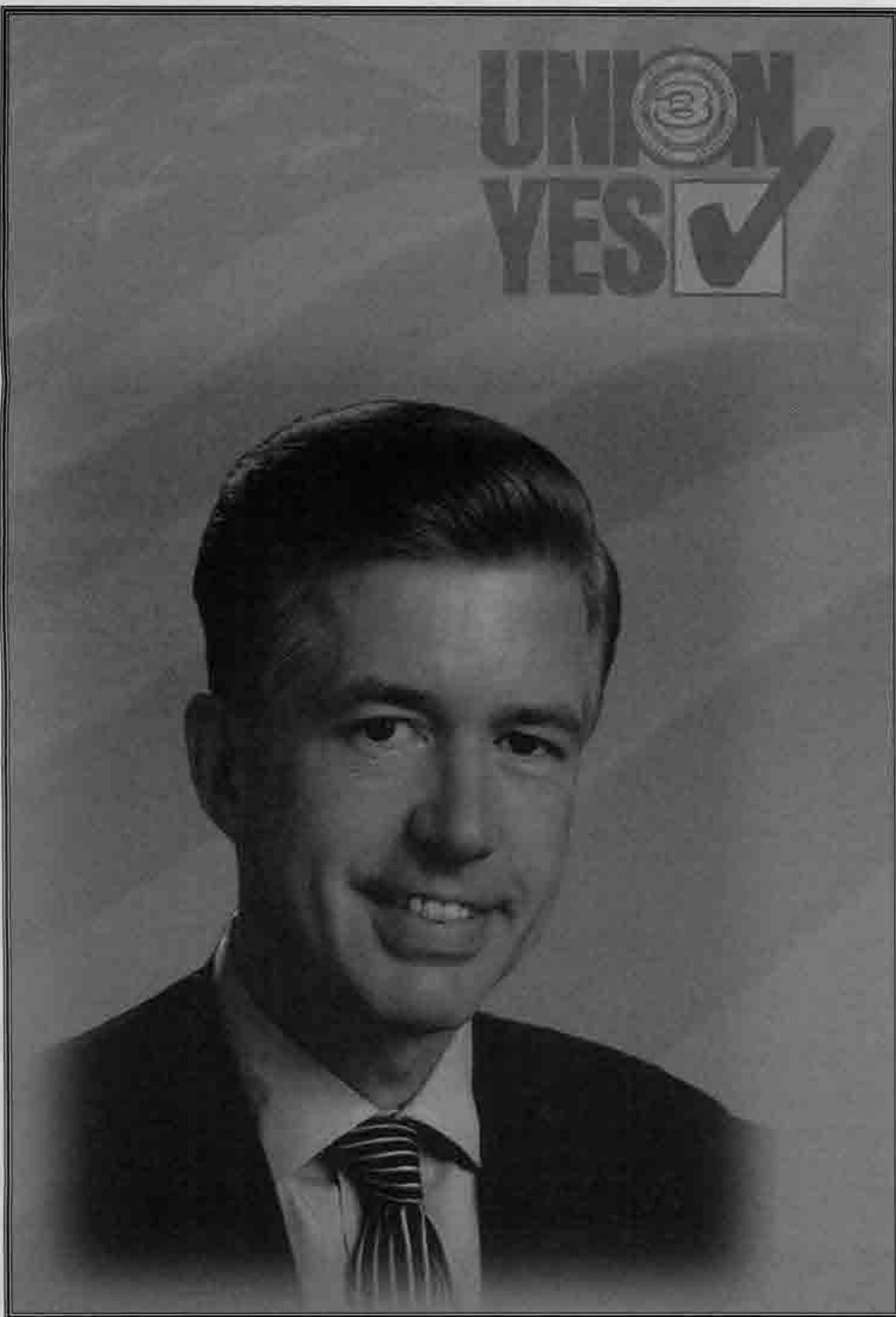
**Operating Engineers #3
Federal Credit Union**

Take me to the polls!

Special pull-out section for the March 5 primary elections

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.

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Vote

California's primary election

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 Klehs
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
District 2	No recommendation
District 3	Howard Beeman
District 4	No recommendation
District 5	Robert Matsui
District 6	Lynn Woolsey
District 7	George Miller
District 8	Nancy Pelosi
District 9	Barbara Lee
District 10	Ellen Tauscher
District 11	No recommendation

District 12	Tom Lantos
District 13	Fortney Pete Stark
District 14	Anna Eshoo
District 15	Mike Honda
District 16	Zoe Lofgren
District 17	Sam Farr
District 18	No recommendation
District 19	John Veen
District 20	Cal Dooley
District 21	No recommendation

California Legislature State Senate

District 2	Wes Chesbro
District 4	No recommendation
District 6	Deborah Ortiz
District 8	Jackie Speier
District 10	Liz Figueroa
District 12	No recommendation
District 14	No recommendation
District 16	Dean Florez

State Assembly

District 1	No recommendation
District 2	Doug Kinyon
District 3	No recommendation
District 4	No recommendation
District 5	No recommendation
District 6	Joe Nation
District 7	Patricia "Pat" Wiggins
District 8	No recommendation
District 9	Darrell Steinberg
District 10	No recommendation
District 11	Joe Canciamilla
District 12	Leland Yee
District 13	No recommendation
District 14	No recommendation
District 15	Donna Gerber
District 16	Wilma Chan
District 17	Barbara Matthews
District 18	Ellen M. Corbett

District 19	
District 20	
District 21	
District 22	
District 23	
District 24	
District 25	
District 26	
District 27	
District 28	
District 29	
District 30	
District 31	

Local 3

District 1 – San Francisco Superior Court

San Francisco Superior Court 10	
Court 22	
Assessor-Recorder	
Proposition B, Retirement	
San Mateo Co. Supervisor	
District 2	
District 3	
Sheriff	
Controller	
Measure B, Redwood City S	
Measure C, East Palo Alto z	

District 4 – Solano Co. Supervisor

Solano Co. Supervisor	
District 3	
Napa Co. Supervisor	
District 3	
Solano Co. District Attorne	
Solano Co. Assessor	
Measure C, \$150 million so	
Solano Co. Sheriff	

2002

on endorsements

No recommendation
 John A. Dutra
 Joe Simitian
 Ron Diridon, Jr.
 Manny Diaz
 Rebecca Cohn
 No recommendation
 No recommendation
 John Laird
 Simon Salinas
 No recommendation
 No recommendation
 Sarah Reyes

Districts

San Francisco

Sean Connolly
 Katherine Feinstein
 Doris Ward
 benefits Yes

Jerry Hill
 Rich Gordon
 Don Horsley
 Tom Huening
 schools Yes
 oning Yes

Fairfield

Duane Kromm

Ken Slavins
 Dave Paulson
 Skip Thomson
 school bond Yes
 Gary Stanton

District 10 – Rohnert Park

Sonoma Co. Supervisors
 District 2 Mike Kearns
 District 3 Gary Lewis
 District 4 Paul Kelley
 Mendocino Co.
 District Attorney Norman Vroman
 School bond measures B and C Yes

District 20 – Oakland

Alameda Co. Supervisor
 District 3 Ralph Appezato
 Mayor of Hayward Roberta Cooper
 Hayward City Council Matt Jimenez
 Mayor of Oakland Jerry Brown
 Oakland City Council
 District 6 Moses Mayne, Jr.
 Contra Costa Co. Supervisor
 District 4 Mark DeSaulnier
 Contra Costa Co.
 District Attorney Bob Kochly
 Sheriff-Coroner Warren Rupf
 Judge Malcolm Sher

District 30 – Stockton

Calaveras Co. Supervisor
 District 5 Fred Katz
 San Joaquin Co. Supervisor
 District 2 Dario Marengo
 District 5 Lynn Bedford
 Stanislaus Co. Supervisor
 District 3 Gary Lopez
 Assessor Mike Serpa
 Superior Court Judge Frank Alvarez

District 40 – Eureka

Humboldt Co. Supervisor
 District 5 Jill Geist
 Sheriff Gary Philp

District 50 – Fresno

Fresno Co. Supervisor
 District 1 Dan Ronquillo
 District 4 No recommendation
 Fresno City Council
 District 1 Tom Boyajian
 District 3 Cary Catalano
 District 5 Mike Dages
 District 7 Richard Caglia
 Fresno District Attorney Jeff Hamilton
 Fresno County Clerk Victor Salazar
 Fresno Superior Court
 Office 1 James Opplinger
 or James Kaprielian
 (dual endorsement)
 Office 13 Jon N. Kapetan
 Office 16 Charles Ray Barrett, Jr.,
 or John F. Vogt
 (dual endorsement)
 Madera Co. Supervisors No recommendations
 Merced Co. Supervisor
 District 3 Joe Rivero
 District 5 No recommendation
 Merced Co. Sheriff Mark N. Pazin
 Kings Co. Supervisors No recommendations
 Tulare Co. Supervisor No recommendations
 Mariposa Co. No recommendations

District 60 – Yuba City

Yuba Co. Supervisor
 1st District Joan Saunders
 5th District Hal Stocker
 Yuba Co. Superior Court Judge,
 Dept. 5 Charles S. Poulos
 Yuba Co. Clerk-Recorder Al Amaro
 Butte Co. Supervisor,
 District 2 Jane Dolan
 District 3 Steve Bertagna
 Butte Co. Sheriff Scott McKenzie
 Yuba Co. Water Agency Dan Carpenter

California's primary election endorsements

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District 70 – Redding

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 Illa 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

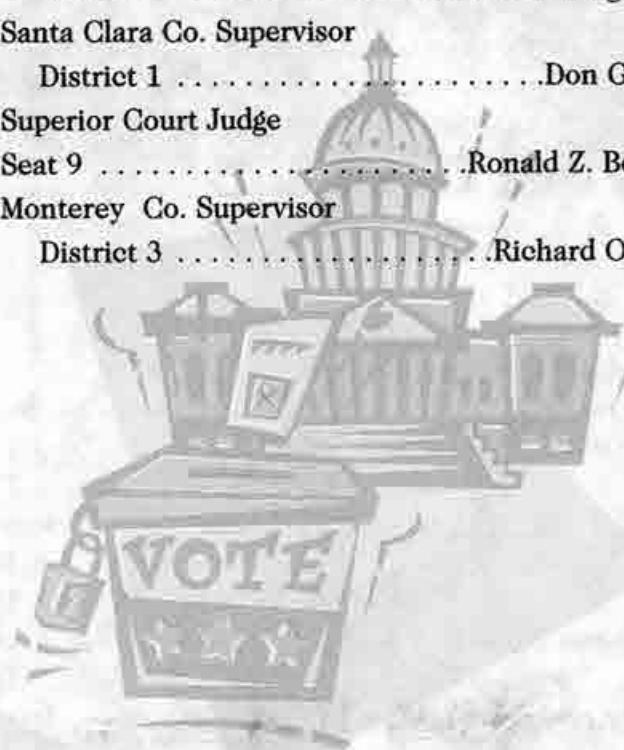
District 1 Don Gage

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 \$.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.

FROM FAIRFIELD

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 \$322 million, three-year project.

In addition, CC 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 halfway 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. Bigge Crane has work at Chevron, Ultramar (which is now Valero) and work coming up in Equilon (which

was Shell). Maxim Crane Works has work in Valero (Exxon) and Ultramar.

Cherne Contracting has NOX and turn-around 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.

FROM ROHNERT PARK

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 that 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 curtail 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 gradesetting. 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.

FROM EUREKA

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 2806 Broadway, which has been sold. Phone numbers will remain the same.

The new headquarters for District 40 in Eureka.



FROM SAN JOSE

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 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.

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 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 sisters 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.

Preston Pipelines reports work for this upcoming year is promising and has \$40 million to \$50 million on the books. They do not foresee a slowdown.

Under new District Rep. Fred Herschbach, the San Jose District during 2001 organized 27 new contracts. This will contribute to Local 3 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 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.

FROM SACRAMENTO

Variety of projects keep Sacramento operators on the job

By Business Rep. Dan Mostat

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Work continues to be good with contractor's 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. T&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.

FROM YUBA CITY

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. Teichert 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 success, 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 the 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.



FROM SALT LAKE CITY

Crane course helps Utah hands pass test

SALT LAKE CITY – On Dec. 25, 2001, John Teller, the Crane Tech/Instructor at Rancho Murieta 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, Teresa Sinner, 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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene at 7 p.m.

MARCH 2002

- 7th District 90: San Jose, CA
Masonic Hall
2500 Masonic Drive
- 12th District 17: Honolulu, HI
Washington Intermediate School Cafeteria
1633 So. King St.
- 13th District 17: Maui, HI*
Maui Beach Hotel
170 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, HI
- 14th District 17: Hilo, HI
Hilo ILWU Hall
100 W. Lanikaula St.
- 21st District 10: Rohnert Park, CA
Engineers Building
6225 State Farm Drive
- 27th District 15: Casper, WY
Engineers Building
4925 Wardwell Industrial Dr.
- 28th District 12: Salt Lake City, UT
Engineers Building
1958 W.N. Temple

APRIL 2002

- 4th District 80: Sacramento, CA
Engineers Building
4044 N. Freeway Blvd.
- 9th District 40: Eureka, CA
Labor Temple
840 E St.
- 10th District 70: Redding, CA
Engineers Building
20308 Engineers Lane
- 11th District 60: Yuba City, CA
Sutter-Yuba Board of Realtors
1558 Starr Drive
- 18th District 04: Fairfield, CA
Engineers Building
2540 N. Watney Way
- 25th District 30: Stockton, CA
Stockton Waterloo Gun & Bocci Club
4343 N. Ashley Lane

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- 2nd District 50: Fresno, CA
Laborer's Hall
5431 East Hedges
- 9th District 11: Reno, NV
Engineers Building
1620 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
- 16th District 01: Burlingame, CA
Machinists Hall
1511 Rollins Road
- 29th District 15: Rock Springs, WY
Holiday Inn
1675 Sunset Drive
- 30th District 12: Orem, UT
Steelworkers Union Hall
1847 South Columbia Lane

*Please note location change.

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
5298 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** Wednesday, March 27 2 p.m.
Engineers building
4925 Wardwell Industrial Drive
- SALT LAKE CITY** Thursday, March 28 2 p.m.
Operating Engineers building
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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	Kihei, HI	01-03-02
John Ball	Fresno, CA	12-27-01
Clayton Bassett	San Francisco, CA	01-15-02
Rollin Batham	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 Creel	Windsor, CA	12-17-01
Roy Faris	Auburn, CA	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 Krtolica	San Jose, CA	01-10-02
Delano Larsen	Castro Valley, CA	01-03-02
Ray Martin	Fresno, CA	01-17-02
Earl McWilliams	Citrus Heights, CA	01-05-02
Alex Medrano	San Mateo, CA	12-31-01
Bruce Murdoch	Oroville, CA	12-26-01
Soren Olesen	Hydesville, CA	01-16-02
Carl Olson	Honolulu, HI	01-09-02
Kenneth Olson	Northridge, CA	12-11-01
Joe Otwell	Manteca, 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 Pitcher	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

Barnes, Patricia, wife of Landon Barnes (Dec)	12-26-01
Bigrigg, Edna, wife of Edmond Bigrigg (Dec)	12-21-01
Case, Beula, wife of James Case (Dec)	12-29-01
Chacon, Florence, wife of Louis Chacon	01-15-02
Diduca, Mary, wife of James Diduca (Dec)	12-28-01
Hoyt, Alison, wife of Delos Hoyt (Dec)	01-08-02
Lusk, Joan, wife of Donald Lusk	11-17-01
Pack, Nellie, wife of Jude Pack	01-11-02
Patteson, Essie, wife of Earl Patteson (Dec)	01-03-02
Paulsen, Emogene, wife of Paul Paulsen	01-10-02
Regidor, Toshie, wife of Juaning Regidor (Dec)	10-05-01
Vezaldenos, Alice, wife of Gus Vezaldenos	03-06-99
Williams, Alta Sue, wife of Eugene Williams (Dec)	12-21-01

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*	1058383
Arthur Casas	1219824
Dan Cottingham	1225672
Norvin Cox	0939864
Gary Freitas	1187412
Robert Johnson	1166641
William Kaukini*	1155523
Robert L. Malone*	1142961
Dean Noble	1273466
Oscar Rice	0915638
Joseph Rivera	1212476
Glen T. Sasser	1219693
John Sommerfeld	1142863
David Spain*	1225979
Johnnie Stanfill*	1175152
Gordon Thurlow*	1152790
Luther Woods**	1115496

* Effective: January 2002 ** Effective: January 2000

Shoulder to Shoulder in America

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

First Name	Last Name	District	First Name	Last Name	District
Marshal	Bankert	10	Donald	Grace	20
Virgil	Blair	12	Thomas	Harris	70
Cynthia	Bogle	20	Louis	Kinas	70
Harold	Byer	80	Heather	Manwill	12
Stella	Cannon	80	John	Nash	70
Thomas	Cole	20	Lorraine	Newman	12
Dale	Cox	12	Emory	Readen	40
Larry	Dann	70	Ronald	Sickler	1
Mike	Forsyth	80	Jim	Sullivan	12
Ken	Gill	70	Richard	Taniguchi	12

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/or participate in the business of the union.

SwapShop ads are offered free of charge to members in good standing for the sale or trade of personal items and/or real estate, and are usually published for two months. Please notify the office immediately if your item has been sold. Business related offerings are not eligible for inclusion in **SwapShop**. *Engineers News* reserves the right to edit ads. No phone-in ads please. Limit 2 ads per issue.

To place an ad, type or print your legibly and mail to:

Operating Engineers Local Union #3 3920 Lennane Dr., Sacramento, CA 95834
ATTN: SwapShop

Or fax ads to: **SwapShop (916) 419-3487**

or e-mail to: **www.oe3.org**

*All ads must include Member Registration Number or ad will not appear. All ads should be no longer than 50 words.

FOR SALE: 1985 Chevy 1/2 ton, good condition with camper shell. \$3,500. (408) 266-3804 ask for Tom. Reg#1600614

FOR SALE: 1999 Coachman Lite 22', 7-year ext warranty, queen walk around bed, micro, air, awning, stereo, 13" tv, hitch, tow bars, license paid thru 07/02, used less than 10 times, excellent condition, \$11,650. (530) 241-6313 & leave message. Reg#1820564

FOR SALE: 12" Wayne Roy bucket, \$300 or trade for good case bucket. 7' 3 point offset disc, \$350. (209) 479-4682. Reg#2443755

FOR SALE: Southwestern style sofa and loveseat, both hide-a-beds, brown recliner, all about 4 years old, good condition. \$400 OBO. (916) 338-2887. Reg#808034

FOR SALE: 1938 Packard 110. Chopped, silver, gray cloth interior, 1969 Pontiac 400, turbo 350, re-cored radiator, Buick rear end 3.20 ratio, new rear shocks, new front end-kingpins, bushings, wheel bearings, sway bar, new brake lines, hoses, master cylinder, tilt wheel, air conditioning. \$34,000 OBO. (925) 679-1075 or loanofficer@writeme.com.

FOR SALE: Companion lawn crypt at Fresno Memorial Gardens. Retail value is \$4,300, will sell for \$3,000. Call Lee at (559) 733-0543. Reg#0845520

FOR SALE: Two memorial plots at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose. Double depth lawn crypt for two, granite marker setting ring vase. Asking \$7,450 OBO. (916) 663-6355. Reg#1235145

FOR SALE: '67 cad 429 engine, 78,000 miles, \$350. Also, front clip '67 El Dorado, \$250; '72 T-bird 460 and C-6 trans, \$350. Call (530) 529-3524 after 4:00 P.M. or anytime on weekends. Reg#2212871

FOR SALE: 1 red and 1 yellow Dajon folding bicycle in good condition. \$75 each or both for \$125. Phone (408) 578-3157. Reg#0632452

FOR SALE: Campground membership (QRA) in redwoods near Santa Cruz. Best offer + \$150 transfer fee. AOR membership also available with purchase for additional \$100 transfer fee. (408) 578-3157. Reg#0632452

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 1957 Ford Thunderbird porthole hardtop, motor transmission & rear end. Has less than 6,000 miles. Excellent condition, \$32,000 or trade for motor home or Pro Perty. Phone (760) 345-9734. Reg#1225597

FOR SALE: 1974 red Corvette, t-top, HP 350, power steering, brakes and windows, excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$15,000. Call (916) 726-4678.

FOR SALE: 1985 Dodge Ram Charger, V8 engine, 165,000 miles, automatic, runs great, needs minor bodywork. \$2,000 OBO. Call (916) 973-9839. Reg#2445928

FOR SALE: 1995 Holiday Rambler, 5th wheel, 36', twin slide, fully loaded, \$25,500. Also, 1997 F350 crew cab, power stroke, 5-sp, 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: Custom built Miley horse trailer, two-horse shotgun gooseneck. Needs restoring. \$1,000. Call (209) 852-2185. Reg#1001694

FOR SALE: 250 Lincoln diesel welder on trailer, 100 foot leads, with LN 22 wire feed. \$3,000. (209) 852-2185. Reg#1001694

FOR SALE: 1979 Bluebird Wanderlodge, 35 foot, new tires, new refrigerator, new drapes. 3208 Cat diesel, 6 feet Allison transmission, hydraulic leveling jacks, 10 KW diesel generator. Must see to appreciate. 63,000 miles. \$28,000. Call (209) 852-2185. Reg#1001694

FOR SALE: Circle J two horse trailer single axle low roper. New brakes, new floor, new tires. \$1,500. Call (209) 852-2185. Reg#1001694

FOR SALE: 2000 37-1/2 ft. Alpha Gold 5th Wheel. Triple slides all power, washer/dryer, surround sound stereo, CD changer & two TVs. Central heat/air, dual refrigerators with ice maker, 2 satellite dishes and more. Very nice. Too much to list. Non-smokers. Books at \$69,512; asking \$64,000 OBO. Call (775) 725-3755 or (530) 305-4143. Reg#1875272

FOR SALE: 1992 F250 HD 4x4 reg. Cab, XLT 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, \$9,700. Call (510) 524-6425. Reg#1087526

FOR SALE: Huber Roller, tandem, hydraulic steering, runs good, \$1,000. Phone (916) 991-1530. Reg#0486196.

FOR SALE: 1972 Cab over, Ford truck, good condition, flatbed, diamond decking, built-in water tank, fuel tank, set up for towing 5th wheeler trailer. \$2,000 OBO. (916) 991-1530. Reg#0486196

FOR SALE: 1987 Dodge Ram Van commercial 1/2 ton. \$2,000. Call (831) 899-6645 or (831) 601-1286. Reg#0899505

FOR SALE: 2001 Yamaha YZ250. Never been raced. Tag metal bars, pro-circuit silencer, forest approved. \$4,500 OBO. Call (530) 743-3266. Reg#2316323

FOR SALE: 1999 Kawasaki KX125. Pro-circuit pipe, brand new top end-2 hours, renthal handlebars. \$3,100 OBO. Call (530) 743-3266. Reg#2316323

FOR SALE: 2001 Montana Mountaineer 28-1/2 Ft. All aluminum structure, fiberglass exte-

rior, slideout. \$24,500. Call (559) 732-6458. Reg#1749997

FOR SALE: corner lot, Lake Comanche Village, CA. County power and water, septic approved. Lake view to the south, excellent growing residential neighborhood, paved streets, nearby park, pond and recreation area. Perfect place to build your family home. 30 miles from Stockton. \$15,000 Call (707) 745-3569. Reg#2264342

FOR SALE: Lincoln Continental Mark IV, 460 engine, leather, moon roof, automatic transmission, power steering, brakes, very low mileage. Has tow set up on car. Best offer over \$2000. Phone (530) 243-4302 answering machine. Or write: J. Paulazzo, 17650 Melwood Lane, Redding, CA 96003. Reg#0865537

FOR SALE: Topcon LS-70A receiver w/remote display, \$575. Crain, 16" rod, \$60. Kiker Ranken hand levels: 572-S, \$60; 570-S, \$50; 710-S, \$50. All like new. (916) 723-4134. Reg#1804464

FOR SALE: 1990, 25 ft. Sterling Motor Home. 41K miles, air conditioning, full-size refrigerator, rear bedroom, built-in microwave, generator, mini-blinds all windows, awnings, basement storage, driver side door. Full rear window. Storage roof rack/rear ladder. Coach fully contained. TV antenna/cable. Many extra's go with coach. \$13,500. Call (530) 842-3019. Reg#2018002

FOR SALE: 5th wheel, 1993 34' HyLine by Corsair, self-contained, loaded, snap-on vinyl skirting. 14' slide out, awning, full bath, microwave, washer & dryer and much more. \$13,500. Call (208) 547-0395. Reg#1046750

FOR SALE: 1996 Dodge Ram 2500, V-10 Engine, 5-speed (15 mpg hwy, 11 city), 111K miles. Extended cab, 2wd, power windows, locks and mirrors. Cruise, tilt wheel, am/fm/cass, compass & thermometer. New tires, goose-neck hitch w/brake controller. \$9400. Message phone (916) 991-0544. Reg#566430421

FOR SALE: 1988 Volkswagen Westfalia Campervan. Great mechanical condition. Heads redone at 101K, transmission has 26K miles, new coil, water pump, clutch and battery. Currently has 155K miles. Clean inside and out. CD player, a/c, flip-up roof, stove, sink, refrigerator, tables,

closets, storage for food, etc. Sleeps 4, seats 6 with removable seat. \$10,000. (831) 477-9508. Reg#2337188

FOR SALE: Chevrolet Silverado 2000. LS 5.3 Litre, V8, 2WD, single cab, tow package w/haul mode, power doors & windows, keyless remote entry, ignition theft device, AM/FM/CD, bed liner, camper shell, white, 24K miles, excellent condition. \$17,500. (925) 681-0882 or (925) 216-2611. Reg#2163112

WANTED: British Motorcycles or parts. Any condition, running or in a basket. Call (510) 222-2546. Email: RandyNorma@aol.com. Reg#1271086

FOR SALE: 1997 Toyota 4Runner, V6, 4WD, excellent condition. \$18,000 OBO. Call (925) 828-5994 (evenings). Reg#1913417

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford F250 XLT pickup, 129,000 miles, PS, PB, AC, CC, reman. 390 motor, reman. C6 trans, 4 brand new tires, most papers since 1st owner, illness forces sale, \$3000 OBO. Contact Frank at (707) 944-4878. Reg#2259722

FOR SALE: 1986 Chevy _ton 4x4 long bed pickup with cab, Hi Protect-O-Top camper shell and service utility boxes, auto, PS, PB, rebuilt 350 motor. \$3750 OBO. (408) 779-5094. Reg#1187401

FOR SALE: Custom log home, 1330 Sq. Ft. on 2+ acres near Placerville, CA. 3/2 bedrooms, 2 baths, open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, oak cabinets, propane stove, trex decking, water softener. Awesome view of American River Canyon and snow-capped Sierra Peaks. Airstrip, community ponds and recreation areas. Owner must sell. \$189,500 (530) 409-8996. Reg#2136011

FOR SALE: Backhoe bucket. John Deere, 310 2ft. Quick Release. New. \$200. (209) 474-2042. Reg#2031633

FOR SALE: 1981 Glass Boat, 16+6ft walk through, Minn-Kota bow drive, 70hp merc.ob, with hydraulic lift, # Fish & Depth finder, galv, trailer, will consider as down payment on Class A-Motor Home, 18 to 20ft. Asking \$2800. (707) 887-2590. Reg#625884

WANTED: Appaloosa, 6-12 years, registered, gelding, 15 hands+, no quarter types. Broke, sound, no "broncs." No all-white. (408) 842-6215. Reg#1071005

FROM HAWAII

Local 3-backed candidate wins seat

By Allan Parker, stabilization fund administrator



From left, Kalani Mahoe (organizer); Ann Kobayashi; Clyde Elim organizer/business representative; Fred Keomaka, business representative; and John Monis, Stabilization Fund lobbyist.

HONOLULU, Hawaii – In a special election held Jan. 26, former state Sen. Ann Kobayashi, with strong Local 3 support, handily won over several other candidates.

The election was held to replace convicted felon and former council member Andy Mirikitani. The 5th council district encompasses the communities of Manoa, Mo'ili'ili, McCully, Tanatalus, Makiki, Pawa'a, Ala Moana and Kewalo. The race attracted a large field of 14 candidates in a winner-take-all contest. Kobayashi will be eligible to run for the full-time seat in the regular election this fall.

Local 3 fully supported Kobayashi. Sign waving activities and phone banking were part of the daily ritual to help get her elected.

Maui development stirs emotions

Foes and opponents of a planned development on Maui came out in force recently. Rezoning of property to

allow for up to 1,100 new residences and a new hotel or time-share complex in Makena brought out hundreds of people at a public hearing held on Jan. 22. Signs for and against the development were visible everywhere. More than 80 Operating Engineers were on hand to lend support for the project.

In October, the Maui County Council's Land Use Committee recommended approval of the resort's rezoning request. The full council was poised to vote on the matter in December but the council members who opposed the request asked that one more hearing be held.

Perry Artates, stabilization fund specialist, was quoted in the *Maui News* as saying, "Those in the construction industry need to speak out in favor of new projects to ensure work for the future."

Mufi Hannemann rally

The Operating Engineers are spearheading a rally for mayoral candidate Mufi Hannemann to be held at Maili Beach park on March 23. Great entertainment and food are planned for the event. Local 3 members in the area can count on being contacted and solicited for support in the near future as the date of the event draws near.



Mayoral candidate Mufi Hannemann.



Above: Apprentice Leonardo Bacig on the compactor. At right: Apprentice Cherrisse Hurley on the excavator. Below: apprentice Stanley Kauwe on the loader.



Earth is moving at new training site

In addition to learning operating techniques, apprentices are assisting in preparing areas at the new Kahuku Training site for fencing and underground utilities. Apprenticeship and Training Administrator Nelson Uniamaka reports that while utility and building plans are being finalized, there is a lot of prep work to be done and, "We won't be waiting for anyone," he said.

FROM FRESNO

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 Reyes, D-Fresno; California State Parks District Superintendent Ted Jackson; representatives for state Sens. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, and Charles Poochigian, R-Fresno; Fresno Mayor Alan Autry; and Fresno City Council member Sal Quintero.



Fresno Operating Engineer Glen Wilkins volunteered for the park job.

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 nationally 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 Ronnell 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 water tower with the trademark flames painted across the tank. Retired operator Marin Vallejo covered the event for Local 3, talking with local officials and park neighbors. Vallejo also photographed the groundbreaking, including Reyes turning some dirt along with the other participants.

Swisher proudly displayed Local 3's banner and gave special recognition to Business Manager Don Doser. Swisher said that Local 3 is known for its community involvement.

Local 3 brothers and sisters are currently working on Flood Control contracts that are part of a three-year, \$20 million project to bring Fresno's

more established areas up to date with complete storm-drain systems. The contracts consist of ponding basin excavation and miles of cast-in-place pipe up to 96 inches in diameter.

As always, Local 3 continues to find new ways to keep Operating Engineers 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 Doser's Community Action Team, or CAT, program and help keep the strongest union in the nation growing.



Fellow Operating Engineer and volunteer Scott Breshears.