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Nortech may be a thorn in the side of Local 3, but to one woman the company has become her Goliath

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by Don Doser

Business

Manager

We kicked their butts

The morning after
California's June 2 primary was one
of the most gratifying experiences in
my 40 years in the labor movement.
As I watched the election returns on
television, a tremendous sense of satisfaction – and relief – come over me:
Props. 226 and 224 went down to big
defeats and our endorsed candidate
for governor, Lt. Governor Gray
Davis, won big, even outdoing
Republican Dan Lungren.

Who would have imagined four months ago that Prop. 226, which enjoyed a commanding 3-to-1 advantage in public opinion polls, would lose by seven percentage points on June 2? Who would have imagined three months ago that Davis, who was in last place in the polls in March, would win the Democratic nomination by a land-

One major constituency never gave up hope – union members. Back in February, when a Field Poll showed a whopping 71 percent of likely voters favored Prop. 226, organized labor was like an NFL team down three touchdowns going into the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl. Despite what appeared to be an insurmountable lead, labor kept its cool. It came together and carefully mapped out a cohesive and effective strategy, and in the end, we won the campaign the way Super Bowl champions do – in the trenches.

How we did it

Prop. 226's rapid demise happened because labor won the ground war. Prop. 226 proponents may have had the out-of-state billionaire donors, but we had the people and the spirit. Thousands of union members walked precincts, worked phone banks, talked one-on-one with fellow union members and their neighbors. They placed lawn signs everywhere they could, wrote letters to newspapers and called in to talk radio shows.

The results knocked the wind out of the opposition's campaign sails. In one month, the gap between support and opposition for Prop. 226 plummeted from 40 points in April to just 14 points at the end of May. The shift was even more dramatic among union households. In February, when Prop. 226 held such a huge lead, union households were about evenly split on the issue. But within a week of election day 68 percent of likely union voters opposed Prop. 226 and only 27 supported it. Prop. 226 represents one of the greatest comebacks in the defeat of a ballot proposition in California political history.

When Gray Davis fell to last place in the polls in March, skeptics quickly wrote him off as too dull. Not Local 3. We stood by Davis from the beginning because of his long history of supporting issues important

to workers. In California's first open primary, Davis ended up trouncing his two major Democratic rivals and defeating Republican Dan Lungren by more than 60,000 votes.

Lessons learned

The Prop. 226 campaign stands as yet another reminder of how important political activism is to the labor movement. Unions cannot continue to raise the living standards of their members without maintaining a strong presence in politics. Collective bargaining is simply too closely tied to the political process. We saw this happen with the prevailing wage fight in 1995 and then again when Gov. Pete Wilson used the Industrial Welfare Commission to repeal overtime pay after eight hours in 1997.

We cannot rest for one moment. More attacks on unions are guaranteed to come. In fact, the day after the election, Wilson said at a Republican Unity breakfast in San Diego: "I've got bad news for unions. This was just round one." Mark Bucher, one of the Prop. 226 authors told the San Francisco Chronicle the day after the election: "They did not defeat Prop. 226 decisively. Prop. 226 will be back because I am not going to let it go."

Our next political battlefront is already upon us. Just when you thought no one could be as antiworker as Wilson, along comes Lungren. If elected, Lungren will likely lead the charge to repeal prevailing wages, end overtime pay and enact a right-to-work law. And he is just as likely as Wilson not to negotiate in good faith for a fair contract for our State Bargaining Unit 12 members. We have to elect a labor-friendly governor, and that candidate is Gray Davis.

I would like to personally thank the Local 3 staff and membership for the tireless hours they committed to the June 2 primary. I would also like to thank all Local 3 members who sent in contributions in support of the No on Prop. 226 campaign. On page 16 is a copy of a letter I received from IUOE General President Frank Hanley. The letter more than speaks for itself.

The Prop. 226 campaign unfortunately drained our political coffers. If you would like to make a contribution to replenish our political fund, especially in light of the upcoming governor's race, please fill out the form on page 5. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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The June 2 primary was an inspiration to all of us in the labor movement. More importantly, it builds momentum for the November election. Let's keep our spirits high and over the next five months work to elect Gray Davis for governor.

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Calif. construction members ratify best Master Agreement in 20 years

Local 3 members overwhelmingly ratified last month a threeyear extension of the current Master Agreement for Northern California. The new agreement was approved by 92 percent of those who attended ratification meetings held in each Northern California district from May 4 to May 14. The agreement goes into effect June 16, 1998 and expires June 15, 2002.

Highlights of the agreement include:

 Wages and fringes - The best economic package in 20 years – per hour for all classifications over the life of the contract.

 Supplemental dues Employers agreed to pay a total of 40 cents per hour in supplemental dues, which will significantly lower the amount of dues members working under the agreement pay out of their pockets for regular dues.

· Safety - Random drug testing to help make the industry safer for everyone.

Why extend the agreement? In March the employers asked Local 3 Business Manager Don Doser about reopening the contract out of concerns for jobsite safety. A fatal on-the-job accident earlier in the year involving an Operating Engineer who had taken drugs during lunchtime prompted the employers to seek stronger drug language in the contract.

Doser and the officers did not oppose meeting with the employers because they had concerns of their own. At the time, Prop. 226, the Anti-Worker Initiative, enjoyed a huge lead in the polls. If Prop. 226 passed, Doser thought, California might become a rightto-work state and prevailing wages repealed.

"The employers might have come in with a completely different attitude when the Master Agreement was up next year," Doser said. "So I decided it was in the best interest of the members to lock in another three years. I'm glad I did because we ended up getting the best Master Agreement in 20 years." **Economics**

The breakdown of the unprecedented \$3-per-hour wage-fringe package is as follows: \$1.05 per hour effective June 16, 1999, \$1.10 per hour effective June 16, 2000 and 85 cents per hour effective June 16, 2001. These increases are for all classifications to be allocated by the union for wages, health and welfare, pensioned health and welfare, or a combination of all three. Business Manager Don Doser said that because of the overall good condition of the trust funds, the increases will likely go

entirely to wages. Supplemental dues

In addition to the best economic package in two decades, the employers also agreed to pay what is known as supplemental dues. This type of dues, which is used by virtually all other construction crafts, supplements regular or window dues and is usually paid by either the member or the employer based on the number of hours the member works.

In the case of the new Master Agreement, beginning December 28, 1998, 10 cents per hour in supplemental dues will be paid by the employer and placed into the member's vacation fund. The money will then be transferred to the union. An additional 10 cents per hour will kick in on June 16, 1999, June 16, 2000 and June 16, 2001, for a total of 40 cents per hour through the life of the new

This is **new money** above and beyond the wage and fringe benefits increases. Supplemental dues will not affect vacation pay, which will remain at \$2.70 per hour. The vacation fund merely serves as a mechanism through which the money can be legally transferred from the employer to the union. Supplemental dues will be reported as taxable income. However, members can deduct their supplemental dues on their income tax in the same way that regular dues can be deducted.

Member's out-of-pocket dues reduced

Supplemental dues will significantly reduce the amount of dues members working under the agreement pay out of their pocket for regular dues. For every 10 cents the employers pay in sup-plemental dues, the base dues, or

the amount members pay at the window or in monthly or quarterly installments, goes down \$6 per month.

For example, the base dues under the current Union Bylaws will be \$87 a month effective Oct. 1, 1999. Under the new agreement, out-ofpocket dues or window dues will be reduced \$12 to \$75 at that time because the supplemen-tal dues paid by the employers will be 20 cents per hour.

A member's dues will continue to go down \$6 per month for every 10 cents per hour of supplemental dues, so that by the third year of the contract those

working under the agreement will be paying \$63 per month in base

"The employers like what we're doing with our organizing," Doser said. "We have about 50 organizing campaigns going on at any given time. These campaigns, which will help us get our market share and strength back, require resources. So I asked the employers to help us out and they oblig-

In addition to organizing, sup-plemental dues will also help strengthen the union in other ways. The slight increase in revenue expected to be generated by supplemental dues will help Local 3 fight political attacks such as repeal of prevailing wages, rightto-work and anti-worker referendums like Prop. 226.

"These assaults on organized labor are only going to continue," Doser said. "Right now we have to scrimp and scrape to pay our bills each month. Supplemental dues will help us be better pre-

Drug testing The new agreement allows an individual employer to initiate unannounced random drug testing, with the selection process requiring each individual employee to have an equal chance of being selected. If an employer initiates testing, all employees are subject to testing. The employer may establish two random testing pools, one for DOT-regulated employees and one for all others.

The employer has to consult the Addiction Recovery Program before it implements this policy so that ARP can provide education to the individual employers and its employees.

The employers and Local 3 will establish a joint committee to

determine whether there's a feasible means by which the union's Job Placement Centers can con-duct the drug-alcohol screening before dispatching an employee so that only employees with a negative test will be referred. Other provisions of the agreement

Project labor agreements: An employer may work under the Master Agreement or project agreement, whichever is more favorable to the individual

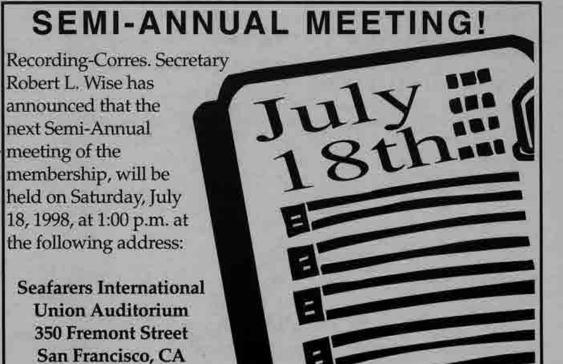
Job Placement regulations: Under the old agreement, during the period June 1 to November 15, an employer could request any employee from the A, B or C list by name if there's less than 15 percent registered on the out-of-work list. Under the new agreement, the time period has been expanded from April through November.

 Five- and 10-year letters now cover the construction industry and related industries such as rock, sand and gravel, mining and equipment dealers and shops. Retiree addendum: Under the

old agreement, retirees could work during the months of July through October. Now they can work from April through November.

Tide work: Employers performing tide work have to establish a starting time for the project between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. that corresponds to the tide on the first day of the project.

Minimum qualification test: Individual employers can now waive the requirement to pass the minimum qualifications test.





Labor scored big in the June 2 primary, with the most major victory being the defeat of Proposition 226. Thanks to the support of union members who dedicated thousands of hours of their time to walk precincts, operate phone banks and otherwise spread the word, the Anti-Worker Initiative went down, with 54 percent of California voters saying "no dice."

Proposition 224, or the PECG Initiative, also failed. The measure would have established a rigged bidding system for state engineering and surveying contracts – a system that would have been detrimental to private firms signatory to Local 3.

The defeat of Prop. 226 guarantees that labor unions will be major partici-

pants in the November general election. Had it passed, unions would have been all but eliminated from the political process, thus giving the Republican Party a chance at retaking the California Legislature and retaining the governor's office. Instead, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Gray Davis can campaign knowing he has the full backing of labor.

Overall, Local 3-endorsed candidates did very well in the primary. Davis, who was touted as the only candidate who could beat Republican gubernatorial nominee Dan Lungren in a head-to-head matchup, won the Democratic Party nomination decisively, garnering 58 percent of the vote. Multi-millionaire Al Checchi, who spent over \$30 million on his cam-

paign was a distant second with 22 percent of the vote, and three-time Congresswoman Jane Harman came in third with 21 percent.

The fight between Davis and Lungren for California's top office has already begun. Lungren has challenged Davis to a series of debates, which could begin as early as this month.

Although labor's victories in the primary were decisive, the struggle is far from over. In order to ensure victory in November, union members can't rest for a second and instead must be ready for an all-out effort.

And the winners are..

The following is a list of the Democratic and Republican Party nominees for the November general election. An asterisk (*) denotes a candidate endorsed by Local 3 for the June 2 primary, Incumbents are marked as such.

STATE WIDE ELECTION

Governor Gray Davi

Gray Davis (D)* Dan Lungren (R)

Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante (D)* Tim Leslie (R)

Secretary of State Michela Alioto (D)* Bill Jones (R) - incumb.

State Controller
Kathleen Connell (D)* - incumb.
Ruben Barrales (R)

State Treasurer Phil Angelides (D)* Curt Pringle (R) State Attorney General Bill Lockyer ())* Dave Stirling (R)

Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin* - incumb. Gloria Matta Tuchman

State Insurance Commissioner
Diane Martinaz (D)
Chuck Quacker bush (R) - incumb.

State Board of Equalization:

Dist. 1 Johan Klehs (D)* - incumb. No Republican Candidate

Dist. 2 Tom Santos (⊃) Dean Andal (R) - incumb.

Dist, 3 M. Christian-Heising (D) Claude Parrish (R)

Dist. 4
John Chiang D)*
Joe Adams (K)

U.S. Senator
Barbara Boxer (D)* - incumb.
Matt Fong (R)

U.S. House of Representatives

Dist 1 Mike Thompson (D)* Mark Luce (R)

Dist. 2 Roberts Braden (D)* Wally Herger (R) - incumb.

Dist. 3 Sandie Dunn (D)* Doug Ose

Dist. 4 David Shapiro (D)*
John Doollitle (R) - incumb.

Dist. 5 Robert T. Matsui (D)*incumb. Robert Dinsmore (R)

Dist. 6 Lynn Woolsey (D)*-incumb. Ken McAuliffe (R)

Dist. 7 George Miller (D)* - incumb. Norman Reece (R)

Dist. 8 Nancy Pelosi (D)* - in_rumb. David Martz (R)

Dist. 9 Barbara Lee (D)* Claiborne Sanders (R)

Dist. 10 Ellen Tauscher (D)* - incumb. Charles Ball (R) Dist. 11 Robert Figueroa (D) Richard Pombo (R) - incumb.

Dist, 12 Tom Lantos (D)* - incumb. Robert Evans (R)

Dist. 13 Fortney "Pete" Stark (D)* incumb. James Goetz (R)

Dist 14 Anna Eshoo (D)* - incumb. John Haugen (R)

Dist. 15 Dick Lane (D)*
Tom Campbell (R) - incumb.

Dist. 16 Zoe Lofgren (D)* - incumb. Horace Thayn (R)

Dist. 17 Sam Farr (D)* - incumb. Bill McCampbell (R)

Dist. 18 Gary Condit (D)* - incumb. No Republican Candidate

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

State Senate

- Dist. 2 Wes Chesbro (D)* John Jordan (R)
- Dist. 4 Mark Desio (D)* K. Johannessen (R) - incumb.
- Dist. 6 Deborah Ortiz (D)* Chris Quackenbush (R)
- Jackie Speier (D)* Jim Tomlin (R)
- Dist. 10 Liz Figueroa (D)* Bob Gough (R)
- Dist. 12 Sal Cannella (D)*
 Dick Monteith (R) incumb.
- Dist. 14 No Democratic Candidate Charles Poochigian (R)
- Dist. 16 Jim Costa (D)* incumb. Gregg Palmer (R)

State Assembly

- Dist 1 Virginia Strom-Martin (D)* incumb. Sam Crump (R)
- Francie Sullivan (D)* Dist. 2 Richard Dickerson (R)
- Dist. 3 Scott Gruendl (D)* Sam Aanestad (R)
- Dist. 4 Mark Norberg (D) Thomas Oiler (R) incumb.
- Dist. 5 Linda Davis (D) Dave Cox (R)
- Kerry Mazzoni (D)* incumb. Russ Weiner (R) Dist. 6
- Patricia Wiggins (D) Bob Sanchez (R) Dist. 7
- Helen Thomson (D)* incumb. Toni Thompson (R) Dist. 8
- Darrell Steinberg (D) Mike Dismukes (R) Dist. 9
- Dist. 10 Debra Gravert (D)* Anthony Pescetti (R)
- Dist. 11 Tom Torlakson (D)* incumb. No Republican Candidate
- Dist. 12 Kevin Shelley (D)* incumb. Mike Fitzgerald (R)
- Dist. 13 Carole Migden (D)* incumb. Randy Bernard (R)
- Dist. 14 Dion Aroner (D)* incumb. Jerald Udinsky (R)
- Dist, 15 Charles Brydon (D) Lynne Leach (R) incumb.
- Dist. 16 Don Perata (D)* incumb. Linda Marshall (R)
- Dist. 17 Michael Machado (D)* incumb. Jay Smart (R)
- Dist. 18 Ellen Corbett (D)* Carol Nowicki (R)
- Dist. 19 Lou Papan (D)* incumb. Penny Ferguson (R)

- Dist. 20 John Dutra (D)* Jonelle Zager (R)
- Dist. 21 Ted Lempert (D)* incumb. Laverne Atherly (R)
- Dist. 22 Elaine Alquist (D)* incumb. Stan Kawczynski (R)
- Dist. 23 Mike Honda (D)* incumb. Patrick Du Long (R)
- Dist. 24 Phil Stokes (D)* Jim Cunneen (R) incumb.
- Dist, 25 Wesley Firch (D) George House (R) incumb.
- Dist. 26 Dennis Cardoza (D)* incumb. Patty Hollingsworth (R)
- Dist, 27 Fred Keeley (D)* incumb. Phil Chavez (R)
- Dist. 28 Alan Styles (D)* Peter Frusetta (R) - incumb.
- Dist. 29 No Democratic Candidate Mike Briggs (R)
- Dist. 30 Dean Florez (D)* Robert Prenter (R) incumb.
- Dist. 31 Sarah Reyes (D)* David Jackson (R)
- Dist. 32 Robert Tucker (D) Roy Ashburn (R) - incumb.

STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

An asterisk (*) indicates Local 3's recommendation, if any, on the proposition.

219 - Ballot measures

Yes No 67% 33%

220 - Courts

Yes' 64% No 36%

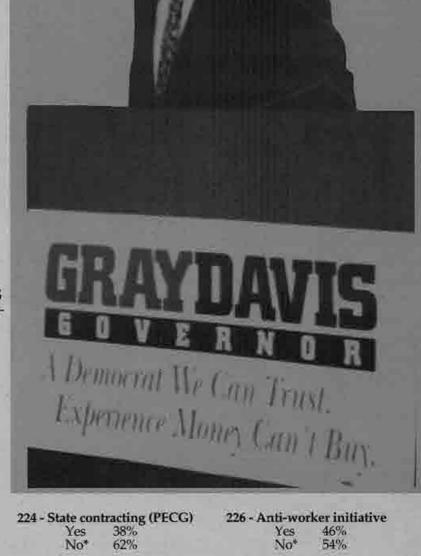
221 - Judicial officers

81% 19% Yes*

222 - Murder sentences

77% No

223 - School admin. costs 46% 54% Yes No*



227 - Bilingual education

61% 39%

Yes No*

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225 - Congressional term limits

53% 47%

he struggle within

Nortech may be a thorn in the side of Local 3, but to one woman the company has become her Soliath

by Jennifer Gallagher, Assoc. Edito

On May 6, Local 3 sent a clear message to Nortech management that the fight is far from over. By staging a rally in front of the recycling facility, Nortech workers, union representatives and legislators created a united front that Nortech may find hard to ignore. The campaign has been time-consuming and frustrating for the union. But one woman exemplifies the struggle more than anyone else. That woman is Alice

Keyes.
When the employees of
Nortech Waste LLC in Lincoln, about representation, Alice had no idea what was in store for her. As the spokesperson of the 50 primarily Hispanic workers, Alice has taken a position on the front line of an all-out war.

Alice began working for Nortech in May of 1996, not long after the facility opened. Tired of having to commute to a job, she thought working closer to home would make life easier on her. And in the beginning, it did. She encountered no problems at work, and was such a good employee that Nortech even offered her a job. in buy-back, a promotion of sorts. She declined the position because the pay increase wasn't substantial enough to outweigh the potential headaches.

At one point, Alice developed carpal tunnel syndrome in her left wrist while working on the sorting line. The company didn't hassle her, and worker's compensation paid for the surgery required to repair the damage. The company even paid mileage to and from therapy. But this was before the employees of Nortech decided to seek union representation. After that, everything changed.

The struggle begins

Nortech workers voted overwhelmingly for Local 3 representation in September of 1997, but negotiations have been, to say the least, slow. It took eight negotiating sessions before the company came up with an offer – a paltry 14-cent per hour raise. Obviously unacceptable, the union continued to fight.

After the employees voted for union representation, things changed for Alice. As the perceived "leader" of the union supporters, she was continually harrassed by the company At one point, she and another worker were suspended for allegedly clocking in and out for each other.

When she developed carpal tunnel syndrome in her right hand and injured her shoulder while working on the line, the company said that it was not a work-related injury and therefore not covered by workers' compensation. The company

refused to pay mileage to and from the doctor's office as they did when her left wrist was injured, and required her to clock in and out for appointments. And the biggest insult of all was that they took her off the sorting line because they said she couldn't work fast enough due to her injury. In reality, the company wanted to keep Alice away from the other

She was reassigned to outside duty

Never let them see you cry

On a cold and windy Jan. 5, Alice's first day outside, she was ordered to work in the swamp, picking up trash. It was dangerous, dirty work, but Alice was not about to object. She wouldn't give them the satisfaction. At one point during the experience, she fell down in the swamp. Totally humiliated, she cried most of the day, but never while a Nortech supervisor might see her tears. Alice outside duties includ-

ed "sweeping" the parking lot without a broom or trash can, picking papers out of the compost pile, taking nails out of wood so the company would be able to sell it, and any other demearing work the company could think of.

Although Nortech has always had a person assigned to picking up the trash in the parking lot, the company always made it as easy as possible on the person. But not for Alice. On rainy days, they would give her a rain coat and hat, but no appropriate shoes. Sometimes, she says, the wind would get so bad that she had to hold on to the fence to keep from blowing over

Alice has made a point of always having a smile on her face when Nortech supervisors might be looking at her. When the smile fades, however, you can see that she is angry and sad. But she continues the struggle, despite often feeling complete-

She has often thought of quitting, not only for her own sanity, but to make things at home a little more tolerable. Her husband, Fred, has been a source of underlying support and devotion, but the Nortech situation has been hard on both of them. In fact, there was a time when the stress took such a toll that she and Fred didn't speak to each other for two weeks.

She feels however, that she has come too far down this road to turn back now. The main reason she stays, despite everything she has gone

through, is her coworkers. Because the majority of them con't speak English, they have relied on Alice from the start to plead their case. And without her, their means of communication is all but cut off. "From here, they have nowhere else to go but the fields," Alice said. "I can get a job anywhere, but they need someone to speak for them."

The workers are often afraid to make waves, especially with Lyida, one of the supervisors. Lydia is Mexican like most of the employees she supervises but, according to Alice, she has forgotten her roots. She treats the workers poorly and favors the men over the women. Not one to back down from a confrontation, Alice has always stood up to Lydia, thus earning the respect and admiration of her coworkers. They come to her for help, and she refuses to let them down by quit-

There have been many times during the campaign that Alice and her coworkers have been frustrated by the lack of progress. Lawsuits may represent forward movement to the union and the company, but to the employees lawsuits don't mean anything. From the workers' perspective, they had nothing to show for the struggle. Until the fally, that is.

Reunifying event

The May 6 rally gave workers their biggest boost since they first voted for union representation, and once again made them into a unified force. The rally was an effort designed to show the company that not only is Local 3 behind the workers, but so are several members of the California

Legis ature, other unions and the NAACP.

Nortech workers marched out or the building at 11 a m. amid noise-makers, drums, and a man dressed in a rat suit.

Local 3 Business Manager Don Doser was the first speaker. He reassured the employees that Local 3 would not give up. "A 14-cent raise in unacceptable. We're all brothers and sisters. We will win this fight.

Other speakers included state Senator Hilda Solis, Assemblywoman Deborah Ortiz, NAACP President Robin Ware, and Assembly man Kevin. Shelley. All pledged their support of the workers and promised to be p in any way possible.

The other unions present at the rally include the Carpenters, SEIU, UAW, Iron Workers, Janitors, IBEW, Painters, Cement Masons, Teamsters, Sheet Metal Workers, CWA, and HERE. Bob Balgenorth, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, was

also one of the speakers.

As was Alice in a humble moment, typical despite her brash, take-charge attitude, Alice simply wanted to say, "Thanks."

But for all the hard work she has put into slaying the giant, the thanks should go to Alice. Stick it to them, sister.



San Jose branch moves to bigger quarters



by Rob Wise Credit Union Treasurer

To better serve the growing number of credit union members in the South Bay, the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union moved its Valley Fair branch to 798 North First Street in San Jose on June 3.

The new location was selected to afford members quick freeway access and, since the branch has its own lot, parking is also convenient. The new location has a spacious lobby, which makes it easy for members to

conduct credit union transactions with privacy,

Please see the new San Jose branch for yourself next time you're in the area.

As a credit union member, you may use any of the credit union's 19 branches. For the location of the branch nearest you, call 1-800-877-4444 during business hours or check the credit union's web site 24 hours a day at www.oefcu.org.



Credit union employees (left) pose with Local 3 officers Jerry Bennett, Rob Wise and Max Spurgeon and Local 3 Business Agents Tom O'Brien and Charles Trujillo at the opening of the new branch on June 3. The branch is located at 798 N. First Street, San Jose, California 95112. The phone number is (408) 995-5095.

Huge turnout at May car sale

Credit union members came from as far away as Twain Harte in the Sierra foothills and Capitola near Santa Cruz to attend the credit union's spring nearly-new vehicle event in Dublin.

Local 3 member Tom Stamler of Martinez and his wife, Liz, found a Ford F350 pickup at the sale. "Our last car buying experience was at a dealership and that took eight or nine hours," said Liz. "We prequalified with the credit union ahead of time for this sale and were really pleased to take care of getting our truck in just an hourand-a-half."



The selection of vehicles at the credit union's Dublin branch car sale included domestic and imported cars, trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles.



Local 3 member Larry Hagle liked the no haggle, low-pressure atmosphere at the spring car sale. Hag'e selected a Buick Skylark.

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NEWS FROM THE DEPT.



by Brian Bishop Safety Director

Proposed language will revise who will pay for workers' protective gear

Draft language has been presented by OSHA to clarify an employer's obligation to pay for personal protective equipment (PPE). This would amend current PPE standards in general industry, construction and maritime sectors.

OSHA is considering adding a new paragraph to regulation 1926.95 that would detail the payment for protective equipment. It will read that "all protective equipment, including personal protective equipment required in this part, shall be provided by the employer at no cost to the employee except for protective footwear and prescription safety eyewear."

According to John F. Martonik, OSHA's acting director for safety standards, the agency considers footwear and prescription eyewear to be personal in nature.

OSHA's Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health proposed the new language April 8 in response to the Oct. 16, 1997 decision in Secretary of Labor vs. Union Tank Car. In that case, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission overturned OSHA's interpretation that "providing" PPE means that employers must pay for the equipment.

The agency is expected to publish the proposed revision in June and hold hearings in September. OSHA said it is not its intent to discourage current PPE payment practices or to affect collective bargaining agreements. Many OSHA standards, including construction standards, require employers to provide employees with PPE, but do not always specify that the employer is to provide such equipment at no cost to the employee.

Some of the items identified as personal protective equipment includes hard hats, abrasion/laceration protective gloves, non-prescription safety glasses, goggles, faceshields, welding helmets and goggles, fall protection, chemical protective clothing and gloves, and safety shoes with metatarsal guards. Provisions and payment for respirators

have been covered under a different rulemaking.

Officials at the Association of General Contractors of America were not impressed with OSHA's proposed revision, saying the agency is being reactive concerning the issue, and spiteful following the Union Tank Car decision. "There's no need for OSHA to ruffle feathers now," said AGC's Carl Heinlein, director of safety and health services. "Employers understand PPE and for the

Heinlein said employers, especially those in the construction industry, are generally working with a transient workforce. Having an employer buy all necessary protective equipment would not only cost a lot of money, but there is the concern that a worker might only be on the job for two weeks, and then be

"We believe PPE, as it currently stands, is working and that OSHA should address other priorities," Heinlein said. When OSHA gets into rule-making mode, that means Uncle Sam is getting into business. The current rule is working, and OSHA shouldn't mess with something that's working."

OSHA officials, however, estimate that all construction workers will need some personal protective equipment at sometime during the course of the year, and that hard hats are used by virtually all construction employees. They estimate that most construction workers will use protective gloves. OSHA also estimates that as many as one-third of all construction workers use non-prescription safety glasses and another 20 percent wear goggles.

The above article appeared in the May 11 issue of OSHA/Week Magazine

most part believe it's not a bad thing."

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To register, please call the number that is listed for the course you would like to

Personal Notes

From the Rohnert Park District

Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following departed:
Alfred Wilson on 2/27/98, Egidio "Johnnie"
Tarchini on 2/10/98, Delmar Steele on
3/2/98, Rich M. Cole on 4/1/98.
We would also like to extend our prayers

and condolences to the families of Frank Devincenzi, who passed away on 5/8/98. Frank was the owner of Arthur & Devincenzi, a contractor in the Rohnert Park

Our condolences to John and Danni

Hendricks on the passing of John's father, Glenn Arthur Hendricks, on 4/28/98. John was the former director of Local 3's Delinquent Employers Department. John's son Chris Hendricks is also a Local 3 member and works as a mechanic for Ghilotti

Congratulations to the following: Ricky and Constance Holms on the birth of their son Travis Barrows on April 18 Richard Siri Jr. and Delores Meyer on their

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Medicinal or not: pot's pot

DOT regulations make no exceptions

People who get marijuana through California healing centers and claim a legitimate health reason for its use still cannot work in safety-sensitive jobs, say US Department of Transportation offi-

Claiming they are operating under a 1996 law legalizing marijuana for medical use, dozens of California clubs sell marijuana to thousands of members.

State and federal forces are engaged in legal battles over California's Proposition 215, the state law 56 percent of voters approved in 1996.

It doesn't matter if the marijuana was obtained legally, a marijuana positive is a marijuana positive," says Mary Bernstein, director of DOT's Division of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance.

Regardless of the laws in terms of medical marijuana, if you are in a DOT safety-sensitive position, the test would be positive.

"Nobody has taken issue with our position," she says.

Michael Haugh, manager of safety for the California Trucking Association, totally agrees.

"It's a cut and dried issue," says Haugh. "We have zero tolerance for any type of drug use, prescribed or otherwise. We're pretty closed minded on this.

Truck drivers are operating vehicles that go up to 80,000 pounds. Alertness is a major factor in stopping distances and other operating issues. If a guy can get a doctor to prescribe marijuana for him and he says he can still drive a truck, he's not going to be in this business very long."

The California law allows doctors to recommend marijuana to ease discomfort caused by cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief. A similar law in Arizona is more strict and requires a written prescription and the concurrence of a second doctor.

Because federal agencies like DOT already have regulations in place prohibiting employees in safety-sensitive positions from being under the influence of marijuana, the California law has no impact. Employers who are not under federal guidelines can still adopt policies that prohibit its use.

Under the guidance issued by DOT, a medical review officer must report a marijuana positive as a positive, even if the substance is being used under a doctor's order.

U.S. District Attorney Michael Yamaguchi says the clubs are an "outright and flagrant" violation of the 1970

Controlled Substances Act, which categorized marijuana as a dangerous drug subject to the strictest possible controls.

The U.S. Department of Justice is trying to shut down more than 20 marijuana clubs with more than 11,000 members. The mayors of San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz and West Hollywood are among officials petitioning President Clinton to block the federal suit. In the meantime, the California Supreme Court agreed with a lower court ruling that the clubs were illegal because they were not 'primary care givers" for the patients they supply.

The Cannabis Cultivators Club, San Francisco's most tenacious organization, alone has a membership of 8,000 and was "clearly engaging in the illegal sale of marijuana," a San Francisco County Superior Court ruled April 15.

The club closed, but reopened a day later as the Cannabis Healing Center. Most other clubs also continue to operate, and their leaders say they will fight the semantics in court.

The above article was reprinted from the May 7, 1998 issue of Workplace Substance Abuse Advisor.

TALKING TO TECHS

by Andy Mullen Director Technical Engineers Division

Greetings from new Tech Engineers Director

Twenty years ago this month, I left my surveying job with Martin M. Ron Associates and went to work for Local 3 as a dispatcher in the Oakland office. Since that time I have worked as a dispatcher in San Francisco and Sacramento, as an organizer throughout California and Nevada, and as a business agent in San Francisco and Sacramento.

In May, Business Manager Don Doser appointed me as Director of Technical Engineers and I thank him for the opportunity to service the membership in this capacity. Don Doser is committed to ensuring the quality of life for our members and their families, and this continues to improve. I am proud to be a part of his team.

Gerry Orme, a 33 year member who has worked as a surveyor throughout Northern California and Hawaii has joined the department as business agent. We urge you to give us a call anytime. I can be reached at the Alameda office at 510-748-7400, or at the Sacramento office at 916-565-6170. Gerry can be reached in Alameda at 510-748-7431.

We will be visiting district offices over the course of the next few months

and would like to invite all the tech engineers to come by and meet us. The following is the schedule for June and July. The schedule for August will appear in next month's issue. If, for any reason, you cannot make it to the hall at the scheduled time, let us know and we will make arrangements to meet with you.

Oakland District Office

June 24 6-8pm 1620 South Loop Road, Alameda San Jose District Office July 1 6-8pm 760 Emery Street, San Jose San Francisco District Office 6-8pm 5 Thomas Mellon Cir., Ste 266, S.F. Sacramento District Office July 15 6-8pm 4044 North Freeway Blvd., Sacramento

On May 13, we signed an agreement with the Culver Group out of Dublin and would like to welcome them into Local 3. We are suffering an extreme man power shortage. If you know of any non-union surveyors or former members working outside the industry, please have them contact us.

In closing, I would like to thank Administrator Paul Schissler, Joanie Thornton and Janet Crisosto of the Surveyors Apprenticeship program for helping Gerry and I get adjusted to the department. Their experience has been very beneficial and their assistance greatly appreciated.



New Technical Engineers Director Andy Mullen, left, pictured with Culver Group Vice President Chris Johnson. The Culver group just signed a contract with Local 3.

El Niño can't keep oldtimers away from Retiree Picnic

An inch of El Niño-type rain the day before didn't prevent about 1,500 retirees and guests from attending the May 30 retiree picnic at the Rancho Murieta Training Center. Despite one of the wettest springs in recent history, the weather on picnic day was splendid, with



(above) Duane Beichle of Rancho Murieta caroes one of the cross rib roasts

clear skies and temperatures hovering in the low 70s.

Business Manager Don Doser presented 24 retirees with 50-year watches. Congratulations to all watch recipients for their years of dedicated service and contribution to Local 3 and the construction industry. The crowd enjoyed the usual menu of cross-rib roast, beans, salad, dinner rolls and all the beer and soft drinks a person could drink. Bill Smith Photography was again on hand to provide souvenir portraits

A special thanks goes out to RMTC and Local 3 staffs for their help in planning and carrying out the picnic.



Business Manager Don Doser addresses the retirees



Clockwise around the table are Carl Peters, Ev Dawson, Erma Harrison, Clay Harrison and Norm Mueller.



Pulling the meat out of the pit are from left: Steve Stromgren, Gary Herren, Ray Helmick and Steve Durnay.





50-YEAR GOLD WATCH RECIPIENTS

Those who received their 50-year watches at the retiree picnic were, in alphabetical order: Virgil Arnett, Elden J. Brown, Thomas Carter, Roy A. Christman, Ray C. Cooper, Arthur Da San Martino, Bill Evans, James "Tex" Everett, John Fenrich, George H. Gray, Ralph J. Hoffman, Robert A. Janes, Ace Keltner, Jay D. Logan, M.G. Mason, Joseph L. Parkinson, Jack Powell, Marvin E. Reed, Ray P. Reed, Jack H. Reeves, Herb Sales, Robert Strickell, Chester R. Turley, Rudy T. Williams. Those who received watches but were unable to attend the picnic were Herbert Bailey, Louis F. Baum, John M. Gilmour, Howard F. Robinett and Robert S. Skidgel. Two retirees in the photo, Aldo Poretti and Troy Scarberry, requested to have their watches sent to their homes.



Ten-year -old Brian DeWilde, son of RMTC instructor Dave DeWilde, gives his approval of the rib-roast, as Clint Durnay, 8, and his father Steve Durnay look on.



The serving line stays busy.

NEWS FROM FRINGE BENEFITS

by Charlie Warren

Director of Fringe Benefits

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Prescription drugs home pharmacy plan

By now, all active members covered by the Ca ifornia Health and Welfare Trust Fund and retirees covered by the Pensioned Health and Welfare Trust Fund, except those on a Medicare Advantage Plan, should have received their white plastic Prudent Buyer/Diversified Pharmaceuticals Services card. Kaiser members should have their Kaiser card as well as the white plastic Diversified Pharmaceuticals Services card. Use your Prudent Buyer/Diversified Pharmaceuticals Services card when obtaining medical services and when purchasing prescription drugs.

Diversified Pharmaceuticals Services (DPS) requires you to use your ID card when purchasing prescription drugs

Under the DPS plan, members go to a participating pharmacy, presents their ID card and pay either \$5 for generic or \$10 for brand name prescriptions. There is no need to file a claim and wait for reimbursement. Refer to your recent mailing or contact the trust fund or fringe benefits office for details of this prescription benefit plan. Under the old plan, when members needed to buy a prescription, they would pay for their prescription, have the pharmacy complete the claim form, submit the form to the trust fund and then wait for reimbursement.

If you purchase prescriptions from a non-participating pharmacy or without your ID card, you must file a claim with DPS for reimbursement. Reimbursement claim forms are available through the trust fund or fringe benefits. Reimbursement will be based on what DPS would have paid a participating pharmacy. This means your cost will probably be higher than the normal \$5 or \$10. In many cases, the difference can be substantial. Save money and use participating pharmacies.

Kaiser members

Kaiser pharmacies are not participating pharmacies under the DPS plan. Members with Kaiser coverage, except retirees and spouses on Kaiser Senior Advantage, should not fill their prescriptions at Kaiser. They should take their prescription to a participating pharmacy for maximum reimbursement. Retirees and spouses who are on Kaiser Senior Advantage must fill their prescriptions at Kaiser.

Mail order option

Your prescription drug benefit also provides mail order service for your prescription needs. Mail order service is available through American Diversified Pharmacies in Sacramento or through

DPS in Pennsylvania. The mail order option is perfect for those on maintenance drugs. When using the mail order option, there is no out-of-pocket cost to

If you have not received your ID cards, or if you need additional information or forms, call your district office, the Trust Fund office, or fringe benefits.

Knowing your medication

If your doctor advises prescription medication, be sure to look carefully at the name of the prescription drug and the strength that your doctor is advising you to take. When you receive the prescription from your pharmacist, make sure it matches what your doctor prescribed.

If you doctor doesn't specify "name brand only" on the prescription, or if there is a generic equivalent, you may receive a generic prescription drug. Learn the generic names of the prescription drugs your doctor advises you to take. The generic names are complicated sometimes, but make the effort to be able to recognize them. It is time for all of us to get away from recognizing a prescription drug simply by noting the color, shape and size of the pill. Let us all educate ourselves regarding matters which directly affect our health.

Local 3, employers establish Office of Compliance and Civil Rights

Business Manager Don Doser announces the formation of the Office of Compliance and Civil Rights (OCCR). One of the goals of this new office, which will be housed at Local 3's Alameda headquarters, is to enhance the training and skills of underutilized journey-level operators.

Underutilized members are those who have in recent years reported below-average work hours.

Another OCCR objective is to work with employers and the union to place these underutilized members in the advanced apprenticeship program and journey-upgrade training at Rancho Murieta. The office will then work with employers and the union to match underutilized journey persons with

OCCR will also address the issue of ethnic diversity in the workplace. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 70 percent of those entering the workforce will be minorities and women. The OCCR will help employers and employer associations with diversity training. The office will also develop a mentoring program for underutilized members.

"Formation of the OCCR helps Local 3 continue to be the strong, effective organization that it has been throughout its 59-year history," said Local 3 Business Manager. "We've accomplished this by maximizing the skills and productivity of every members. The OCCR will help our members work to their full potential and ultimately help our employers operate more efficiently."

The OCCR's director, Curtis Brooks, is a graduate of Local 3's apprenticeship program. He passed nine journey person competency tests and received the Apprentice of the Year award in 1990. Brooks is also a former Local 3 business agent. Local 3 member Charles McGuire is the OCCR's compli-

You can reach the OCCR at (510) 748-7400.



OCCR Director Curtis Brooks





by Paul Schissler

Administrator, Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee

Surveyors competition is huge success

The Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee held its 8th Annual Hands-On Competition for field surveyors on May 9. Forty-eight surveyors traveled from as far north as Sacramer to, as far south as Fresno and from many other local and distant places to compete for top honors and bragging rights for one year.

The city of Alameda was kind enough to allow us to use the 10-acre parcel adjacent to the Operating Engineers headquarters to conduct the competition.

Participants were divided into 14 crews and ran through a grueling fourhour, hands-on simulated job site course that included problems in slope staking staking and topographic surveying. After all was said and done, scores were accumulated and these winners were:

First Place:

Party Chief- Ken Schissler, Meridian Technical Services Chainman - Dave Nelson, Brian, Kangas & Foulk

Apprentice - Johnnie Mechikoff, Meridian Technical Services

Second Place:

Party Chie - Al Pope, Meridian **Technical Services**

Chainman - Brent McDonald, Kier & Wright

Apprentice - David Rau, Worldwide Surveys

Third Place:

Party Chief- Debbie Turner, Worldwide Surveys Chainman - Matt Jordan, Psomas Apprentice - Robert Fernandez, Meridian Technical Se-vices

Fourth Place:

Party Chief-Scan Firn, Worldwide Surveys

Chainman - Les Sula, Tutor-Saliba Apprentice - Alan Carumay, Santina & Thompson

Awards for the winning crews were provided by the Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association and Operating Engineers Local 3. Representatives from both the association and the union were on hand to help with the contest and to hand out awards. We greatly appreciate their generosity and support of our program.

As many of you are aware, this type of activity requires a lot of preparation and cooperation from both labor and management. We would like to thank Meridian Technical Services, Kier &

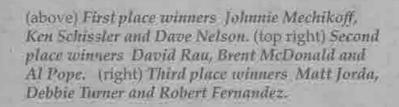
Wright and Worldwide Land Surveys for the equipment and personal help they provided. Our instructor staff of Ken Anderson, Fred Feickert, Mike Foulk, Floyd Harley, Juan Lovato, Ron Nesgis and Terry Warren along with Local 3 Tech Rep. Gerry Orme were all judges and did a very professional job. We thank them for all of their efforts.

We were especially honored to have Tony Rubio assist with the judging and thank him for his support that day. To Joanie Thornton, Janet Crisosto and Dana Seiji- Barker, a special thanks for preparing a great lunch and for all the work they did to prepare for the contest. It was a great day.

Golf tournament to be held July 19

The 4th Annual Tech Engineers Golf Tournament is rapidly approaching. The tournament is scheduled for July 19 at the Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland. Cost is \$65 per person. The prize includes green fees, continental breakfast, golf cart, BBQ, and prizes. Entry is limited to the first 144 who sign up. The past three years of have sold out completely, so don't get left at the clubhouse. Contact Paul Schissler today at (510) 748-7413 for more information.









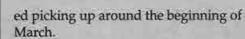
NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Loader operator Andy Lec of Gibbons & Reed at 1900 West Project, Ogden

Mild winter weather starts early spring

UTAH - The northern Utah area just went through one of the mildest winters it has seen in years. Was it the El Niño effect we keep hearing so much about? Well, whatever it was, work was moderate through the winter and start-

from Utah



W.W. Clyde has a small crew at the Snow Basin Ski Resort doing some work on the ski runs in preparation for the 2002 Olympics. Superintendent Allan Scheib says the area is very steep with a thick pine forest.

"We'll need some very skilled dozer hands to cut these downhill runs," says Scheib.

The ski resort's plans call for expansion of the lodge and a new hotel. Also in the plans are a new cross country ski course, two new ski lifts and a new road to the resort.

W.W. Clyde has also been working since 1997 on an earthquake retrofit project for a 400,000-yard dam on the east side of Layton. The Holmes Creek Dam is the oldest dam in Utah and was one of the first in the western states. It was first constructed in 1852 by a pioneer settler named Elias Adam Sr. The

dam was originally only 4 feet high. It was raised to 70 feet in 1929 and holds about 1,100 acre feet of water.

According to George Muir, a superintendent for Clyde, the company has been able to keep a small crew working off and on most of the winter. Now that they're back in full production, the project should be completed by the end of spring.

Clyde will also be starting work at Travis Ridge and River Oaks. The Travis Ridge job will consist of a road going east through the Draper Hills area. Dave Hales, the general project manager, claims that the job will go with 10 to 14 scrapers. Rodney Burke will be the superintendent.

River Oaks is a 200,00 yard dirt job around the 9400 South 700 West area of Salt Lake Valley. It is estimated that 12 operators will be needed, and Greg Hall will be superintendent.

Gibbons & Reed will also be busy this year with \$42 million of carry over work from 1997 and two new jobs around the Coalville and Wanship areas. Ken Bailey has been keeping a small crew working on the Jordan River project this winter doing mostly pipe work.

The light rail project has kept about a dozen operators bus this winter, too. Gibbons' contract on the light rail starts at 1300 South. Major construction continues within the existing rail corridor and ends around the 106 South area in Sandy.

Gibbons has also been keeping a crew working on a road widening project on 1900 West in the Ogden area. The job runs about 3.5 miles with excavation, new asphalt and lots of sidewalk, curb and gutter work. It should be completed in early June.

The I-15 corridor has been busy all winter, But there has been some down time because of weather. Some of the structure work is behind schedule, and the pile driving is also having some problems. We have five membersworking the pile rigs and doing an excellent job. The dirt spreads on each segment have put the project ahead of schedule,

and the company is in a good position to get its concrete spread up and running.

Job stewards Mike Archuletta, Roland "Frenchie" LaVenture and William Bozeman have done an excellent job of working with the membership and company on the project.

Safety committee member Gordon Purcell has also been working hard on behalf of Local 3 to promote a safe working environment. Unfortunately, there have been some accidents involving some operators, but Purcell has stepped up his efforts to improve safety awareness.

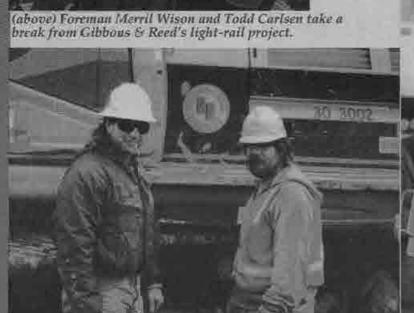
Stacy Whitbeck is about 75 percent finished with its part of the light rail project, which covers 700 to 1300 South in Salt Lake. The company has kept three operators busy since the job started in the spring of 1997.

District 12 wishes each of its members a good and productive work season. Please work safely.

Business Rep. H.K. Pang



Operator Blaine Hall and apprentice Travis Horton at SEC Airport project



Operators Robert Welch and Jody Johnson on the Jordan River Project



DISTRICTS



Picnic a wash-out, but work picture is sunny

MARYSVILLE - Those of you who witnessed the effects of El Niño on the District 60 picnic in Gridley on May 16 were part of a memorable day. The hard rain and hail made it a little difficult to hear some great music from American Federation of Recording Artists J.J. White, but we want to thank all of you who hung in there and took home some great raffle

District Rep. Frank Herrera said that if the winter of 1999 is anything like 1998, the district picnic will have to be moved back later in the year. May is traditionally a beautiful, warm month in the Central Valley, but winter just won't let go.

The weather has taken its toll on construction projects as well, but there is a great deal of activity nonetheless.

In between hail storms and snow storms, Granite Construction is keeping 10 Local 3 members busy between 50 and 55 hours per week on a lane widening and shoulder project on Hwy. 89 southeast of Quincy. Subcontractors include local owner-operators Dick Joy and Art Vierria. Atlas Tree of Santa Rosa has a member operating a chipper and there is an owner-operator out of the Rohnert Park district. In June, Reese

Rock Crushing out of Utah will hire

two members to assist in providing material for the job.

from Marysville

As the weather allows, Ford Construction has 12 to 15 members working on a water line project in Quincy

Both Ford and Granite have picked up new contracts that will be starting soon. Ford has a job coming up in South Lake Tahoe and Granite picked up another contract in Truckee.

River City Construction out of Redding is waiting for final authorization to proceed on the construction of the Greenville Wastewater Treatment

Harker and Harker has two members occupied in the Sierra Pacific Power Project near Bordertown, while nearby on Hwy. 395, Granite has a grinding and paving crew on a road

In the public employees sector, negotiations are underway in Lake County, where 500 county employees are working

Members of the Lake County Employee Association voted to withdraw the option for managers and non-bargaining unit members to purchase Operating Engineers insurance when the Board of Supervisors refused the bargaining unit's demand to put a 3-percent pay increase toward employee insurance benefits.

Negotiations are also underway in the city of Marysville, where union membership and interest has increased dramatically. Local 3 represents public works and sewer department employees in one of California's oldest cities.

Negotiations are also opening in Sierra County, where Local 3 represents miscellaneous, road department and sheriff's deputies, and in the Marysville Joint Unified School District, where a new master contract is being negotiated for 200 maintenance, transportation, food service and clerical workers.

Negotiations will begin soon in the Butte County Housing Authority, the City of Live Oak, and the City of Ukiah.

Business Rep.

Scooter



The Oraville Dam celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a float in the Feather-Fiesta Parade on May 9. Pictured are some

of the men who built the dam, including Operating Engineers Ron Tumer, Dennis Moreland, Bill Pinkston and John

Brumalege; Iron Worker Merle Eggers; Teamster Lean Ritter: Laborer Darrel Daniels and contractor Bernie Richter.



At Teichert's Cat shop are, from left, Tony Rosales (at top), Jay Bosley, Randy Erickson, Larry Hansen, Walt Whitford, Scott Alves, John Herzig, Jesse Vasquez, Robert Hunziker and Andy Mullen.

from Stockton

Work booming in Stockton District

STOCKTON - With the end of the rain, work in the Stockton District has exploded. As of this date, we have dispatched over 300 people to work and have signed project labor agreements with Mr. Trucker and Wolin and Sons,

We have also signed owner-operator agreements with Centerline Backhoe and Howard Crutchfield. D&L Concrete has signed to the concrete pumper agreement, and Mozingo Construction and RemCon Construction have signed to the independent construction agreement. RemCon has about 18 pieces of equipment and will need a work force of close to 20 employees.

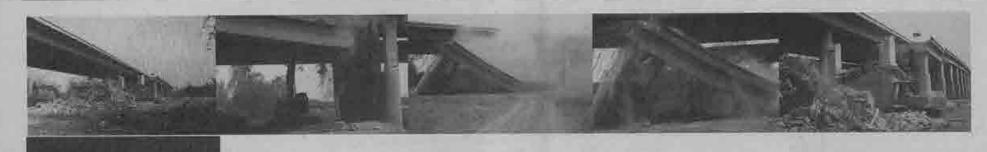
We have completed contract negoti-

ations with Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steele, David T. Price Inc., Joe Hayes Garage and George Reed Inc. dba Munn Perkins. We will soon be opening new contract negotiations with Guy F. Atkinson (Turlock Yard), Holt Brothers, Modesto Sand and Gravel, Larry Aksland, Western Stone, Hydrox and D&S Repair.

The rock, sand and gravel industry is booming, as is the crane industry

The Stockton District picnic will be held Sept. 27 and will be bigger and better than ever. Plan to attend. Tickets will be available soon at the Stockton District office and from the business representatives.

District Rep. Dave Young



News from the DISTRICTS

from Redding

Work still slow, but will pick up with several new projects

A big pat on the back from Frank Hanley

NOE General President thanks Local 3 for successful No on Prop. 226 campaign



International Union of Operating Engineers

June 3, 1998

Via Facsimile

Mr. Donald Doser General Vice President and **Business Manager IUOE Local Union 3** 1620 South Loop Road Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Sir and Brother

Normally, I rise and get to the office early to get through my paperwork before the phones begin. Wadnesday, June 3, I wanted to get to the office even earlier to find out the results of the California primary and especially ballot initiative 226. What wonderful news greeted me upon my arrival at the office.

The labor increment responded magnificently to a thinly veiled attempt by our enemies to destroy the labor movement. It was nothing more than a power grab by right-wing politicians and corporate bosses seeking to suppress working people. Defeating the initiative in Ca ifornia sends a clear message to the rest of the country that workers want a political voice and will support that voice.

Members of the Operating Engineers in California distinguished themselves in their support of the movement to defeat this initiative. Your leadership and activism in this fight were ir spirational to all of labor. It makes me very proud to have such capable leadership among our local unions in California. Your work in defeating this initiative

Congratulations on a tremendous victory.

Fratemally yours,

Frank Hanley General President

FH/nwp

REDDING - Rain, rain go away! Work has been slow due to the weather and late-in-theyear bids. Tullis is working at Sweed Creek every day that it can.

Cal Neva is demolishing the Cottonwood Creek bridge. According to Cal Neva Superintendent Russel Turner, all the ranchers up and down Cottonwood Creek want the concrete from the demolition to help repair property damage caused by last year's floods. The company has just about given it all away. It's only keeping the steel.

CC Meyers is just waiting for J.F. Shea and Cal Neva to complete the finish work on the bridge. Shea is finishing the bridge approaches with sliver fills and has more paving left to do.

Clemens Construction picked up two small jobs. One is on Hwy. 395 in Lassen County and the other is I-5 in Shasta County. Kiewit Pacific picked up the Canby overlay, as well as the widening and paving of Hwy. 299 from the Trinity County line to the Crystal Creek bridge.

Stimpel Wiebelhause has received additional funds for the Hwy. 96 slide in Siskiyou

The Master Agreement ratification meeting was held on Wed., May 13 and we had a very good turnout. We in District 70 would like to thank Business Manager Don Doser and his staff for negotiating such a good contract for our members.

This year's Redding District barbecue will be held June 20 at the Anderson River Park. We will be serving a wonderful meal of pitroasted beef, beans, salad, rolls, fruit and drinks. Activities include live music, raffle prizes, games for the kids and clowns to amuse the crowd. Serving time will be 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for retirees and \$4 for children ages 6-14. Children under 6 are free. Come and join us for a fun-filled day.

District Rep. Monty Montgomery

Personals continued from page 8

April wedding, which was held in the backyard of grandpa Ted Siri's home. Delores has two sons: Matthew Meyers lives in Idaho and Martin Meyers lives at home with Delores and Richard.

From the San Jose District

We are deeply saddened by the death of Local 3 member Allen Jackson of Paso Robles. Jackson, who was 34 years old, was killed in an automo-bile accident on April 28. He is survived by his father and mother, William and Betty Jackson, his wife Loriann and son Cody.

Although he worked at various jobsites, his last employer was Pavex. He was a positive influence on the jobsites with his big hat and his dog. He was a friend to all and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The monster Triple 6

Local 3 President Jerry Bennett takes a nostalgic look back at operating Peterson Tractor's experimental triple scraper on the San Luis Canal project

It was 33 years ago that Buster Peterson, one of the founders of Peterson Tractor of San Leandro, Calif., selected a 25-yearold Operating Engineer to try out an experimental Triple 657 scraper on a section of one of the largest civil engineering jobs in California history - the \$3.4 billion Central Valley Project.

Several major union contractors were working on various sections of the 440-mile canal in the mid-1960s, including Atkinson, Morrison-Knudsen, Western Construction, Gordon Ball, Granite and Peter Kiewit. It was Kiewit, which had a 23mile stretch between Coalinga and Mendota known as Reach 3 of the San Luis Canal that had asked Peterson Tractor to build the Triple 657.

That young operator who Buster Peterson hand-picked to operate the Triple 657 was Local 3 President Jerry Bennett, who recalled that the Triple 657 consisted of three complete Cat 657 scrapers connected together with hitches. The rig put out nearly 3,000 horsepower, measured 186 feet in length and moved 150 yards of material at a time.

In looking back at the experience, Bennett can see why Peterson chose such a young scraper hand. "You had to have really quick reflexes to run the Triple 657," he said. "It took a steady hand and total concentration to operate. You never, ever



Duane Doyle, right, presents Local 3 President Jerry Bennett, second from right, with a pho-tograph of the Triple 657. Local 3 Business Manager Don Doser is at left.

took your eyes off of it."

When Bennett was operating the rig, he sat in an elevated cab over the left wheel of the first scraper. "You had no feel of anything," he said. "You had to watch to make sure you didn't run over anything or that you didn't run off of a vertical cut."

Bennett recalls that Reach 3 had short hauls from cut to fill. But the space Bennett had to work in was somewhat limited for the size of the machine. The canal went from 200 feet wide at the top to just 110 feet at the bottom, just wide enough for the

Triple 567 to make a full turn. In an interview with Peterson Tractor for the company's 60th anniversary history book, Bennett said the Triple 657 had a 90-degree turning radius so you could touch the back to the front, but there was no turning just a little. "When you turned," he said, "It would go all the way. You would barely touch it and then have to grab it back the other way to keep it straight."

The rig's lack of reliability unfortunately prevented the machine from being used much beyond the San Luis Canal project. "When one machine went down, you'd have to unhook it and relink the other two as doubles," he recalled. "If you were lucky and it was the end unit, you'd just have to drop it and continue on."

Duane Doyle, the current owner and grandson of company founder Howard Peterson, presented Bennett with a framed photograph of the Triple 657 on May 29 at Peterson's San Leandro headquarters.



This photo was presented to Local 3 President Jerry Bennett on May 29 at Peterson Tractor

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL MARKET AREA ADDENDUM COMMITTEE MEMBER

District 10 (Ukiah, CA)

Recording-Corres. Secretary Robert L. Wise announces that on June 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the regular quarterly District 10 (Ukiah) membership meeting, there will be an election for one (1) Geographical Market Area Committee member to fill the unexpired term left vacant by resignation. The meeting will be held:

June 18, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Discovery Inn 1340 N. State Street Ukiah, CA

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District 70 (Redding)

Recording-Corres. Secretary Robert L. Wise announces that on July 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the regular quarterly District 70 (Redding) membership meeting, there will be an election for one (1) Geographical Market Area Committee member. The meeting will be held as follows:

July 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. **Engineers Building** 20308 Engineers Lane Redding, CA

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING!

Recording-Corres. Secretary Robert L. Wise has announced that the next Semi-Annual meeting of the membership, will be held on Saturday, July 18, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. at the following address:

Seafarers International Union Auditorium 350 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA

BRING YOUR DUES CARD

Recording-Corres, 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.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

* Per ArticleVI, Section 10(a) of the Local 3 By-laws, a vote will be conducted on proposed resolutions to amend Articles V & V.

JUNE 1998

District 90: Salinas, CA Labor Temple 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas, CA 7:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 8th District 17: Kauai, HI Kauai High School Cafeteria, Lihue, HI

Regular Dist. mtg. 9th District 17: Honolulu, HI

Washington Intermediate School Cafeteria 1633 S. King St., Honolulu, HI Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

10th District 17: Maui, HI Waikapu Community Center 22 Waiko Pl., Wailuku, HI Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 17: Hilo, HI 11th

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 71 Banyan Dr., Hilo, HI Regular Dist. mtg.

7:00 p.m. District 17: Kona, HI

12th Holualoa Imin Community Center 76-5877 Mamalahoa, Holualoa, HI Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

18th District 10: Ukiah, CA Discovery Inn 1340 N. State St., Ukiah, C Regular Dist, mtg. 7:00 p.m. 25th District 20: Martinez, CA

Plumbers 159 1304 Roman Way, Martinez, CA Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

JULY 1998

20th District 40: Eureka, CA* Engineers Building 2806 Broadway, Eureka, CA 95501 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

21st District 70: Redding, CA* Frontier Senior Center, 2081 Frontier Trail Anderson, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. **Engineers Building** 20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002

Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 60: Oroville, CA* 22nd Friday Night Club Live, 301-4th Street Marysville, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Cannery Workers 3557 Oro Dam Blvd., Oroville, CA Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

23rd District 30: Stockton, CA* Tuolumne River Lodge, 2429 River Road, Modesto, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. Stockton Waterloo Gun & Bocci Club 4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

27th District 04: Fairfield, CA* Engineers Building 2540 N. Watney Way, Fairfield, CA 94533 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. 28th District 28: Martinez, CA*

Plumbers 159, 1304 Roman Way, Martinez, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m.

Special called mtg. 7:00 p.m. 29th District 20: San Leandro, CA*

Oakland Zoo, Snow Bldg., 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. Sheet Metal Workers Training Center 1720 Marina Blvd., San Leandro, CA

Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 80: Sacramento, CA⁴ Regional Park-Lakeside Room 3770 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. **Engineers Building** 4044 N. Freeway Blvd., Ste. 200 Sacramento, CA 95834 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Regular Dist. mtg.

AUGUST 1998

District 10: Rohnert Park, CA* Lakeport Yacht Club, 15-5th Street Lakeport, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. Engineers Building, 6225 State Farm Drive Rohnert Park, CA 94928 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m.

4th District 01: Burlingame, CA* Alvarado Inn. 250 Entrada, Novato, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Machinists Hall, 1511 Rollins Road Burlingame, CA Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m.:

Regular Dist. mtg.

7:00 p.m.

Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 50: Fresno, CA* 5th

Laborer's Hall, 5431 East Hedges, Fresno, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 90: San Jose, CA* 6th

Labor Center, 2102 Almaden Road, Hall A, San Jose, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

District 90: Salinas, CA* 6th Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas, CA Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Special called mtg.

10th District 12: Salt Lake City, UT* Engineers Building, 1958 N. W. Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84116 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m.

Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 11: Reno, NV* 11th Engineers Building, 1290 Corporate Blvd. Reno, NV 89502 Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m.

11th District 11: Elko, NV* Engineers Building, 1094 Lamoille Highway, Elko, NV 89801

7:00 p.m.

Regular Dist. mtg.

9:00 a.m. Special called mtg. Special called mtg. 8:00 p.m. 24th District 17: Kauai, HI*

ILW Hall, 4154 Hardy Avenue, Lihue, Kanai, HI Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. Kauai High School Cafeteria, Lihue,

Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 17: Honolulu, HI* 25th Washington Inter. School Cafeteria 1633 So. King Street, Honolulu, HI Special called mtg. 2:00 p.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

26th District 17: Maui, HI* Waikapu Community Center 22 Waiko Place, Kahului, HI Special called mtg.

10:00 a.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. 27th District 17: Hilo, HI* Hilo ILWU Hall, 100 W. Lanikaula Street, Hilo, HI

Special called mtg. 10:00 a.m. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m. District 17: Hilo, HI* Hale Halawai, 75-5760 Alii Drive

Kailua-Kona, HI 11:00 a.m. Special called mtg. Regular Dist. mtg. 7:00 p.m.

SWAP SHOP

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FOR SALE: Hydra-Hammer Arrow Model 30, 6cyl. gas, w/cab, \$2,800, (650) 960-4021, #2102541, 1

FOR SALE: 14-ft. aluminum Gregor boat w/10hp Chrysler Forest engine & trailer, or wheels for loading as car topper, \$1,500, (501) 656-1963. #1230135. 1

FOR SALE: 2 cleatracks one 6cyl w/ hyd dozer w/rear hyd pump. One bare w/6cyl diesel engine. Both 'A' models, need work, \$500 firm, (707) 869-2349, #993927, 1

FOR SALE: 4 lots in Lake County, in town of Nice, 2 on gravel rd. w/water only, 2 on paved county road next to each other w/all utilities, including sewer. Can use mobile home no less than 600sq. ft. \$15,000 for all or trade for late model Honda Accord 4-door w/a.t.-a.c., low miles in exc. condition. (707) 869-2349 #993927. 1

FOR SALE: 1987 Bayliner, 17ft., 85 hp. CD player, down ers, depth finder, full deita canvas, mint cond., garaged, \$5,000/best offer, (925) 803-4079. #2266960. 1

FOR SALE: 1991 Pontiac Firebird loaded mint cond. 68k miles, \$7,150/best offer, (925) 803-4079 #2266960. 1

FOR SALE: Boat, 1976 Galxie, 19 1/2 ft., tri-hull, open bow, o.m.c. outdrive, 351 Ford V8, wide and stable, tandern trailer, good cond., \$2,700/best offer. (209) 847-6209.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 1971 GMC cab-over stake bed truck with all sideboards, low miles, 401V6 gas engine, trade for dump truck of same value, (209) 772-3858.

FOR SALE: Organ, Thomas Californian 265, \$300, (209)

FOR SALE: 1988 HD Sporster, looks good, runs strong, iny extras, \$6,000/best offer, Kelly (209) 462-2060, evenings. #1981772. 1

FOR SALE: Lopi fireplace insert-stove, great cond... \$350, (408) 663-6666. #0823647. 1

FOR SALE: 1985 Marlin, 16ft, 7 inches, Chev. V6 omc itdrive, 320 hrs., full top Hummingbird 3D fishfine Minkota trolling motor plate, Lomac trailer, \$6,500, (209) 223-2459, #1188038, 1

FOR SALE: '58 SL Mercedes, new paint, interior carbs nice, \$20,000/offer. 79 Chevy I-ton \$1,200. 4,500 water tank huy gauge aluminum bolt or \$2,000. Miller tilt 2axle, good rubber, \$1,200 '68 International bobtail dump \$1,500, '83 CR 500 Husky, low hrs. \$900. (925)672-5117. #2251878.1

hitch, electric jack, four screw-down leveling jacks, awnings all windows, bra, AC, micro, 4-burner stove-oven, storeo Cass system, twin beds, full bath, magic bed couch, dinnett TV/tele front and rear, excellent cond., \$16,500/best offer, (916) 632-9800, #0932846, 1

FOR SALE: '83 Chevy longbed pickup 3/4-ton, new paint, new bedliner, new battery, alt., starter, high miles but runs good. \$2.500/offer, (707) 257-6877. #1848184. 1

FOR SALE: '84 Furukawa FL320A 4.5 yd. articulated oader. Size of 966c Cat. Cab. lights, wipers, good, clean funning machine for \$19,000 or would consider trade for backhoe, (707) 664-1784 #1047032.

FOR SALE: '80 Case 580C loader-backhoe, extendaoe with 4&1 valve and 12-inch or 24-inch backhoe bucket, \$12,000. Santa Rosa. (707) 664-1784. #1047032. 1

FOR SALE: '71 International Travel-All, exc. cond. \$2,500. (209) 823-6693. (0574324. 1

FOR SALE: Class A motorhome. 1990 Winnebago Chieftain, 33-tt., low miles, A-1 shape, loaded, \$20,000/offer, (707) 446-6885. #0388528. 1

FOR SALE: '96 Plymouth Neon sedan, lanis blue. 19,800 miles, like new AC, AT, power steering, am-fm stereo cassette, pro-lock security, still under warranty, \$8,500, (415) 641-1947. #2203534.

FOR SALE: '91 35-ft, Southwind RV, many extras. hydraulic levelors, steer safe '81 VW Rabbit tow vehicle. dishes. linens, one owner, non-smoker, low miles, tt/naco gold card, QRA included, \$55,000, (707) 745-0809. #2249654.1

FOR SALE: D2 dozer, exc. cond., \$5,500. Ford 1989 front end off 4X4, like new, \$400, 12 ft. Sears aluminum boat, \$150, (916) 729-7136/ # 1993034.

FOR SALE: 10 lakefront & lakeview lots in priv subdivision on Table Rock Lake near Branson, Mo. Underground power, telephone, cable TV to ea. lot. Sewer treatment plant and community well. Ready for building Lots range from \$22,000 to \$35,000 or \$260,000 for all 10, (408) 438-4683. #1644375. 1

WANTED: Ultralight airplanes, bent, broken, in storage, parts or uncompleted kits. Call Charlie at (707)- 938-3158.

FOR SALE: Cat 12F blade, all hydraulic with rear riopers, great cab and heater, new driver tires. Neal Willingham, (916) 485-4984, #0469213, 1

FOR SALE: 30-inch Gannon backhoe bucket profile 4 fits Ford 555, very good cond., retails for \$1,175. Will set for \$400/best offer, (408) 730-9160 after 6 p.m. 1

FOR SALE: 18-ft. bass tracker. Mercury 75 hp. 2-down riggers trolling plate, Birni top, 2 fish finders, boat cover, ovable tourige, loaded, must sell, \$9,800, (916) 729-7136.

FOR SALE: 3-bd. 2-bath custom built home on 2 acres in Virginia City Highlands, 1,900 sq. ft., all wood trim and doors interior, woodstove, new paint, \$185,000, call John (702) 847-9659, #2312740, 1

FOR SALE: 3 speed men's bicycle, \$40. Back cab glass for 1970 Ford truck, tinted, \$25. Electric hedge trimmer, \$15. 2 rear coil springs for 1964 Chevy \$40. Electric soldering iron with variable heat control, \$10. Exercise bike ith speedometer, \$50. Garage vacuum cleaner w/ho 1.25 hp, 5-gal capacity, needs work. \$10, (650) 593-6385.

FOR SALE: 3-pt. hitch equipment 8 1/2-tl. spring tooth Massey Ferguson model No. 67, \$550. John Deere Ringer 3 blade, \$350. Almond Wood 16 inch length, \$100. (209) 634-5767, #1065265, 1

FOR SALE: '94 Buick Century wagon, new engine with 14,000 miles, 4-cylinder, 8-seater, PS, PB, AC, am-fm radio, Beige w/brown interior, roof rack, \$2,500/best offer (209) 576-8762. #1737302. 1

FOR SALE: Jet ski '87 Kawasaki 550, exc. cond. fast. \$1,350/best offer. #2300524.

FOR SALE: Hydraulic 8-yd scraper, carry-all type w/ hydraulic controls, for rubber or track driven, #3,500, (916) 991-1530 #486196

FOR SALE: Cadillac Seville, 4-dr., leather upholster full electric, looks, runs lika new, \$4,500/offer, (916) 991-1530. #486196.

FOR SALE: '81 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, fully ressed, \$2,500 in chrome and accessories, C.B., sta helmet w/headphones, runs, looks like new, \$3,000/offer, (916) 991-1530. #486196.

FOR SALE: '83 FXSB Low Rider, color: coffee & cream, new clutch, fresh tune-up at D & D Cycle, oil cooler, Corbin seat, S&S carb., Sifton carn, super clean, super fast, lots of chrome, built to last, must sell, \$10,000, (605) 994-0747. #1281431.

WANTED: Old Outdoor Life magazines, call Bob at (408) 265-8160. #2118403

FOR SALE: Home in the country, 3-bd., 2-bath, 2-car garage on 1/4 acre, 6 years, 4 miles from Brownsville, very clean, tishing, hunting area, must see to appreciate, \$99,000, (530) 679-2391. #826930

FOR SALE: '88 fishing ski barge tunnel hull, '88 90hp Yamaha OB w/176 lirs., hillift on engine, Hummingbird fish linder, ranger seats, lots of extras, Zieman trailer, \$6,100/offer. (925) 754-2405. #0519856.

FOR SALE; Backhee truck & trailer, \$18,000, 3-in. bebo 3-phase pump, \$4,000 220 or 440. 70 Case backhoe 580CK, 4,060 hrs., 72 Ford 8000 dump Bobtail, 71 Zieman flatbed trailer 3-axle, (916) 967-1449. #0702515.

FOR SALE: Mobil home, 10X55, cute, clean, covered patio, storage and laundry facilities. Perfect for weekend or vacation, close to fishing, water sports, 4 Mother Lode takes, ski within 1 hr., in family park, low space fee, \$4,900, (209) 786-2665, m-1 after 7 p.m. #2077461

FOR SALE: Boat & trailer, '84 Delhi, 131/2 ft., aluminum Bass Boss 40, swivel seats, rod holders, '95 Calkins trailer, like new all reg current must sell \$750/offer call Robert

FOR SALE: 3 Sporter 9mm 50-round magazines or trade for 22 magnum. call Robert (925) 556-3300 #2084439.

FOR SALE: Labrador retrievers, vellow AKG-OFA puppies, gorgeous, field and show lines, solid conformation. \$500-\$600, (530) 389-8420, #1837482.

FOR SALE: Bloodhounds AKC, tracking lines, dam from Missouri prison trackers, sire show/tracking, large, awe some litter, long ears, beautiful markings. (209) 665-5860 or (530) 389-8420, #1837482

FOR SALE: Jet ski. '87 Kawasaki 550, exc. cond., fast. \$1,350/offer, (916) 989-3615, evenings, #2300524.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Lake Tahoe timeshare 2-bd unit w/hot tub/spa in building. AAA star rating, split season, spring-tall, 1 week, the Ridge Tahoe, \$10,000 or trade or use as down pymt., on 24,26 travel trailer of equal value. call Vernon at (408) 336-0613. #1257246.

FOR SALE: '92 Pace Arrow materhome, 33 ft., 25,000 miles, Ford power, hyd. lacks, awnings all around, 2 air and engine air, back-up camera, microwave, 2 TVs, non-smok-er, A-1 cond., \$46,000/offer: Palo Alto, Calif., (650) 323-0422 #1754900.

FOR SALE: 12-ft. '92 Caribou Caboner Camper.

queen-size bed, refrigerator-freezer, microwave, generator, full bath, plus outside shower, AC, furnace, range, entertainment equip., 8-ft. awning, outside lights, exc. cond., \$8,400, (530) 365-6731. #1087564.

FOR SALE: '85 Titan motorhome, 30 ft., dual air, stereo throughout, microwave, plus regular stove, fridge, freezer, 454 cu. in engine, low mileage Onan gen., CB, walkbed, very good cond. \$11,500, (510) 792-5996, #482414

FOR SALE: Log splitter, heavy duty, \$1,000, (925) 516-

FOR SALE: '93 Chevy S-10, AC, PS, PB, 5-spd., low miles, great shape, camper shell w/carpet kit, \$5,999.99, (209) 478-8732 #1607629

FOR SALE: '79 E350 dual-wheel van, 15ft fiberglass n box, new motor, rblt. rear end, broken left axle, \$3,000/offer (209) 586-4342, #2210061.

FOR SALE: *85 Toyota Landcruiser, AC, 4 spd., 176K miles, studded snow lires, \$4,500, (209) 586-4342. FOR SALE OR TRADE: Older 3-bdr, 2-bath hor

1,400 sq. ft., 2 1/2-car garage on 1/3 acre, central heat, AC, vacuum, Ig. shade trees, mature orchard, Ig. darden area, etirement neighborhood, dead-end street, local Heights, Roseville, Calif., \$130,000, Write P.O. Box 59. Virginia City, NV 89440. #1157834.

FOR SALE: Collectors: AH Fox Sterlingworth 12 gal., double shotgun over 100 years old, beautiful cond., (916) 988-8249 #0883664

FOR SALE: 26 ft. Aljo Aly travel trailer deluxe, loaded, very good cond., with add-on room, (916) 988-8249.

FOR SALE: '93 Dodge 1-ton diesel dually supercab w/90-28-ft.-6-in. Road Ranger 5th wheel, truck has too many options to list, fuel cap 135 gal., new tires on both rigs, \$29,000, Jim Grant, (707) 894-2319. #498700.

FOR SALE: '84 Buick Century wagon, new engine with 14,000 miles, 4-cyl., 8 seater, PS, PB, AC, am-fm radio, beige w/brown interior, roof rack, \$2,500/offer, (209) 576-8762 #1737302

FOR SALE: Jerry Rice autographed footbell. Official 49ers NFL team ball w/letter authenticity. Never opened. \$200/offer. (209) 576-8762. #1737302.

FOR SALE: Ford F-250 tires, rims and hub caps; LT 235/85 R16 load range E, ver good cond., approx. 20,000 miles, \$250, (916) 682-2009, #1191235.

FOR SALE: Custom-built home, 2,300 sq. ft., 3 bd. (2) bedrooms large enough for king beds), 2 full baths, 1/2 bath, formal dinning rm. with fireplace, dining rm. w/built-in china hutch, family rm. w/fireplace, built-in vacuum, targe play room, big lot, RV parking off alley, (209) 668-4689, Turlock, Calif., Nolen Young #0418171.

FOR SALE: '80 Chevy 1-ton dually, 10.5 ft. utility bed 8 tocking compartments, 454 cu. in. \$4,500/offer, (530) 243-4268, Redding, Calif. #947127

FOR SALE: Howerd, HR 15 roterator, 60 in., asking \$750/offer Also, '72 El Camino, great cond., 350 engine, AC, FM radio, (209) 722-4464, ask for Ted. #0826783. 1

FOR SALE: 1.5-acre ranchette, lot on level cui-de-sac near Ryepatch Reservoir, Lovelock, NV, \$19,000, will consider all offers, (702) 722-5501, LV Mess, Lorne Loucks: #0792069. 1

FOR SALE: 24,000-pound inground Hydro Life, 1 stationary post, 1 stiding, \$1,500, (530) 529-3524. #2212871.

FOR SALE: '51 Ford convertable, needs total restoration, includes 51 Vicky parts car, \$4,000/firm, (530) 529-3524, after 4 p.m. #2212871.1

FOR SALE: '90 FORD F450 SUPER DUTY, 7.3L turbo, 1.5 w/custom utill. bed, liftmore 5,000lb. crane, Alcoa wheel, air comp., outriggers, 110-gal diesel tank w/121 transfer pump and more, (925) 634-7881. #221274.

FOR SALE: CASE BACKHOE 580E w/cab. 3,800 total hours. 4-in-1 front bucket w/new bolt on cutting edge, 4-wheel drive extend-a-hoe, 12-in., 18-in., 24-in., 36-in buckets, forks, 40gal tank w/hand pump, \$25,000/offer, (209) 892-3560.

FOR SALE: '95 travel trailer Boomer 20-foot, self-contained, lots of storage, (925) 513-2893, leave message, #1597767

FOR SALE: 1.4-acre lot in a rural private comm Coming and Red Bluff, Calif., well and septic in, elect. at front of lot, mobiles ok, club house, volunteer fire dept., other amanities, \$20,000, (530) 585-2502, #0632162.

FOR SALE: Home in Tracy, Calif., completely rebuilt, 3-bd., 1 bath, with separate 2-car garage, mother-in-law room, well and septic tank, well fenced, 0.85 of an acre, west side, \$195,000, (408) 298-2846, after 6 p.m. #0976159.

FOR SALE: '81 Honda motorcycle, Goldwing, \$2,300 worth of accessories, very good cond. \$3,000, (916) 991-1530.

FOR SALE: 8-yd. hydraulic scraper with hydraulic controls, carryall type, large tractor wheel type or track layer tractor, very good cond, \$3,500,(916) 991-1530. #0486196.

FOR SALE: '54 Chev. 2-ton 15-by-8-ft. flatbed. 2-speed dump, licensed thru 1998, new complete brake job; 80% rubber, runs good, \$2,000, (530) 589-3291. #899497.

FOR SALE: '84 Cross Country motorneme, 31 feet, class A. dual air, new engine, new tires, air bags, extras, very good cond., \$16,500/offer, (209) 852-2349. #2094511

FOR SALE: '98 Southwind, 33ft., hyd. jacks, back-up camera. 2-roof air, awnings all around, queen bed. 2 TVs, very low tinted windows, owner sick and must self, very clean, \$39,000 (209) 222-4866 #0549449.

FOR SALE: 16-in. Bodge truck rims, carter line type, custom drilled, 5 X 51/2, with 275X65 XR16 BFGoodrich lines. both used onl 2 weeks, paid \$1,300, make offer, (209)334-1955, leave message for Deart #2260507

FOR SALE: '66 Mercades Benz 230 St. RHD, Silver EXT with red interior, hard too, black soft top, 16-in. Momo Star rims, injectors rebuilt, show or drive, \$18,000/offer, looking for Porsche 356 parts also, (209) 334-1955, leave message for Dean. #2260507

FOR SALE: '96 GMC, 3/4-ton, 4X4 loaded longhed 5.7. Vortec fleavy-duty engine, tow package, cruise, tac, tinted glass, AC, AM-FM cassette, bed liner, running boards. Also, 94 Jayco J Series, 301/2, 5th wheel, with Ig. superslide, loaded, all oak interior w/AC, 20-ft, awning, rubber roof, 4,000watt onan generator built in. Will self as package or will self 5th wheel separately. Can be seen at 9400 Pan American in Lemmon Valley, NV., or call (702) 677-0203, after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: '63 Hova Super Sport, 2-door H/T, runs like a top, rough but very restorable, (702) 677-0203, after 6 p.m. #1965626

FOR SALE: PTO for a D2 Cat tractor. Also, utility bed for 1-ton, \$150, and TD9 transmission complete w/ring gear, \$100, (530) 346-2918. \$1271053

FOR SALE: 5 hp rear-bag Snapper mower, 5.5 hp self-propelled troy-bilt mulching mower, 15-gai, 3 hp Suburban power sprayer, 20-gal, Agua-Prince drinking water distiller, (916) 985-4011. #1020194.

FOR SALE: Backhoe truck & Trailer \$18,000 '70 Case backhoe 580CK, 4,060 hrs.; 72 Ford 8000 dump boblail; 71 Ziernan flatbed trailer 3-axle; 3-in. bebo 3-phase pump, \$4,000, 220 or 440, (916) 967-1449, #0702515.

FOR SALE: '91 Coachmaster travel trailer, park mode. 38-ft., 2 AC units, washer, dryer, snap on skirting, exc. cond., \$13,000, Utah area, (801) 250-6398.

FOR SALE: '87 Ford F-250 XLT, extended cab, longbed. 460 engine, 85K miles, runs great, good work truck, \$7,000/offer, (510) 537-6298, evening, #2162888.

FOR SALE: '80 International Scout Traveler, turbo el, 6 cyl., original cond., runs great, pictures available. (208) 788-3099 #854762

FOR SALE: '84 Monaco Moterhome, 2 TVs, 2 rool ACs and dash air, hydrautic levelers, 2 stereos, microwave, built-in. vacuum, ice maker, 7,000-walt light plant, Chevy 454, less than 30,000 miles since rebuilt, auto step, backup camera, \$26,000/offer, (530) 749-8533. #1499932

FOR SALE: '51 Chevy 1,500-gal, water truck, 3-inch Briggs & Stratton pump, runs very good, \$1,500/offer (530) 749-8533

FOR SALE: 210 CFM Leroe compressor, needs engine (g. Continental 6-cyl.), includes trailer, \$500/offer, (530) 749-8533 #1499932

I OWN 12 ACRES, fully fenced, electricity, great well, plenty of free water, septic tank, new to, 40X60 high metal roof ham, 3bd rm., 2 baltis, another room behind barn, wanted to will to charity or reliable person. David Lopez, 18950 Cobblestone Dr., Cottorwood, CA, 96022.

WANTED: Tractors, Ford, Ferguson or John Deere, unning or not, can pick up, will pay cash. Also looking for 3 pt. implements. (209) 645-6068. #2108512.

WANTEO: Handgun, no particular caliber, but would like a good brand name, at a reasonable price, (209) 645-6068. #2108512

FOR SALE: Lake Tahoe timeshare, Olympic Village Inn. you can trade your week at other resorts, \$6,500/offer, (530) 692-2824 #2091263.

FOR SALE: 1/8-yard electric cement mixer, on trailer, \$3,500, (916) 482-1969. #1058503.

FOR SALE: '87 Jeep Grand Cherokee, 49K miles on engine, dark green, side paneling, no torn seats, \$5,500/firm, (408) 356-5207. #0997088.

FOR SALE: Craftman 12-in, bandsaw 2 speed 27X23-in. work table, built-in light, accepts blades from 1/16 to 1/2 inch. purchased April '94, includes fence, owners manual extra blades, sanding attachment, very good cond., \$230/offer, (510) 792-8187 #1677704.

FOR SALE: '67 Camero SS 350, new restoration, stereo, Monster tach, BFG Comp TAs, center lines, 4-boit 350, crane, gear drive, Hump heads, Wieand, Holly, Accell Hel, Hooker Flowmasters, turbo 490, 355 posi-traction, awesome show car that will do 12s, \$15,000-plus invested, asking \$12,000 or trade for Harley Davidson FXSTS 90+, (702) 787-3384.

FOR SALE: John Deere Gator 5-wheeler, Model AMT 622, \$2,500/offer; Marcy EM1 weight machine, complete \$250, (650) 726-5706. #1075459

FOR SALE: '69 Chevy, half-ton, 6 cyl., 3-speed, LWB, runs and drives good, needs paint job, \$15,000 cast/firm, (209) 634-1227, #1117498.

FOR SALE: '89 F250 3/4-fon pickup, 351 engine, 5 speed, too many new parts to list, \$7,450/offer, (510) 748-7467 days.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

EUREKA Mon. July20, 2:00PM Operating Engineers Bldg. 2806 Broadway Eureka; CA

REDDING Tues. July 21, 2:00 PM Frontier Senior Center 2081 Frontier Trail Anderson, CA

MARYSVILLE Wed. July22, 2:00PM Friday Night Club Live (Packard Library) 301 4th Street Marysville, CA

CERES Thurs, July 23, 10:00 AM Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Road Modesto, CA

STOCKTON Thurs. July23, 2:00PM Stockton Waterloo Gun & Bocci Club. 4343 N. Ashley Lane Stockton, CA

FAIRFIELD Mon. July 27, 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bldg. 2540 N. Watney Fairfield, CA

CONCORD Tues, July28, 10:00 AM

Plumbers Local 159 1304 Roman Way Martinez, CA

OAKLAND Wed. July29, 10:00 AM Oakland Zoo-Snow Bidg 9777 Golf Links Rd. Oakland, CA

AUBURN Thurs: July 30, 1998 10:00 AM Regional Park -Lakeside Room 3770 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA

SACRAMENTO Thurs: July 30, 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bldg 4044 N. Freeway Sacramento, CA

LAKEPORT Mon. August 3, 10:00 AM Lakeport Yacht Club 15 5th Street Lakeport, CA

SANTA ROSA Mon. August. 3, 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bidg. 6225 State Farm Dr. Rohnert Park, CA

SE/SAN MATEO Tues. August4, 10:00AM IAM Air Transport Employees. 1511 Rollins Road Burlingame, CA

NOVATO Tues August 4, 2:00 PM Alvarado Inn 250 Entrada Novato, CA

FRESNO Wed. August 5, 2:00 PM Laborers Hall 5431 E. Hedges Fresno, CA

WATSONVILLE Thurs, August 6, 10:00 AM Labor Temple 117 Pajaro Street Salinas, CA

SAN JOSE Thurs. August 6, 2:00 PM Labor Center 2102 Almaden Road, Hall A. San Jose, CA

SALT LAKE CITY Mon. August 10, 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Bldg. 1958 W. N. Temple Salt Lake City, UT

RENO Tues. August 11, 2:00 PM Operating Engineers Blvd. 1290 Corporate Blvd. Reno, NV

HAWAII RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

KAUAI Mon. Aug. 24, 10:00 AM ILWU Hall 4154 Hardy Ave Lihue

QAHU Tues, Aug. 25, 2:00 PM Washington Intermediate School Cafeteria 1633 S. King St. Honolulu

MAUI Wed Aug. 26, 10:00 AM Walkapu Community Center 22 Walko Place Kahului

HILO Thurs: Aug. 27, 10:00 AM HIIO ILWU Hall 100 W. Lanikaula Street Hiio

KONA Friday Aug. 28, 10:00 AM Hale Halawai 75-5760 Alii Drive Kailua-Kona

1998 DISTRICT PICNIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20 - Redding District Barbecue

WHERE: Anderson River Park
WHEN: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
WHAT: pit-roasted barbecue beef, beans, salad, rolls, fruit, drinks. Music, raffles clowns and games for the kids.
HOW MUCH: \$10 per person, \$6 for retirees, \$4 for kids 6-14, free for kids under 6.
For more info call (530) 222-6093

Sunday, July 26 - Fairfield District Picnic

WHERE: Pena Adobe Park in Vacaville
WHEN: 11:00 am until it's over
WHAT: Marinated tri-tip, Roger's beans, salad, break, hot
dogs for the kids, all the beer and soda you can drink,
Raffles, raffles, raffles.
HOW MUCH: \$8.00 per person, \$5.00 for retirees, kids who
eat hot dogs are free.

For more info call (707) 429-5008

Sunday, August 9 - Sacramento District Picnic

WHERE: Folsom City Park Pavilion in Folsom
WHEN: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
WHAT: BBQ beet, hot dogs, salad and beans. Live music for
dancing and entertainment for the kids.
HOW MUCH: \$7.50 per person, free for retirees and children
under 15.
For information call (916) 565-6170

Saturday, August 15 - Salt Lake City District Picnic For information call (801) 596-2677

Saturday, August 22 - Reno District Picnic

For more info call (702) 857-4440

who eat hot dogs. For more info call (510) 748-7446

Sunday, September 13 - Oakland District Picnic WHERE: San Leandro Marina Park in San Leandro

WHAT: Tri-tip with BBQ beans, salad, rolls, beer, soda and ice cream. Hot dogs for the kids. Horseshoes, volleyball and

HOW MUCH: \$13 per person, \$10 for retirees, \$7.50 for kids

Sunday, September 27 - Stockton District Picnic For information call (209) 943-2332

WHEN: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

softball. Playground for kids.

Saturday, October 3 - Fresno District Picnic

For information call (209) 252-8903

HONORARY MEMBERS

The following retirees have thirty-five (35) or more years of membership in the Local Union as of May 1998, and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 1998:

| Truman Bennett | 1058550 |
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| Bob D. Branaugh | |
| Buddy Campbell | 1123393 |
| Les Duffy | 1069111 |
| James D. Frasier | |

| Bruno V. Giorgi | 1126143 |
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| Don A. Larsen | |
| John Lawrence | 0817471 |
| Ralph R. Lovato | 0962066 |
| Chevali Place | 1130393 |

| Gary Roark | 111307 |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Charles H. Schweitzer | 082461 |
| Cyril E. Steagall | 108760 |
| Gary W. Venable | 107548 |
| Albert Waite | |

| Wesley Welker | 0808195 |
|---|---------|
| John Welsh | |
| Jack M. Whitcomb* | 1124562 |
| Art Woggon* *Effective April 1, 1998 | 0743469 |
| *Effective April 1, 1998 | |

DEPARTED MEMBERS

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

| Earl Bonham | Red Bluff, CA | 04/05/98 |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| Virgil Buchanan | Merced, CA | 04/22/98 |
| William Clark | | 04/18/98 |
| Rich Cole | Sonoma, CA | 04/01/98 |
| Ray Delmas | | 04/16/98 |
| THE PARTY OF THE P | Sterling, UT | 03/29/98 |
| Jay Essex | Kelseyville, CA | 04/16/98 |
| E. Felstet | X 0.7m St.41 | 03/05/98 |
| George Ferea | | 04/03/98 |
| Pete Ferretto | | 04/06/98 |
| Harley Gardner | | |
| Charles Gordon | Oroville, CA | 04/01/98 |
| Kenneth Holland | Stockton, CA | 03/28/98 |
| Bernard Hulihee | San Mateo, CA | 04/18/98 |

| C. Jarvis | Chico, CA | 04/21/98 |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| A. Paul Johnson | | 04/05/98 |
| Bud Lampley | Fremont, CA | 04/17/98 |
| Herbert Lindsey | | 04/07/98 |
| Richard Lopez | and the second of the second o | 04/14/98 |
| Robert May | | 04/19/98 |
| Samuel Morgan | | 04/07/98 |
| V. Mosqueda | | 04/20/98 |
| Robert Parish | | 04/16/98 |
| Bill Rice | | |
| Roy Schwartz | | 04/10/98 |
| Arthur Snider | | 03/27/98 |
| Frank Starbird | | 04/14/98 |
| Maurice Thome | | 04/11/98 |

| Andrew Torres | San Jose, CA | 04/02/98 |
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| Oliver Tracy | Hollister, CA | 03/16/98 |
| Albert Uslanghi | Hayward, CA | 04/22/98 |
| Joe Watson | Stockton, CA | 04/22/98 |
| Louis Wood | San Leandro, CA | 04/14/98 |
| George Zotovich | Sacramento, CA | 04/02/98 |

Deceased Dependents

| Merna Getz (wife of Max W. Getz)02/01/98 |
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| Irene Hogg (wife of Walter Hogg [dec])04/20/98 |
| Adrienne Jenson (wife of James L. Jenson)04/08/98 |