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Retiree Picnic 2006

A day in honor of Local 3's 50-year members



IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

See page 20 for important information regarding the August 2006 election of Officers and Executive Board members.



For The Good & Welfare

By John Bonilla, Business Manager

Jobs, jobs, jobs

It was good to see so many of our retirees at Rancho Murieta last month for the Retiree Picnic. I'll tell you, there's nothing like the Retiree Picnic when it comes to war stories and barbecue. The staff and I look forward to this event every year, not only for the festivities but for the opportunity to show our appreciation and pay tribute to our retirees. We can't ever forget our retirees and what they've done for us. They are the ones who built this union, and they are the reason Local 3 is bigger and better today than ever before.

Speaking of bigger and better, I want to discuss with you the work picture across our jurisdiction. It's looking good, brothers and sisters – even better than our best predictions, in fact. With a record amount of state and federal infrastructure funding and an ever-increasing demand for new neighborhoods, roads and schools, we are experiencing historic levels of job growth in all four Local 3 states – take a look:

California

According to a study recently published in the *Sacramento Bee*, Northern California has had one of the biggest increases of jobs in the past 12 years, 2.6 percent greater than last year in the Sacramento area. The construction industry accounted for much of this job-growth increase, and it is expected to continue rising with the area's population.

In the public sector, we expect the market to peak once voters approve the \$37.3 billion infrastructure bond package in November, which I discussed with you in detail last month. This bond package is enormous in terms of size and economic impact. The fact is, we haven't seen this kind of money spent on infrastructure since the massive road, water and school projects of the 1950s. Clearly, this is a historic occasion for California and for us as Operating Engineers.

Nevada

Like Northern California, the work picture for our membership in Northern Nevada is strong. According to an annual survey by *Business Builders*, growth in the manufacturing industry in Reno and Sparks has manufacturing companies undergoing expansion like never before, which has resulted in close to 900 new jobs in the construction industry so far this year.

Since July 2005, we've seen nearly \$700 million worth of prevailing-wage projects awarded to our signatories. Most of these are road, highway and commercial-site work projects, though residential work is also continuing at an accelerated pace. We anticipate more awards for our Nevada signatories, as close to another \$150 million worth of new projects are currently up for bid.

Hawaii

Hawaii is also enjoying a healthy work picture, with unprecedented construction activity on all of the islands. Expansion and growth on Kauai in particular is keeping Local 3 members busy with several large residential and hotel projects. On the other islands, our signatories have a backlog of roadwork and multi-phase projects worth millions in both the public and

private sectors.

Overall, construction job growth is expected to continue in Hawaii, reaching 8 percent this year, with the sector swelling to 31,750 jobs, according to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization.

Utah

Construction projects are on the rise this year in Utah, compared to last year, with 4,000 more jobs added since January 2006, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

With a current budget surplus of close to \$1 billion, the state has an unprecedented amount of funding available for infrastructure. We estimate about \$300 million of the \$1 billion surplus will be spent on highway, rail and water projects this year alone.

On the private side, our Utah signatories have several new, luxury housing developments underway in the Park City area – all of which are long-term, multi-million-dollar projects.

To sum it up

The work picture looks good for Local 3 construction. We hope this trend will continue, of course, but we must do more than just hope. Through training, politics and organizing, each one of us has an important part to play in keeping the momentum going for our industry and for our union.

- We need to stay up-to-speed on our training, so we can continue to provide the industry with the best, most skilled operators available. *For information on training class schedules, contact your district office or call the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) at (916) 354-2029.*
- We also need our membership to be involved in the political process, as this is an election year, and much of our future work picture depends on the outcome at the ballot box. *Contact your district office for Operating Engineers Community Action (OE CAT) activities and political recommendations in your district.*
- Last but not least, we need greater member involvement in organizing to keep our union strong and our market share high. *If you have an organizing lead or want to become more involved in organizing, contact your district office or call our Local 3's organizing hotline at (877) ORG-NIZE, (877) 674-6493.*

I know the hours are good right now, and all of you are working hard and playing hard, too, but I encourage you to take that extra step – go that extra mile for your union – and get involved today.

In solidarity,

John A. Bonilla
Business Manager
IUOE General Vice President



Excavator Operator Travis Denny lowers a section of pipeline down 15 feet into a trench in Draper, Utah.11

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In the News

Do you know who's running against Schwarzenegger?

You better! Because we all know we don't want Schwarzenegger back in the governor's seat come November. Unfortunately, recent statistics show that voters don't recognize the current governor's democratic opponent: Local 3-endorsed Phil Angelides. This apparently ups Schwarzenegger's chances by mere voter recognition alone. Just so you know, Angelides was the Democratic candidate winner of the California Primary Election, but with recent statistics like this, we'd better get ready to polish our political clout and get out the information on Phil Angelides fast. Here are a couple of quick facts on our man, California Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides:

- Angelides vows to gain balance between corporations and working people across California.
- Angelides was former chairman of the California Democratic Party.
- Angelides believes working families need affordable access to quality health care and vows to fight for this right in office.

As a Local 3 voter you can make sure that your fellow members, family and friends recognize the name Phil Angelides as being a candidate above and beyond any Hollywood movie star. *Read more political news and Primary Election results in the Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) column on page 7.*

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Bush labor board gears up to assault workers' rights

Have you ever showed a colleague at work how to perform a task? Have you ever been asked to look over someone else's work? If so, the federal labor board is poised to further limit your freedom to form a union and join with your co-workers to bargain collectively for a better life.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), currently dominated by pro-corporate Bush-appointees, soon will decide three cases that could further attack workers' basic rights in America. If the NLRB rules against workers and broadens the definition of "supervisor," hundreds of thousands of workers could be stripped of their contract protections, and even more workers could be denied their freedom to form unions.

Contact your representatives in Congress today, and urge them to stop the assault on your freedom to join a union. Tell them to urge NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista to hold oral arguments on these important cases.

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Measure M funds put members to work on Hwy. 101

Proceeds from Measure M – a quarter-cent sales tax that voters passed in 2004 – is funding highway work in Sonoma County this summer and keeping Local 3 members there busier than ever. One project being funded by Measure M is the Hwy. 101 Widening Project, which starts at the Hwy. 12 junction, north to Steel Lane. MCM is the general contractor on this job, and Ghilotti Construction is the general contractor on the Steel Lane Overpass Project. *See page 14 for more photos and information on Measure M and the Hwy. 101 Widening Project.*



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Loader Operator Tony Coffey works on the College Street overpass as part of the Hwy. 101 Widening Project, possible because of Measure M.



Talking Points

By Bob Miller, President

Making work count

Recently, I was at a social event outside of work, and a person asked me what I did for a living. I told them I worked for Local 3 and that several of my primary responsibilities were organizing and contract negotiations. I then started to describe what organizing and contract negotiations involved. I could tell by their expression that they were having a tough time understanding me.

I thought for a moment and said: "I guess you could say that my job is about making sure that work pays. I work to make sure workers get a decent paycheck to support their families, give them access to affordable health care and the ability to have a retirement that allows them to live in dignity."

On my way home that evening I reflected on the conversation. I wondered if the person ever asked where they were headed in today's world of work. The more I thought about it, the more I realized: This is a question that needs to be asked by all Americans. Where are we headed?

When I was growing up, one in three U.S. workers had a union and the strength to win decent wages, benefits, pensions, vacations and more. In fact, these benefits became the standard for most of the workforce, union or not. My parents knew that in return for their hard work, they could take me to the doctor when I was sick. They could also afford to send me to college without having to take a second job.

Unfortunately, today only one in 12 private-sector employees belongs to a union. Wages and benefits are eroding for millions of workers. For far too many people, hard work no longer pays. Wal-Mart, not General Motors, is now the country's largest employer, and this retail giant is pulling down rather than raising the standard of living for workers. For a family of three, checks are below the poverty line. Wal-Mart mogul Sam Walton's heirs enjoy a fortune of more than \$100 billion. You don't have to guess where it came from.

There is some good news: Over the next few decades, hundreds of thousands of new jobs will be created in the construction industry. These jobs can't be moved overseas. America will need to build highways, roads, office buildings, schools, hospitals, homes and more. But without unions, what are the chances that the workers employed in these jobs will have a chance to achieve the American dream?

That's why it's so important that we rededicate ourselves to organizing. Our future really does depend on it, and as a member of Local 3, you know that organizing translates to market share increasing bargaining strength in negotiations. As a nation, it's time for workers to stand up, join together and work for a stronger middle class. Making work pay doesn't just uphold our trade-union values – it will determine the kind of world in which our children and grandchildren will live.

The “Indiana Jones” of local 3 speaks out

From a high crane seat, retiree has been to and seen it all

Story by Mandy Jessup, associate editor

Local 3 Retiree Brian Mackwood is not your regular guy. He does not have regular stories to share. At 66 years of age, he has traveled around the world at least four times, has learned to speak five languages, holds the record for Manitowoc for the largest lift in the Middle East – 1,100 tons while in Saudi Arabia – lived in seven different countries and sat in a tower crane while building the Filmoore Center, more than 500 feet in the air, during the 1989 San Francisco earthquake.

This is just the beginning. He and his wife, Susanne, hold many artifacts from their travels overseas, including a python that fell across his loader in New Guinea. The loader won (or Brian Mackwood won, depending on how you look at it), and he still has the python to prove it; that python made it to many of his children’s show-and-tell presentations, and if you talk to any one of them, you’ll realize that they never forgot that python.

The Mackwoods have four children – Ronnie, Kelly, Brian and Jason and five grandchildren.

According to Mackwood’s youngest son, Jason, his father misses the work tremendously.

“My father’s story is a good one,” he said. “Many current operators will probably never see the places my father has,” Jason said. “It’s kind of like when you say the phrase ‘the olden days’ – that’s what I would compare it [his life] to.”

Now, Jason believes that traveling is not as easy as it used to be with high security and strained international relations.

Despite all of Mackwood’s worldly travels and adventures (he could easily be deemed the Indiana Jones of Operating Engineers), including operating a dozer in New Guinea at 14,000 feet above sea level or driving 140-foot pile on the San Mateo Bridge, the best aspect of his Local 3 career has been traveling to jobs with his family.

“Whenever they could come with me, they did,” Mackwood said, “so everybody had the experience of traveling, and I remember coming off the jobsite in Venezuela and seeing my children interacting one-on-one with the teachers there. They [his children] had excellent schooling and could speak many different languages.”

Mackwood learned of the Operating Engineers through befriending the son of member Arthur “Buzz” Haskins and being exposed to the work and the lifestyle through him. Mackwood had two years of college under his belt but quickly learned that dirt work could lead to travel (something he was always



Local 3 legend Brian Mackwood and his wife, Susanne, have been married 45 years – just as many years as he has been a member of Local 3.

fond of, since he was born in Canada and moved to the U.S. when he was a young child) and excellent benefits, and so he signed on with OE3 in 1962, making him a 45-year member. Through the construction company Bechtel, he was able to travel abroad as one of the youngest operators to do so.

And it has been thanks to Local 3 that Mackwood has led his adventurous lifestyle and collected artifacts and legendary stories fit to fill volumes.

“There isn’t one bad aspect of Local 3 I can speak of,” Mackwood said. “I have always felt lucky to be an Operating Engineer; I loved to go to work every day. It’s the best thing that ever happened to me.”

Mackwood recalls being in the union in the 60s and said that back then, the union was run differently in the sense that officers were getting used to the business side of running things, rather than running equipment. Consequently, their attention was focused on learning how to make the transition.

“Today,” Mackwood said, “the officers work entirely for the members. We wouldn’t have the things we have now if it weren’t for them working as hard as they do.”

Mackwood is clearly appreciative. There is nothing boastful or bold about him, even though he has bragging rights to experiences the rest of us could only dream of having, including witnessing the 1989 San Francisco earthquake from 500 feet in the air.

“I was pouring concrete, and there was a rumbling and shaking. It was dusk, and then a wave like an ocean roll started, and I heard dogs barking and car alarms and hollering,” Mackwood recalled, “but I was in the best place to be, I guess.”

Mackwood is in the best place to be right now as a retired Operating Engineer. Having traveled and lived internationally for years, he and his wife enjoy traveling within the U.S. now. They are especially fond of the Grand Canyon. Their four children are still within close proximity as they have always been.

Mackwood is not a big talker. He doesn’t have to be. His presence says enough, along with his quiet voice that does not brag but simply states the facts. And the fact is, Brian Mackwood is a living legend. What is his advice to apprentices hoping to live as he has?

“Work hard, work as many hours as you can. You’ll see it’s worth it. You’ll see it in your adventures and in your retirement. Local 3 is a great way of life.”



Join OE3 on a seven-night cruise to sunny Mexico Roundtrip from Los Angeles, departing Jan. 20, 2007

The Diamond Princess

(Standard deposit is \$250 per person)

Come along on our fifth OE3 cruise and support the Operating Engineers Local 3 Scholarship Fund. All members, retirees, families, relatives and friends are invited.

We will sail roundtrip from Los Angeles on the beautiful Diamond Princess to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas. We have group rates for three types of cabins: inside cabins at \$699 per person, ocean-view cabins (obstructed window) at \$799 per person, and balcony cabins (with sliding glass doors to private balcony) at \$999 per person. Prices are based on double occupancy. Single, third and fourth passenger (sharing cabin) rates are also available. All rates include a \$50 per person, tax-deductible contribution to the OE3 Scholarship Fund. A federal tax of \$26.80 per person will be added at the time of final payment. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and the above rates may increase as cabin allotments are filled.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A RESERVATION FORM,
CALL (888) 713-0441**

Reservation forms are also available at your district office and www.oe3.org.





INSIDE NEGOTIATIONS

By Frank Herrera, Vice President

Time to get out and vote

Nevada Primary Election: Aug. 15

Every election year, the labor community in Nevada gathers to vote on candidates and initiatives for endorsement at a convention sponsored by the AFL-CIO's Committee on Public Education (COPE), called the COPE Convention.

Local 3 was represented at the COPE Convention this year (as it always is) by Nevada District 11 staff members, including Fringe Benefits Rep. Debbie Smith, who is also a Nevada Assemblywoman. Debbie attended the convention to help us keep track of the endorsement results for the Aug. 15 Nevada Primary Election. These endorsements have been approved by the Nevada Political Action Committee (PAC) and are listed in this edition of *Engineers News* on page 14.

As the officer in charge of Nevada, I have a few comments regarding our endorsements and also a few highlights from the COPE Convention, beginning with the state of affairs on the governor's race.

The governor's race in Nevada this year is one of the most hotly contested races in the state. Like many Nevadans, labor is split in its support of the candidates. Because half of the convention representatives voiced their support for one candidate and the other

half voiced their support for another, it was decided by a majority vote that the state fed would not endorse either candidate until a winner emerges from the Aug. 15 primary.

This decision left state fed affiliates like us open to choose a side, and our PAC voted to endorse Dina Titus.

Another heated debate at the convention was the endorsement of two current state Supreme Court justices. Although these justices have a tarnished record of anti-prevailing wage rulings, both are supported by the Culinary Workers Union Local 226 – a longtime political powerhouse in Reno. Local 226 has benefited from favorable rulings by these judges, while Local 3 and other construction locals in the

Building Trades have suffered from their stance against prevailing wages. So again, it came down to a majority vote.

Local 3 and the Building Trades banded together, held the culinary folks at bay and in the end, blocked the endorsement of these two justices. It was a shock to most of the convention attendees that the culinary workers didn't have their way. But we were the majority, and the majority decision prevailed. Now we can move forward to November, one step closer to an election victory in the state Supreme Court.

One victory we're assured of in Nevada come November is the election of our own Debbie Smith, who is running *unopposed* in her re-election for state Assembly. I know this is an exciting big win (and relief!) for Debbie, and I want to congratulate her on it. She's done an outstanding job for her constituents



From left: Nevada District Rep. Charles Billings, Assemblywoman and Local 3 Fringe Benefits Rep. Debbie Smith and Vice President Frank Herrera.

and for Operating Engineers, both in and out of the district office. In addition to her duties with the Fringe Benefits Department, Debbie represents us on several legislative committees and subcommittees, one of which was created by labor to write the rules for property leases and purchases. This subcommittee

has a direct impact on the construction industry and our membership at large.

The fact that we have a Local 3 member working with us and for us in our own district hall and in the halls of the state capitol in a right-to-work state is a big deal. We are fortunate and proud to have Debbie Smith on our side. Political relationships like the one we have with Debbie are hard to come by but so important in the world of politics today, because so much of our work depends upon legislation and the policies made by our court system and the legislature.

We must never forget how important politics is to our union, ourselves and our families. Let's remember this as we remember to get out and vote this election season.



CONTRACTS CORNER

By Carl Goff, Treasurer

Wal-Mart: No genie in a bottle

It offers shoes, jewelry, furniture and car repairs all in one place for as much as 14 percent lower than normal retail price, and it is currently trying to offer banking services, too. No, it's not a genie in a bottle – it's the mega-corporation retail chain, Wal-Mart. And for all its services, it comes with just as much baggage.

Wal-Mart is known as the Satan of working people all across the country. According to the *Guardian*, its sales clerks are paid a statewide average of \$9 an hour compared to the national average of \$13 an hour. The corporate giant has been sued countless times for race and gender discrimination, environmental carelessness and harassment. It has even been sued by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for firing workers in a meat department who had somehow managed to circumvent Wal-Mart's labor-busting environment and join the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), claims a report done in *The New York Review of Books*.

I could go on and on, so much so that you might even stop listening about how less than half of their employees receive health benefits and that when a Wal-Mart moves into an area, on average, two local stores close or begin cutting wages for their workers.

I could go on about how Wal-Mart employees are paid by our tax dollars for the health care Wal-Mart fails to give them, and these employees fall at or below the poverty line, or I could tell you about the employees suing Wal-Mart for denying them meal breaks, making them work unpaid overtime or emotionally abusing them with scare tactics. If you want a face to the concept – corporation – think Sam Walton.

But the devil is in the numbers: Nothing seems to "stop American consumers from spending close to \$250 billion there every year," notes the *Guardian's* Nathan Miklos, and year after year, Wal-Mart tops *Fortune's* list of wealthiest companies, as well as its "most admired company" in 2003.

The question must be posed that for all the bickering, the lawsuits and the Wal-Mart hate websites (www.WalmartWatch.com), the bottomline remains: "You can have low prices, or you can have high domestic wages," Miklos writes. "American consumers face this choice every day – and speaking with their wallets, they overwhelmingly choose low prices."

With the economy worsening and gas prices rising, it makes sense that people continue to shop where prices are lower. Do you?

Voting turn-outs at the last California Primary Election were also at an all-time low, and so I ask again: Did you vote?

I'm not so much preaching, as much as inquiring about all of us, myself included. What are the motives that drive us, and are we aware of the consequences of our actions?

As Local 3 members, we are clearly imbedded in the labor cause. We pay our dues and reap the benefits of protection and health care benefits in a way Wal-Mart workers can only dream of. Do we attend meetings? Do we know the political issues?

It's not enough to hear information (Wal-Mart is bad), as it is to willfully act upon what we believe in. And Local 3 is worth believing in. I urge you to attend your district meetings and your picnics. I urge you to think about the choices you make and the places you shop, not because I think I know the right way, but because it's important to know the facts. There is no real genie in a bottle. There is only every individual Local 3 member standing together – the choices they make and the consequences of those choices.

Attention Nevada District 11 members: The Nevada Primary Election is Aug. 15. Please see Local 3's election recommendations listed on page 14.



SAFETY

By Guy Prescott,
Director

Safety training classes

OSHA 10-HOUR CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

Sept. 11-12 RMTc 7:30 a.m.

OSHA DISASTER SITE WORKER

(Note: The OSHA 10-Hour Construction class is a prerequisite for this class.)

Sept. 13-14 RMTc 7:30 a.m.

40-HOUR HAZWOPER

Sept. 11-15 RMTc 7:30 a.m.

EIGHT-HOUR HAZWOPER REFRESHER

Sept. 12 RMTc 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 15 RMTc 7:30 a.m.

FIRST AID

July 19 Alameda Headquarters 8 a.m.

COMPETENT PERSON TRENCHING & EXCAVATION

Aug. 10 Alameda Headquarters 8 a.m.

Call Asst. Safety Director Marshall Massie at (916) 354-2029, ext. 244, to sign up for classes. Class sizes are limited and available on a first-come basis. All classes are subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment requirements are not reached.



CREDIT UNION

By Rob Wise,

Credit Union Secretary/Financial Officer
& Local 3 Recording - Corresponding Secretary

You don't have to buy a hybrid to save money on gas



If your old SUV or truck is guzzling fuel, and you're looking for relief, you don't have to buy a new hybrid to save big money on spiraling gas prices.

There are lots of smaller (four- and six-cylinder) gasoline-powered cars and trucks that get great gas mileage and cost much less than paying a stiff premium for a hybrid. But if you can't live without your SUV, there are a number of models now available with smaller engines and better aerodynamics. You'll just have to do a little research.

Do hybrids make dollar sense?

Unfortunately, because hybrids are "in vogue," dealers can ask for and get thousands of dollars more than they could for similar gas-powered vehicles. That means more sales tax, as well. Also worth noting, *Consumer Reports* states that hybrids depreciate faster than their gasoline counterparts. Looking five years down the road, it's hard to break even with higher purchase prices, rapid depreciation and the higher cost to finance and insure. Most hybrid owners don't come out ahead, in spite of government-sponsored tax credits, unless their driving is strictly around town or in heavy stop-and-go traffic where battery power, not horsepower, is used.

For example, the Prius and the Civic Hybrid both have a suggested starting price well above \$21,500. Placing fifth in price is the affordable but conventionally powered, low-priced Corolla with a base-sticker price of \$14,105, and it gets great gas mileage. Do the math. Is the extra \$7,000-plus really worth it, considering the alternatives?

The GreenerCars.com website also provides top-ranking models in each vehicle class. The list includes larger vehicles, such as the Odyssey minivan and Tundra pickup. Passenger cars, such as the Ford Focus Wagon, also top their respective classes. As this list demonstrates, consumers can make better fuel-efficient choices, whether they choose a hybrid or want a conventionally powered sedan, minivan, pickup truck or SUV. For more on the best 2006 top-rated models in each vehicle class, visit www.greencars.com/byclass.html.

Tips for buying the right car

Before you head out to the dealerships, do a little web homework and save yourself some gas. Figure out how much car you really need and what kind of car fits your image. When it comes to mileage, it all boils down to engine size, (four, six or V8), weight and aerodynamics (how easily the car pushes through the air, a.k.a. drag coefficient). Once you have an idea of what suits you best,

make side-by-side comparisons of the different makes and models by visiting www.fueleconomy.gov, and compare gas-mileage ratings. This website is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, and it lists the best and least fuel-efficient vehicles ranked by city miles per gallon (MPG). In addition to its MPG ratings, you'll also find greenhouse-gas emissions, air pollution ratings and safety information for new and used cars and trucks manufactured from 1985 through 2007 by make and model.

When's the best time to shop for a car or truck?

Summer offers a great opportunity to save while dealers try to sell off their year-end inventory to make room for the new 2007 models, expected in late summer. Shopping on Sunday, the last day of a holiday weekend or the last day of the month can help secure a better price, as car salespeople scramble to meet their quotas. Don't be lured into buying a car just because of low pricing or dealer incentives. Usually, dealer-advertised low prices, "come on" financing and attractive rebates are offered for slow-selling models like those big gas-guzzlers. All new cars and trucks post a fuel-economy guideline on their windows. Make sure the bargain you buy is really a bargain when you factor in monthly gas expenditures, back-end hidden interest, maintenance and the fact that gasoline isn't going to get cheaper anytime soon. Or ...

Wouldn't buying a car or truck be easier if you had a professional service working on your behalf to find exactly the right make, model, color and accessories at the right price, and you never had to leave your house?

If you hate the thought of trolling from dealership to dealership, your union-owned Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU) can offer you a better way to make the right purchase at the right price. You'll not only save yourself time and frustration, you'll also save money. OEFCU offers you the convenience of a free and personal vehicle-buying consultant. Your personal, professional consultant has years of experience in purchasing vehicles at bottom-line prices and will find exactly the car you had in mind. Your consultant will negotiate the best deal, handle the paperwork, and in most cases, even drop off your new car at your home or office. They know who to call and where to look, and OEFCU's professional vehicle consultants have all the data you need to make informed purchasing decisions. They carry the latest statistics – everything from car safety accommodations to the current resale value on your trade-in vehicle, and again, the service is absolutely free to credit union members and their immediate families.

Contact an OEFCU vehicle-buying consultant in California at (800) 326-9552, outside California at (800) 409-4362 or visit www.oefcu.org, and link to your consultant under "Auto & Vehicle Center."

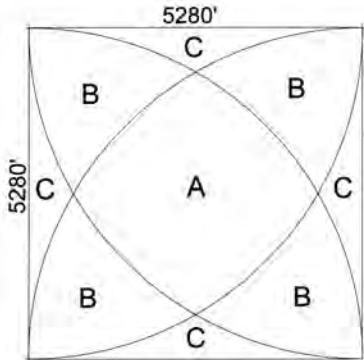


TECH NEWS

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

BRAIN TEASER

Problem 113: The parcel shown is a perfect square. The radius points are the corners. What is the area of portion A? B? C?



The solution and more problems can be found at www.profsurv.com; click on the "Problem Corner" link.



Sixteen-year Local 3 member Felipe Vera is a survey co-coordinator with the Santa Clara office of Kier & Wright. He makes our field crews look good. Keep up the great work, Felipe!



ORGANIZING

By Bruce Noel, Director

In case you missed it

In the previous edition of *Engineers News*, I introduced the Organizing Department's new Organizing Incentive Program, which was recently redesigned to make it easier for member participants to receive credit for their involvement in organizing. In case you missed it, here's how it works:

- You must be a current Local 3 member.
- You cannot be employed by Local 3.
- You must initiate an organizing drive by either calling or through personal contact with a district representative, business agent or an organizer. You must get "logged-in."
- If your contact results in enough signed authorization cards to file a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) election petition, you get an "Only the strong survive, ORGANIZE" T-shirt.
- If your contact results in an election win or a signed contract, you will receive one quarter's dues credit on window dues only.
- The business manager will present T-shirts and dues credits at quarterly district meetings.

This program will be facilitated within each Local 3 district by the district representative, the organizer and myself. Our goal is to develop a network of members dedicated to helping us organize. The members of this local play an important role in our organizing efforts, and this program is a way for the administration and the Organizing Department to show appreciation for those who get involved. I would like to extend a special thanks to those members who have already taken an active role and provided us with organizing tips.

Remember, if you have an organizing lead, contact your district office or call our organizing hotline at (877) ORG-NIZE, (877) 674-6493.



Local 3 member Steve Morrison models the organizing T-shirt – one of the rewards in the new Organizing Incentive Program.



OE CAT

By Cindy Tuttle, Political Director

Local 3 wins big in California Primary Election

California's Primary Election results scored big wins for Operating Engineers Local 3. At the top of the ticket, Local 3-endorsed candidate for governor, Phil Angelides, beat out eBay billionaire Steve Westly. Our man, Angelides, will now go head-to-head against Schwarzenegger in November.

For state constitutional offices, all of our endorsed candidates made it out of the Primary Election, with the exception of Joe Dunn who was narrowly defeated by John Chiang for Controller.

For U.S. Senate, Diane Feinstein handily beat her two opponents.

In the state Senate and Assembly races, Local 3-endorsed candidates came out ahead in almost all cases. A few notable victories include:

- Leland Yee, a staunch supporter of Local 3 issues, beat Mike Nevin in SD 8.
- In SD 10, we had three OE3 friends running and did a triple endorsement of Johan Klehs, John Dutra and Ellen Corbett. Corbett came out on top.
- In AD 11, Mark DeSaulnier defeated Laura Cancamilla. DeSaulnier was endorsed early by Local 3, even though he was considered the underdog in some circles. Clearly not, since he soundly defeated Cancamilla.

One upset worth noting is the AD 6 race. District 01 Burlingame and District 10 Rohnert Park pooled their endorsements to issue a dual endorsement for Cynthia Murray and Pam Torliatt. Unfortunately, the winner in this race was Jared Huffman.

Local 3 endorsed-candidates were victorious at all levels with numerous victories at the local level, as well.

Keep in mind: The November election looms ahead, and with the voting totals low and Arnold's popularity improving, we will have our work cut out for us, but these victories bring us closer.

We have two major objectives facing us: We must defeat Arnold and pass the bond measure. But we can start on that tomorrow. For now, congratulations to all of you who worked so hard on behalf of Local 3-endorsed candidates. You are what the Operating Engineers Community Action Team (OE CAT) is all about, and when you win, Local 3 wins. For this last Primary Election, Local 3 won big! Stay tuned for more updates regarding the Primary Elections endorsements and results for Utah, Nevada and Hawaii (See page 14 for Nevada's endorsements).



FRINGE BENEFITS

By Charlie Warren, Director

Fringe Benefits Service Center (800) 532-2105

Credit for military service

If you are unable to work the necessary hours in covered employment due to service in the U.S. Armed Forces, you will receive Credited Service, Pension Credit and accrued benefits for the period you retain reemployment rights under federal law.

Military service before your contribution date

(Refer to section 5.02; pages 114-115.)*

If your military service was before your contribution date, you receive one year of Credited Past Service and one non-contributory Pension Credit for each full year of military service or one quarter of Credited Past Service and non-contributory Pension Credit for each three months of military service. You may also receive Credited Past Service for up to two years of Credited Past Service, if you were imprisoned by a declared enemy nation.

Military service after your contribution date

(Refer to section 5.05; page 118.)*

After your contribution date, if you are absent from covered employment due to qualified military service, you will be credited with hours toward the accumulation of Years of Credited Service, Pension Credit, accrued benefits and the prevention of a Break in Service for the period of the military service, provided:

- You were working in covered employment in the jurisdiction of Local 3 during the 90-day period immediately preceding your military service.
- You had not incurred a One-Year Break in Service at the time you entered qualified military service.
- You retain reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

- You satisfy USERRA's advance notice to Employer (of Fund Office) requirement prior to your leave to enter qualified military service.
- Your discharge from military service was under honorable conditions.
- You return to work in covered employment in the jurisdiction of Local 3 within the reemployment period required by federal law, as shown in the chart below:

LENGTH OF MILITARY SERVICE	REEMPLOYMENT DEADLINE
Less than 31 days	Within one day after discharge (allowing travel time, plus eight hours)
31 through 180 days	Within 14 days after discharge

Hours for qualified military service are based upon the average hours you worked in a week during the 12-month period immediately preceding your military service or, if shorter, the period of employment immediately preceding the military service, but not less than 30 hours per week. For the purposes of determining the amount of your accrued benefit, contributions will be credited based on the employer-contribution rate that would have applied if you had continued to work in covered employment instead of entering military service.

No more than five years of qualified military service will be recognized toward the accumulation of Years of Credited Service, Pension Credit, accrued benefits and the prevention of a Break in Service or separation from covered employment.

* Please refer to the *Pension Trust Fund Summary Plan Description* for all section references.

Retiree picnic

It was a gorgeous day for the June 10 Retiree Picnic at Rancho Murieta. I hope you all had a good day visiting with each other and swapping old war stories. It was nice to see such a good turnout.

Our officers honored the 50-year members and presented each with a watch or mantle clock. Congratulations to all 50-year members. You've made Local 3 what it is today, and we thank you.

Many thanks to Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) Director Curtis Brooks and his staff for hosting this wonderful picnic every year. A special thanks to RMTTC Asst. Director Tammy Castillo, Shop Director Gary Herren, Kitchen Manager Red Herrera and the entire kitchen staff for all their good work.



Everyone had a great time at the 2006 Retiree Picnic.



More than 50 retirees received a 50-year mantle clock or watch for their many years of service to Local 3 at the Retiree Picnic. Above: Recipient Joe Klein also turned 79 that day.



Districts sponsor community school teams, events

For the 2005–2006 year, the following districts participated in various sponsorship programs of their community schools' sporting teams and special events. These sponsorships range from 4-H teams to school food festivals. Many sponsored teams can be seen in framed pictures at the district halls. Local 3 commends them for supporting their communities and creating relationships within their work environment, proving once again that Local 3 is built and based on creating strong relationships.

FAIRFIELD: DISTRICT 04

- Fairfield Youth Basketball
- SCC Eagle Spirit girls' 11 and under soccer team (Fairfield)
- Sober Grad Night: Vanden High School (Fairfield), Fairfield High School, Armijo High School, Vacaville High School, Will C. Wood High School (Vacaville)
- Rodrigues High School Football Team (Fairfield)
- Solana County 4-H
- Suisun American Little League

ROHNERT PARK: DISTRICT 10

- El Molino Little League
- Rohnert Park Girls' Softball Association

NEVADA: DISTRICT 11

- Cal Ripken Baseball team
- Fundraising: Reed High School, McQueen High School and Bishop Manogue High School
- Hawthorne Little League

UTAH: DISTRICT 12

- Hunt's Gymnastics Academy
- Oaker/Bingham Rodeo Club
- Utah Sportsman's Association

HAWAII: DISTRICT 17

- HGEA Labor Day event for Hawaii Foodbank (Big Island)
- Na Kekoa Kanes' youth baseball team
- People to People Student Ambassador Program
- Pearl City Little League Pee Wee Rangers
- MKH Little League Dodgers
- Star of the Sea Church and Star of the Sea School East Honolulu Food Festival
- Windward Pony Baseball League Braves (Shetland Division)

OAKLAND: DISTRICT 20

- Concord High School Varsity Girls' Softball

STOCKTON: DISTRICT 30

- Mary Graham's Children's Center
- Moto-Cross Team
- Super-4-Dirt Track race car

EUREKA: DISTRICT 40

- McKinleyville High School Panthers Girls' Softball Team

FRESNO: DISTRICT 50

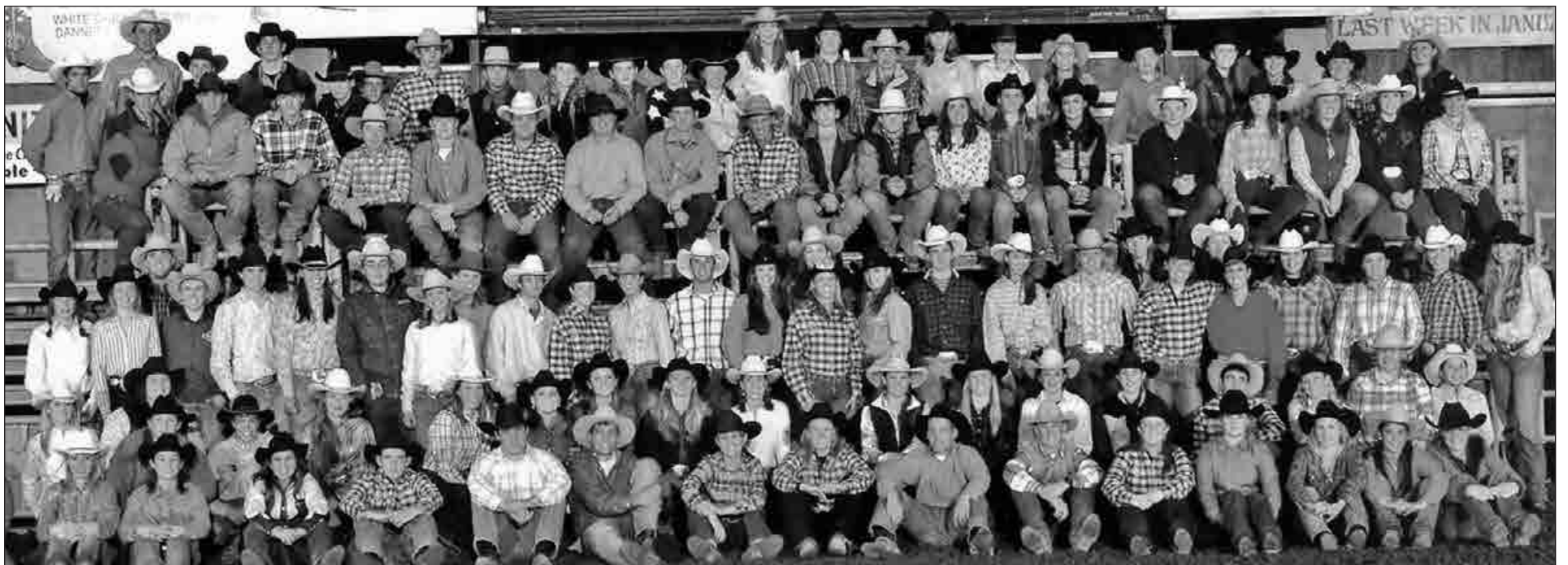
- Fresno Fishermen Helpers: Take a Foster Kid Fishing Day and Disabled Kids' Fishing Day

REDDING: DISTRICT 70

- California High School Rodeo Association (District 01)
- West Valley High School Sober Graduation

SACRAMENTO: DISTRICT 80

- Graduation Night: Winters High School, Oakmont High School



The 2006 California High School Rodeo Association District 01 team is sponsored by the Redding District.

FARIS REPORT NOTICE

At the Executive Board meeting of June 25, 2006, it was moved, seconded and carried to release to the members of Local 3, in its entirety, the Faris Report, which is the investigation of John Bonilla and Local 3 staff's handling of the Don Doser "pay out." The announcement of this release will be posted on Local 3's website; www.oe3.org, at all District and Branch Offices and in the *Engineers News*.

Local 3 will provide unlimited copies of the "Faris Report" to be distributed in the District and Branch Offices.

Any members requesting that a copy be mailed may submit their request in writing, along with their registration number, to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary's office at 1620 South Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502.

OFFICIAL NOTICE



RANCHO MURIETA TRAINING CENTER

for Apprentice to Journey-level Operators

By Curtis Brooks, Director

How the Ranch is run

During the past few months while in the middle of Local 3's pension restoration, many questions have been asked regarding how the Rancho Murieta Training Center (RMTTC) is funded. First of all, no Local 3 dues money is allocated to the training center. Likewise, there is no general fund money used at the RMTTC. All funds come from signatory employers and the State of California Office of Education Montoya Funds. All budget expenditures, including the new administration multi-purpose building and the remodel of the cafeteria/registration office, were approved by the trustees of the Training Trust, which is made up of your current officers, Local 3 trustees, as well as signatory employer trustees.

In fact, the Training Trust pays for all of the services the RMTTC receives that are rendered by Local 3. The RMTTC property is currently owned by the Pension Trust. The Training Trust pays to the Pension Trust a monthly lease for the eight-acre campus and the 80-acre training site. In addition, the Training Trust pays Local 3 for the use of office space in each district, a fee for the dispatches of apprentices, an appropriate portion of the new computer system upgrade, data processing fees for record keeping, all computer-generated reports (i.e. ethnic reports that keep us out of lawsuits for discrimination) and many other miscellaneous expenses, such as the *Engineers News*.

While I realize there is legitimate concern over expenditures during the time of shortfalls, the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) is not one of them. Our first obligation is to train apprentices and upgrade journey-level operators, so we can continue to produce a product for the local to sell to the signatory employers.

International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) General President Vince Giblin recently stated: "We are no longer in the banking business." Technology and

equipment are changing rapidly. Some may feel that purchasing newer equipment, upgrading the facility and maintaining a professional image may not be necessary, but we carry the reputation of being the largest local in the IUOE and having one of the best, if not THE best 18,000-acre training facility. We cannot stand by and allow technology and the industry to pass us by.

Employer trustees have told us to "use it or lose it." The signatory employer demands top-notch training and equipment and trained instructors with teaching credentials. These things allow us to stay at the head of the industry. While it may seem excessive to some, we must continue to focus on technology, such as GPS-actuated equipment and computerized-simulation training.

If we want to attract the next generation, we have to show them our career path is as viable as any other they would choose. We have more than 700 apprentices currently in the system. By the fall of 2006, we expect that number to be slightly more than 1,000.

We can no longer stand by and simply say: "This is how it's always been," or "Why should we have to change?" We have to change, and we have to grow in order to support those who have gone before us. The best way I know to support the retirees is to continue to put into the industry the best qualified and hard-working individuals we can produce.

If you have any questions about how the Ranch is run, feel free to call or make arrangements to come and see it for yourself. If you are interested in taking a tour of the RMTTC, please contact Karie Sutter at (916) 354-2029, ext. 236.

This is not Club Med. This is the University of Operating Engineers Training Center.

"Can't do it, can't stay."

See you on the next one.



Laptop lingo

Do you have your laptop with you? The mechanics of today do. With Caterpillar, Komatsu, John Deere and many other manufacturers putting parts books and service manuals on disc, it has become a necessity that we have and know how to use computers. Also, many manufacturers have diagnostic programs and adapters that allow you to communicate with the machine's electronics. Some diagnostics can only be done with the assistance of a computer.

So, what is a laptop? It is a compact, light-weight, portable computer. It's usually designed to take some punishment from vibration and jostling, although they don't like being dropped. Moisture, dirt, and most of all, heat can kill a laptop. Throwing your laptop on your dusty dash in the middle of summer isn't the best idea, especially when you take that sharp left turn that makes it slide off the dash and onto the floor.

Keep it in the carrying case until you need to use it, and then put it back as soon as you're done. Store it in the coolest and driest place you can. You could even buckle it in the passenger seat while you drive.

Now let's talk about the laptop itself. What do you need? An Alienware Aurora mALX, starting at \$4,500 or a cheapy \$300 laptop? The cheapy may work, but for how long? One of the key factors for buying a laptop is reliability. The other is the requirements of the programs you intend to run. There are minimum requirements and recommended requirements. The program will run on minimum, but you may not like it. Get a laptop that meets or exceeds the recommended requirements.

So, what's important to look for?

The speed of the processor or Central Processing Unit (CPU) is important. For a laptop, 1.4 GHz (Gigahertz) to 2.0 GHz is good.

The hard drive is the place where information and programs are stored. Anything from 20GB (Gigabyte) to 40GB is good. While programs and pictures do take up a lot of space, videos and high-end games will fill up your hard drive. Normal data doesn't take up much space.

The next item of importance is the removable media. Although CDs and DVDs look the same, CDs hold about 700MB (Megabytes) while DVDs hold about 2.7GB – almost four times as much information. DVD drives will read CDs, but not vice versa, so you're better off getting the DVD drive.

Lastly, but by no means least important, is the RAM (Random Access Memory). If you want to improve a computer's performance, pump up the RAM. Most computer geeks think that you can't get enough RAM (although there are limits), and I feel the same. (Uh oh, what is that saying about me?)

Most of the programs (software) used for machine diagnostics don't require high-end machines. A 1.4GHz, with a 20GB hard drive, a DVD player and 512MB RAM will do you fine.

As far as the screen size and the weight of the laptop, that doesn't affect the performance, just the price.

CCO Practical Test

New CCO candidates and candidates who have passed the written portion of the CCO exams should contact Pauline McCullough at (916) 354-2029, ext. 225, to schedule an appointment or obtain CCO information on the Practical Test.

2006 CCO Exams

Exam	Deadline for application
Aug. 27	July 14
Oct. 22	Sept. 8
Dec. 10	Oct. 27



This is the site of the new water treatment plant at Point of the Mountain in Draper, Utah, where the waterline will eventually connect. A picture of the same water plant taken in 2005 can be found on the last page of the 2006 Local 3 calendar. A comparison of the two photographs shows how much progress has been made.



From left: Loader Operator Leonard Stalliviere, Foreman Sam Denning and Salt Lake City Asst. District Rep. Dale Cox on W.W. Clyde's waterline job in Draper, Utah.

ON THE JOB: UTAH

Operators work overtime on water facilities in Draper

Story and photos by Heidi Mills, managing editor

Several Local 3 Operating Engineers are working overtime this summer on the construction of major water facilities in the northern region of District 12: Salt Lake City.

One crew is working in the trenches in the city of Draper (about 20 miles south of Salt Lake City) for W.W. Clyde and another, under a joint-venture agreement for Clyde-Ellsworth, is constructing a water treatment plant at the Point of the Mountain, which is also in Draper.

In the trenches

The trench crew is working on a section of road in a pioneer neighborhood from the late 19th Century that is extraordinarily narrow. This has made dealing with 60-inch diameter pipeline and car-sized shoring panels difficult. But the issue of space – or lack thereof – is only the first of many obstacles on this project.

The overhead electrical wires, which run alongside and across where the crew is digging and installing the waterline, pose the greatest challenge. Because there are so many wires to contend with, the crew needs a spotter onsite at all times. As an extra precaution, they've tied strips of red ribbon to the wires to make them more visible.

Other challenges include the coming and going of residents and visitors to the neighborhood during work hours, underground utilities (some old, some very old and some that are new), as well as lots of groundwater, down 15 to 16 feet at the bottom of the trench.

"This is a tough job," admits Leonard Stalliviere, a 16-year Local 3 member. "But we've got one of the best crews around, out here."

Excavator Operator Bill Flythe agrees, adding that they've made good progress from the start and are continuing to do so.

"They were expecting about two [sections of pipe] down a week, and we've been getting three to four," he said. "Even though we had to take out some storm drain to do the digging, and then put it all back in."

W.W. Clyde is running two excavators to make such good progress. Flythe operates one, and Travis Denny, a

new member who left a non-union company last summer to join Local 3, is on the other.

The crew has been on the job for about a year and is expected to finish up next March. Upon completion, the waterline will run 12 miles from the treatment plant at the Point of the Mountain in Draper to the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant in Sandy City. It will provide Salt Lake City and Sandy City a firm water supply through the year 2025.

Point of the Mountain

Construction of the water treatment plant at the Point of the Mountain, where the waterline will eventually connect, is keeping between 15 and 20 Operating Engineers working this summer under the joint venture, Clyde-Ellsworth.

Members who received the 2006 Local 3 calendar might recall seeing a picture of the water treatment plant taken in 2005, on the last page of the calendar. At that time, the crew was laying underground pipe and starting on the foundation and walls.

Today, the walls of the plant are about 99 percent complete; the pipe work is finished and the remaining concrete work is about 80 percent done, thanks to these skilled Local 3 members: crane operators Richard Brown, Steve Jaques, Shaun Lamb, RJ Peery and John Thornton; Master Mechanic Jimmy Giles; forklift operators Corey Godbe and Ian Kirk; Crane/Grade Operator Alex Oostveen; Oiler/Lube Truck Operator Rod Pickering and Apprentice Oiler/Lube Truck Operator Daniel Toone; Mechanic/Grade Operator Robert Taylor; and graders/gradesetters: Higinio Garcia, Steve Garcia, Brad Hatch, Jared Jaques and Tom Olson.

The crane crew is currently running five cranes, placing structural steel for the roof of the water treatment plant. The dirt crew is doing backfill operations and will soon start on the roads.

Point of the Mountain is scheduled for completion in 2007, at which time crews will begin renovations of the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant.



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W.W. Clyde runs two excavators – operated by Bill Flythe and Travis Denny – on the waterline job in Draper.



From left: Business Manager John Bonilla visits with Local 3 Retiree Elmer Dufloth.



From left: Treasurer Carl Goff, Organizer Gary DeRenzi and Retiree Bud Ketchum take a moment from their conversation to smile for the camera.



From left: Twenty-five year member Al Silva and 44-year member Jesse Bates are friends from long ago when they worked together on the job.



From left: Local 3 retirees Frank Mendes and Gary Abatangle enjoy each other's company and the barbecue at this year's Retiree Picnic.



From left: Edythe Harrelson, 50-year honoree Raymond Harrelson, 49-year member Lester McKindley and Carlyn McKindley are good, long-time friends through work and Local 3.



RMTC Director Curtis Brooks with Retiree Tom Flanigan, who was recognized this year for his 50 years in the union.



The Cunningham Family enjoyed their day picnicking together, with grandchildren Nick and Brooke in tow. Burt Cunningham (far right) is a 55-year Local 3 member and is pictured here, standing next to his son, Bud, his wife, Judy, and the grandkids.



From left: RMTC Crane Instructor John Teller, retired crane operators Doug Green and Earl Hutchinson and Financial Secretary Russ Burns, a.k.a. "the crane crew" talk about cranes at the June 10 Retiree Picnic.

Retiree Picnic

A day in honor of Local 3

Cooler-than-usual-summer temperatures greeted the Retiree Picnic, held June 10 at the Ranch. Local 3 officers and staff joined more than 1,500 retirees for a day of noon of good food and good conversation.

About 50 of the nearly 300 retirees of the union this year attended the picnic. They came in various modes of transport (RVs, trucks and carpools) with their families to celebrate a significant milestone, and they left in high spirits as the mantle clock.

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The day kicked off around 10 a.m., with a presentation from Fringe Benefits Director Charlie W. Cedric McCauley, with the Joint Apprenticeship and Training anthem, which was followed by a presentation to dig in.

The crowd lined up for lunch – the table was laden with barbecued beef and chicken, baked beans, sautéed vegetables. After lunch, the officers presided over the 50-year anniversary raffle drawing wrapped things up around the picnic.

With lots of smiles, handshakes, camaraderie and "Retiree" bumper stickers to go around, it was a day to remember.





Ramona and Cullen "Joe" Jones are Retiree Picnic regulars. Cullen has more than 40 years in Local 3 and has a big smile for every one of those years.



From left: Fred Felkins, Bill Rodemaker, President Bob Miller and Steve Toms joke about who's been in Local 3 the longest.



From left: Fifty-year member John Hecker and 41-year member Dan Worley are old friends. John was a pin recipient at the June 10 Retiree Picnic.

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Local 3's 50-year members

...res made for a pleasant day at the 2006 ...o Murieta Training Center (RMTTC). Local ...00 retirees and their families for an after- ... in honor of Local 3's 50-year members.

...ommemorating their 50th anniversary in ... they came from near and far (by airplane, ... ilies and friends to celebrate this impor- ... ts with their choice of a Local 3 watch or

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...with Bingo, popcorn and formal greetings ...rren and Business Manager John Bonilla. ...ticeship Committee (JAC), sang the na- ...rayer before the meal. Then it was time

...sty Retiree Picnic "usual," including bar- ...alad, rolls and then later, ice cream. After ...ear service award ceremony, and then the ... 3 p.m.

...amera flashes and "Proud to be a Local 3 ...t was a good time for all.



From left: Vice President Frank Herrera, Sheila Montgomery and former Redding District Rep. Monty Montgomery take a moment to smile for the camera.



A member since 1941, Retiree Herbert Comer and his niece, Barbara Anglin, enjoy the mild weather and a good chat before lunch is served.



From left: "Fast" Freddy Myrick, Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise, Jack Ogden and Willie Houghtby line up for a group photo.



From left: Friends and former co-workers Bill Meaney, Buz Sanders, Paul Gehrke and Bob Rascon pose for a picture with the airplane Sanders built himself and flew from Swansboro, Calif., to this year's Retiree Picnic. The group worked together at Peterson Power in San Leandro, Calif.



Fifty-year pin recipient Joe Garcia and his wife, Carmen, visit in the shade. Don't they make a beautiful pair?



Retiree Dave Bristow receives his 50-year watch from Business Manager John Bonilla at the June 10 Retiree Picnic.

2006 Nevada Primary Election Recommendations

As approved by the Nevada District 11 Political Action Committee (PAC)

FEDERAL PARTISAN OFFICES

U.S. Senate	Jack Carter
Congress District 1	Shelley Berkley
Congress District 2	Jill Derby
Congress District 3	Tessa Hafen

STATEWIDE PARTISAN OFFICES

Governor	Dina Titus
Lt. Governor	Robert Unger
Secretary of State	Ross Miller
Treasurer	Kate Marshall
Controller	Kim Wallin
Attorney General	Catherine Cortez Masto

STATE PARTISAN OFFICES

Senate District 2 Clark Carlton	Maggie
Senate District 5 Clark Woodhouse	Joyce
Senate District 7 Clark	Terry Care
Senate District 8 Clark	Chanda Cook
Senate District 10 Clark	Bob Coffin
Senate District 12 Clark	No endorse- ment
Senate District 1 Washoe Martin Mathews	Bernice
Senate District 2 Washoe	John Emerson
Senate District 4 Washoe	No endorse- ment

Assembly District 1	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Assembly District 2	Carlos Blumberg
Assembly District 3	William "Bill" Roberts
Assembly District 4	No endorsement
Assembly District 5	Dawn Dudas
Assembly District 6	Harvey Munford
Assembly District 7	Morse Arberry Jr.
Assembly District 8	Barbara Buckley
Assembly District 9	Tick Segerblom
Assembly District 10	Joseph Hogan
Assembly District 11	Ruben Kiheun
Assembly District 12	James Ohrenschall
Assembly District 13	Adam Taylor
Assembly District 14	Ellen Koivisto
Assembly District 15	Kathy McClain
Assembly District 16	John Ocegüera
Assembly District 17	Kelvin Atkinson
Assembly District 18	Mark Manendo
Assembly District 19	Jerry Claborn
Assembly District 20	No endorsement
Assembly District 21	Richard Keene
Assembly District 22	No endorsement
Assembly District 23	Rosemary Womack
Assembly District 24	David Bobzien
Assembly District 25	Heidi Gansert
Assembly District 26	No endorsement
Assembly District 27	Sheila Leslie
Assembly District 28	Moises "Mo" Denis
Assembly District 29	Susan Gerhardt

Assembly District 30	Debbie Smith
Assembly District 31	Bernie Anderson
Assembly District 32	Mike Sprinkle
Assembly District 33	No endorsement
Assembly District 35	No endorsement
Assembly District 36	Laurayne Murry
Assembly District 37	Marcus Conklin
Assembly District 38	Cathylee James
Assembly District 39	Joetta Brown
Assembly District 40	Bonnie Parnell
Assembly District 41	David Parks
Assembly District 42	Harry Mortenson

STATE NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

Supreme Court Seat C	Michael Cherry
Supreme Court Seat F	No endorsement
Supreme Court Seat G	No endorsement
District Court Judge Dept. 3	No endorse- ment
State Board of Education 2	No endorse- ment
State Board of Education 4	Cindy Reid
State Board of Education 5	No endorse- ment
State Board of Education 6	No endorse- ment
University Regent District 1	Cedric Crear
University Regent District 4	Mark Alden
University Regent District 6	No endorse- ment

FROM ROHNERT PARK

Members responsible for Measure M projects

Local 3 members in Sonoma County can thank themselves for voting for Measure M, a quarter-cent sales tax, which is a funding source for the Hwy. 101 Widening Project.

MCM is the general contractor of the widening job, which starts at the Hwy. 12 junction, north to Steel Lane. Ghilotti Construction is the general contractor on the Steel Lane Overpass Project.

"Without Measure M, the project would not have happened," Executive Director of the Sonoma County Transportation Department Suzanne Wilford said. "We would have looked at at least a couple of years of delay, which would have driven up costs at least 10 to 30 percent."

Revenue from the quarter-cent sales tax is earmarked for transportation projects throughout the county. The board of supervisors will be asked to approve repairing and widening projects that include upgrades to Arnold Drive, Lakeville Highway and Adobe Road. Mark West Springs, Petaluma Hill Road, River Road and Stony Point Roads are also part of the improvement package.

One of Sonoma County's biggest contractors has expanded into the

construction-materials recycling business. North Bay Construction (NBC) has converted asphalt and concrete into base rock for reuse in future projects at the company's Hopper Street site in Petaluma. The company has reused about 50 tons of torn-up concrete and asphalt on Petaluma developments in the past two years.

North Bay spent more than \$1 million on a pair of crushers, which keeps four members working to crush the concrete and asphalt that makes base rock for building pads, roadbeds and backfill in utility trenches. By reusing material within a five- to seven-mile area generated in Petaluma on other projects, the company reduced truck trips to landfills and adopted a more environmentally friendly business practice.

NBC is in high gear and has more than \$100 million worth of backlog work and more work to bid. The company is already working overtime and will continue to do so for the rest of the season. NBC is starting Canon Manor in Rohnert Park at \$10 million, the Meda subdivision in Santa Rosa, the Low Gap subdivision in Ukiah and the Martin Farm in Petaluma.



Operating a rubber-tire backhoe, member Patrick Delgado gets hours on the Hwy. 101 Widening Project, thanks to Measure M.

The company has been hiring lots of members and still needs more. NBC has also been expanding its fleet of equipment – new dozers, loaders, excavators, graders, trucks and more.

It is going to be a record year for the construction trades. Now is a good time to recruit new members for our industry, so if you know any good, non-union operators, get them to the hall.

Be safe.

District 10 would like to thank the following businesses for their generous raffle prize donations to the May 13 Rohnert Park District picnic:

Applebees
Caffino Drive-thru Espresso Bar (Santa Rosa)
Charles Schulz Museum
Don Taylor's Omelet Express
Double Decker Lanes
Elan Fitness Center
Giorgio's Restaurant
Kodiak Jack's
Matanzas Creek Winery
Northwood Golf Club
Port of Subs
The Redwood Club
Rialto Cinemas Lakeside
Rincon Cyclery
Six Flags Marine World
Scandia
Sonoma County Museum
Sonoma Train Town
Spreckel's Performing Arts Center
Sweet River Grill and Bar
Taft Street Winery
Tang Soo Do Martial Arts
Third Street Aleworks
21st Century Health Club
Vichy Springs Resort

FROM NEVADA

Members vote: Pension restoration essential

With one of the largest attended district meetings in Nevada District history, it is apparent how important the pension is. With the voters' response, the importance of keeping the



Screedman Juan Lopez, Paver Operator Albert Mamac, Mechanic Ed Sanders and Screedman Randy Sossamon wait for mix on Longley Lane while working for Granite Construction.

pension solvent and restoring the factor at 3 percent is also apparent. Letters were sent out to all members in the district to let them know how the voting turned out. The following information is a recap of the outcome:

Members under the Master Agreement voted to keep the accrual rate at the 3 percent as did those under the private work agreement. This approved option will take money from future increases on both agreements to restore the accrual rate. Again, it is clear how significant the pension is for all of us.

Work highlights: Work in the Nevada District is going strong. **Granite Construction** recently picked up \$9 million worth of work at the new \$420 million, 514 megawatt Tracy Power Plant. **Road and Highway Builders** are working in Dayton on Hwy. 50 and on the Spooner undercharge. **Q&D Construction** is working on the

extension of Moana Lane. **Frehner Construction** is widening Sparks Boulevard from Shadow Lane to Disc Lane. **Sierra Nevada Construction** quickly knocked out the dirt work for the new Costco in Spanish Springs, putting three pipe crews on the project.

Work on the Galena Creek Project has come to a stop because of a difference of opinion between **Kraemer** and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on the safety of the project. The company and the state are currently working out the guidelines to terminate the contract between them. If they come to an agreement, the rest of the Galena Creek Bridge will go into the next phase – Package B – raising its estimated cost to more than \$300 million. According to NDOT, Package B is going to advertise in July 2006. Hopefully this project will be awarded by October 2006. We will keep you updated.

FROM HAWAII

Isemoto Contracting plays key role in boom

Signatory contractor **Isemoto Contracting Company** is located in the not-so-quiet-anymore town of Hilo, Hawaii. Founded by **Hisato Isemoto**, the company has been in continuous operation since 1926 and is currently headed by Chairman of the Board **Larry Isemoto** and Chief Operating Officer (COO) and President **Leslie Isemoto**.

Isemoto Contracting plays a big part in the current construction boom spreading from the west coast to the east on the Big Island. The boom has been ongoing for six years, as the company has averaged \$69 million in sales volume during the last five years and exceeded \$93 million in 2005. The firm has been named in the Top 10 Hawaiian Contractors in Revenue by Building Industry magazine every year since 2001.

Isemoto Contracting says the construction boom in Hawaii is evident in many markets, including luxury residential, medium residential, commercial and industrial. The boom first hit the west side of the Big Island, but **Isemoto** says it has spilled over to the east side, as well.

As a general contractor, **Isemoto Contracting** has built its expertise in both building and civil-construction work. It has completed numerous building-construction projects.

"Our extensive experience in civil construction operations includes heavy site-excitation projects, roads and highway construction, subdivision development and water, sewer and drainage construction," President **Les Isemoto** said.

Isemoto Contracting has been signatory since 1967 and employs about 145 Local 3 members on the island of Hawaii. Some of the company's current projects employing Operating Engineers include:

- Hilo Veterans' Hospital
- Kukio Beach Club subdivision
- Maunalani-Kamilo subdivision
- Hilo Airport improvements
- Maunakea Water Tank
- Kala'oa Waterline
- Hualalai Vistas subdivision development
- Pahala Water Tank

FROM YUBA CITY

Patterson keeps members and rocks rolling

The quarry at **Patterson Sand and Gravel** is located on the Bear River off Hwy. 70 in Sheridan, Calif., and has been producing rock products for more than 50 years.

At full production, the facility has 26 OE3 members performing every conceivable function from equipment operation to plant operation, because **Patterson** is signed to a wall-to-wall agreement that keeps every position at the facility filled by Local 3 members.

The crusher at the plant has the capacity to churn out 350 tons of product an hour and can be configured to produce almost every size of drain rock, including cobbles.

The wash plant at the facility has the capacity to produce a variety of different sand products, such as white sand shipped as far as Reno, Nev., used for landscaping. The operation also produces top soil in the form of silt.

OE3 members typically work about 2,300 hours per year. Some of these members include: **Albert Pelfrey, Larry Woodward, Jake Gregory, Dave Allen, Mike Forsyth, Rick Gonzales, Mike McCray, Raleigh Preslar, Gary Allen, Gerald Callaway, Arturo Ceballos, Skip Delaney, Gary Evans, Vern Foster, Carl Fingerlos, Reginald Hillard, Maverico Jimenez, Curtis Judge, Roger Patterson, Danny Roles, Daniel Sandoval, Bruce Swinney Carlos Vargas, Ronnie Welden and Darren Wood.**

In other news: The Yuba City District wishes to congratulate 25-year service pin recipients **Randy Fisher** of **DYK** and **Delmar "Scooter" Thompson** of **Baldwin**.



From left: OE3 members at Patterson Sand and Gravel in Sheridan include **Albert Pelfrey, Larry Woodward, Jake Gregory, Dave Allen, Mike Forsyth, Rick Gonzales, Mike McCray and Raleigh Preslar.**

FROM FAIRFIELD

Inner City Demolition crushes rock in District 04

The Fairfield District staff sends congratulations to Organizer **John Galeotti** on the May 18 arrival of Joshua John Galeotti, who joins his family: John, Sharma and big sister, Megan.

We are also pleased to announce that former Fairfield Dispatcher **Holly Brown** is now the Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) coordinator for the Fairfield District. She started this position in May, so if you see her, be sure to congratulate her.

In other news: **Inner City Demolition** has recently been at work crushing rock for concrete on a subdivision job in Fairfield. A few Local 3 members were on hand for pictures from that job.

From left: Operator Mike Hughes places the pieces of rock given to him by Operator Roary Vincent into the rock crusher to be used as concrete. Both members comprise a total of 33 years in OE3.



FROM SACRAMENTO

Strike makes things right in District 80

The weather changes every year in Sacramento. It seems our springs are shorter and shorter, and we jump from winter right into summer. Now that the rains have stopped, it looks like we'll have another great year with plenty of work. The Lower Northwest Interceptor Project is the largest project in our area – worth about \$500 million, and some work for that project is almost complete.

Teichert Construction has a lot of private work in the area with the majority in Natomas and West Sacramento. **Granite** is working on the Bradshaw Interceptor and the Metro Air Park. Both projects total about \$100 million.

In Elk Grove, **McGuire and Hester** is working on the widening of Sheldon Road with a total cost of about \$9 million. Completion is scheduled for November 2006. **Balfour Beatty** is in the middle of construction on a water treatment plant in Granite Bay, and **Gemma Power Systems** is working on a power plant in Roseville for the Roseville Power System. In Placerville, **Mitchell Engineering** has the widening of Hwy. 50 at a cost of \$35 million.

In early May, the agents and organizers of District 80, along with other building trades locals, took action against **Halverson**, a developer in construction on a 15-story Marriott Hotel in Downtown Sacramento. **Halverson**



Front row, from left: Business Rep. Rob Carrion, Bill Owens and Business Rep. Justin Diston. Back row, from left: Larry Juras, Walt Lopes, Brent Tetlow, Steve McDonald, Dwight Holmes, Paul Pfannenstiel and Ron Eversden.

rented an elevator from union contractor **Sheedy Hoist** and operated it with a non-union employee. After a one-day informational strike caused dozens of ironworkers and the only crane operator to walk off the job, OE3 got **Halverson** to sign a new agreement putting a Local 3 member back in that elevator.

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Recently, the Kyburz and Placerville yards were awarded a certificate of excellence by the state of California for their courageous and efficient work on Hwy. 50 during the 2005 and 2006 winter storm seasons. Great job!

Other awards: On May 18, Sacramento business agents **Justin Diston** and **Rob Carrion** gave 25- and 30-year pins to members at the **Teichert Aggregates Perkins** plant in

Sacramento. Members **Walt Lopes**, **Paul Pfannenstiel** and **Ron Eversden** received their 30-year pins.

Congratulations to Sacramento Business Rep. **Justin Diston** and his wife, **Tori**, on the May 23 birth of their son, **Kelby**.

The District 80 staff hopes you all stay cool and safe during this summer season.

FROM BURLINGAME

Work picture is hot as the devil in District 01

From left: Frank Aguilar receives his 50-year service watch from Burlingame District Rep. Ken Oku.

million Hunter's Point Redevelopment Project. These members will move a million-plus yards of dirt.

In Petaluma, **Kiewit Pacific** is building the \$110 million Ellis Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once completed, this plant is expected to save Petaluma 2 billion gallons of recycled water annually for many uses, such as crop irrigation, landscaping, restoration and preservation of wetlands.

Things are heating up in District 01. Devil's Slide is one of our hottest spots with **Drill Tech**, **Gordon N. Ball** and Caltrans' crews working 24/7 to repair this section of Hwy. 1. The roadway is giving away because of last winter's record rainfall. Costs on the slide are expected to run into the millions, and the project is not scheduled for completion until the end of September.

Additionally, **Gordon N. Ball** is employing 15 to 20 operators all summer at the \$20

Dutra's San Rafael Rock Quarry is also having one of its busiest seasons on record. The quarry is moving to a 24-shift schedule in order to fill orders for the huge amounts of material needed for all the levee repairs in the delta this summer. Local 3 member and Maintenance Supervisor **John Mannix** says the quarry is always looking for good operators and is especially looking for more this season.

The District 01 staff congratulates **Frank Aguilar** on 50 years of OE3 membership. Frank has been a great member and employer for Local 3 during the last five decades. Thanks again, Frank.

We want to invite everyone to the District 01 picnic on Sunday, July 9 at Coyote Point County Park (Eucalyptus picnic areas three and four) in San Mateo, Calif., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will include tri-tip steak, beans, salad and hot dogs for the kids. There will be a raffle with lots of great prizes and a bounce house for the kids. Tickets are the same price as last year – \$10. Retirees and kids under 12 are free. We had a great turnout last year, and we hope to get an even bigger one this time around. It is the perfect event to meet and greet other Operating Engineers, your officers and district staff.

One more reminder: Our next district meeting is Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m. at our usual spot, the Machinists' Hall, on 1511 Rollins Road in Burlingame, Calif.

2006 Academic Scholarship Winners

Operating Engineers Local 3 has been awarding annual scholarships to sons and daughters of Local 3 members for more than 40 years. This year, four students received academic scholarships. Two first-place winners will each be awarded \$6,000 scholarships; one first-place winner is sponsored by the Ed Parks Memorial Fund. Two second-place winners will each be awarded \$5,000 scholarships. This year, one second-place winner is sponsored by the Thomas Morton Foundation, and the other is sponsored by the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU).

All scholarships must be used toward a college degree at any U.S. college or university. To be considered for the scholarship, each candidate had to submit an application, recommendation letters, official transcript and an essay about why unions are good for America.

First-place winners receive \$3,000 their first year, and second-place winners receive \$2,000 their first year. All four winners will receive an additional \$1,000 during their second, third and fourth years of college, provided they remain full-time students.

First Place - \$6,000

Erika Fong

Sponsored by the Ed Parks Memorial Fund

Hometown: Alameda, Calif.

Local 3 parent: Debbie Fong

Career objective: To pursue a career within the fields of math and science.

Schools applied to: University of California: Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, Irvine and Stanford University



First Place - \$6,000

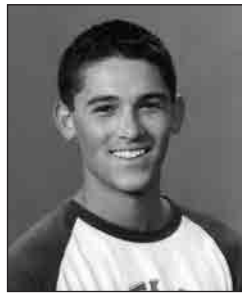
Matthew Coyne

Hometown: Roseville, Calif.

Local 3 parent: James Coyne

Career objective: To become a relief worker for a missionary organization.

Schools applied to: Azusa Pacific University



Second Place - \$5,000

Lauren Sheehy

Sponsored by the Thomas Morton Foundation

Hometown: Mt. Shasta, Calif.

Local 3 parent: Dean Sheehy

Career objective: To pursue environmental engineering to make a positive impact on the environment.

Schools applied to: Cal Poly University and San Diego State University



Second Place - \$5,000

Christopher Ortega

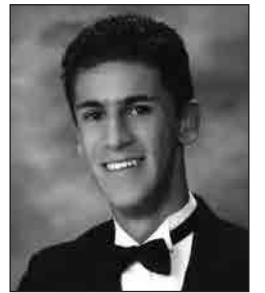
Sponsored by the Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union (OEFCU)

Hometown: Hercules, Calif.

Local 3 parent: Charles Ortega Jr.

Career objective: To become an electrical engineer.

Schools applied to: Accepted to Brigham Young University



OE3 Scholarship Fund

Giving gifts that last a lifetime

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

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

To encourage and enable the most talented and deserving students, a partnership between Local 3, employers and related businesses created the scholarship fund to provide financial assistance for the children of Local 3 members. The Thomas Morton Foundation became the charter member of the Local 3 Scholarship Emeritus Circle with a donation of \$25,000. Established by Ann Parks in memory of her husband, the Ed Parks Memorial Fund sponsors a first-place scholarship winner.

As the demand for scholarships increased, Local 3 developed new fund-raising opportunities. In 2006, many Local 3 members participated in a cruise to the Western Caribbean with \$50 of the fee earmarked as a donation to the scholarship fund.

The T.J. Stapleton Invitational Golf Tournament held annually in September remains the biggest source of revenue for the fund. The 2005 tournament raised more than \$55,000.

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

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

- **Cash gifts in any amount to the general scholarship fund.**
- **Random-draw sponsors and memorial and honor gifts.** You can contribute to the scholarship fund in the memory or honor of a loved one, friend, colleague or to commemorate a special occasion. The fund will acknowledge your gift by letter to the person(s) you designate and will also provide written acknowledgment of your gift and the amount. A \$500 minimum is necessary to establish a named gift, and there are four donation levels:

Random	\$500
Second-place academic	\$5,000
First-place academic	\$6,000

- **Bequests.** Gifts made through your will allow you to retain control of your assets during your lifetime and distribute them as you wish upon your death. Many people choose to include a gift to the Local 3 Scholarship Fund. The most common types of bequests are leaving a fixed dollar amount or specific property. A charitable bequest may reduce your estate tax. Consulting an attorney is advisable any time you make or change a will.

- **Securities.** There may be an advantage to giving marketable securities – stocks, bonds or mutual funds – instead of cash. In some cases, you may receive a charitable deduction on your taxes, as well as avoid taxes on capital gains. Consult your financial adviser for details.

If you would like more information on donating to the scholarship fund, or if you have questions, please contact the fund administrator, Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise at (510) 748-7400.

Yes!

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

☐ \$20

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

CLIP OUT & MAIL TO:
ROBERT L. WISE, RECORDING-CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3
1620 SOUTH LOOP RD., ALAMEDA, CA 94502

Congratulations, 50-year members

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 Larry W. Aksland 09/56 Manteca, CA
 Donald L. Allen 11/55 Eureka, CA
 Finis F. Allen 07/56 Red Bluff, CA
 Ken Allen 05/56 Valley Springs, CA
 Frank Alvarez 12/55 San Jose, CA
 Walter F. Alvarez 06/56 Livermore, CA
 Melvin L. Anderson 10/56 Martinez, CA
 Ralph Andrade 10/56 Lockeford, CA
 Norm Ash 10/55 Corte Madera, CA
 William Avila 07/56 Half Moon Bay, CA
 James S. Avilla 09/56 Roseville, CA
 William Avist 09/56 Fairfield, CA
 Robert W. Bacon 12/55 Grass Valley, CA
 Nick Banducea Jr. 06/56 Pleasanton, CA
 Richard H. Banes 06/56 Oroville, CA
 David Bardelmeier 11/55 Lincoln, CA
 Thane L. Barnson 04/56 Clinton, UT
 Robert L. Bates 09/56 Santa Maria
 Paul S. Bauer 09/49 Valley Springs
 Albino Victor Bazzi 08/56 Eugene, OR
 Dale Beach 05/55 Dayton, NV
 Gordon Bedford 08/56 San Leandro, CA
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 William J. Blain 03/56 Kearns, UT
 William Bosworth 12/51 Salinas, CA
 Virgil L. Brady 03/56 Twain Harte, CA
 Clifton Brandon 03/53 Rocklin, CA
 Dave M. Bristow 09/55 Los Molinos, CA
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 Robert P. Brown 04/56 S. San Francisco, CA
 Glenn E. Buckner 08/56 Worden, MT
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 Morrice Carrier 06/56 Billings, MT
 Douglas W. Carter 10/56 Clearlake, CA
 William F. Carter 11/56 Manteca, CA
 Raymond R. Chattman 05/56 Chandler, AZ
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 Carney Claunch 05/56 Walnut Creek, CA
 Allen J. Clay 03/56 Middletown, CA
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 John H. Cole 10/52 Rio Vista, CA
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 Jay Crownoble 02/56 Sacramento, CA
 Leo A. Cummins 10/56 Burlingame, CA
 Zane E. Curl 05/56 Sanger, CA
 Bob Daniels 11/56 Lincoln, CA

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 Everett Dawson 02/49 Modesto, CA
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 Geno Dericco 05/56 Healdsburg, CA
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 Jim Eychner 04/53 Stockton, CA
 Tom Eychner 11/56 Lake Almanor, CA
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 Joe M. Garcia 09/56 Santa Clara, CA
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 W. Carl George 05/48 Orange, CA
 M. K. Gibson 11/54 Palermo/Oroville, CA
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 Doyle B. Graybill 10/55 Woodland, CA
 Douglas Green 03/56 Paradise, CA
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 Seraphine Guardanapo III 07/56 San Jose, CA
 Ronald Hamilton 08/52 Piedmont, CA
 Earl Hardinger 02/48 Marana, AZ
 Orval L. Harmer 05/55 American Fork, UT
 Herb Haskins 10/56 San Bruno, CA
 Paul Hatfield 08/56 Modesto, CA
 Kenneth Hathaway 09/56 Antioch, CA
 John Hecker 11/56 Iowa Hill, CA

Kenneth Henley 02/56 Harrison, AR
 Robert John Henson 05/56 Lotus, CA
 Robert "Bob" Herring 10/56 Wilton, CA
 Rod Hocking 04/56 Indio, CA
 Joseph P. Hopkins 04/56 Sparks, NV
 Ed Hunt 09/56 Modesto, CA
 Earl L. Hutchinson 09/56 Roseburg, OR
 Mehrle Jennings 06/52 Anderson, CA
 Warren Jennings 11/56 Fremont, CA
 Joseph K. Jensen 07/53 Ogden, UT
 William Jenson 07/49 Sequim, WA
 James N. Jewett 05/56 Gerber, CA
 Bob Jimenez 05/56 Hayward, CA
 Cecil Johnson 11/56 Winnemucca, NV
 In memory of Edward Jones 05/52 Corning, CA
 Henry Jones 01/56 Mariposa, CA
 In memory of Tom Karis 11/56 Petaluma, CA
 Billy D. Karnes 04/56 Los Molinos, CA
 William Kasari 01/56 El Cerrito, CA
 Donald L. Keir 07/56 Pioneer, CA
 Carl Keller Jr. 12/56 Sonora, CA
 In memory of
 Richard T. Kelly 01/56 Stockton, CA
 Jim D. Kepley 08/56 Fresno, CA
 Joe Klein 05/55 El Dorado Hills, CA
 Earl "Chuck" Kohler 11/56 Concord, CA
 Robert H. Lang 08/48 Ignacio, CA
 Donald Larson 05/56 Rupert, ID
 Darrell D. Laster 01/56 Red Bluff, CA
 Cliff J. Lawrence
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 Vern Leonard 10/56 Montgomery Creek, CA
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 Alpha G. Love 09/56 Citrus Heights, CA
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 Buck J. Madruga 11/56 Central Point, OR
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 In memory of Bob Mitty 05/56

Sonora, CA
 Pete Montoya 11/55 Petaluma, CA
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 Herbert Myers 08/56 Grass Valley, CA
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DISTRICT MEETINGS *All meetings convene at 7 p.m.*

JULY 2006

- 6th District 80: West Sacramento
ILWU Hall
600 4th St.
- 18th District 90: Morgan Hill
Engineers' Building
325 Digital Drive
- 19th District 50: Fresno*
Ramada Inn - University
324 East Shaw Ave.
- 20th District 30: Stockton
Italian Athletic Club
3541 Cherryland Drive
- 27th District 20: Oakland
Warehouse Union Local 6
99 Hegenberger Road
- 17th District 01: Burlingame
Machinists' Hall
1511 Rollins Road
- 24th District 10: Rohnert Park
Engineers' Building
6225 State Farm Drive
- 29th District 40: Eureka
Best Western Bayshore Inn
3500 Broadway
- 30th District 70: Redding
Engineers' Building
20308 Engineers Lane
- 31st District 60: Oroville
Southside Oroville Community Center
2959 Lower Wyandotte

AUGUST 2006

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 7th District 04: Suisun City
Veterans' Memorial Building
427 Main St.
- 18th District 17: Kauai
Kauai High School Cafeteria
Lihue
- 19th District 17: Honolulu
Washington Intermediate School Cafeteria
1633 S. King St.
- 20th District 17: Hilo
Hilo ILWU Hall
100 W. Lanikaula St.
- 21st District 17: Kona
King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel
75-5660 Palani Road
- 22nd District 17: Maui
Maui Beach Hotel
170 Kaahumanu Ave.
Kahului
- 27th District 12: Salt Lake City
IBEW Local 354
3400 W. 2100 South
- 28th District 11: Reno
Engineers' Building
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- *Please note location change.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise announces the next Semi-Annual meeting of the membership is Sunday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J St., Sacramento, Calif.

It's picnic time

District 90: Morgan Hill
Date: Sunday, August 6
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Christmas Hill Park - Mulberry Areas
Cost: \$10 in advance; \$12 day of the picnic; re-tirees and children - free
Menu: tri-tip, chicken, hot dogs, beans, salad, rolls, beverages and ice cream
Bring the whole family for a fun day in the sun. We will have prizes, a raffle and bounce house, sno cones, cotton candy and games for the kids!

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

May 2006, effective July 2006

Dawson Baker	1242916	District 90: Morgan Hill
William Forsythe	1382874	District 80: Sacramento
Fernand Ramos	1414922	District 11: Nevada
Fred Visaya	1451643	District 17: Hawaii

NEW MEMBERS
May 2006
Marvin Courtright

District 01:
Burlingame
Desheng Bian
Demetrius Cagampan
Wayne Davis
Gary Wayne Hennigh
Gerard J. Tynan II
Rubin Vasquez
NEW CONTRACTORS
May 2006

District 01:
Burlingame
Townsend Management
District 12: Utah
Civil Constructors
David R. Copeland
Hayward Baker

District 20: Oakland
East Bay Rock

District 30: Stockton
Rockin R Grading & Excavating

District 70: Redding

DEPARTED MEMBERS

Anderson, Gary District 12 Oakley, UT 04-24-06	Dodd, Iver District 70 Redding, CA 03-21-06
Ayers, Leeroy District 11 Fernley, NV 04-13-06	Dunn, Lewis District 50 Pinedale, CA 04-07-06
Brazil, Louis District 90 Watsonville, CA 04-11-06	Eaton, David District 99 Annapolis, MO 04-16-06
Brenenstall, Dale District 80 Sacramento, CA 04-17-06	Eckert, Donald District 30 Modesto, CA 04-16-06
Butler, Robert District 30 Salida, CA 03-19-06	Farmer, Harold District 04 Fairfield, CA 03-29-06
Campos, Armond District 12 Saratoga Springs, UT 05-04-06	Fowler, Harry District 10 Ukiah, CA 04-04-06
Chin, Kwok District 20 Oakland, CA 03-23-06	Fowler, Ronald District 20 Alamo, CA 04-24-06
Cramer, Jake District 99 Chino Valley, AZ 03-24-06	Furrer, E. District 80 Sacramento, CA 03-28-06
Cummings, Richard District 50 Wishon, CA 03-16-06	Galli, Roy District 11 Verdi, NV 04-18-06
	Hayes, William District 20 Pittsburg, CA 04-28-06

Hegel, Tony District 99 Polson, MT 03-20-06	Marsh, Robert District 50 Lemoore, CA 05-08-06
Imanaka, Edward District 17 Kaneohe, HI 04-10-06	Montiel, Alfonso District 20 Richmond, CA 02-12-06
Innis, Robert District 10 Lower Lake, CA 04-05-06	Mullins, Norman District 20 Oakley, CA 04-01-06
Jensen, Joseph District 12 Ogden, UT 03-01-06	Nilsen, Niles District 99 Tacoma, WA 04-28-06
Johnson, Noble District 04 Fairfield, CA 04-26-06	Nourse, Robert District 20 Pleasant Hill, CA 05-10-06
Johnson, Duane District 80 Sacramento, CA 03-29-06	Porter, Lowell District 11 Reno, NV 04-16-06
Kahananui, Peter District 17 Waianae, HI 04-28-06	Potter, James District 60 Marysville, CA 04-12-06
Kreppein, Helmut District 99 Pocatello, ID 04-26-06	Price, Clyde District 17 Ocean View, HI 04-17-06
Leavitt, Jerry District 12 Duchesne, UT 05-01-06	Sandner, Herman District 80 Fair Oaks, CA 05-01-06
Lintz, John District 90 Watsonville, CA 04-19-06	Sigall, Meyer District 90 San Jose, CA 05-14-06

Simmons, Darrell District 12 Heber City, UT 03-30-06	Ward, George District 99 Medford, OR 05-12-06
Smith, Rick District 60 Oroville, CA 04-20-06	Wheeler, Sterlin District 12 Harrisville, UT 05-02-06
Snodgrass, Wilbert District 11 Lovelock, NV 05-06-06	Wilkinson, John District 40 Eureka, CA 04-10-06
Steele, Charles District 50 Fresno, CA 05-05-06	
Stephens, Houston District 99 Deming, NM 04-26-06	Barclay, Susan. Wife of Barclay, Gerald 04-16-06
Street, James District 12 St. George, UT 04-19-06	Berglund, Verna. Wife of Berglund, Edwin 04-21-06
Tiemann, Ralph District 99 Davenport, WA 04-22-06	Bonilla, Emily. Wife of Bonilla, Charles 04-15-06
Turley, Troy District 99 Grants Pass, OR 04-08-06	Brown, Roseanna. Wife of Brown, Curtis 04-14-06
Victorine, Joaquin District 17 Pahoa, HI 04-03-06	Carlson, Doris. Wife of Carlson, Dale (dec) 04-17-06
Walker, Harold District 12 Kearns, UT 03-09-06	Cawelti, Opal. Wife of Cawelti, Robert 03-25-06
	Cox, Lynnette. Wife of Cox, Donald 09-16-03

Eidsmoe, Dorothy. Wife of Eidsmoe, Lewis E. 04-16-06
Gandolfo, Eleanor. Wife of Gandolfo, Larry G. 09-27-02
Gonsalves, Josephine. Wife of Gonsalves, Stephen 04-09-06
Harris, Wanda. Wife of Harris, Clinton (dec) 04-30-06
Herrera, Gloria. Wife of Herrera, Marcelino 04-12-06
Keslinger, Ethan. Son of Keslinger, Chris 05-10-06
Laffranchi, Hilhelmina. Wife of Laffranchi, John 04-11-06
Milani, Elizabeth. Wife of Milani, Joseph (dec) 04-27-06
Slack, Betty. Wife of Slack, George 04-19-06
Smith, Reba. Wife of Smith, William (dec) 03-17-06
Smoot, June. Wife of Smoot, Virgil 04-11-06

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Election of Officers and District Executive Board Members

Attention of all Members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 is directed to Article XII – Elections of the Local Union Bylaws, as printed on pages 52 through 70 inclusive, and specifically the following portions:

ARTICLE XII, ELECTIONS

Section 3

Elections.

(a) The election of Officers and District Members of the Local Union Executive Board shall be held during the month of August by mail referendum vote of the Membership of this Local Union under the supervision of the Election Committee and a nationally known firm of certified public accountants, selected by the Executive Board, with such other technical and legal assistance as may be provided.

(b) The election shall be conducted by a committee known as the Election Committee, composed of one (1) Member from each District in which nominations will be made. The Member shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot at the regular quarterly or specially called District Meetings by vote of those Members present whose last known address, as shown on the records of the Local Union ten (10) days prior to the first such District Meeting in March preceding the election, was within the area covered by the District. Each nominee shall be a registered voter in the District in which he or she is nominated, shall have been a Member of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for one (1) year next preceding his or her nomination and election, and shall not be a candidate, or nominator of a candidate for any Office or Position.

The nominee for Committee Member in each District receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, and, in the event he or she is unable, or unwilling to serve, shall be replaced by the nominee with the next highest number of votes, and he or she, under the same circumstances, by the next highest, and so on, until the list of nominees is exhausted.

(c) The Election Committee shall determine whether or not each candidate nominated is eligible. Any candidate found not to be eligible shall be declared ineligible by the Election Committee. The Committee's decision shall be promptly communicated to each such ineligible candidate in writing. Unless the Election Committee's decision is reversed on appeal, it shall govern, and the ballots shall be prepared accordingly.

(d) The Election Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the election, and specifically: for the preparation of the list of eligible voters, showing the Member's name and last known address as it appears on the records of this Local Union; the preparation and printing of the ballots, listing the nominees for Business Manager first and the Constitutional Officers next, and other positions thereafter in the order in which they appear in Article VII, Section 1 of these Bylaws with a separate ballot for each District for nominees for District Member, listing the incumbent for each Office or Position first and the other nominees for the same Office or Position in alphabetical order by their last name (the candidate's name and one occupational classification, i.e., classification set forth in collective bargaining agreement that the Local Union has entered into, if any, given by him or her being printed as it appears on the Acceptance of Nominee Form) and envelopes; and the giving of a Notice of Election, by mailing a printed Notice thereof to each Member of the Local Union at his or her last known address as it appears on the records of this Local Union not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the mailing of the ballots to eligible voters.

The Election Committee shall cause a sample ballot to be published in the July edition of the *Engineers News* preceding the election, and to be promptly posted in the District Job Placement Centers.

The Election Committee shall deliver the list of names and last known addresses of eligible voters, and cause the printer to deliver the ballots and envelopes to the nationally known firm of certified public accountants chosen by the Local Union Executive Board, which firm shall rent a post office box to which the ballots shall be returned.

(e) The certified public accountants shall mail the ballots and return envelopes to the eligible voters between August 10th and 16th preceding the election, and shall open the post office box for the first and last time on the August 26th next following, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day. In the event August 26th should be a Sunday or a holiday, the post office box shall be opened by the certified public accountants on the following day, at the same time.

The certified public accountants shall remove the returned ballots, count the same and certify the results in writing to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee or a sub-committee thereof, shall be present at the mailing of the ballots, the opening of the post office box, and the counting of the ballots.

The Election Committee shall make certain that adequate safeguards are maintained so as to protect the secrecy of the ballots.

(f) The Election Committee shall declare the candidate for each Office and Position receiving a plurality of the votes elected, except that the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the Office of Trustee and the Position of Auditor shall be declared elected. The certificate of the certified public accountant shall be published in the September edition of the *Engineers News* following the election.

(g) The newly elected Officers shall be installed, at a specially called Meeting or at the Semi-Annual Meeting in the month of September.

(h) Every Member who is not suspended for nonpayment of dues as of August 11th, the date for the first mailing of the ballots, shall have the right to vote. No Member whose dues shall have been withheld by his or her Employer for payment to the Local Union pursuant to his or her voluntary authorization provided for in a collective bargaining agreement shall be declared ineligible to vote by reason of any alleged delay or default in the payment of dues by his or her Employer to the Local Union.

Eligibility to vote for District Member shall, in addition, be based on each Member's last known address as shown on the records of the Local Union on August 1st prior to the mailing of the ballots, and each Member shall be eligible to vote only for the nominees for District Member for the District in which such address is located.

Section 4

Each candidate shall have the right to have an observer, who must be a Member in good standing, at the polls and at the counting of the ballots; that is, each candidate shall have the right to have an observer to check the eligibility list of voters, check the ballots, see that the ballots are mailed, be present at the opening of the post office box and the counting of the ballots. The observer may challenge the eligibility of any voter, and the ballots of all voters who may have been challenged shall be set aside, pending determination as to their validity. If the challenged ballots are sufficient in number to affect the results of the election, all challenges shall be investigated by the Election Committee to determine their validity as promptly as possible.

Section 5

(a) Every Member shall have the right to express his or her views and opinions with respect to the candidates; provided, however, that no Member shall libel or slander the Local Union, its Members, its Officers, District Members, or any candidate, where such slander or libel is contrary to the responsibility of every member to the Local Union as an institution or specifically interferes with the Local Union's performance of its legal or contractual obligations. (*Constitutional Amendment, 2003 Convention*)

(b) Any Member found guilty of violating Paragraph (a) of this Section 5 shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Constitution and Bylaws, and if such Member should be a candidate he or she shall, if found guilty, in addition to any fine, suspension or expulsion, suffer the loss of the Office for which he or she is a candidate, if elected thereto.

Section 6

The Recording-Corresponding Secretary or his or her designee, upon request of any bona fide candidate for Office, shall distribute such candidate's campaign literature, by mail; provided the candidate making such request does so in writing, advising the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the type of mailing, pays all costs involved, and delivers the literature to the Recording-Corresponding Secretary or his or her designee in an envelope, with two (2) copies of the literature, the contents of the envelope and two (2) of the envelopes. (*International directive, May 11, 1999*)

No such request shall be honored if made on or after 5:00 p.m., Local Time, the 5th day of August next preceding the mailing of the ballots.

Section 7

Where any candidate duly nominated is unopposed for election, the secret ballot vote shall be dispensed with and the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall cast one (1) ballot for such nominees who shall then be declared duly elected to their respective Offices. Nomination, Acceptance of Nomination, and election records – including but not limited to the list of eligible voters, the ballots cast and all challenges and challenged ballots, the certificate of the certified public accountants, copies of all requests for distribution of campaign literature with copies thereof, and envelopes in which mailed, the record of the cost thereof and the amount received for such work – shall be preserved by the Recording-Corresponding Secretary for a period of at least one (1) year.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with Article XII, Section 3(e) of the Local Union Bylaws, "The certified public accountants shall mail the ballots and return envelopes to the eligible voters between August 10th and 16th preceding the election, and shall open the post office box for the first and last time on the August 26th next following, at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day."

In an envelope marked "OFFICIAL BALLOT," you will receive (1) the official ballot, with complete instructions about how to fill it out on the reverse side; (2) a business reply envelope, and (3) a secrecy envelope. When you receive your Official Ballot envelope, open it, and remove the contents. Follow the voting instructions.

Important: You must sign your name on the Return Address Form or your ballot will be invalid and will not be counted. Your signature will only identify you as an eligible voter, but in no way will indicate how you voted.

You must deposit your ballot in the mail so that it will be received no later than 10:00 a.m., August 26, 2006 at the P.O. Box in Alameda. **You should vote and mail your ballot early.** Ballots arriving in the P.O. Box after this time and date will not be counted. **Do not mail dues payments or any other material with your ballot.**

If you have a foreign address, you will not receive a business reply envelope, but will be required to pay the necessary postage yourself, since under present regulations it is impossible for the Local Union to arrange otherwise.

In the event you do not receive a ballot by August 16, 2006, or your ballot is destroyed or lost, you should call Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co. LLP toll free at 1-800-200-6173 for a replacement ballot. This service will be available 7 days a week 24 hours a day until August 21, 2006.

SAMPLE BALLOT

01

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
Official Ballot - 2006 Election of Officers and Executive Board members

P 01

District 01

104-06-01

MARK YOUR BALLOT LIKE THIS

Business Manager (Vote for 1)

☐ John Bonilla, Incumbent

☐ Russell E. Burns, Crane Operator

☐ Douglas Corson, Excavator Operator

President (Vote for 1)

☐ John R. Giordano, Foreman

☐ Fred Herschbach, Track Loader Operator

☐ Walter R. Powers, Hydraulic Crane Operator

Vice President (Vote for 1)

☐ Frank Herrera, Incumbent

☐ Gruzly Bear Farwell, Dozer Operator

☐ Carl L. Got', Crane Operator

Recording-Corresponding Secretary (Vote for 1)

☐ Robert "Rob" Wise, Incumbent

☐ Larry Edg nton

☐ Craig Gebhart, Foreman

Financial Secretary (Vote for 1)

☐ Leabert F. Lindsey, Crane Operator

☐ Allan Parker

☐ James K. Sullivan, Heavy Duty Repairman

Treasurer (Vote for 1)

☐ Edwin C. Lamb, Heavy Duty Repairman/Welder

☐ Dan Red ng, Crane Operator

☐ Roger Wilson, Excavator Operator

Trustee (Vote for 3)

☐ Chuck Billings, Loader Operator

☐ Michael J. Dodgin, Grader/setter

☐ William "Ka'ani" Mahoe, Dozer Operator

☐ Ken Oku, Foreman

☐ D. J. Robertson, Loader Operator

☐ Dan Speck, Plant Operator

☐ Steve Stewart, Partsman

Auditor (Vote for 3)

☐ Mark August, Heavy Duty Repairman

☐ Mark Burton, Crane Operator

☐ Don Dietrich, Loader Operator

☐ Steve Harris, Heavy Duty Repairman

☐ Tom Starkey

☐ Travis Tweedy, Munitions Handler

Conductor (Vote for 1)

☐ Justin Diston, Portable Crusher Operator

☐ Steve Ingersoll

Guard (Vote for 1)

☐ Eric R. Sargent, Incumbent

☐ Josh J. Jager, Crane Operator

☐ Joe Santella

District 01 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Raymond Mangini, Incumbent

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

DETACH HERE BEFORE ENCLOSING BALLOT PORTION IN SECRECY ENVELOPE AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED ON THE RETURN ADDRESS FORM

PLACE IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE SO THAT THIS SIDE SHOWS IN THE WINDOW

SECRECY WINDOW - DO NOT OPEN HERE - NO MARKS HERE - NO SIGNATURE HERE

YOUR ADDRESS SHOWS IN THE SECRECY WINDOW - DO NOT SIGN HERE

YOUR SIGNATURE HERE

ALABAMA 06-06-01

PO BOX 4018

CH MILLER KAPLAN ARASE & CO LLP

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3

Signature _____

Mike Voter 987654321

Oakland, CA 94606

NOTE: (Ballots for each District will be as shown in the Sample Ballot above. The only differences will be in the District Number & the candidates' names as shown below.)

NOTE: The Sample Ballot set out above is subject to correction by the Election Committee by reason of the failure of a candidate to continue to be eligible or to qualify for any reason.

District 04 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Tim Lassiter, Incumbent

☐ Darren Tousignant, Loader Operator

District 10 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ James D. Spain, Incumbent

District 11 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Scott Fullerton, Foreman

District 12 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Glenn Smith, Incumbent

☐ Roland E. Laventure, Hydraulic Excavator Operator

District 17 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Michael Brandt, Incumbent

District 20 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Andrew Lagosh, Incumbent

☐ Steve Daily, Journeyman Partsman

District 30 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Michael Halloran, Incumbent

☐ Richard Valentino, Power Blade Operator

District 40 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Michael J. Johnson, Incumbent

District 50 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Ronald A. McClain, Incumbent

District 60 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Kurt Faria, Screenshotman

☐ Larry King, Working Foreman

☐ Luther T. Slack, Finish Blade Operator

District 70 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Stan Green, Incumbent

District 80 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ James Graham, Incumbent

☐ Francis "Scooter" Gentry, Crane Operator

District 90 Executive Board Member (Vote for 1)

☐ Michael Sierra, Incumbent

☐ Larry G. Watson, Equipment Operator

Unopposed candidates

Article XII, Section 7 of the Local Union Bylaws states in part: "When any candidate duly nominated is unopposed for election, the secret ballot vote shall be dispensed with and the Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall cast one (1) ballot for such nominees who shall then be declared duly elected to their respective Offices."

The Election Committee has found that the following candidates have been duly nominated for their respective Offices and are unopposed. A white ballot will be cast for each of them on August 26, 2006.

Executive Board Members

Raymond Mangini	District 01
James D. Spain	District 10
Scott Fullerton	District 11
Michael Brandt	District 17
Michael J. Johnson	District 40
Ronald A. McClain	District 50
Stan Green	District 70

Suspended members and applicants for membership on a time-payment plan

According to the Local 3 Bylaws, you cannot vote in the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 election of Officers and Executive Board Members in August 2006 unless you are a current member. If you want to vote, all required fees and/or dues owed and all reinstatement of membership paperwork, (if you are a suspended member), and all required fees and/or dues owed, (if you are an applicant), must be paid and processed in full by the **close of business Monday, July 31, 2006**. If you want to vote, contact your district office to make these payments immediately.

A note from the Election Committee

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3's Bylaws provide that The Election Committee "shall make certain that adequate safeguards are maintained so as to protect the secrecy of ballots." The Election Committee wants all members to know that the Local 3 voting procedures are carefully designed to protect the secrecy of the voting process. The Committee also asked that this summary of its rules for "unusual situations" concerning the counting of ballots be printed in the July and August editions of the *Engineers News*.

- Return envelopes that do not contain the required **signed** Return Address Form are invalid and will not be counted.
- Ballots returned without a secrecy envelope will be counted (subject to efforts to protect the secrecy of the ballot).
- Ballots that are not machine readable because they are damaged will be reviewed and counted subject to the Committee's discretion.
- Ballots that are signed or bear an identifying mark are invalid and will not be counted.
- Problem ballots not described above are subject to review by the Committee.

SwapShop ads are offered free of charge to members in good standing for the sale or trade of personal items and/or real estate. Please notify the office immediately if your item has been sold. Business-related offerings are not eligible for inclusion in **SwapShop**. *Engineers News* reserves the right to edit ads. Deadline 1st of the month. Limit two ads per issue.

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

**Operating Engineers
Local Union No. 3
3920 Lennane Dr.,
Sacramento, CA 95834
ATTN: SwapShop***

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

**Or e-mail to:
mjessup@oe3.org**

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

FOR SALE: 2 1-person pontoon boats with electric motors. \$600 for both. (925) 484-3138. Reg# 1235515.

FOR SALE: Wane Stump Cutter, 20" Tow-able, with Wisconsin Robbin V4-65 Runs Good. Needs Clutch. \$3,000.00 obo. Motor would be a great power source for a screen plant, or belt stacker. AND: Double Star MFG. Antique Free Standing Parlor Stove. Needs To Be Refinished. \$1,800.00 obo. AND: 1989 Ford F250 4X4 8' flat bed. Rebuilt 351 W on a stand \$3200.00 invested in engine. Needs paint, upholstery & tires. E-mail: connors_pa@yahoo.com or call Patrick @ (707) 544-6762. Reg# 2404458.

FOR SALE: 2-place ultralight/sport plane. Flies nice, looks nice. Rebuilt two years ago from the ground up. Beautiful new sails, 100 hrs. on rebuilt airframe, 75 hrs. on new Rotax 503 DCDI, silver Jet Hot exhaust. Powerfin carbon fiber ground adjustable prop. Carbon fiber/Kevlar seats. Current BRS chute, Hegar disk brakes. ASI, CHT, EGT Tack/hour meter, Softcom intercom. Flown regularly, Demo ride possible, hanger kept in San Rafael \$10,500. Please Call (707) 738-2457. Reg# 1166637.

FOR SALE: 1998 TRAVEL-EAZE fifth-wheel 30ft. Living room slide-out and back kitchen. Fiberglass exterior, walk around queen size bed. Oak cabinets, microwave, TV, stereo, duel pane windows, and lots more. \$18,200 (707)-839-4001 Reg #2035197.

FOR SALE: Two cremations and two niches for veteran and wife in Skylawn Memorial Park Cemetery - Half Moon Bay, Calif. \$3,500. Phone: (505) 634-0125. Reg# 0845363.

FOR SALE: 1993 Alegro 33' 18,000 miles, with 12 ft. slideout. 7,000 generator, auto levelers and step. 2 AC units. 90% rubber. \$40,000. Call 541-546-2240, and ask for Jim Reg # 2477310.

FOR SALE: Antler's Inn in beautiful Ukiah, Oregon. Located in northeast Oregon, this rustic inn has 12 rooms with a total of 29 beds. The hotel welcomes all sort of guests year-round and is located in the heart of elk and deer country. New roof and metal siding. Excellent condition. \$475,000. For info, call (541) 772-6726 or (541) 890-8196. Email: donaldatkinson@peoplepc.com. Check out this website for more details: www.theantlersinn.com/Antlers_Inn.html Reg# 1203552

FOR SALE: Cozy, two-story, 3-4 bedroom/1 bath home in Quincy, CA. Wood floors, propane heat and fireplace, quiet neighborhood. Owner finance \$299,700 w/45K down. Call Bill or Donna @ (530) 432-0667 or (530) 902-2307. Reg. # 0892694

FOR SALE: Full record collection. I have some 9,000 33.5 albums: some never opened. Lots of hard rock, oldies, country, jazz, blues, soul, instrumental. You name it-I have it. I have 2,000 entered and printed in computer: must buy all or none: \$4,600. Call: (208) 773-2594. Reg# 0827031.

FOR SALE: Allison MT 653 5-spd, automatic trans, plus accessories. Not ran since rebuilt. \$3,500. AND Allison AT 545 4-spd., automatic trans, used, \$1,200 AND: 3-phase static convertor 3 to 5 horsepower range, new-never used: \$200. Call: (707) 443-6480. Reg# 987316.

FOR SALE: Retired master mechanic offers large selection of tools for sale. Examples: 34 piece _ drive socket set in box, \$600, _ impact air wrench, \$175, 5 combination wrenches 1-11/16 in. to 2 in., \$200. 3/8 in. dial torque wrench, proto 1/2 in. torque wrench. Also: micrometer and dial indicator sets. Much more. Call: (530) 662-7516 or e-mail: wrmstone dg47@peoplePC.com. Reg# 1196347.

FOR SALE: beautiful Bethel Island California home on deep water, 36-ft. covered berth with two side ties. 2600+ft. heated/cooled home. 3 large bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 13x27 ft. entertainment rooms, living room, dining room and kitchen have fantastic views of water and Mt. Diablo. Kitchen has large island. Decks surround 3 sides of house. Tiles/hardwood floors. Double-car garage, large yard with mature cherry trees. Purchase with or without furniture. AND: lovely, two-story Brentwood, Calif. Home built in 1998; still under builder's warranty. Main floor consists of livingroom/diningroom, family room with fireplace and full bath. Master bedroom with bath and 2 bedrooms and a full bath are on second level, kitchen and baths have upgraded tile floors, central heat/air. Call (925) 684-2861. Reg# 2018052.

FOR SALE: 1984 AMC Eagle limited wagon, 4 X 4, 6 cyl, turbo 400 trans with overdrive. 59,000 miles, one owner, great condition, \$3,000. Call: (707) 422-2901. Reg# 1148299.

FOR SALE: 1967 fiberform 20-ft. cabin cruiser w/newer trailer; health forces sale. \$4500 OBO. ANDL 8-ft. overhead camper with fridge, sink and stove w/oven. Needs work. Make offer. Call: (775) 359-4737. Reg# 23371124.

FOR SALE: Case 580L backhoe: Cab, 4 and 1 loader, extend-a-hoe, buckets included (12,18, 24-inch). AND: 1984 GMC 7000: 12-ft. flatbed, fuel tank with electric change over pump: AND: Walton gooseneck trailer: 12-ton, ramp load: \$45,000. Call evenings for details: (408) 842-6215. Reg# 1071005.

FOR SALE: D4 CAT.7U Dozer hydraulic blade/wide tracks/double BG pump/\$6500/OBO AND: 3 PT. Dump scraper \$250 AND: New Holland Hay Bailer-model 68-2 wire \$1000. AND: 2-new Holland hay bailers-model 68-2 twine for parts, \$500. AND: Field pull behind hay loader \$250. Call: (530)527-8435. Reg# 1082385.

FOR SALE: engine test stand, rolls on wheels, \$250 OBO. AND: 2-ton trolley, brand-new, \$60. AND: Yale, 1-ton chain fall, \$60. Call: (510) 919-4519. Reg# 240979.

FOR SALE: 3 axle equipment trailer, rated at 17,000 pounds. 6 new tires, electric brakes. \$1950. Call Greg at (707) 529-6740. Reg# 2276274.

FOR SALE: Investment lots located in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Growing area. Last year, 2,000 personnel were moved here for the Air Force. Expected growth next year, more than 4,000. Gentle slope with grass and rye coverage. Can carry with \$5,000 down and \$150 a month at 5 percent interest. Call: (541) 798-1073. Reg# 0728471.

FOR SALE: Beautiful, 5-year old house. 3-bedroom, 2 bath w/huge upstairs master bedroom, w/river balcony. Combination kitchen, diningroom and livingroom with covered deck around house. 2,200 sq. ft. on 1 acre river property. 30 x 70 metal insulated shop w/office and loft. 16-ft. eaves. Located 13 miles east of Coos Bay, OR. On the Millicoma River. Beautifully landscaped w/fruit trees and lawn. \$500,000. Call (541) 266-7310. Reg# 0661027.

FOR SALE: 2001 Dodge Durango SLT. 4 WD, Fully loaded, 3rd row seat, 5.9L V8. Excellent Cond. Runs Great. Auto,CD,PW ,PS. Bronze Color. 77,500 Miles, mostly highway. \$13,999 O.B.O. Below Kelly Blue Book. (209) 795-6569 or cell (209) 404-6725. Clarence. Reg.#1040650

FOR SALE: 2001 F450 Ford 6-speed Travis 16-ft. flatbed with Tommy Lift gate. \$15,000 OBO. Call: (209) 736-2215. Reg# 2123401.

FOR SALE: 3 Axle equipment trailer, rated at 17,000 lbs. Six new tires, electric brakes. \$1950. Call Greg @ (707) 529-6740. Reg# 2276274.

FOR SALE: 2002 Ford GT Mustang Convertible; 41,000 Miles, V8, 5 Speed Manual Trans., A.C., Power Steering, Power Brakes (ABS) Power Door Locks, Keyless Entry, Power Windows, Power Dual Mirrors, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Upholstery, AM/FM Stereo; Multi Compact Disc, Traction Control, Custom Wheels, Lowered, Tinted Windows: \$17,500.00 Call:(650) 483-3610. Reg# 1003161.

FOR SALE: Honda Generator EU1000i super quiet, mint condition only 2 hours running time. Great for home or RV's.... \$650.00 OBO. (925) 432-9256. Reg# 1191153.

FOR SALE: 1947 Wilby's Jeep. In excellent condition. Call Paul at (775) 463-7408. Reg# 1075520.

FOR SALE OR TRADE, Lowery Coronation Organ in excellent condition, bench, music, learning instructions. Would prefer small pickup w/auto Transmission. Cost new over \$13,000 A.F.Paulazzo, 1516 Hawkinsville-Humburg Rd., Yreka, Calif. 96097 Call (916) 842-3689. Reg# 603448.

WANTED: Jeeps 1977-1985. Jeep CJ7 Laredo, Renegade and Golden eagles and CJ8 scramblers. Must be all stock and in original condition. Please send any pictures to e-mail: EDDIEHASKLE56@msn.com or call: (210) 860-5611. Reg# 2329074.

FOR SALE: 1989 RV, 27's, Class C, twin beds, air conditioning, generator, sofa bed, two swivel chairs and table. Bed over cab. Propane detector. Three-way refrigerator. Complete replacement of engine/air conditioner in 2005. Replcae fan clutch, R & R radiator and clean. Replace thermostat and belt and radiator hoses in 2004. Replace master cylinder and flush brake fluid in 2003. Ford V8 460 Cu. In fuel injected E 350. \$14,000. Call Ed: (650) 593-6385. Reg# 0558767.

WANTED: Mazda Miata, any condition. Call Jay at (707) 645-1771. Reg# 1951853.

FOR SALE: 1994 JAYCO Eagle 5th wheel, purchased NEW in 1995. Rear living room, full slide out, Queen size bed, electric front leveling jaks, king pin stabilizing stand, double long sewer hoses, extra length Electric extension, wheel covers and front cover for king pin area, truck mirrors, plus extras. Call (417) 673-3988. Reg# 1152869.

FOR SALE: 1964 GMC 4106, air brakes, air bags, 6.5 Onnan generator, two roof airs, fully converted, new clutch, 3-way fridge, rear bedroom walkway, oak flooring and cabinetry, full awning, and 4 speed. Runs great! \$22,000 OBO, will trade or barter. Taking major loss. Any questions 408-640-4277

FOR SALE: Brand-new home in Nampa, ID. 2369 sq. ft., 2 story, 2-car garage. Landscaped, with sprinklers in front and back. Large lot: 129 ft. X 60 ft. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath. Tile in kitchen with rollout drawers in cabinets. Bay door entry way to

covered patio in backyard. Open floor plan. Living room flows into family room, then kitchen, with walk-in pantry and half-bath. Upstairs has 2 bedrooms and 1 master w/master bath, plus another bathroom with 2 other bedrooms. Large loft area, computer area. Plus, television or play area for kids. \$250,000. (831) 633-8850. Reg# 2392944.

FOR SALE: 1967 MGB-GT5. This is a driver vehicle, mot a show or collector car. Excellent condition. New wire wheels, hubs, bearings and races. New custom black/grey upholstery. Red exterior paint. 30+ MPG. 4000 miles on complete engine rebuild. New tires. \$6,500 FIRM. Call (530) 320-0656 OR (530) 637-4423 Reg# 2067088.

FOR SALE: New Mexico hideaway. 5.26 acres of box-es ranch; wooded hillside near national forest and Zuni Reservation, 14 miles off the hard top (last 3 acres are 4WD in bad weather), near Ramah in McKinley County. Truly beautiful. Good hunting, several cabin sites. Asking \$12,000 OBO. Photos available online at cww111@sbcglobal.net or Call (775) 329-0806. Reg# 1369144.

FOR SALE: A traveler's delight. '92 Roadtrek 190 motor home, 17-foot Dodge 350 chassis, 52,000 miles, A/C, electric/propane heater, microwave, gas/electric refrigerator, and toilet. Very good condition--\$18,000 OBO. (707) 644-9433. (leave a message). Reg# 0338825.

FOR SALE: Model 990, David brown farm tractor, new rubber, diesel. 1970s-year, some parts, books, with sale Runs good \$500. AND: British Rifle. 308. caliber w/scope, bolt action, nice condition. \$350 or trade for hand gun of equal value. (209) 892-2562. Reg# 2193846.

FOR SALE: Cement-mixer, small, about two-wheel barrels. On wheels. (510) 582-5259. Reg# 0657828.

FOR SALE: 1999 GMC Suburban 4x4 1500. Moving, need to sell; make an offer, 350 Vortec AT, Cuise control LS/HS/PW/PL/PS/CD/AC/PW, Tow package, new tires 133K miles. \$8,000 OBO. AND: Small utility trailer with camper shell, front storage lock box with holder for gas cans. \$1,000 OBO. (707) 996-0654. Reg# 1943399.

FOR SALE: \$525,000 for a lovely 1967sq ft, 4 BD 2 1/2 bath, two story home in a cul de sac in Fairfield, CA. A family oriented layout, with lots of storage and landscaped front and back yard, it's a great place to raise a family. Call the owners, Lani or Kathy at (707) 425-2467 and leave a message, or call the Help U Sell office (707) 432-5700. Reg# 1447218.

FOR SALE: 2000 Damon Hornet 36' apartment on wheels. 18K. It is in Washington State, delivery can be negotiated. View photos at <http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/swg-malan/detail?.dir=/6452&dnm=8715re2.jpg&src=ph> Fully loaded, central air. (253) 266-2286. Reg# 2109142.

FROM FRESNO

Members repair washed-out roadway

It is officially summertime, and things are booming in the Fresno District.

Rising Sun Company is performing bridge and realignment work in Big Creek. With the weather nearing the 100-degree mark in the valley, working in the cool mountain air is a welcome treat.

Garrett Construction is working on a new phase of the Harlan Ranch in Clovis utilizing several Operating Engineers to get the job done right.

American Paving is in Tulare, Dos Palos and Los Banos with road and housing projects.

Sanchez Grading & Paving is working on Hwy. 168 to repair the four-lane highway that was washed out during the last series of storms. The company is installing a French drain, filling it with rock and rebuilding the slope. Thirty-year member **Lewis Beach** handles the excavator work on that project with ease, just as an experienced operator should.



Members working for Sanchez Grading & Paving repair Hwy. 168 after recent storm damage.

Speedway for the Local 3 Union Members' Race Night. Several members are race car drivers and have the need for speed. You just can't get a blade or scraper to go more than 80 miles per hour! The gates open at 3 p.m. with opening ceremonies beginning at 5:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 each and can be purchased at the Fresno District office. For each ticket sold, \$3 will be donated to the Craycroft Youth Center for abandoned, abused and neglected children. The person selling the most tickets to this event will have an opportunity to drive a race car and show off their racing skills.

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The Nevada District staff sends condolences to the family of Executive Board member **Robert Marsh**, who passed away May 8.

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OE3 races, donates money to youth center

Experience is needed at the Madera Speedway on Saturday, July 22. Several Local 3 members, friends and families will be at the Madera

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Fresno District meetings on Wednesday, July 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 18. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the Ramada Inn at Shaw and Hwy. 41 in Fresno, Calif. See you there.

FROM UTAH

Members, leaders, friends attend District 12 picnic

Active members, retirees, family members, politicians and many more attended the District 12 picnic this year to enjoy breakfast, mingle with dignitaries and relax in the company of fellow Operating Engineers.

Breakfast was served at 10 a.m., followed by a short program with speeches from Utah political leaders, including Congressman **Jim Matheson**, Utah Democratic Party Chairman **Wayne Holland** and Salt Lake County Clerk **Sherrie Swenson**.

Our 50-year members and watch/clock recipients were also recognized. We wish to honor these longtime Operating Engineers!

We'd like to thank all those who attended and hope to see all of you next year!



Local 3 Retiree Bob Sawdey and his wife, Sherry, were the happy grand prize winners of the raffle drawing – a stainless steel outdoor grill.



Stephen and Marijke Johnson take time to smile for the camera before sitting down for breakfast. They are both Local 3 members.



Apprentices Landon Roseman and Kourtney Morgan help cook breakfast for the May 20 Utah District picnic.



Thirty-year OE3 member and Utah Executive Board Member Glenn Smith visits with retirees at the Utah District picnic.



Local 3 member Scott Sorensen and his family picnic on the lawn at Draper City Park.



From left: Salt Lake City Congressional District Director Mike Reberg, State Democratic Party Chairman Wayne Holland, Asst. District Rep. Dale Cox, District Rep. Jim Sullivan, Congressman Jim Matheson and Local 3 President Bob Miller.

FROM STOCKTON

During peak season, stay close to a telephone

Maybe you made a quick trip to the store without your cell phone or pager, and the telephone call you missed was from one of our dispatchers. Depending on how quickly the employer needs someone, the dispatcher may not be able to wait for you to return the phone call. The message: Stay close to a telephone. It is also critical to keep your out-of-work registration active. If you have not received a phone call from our dispatcher, your registration may have expired. Contact your district hall office and determine your status. There are work opportunities throughout the Stockton District, and at this time of year, everyone should be working.

DeSilva Gates is at peak activity on its Hwy. 99 job through Stockton, involving some night work. RGW is also near maximum employment at its Hwy. 99 project at Hwy. 120 in Manteca. This job also involves night work, so stay alert when you drive through these work areas.

District 30 recently held a pre-job conference with O.C. Jones and C.C. Meyers regarding their \$76 million project on Hwy. 205. This long-awaited improvement will add one lane in each direction from I-5 to the west end of Tracy, which already has three lanes in each direction. These companies began work in June but will not be at full employment until next year. The main focus of the work this year will be on the pile-driving and related preliminary work for the bridges and soundwalls, which will allow both to be built during the winter months when it may be too wet to move dirt. These three jobs are some of the more noticeable projects in the Stockton District; however, there is a considerable amount of public work throughout our area, and we are also fortunate to have numerous jobs in the private area.

All of the rock plants in District 30 are at maximum production, working multiple shifts to meet customer demand and keeping the equipment fully maintained and repaired.

Due to a wet spring, all of the work this year will be compressed into a compact work season. This will require long work days and long work weeks. Be careful on the jobsite and be safe going to and from work.

In closing, the Stockton District staff bids **John Baker** a fond farewell as he joins our ever-growing group of retirees. John served our district as a dispatcher, business representative and apprenticeship coordinator. We wish him all the best.

Michael Pickens has joined our staff as the new apprenticeship coordinator. Look for him in the field or in our office. Please make him feel welcome as he becomes acquainted with his new surroundings.



Trainer Ernie Fernandes, Chloe Carpenter, member Bill Carpenter, Trainer Matt Fernandes, Billy Carpenter, Stockton District Rep. Tom Aja and Grievance Committee members Tim Grimes and Tim King. Stockton District 30 proudly sponsors member Bill Carpenter's Moto-Cross team. District Rep. Tom Aja hands over the sponsorship check to Carpenter's son, Billy "Bear."

FROM OAKLAND

District 20 does it right

A storm may have been brewing in the skies May 20, but it never showed up during the Oakland District picnic. The clouds scattered away by the afternoon, and all picnic attendees were glad, because the prizes were good (even an iPod), the food was even better (pulled pork to die for) and lots of members, their families and friends had a great time. There was

even a birthday celebration – Oakland Business Rep. **Charles McGuire's**, a mascot dog named Sanchez who sported Local 3 stickers with panache and a three-legged race for all the children. Good times were had by all, and the rains stayed away until nightfall.



From left: Fifteen-year member Leo Orozco and his wife, Luisa, decide they both want the iPod among the many raffle prizes.



Donna Tangney and 35-year member James Tangney get ready to eat pulled pork and baked beans.



From left: Allison Harris, 26-year member Andrew Harris and Business Manager John Bonilla smile for the camera.



Retiree Lake Austin sports his famous Local 3 vest, complete with initiation date and registration number. Austin joined the union in 1953 and remembers when the pension was started with a nickel.



Rec. Corres. Secretary Rob Wise visits with members at the May 20 Oakland District picnic.



From left: Forty-six-year member Jim Boné talks with 42-year member Gary Reese and his wife, Stephanie.



OE3 children begin the three-legged race at the Oakland District picnic.