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April 28 in Salem

Governor to dedicate new Fallen Workers Memorial

SALEM —The Oregon AFL-CIO will hold a memorial service at the new Fallen Workers Memorial on the Capitol Mall at noon Tuesday, April 28 — Workers Memorial Day.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski will speak and dedicate the permanent memorial located near the main entrance of the Labor and Industries Building at 350 Winter St. NE.

The memorial service will include the reading of the names of the 62 Oregon workers killed on the job in 2008, as well as Oregon soldiers killed in military service last year. (A list of those names appears on Pages 6 and 7 of this issue.) The Oregon AFL-CIO also is asking union members to make arrangements with their employers to observe a moment of silence that day.

Workers Memorial Day was enacted by the AFL-CIO in 1989 to remember workers killed or injured on the job. April 28 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the day of a similar remembrance in Canada.

The Oregon AFL-CIO's Safety and Health Committee has been working for four years (finding a location, securing permits, and raising cash) to erect a memorial in Oregon. The idea started in 2005 with a resolution passed at the state labor federation's convention. Labor unions have played a role in helping construct more than 100 permanent memorials nationwide.

Ground finally was broken in Salem the week of Feb. 23. The

memorial consists of a large boulder within a landscaped sitting area in front of the L&I building. The boulder has a union-made bronze plaque attached to it with the inscription:

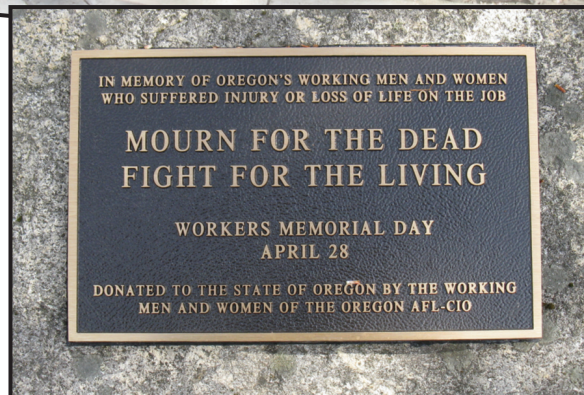
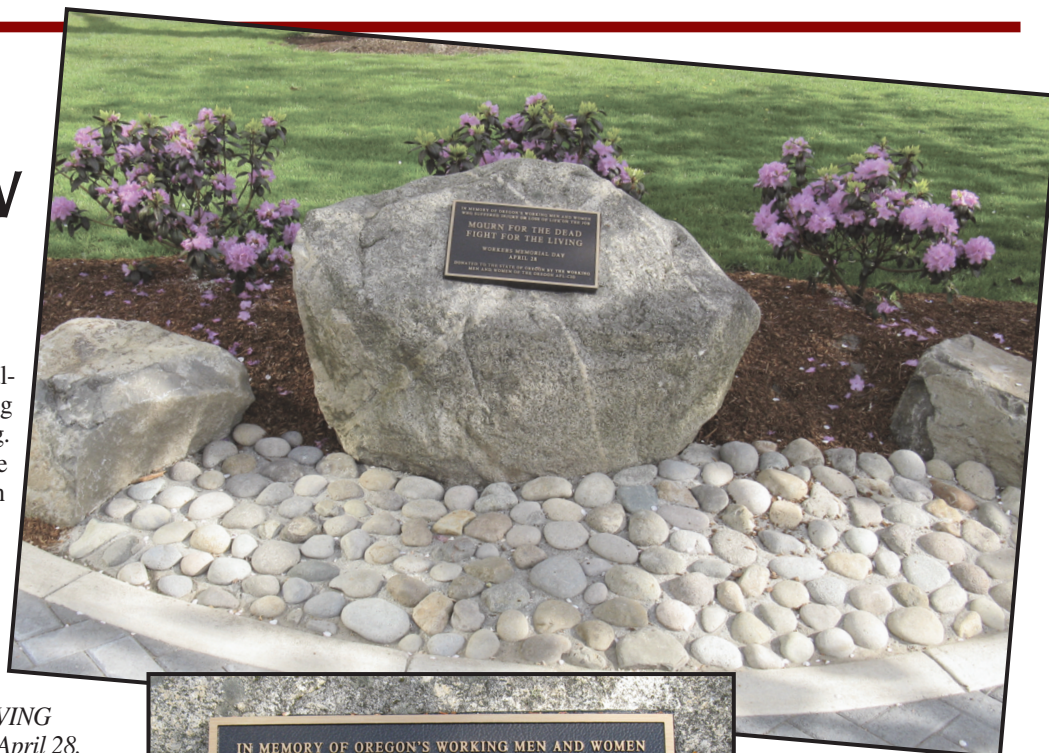
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To date, \$37,500 of the \$49,765 cost has been collected for the Fallen Workers Memorial. Donations can be sent to: Oregon AFL-CIO, Worker Memorial Fund 2110 State St. Salem, OR 97301.



Photos by Steve Lanning

Dirty Diesel: Millions of Americans exposed at work

By DON McINTOSH
Associate Editor

It's in the air we breathe. Diesel exhaust contains at least 40 toxic air contaminants, plus soot particles so small that they bypass filters in the human body. And it's everywhere in urban air. Some people breathe more of it than others. Millions of American workers are exposed at work to diesel exhaust — truckers and loading dock workers, obviously, but also longshore, maritime, and railroad workers, school and city bus drivers, firefighters, construction workers, and others who work near heavy equipment.

The good news, for breathers, is that new heavy-duty trucks and buses have some of the cleanest engines in the world, thanks to Environmental Protection Agency rules that took effect in 2007. These new diesel engines are so clean that the air coming out the tailpipe is cleaner than the air that went into the engine — in polluted locales like Los Angeles, anyway.

The "bad" news is that diesel engines are incredibly durable. That means a "legacy fleet" of dirty older-model diesel engines is likely to be

putting worker health at risk for decades to come. There's a tow boat on the Columbia River, for example, that still runs on an engine pulled



out of a World War II submarine. These engines stick around.

So it's the job of one union member — Kevin Downing — to persuade owners of diesel engines to take measures to reduce exhaust sooner rather than later. Downing coordinates the Oregon Clean Diesel Initiative at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and is a former president of Local 3336 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

"It takes a certain amount of convincing," Downing said, "because I really can't guarantee there will be fewer people sick on job, and I can't guarantee they're going to see reductions in their health insurance premiums. But there are tremendous benefits to the community at large."

The medical evidence, Downing says, is convincing.

"Diesels always have had a reputation for being smoky and smelly," Downing said. "But now, what we're discovering through advances in medical research is that particulates are more than a nuisance; they are a health concern.

There's increased risk for lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, bronchitis, and other health effects."

"We can't predict on an individual basis who will experience these health effects," Downing said. "But we can say that generally with increasing exposure to diesel, we see increasing incidence of [the diseases]."

Part of the problem is that carcinogenic chemicals produced when diesel fuel combusts "stick" to the soot particles in the exhaust, and those particles are small — 2.5 microns in diameter, one-hundredth the width of a human hair. The particles are so small that they can't be trapped by nose hair or swept out by cilia cells that line the windpipe. They enter the lungs and go directly into the bloodstream, where they affect the metabolism of cells, causing inflammation and blood clotting that can lead to heart attacks.

Non-road diesel engines are the dirtiest. In Oregon, Downing said, construction equipment represents as large a segment of the total contri-

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SolarWorld gets tax breaks while dumping union workforce

The German-owned company will get nearly \$43 million in tax breaks and subsidies, while cutting family-wage union jobs in Vancouver and hiring lower-paid nonunion workers in Hillsboro

By **DON McINTOSH**
Associate Editor

Two dozen union workers were laid off last month from a SolarWorld silicon ingot factory in Vancouver, Washington. Next Friday, 27 more will be let go. But it wasn't recession or foreign competition that killed their jobs. Rather, SolarWorld is progressively downsizing its union workforce while aggressively ramping up employment at a new nonunion facil-

ity in Hillsboro, Oregon — for which the company is getting nearly \$43 million in tax breaks and other public subsidies.

German-headquartered SolarWorld, one of the world's largest solar energy companies, acquired the Vancouver plant and another in Camarillo, California, when it bought Royal Dutch Shell's solar division in 2006. The Vancouver workers had been represented by Machinists Local 1432

since the 1980s. SolarWorld promised there'd be no job cuts for a year.

Then in March 2007, SolarWorld bought a 480,000-square-foot silicon chip factory in Hillsboro from the Komatsu Group. SolarWorld paid \$40 million for a factory that had cost Komatsu \$472 million to build, and announced it would spend \$400 million to turn it into the largest solar wafer manufacturing facility in North America. The company employed mostly union building trades subcontractors on the changeover, and the Hillsboro plant opened on schedule in October 2008.

Would the company's own workers be union as well? When Machinists District Lodge 24 Business Representative Scott Lucy met with SolarWorld last summer to negotiate a new contract, he hoped the company would agree to remain neutral toward any future efforts by its new Hillsboro workers to unionize. SolarWorld rejected that proposal.

It also demanded concessions, including elimination of the severance benefits that workers would get if laid off. Members voted Nov. 2, 2008, to authorize a strike, for the first time ever. But at length they agreed to a cut in severance pay — from three weeks pay for every year of service to one week.

On Jan. 27, SolarWorld announced 52 permanent workers and 11 temps in Vancouver would be laid off in March and April 2009. A skeleton crew of about eight would remain to recycle scrap silicon.

Workers were told they could apply for jobs at the Hillsboro site — 32 miles away. But those would be non-union, at-will jobs, with lower pay and

benefits and none of the union job protections; work shifts would rotate every other week between 12-hour-long graveyard and 12-hour-long day shifts; and if they took jobs in Hillsboro, they would lose their severance pay. Only a half-dozen accepted jobs at the new plant, Lucy said.

SolarWorld spokesperson Anne Schneider wouldn't tell the Labor Press what Hillsboro production workers are paid, other than to say it's "competitive." But Vancouver workers say they were told to expect \$11 to \$13 an hour. That compares to \$12.24 to \$26.27 an hour under the union contract, depending on skill and experience. Most of the Vancouver workers made between \$14 to \$19 an hour.

If \$11 to \$13 an hour is the norm at SolarWorld Hillsboro, that wouldn't meet the conditions of its enterprise zone tax break.

Under a state program, companies locating in designated "enterprise zones" pay no property taxes for up to five years on new equipment they install. For SolarWorld, that's an estimated tax savings totaling about \$11.5 million. The State of Oregon asks almost nothing in return for that, but local governments can put extra conditions on zones in their jurisdictions, and Hillsboro requires that at least 75 percent of the jobs pay at least double the Oregon minimum wage, which is currently \$8.40.

However, in satisfying that requirement, the company can count managers, and can choose not to count temps. The temp agency Kelly Services has been recruiting workers for SolarWorld since at least last summer — and even set up a branch office at the plant. Schneider wouldn't say how many temps the company is employing. SolarWorld has to submit wage data to get the tax break, but the information won't be available to the public, Hillsboro city officials said.

Are these the much-talked-about "green jobs of the future" that politicians at every level are eager to attach themselves to?

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski was there with a prepared statement when SolarWorld opened in Hillsboro: "Oregon must remain aggressive in developing economic opportunities in

industries that will create high-wage jobs and be in high demand for the long-term — industries like renewable energy," he said.

Kulongoski also directed the Strategic Reserve Fund to make a \$1 million grant to train SolarWorld employees.

All four solar manufacturers that set up shop in Oregon since 2007 are in enterprise zones, but the break on property tax is the least of it. Oregon has massively increased tax subsidies and other supports for renewable energy in the last two years. In 2007, the Legislature approved a 50 percent income tax credit for renewable energy investments of up to \$20 million. Because Department of Energy practice allows a 10 percent "cost overrun," in practice that meant wind farms, solar arrays and solar manufacturers get up to \$11 million tax reduction per proj-

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Unemployment rate skyrockets in Oregon

Oregon lost 14,000 more jobs in March, pushing its unemployment rate to 12.1 percent — one of the highest rates in the country.

More than 256,400 Oregonians were out of work last month, compared to 115,629 a year earlier.

The unemployment rate does not include workers who have used up all of their unemployment insurance benefits, or those who have found part-time jobs.

"(The) numbers tell us that we have entered uncharted territory — that this recession is not comparable to the recessions before that we remember or read about in history books," said Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

The trade, transportation and utilities sector was down by 3,600 jobs last month; manufacturing lost 2,100 jobs; and jobs related to the wholesale trade dropped by 800 jobs.



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Former Labor Press editor helped pass workers' comp law in Oregon

Former Oregon Labor Press Editor William A. Marshall was considered "the godfather" of Oregon's workers' compensation law. A member of the Multnomah Typographical Union No. 58, Marshall helped push through a law to provide compensation to injured workers and widows and orphans of those fatally hurt.

In 1912, Gov. Oswald West appointed Marshall to the first State Industrial Accident Commission, where he served until 1927. In that job he became known nationally as an authority on what at that time was referred to as "workmen's compensation."

Later, he was appointed an administrator in Seattle of the federal job-injury compensation program for longshoremen and harbor workers.

William Marshall died in Seattle in 1963 at age 88.



WILLIAM MARSHALL

McDonald's agrees to trim pesticide use

Thanks in part to the national AFL-CIO, McDonald's Corp. has agreed to measures that will reduce pesticide use in its U.S. potato supply chain.

McDonald's is the largest buyer of potatoes in the United States, so the move could improve the environment, public health, and the health of farm workers.

The decision was the result of a shareholder resolution introduced by the AFL-CIO Reserve Fund, Newground Social Investment, and the Bard College Endowment. The fact that the AFL-CIO fund owns 1,000 shares of McDonald's stock entitled it to raise the issue at the company's annual board meeting. To avoid unfavorable publicity, the company agreed to survey its suppliers and promote pesti-

cide use reduction. In return, AFL-CIO and the others agreed to withdraw the resolution.

"Consumers, workers and our environment all suffer from over-use of pesticides," said AFL-CIO President John Sweeney. "As investors, we knew McDonald's could take an important first step, and we're ready to work with the company to change and

grow."

Through the agreement, McDonald's committed to survey its current U.S. potato suppliers; compile a list of best practices in pesticide reduction that will be recommended to the company's global suppliers; and communicate findings to shareholders, and in the company's annual corporate social responsibility report.

NECA-IBEW, other unionized businesses acknowledged at Oregon safety forum

Thirteen leaders in safety and health — many with union ties — were spotlighted March 11 at the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) Conference.

A panel of industry professionals judges the awards, which honor extraordinary contributions to the field of workplace safety and health. The categories include outstanding safety committees, employers, and individuals.

Among the award recipients was the NECA-IBEW Local 48 Joint Safety Committee. The safety committee — made up of 16 members representing both the labor and management side of the electrical industry — has offered training programs including a safety "boot camp" for new apprentices. Safety talk topics are distributed to the 100-plus signatory contractors, along with turn-key programs to better address asbestos exposure, vehicle safety, the handling of mercury and PCBs and other hazardous materials.

Each contractor integrates the information into their own safety programs.

Safety committees from MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn and Roseburg Forest Products in Dillard also received awards.

Although not mentioned at the awards luncheon, MacLaren employees are members of Service Employees International Union, the Oregon School Employees Association, and the Oregon Education Association, while Roseburg Forest Product employees are represented by Carpenters Industrial Council Local 2949.

The MacLaren safety committee coordinates on-site safety fairs, holds safety training, and conducts emergency drills with local fire officials.

At Roseburg FP, the 32-member safety committee uses recognition programs and barbecues as ways to honor achieved safety goals and to stay on top of safety issues.

Three signatory union contractors also received awards: Arctic Sheet

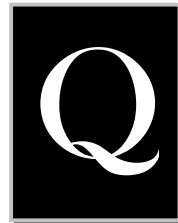
Metal, whose employees are members of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16; Reese Electric of North Bend, whose work crew are members of IBEW Local 932; and Portland general contractor Stacy and Witbeck, which is signatory with several construction unions.

Stacy and Witbeck awards "safety bucks" to employees for safe behavior observed on its projects, which include the Wilsonville-Beaverton commuter

rail project for TriMet. It also holds regular barbecues and weekly all-hands safety meetings.

At Arctic Sheet Metal, 98 percent of the 110-person workforce has had advanced training in safety and health, CPR and first aid.

Reese Electric holds an annual banquet to recognize safety achievements and conducts mandatory safety meetings each month.



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 bution of diesel particulates as all the over-the-road trucks. Cleaner, low-sulfur diesel fuel is required for diesel engines on the highways, but not yet for off-road diesel engines like heavy construction equipment.

“Nobody disputes that there’s a problem with exhaust from diesel engines,” Downing said. “It’s just that for many folks, it’s like ‘tomorrow’s another day, and I’ll worry about it then.’”
 One hurdle is that it can cost \$1,200 to \$12,000 per vehicle to install the fil-

ters and catalytic converters that reduce harmful exhaust. However, there are federal grants available to help with that, Downing said, and Oregon has state business income tax credits that reimburse half the cost of replacing or retrofitting diesel engines.

The recently-passed federal stimulus bill included \$300 million for “Clean Diesel” projects, mainly in the form of grants to diesel fleet owners to pay part of the cost of retrofitting engines. Locally, the Port of Vancouver will get \$357,500 to retrofit engines on trucks, loaders, and forklifts. And TriMet will get \$400,000 to retrofit engines on 29 buses.

“I think there’s an opportunity for unions to work with us to develop the partnership relationships we need with these fleets to raise the priority,” Downing said.

In some areas, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union has made an issue of diesel exhaust, working in coalition with community groups to get ships, trains and trucks to turn off their engines when not in use.

There’s not much that individual workers can do to reduce risk. Ordinary dust masks don’t stop the fine particles that are the problem. The one exception is when workers turn engines off that are not in use. Downing said it’s a myth that diesel engines need to be kept run-

ning all the time.

Anti-idling campaigns aim to make turning engines off a worker habit — and workplace policy. They’ve had particular success at school districts. The Oregon Department of Education encourages all school districts to have no-idling policies for school buses — especially when they’re lined up outside schools. And a bill in the Oregon House of Representatives would carry the ball further. House Bill 2186 would authorize the DEQ to write rules restricting engine use by parked medium-duty and

heavy-duty trucks and by commercial ships while at port, and require truck stops and ports to make electric power available as an alternative to engine use.

“When I first started doing this,” Downing said, “I really had to scramble. People were very skeptical. Everybody was interested in being second, but very few were interested in being first.”

Now, Downing said, interest is growing. “We’ve been doing this for a few years. Word’s getting around.”

AFL-CIO’s John Sweeney says he’ll retire in September

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAL) — AFL-CIO President John Sweeney announced that he will retire at the AFL-CIO Convention in September. Sweeney’s statement came at an April 6 meeting of the AFL-CIO’s Executive Committee.

Sweeney’s retirement was expected. The former Service Employees International Union president, who will turn 75 in May, has led the AFL-CIO since 1995, when his slate ousted incumbent Tom Donohue, who had taken over months before, following the retirement of President Lane Kirkland.

The announcement also comes at a time when the AFL-CIO has opened a dialogue with the Change To Win labor federation for possible reunification. Seven international unions left the AFL-CIO in 2005 over differences in political spending and organizing.

David Bonior, chair of the labor-funded American Rights At Work, has been leading the reunification discussions, which also includes the 3.2 million member National Education Association.



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...Wage standards aren't tied to Oregon's energy tax credits

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ect. In 2008, the Legislature doubled the limit for solar manufacturers, which can now get up to \$22 million in tax breaks per project.

For its Hillsboro factory, SolarWorld was approved for an \$11 million tax credit under the program. As the Portland Tribune reported April 9, since SolarWorld doesn't pay corporate income tax, it sold the credit at a discount to WalMart. [Under the state's "pass through" rule, the tax break, known as Business Energy Tax Credit, can be sold.] SolarWorld will also get \$19.45 million of tax credits for its investment in a new 210,000-square-foot logistics, distribution and production center next to its existing Hillsboro factory.

About 150 to 200 union building

trades workers will be employed on the expansion, due for completion in November. But the Oregon AFL-CIO is pushing lawmakers in Salem to tweak the Business Energy Tax Credit and enterprise zone tax break to better ensure that tax-break-subsidized jobs are good jobs.

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council is pushing a proposal to require that companies getting enterprise zone tax breaks on large projects of more than \$5 million be required to pay area standard wages and benefits to the construction workers.

"If local residents are losing tax income off the property, they ought to at least have prevailing wage requirements to protect local workers," said Clif Davis, business manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers Local 48.

When lawmakers expanded the Business Energy Tax Credit in 2007 and 2008, the state budget was in good shape. Now, a recession is sapping state revenues, and with companies lining up to seek over \$100 million a year in business energy tax breaks, lawmakers are taking a second look.

"[The Business Energy Tax Credit] is talked about as an economic development tool," said Oregon AFL-CIO Political Director Duke Shepard at a Feb. 19 hearing, "but it has none of the standards typically associated with an economic development program. There aren't wage standards. There's no cost-per-job standard."

And it's not at all clear that the credits are necessary for some kinds of renewable energy investment to

take place. Wind farms, for instance, were given a guaranteed market in 2007 when the Legislature required private utilities to massively increase the amount of renewable power they buy — and pass on extra costs to ratepayers.

Solar manufacturers have lots of other reasons to locate in Oregon's "silicon forest." Solar cells and computer chips use the same foundation — silicon wafers — and a similar basic technology. Oregon is a good location for wafer making because it has very pure water, relatively cheap electricity, and an experienced silicon manufacturing workforce. Judging by employment ads, SolarWorld isn't even looking at applicants with less than two years in silicon chip manufacturing.

If it's not clear the credits are even causing the investment, at least they ought to be ensuring decent wages, says labor ally Chuck Sheketoff of the Oregon Center for Public Policy.

Lawmakers appear to be listening. The Oregon Legislature is considering lowering the credit from its current \$10 million to \$5 million per project for projects that generate en-

ergy like wind farms, solar arrays, and methane digesters.

For solar manufacturers, the maximum credit would remain \$20 million — and that amount would be made available to electric vehicle manufacturers as well, if any should choose to locate in Oregon.

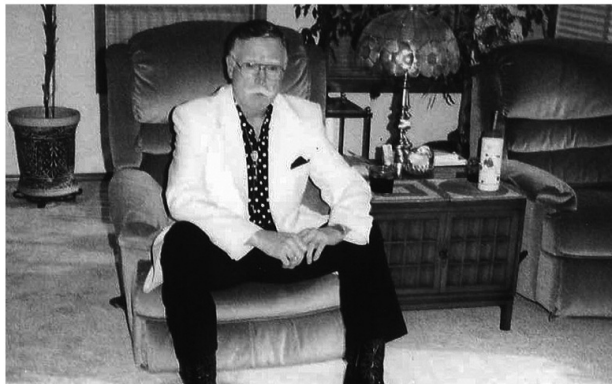
Lawmakers are also considering requiring recipients stay in operation for at least five years, and giving the Oregon Department of Energy the authority to consider job creation, where the power will be sold, and whether the credit is necessary for the project to go forward — before credits are approved.

As State Sen. Ginny Burdick put it, "the money we spend on this credit is money that's not being spent on health care, schools, and public safety."

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Despite his efforts to protect the health and safety of his union brothers, as well as his own lungs, Mr. Kirkland was recently diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma and passed away on March 30, 2009.

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Recognition elections

Name of employer	Date	Name of union	Location	Results:		
				Union Yes	Union No	
Petermann Northwest (DECERTIFICATION)						
3/5 Teamsters Local 58		Battle Ground		82	73	
Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel						
3/6 Teamsters Local 962		Medford		9	3	
ProTec Fire Services						
3/11 Teamsters Local 962		Medford		5	0	
Safeway						
3/12 UFCW Local 555		Burns		17	24	
Tuality Healthcare						
3/23 Oregon Nurses Assn.		Hillsboro		4	0	

Requests for recognition election

Name of employer	Name of union	Location	Number of employees
Albertsons (coffee bar clerks)		West Linn	
	United Food & Commercial Workers Local 555		7
Mercy Flights, Inc. (DECERTIFICATION)		Medford	
	Teamsters Local 962		61
REpower USA (windmill maintenance techs)		Portland	
	IBEW Local 125		5

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Firefighter

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Metal fabricator

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MIKE DENNISON
Heavy equipment operator

MICHAEL DEWEY
Machinery maintenance

CONER DUTY
Truck driver

JAMES EXLINE
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JOHN MILLER
Truck driver

JOSEPH MONTERO
Machinery operator

JOSHUA MOUGHLER
Construction worker

MARK PHARES
Truck driver

DALE PICKETT
Log truck driver

PAUL REITER
Salesman

STEVEN RENNO
Firefighter

BRYAN RICH
Firefighter

ROBERT ROLPH
Mechanic

JESSE SAVAGE
Timber faller

ROARK SCHWANENBERG
Pilot

GEORGE SHAW
Fisherman

AARON SIMMONS
Logger

TERRY SMITH
Road maintenance worker

GURDEV SOHI
Gas station owner

DARRELL SOUZA
Federal agent

DAVID STEELE
Firefighter

GERALD STIERWALT
Industrial mechanic

BRIAN SWENSON
Construction worker

THOMAS TENNANT
Police captain

HECTOR TERRIQUEZ-CHAVEZ
Production worker

CHAD THOMPSON
Truck driver

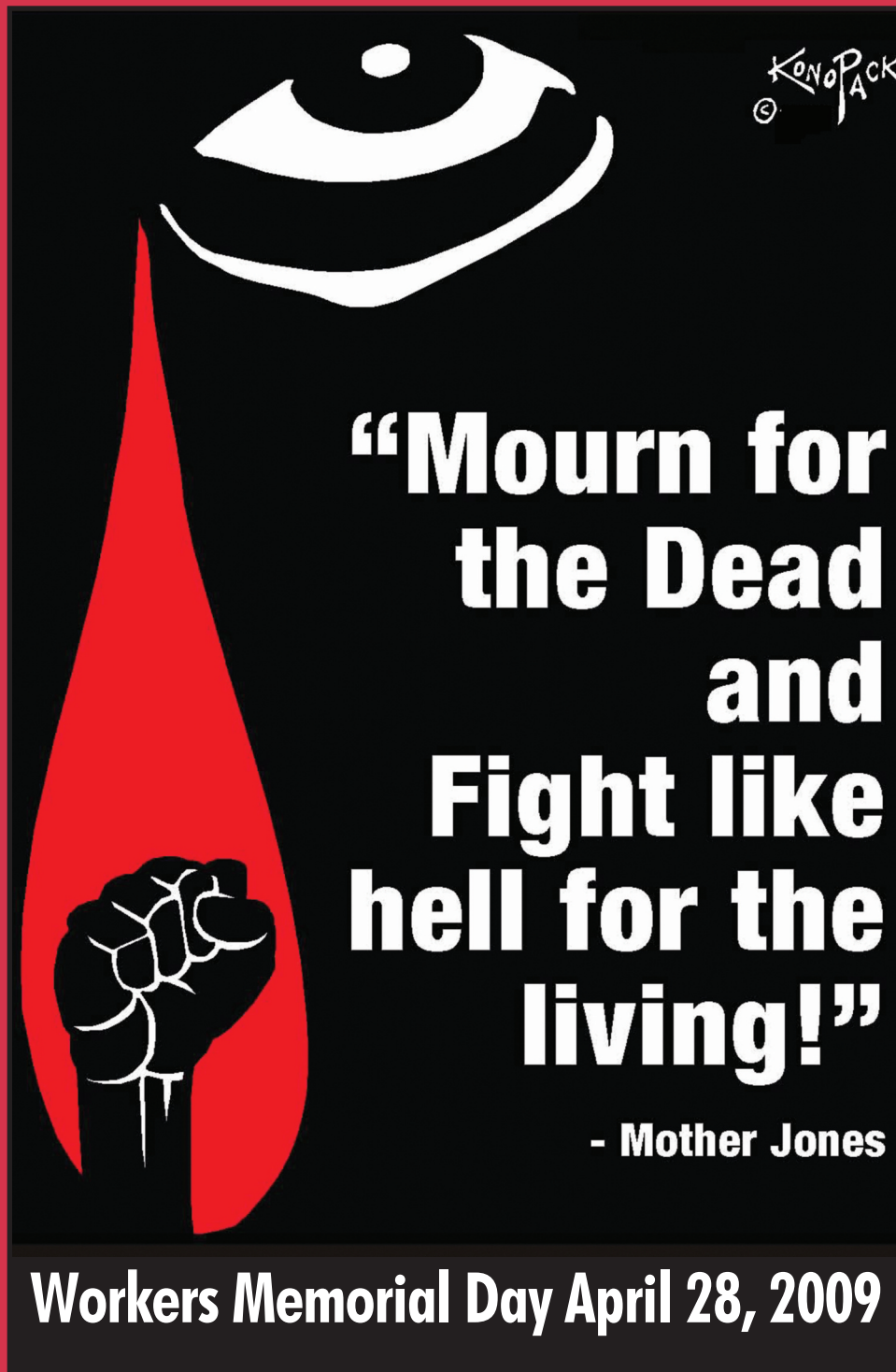
FRANK TOOHEY
Salesman

TOMMY WALKER
Timber faller

WILLIAM WOODRUFF
Logging supervisor

JOHN WORTHINGTON
Truck driver

(Names on this fatality list are compiled from Oregon-OSHA reports, workers' compensation data, and newspaper reports.)



OREGON COMBAT MILITARY DEATHS IN 2008

**U. S. Marine Lance Cpl.
Dustin L. Canham
Lake Stevens, Washington**

**Oregon National Guard Capt.
Bruno G. de Solenni
Crescent City, California**

**Army PFC Cody J. Eggleston
Redmond, Oregon**

**Army Cpl. Jessica Ann Ellis
Baker City, Oregon**

**U.S. Marine Lance Cpl.
Robert L. Johnson
Central Point, Oregon**

**Army Sgt. Zachary W. McBride
Bend, Oregon**

**Army Sgt. Mikeal W. Miller
Albany, Oregon**

**Army Private Tan Q. Ngo
Beaverton, Oregon**

**Army Sgt. James M. Treber
Astoria, Oregon**

**Oregon National Guard
Lt. Col. James L. Wiley
North Bend, Oregon**

**Army PFC Joshua A. R. Young
Riddle, Oregon**

A partial list of names of Oregon workers who have died on the job since 1989

Jess Anderson, Augustin Anderton, Jeffrey Baker, Bruce Baxter, Dennis Beach, Ross Bennett, Steven Brandt, Michael Breaux, Paul Bryan, Thomas Burke, Edwin Cain, Vernon Christensen, Mark Christie, David Clancy, John Clark, Mark Clark, David Contreras, Roger Durgan, Frank Ellis, Charlie England, Charles Ewing, Gerald Fausnaugh, Javier Florean-Gomez, Robert Ford, Kelly Fredinburg, Layne Fugate, Ruben Granados-Lopez, Jeffery Helgeson, Andrew Herbert-Hooper, Shane Huntsman, David Lasley, Steven Lee, Edward Manley, Renea Midgley, Duane Miller, Chad Mitchell, Bryon Osheedy, John Paradiso, Randolph Perry, Edward Phelan, Jose Romero, Douglas Shellito, Gilbert Siewell, Arnie Singmaster, Mark Slinker, Bradley Smith, Tom Suderman, Ronald Sutphin, Michael Taylor, Cason Terjeson, Hector Terriquez-Chavez, Guntis Turks, Ken Venard, Thomas Weede, Steven Wilkin, David Williams, Gregory Young, John Young, Oleksandr Zdrylyuk, Daniel L. Coulter, Joseph A. Davis, Griffin E. Fisk, Luis J. Gonzales, Gregory A. Hoffert, Timothy J. Lannon, Thomas H. Kistler, Samuel L. Lazott, Grigory V. Rogozhnikov, Alfredo Zamarano-Sierra, Matthew L. Barrows Sr., Wiley D. Rasmussen, Noe Lira-Sanchez, John M. Allison, Douglas R. Davis, Matthew S. Fitzgerald, Jeremy C. Gage, Adam H. Cox, Timothy P. Smith, Timothy A. Bowers, Sarah G. Huang, Christopher R. Kroker, Jeffrey D. Hengel, Paul E. Gibson, Ricardo "Ricky" M. Ruiz, Leland D. Price Jr., Jesse D. James, Ricardo B. Moore, Mark R. Ransdell, David K. Hammer, Charles (Chuck) A. Shull, Daryl R. Steenhard, Milan (Crouch) Smith Jr., David L. Martinson, Michael S. Lowe, Jerome (Jerry) P. Sedlak, Harold E. Hanscom, Elizabeth Roxanne Smith-McLeod, David A. Burgess Jr., Juan Rivas, Robert L. Chasteen, Daniel A. Knigge, Camilo U. Becerra-Corona, Henry (Hank) C. Gauthier, Bobby D. Adams, Kenneth F. Tison, Jessie D. Rucker, David C. Mackey, Richard W. Black, Daniel R. Becker, Luther H. Stinson Jr., Leland S. Halsell, James G. Clements, Russell L. Barker, Russell H. Simpson, Janet P. Knoke, Nathan D. Sigfrid, Steven J. Maine, Ronald (Rollie) S. Weekly, Mark A. Hauser, Timothy M. Smith, Nicholas Voris, Robert G. Cramer, Dan O. Taylor, Randall Harmon, Donald M. Lea II, Michael W. Norris, Azucena Terrazas, Jacquelyn S. Wyatt, Larry H. Zygar, Kit Baldwin, Judith D. Beeson, Michael L. Blades, Jessie Blanton, Vernon R. Bonner, Scott K. Bradshaw, Sharon L. Bybee, Fernando Campos, Randall E. Carpenter, Thomas A. Chase, Charles W. Clemmer, Jeffery E. Common, Dennis G. Costello, Robert H. Cramer, Michael S. Dodson, Christopher G. Ehly, Claude J. Emmert, Robert S. Ervin, Rodney Falk, Dennis M. Fisher, Edward Fleming, Anthony M. Fray, Raymond L. Gabbard, Vernon R. Gardner, Tara L. Hall, Robert C. Hanners, Jon A. Harrod, John L. Hasler, Kevin F. Hayes, Rex L. Hendren, Ernest S. Henschel, Judah P. Herson, Ali H. Houdroj, Kirk R. Huffstetler, Aaron R. Johnson, Brandie S. Kirkendoll, Annette Kramer, Lorina A. Kyle, Paul D. Leep, Eli T. Lewis, Tracy R. Lewis, James E. Marks, Kevin M. Montavon, Todd A. Morris, Eugene R. Murphy, Monte Nelson, Jane O'Kern, Jody & Jacob Oliver, Kenneth Oliver, Leroy N. Omer, William T. Parmenter, Ryan R. Parrish, Frederico, Elisandro-Perez Lopez, Grace E. Phelps, Benjamin E. Pool, Michael E. Powell, Thomas E. Ric, Dennis W. Savage, Alvin W. Sheller, Charles A. Silvers, Barbara J. Smith, Luis N. Solis, Gable Southwick, Morris L. Taylor, Azucena Terrazas, Gary L. Thompson, William D. Tobin, Jason C. Wallace, Roger Wangsgard, Alfred Westerfield, Wayne R. Whitmire, Carey D. Williams, Steven C. Woodward, Robin L. Wright, Santiago Aeoovix, David O. Bell, Christopher Blizzard, Cecil Bourne, Gary L. Brown, Earl Burhans, Thomas A. Chase, Ronnie E. Chastain, Jose Cia-Tox Williams Cole, Dennis G. Costello, Jeffrey E. Dabill, Ronald E. DeWitt, James P. Donathan, Daniel S. Dunlap, Ben Eder, Claude J. Emmert, Martin Erazmus, Randy A. Finley, Wayne A. Freitas, Gregoria Barcia-Munoz, Billy Glenewinkle, Jared Hamrick, Elmer C. Harp, John R. Hazlett, Stanley A. Heath Richard Hernandez, Jason A. Hoerouf, Philip C. Humbert, Timothy D. Johnston, William A. Kelsey, John M. Knight, Kip Krigbaum, Donavon E. LaDuke, Douglas Lake, Marty R. Lane, Steven Langlot, David C. Laurie, Maria F. Mignano, Bobby C. Moore, William Parker, Charles R. Redmond, Harley Renschler, Royald E. Richter, Timothy J. Shipman, Robert Thompson, Mariano C. Torlao, Thomas L. Udenby, Matthew J. Whitney, Domingo Zapata, Gregory V. Babb, Keithel R. Baker, Robert P. Baker, William Benedict, Seth L. Blankenship, Christopher R. Blizzard, Rick Bloxham, Kyle R. Bowen, Bill D. Bowman, Michael Brasuvel, James L. Brenzier, Preston J. Cagle, Dale C. Cartner, John Clark, Jesse V. Crites, Gerald V. Davis, Jeffrey E. Deprey, Todd A. Dixon, Robert O. Gardner, Ronald E. Garrison, Donald Keith Gates, William D. Gault, Thurston P. Gilchrist, Cecil A. Green, Robert A. Grey, Scott L. Groth, Franklin J. Havens, Willie S. Jackson, Duane M. John, Jonathan G. Johnson, Jon C. Joseph, Felix Juarez, David W. Keller,

Roger Kelly, Douglas A. Lake, Benito R. Lamas, Aaron Malsburg, Janet A. Mangold, Michael G. McGill, Matt M. Miles, Luke N. Moen, Lazaro S. Moreno, Gloria Murphy, Daniel L. Nations, Cipriano J. Perez, Jari Priddy, Lloyd D. Rickard, Wesley H. Rinehart, Josiah Rohrer, Geronimo J. Salgado, Donald Sayers, Floyd Snodgrass, Gary L. Stamp, Michael V. Stanfield, Steven Streng, Antonio Tox, Dee C. Valentine, Robert G. Veatch, Darrell Walters, John D. Wells, Carla A. Younce, Tom Abbott, Ralph Adams, Larry Allen, Daniel Armit, Gene Ast, Alvaro Aviles-Bejar, Ernest Barber Sr., Danny Blumenthal, Daniel Booze, Kenneth Booze, Terry Buel, Thomas Cassell, Catalina Castillo-Cornejo, Sheilagh Conroy, Randy Cook, Sonia Cooper, Debra Cousins, Terry Crafton, Alban D'Auvergne, Hubbard Day Jr., Harold Dumond, Randy Duval, Dennis Edwards, Benjamin Ensley, Ernest Espinosa Jr., Bertram Fawver, Brady Fromm, Gregory Haggard, Danny Hansen, Phillip Hansen, Pedro Hernandez, Pedro Herandez, John Hoesty, Yuan Bin Huang, Rick Hull, William Hunt, Mary Infante, Fred Jacob, Wayne Kanashige, Kathryn Kester, George Kroker, Thomas Larson, Charles Lee, Maria Leonardo, Shelie Macias, Tith Mao, Roger Maynard, Christopher McCormick, Jack McGee, Jason Menteer, John Moore, Gerald Myers, Jimmie Norman, Hans Oesch, Marvin Pelzel, Alan Pilgrim, Bobbie Porter, George Pownall, Jeffrey Prinz, Oscar Reichenbach, Neil Richmond, Brad Rudabaugh, Harold Rogers, Farrest Schweiger, Matthew Sheldon, Walter Slusarczyk, Floyd Snodgrass, Brian Spilka, Michael Spry, Roger St. John, Travis Staven, Wilbur Strait, Juan Tellechea, Thomas Thorsen, Benjamin Toster, Brandon Vilhauer, Charles Vodehnal, Lisa Wampole, Jack Weatherill, Joseph Wehr, Jerald Wiese, Henry Williams Jr., Robert Winona, Nicholas Young, Arnulfo Amador-Segura, Lyle Barber, David Bardwell, Fred Becker, Kenneth Berkey, Marcus Biggs, Gary Bird, Kirk Bjornsen, Richard Bohrer, Wiston Boothby, Martin Brezina, Jeffrey Burton, Mark Busch, Frank Butcher, David Campbell, James Campbell, Charles Chandler, Thurston Clark, George Cox, Leslie Cunningham, Peter Dahn, Kenneth Davis, Ivan DeBusk, Luis DeLeon-Gonzalez, John Domenici, James Dunn, James Erickson, Les Ford, Christopher Fritz, Michelle Howard, Matthew Hunsaker, Lloyd Jenson, Eric Johnson, Richard Kallio, Mark Keiser, Albert Kuhn, Leodora LaTulippe, John Laudon, Francisco LeChuga-Davila, John Leibham, Salvador Lopez-Torres, Donald MacLennan, Ronald Mallea, David McAllister, James McCabe, Richard McCarthy, Bruce McKenzie, Shannon McMillen, Eric McNamara, Gerald Meeker, Henry Meryman, Michael Miller, John Morgan, Stephen Nehilla, Richard Nelson, Wade Nadine, Gabriel O'Connor, Harold Ochsner, Atushi Okubo, David Palco, John Paola, Philip Picker, Eric Pierce, David Pizzarello, Joseph Portugal, Eleno Ramierz-Lopez, Douglas Randles, Don Rapaich, John Redernick, Rebecca Reid, Dan Roa, Michael Rogers, Linton Ross, Dennis Samson, Kevin Schaff, Louis Schroen, Vernon Smith, Russell Smolinski, Kelly Standliff, Michael Stinson, Lee Stults, Jerry Tack, Bruce Thomas, Thomas Tye, Larry Ryan, Fausto Valdivia, Eliseo Vasquez, Mateo Villanueva, Charles Vodhnal, Kelvin Voss, William Wall, Clinton Webb, Theodore Webber, Roy Whitney, Thomas Wilford, James Wright, John Wright, Randy Abrams, Todd Allen, James Ankeny, Terry Barnard, Larry Behrend, Ronald Binam, Daniel Bischopink, Brian Black, Michael Blackford, David Bowers, John Broda, Richard Brown, Laurie Busby, Arlan Caya, Grant Chase, John Coplen, Jeffrey Crume, James Davey, Andre Dube, Casey Ellis, Juan Espino-Meza, Wayne Fountain, Michael Geib, William Hall, Edwin Haller, Todd Harter, Larry Hetrick, James Jinkins, David Koch, Robert Lindsey, Shannon Managhan, John Matlock, William McDaniel, Robert McMaster, Ronnie Mills, Ronald Mink, Richard Mitchell, Raymond Moxley, Melvin Napoleon, Kevin Neal, Stanley Ogan, Rick Parsons, Timothy Pate, Adrin Pointer, Jay Richins, Thomas Romero, Dennis Rose, Michael Saldi, Nehemias Sales, Ronald Sammons, Richard Savoie, Jeffrey Shook, David Simmons, Elizabeth Slottee, Neil Tafell, Frank Wharff, Richard Wood, Leonard Wright, Willis Adams, Carter Anderson, Richard Anderson, Nolan Andrew, James Ankeny, Curtis Arcouette, Rosendo Arroyo, Gary Ayer, David Baker, Ronald Baldwin, Victor Balero, Arlee Bales, Luis Barajas Paz, Alvin Birkholz, Gary Bishop, Roger Bissonette, Brian Black, Robert Blair, Billy Bliss, Lawrence Bock, Charles Bock, James Boland, Cary Borland, A. Bond, Richard Boyd, Earl Boyd, Michael Boyle, Emil Brase, Kevin Brattle, Mike Brenner, Victor Brewer, Margie Brinker, Leroy Britt, Arthur Brown, Kristopher Brown, Delbert Carter, Margaret Caulfield, William Cavinee, Mario Cervantes, Carter Childers, Robert Christiansen, Wayne Church, Marlin Claridge, Patrick Davidson, James Day, John Day, Mary Deboie, Dwayne De Wolf, Linda Deacon, Tim Dell, Kathleen Demarest, Lewis Dennewitz, James Dent, Edwin Devoll, Leroy DeWolk, Jimmie Dexter, Wendall Diel, George Dille, Lonnie Dirks, Bryan Dodge, Billy Dougherty, Rhory Draeger, Robert Duncan, Alroy Stevens, James Stevenson, Charley Stewart, Charles Stewart, Paul Sill, Michael Stinson, Jon Storm, Viktor Strelnikov, Glendon Sundstrom, John Surgeon, Michael Tarbox, Connie Taylor, Jerry Taylor, Elmer Tec-Baeza, Charles Teeter, Tom Tennant, Donald Thomas, Kathryn Thomas, Den-

nis Thomas, David Thompson, Paul Thoreson, Brian Tichenor, Darrell Tidwell, Donald Tobin, Brian Todd, Joseph Todd, Neil Tafell, John Tollefson, James Treviso, Marvin Tugman, Jared Vandecar, Earl Van Loo, Fautso Valdivia, Mark Vanwagenen, Neal Varland, Abraham Vazquez-Figueroa, John Vega, Marceal Velasquez, Kerment Verner, Collen Waibel, Kevin Walker, Frances Wall, William Wall, Anna Wallinga, Frank Ward, Wayne Warmouth, Clifford Warner, James Watson, Dennis Watson, Richard White, Mark Whitehead, Julie Whiting, Orié Willcoxon, Ronald Williams, Richard Williams, Chis Willingham, Timothy Wiltrout, Yolanda Wist, Jefferson Wong, Lloyd Wood, Michael Woods, Cynthia Worcester, Troy Workman, Donald Wuite, Kevin Wyman, Curtis York, James Young, William Young, Janine Youts, Alan Zdunski, Richard T. Zegers, John Zimmerman, Jeremy Zuck, Daniel Zurfluh, Gary Dunham, Donald Dunn, David Duryea, Charles Echols, Delbert Eckman, Loren Eells, Paul Ehrlich, Daniel Elliott, Leroy A. Elphic, Virginia K. Endecott, Benjamin Endicott, Alton Epperson, Robert Ervin, Glenn Ericksmoen, Brian Erickson, David Estabrook, Darryl Farmer, Kenneth Fawcett, Jeffery Ferguson, John Ferguson, Manuel Fernandez, Michael Fitch, Steven Fitch, John Fitzgerald, James Fleming, Jesus Fletes, Pedro Flores, Charles Floyd, Catherine Ford, David Foster, James M. Francke, Rachel Frederickson, Allen Gallagher, William Gamez, Charles Gardner, Francis Gardner, William Garreth, Ralph E. Gerking, Harold Gillaspie, Lee Gillins, Rosealie Girtz, John Glasen, Warren Glaus, Rory Gnekow, George Goddard, Thomas Goin, David Gomes, Bert Grant, Frank Gray, Earnest Green, Linda Greensliitt, Robert Greer, David Griffin, Thomas Gross, Grant Guenther, Ralph Gurwell, Bernice Haas, Joseph Hahn, Bruce Hale, William Hall, Buddy Hamilton, Larry Hampton, Jack Hansen, Karl Hansen, Clarence Harder, Joseph Hargrave, Roy Harris, Thomas Harris, Robert Harris, John Hartel, Michael Hartsell, Chester Hatter, Jeffrey Hawks, Roger Hayes, Gary Heater, Sylvester Hecky, Alton Heilman, Todd Heizelman, John Hennigan, Kenneth Henry, Roderick Henry, Vidal Hernandez, Daniel Herring, Paul Herle, Thomas Hess, Harry Hester, Danny Hickey, Brian Hill, La Vernae Hohnbaum, Ervin Holter, John Hone, Ronald Hopper, Thomas Hoss, Henry Howe, Larry Howland, Deborah Hubbard, Max Hunnicutt, Leslie Hurliman, Neil Hurt, Keegan Hyder, Joel Ibarra-Ledesma, Patrick Irish, Curtis Irwin, Sharon Iverson, Archie Jacks, Roy Jackson, Gary Jacobs, James Jeffers, Thomas Jeffries, David Jenks, Billy Jessup, James Jinkins, James Johnson, Preston Johnson, Richard Johnson, Jay Johnston, Kevin Johnston, Patricia Jones, William Jones, Charles Kasper, Charles Kelley, Ronald Kellar, Russell Kennicott, Terry Kilborn, Kenneth Killian, Milton King, Roy Kirk, Everett Klapprich, Clarence Koch, Richard Korfhage, Joel Kowitz, Adam Kramer, William Kreger, Louis Kronick, Gerald La Duke, Ronald Laird, Richard Lamison, Marty Landeen, Phillip Langford, Roy Leach, Richard D. Leber, Diane Lefler, Kenneth Leonard, Colby Lewis, Albert Linder, Randolph P. Listrud, Clinton R. Livesay, Ralph Lucas, Laura Luce, Neil Lund, Michael Lusby, Richard Lushenko, Scott Lyons, Malcolm MacGregor, Anthony Maddock, Coby Makin, Alan Malotte, Sidney Mapplesden, Daniel March, Timothy Mares, Mark Martin, Jacques Mathieu, Donald McCart, Kenneth McCasland, Flint McCord, Michael McCoy, Daniel McDonald, Steven McElroy, Timothy McLaughlin, Steven Meitlicke, Richard Mendolia, Allen Menely, Raymond Messier, Donald Michaelis, Howard Miller, James Millican, Richard Milligan, Kent Miner, Kenneth Minkler, James Minter, Alvin Mitchell, Todd Moe, Cheryl Mohrbacher, Robert Moon, Curtis Moore, Benjamin Moore, Keith Morgan, Betty Morin, Travis Morris, Duayne Morrissey, Alvin Moss, Raymond Moxley, Daniel Murphy, Steve Murray, Gilbert Murry, John Myers, Victorino Nava-Mancilla, José Navarro-Hernandez, Richard Nave, Julie Neher, Truman Newsom, Robert Newton, Walter Nitowski, Thomas Oddo, Clinton Ogle, Jeffrey O'Neil, José Orellana, Lina Orson, Jerry Osborn, Amanda Ouder Kirk, Russell Owens, Randy Parke, Sandra Parker, Robert Paroli, Leslie Parrett, Richard Parrott, Jerome Pavek, Martin Percy, Sophie Pearson, Fernando Pedroza Urtez, Kenneth Penter, Louis Perrine, Daryl Peterson, Virgil Pfefferkorn, Eugene Phernetton, Robert W. Phippen, James Pieper, Eric Pierce, Owen Ponchart, Steven Price, Cecil Purcell, John Purcell, Gary Quackenbush, Thomas Quinn, Eric Ragland, Richard Ramsey, Dery Randolph, Everado Rangel-Jasso, Steven Rapp, Dana Reckard, James Rector, James T. Reed, Robert Reed, Lance Reed, Steven Reeder, Douglas Reischick, William Reiser, Dennis Remington, Lyle Renn, Brian Rhoades, Christopher Rice, Orville Richards, Christopher Rider, John Riley, Peter Roa, Jeffrey Robotkay, Thomas Romero, Robbie Rorden, Dennis Rose, Kenneth Rose, Ronald Ross, Jamilyn Rouse, Rex Rowley, Dewayne Ruschman, Fou Saechao, Antelmo Salgado-Roman, Randy Sammons, Ronald Sammons, Guadalupe Sandoval, Richard Savoie, George Schill, Michael Schlimgen, Randy Schluter, Larry Schmidt, Lawrence Schoonover, Douglas Scott, Richard Schuening, Lowell Scott, Robert Seelye, Carl Selle, Carl Sether, Bradford Sexton, Richard Shadley, Delmer Shanafelt, Donn Soto, Marlyn Sheppard ...

113 Oregonians or those with close ties to Oregon have died while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and the War in Iraq.
17 from the Oregon National Guard
1 from the Washington National Guard
2 from the New York National Guard
63 from the United States Army
3 from the United States Army Reserve
21 from the United States Marine Corps
1 from the United States Air Force
5 from the United States Navy

OFFICIAL NOTICES

AUTO MECHANICS 1005

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, preceded by a 9 a.m. shop stewards' training session. Stewards must attend steward meeting to be compensated.

Executive Board meets 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

All meetings are held at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland. PLEASE NOTE: Rachel Conrad will be available from 8 a.m. to noon during the Regular Lodge meeting to answer any questions you may have about Health and Welfare and Pension plans.

BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY, TOBACCO WORKERS AND GRAIN MILLERS 114

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the meeting room at 7931 NE Halsey, Suite 205.

BOILERMAKERS 500

Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at 2515 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland.

BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS 1

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

CARPENTERS 247

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at the Carpenters Hall, 2205 N. Lombard, Portland.

CARPENTERS 1388

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at 276 Warner-Milne Rd., Oregon City.

CARPENTERS 1715

Members meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, preceded by a 5 p.m. Executive Board meeting at 612 E. McLoughlin, Vancouver, Wash.

CEMENT MASONS 555

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

CLARK, SKAMANIA & W. KLICKITAT CLC

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, preceded by an Executive Board meeting, at the ILWU Local 4 Hall, 1205 Ingalls St., Vancouver, Wash.

COLUMBIA-PACIFIC BUILDING TRADES

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Tuesdays, April 21 and April 28, in Kirkland Union Manor II, 3535 SE 86th, Portland.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 48

Electrical Women of Local 48 meets 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at 5th Quadrant, 3901b N. Williams, Portland.

Bylaws Committee meets 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the Executive Boardroom.

General Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the Meeting Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Marine Unit meets 5 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the Meeting Hall.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 6 and May 20, in the Executive Boardroom.

Electrical Workers Minority Caucus meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the Executive Boardroom.

Sound and Communication Unit meets 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Meeting Hall.

Residential Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Dispatch Lobby.

Vancouver Meeting, 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Round Table Pizza, 5016 NE Thurston, Vancouver.

Wasco Unit meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Pioneer Center, Bingen Meeting Rm, 971 NE Washington St, White Salmon, WA.

Coast Unit meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane St., Astoria.

Meetings are at 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland, unless otherwise noted.

DEATH ASSESSMENTS: The following death assessments have been declared for April and are payable at 50 cents each: No. 2199, James Doucette; No. 2200, Hugo Adams, and No. 2201, Michele Riehl.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 280

Executive Board meets 1 p.m. Monday, May 4, at 32969 Hwy. 99E, Tangent.

Bend Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the

IBEW/UA Training Center, 2161 SW First St., Redmond.

Eugene Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the LU 290 Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Salem Unit meets 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at 32969 Hwy. 99E, Tangent, OR.

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS 23

Members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 12779 NE Whitaker Way, Portland.

EXTERIOR & INTERIOR SPECIALISTS 2154

Members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at 1125 SE Madison, Suite 207, Portland.

FIRE FIGHTERS 452

Members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at 2807 NW Fruit Valley Rd., Vancouver, Wash.

FIRE FIGHTERS 1660

Members meet 8 a.m. Thursday, May 14, at 4411 SW Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego.

GLASS WORKERS 740

Executive Board members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

PLEASE NOTE: The following are Special Meetings for election of three (3) Local 740 delegates to the International Convention.

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Eugene area members meet 5 p.m. Monday, May 4, at Best Western Grand Manor Inn, 971 Kruse Way, Springfield. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

Salem area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Candalaria Terrace, Suite 204, 2659 Commercial St. SE, Salem. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

INSULATORS 36

Executive Board meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6. Members meet 8 p.m. Friday, May 8.

Meetings are at 11145 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

IRON WORKERS 29

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, preceded by a 5:30 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle #200, Portland.

Iron Workers Shopmen 516

Members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at 11620 NE Ainsworth Cir., #300, Portland.

LABORERS 320

Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Joe Edgar Hall, Teamsters' Complex, 1850 NE 162nd Ave., Portland.

LABORERS 483

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the

Musicians Hall, 325 NE 20th Ave., Portland.

LABORERS/VANCOUVER 335

Members meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 4, preceded by a 6:15 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at the Vancouver Labor Center, 2212 NE Andresen Rd., Vanc., Wash.

LANE COUNTY CLC

Delegates meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at 1116 South A St., Springfield.

LANE, COOS, CURRY & DOUGLAS BCTC

Delegates meet at noon Wednesday, April 22, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

LINN-BENTON-LINCOLN LABOR COUNCIL

Delegates meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, preceded by a 7 p.m. Executive Board meeting, at 1400 Salem Ave., Albany.

LINOLEUM LAYERS 1236

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Union Office, 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. PLEASE NOTE: Nominations will be taken at this meeting for two (2) Local 1236 delegates to the International Convention.

Executive Board meets 5 p.m. Monday, May 4, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. PLEASE NOTE: Election of delegates will be held at the May 28, 2009 meeting.

MACHINISTS 63

Executive Board meets 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6. Members meet 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, preceded by a 9 a.m. stewards' meeting.

Meetings are at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland.

MACHINISTS 1432

Swing and graveyard shift members meet at noon Wednesday, May 13.

Regular membership meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Shop stewards training session 9 a.m. Saturday, April 18.

Meetings are at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland.

MARION POLK YAMHILL CLC

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, preceded by a 6:30 Executive Board meeting, at 2110 State St., Salem.

METAL TRADES COUNCIL

Delegates meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14. Meetings are at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

MID-COLUMBIA CLC

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 3313 W. 2nd, The Dalles.

MOLDERS 139

Members meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, preceded by a 6 p.m. Executive Board meeting at the Carpenters Hall, 2205 N. Lombard, Portland.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES 88

Executive Board meets 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.

General membership meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, preceded by a 6 p.m. stewards' meeting. Meetings are at 6025 E. Burnside, Portland.

NORTHWEST OREGON CLC

Delegates meet 7 p.m. Monday, April 27, at IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland.

OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES 11

Members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the Union Office, 7931 NE Halsey, Portland.

Installation of officers will take place at this meeting.

PAINTERS & DRYWALL FINISHERS 10

Members meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at IBEW 48, main building hall, (located in the NW corner of the bldg) 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland. NOTE:NEW LOCATION Please attend meeting for an update on your painters contract! ALSO PLEASE NOTE: Elections may be held for delegates to the 13th IUPAT General Convention, if needed. T-shirts and sweatshirts are for sale at the Local 10 office.

PLASTERERS 82

Members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at 12812 NE Marx St., Portland.

PORTLAND CITY & METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEES 189

General membership meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Executive Board meets 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 12. Meetings are at 6025 E. Burnside, Portland.

ROOFERS & WATERPROOFERS 49

Executive Board meets 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Members meet 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Meetings are at 5032 SE 26th Ave., Portland. (Phone: 503 232-4807)

SALEM BUILDING TRADES

Delegates meet 10 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the

IBEW 280 Training Center, 33309 Hwy. 99E, Tangent.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 16

Portland area VOC members meet 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave., Portland.

Portland area members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Sheet Metal Training Center, 2379 NE 178th Ave.

Medford area members meet 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Wild River Pizza, 2684 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford.

Eugene area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Local 16 Hall, 4748 Franklin Blvd., Eugene.

Coos Bay area members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Abby's Pizza, 997 First St., Coos Bay.

SIGN PAINTERS & PAINT MAKERS 1094

Members meet 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the District Office, at 11105 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland.

SOUTHERN OREGON CLC

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Labor Temple, 4480 Rogue Valley Hwy.#3, Central Point.

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON CLC

Delegates meet 6 p.m. Monday, May 4, at the Bay Area Labor Center, 3427 Ash, North Bend.

TRANSIT 757

ATU 2009 Elections Committee Notice: ATU members must submit their nomination request and acceptance in writing to ATU's secretary-treasurer before the start of the April 20, 2009 charter meeting. Nominations will not be accepted at any other time or place. All ATU members in good standing who will not be candidates are eligible to be nominated. Please contact the Local for more specific information about this committee.

Charter members meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Salvation Army, Rose Center for Seniors, 211 NE 18th Ave, Portland (18th & Sandy Blvd, adjacent to the ATU office.) Charter day members meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Schoppert Hall, 1801 NE Couch, Portland.

Salem members meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the West Salem Branch Public Library 395 Glen Creek Road, Salem.

Eugene members meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, and Eugene day members meet 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Woodworkers Local Lodge, 1124 South A St., Springfield.

Corvallis members meet 7:45 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Woodstock Pizza, 1045 NW Kings Blvd.

Medford members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Hampton Inn, 1122 Morrow Rd., Medford.

Portland School Bus members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Rigler School, 5401 NE Prescott, Portland

Vancouver members meet 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Laborers Hall, 2121 NE Andresen, Vancouver, WA.

Tillamook members meet 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at 212 Main Street, next door to Beach Pancake House in Tillamook.

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PLEASE NOTE: ATU members are invited to attend any of the above-listed meetings.

UNITED ASSOCIATION 290

Portland area members meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Tualatin.

Astoria area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Astoria Labor Temple, 926 Duane, Astoria.

Bend area members meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Local 290 Training Center, 2161 SW First, Redmond.

Brookings area members meet 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Curry County Search and Rescue, 417 Railroad St., Brookings.

Coos Bay area members meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Coos Bay Training Center, 2nd & Kruse.

Eugene area members meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Klamath Falls area members meet 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at 4816 S 6th St., Klamath Falls.

Medford area members meet 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at 950 Industrial Circle, White City.

Roseburg area members meet 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Roseburg Labor Temple, 742 SE Roberts.

Salem area members meet 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at 1810 Hawthorne Ave. NE, Salem.

The Dalles area members meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the United Steelworkers Local 9170 Union Hall.

Humboldt-Del Norte Co. area members meet 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Eureka Training Center, 832 E St., Eureka, Calif.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1097

Members meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, preceded by a 5:45 p.m. Executive Board meeting, in the union office building, 91237 Old Mill Town Rd., Westport, Oregon.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 8378

Members meet 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the A-Dec Building at the Fairgrounds in McMinnville.

RETIREE MEETING NOTICES

ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS OREGON CHAPTER

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave., Portland.

Executive Board meets 10 a.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Northwest Oregon Labor Council board room, at 1125 SE Madison, Portland.

BAKERS 114

Retirees meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at Hometown Buffet, (by Mall 205) 10452A SE Washington, Portland.

CARPENTERS

Retired Carpenters meet for lunch 11 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Hometown Buffet, (by Mall 205) 10452A SE Washington, Portland.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 280

Retirees meet between 11:45 a.m. and noon Monday, May 11, at The Old Country Buffet on Lancaster in Salem, located

in the Lancaster East Mall. If you have any questions, please give Don Ball a call at 541-327-3388.

INSULATORS 36

Retiree breakfast 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Dockside Restaurant, 2047 NW Front Ave., Portland.

IRON WORKERS 29

Retirees meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Union Hall meeting room, 11620 NE Ainsworth Circle #200, Portland for a catered lunch.

MACHINISTS

Retired Machinists meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland, for a brief business meeting and lunch at a restaurant to be determined at the meeting.

NORTHWEST OREGON LABOR RETIREES COUNCIL

Business meeting from 10 a.m. to 11

a.m. Monday, May 11, in the Northwest Oregon Labor Council board room, at 1125 SE Madison #103G, Portland.

OREGON AFSCME

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the AFSCME office, 6025 E Burnside, Portland. Call Michael Arken for information at 503-239-9858, ext. 124.

TRANSIT 757

Retirees meet 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Westmoreland Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd, Portland.

UNITED ASSOCIATION 290

Rusty Pipe retirees meet 2 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Springfield Training Center, 2861 Pierce Parkway, Springfield.

Salem area retirees meet 12 noon Wednesday, May 13, at Almost Home Restaurant, 3310 Market St. SE, Salem.

Retirees meet 10 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at 20210 SW Teton Ave., Portland.

OR-OSHA Enforcement Activity for Calendar Years 2004-2008

Year of Inspection	INSPECTIONS					VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES ASSESSED								Citations Issued
	Safety	Health	Total	Employers Covered	% In Compliance	Serious		Repeat		Willful		Other		
						No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	
2000	4,399	680	5,386	166,158	24.3	4,080	\$1,498,274	244	\$460,450	4	\$130,000	6,464	\$175,110	3,933
2001	4,823	848	5,671	199,891	24.8	4,757	\$1,540,605	258	\$396,630	2	\$45,000	8,440	\$288,845	4,093
2002	4,730	793	5,523	199,160	23.9	4,312	\$1,522,055	203	\$303,390	2	\$100,000	7,292	\$252,785	4,034
2003	4,460	821	5,281	210,171	23.0	4,222	\$1,596,322	219	\$475,130	0	\$0	7,177	\$251,025	3,893
2004	4,288	816	5,104	228,067	24.9	4,181	\$1,477,010	213	\$383,555	2	\$120,000	7,142	\$192,815	3,832
2005	4,091	738	4,829	268,095	22.2	4,334	\$1,386,025	231	\$458,900	2	\$140,000	6,205	\$178,165	3,755
2006	4,090	900	4,990	370,162	26.8	4,046	\$1,393,915	261	\$756,550	0	0	5,657	\$228,375	3,653
2007	4,163	898	5,061	239,951	24.9	4,163	\$1,517,850	274	\$661,100	2	\$30,000	5,693	\$233,725	3,801
2008	4,329	953	5,282	207,718	24.1	4,622	\$1,669,908	224	\$486,975	2	\$50,000	5,701	\$200,845	4,010

1) Each set of grouped violations was counted as one violation. 2) All penalties associated with group violations were included. 3) Penalties shown are initial penalties assessed and do not reflect reductions made after the original citation was issued. 4) Data are tallied by open date of inspection. Data will change as updated. 5) Inspection and citation counts do not include orders to correct done prior to Oct. 1, 2002.

Source: Research and Analysis Section, OR-OSHA

U.S. Labor Department under Bush failed to protect workers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) — A report by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General (OIG) reveals that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) under the Bush Administration systematically failed to perform follow-up inspections for employers who put workers in serious danger. That failure may have led to workers being killed.

"With 5,680 workers dying on the job each year, this report shows just how callous the Bush Administration was when it came to protecting workers," the AFL-CIO stated.

According to the report, OSHA

failed to, or was deficient in, following up on 97 percent of the cases in its Enhanced Enforcement Program, which, ironically, was designed to step up enforcement against serious violators. The OIG found that at 45 worksites where OSHA oversight was deficient, 58 workers subsequently were killed by job hazards.

Last year, OSHA changed the rules for which firms made the Enhanced Enforcement Program list, cutting the number from 719 in fiscal year 2007 to 475 in fiscal year 2008.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said the findings confirmed what the la-

bor federation has said all along about Bush's OSHA: "This is an indictment of the Bush Administration's unwillingness to protect and safeguard America's working men and women."

Change To Win Health and Safety Director Eric Frumin agreed, but also pointed out the Inspector General cited

companies' failure to protect their own workers, with or without OSHA enforcement. Frumin called on Congress to give the agency more money, more inspectors — and more power against violators.

"The report identifies huge corporations like WalMart and Waste Manage-

ment, Inc., which should have been designated" for the EEP. "These companies ... and others must be finally held accountable for their cold-hearted disregard of their workers' safety and health," Frumin said.

The labor secretary in the eight-year Bush Administration was Elaine Chao.

General Sheet Metal earns safety recognition status

General Sheet Metal was certified April 2 into the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) by the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Acceptance into SHARP is a public acknowledgment by Oregon-OSHA that a model safety and health program exists and that safety is a company value. Participation in SHARP doesn't eliminate regulatory enforcement, although participants do receive a limited exemption from programmed inspections.

General Sheet Metal is signatory with Sheet Metal Workers Local 16. Depending on workload, the company employs between 40 and 80 people.

Local 16 President Ric Olander recently went to work there to coordinate its architectural sheet metal department. Prior to that, Olander was assistant co-

ordinator at the union's HVAC & Metals Institute in Northeast Portland.

General Sheet Metal is a Clackamas-based, 77-year-old minority-owned company that fabricates and installs sheet metal ductwork, architectural metal, and specialty items for industrial and commercial customers in the Pacific Northwest.

"Every employee is committed to making sure their co-workers make it home safely to their families at the end of each day," said company president Carol Duncan.

Oregon employers that have been in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP, regardless of size or type of business.

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Drywall from China blamed for problems in homes

Homeowners are joining in class-action lawsuits and U.S. senators are calling for bans and investigations into Chinese-made drywall that tests show can emit sulfur gases that corrode copper coils and electrical and plumbing components, and sicken occupants with its rotten-egg-type smell.

The problem surfaced in Florida in late 2008, but similar occurrences have been linked to tens of thousands of homes in the Deep South, the Midwest, the Southwest, and the Pacific Northwest.

Jerry Auvil of Portland-based Exterior and Interior Specialists Local 2154, which represents drywall hangers, wasn't aware of any problems in the Portland area. A spokesman for Associated Ceiling and Wall Contractors in Portland said he had heard something about

the bad drywall back east, but hasn't fielded any contractor complaints in the Pacific Northwest.

It's gotten so bad in the South, however, that U.S. Senators Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Mary Landrieu (D-La) have filed legislation seeking a recall and temporary ban of the imported drywall. Louisiana and Florida Governors Bobby Jindal and Charlie Crist also are calling on the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control to step in and investigate.

Attorneys for homeowners in Florida, Louisiana, and Alabama contend the toxic chemicals emanating from the drywall have corroded electrical wiring and components of air-conditioning and other household appliances and, that in some instances, have made homeowners ill.

Attorneys allege the imported drywall contains fly ash residue — a waste material captured from the chimneys of coal-fired power plants. The material that wouldn't burn was recycled into the drywall instead of being taken to a landfill.

A target of the lawsuits is drywall manufacturer Knauf Plasterboard Tianjin Co. Ltd. of China, and exporter Rothchild International Ltd. of the Chinese port city of Ningbo. Several homebuilders in Florida and Louisiana also are named in lawsuits.

Over 500-million-pounds of drywall were imported from China between 2004 and 2007 when the construction boom was at a peak and domestic materials were said to be in short supply.

Sen. Nelson said drywall from China arrived at ports around the country, including 60 million pounds in New Orleans and 27 million pounds in Mississippi — two areas hard hit by Hurri-

cane Katrina.

"I believe you're going to see this is widespread," Nelson said.

It has been estimated that as many as 300,000 homes across 40 states may contain the defective drywall. Many of those homes are uninhabitable and will need to be completely gutted. Affected electrical appliances also will need to be replaced.

America's Watchdog, a consumer advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., told the Labor Press via e-mail that the tainted drywall is likely "all over Oregon and Washington."

America's Watchdog President M. Thomas Martin believes some of the drywall was trucked up from California by subcontractors using undocumented workers.

"This is why your labor unions never saw it. We don't think they would have touched the stuff," Martin said.

On its Web site, the organization reports that unionized drywall installers in the South "would not hang the drywall, because it stunk, and or it made workers sick."

In their bill, Senators Nelson and Landrieu are asking the secretaries of Treasury and Housing and Urban Development to provide mortgage relief and other assistance to affected homeowners, though they want the costs to be borne by the manufacturers and not U.S. taxpayers.

"Homeowners are already suffering from depressed home values and negative economic conditions," Nelson said.

Nelson is a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, which oversees the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The CPSC also has launched a federal investigation.

At a town hall meeting April 8 in

West Palm Beach, Florida, with Sen. Nelson and Congressman Robert Wexler (D-Fla.), Laborers Union official Ron Nault raised concerns about workers.

"What about the workers taking this stuff out of the homes?" Nault asked. "What do we do with the thing? Put it in a landfill?"

Nault then offered his own suggestion: "Put it on a barge and send it back to China."

In recent years, Chinese imports have been implicated in one safety scandal after another: lead-laced toys; toxic pet food; poisoned toothpaste and snacks; tainted seafood and beef; and defective tires and valve stems.

Ombudsperson can assist with workers' comp questions

SALEM — Have you been hurt on the job, or do you know someone who has? If so, call Oregon Workers' Compensation Ombudsperson Jennifer Flood in Salem for guidance in the complex world of the state's workers' compensation insurance system.

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Retired Painter named 'Firefighter of the Year'

John Kirkpatrick (pictured right), a retired union representative for Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5, was named "Firefighter of the Year" at Estacada Rural Fire District #69.

A member of Painters and Drywall Finishers Local 10, Kirkpatrick, 56, took early retirement in 2007. He had toyed with the idea of volunteering for the Fire Department since moving to Estacada more than 20 years ago. But the long, irregular hours of his union job coupled with raising a family prevented it.

A week after he retired, Kirkpatrick saw a sign at the fire station announcing a new recruiting class for volunteers. He checked it out, and decided to take the plunge. "I didn't know I was looking for one of the biggest and most rewarding challenges of my life," he told the Labor Press.

Estacada, like many rural fire districts, relies on volunteers to supplement its career staff in their fire and emergency medical operations.

Kirkpatrick is a certified Firefighter I and holds an EMT B license. He has fought numerous structural, commercial and car fires, responded to car wrecks, helped in extrications, and in rope rescue operations. He has set up landing zones for Life Flight on dark



rainy highways in the middle of the night, loaded patients in ambulances, and experienced the times when there was nothing he could do but call the medical examiner.

"It is an exciting, challenging, more rewarding experience than I could have ever expected it to be, and I get the chance to work with the best people you can ever hope to meet," he said.

His experience was topped off in February when, at the Fire Depart-

ment's annual banquet, he was named Firefighter of the Year for 2008.

"You could have literally knocked me over with a feather," he said. "With all of the other more experienced and capable candidates on the department, I couldn't believe they chose me. But they did ... and they can't take it back!"

Kirkpatrick says the award gives him the incentive to continue to train and work harder to become a better firefighter for the City of Estacada.

Oregon Senate passes bill to raise compensation for orphans, widows of workers killed on job

SALEM – Legislation to increase benefits provided to the families of Oregon workers killed on the job or permanently and totally disabled from their work was approved by the Oregon Senate in February.

"This legislation honors the memory of Oregonians who have experienced the tragedy of workplace death and disabling injuries," said Sen. Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland), chair of the Senate Commerce and Workforce Development Committee. "We have an obligation to make sure that the loved ones left behind receive proper help in their time of need."

SB 110 makes changes to workers' compensation law in three areas. First, SB 110 increases the current allowances for covering funeral expenses for workers killed on the job from 10 to 20 times the state average weekly wage. Second, the bill increases support for college-aged children of single parents who lose that parent in a workplace accident. This will give students who have relied on the help of a single parent the resources to continue their college education. Third, SB 110 clarifies that if a permanently disabled worker has no surviving spouse or dependent children, an insurer must pay

the full remainder of a disability benefit to the worker's estate.

"Senate Democrats stand by their commitment to working families across Oregon," said Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin (D-Tualatin). "We are fortunate the number of these accidents a year is minimal, but the affect on Oregon families who face these circumstances is life-altering and we need to compensate them accordingly."

The legislation is the product of SB 835 from the 2007 session. That bill requested the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) to study the adequacy of death benefits in the workers' compensation system. Those recommendations were included in SB 110.

"In 2007, we heard from Oregon families who had lost a loved one to an on-the-job injury or death," said Senator Vicki Walker (D-Eugene), who was the sponsor of SB 835 in 2007. "It was obvious we needed to do more. The legislation passed goes a significant way towards helping these families in their time of need."

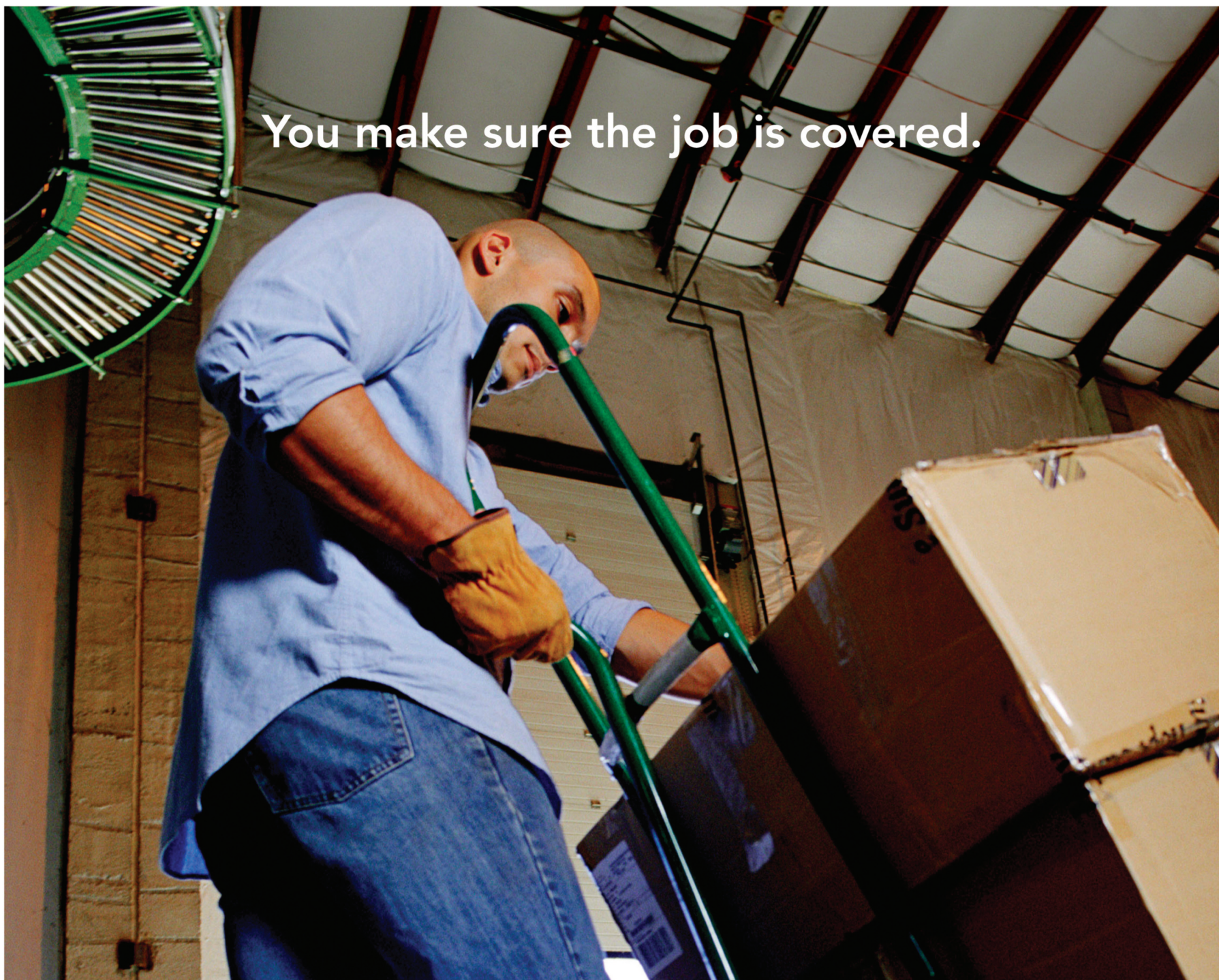
SB 110 has been referred to the House Committee on Business and Labor. The House has until May 20 to schedule a hearing.

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