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Workers celebrate Labor Day

EVERY SEPTEMBER, members of many Boilermaker locals show their solidarity with all workers by marching in Labor Day parades and taking part in other union-sponsored public events.

In 2005, about 40 members of Local 128 (Toronto) continued a 40-plus-year tradition of marching in the Labor Day parade in Hamilton, Ontario. This parade attracts thousands of viewers, with participation from all the building trades in the area.

Local 128, chartered in 1947, represents both shop and construction members all across Ontario. Members participate in numerous events near their homes. More than 200 Local 128 members and their families marched in Sarnia, Ontario, with another 40 in Toronto.

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Members of Local 128 march in the annual Labor Day parade in Hamilton, Ontario. The Hamilton parade has a 40-plus-year history and draws thousands of viewers as well as marchers.

Local D432, Georgia-Pacific earn top OSHA award

BOILERMAKERS AT THE Georgia-Pacific gypsum plant in Camden, N.J., have long enjoyed an excellent safety record.

In fact, union employees at the plant have worked 10 years and 200,000 man-hours without a single lost-time injury. They even worked a two-year

period without a recordable first aid incident!

So how can you improve on a record like that?

For members of Local D432, the answer was VPP — OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program.

Georgia-Pacific took the initiative to sign up for VPP some three

years ago, and Local D432 members quickly embraced the concept.

VPPs encourage collaboration among workers, employers, and OSHA. The goal is to maximize the benefit of comprehensive health and safety programs where such programs already exist at the workplace.

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Ed Power is IVP for Eastern Canada

Sandy MacDonald retires after 37 years of service, 19 years as IVP

THE INTERNATIONAL Executive Council approved the nomination of Ed Power as International vice president of Eastern Canada, effective Feb. 1. Power was nominated by Intl. Pres. Newton B. Jones to take the position vacated by Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald, who retired Jan. 31.

Power, a 31-year member of Local 128, Toronto, Ontario, began his career in 1974 as an apprentice construction Boilermaker. He held a variety of local lodge offices before being elected business manager in 1992, a position he held for 11 years. He was appointed as an International representative in 2003. Power was instrumental in setting up the first-ever tripartite conference in Canada, in 2004. He twice chaired the Canadian board of the International Foundation of Employee



Ed Power, a 31-year member of Local 128, is named IVP for Eastern Canada.

Benefit Plans, an educational body for pension plan trustees.

Two of the goals Power wants to address are safeguarding benefits and securing work for members. "Like other organizations, we have to stay on top of our pension and health & welfare plans, making sure they continue to be funded and keeping a close eye on the markets. I also want to grow the tripartite conference in Canada. We doubled the owner/client participation from the first year to the second. Of course, the Boilermakers' tripartite experience in the U.S. has been a huge help for us."

Upcoming work in Eastern Canada looks very good, Power noted. "Right across Eastern Canada, we've got a good mix of industries: steel, power plants, oil refineries, and pulp and

paper. We're involved in a pretty good cross section of all these industries. In Ontario, they have a major power supply problem, so the [work outlook] is very

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CLGAW IVP Hickenbotham elected ICEM chairperson



New ICEM chairman IVP Jim Hickenbotham (r.) joins hands with, l. to r., ICEM officers Phee Jung-sun and Fred Higgs, and co-chairman Michel Decayeux.

DELEGATES TO THE world conference for the materials sector of the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine, and General Workers' Unions (ICEM) elected Boilermaker International Vice President Jim Hickenbotham to a four-year term as chair Nov. 17-18 in Brussels, Belgium. Michel Decayeux, general secretary of CGT-FO Fidichimie in France, was elected vice chairperson.

ICEM is a rapidly growing industry-based world labor federation dedicated

to practical solidarity. It unites trade unions in its sectors on all continents. The unions of ICEM represent more than 20 million workers in six industrial sectors: energy, chemicals, mining, paper, rubber, and materials.

ICEM's materials sector encompasses unions in the cement, glass, and ceramic industries. Hickenbotham serves as International vice president at large for the Boilermakers' Cement, Lime, Gypsum, and Allied Workers Division (CLGAW). □

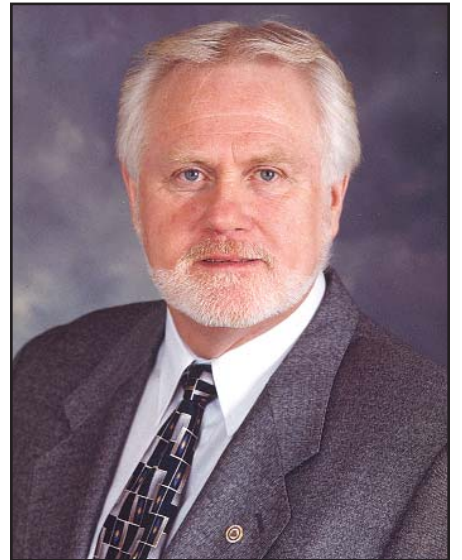
MacDonald retires as IVP for Eastern Canada

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good. They're looking at building new co-generation facilities and nuclear plants in the province."

Power said IVP Sandy MacDonald's shoes will be tough to fill. "I've known Sandy for over 25 years. He has done a terrific job representing the membership of Eastern Canada. He's developed great relationships with all our business partners, business managers, and membership, and is well respected throughout Eastern Canada. Certainly everybody in Eastern Canada wishes him all the best."

Power noted that both he and MacDonald came up through the ranks, serving in various local lodge offices. This experience served both men well, he said. "Of course, as an International vice president we deal with business managers and their problems and concerns. Having spent as much time as I did as a business manager, I think that experience will be a big help to me."



Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald retires after 19 years as IVP for Eastern Canada.

Sandy MacDonald retires after long, distinguished career

ALEXANDER C. "Sandy" MacDonald, a 37-year member of the Boilermakers, began his career in field construction in 1969 with Local 271, Montreal, Quebec. In 1973, he helped form Local 73 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and he was elected business manager and secretary-treasurer of that local in 1982.

MacDonald was appointed as an International representative for Eastern Canada in 1986 and a year later was elected International vice president for the Eastern Canadian Section. He was re-elected to that position at the three following Consolidated Conventions.

MacDonald serves as an International trustee, a trustee for the Boilermakers' national health & welfare and pension funds, and chairman of the International Scholarship Committee. He is also co-chair of the National Construction Bargaining Committee. As chairman of the finance committee for the Canadian Federation of Labour, MacDonald helped institute a program that allows ordinary working people to invest in venture capital funds, and he sits on the board of two Growth Works funds. He also serves as vice president of the Quality Control Council of Canada.

"I'm proud to have worked on the tools for 14 years," MacDonald says. "My two sons are now Boilermakers. It has been a great life for me. I've enjoyed working with my peers; and [Intl. Pres. Emeritus] C.W. Jones and [Intl. Pres.] Newton Jones have been awesome to me."

"I know Ed Power is going to serve the members well and take service to another level," MacDonald says of his successor. "He is well-rounded in all aspects of Boilermaker work in Eastern Canada, and he has been phenomenal to work with." □

Local D432, Georgia-Pacific earn top OSHA 'Star' award



L-D432's exceptional safety performance earned the Georgia-Pacific Camden, N.J., plant OSHA's 'Star' status.

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Last year, OSHA rewarded the efforts of Local D432 and Georgia-Pacific by elevating their safety status to "Star," the highest level in VPP. Officials from state and local governments, Georgia-Pacific, and the Boilermakers attended the Sep. 15 induction ceremony, held at the gypsum plant. Intl. Rep. Phillipp Evans addressed those attending and congratulated Local D432 members for their exceptional achievement.

Local D432 President Steven Martin said a key benefit of VPP participation was that "the company stepped up its efforts and pushed through safety improvements that the union had always wanted."

As part of the VPP process, Martin met with other unions to compare safety programs. From those meetings,

he took a recommendation to Georgia-Pacific that the company establish a new, full-time union position — an hourly safety coordinator. The company agreed.

"Mark Styan has filled that position," said Martin. "He handles everything from updating OSHA binders to running safety meetings and addressing safety concerns."

Another benefit, said Martin, is that individual members have developed a mindset and habit of looking out for one another, "so they can return home the same way they came to work. Safety is a part of our culture — brother looking out for brother."

Martin noted that the company-union relationship has also improved. "We're actually on better terms, because we've had to work more closely through the VPP." □



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Members of Local 45, Richmond, Va., were also active on Labor Day 2005. Several members marched in a parade in Covington, Va., with then-Governor Mark Warner. Marching in the parade demonstrated Local 45's solidarity with other union workers while also letting them show support for the gubernatorial campaign of Democratic candidate Tim Kaine. He won his election in Nov. 2005, in part because he had union members marching for him on this important day for workers.

Since Labor Day parades originated in the late 19th century during the struggle for the eight-hour day, they have evolved from marches of protest and demands to celebrations. For millions of people, Labor Day signals little more than the end of summer.

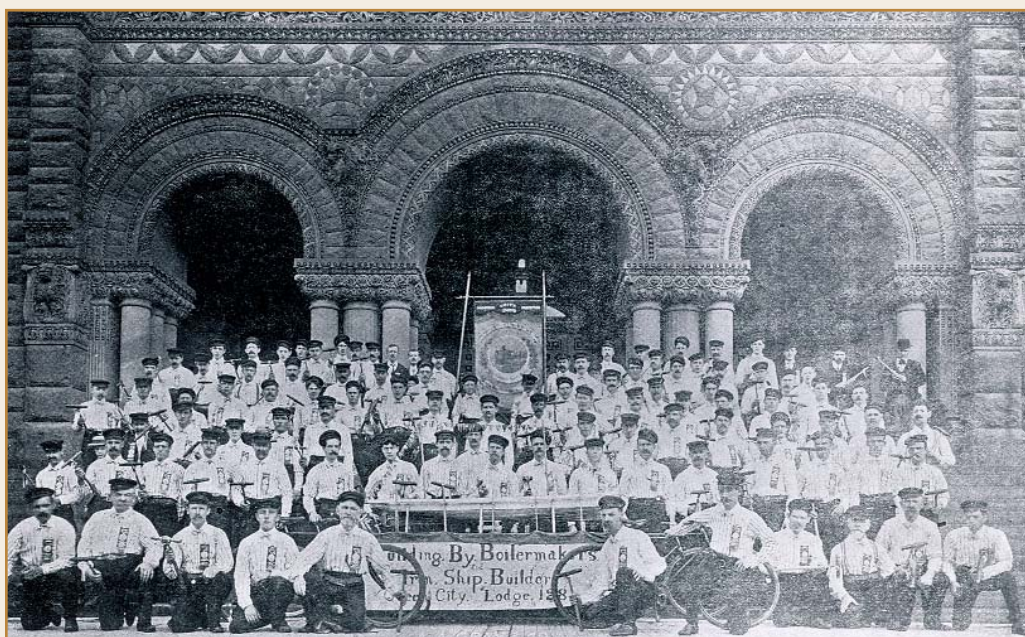
But for many union members, Labor Day remains a day to re-assert the idea that the only way to ensure that our good work gets rewarded properly is to march together with other workers.

Unionized workers are responsible for this paid holiday (and for all the others) and for all the economic advances workers have seen since the first Labor Day in 1892. It's a day to be proud you're a union member. □

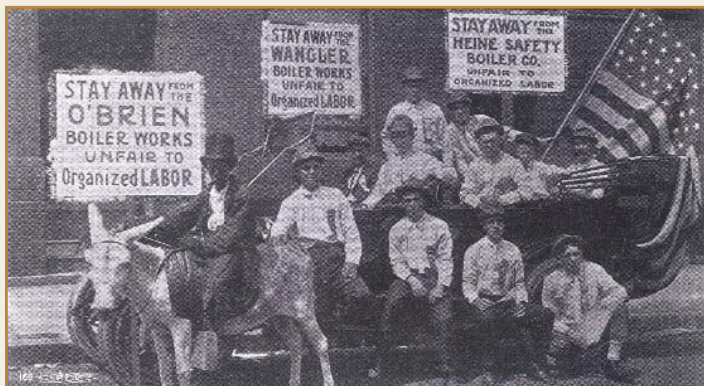


Virginia's then-Governor Mark Warner marches with Local 45 members in Covington, Va., on Labor Day 2005.

Labor Days in Years Past



Boilermakers from Local Lodge 128 (Toronto) pose with tools in hand on Labor Day 1903.



LEFT: Boilermakers from Local 27 (St. Louis) paraded with a purpose in 1917, warning other workers whom they should avoid. RIGHT: Local 292 and its ladies auxiliary won almost all the prizes in Parsons, Kan., on Labor Day 1912, but their burro stole the show.

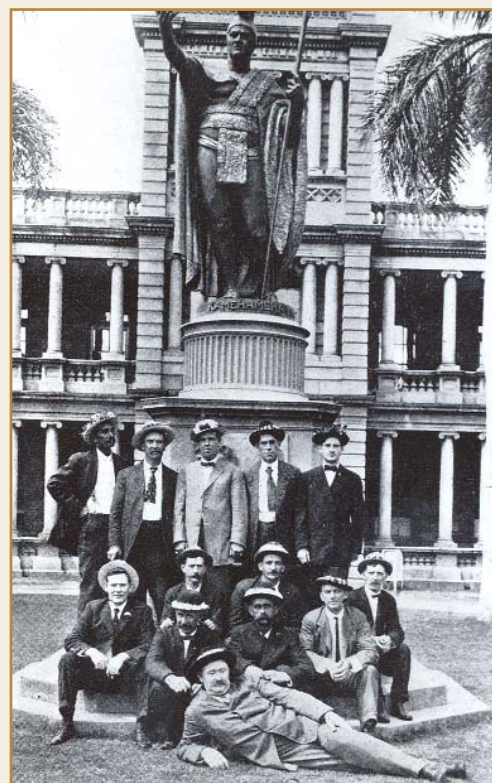


Boilermakers of Local 248 (DuBois, Pa.) feared no noise in 1905. Perhaps that helps explain why occupationally induced hearing loss is referred to as 'Boilermaker's Disease.'

RIGHT: Local 103 Boilermakers 'woke up the city' with their steaming boiler, air hammers, and rivets in Salt Lake City in 1907.

BOTTOM RIGHT: With leis on their hat brims, Local 204 members pose beneath a statue of King Kamehameha I in Honolulu in 1909.

BOTTOM LEFT: Local 4 Boilermakers (Birmingham, Ala.) were marshalled by Brother J.G. Greener (on horse) on Labor Day 1899.

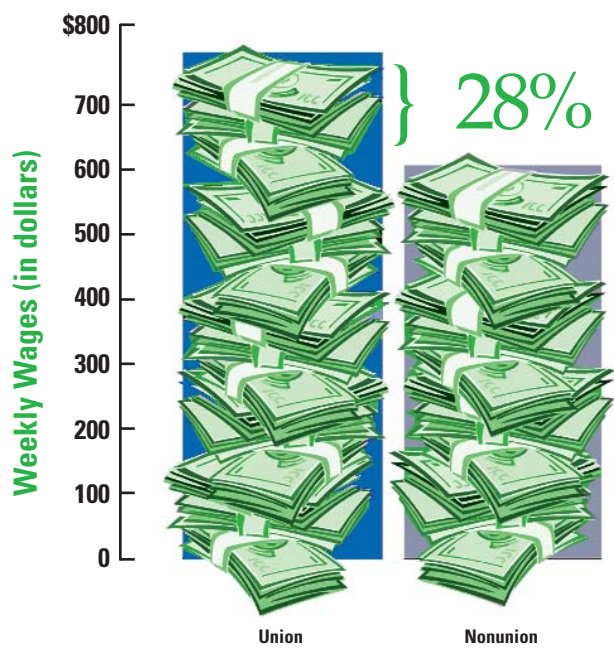


Union membership has its advantages

BY JOINING UNIONS, workers not only gain a voice on the job, they get more benefits and higher wages than their nonunion counterparts. The fol-

lowing graphs illustrate that 24 percent more union workers have health insurance coverage and 57 percent more union workers have defined pension

plans. Union workers also earn 28 percent more in wages each week and get 28 percent more paid vacation days every year. □



The Union Edge: Weekly Wages

UNION WORKERS earn a median weekly income of \$781 compared to just \$612 that nonunion workers earn. That's a 28 percent union advantage. It's like getting 14 extra paychecks a year.

Unions add 213,000

Density remains steady at 12.5%

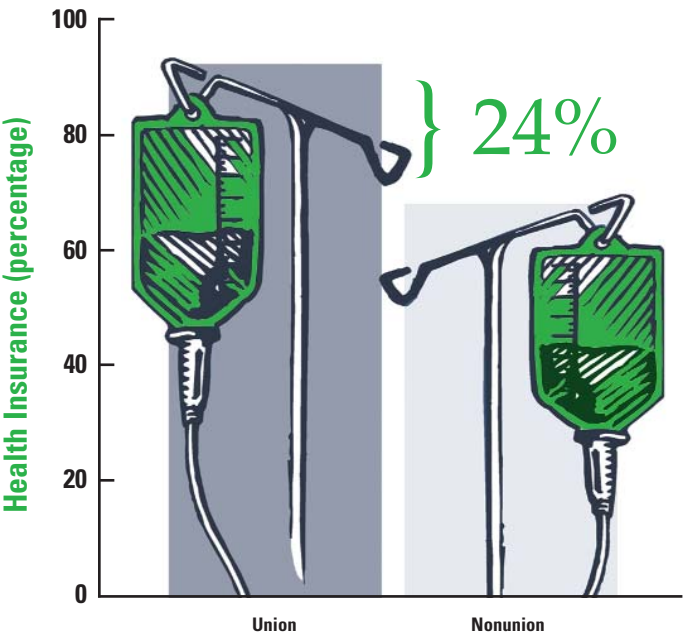
THE BUREAU OF Labor Statistics (BLS) reported some positive news for labor unions Jan. 20. During 2005, unions added 213,000 members. Meanwhile, union density (the ratio of union workers to all workers) remained steady at 12.5 percent.

These numbers reverse a decline in overall union numbers in recent years. AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said of the report: "In a political climate that's hostile to workers' rights, these numbers illustrate the extraordinary will of workers to gain a voice on the job despite enormous obstacles."

The BLS also reported that wage increases for union workers were double that of nonunion workers, underscoring the importance of union membership at a time when wages are being held flat and health care and retirement costs are being shifted from employers to employees.

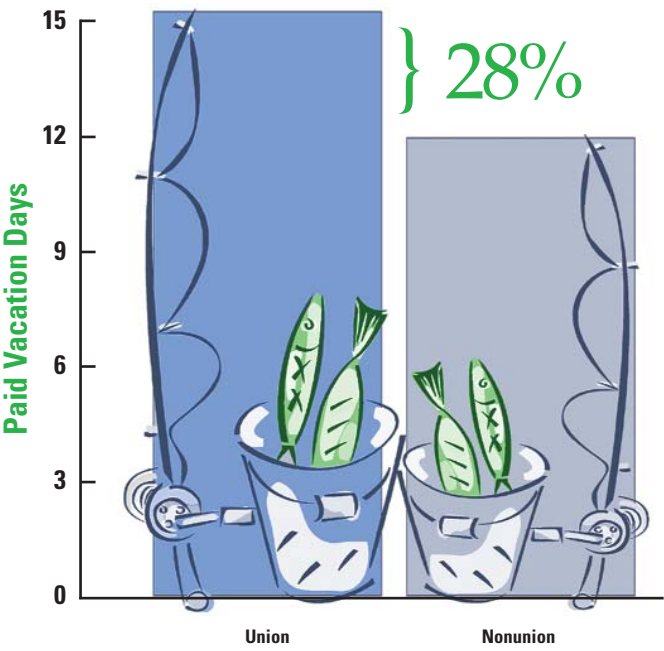
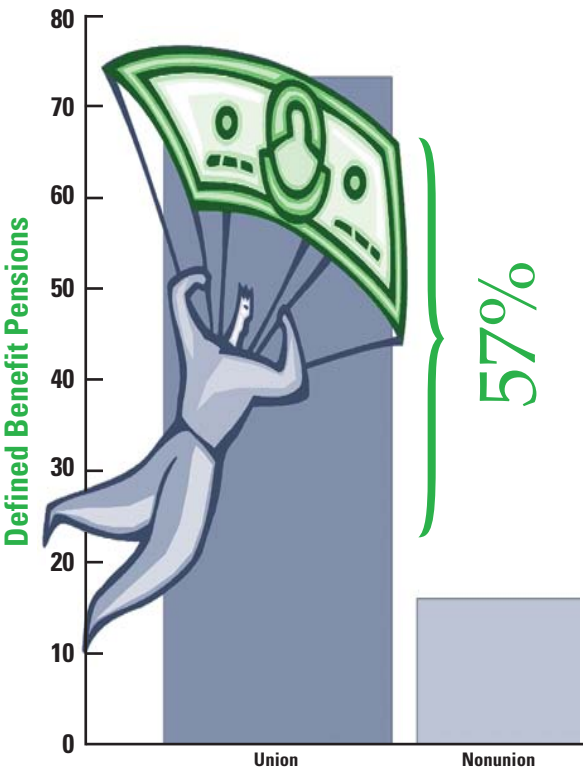
The Union Edge: Health Insurance

UNION WORKERS are also more likely to have employer-provided health insurance. In fact, 92 percent of union workers have jobs that offer health care benefits compared to only 68 percent of nonunion workers.



The Union Edge: Defined Benefit Pensions

WHEN IT COMES to retirement, the union advantage is greatest. Seventy-three percent of union workers have a defined-benefit pension plan from their employer, compared to 16 percent of nonunion workers. Defined-benefit plans are the only ones with guaranteed benefits. Using the plan's formula, you can calculate exactly how much you will receive when you retire. With a defined-contribution plan, such as a 401(k), you have no idea what you'll end up with in retirement.



The Union Edge: Paid Vacation Days

THE AVERAGE union worker gets 15 days of paid vacation a year compared to the average nonunion worker's 11.75 days. That's another three days to spend doing what you want to do while still collecting a vacation paycheck.

Sources: AFL-CIO Web site; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Union Members in 2004, Jan. 27, 2005; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March 2005; Economic Policy Institute; Employee Benefits Research Institute, May 2005.



SAJAC showcases its new administrative and training facility in Ruskin, Fla., Dec. 2.

SAJAC holds open house

New classroom provides needed space and flexibility for apprentice training

THE SOUTHEASTERN Area Joint Apprenticeship Committee (SAJAC) showed off its new administrative and training facility in Ruskin, Fla., during an open house Dec. 2.

Approximately 50 guests attended the event, which was highlighted by the presentation of several commemorative plaques affixed to the building. One of the plaques cites the contributions of IP Newton B. Jones, "in recognition of his steadfast and long standing support of training and for his devotion to the Boilermaker craft." A second plaque recognizes the efforts of the SAJAC trustees and contractors.

The new, 5,700-sq.-ft. facility is a handsome one-story building that includes a 1,000-sq.-ft. classroom.

Mike Peterson, area director for SAJAC, said the classroom is a key component of the building because, "it gives us much needed flexibility in training instructors and apprentices and in providing up-to-date training for journeymen." The facility also provides ample room for SAJAC's extensive record-keeping requirements.

Peterson recalled that conceptual work for the new office building began when IP Jones was vice president of the Southeast Section and a SAJAC co-chairman.

"He and I did the building layout and turned rough drawings over to a design-build contractor," he said. The structure was built in nine months. Peterson credited the SAJAC staff for its hard work in making the transition from rented office space some seven miles away.

"The move took eight hours, and we were only out of business for one day and back in full operation the following Monday. The SAJAC staff worked all day Saturday and Sunday to get things shipshape," Peterson said.

Among those attending the Dec. 2 open house were IP Jones; IP Emeritus Charles W. Jones and Mrs. Ursula Jones; SAJAC trustees IVP Sam May and IVP George Rogers; SAJAC Chairman J. Michael Carroll, AP Com Power; and Dist. 57 BM-ES Ed Vance (SAJAC secretary).

Other SAJAC trustees attending included Mississippi River Dist. 5 BM-ES John Simoneaux; Local 83 BM-ST Roger Erickson; Gary Haught, AP Com Power; Hank Varnum, Central Maintenance and Repair; and Larry Toops, B&W Construction.

Other SAJAC officials in attendance were Alternate Secretary Ronnie Traxler, CBI; accountant Andy Mason, Derkin & Mason; and instructor Doug Walker.

The open house also drew business managers and other officials from a number of Boilermaker locals as well as contractor representatives and other guests. □



IP Newton B. Jones (center) expresses his gratitude for the effort of the SAJAC staff, trustees, and contractors. Left to right are George Rogers, Central Section IVP and SAJAC trustee; Ronnie Traxler, CBI, SAJAC alternate secretary; IP Jones; SAJAC trustees Larry Toops, B&W Construction, and Hank Varnum, Central Maintenance and Repair; and SAJAC Secretary Ed Vance, Dist. 57 BM-ES.



Attending the SAJAC open house are, l. to r., Alternate Secretary Ronnie Traxler, CBI; trustee Hank Varnum, Central Maintenance and Repair; Secretary Ed Vance, Dist. 57 BM-ES; trustee Roger Erickson, Local 83 BM; Chairman Mike Carroll, AP Com Power; and trustees Larry Toops, B&W Construction, and Southeast Section IVP Sam May.

Apprentices build boiler

Model to be used as a learning tool for boiler flow, trade technology



Apprentices from Locals 45, 193, and 667 build a model boiler as part of their class assignments.

APPRENTICES FROM THREE locals completed a hybrid boiler on schedule, under budget, and without any lost-time accidents while working under adverse conditions, reports David White, apprentice and safety coordinator for Local 667, Charleston, W.Va.

The boiler may be small, but the apprentices did build it under adverse conditions, jokes White. After all, he was looking over their shoulders during the entire three-year project!

Apprentices from Local 667, Local 45 (Richmond, Va.), and Local 193 (Baltimore) designed



Apprentices built this small boiler as part of their class assignments. It will be used to teach future apprentices about boiler flow and trade technology.

the boiler as part of their drafting and blueprint classes. They then built the miniature boiler — complete with fire box, convection section, primary and secondary air ducts, air heaters, steam lines, turbines, and fans — as part of their hands-on fabrication training.

The completed boiler will now be used to train future apprentices in boiler flow and trade technology. □

Delegates to attend 38th annual **LEAP** Conference March 12-15



OVER A FOUR-DAY period, March 12-15, several hundred Boilermaker delegates from local lodges across the U.S. will assemble in Washington for a crash course in politics and legislation.

The Boilermakers' government affairs department has identified the following five issues for that conference, based on their urgency and potential impact on Boilermakers and their families. Local lodge delegates will receive briefings about these issues prior to meeting with members of the House and Senate.

Preserving the Defense Manufacturing Base

THE PENTAGON AND Congress have continued the misguided policy of "outsourcing" the defense of our nation, threatening the future of our military. The skilled work force needed to support our armed forces must be maintained to protect U.S. interests at home and abroad. Two areas are of particular concern:

★ **"Buy America" Laws** — Congress continues to grant the secretary of defense authority to waive U.S. laws requiring defense systems and components to be manufactured in the U.S., allowing the manufacture of systems and components in 21 foreign countries. Our nation should not use U.S. tax dollars to support manufacturing abroad when more than 2.8 million domestic jobs have vanished in this country. Neglecting domestic manufacturing will erode the supply of skilled workers, eventually leaving us without the skilled work force needed to build the weapons that protect our nation.

★ **Limit Leasing of Foreign-Built Ships** — Congress should support an amendment to the Department of Defense (DOD) Fiscal Year 2007 Authorization and Appropriations Bill that would limit the duration of DOD lease contracts of foreign-built ships to two years. The Pentagon has skirted laws intended to save money by including multiple 18-month options in each lease contract. This practice has resulted in the DOD leasing ships to meet long-term military requirements. If limits are not placed on the length of these leases, DOD will increasingly use more foreign-built ships rather than purchase American-built ships. Continued long-term leasing of foreign-built ships will increase costs to the taxpayer and

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cause the American shipbuilding industry — which has already been reduced to half its size over the last 10 years — to lay off tens of thousands more workers.

Peru/Andean FTA

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION intends to send Congress a proposed "free trade" agreement with Peru, and could possibly add additional agreements with Colombia and Ecuador.

The trade deals being considered for these South American countries are modeled after the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) — both of which have proven to be miserable failures for workers, in the U.S. and abroad.

Like NAFTA and CAFTA, trade agreements with South American countries will send more American jobs overseas, and they will not provide enforceable worker protections in South America (despite an offer from the Peruvian president to include the International Labor Organization's core labor standards in the agreement).

We must tell Congress to reject the Peru/Andean FTA and commit to a new model for fair global trade. Workers — both in the U.S. and around the world — need good jobs, decent working conditions, access to quality health care, and a rising standard of living.

Unfortunately, the global economy that has developed as a result of unfair trade rules does not promote these values. We have watched millions of good jobs disappear to become sweatshop jobs in other countries.

It is time to end NAFTA-style, "race-to-the-bottom" trade deals. Future trade deals must include comprehensive and fully enforceable standards to protect workers. Trade must create new opportunities for American workers, and no trade agreement should stop our government from protecting communities or require the privatization of vital public services.

Asbestos Disease Compensation Fund

AFTER YEARS OF wrangling over compensation for the victims of asbestos diseases, the U.S. Senate is nearing action on S. 852, the Fairness in

Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005 (FAIR Act).

In theory, the bill would fix the current compensation system, which is hung up by a large backlog of court cases. The bill provides victims an alternative to having much of their compensation go to legal expenses, including attorney fees that are typically set at 30 percent. It also will allow victims an opportunity for compensation even when the responsible party is no longer in business.

The current system uses trusts approved by the courts and funded by corporations that mined asbestos or used it in manufacturing or construction. These trusts were set up more than a decade ago. Many of these companies have filed for bankruptcy due to the thousands of lawsuits brought against them by former employees and their surviving family members (including many Boilermakers).

S. 852, sponsored by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) with support from Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), is an attempt to solve the compensation problem by setting up a separate trust to pay claims while eliminating costly lawsuits. The FAIR Act would set limits on claims and would likely allow more types of claims to be addressed. Billions of dollars in potential compensation — and corporate liability — are at stake.

While there has been some cooperation from Senate Republicans and Democrats in drafting the bill, special interest groups have made the legislation complex. Passage of the bill will be difficult.

The Boilermakers seek to ensure that the trust provides fair awards, includes enough funding to pay all obligations, and offers sufficient medical screening for high-risk workers.

Multi-Pollutant Power Plant Emissions

OVER THE NEXT decade, power plant operators will face new requirements to substantially reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and mercury. These requirements have led to most new power generation facilities being gas-fired. With demand for natural gas spiking, and prices increasingly volatile, continuing down this path will have a devastating impact on American workers as firms look to

move operations overseas for cheaper natural gas.

Congress should pass laws that support conventional power plant operations, promote regular repair and maintenance, spur the installation of the latest pollution control technology, and encourage clean, coal-fired power generation. Boilermakers, who install equipment that reduces NO_x emissions and lowers SO₂ and mercury levels, can play a vital role in support of this sensible approach to affordable, stable domestic power production.

Exempt Boilermakers from the H-2-B Cap

H-2B VISAS ALLOW skilled workers temporary entry into the U.S. to perform vital work that cannot be done by our domestic work force, yet these visas are severely limited and difficult to obtain.

H.R. 3644, bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Joe Wilson (R-2nd SC) and Rep. Eliot Engel (D-17th NY), provides Boilermakers an exemption from the limits on annual H-2B visas because work they perform in power plants is crucial to maintaining our nation's infrastructure, national security, and economy. This legislation would enable our Canadian members to supplement our domestic work force in the event of a scheduled or emergency power plant outage after the limit for the year has been reached.

On Jan. 27, 2005, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued a proposed rule to streamline the H-2B visa application process in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Employers filing applications for H-2B visas will receive visas within 24 hours, similar to an expedited process currently provided for Boilermakers.

Boilermaker contractors and our union also have substantial concerns about the visa processing procedure. In the past two fiscal years, surges in demand for Boilermakers have occurred after the limit for the year has been reached. Failure to secure visas for our Canadian members could result in lost work for U.S. Boilermakers, as contractors are forced to put off plant upgrades and pollution control projects due to a lack of qualified, union Boilermakers. Energy demands increase each year, putting our nation's energy infrastructure and national security at risk if highly trained and certified Boilermakers cannot get H-2B visas to work here.

Brown and Shimkus are legislators of the year

Award recognizes representatives' tireless work in support of Boilermaker workers

TWO U.S. CONGRESSMEN, one a Democrat, the other a Republican, will share the Boilermakers' Legislator of the Year award at the 38th annual conference of its Legislative Education Action Program (LEAP) this March in Washington.

Bridget Martin, director of government affairs, said the award is based on the recipients' tireless work in the U.S. Congress and their unwavering support for workers.

"Sherrod Brown [D-12th OH] has been on our side on nearly every vote ever taken in the U.S. House of Representatives," she said, including his vocal opposition to CAFTA and other such agreements that send U.S. jobs overseas and put Boilermakers out of work.

"Not only is he a leader on trade and worker fairness, he offers an eloquent voice for fairness, justice, and opportunity for every American," she said. "His commitment to the American worker is commendable."

Martin described John Shimkus (R-19th IL) as a leading advocate for unions and working families in the Republican labor caucus.

"His senior position and powerful voice on the House Energy Commerce Committee allows him to promote energy policies that keep jobs in the U.S. and spur Boilermaker construction jobs," she said. "He is also a stalwart advocate for prevailing wage."

Martin stressed that when evaluating politicians, support from unions should not be based exclusively on voting records. She noted that politicians can provide critical assistance to advance the Boilermakers' agenda in ways that are not reflected by votes, including securing federal funding that supports



Congressman Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Boilermaker jobs, working with Boilermaker locals in their congressional districts, or working in committees to improve legislative proposals.



Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL)

International President Newton B. Jones will present the Legislator of the Year awards during LEAP ceremonies March 14. □

2005 Legislation in Review: A look at key legislative issues

New energy policy enacted, prevailing wage restored to Gulf Coast

DESPITE THE ADVERSE political climate, Boilermakers achieved victories in Washington on initiatives to create jobs, protect pensions, improve job site safety, and spur investment in our key industries. This progress resulted from a legislative strategy based on outreach to Republican members of Congress who — though they may not support our views on a number of issues — do share some common goals with our union.

Energy Policy Act of 2005

ON AUGUST 8, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into law. Included in the policy are incentives for coal-fired power generation and worker and consumer protections in the event of utility mergers.

The law authorizes \$200 million annually through fiscal year 2014 for research in coal-based gasification and combustion technologies. It also authorizes \$3 billion over seven years for loans, cost sharing, and cooperative agreements to implement clean coal technology. Funds may be used to retrofit plants with pollution control equipment and to encourage the production and generation of new sources of coal-based power (including repowering existing facilities). Finally, the law authorizes \$20 million annually through fiscal year 2008 in grants for skilled work force development.

Davis-Bacon Act

THE YEAR 2005 brought mixed news for prevailing wage (Davis-Bacon Act) protections. Congress approved \$286.45 billion in guaranteed funding over six years for federal highway and transit programs, to be built with Davis-Bacon protections. The measure received strong support from the House Republican Labor Caucus — led by Representatives Steven LaTourette (R-14th OH) and Frank LoBiondo (R-2nd NJ).

However, following Hurricane Katrina, a presidential executive order suspended prevailing wage laws for federally-funded rebuilding efforts. Fortunately, the White House rescinded its order after just three months, under pressure from congressional Democrats and the House Republican Labor Caucus.

Multi-Emissions Legislation

FOR YEARS, THE U.S. power generation industry has struggled under overlapping and inconsistent emissions regulations enforced by federal and state agencies. This situation discourages plant upgrades, repairs, and maintenance and thus limits work available to Boilermaker construction division members.

The Boilermakers support the multi-emissions legislation proposed by former President Bill Clinton and by President George W. Bush. Testifying before the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works in support of a multi-emissions approach, Boilermaker Legislative Representative Abraham Breehey told the committee the legislation "requires \$52 billion in investment to meet air quality standards, a significant portion of which will be paid in wages to Boilermakers."

Unfortunately, committee members failed to reach an agreement about restrictions on carbon emissions, ending any immediate change in the law.

Asbestos Victims Trust Fund

LAST YEAR, EFFORTS to overhaul the system for compensating asbestos victims picked up steam. Senate Bill 852, the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005 (FAIR Act), would replace the current system, which has been overwhelmed by lawsuits. The steep cost of legal representation has resulted in many asbestos victims receiving pennies on the dollar in settle-

ments, while others cannot even get to court because of case backlog.

S. 852 would move asbestos compensation from the courts into a publicly-administered trust fund. At year's end, the legislation was nearing action by the U.S. Senate, although it still faces hurdles.

H-2B Visa Exemptions

WITH GUIDANCE FROM the Boilermakers' government affairs department, more than 20 members of the U.S. House joined together to introduce a bipartisan bill (H.R. 3644) that would exempt our Canadian members from H-2B visa caps. Representatives Joe Wilson (R-2nd SC) and Eliot Engel (D-17th NY) co-sponsored the bill. H-2B visas are intended for short-term, temporary, seasonal workers.

Recently the Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security issued a regulation to streamline the H-2B application process, a move that could cause a surge in applications. The Brotherhood is concerned that H-2B visas will have reached their cap when Canadian Boilermakers are needed to supplement American workers engaged in power plant outages. The availability of Canadian members to perform this work is crucial to our nation's infrastructure, national security, and economy.

'Free Trade' Pact Made with Central America

IN 2005, THE Boilermakers' government affairs department joined other trade unions and citizens groups in an all-out lobbying and grass-roots effort aimed at blocking adoption of the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). However, in a late night vote that was kept open well past the time allowed under the rules of debate, the House of Representatives adopted CAFTA by a slim two-vote margin.

Retirement Security

IN 2005, AMERICAN public opinion and a stalwart Congress blocked Presi-

dent Bush's ill-conceived drive to "fix" Social Security by allowing private investments of funds. While Social Security needs attention, it is a fundamentally sound program that can be strengthened with common sense, bipartisan approaches.

Efforts in Congress to shore up multi-employer defined-benefits saw some success in 2005. Stock market reductions and low interest rates threaten the ability of some multiemployer pension plans to safeguard retirement for millions of workers. A coalition representing the multiemployer pension community went to Capitol Hill last year with reform legislation that would enable multiemployer plans to solve their own problems, without resorting to a government bailout.

House Education and Work Force Committee Chairman John Boehner (R-8th OH) worked with unions and our employers to craft legislation that protects core retirement benefits. It is expected that the Senate and House will quickly resolve the differences between their respective proposals and send the legislation to President Bush.

Shipbuilding Protection

ORDERS FOR U.S. Naval ships continue to decline. Only the stalwart, bipartisan support of our longstanding allies in Congress — including Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) and Congressmen Duncan Hunter (R-52nd CA), Rob Simmons (R-2nd CT), Gene Taylor (D-4th MS), and others — has stopped proposals to cut Naval shipbuilding.

In the last two sessions of Congress, the Boilermakers have led the charge to limit the Navy's use of long-term lease agreements on foreign-built ships. We have worked to add amendments to the annual Department of Defense budget bills that would limit the duration of these leases to two years.

Boilermakers also seek to limit foreign outsourcing through "Buy America" laws. Senator Mark Dayton (D-MN) has led efforts to reserve waivers only for nations providing assistance in the war against terrorism. □

Local lodge leaders, Intl. reps. attend 2005 Summer Training Institute

Participants focus on training for stronger union leadership

THIRTY-THREE LOCAL LODGE leaders and 17 International staff members attended classes at the 48th annual Summer Training Institute at the University of Wisconsin's School for Workers held July 10-22, 2005, in Madison, Wis.

Over a two-week period, the Institute offers three courses of study: Basic, Advanced, and Construction. The 2005 program also included a staff training curriculum.

The Boilermakers have been holding these summer seminars at the School

for Workers since 1957. They are an integral part of training and developing leadership within the locals.

The 2005 Basic course addressed collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance handling, occupational safety and health, com-

munication, public relations, labor history, pension and health & welfare issues, and political action.

Coursework for the Advanced course is designed for those who have completed Basic. Advanced participants studied economics, bargaining for pension and safety and health, effective letter writing, arbitration preparation, labor law, labor history, and advanced tactics for political action.

The Construction course included sessions on apprenticeship, MOST programs, safety & health, construction labor law, grievance handling, political action, communication, labor history, and creative thinking and problem solving. Participants also learned about the structure of the Brotherhood and the operation of the national funds (health & welfare, pension, and annuity).

The agenda for International staff training included personal communication, political action, effective letter writing, post-arbitration brief writing, the FMLA, effective time management, trends in collective bargaining, bargaining tactics, headquarter databases, and building the union. Participants spent one day honing their skills using Microsoft Excel to prepare spreadsheets for collective bargaining and other applications.

Some International staff also spent the weekend between the Basic and Advanced classes in a train-the-trainer session. This session covered steward training, including a review of the steward's sourcebook.

Institute instructors included professors from UW-Madison's School for Workers, IVP Othal Smith Jr., International Brotherhood staff members, the general counsel from Blake & Uhlig, and representatives from the national funds office. Classes were held at the Friedrich Center on the shore of Lake Mendota in Madison.

Members attending the Basic Institute, July 10-15, included Fred Colucci and Blaine Daugherty of Local P4, Youngstown, Ohio; Aubrey Green Jr. of Local 26, Savannah, Ga.; Michael Amad of Local 88, Essington, Pa.; Leslie Dikes, Ralph Legler, and John Sewell of Local 344, Ridgecrest, Calif.; Gabriel Lamar of Local 374, Hammond, Ind.; Donald Wolf of Local D414, Pryor, Okla.; Dan Luhmann and Fran Richardson of Local 650, Lake City, Minn.; Odell Hudson and Sean Hudson of Local 693, Pascagoula, Miss.; and Matthew Dalton of Local 1626, Champaign, Ill.

Members attending the Advanced Institute, July 17-22, included Blaine Daugherty and Patrick Straker of Local P4; Charles Day and Larry Ezell of Local 656, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Robert Smith and Frederick Swiatko of Local 1234, Chicago; and Miguel Fonseca and Rich Nelson of Local 1600, St. Charles, Ill.

Members attending the Construction Institute, July 17-22, included Steven Ludwigson, Thomas Ryan, and Thomas Stelfox II of Local 5, New York; Joseph Birolini of Local 29, Boston; Murdoch Macdonald of Local 73, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Danny Carr and Charles Gamble Jr. of Local 108, Birm-



Basic Class



Advanced Class



Construction Class

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Canadians attend train-the-trainer program

MEMBERS OF FIVE Canadian lodges attended a train-the-trainer conference, Nov. 3-4 in Calgary, Alberta. The workshop, to be an annual event, was designed to impart fundamental skills for trainers operating in a workplace training/adult learning environment. Participants learned critical skills for designing, developing, and delivering objective-based training that achieves measurable results.

In attendance were 17 participants representing all of the Canadian local union training coordinators and their training staff: Grant Jacobs, national training coordinator; Steve Silversides, Quality Control Council manager; Local 73 training coordinator Eugene Leblanc and instructors Ernie Aker and Stirling Kearney; Local 128 training coordinator Ed Ferrotte and welding instructor Gord Craig; Local 146 training coordinators Dave Ralph and Allan Belter and instructors Jason Carroll, j'Amey Holroyd, and Arnie Stadnic; Local 203 training coordinator Bill Healey and instructors Tony Bailey and Joe Flynn; and Local 359 training coordinator Joe Kiwior and instructor Russ Osborne. □



Local 154 hosts 24th annual 'weld-off'

Event is fertile recruiting ground for apprentices

DECEMBER 9, 2005, marked the 24th time that Local 154 has hosted the annual American Welding Society "weld-off" competition. The event took place at the local's Pittsburgh, apprenticeship training center. It drew 46 of the area's best welding students from high schools, junior colleges, and Vo-Tech schools, mostly from western Pennsylvania, and parts of Ohio and West Virginia.

"As one of the biggest field construction locals in the United States, we're well equipped to handle this event," says Business Manager Ray Ventrone. "We have a great facility here with nearly 30 welding booths, and our school is one of the best in the country."

The one-day weld-off is a two-way street for Local 154. While the union furnishes the facility and equipment, it gets an opportunity to look at some potentially top-notch welders. It's a fertile recruiting ground for future apprentices. In fact, about one-third of those attending the events end up as



Forty-six students compete in the 24th annual 'weld-off' hosted by Local 154.

Boilermakers, says John Foley, Local 154's veteran welding instructor, who is employed as a co-op teacher with Pittsburgh Public Schools.

"About two dozen schools are involved," says Foley, "and each one picks its top two students. Some come from as far away as 150 miles." □



Staff Training Class

2005 Summer Training

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ingham, Ala.; Brian Dowden, Douglas Ewell II, and Chad Smit of Local 374; Robert Lunsford Jr. of Local 454, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Michael Dietrich of the National Transient Lodge, Maumee, Ohio.

International representatives attending the staff training session, July 17-22, included Mike Atchison, Steven Beal, Charles Brock, David Bunch, John Chapman, Howard Cole, Phillipp Evans, Bobby Godinez, Leonard Gunderson, David Lawrence, Tony Palmisano, Clayton Plummer, James Pressley, Loyd Smith, Amanda Stinger, and Eddie Whitefield. Bryan

King, administrative assistant to the IP and director of internal auditing, also attended the staff training sessions.

IRs attending the train-the-trainer session, July 16-17, included Steve Beal, Charles Brock, Dave Bunch, John Chapman, Howard Cole, Jim Pressley, and Eddie Whitefield.

Instructors included International staff members Len Beauchamp, Dale Branscum, Shannon Brett, Donald Caswell, Wade Davis, Pam Dumler, Clay Herford, Bridget Martin, and Milan Racic.

Other instructors included Joe Moreland, from Blake & Uhlig; Angie Henninger (MOST); Ed Wlodyka, from the national funds office; and from UW-Madison: Michael Childers, Neill Declerq, Courtney Derwinski, Ken Mericle, and Corliss Olson. □

L-587 presents belt buckle to graduate apprentice

GRADUATE APPRENTICE Jesse Esparza (l.) receives a belt buckle from L-587 BM-ST James Kirkland (Orange, Texas). "We are very proud of our apprentices and always try to recognize their accomplishments at our meetings," Kirkland said. "Mr. Esparza is an exceptional worker and I believe him to be an asset to the Boilermakers. As a graduate apprentice myself, I believe we have one of the finest apprenticeship programs in the nation."



Mark your calendars now for the 2006 SFW training seminars

FOLLOWING ARE THE dates for the 2006 School for Workers Summer Training Institute:

August 13-18

Basic

August 20-25

Advanced and Construction

Announcements and registration information will be mailed to local lodges in the spring. Contact Linda Dunham at 913-371-2640 if you have any questions.

L-647's Curl to serve on workers comp board

TERRY CURL, recording secretary and assistant business manager for Local 647, Minneapolis, was appointed to the North Dakota Work Force Safety and Insurance Board last November by Governor John Hoeven.

The board administers the state's workers compensation program. Curl is also a trustee for the North Dakota AFL-CIO and serves on various other committees relating to worker rights and workplace safety and health.

Local Lodge 647's jurisdiction includes Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. □

L-101 sponsors annual golf outing, picnic

Family events are one way members can get to know each other

ACTIVE AND RETIRED members of Local 101, Denver, and their families participated in two annual local-sponsored events: a golf outing, July 23, and a picnic, August 7.

Henry McCoy, bus. mgr. and sec.-treas. for the shop, construction, and railroad lodge, was pleased with attendance at the functions.

He thanks International officers Newton Jones, president; Jerry Willburn, then secretary-treasurer; and Joe Stinger, vice president, for providing gifts for both events.

McCoy also thanks the following contractors for their generous contributions: Babcock & Wilcox Construction, Alstom Power, Moorhead Machinery, and Industrial Contractors Inc. □



L-101 members and families line up at the buffet during the local's picnic, Aug. 7.

Ventrone plays with New England Patriots

Local 154 apprentice finishes NFL rookie year

RAYMOND M. Ventrone, 23, an apprentice with L-154, Pittsburgh, and the son of Local 154 BM Ray Ventrone, became one of the newest members of the New England Patriots last year when the "Pats" signed him as an undrafted free agent.

The speedy, hard-hitting Ventrone, wearing jersey #41, played in several pre-season games and was assigned to the team's practice roster during the regular season. Ventrone was a high school standout who went on

to play college football at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. He was a top safety in I-AA football, an All-American candidate, and was named to the pre-season first team All-Atlantic 10.

Ventrone says there is no other team he would rather play for than the Patriots.

"I've had a great experience," he says. "I don't think I would have enjoyed myself as much anywhere else. All the players and coaches have welcomed me with open arms and helped me out a lot."

The Patriots finished the 2005 season as the AFC East champions. □



Raymond Ventrone, #41 for the New England Patriots, is the son of Local 154 BM Ray Ventrone. Photo courtesy of Patriots; Keith Nordstrom, photographer.

Local 587 swears in officers

AT HIS LOCAL's regular July meeting, 31-year member Malcolm Wilburn received the honor of swearing in the recently-elected officers of Local 587, Orange, Texas.

Re-elected to another term were BM-ST James H.

Kirkland III, President Terry Kirkland, Vice President George Dronett, Recording Secretary Chris Romano, trustee J. R. Wilson, and Inspector John Bergeron. New to office are trustees Roger Howell and Kevin Kirkland. □



Local 647 member gets his moose

BLAKE DING, A member of L-647, Minneapolis, poses with a 1,200-pound bull moose he took with a home-made longbow Sept. 11 in North Dakota.

To qualify for the hunt, Ding first had to win a state lottery that restricts moose hunting to once-per-lifetime per hunter.

He made that good fortune pay off with this handsome trophy. □



L-60 announces election results



LOCAL 60, PEORIA, ILL., announces the election of officers during 2005. Front row, l. to r., are Scott Wilson, president and assistant business manager; Tom Bradley, vice president and assistant business manager; Matt Nelsen, chairman trustee; Mike Wood, trustee; and Darren Lindee, recording secretary. Back row, l. to r., are Ed Hebert, business manager; Jamie Stear, trustee; and Joe Eppy, inspector.

Chartered in 1901, Local Lodge 60 represents approximately 250 members in field construction. □



Thirteen-year-old David Shotts (seated) and his family receive a Hoyer lift from Local D39 and Buzzi Unicem USA during the Christmas holidays. From left are Reen Eiteljorge, David's former teacher; family members J.J., Patricia, William, and Jessica; and Santa (retired Boilermaker Richard 'Shorty' Hull).

Boilermakers have big hearts

WHAT BEGAN 14 years ago as a spontaneous act of kindness has blossomed into a tradition of giving for Local D39 in Greencastle, Ind.

In 1991, Boilermakers employed at the Buzzi Unicem USA cement plant (formerly Lone Star Industries) in Greencastle took up a collection for the disabled niece of a union brother, even though that brother worked in a different state. "It made us feel so good that we wanted to keep doing it," says Ray Miller, a blend operator/electrician at the plant. And keep doing it is what they did. Miller went to Lone Star to see if the company would consider joining in an annual fundraising effort for special needs. The company jumped on board. Every year since then, union members, cement plant management, and the waste fuel division have dug into their own pockets during the holiday season to help those less fortunate.

Miller continues to spearhead the annual effort.

"Ray and his wife, Bonnie, go the extra mile," says Local D39 President Rick York. "Bonnie does all the shop-

ping and makes sure the gifts are wrapped nice. Nearly everybody gives something, and the company generally matches what the union raises."

The union contacts schools and other sources to identify families with special needs. In addition to Christmas gifts, the union purchases food, clothing, and other items. "Sometimes we are able to help more than one family," notes York, "and we try to buy for siblings, too, so they don't feel left out."

The most recent donation was a \$1,700 Hoyer lift for a 13-year-old boy with muscular dystrophy. David Shotts, of nearby Cloverdale, Ind., relies on a wheelchair for mobility. His family will use the lift to transfer him in and out of the wheelchair at their home. In addition to the lift, the family received Christmas presents from Santa (retired Boilermaker Richard "Shorty" Hull). The presentation was made in the cement plant's lobby.

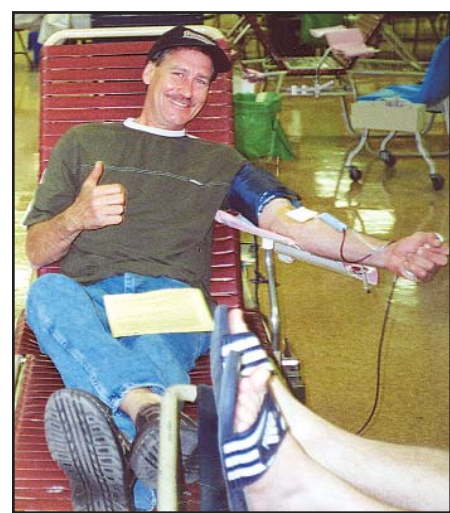
"I can relate to families that are going through tough times," says Miller. "It's very satisfying to help them out . . . to bring joy to others." □



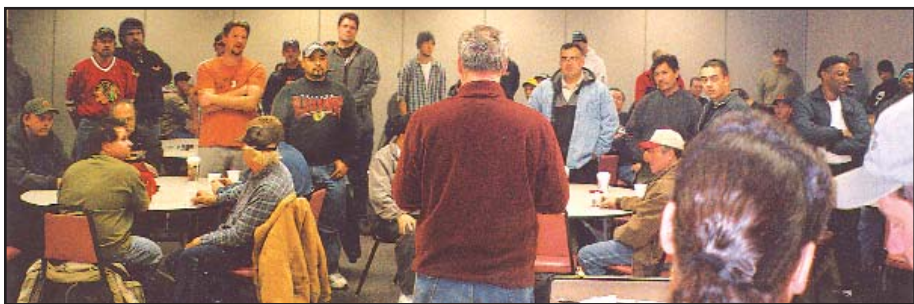
George Breeding, L-60 journeyman, elevates an arm after donating.

L-60 members donate blood

LONNIE IMEL (at right), an apprentice with Local 60, Peoria, Ill., gives a thumbs-up during the local's annual Red Cross blood drive held at the union hall last year. L-60 BM Ed Hebert said he was "very satisfied" with the turnout, which included nearly 30 Boilermakers as well as members of the general public. □



Local 1600 welcomes 20 new members



TWENTY NEW members of L-1600, St. Charles, Ill., were sworn in at the union's ratification meeting for a new three-year agreement at Toyal America Inc. Intl. Rep. Howard Cole (back to camera) said a larger number of members usually attend ratification meetings, making it a good time to swear in members.

A farewell address from Brother Scott Hicks of Local 146

SHORTLY BEFORE HIS death in July 2004, 38-year-old Scott Hicks wrote a letter for publication in the Local 146 newsletter, *the Boilermaker Expander*. Hicks, who joined the Edmonton, Alberta, local in 1997, was working his way through the apprenticeship program in 2003, when he found out he had cancer. We found Hicks' letter so inspirational, that we are republishing it here.

From L-146's Scott Hicks:

IN THE FALL of 2003, Sep. 14 to be exact, I was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I was given six months to live. It was, to say the least, a shock. I hadn't been sick a day in 20-25 years, not even a cold. It's hard to explain the feelings that go through your mind at a time like that, but all in all, I feel I have a lot to be thankful for. Sometimes it takes something like this to happen to make you take stock of the blessings in your life. I was given time to spend with the people I truly cherish. To say goodbye the way I wanted to. To spend time with some of my friends and family, to show

them what they have meant to me throughout my life.

Since I have never been a material person, I consider my greatest asset to be my friends. I have met many special people throughout my life, and have been fortunate to have many valued friends — Vince Anderson, Max and Alex Hannig, Herb and Henry Lutz, Cliff Cline, and Gary Hogue to name a few. All of these guys I have known and called friend for over 20 years; Vince, for over 30 years. Many of them have moved on and began families, moved away because of jobs or to search for the next best thing, but I could always count on any one of them if I ever needed them, and vice versa.

There are so many others that need to be mentioned, but I know that I would forget someone so I want to say thank you to the people who have called me friend, because it is through your thoughts and memories that I have received the strength to battle through this trying time. Thank you for your love.

In fact, it was a special friend who helped me find my calling in life. After

high school, I was undecided as to what I wanted to do. In 1997, after many personal ups and downs, my high school buddy Gary Hogue told me about the Boilermakers. I had finally found my calling. I felt I was made to do that job. I truly loved my work. After countless jobs and years of schooling I really felt that 2003-2004 was going to be my time to really break out, but fate is a strange thing.

During my illness, it was the Brotherhood of Boilermakers who I have to thank for helping my family and me through this difficult time. Brotherhood doesn't even begin to describe the pride in my heart when I say, "I am a Boilermaker." I received hundreds of calls from my brothers to see if there was anything they could do. Some calls came from people I had only worked with once and that was four-and-a-half years ago. I was truly humbled by the outpouring of cards and letters, and even a calendar that came to me filled with money and a note that said, "Take a trip, maybe Jamaica." Well, I pooled some money together and took the

advice and spent two weeks in the Dominican Republic — the trip of a lifetime to say the least.

It was through this time of your outpouring of kindness that I started to think of how many people we touch throughout our lives and often don't even realize it. Thank you for letting me do a job I loved doing, for allowing me to be part of the Brotherhood, for all the support you have given to my family and I, and for showing me the love only a brother has for his fellow brother.

In closing, I want everyone to know that I have very few regrets in my life. Other than being unable to attend my grandfather Hick's funeral, for not getting into the Boilermakers earlier in life, and for not being able to spend more time with my beautiful nieces, I would say I have led my life the way I chose to.

If I could pass on some advice it would be to make time for the people you love, to say "I love you" to friends and family so that you won't regret it if you never get another chance, and to live each day to the fullest. Life is too short to have regrets.

Medicare drug coverage is now available



Medicare participants need to sign up for drug benefits **BEFORE** May 15 to avoid substantial penalties.

Coverage is **voluntary**, but Medicare **participants must sign up by May 15, 2006**, to avoid paying penalties

MEDICARE'S NEW prescription drug benefit went into effect Jan. 1. Everyone who qualifies for Medicare is eligible; however, those who do not sign up by May 15 face a substantial penalty.

The program works like other types of insurance. Participants pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible, and co-payments.

Costs vary by plan.

According to the Medicare Rx Network, a \$32 monthly premium will buy two levels of coverage: standard and catastrophic.

Once a plan participant pays \$250 in deductibles, Medicare will pay 75 percent of covered drugs, until the yearly cost reaches \$2,250. If out-of-pocket costs exceed \$3,600, Medicare will then

pay 95 percent of drug charges for the rest of that year.

Those with limited income and resources may receive extra help. In some cases, Medicare will pay for nearly all of their drug costs.

Many private companies are offering plans. Individuals who are considering signing up for Medicare drug coverage should carefully evaluate plan offerings as well as their specific situations.

If you're unsure about what to do, seek qualified help.

But don't wait too long! **If you miss the May 15 sign-up deadline, your premiums will be higher, and you won't be able to sign up until the next enrollment period, which runs every Nov. 15 through Dec. 31.**

Below are some of the best resources for detailed information on Medicare prescription drug coverage.

MEDICARE

www.medicare.gov

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048

MedicareRx Education Network

www.medicarxeducation.org

Administration on Aging

www.aoa.gov/medicare

AARP

www.aarp.org/health/medicare/drug_coverage/

National Council on the Aging

www.benefitscheckuprx.org

L-73 recognizes charter members

SIX FOUNDING MEMBERS of Local 73, Halifax, Nova Scotia, live in the Cheticamp area, where they were presented a copy of the local's charter by International Vice President Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald. Family and friends joined charter members (pictured at right)

Bernie Muise, Bernie LaPierre, Loubie Roach, Dave LeBlanc, Roger Deveau Sr., and Roland Doucet (represented by his son, Ron) at the special presentation.

Local 73, a shop and construction lodge, was chartered in 1973. □



Local 242 retiree builds big bike



L-242 retiree Roger Pritt shows off the motorcycle he built — all 10 + feet of it.

ROGER PRITT RETIRED out of Local 242, Spokane, Wash., in 2003. Since then he's been busy building motorcycles in his shop. He is now on his third bike and decided to share this photo of bike #2. It is 10 feet, eight-inches in length, weighs 750 pounds, and has a 1961 aluminum block 215ci Buick V8 engine with an automatic transmission. It's very fast, he says.

His first bike is a mere 10 feet in length but weighs 1,220 pounds. It has a 350 Chevy engine with a two-speed glide transmission. Only Roger knows what his next bike will be like. He says he is sure enjoying a great retirement, thanks to the Boilermakers. □

Local 132 retiree makes a time capsule mailbox

AFTER EIGHT years of retirement, Sylvester Jimenez can't quite give up the urge to make something showcasing his skills as a Boilermaker. The Local 132 (Galveston, Texas) retiree fabricated a unique mailbox with a built-in time capsule for use at his home. Inside are newspaper articles and other items.

Sylvester's wife, Estella, says her husband retired following a serious injury. He loved his work and misses being on the job. She is so proud of the mailbox — and Sylvester — that she sent the photo in to *the Boilermaker Reporter* to share it with others.



Local 60 holds annual picnic at park and zoo



AbbiWood joins her uncle, JasonWood (with ball cap), and Michael Mooney (far right) at the annual L-60 picnic. Her father, Jeremy, is at far left (back to the camera).

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 60, Peoria, Ill., and their families attended the local's annual picnic June 18 at the Glen Oak Park and Zoo.

Prizes were awarded to the adults, and children were entertained with face painting and balloons by Ginger the Clown & Co.

The park, located in the heavily-wooded bluffs of Peoria, Ill., includes an amphitheater, pavilion, tennis courts, playground, and fishing lagoon. Its zoo is an AZA-accredited facility and is home to more than 175 animals from around the world. □



Abby and Adam Sennett, children of Shane and Becky Sennett, receive a face painting and balloons courtesy of Ginger the Clown & Co.

L-60 awards scholarships



BM-ST ED HEBERT (L-60, Peoria, Ill.) presents the local's first annual scholarship awards. Receiving the \$500 awards are (top left photo), front row, l. to r., Chivohn Neubaum, granddaughter of retired member Calvin Neubaum; Sarah Cottingham, granddaughter of retired member Everett Cottingham; Danielle Sibert, wife of member Andy Sibert; and Samantha Watkins, daughter of member William Watkins. Back row, l. to r., are BM Hebert and scholarship recipient Jonathan Buffo, grandson of retired member Gerald Miskell. In the photo at top right is scholarship recipient Shelby Hoffman, daughter of Robert "Mark" Hoffman. □

Buckeye Council meets



Jeff Beitel (l.) and Terry Heiser (c.) receive leadership awards from BIC Bus. Rep. Ron Lyon.



BIC leadership committee members, l. to r., Joe Krsak, Pete Nedeljkovic, Phil Lewis, and Intl. Rep. Ron Lyon.

Awards go to retiring committeemen, outstanding leaders

MEMBERS OF THE Buckeye Industrial Council (BIC) attended the organization's 15th annual conference Nov. 12, electing new committeemen and honoring others for their outstanding leadership.

The council represents Ohio lodges in the following cities: Alliance (L-1603);

Canton (L-1702); Cleveland (L-106, L-744, L-1073, and L-1086); Dayton (L-1666); Euclid (L-1704); Maple Heights (L-1664); and Wadsworth (L-908).

Elected to serve as leadership committeemen were Phil Lewis, president of Local 1073; Pete Nedeljkovic, president of Local 1086; and Joe Krsak, president of Local 1664.

The following BIC members received the Larry McManamon Leadership Award: Tom Campbell of Local 1702; Gary Ebsch of Local 1666; Jeff Elliott of

Local 60 supports Bradley engineering students



Students and instructors surround the Bradley University's Formula SAE car.

FOR THE LAST three years, Local 60, Peoria, Ill., has contributed to Bradley University's engineering department in preparation for the Formula SAE competition. The local has donated consumables and equipment to fabricate a two-thirds scale formula car out of chrome-moly tubing for the annual competition among participating engineering universities.

In Formula SAE, students conceive, design, fabricate, and compete with small formula-style race cars. Points are awarded for static events (presentation, design, and cost analysis) and dynamic events (acceleration, skid-pad, autocross, fuel

economy, and endurance). Sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) since 1981, Formula SAE is the largest student engineering design competition and the world's largest single-class motor sports event.

At the May 2005 U.S. competition, 140 teams (the maximum allowed) participated from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, and the United States. A team from Cornell University took first place. Nearly 300 universities worldwide have Formula SAE teams.

Local 106; Vincent Kasperczyk of Local 1086; and Vernon Persons of Local 908.

Former leadership committee member Jeff Beitel, a 21-year member of Local 1703, received a special leadership award for his many years of service to the council.

Terry Heiser, who is retiring after 42 years of service, received a lifetime leadership award.

Heiser helped form the BIC in 1990 and has served on its leadership committee since its inception. He began his Boilermaker career straight out of high

school as a polisher at Diebold Inc. and has been a member of Local 1191 (Canton, Ohio) since 1963. Heiser has served as a department steward and on several local lodge committees, as well as secretary-treasurer from 1984 until his 2005 retirement.

Both Heiser and Beitel were given emeritus status so they could continue their work as council members.

Intl. Rep. Ron Lyon serves as the BIC's business representative and organizer. □

Local 27 excels at Ameren outage

Despite multiple challenges, members complete job ahead of schedule

NEXT TO WORKING SAFELY, meeting or beating the expected hydro test date is the most important challenge of a planned maintenance outage. Realistic scheduling of projects is always important, and for some jobs, it is essential. But even the best of schedules can get thrown off when the unexpected happens.

Scheck Industrial Corp. (SIC) knew they faced a tight deadline in completing work at the Ameren UE Meramec generating station near St. Louis. What they hadn't planned on was encountering Murphy's Law — if anything can go wrong, it will — at every stage of the project.

Thank goodness they hired members of Local 27, St. Louis, to perform the outage work. Not only was the job completed ahead of schedule, with only a few first-aid incidents, but the Boilermakers' rigging, welding, and other specialized skills resulted in Ameren's Unit 4 running better than ever.

Members worked 64,000 hours completing extensive field modifications to new boiler and economizer components and were still able to return the unit to

on-line status ahead of schedule. This effort required more than 3,000 ASME-code pressure welds, performed under strict quality control. The welds passed the required hydro test, which involved filling the boiler with water, applying a sustained pressure, and inspecting all areas for any sign of leakage.

"There is no doubt that the St. Louis Boilermakers deserve all the credit for making this a safe and very successful maintenance outage," said Hal Oliver, an SIC official. "Unit 4 is back on-line and performing more efficiently as a result."

"Local 27 welders have an outstanding reputation that was only enhanced by their performance during this outage," Oliver said. "Local 27 Boilermakers are extremely skilled in complicated rigging of heavy pressure vessel components and other aspects of very specialized procedures."

Meeting the challenges

LIFE IS NOT about challenges; it's about how you meet them. Members of Local 27 not only met several chal-

lenges at the Ameren outage, they overcame them.

When they arrived at the job site, it looked like a sea of new economizer tube panels and air preheater baskets. Not all of the parts were there, and some of the blueprints for the economizer components were still being developed. It wasn't clear how many parts were missing, when they would arrive, or even how they would fit together.

Demolition had already begun, and the old lead-based paint on the economizer was abated in areas that would be torch-cut to remove the casing.

When the blueprints finally arrived, they called for 6,000 component parts, not including the pressure parts. Thousands of various components were missing, including some of the lower components.

A note on the construction drawing indicated that some of the lower components would have to be installed after the inlet header was in place and before the economizer tube panels were installed. Members built a cardboard model and found this could be done, but accessing the area would be difficult.

When the economizer outer casing arrived, the weld areas and piece identification marks were covered with a heavy coat of paint that had to be

removed. When the first economizer tube panel was installed, they discovered the tube ends that weld to the header stubs were four inches too long. Thousands of parts had to be field modified to fit. To expedite the replacement of missing components, sheets of chromium molybdenum were ordered so members could make the last parts on-site.

It's all about teamwork

LOCAL 27, SIC, and Ameren each played an important role in overcoming the challenges encountered during this outage. From the beginning, SIC promoted teamwork by treating the employees with respect, trusting their capabilities, and sharing their pride in performing very specialized work, Oliver said. SIC celebrated safety every week with a catered lunch and provided other safety incentives, always working as a partner with the owner and union in decision-making based on the best approach for accomplishing project goals.

"I am very proud of the members of Local 27," said Business Manager David Snead. "They faced a lot of difficulties on this job and still managed to meet the outage schedule ahead of time. □



Steel City looks forward to working with Local 92 again

AS PROJECT MANAGER for Steel City Inc. at the Chuck Lenzie Generating Facility, Apex, Nev., I would like to express our gratitude to Boilermakers Local 92 [Los Angeles] for the outstanding job they did in providing skilled craftsmen and supervision. Their performance in workmanship, attendance, and safety was outstanding. We look forward to working as a team again in future projects.

TOM SHERRILL, project mgr.
Steel City Inc.

G.Y. Mechanical praises L-28

IT IS WITH great pleasure that I have the honor of writing this letter to inform you [Raymond Cushing, L-28 BM, Newark, N.J.] what fabulous performance Local 28 had at the PSEG-Sewaren Generation Station, unit #3 boiler refurbishment.

The project was performed on schedule with high quality, and most importantly with zero accidents. The project was in a congested area and a tight schedule was maintained to meet the customer's demands.

The general foreman, Charles Pero, and his subordinate foreman planned, coordinated, and executed the work

in an orderly fashion with high quality, while focusing on making this a zero-accident project.

Please convey our sincere thanks for a job very well done to all the members of Local 28 who were a part of making this project the success it was. In addition, a special thanks to your office in their support and dedication to the labor supplied. Thank you once again.

MICHAEL P. BRAY, vice president
George Young Mechanical LLC

Wood River Refinery praises Local 363 and other building and construction trades

ON SEPT. 29, 2005, the ConocoPhillips Wood River Refinery shut down three very important process units for a planned 42-day turnaround and massive revamp project. The manpower levels on this job peaked around 1,500 [including members of Local 363, East St. Louis, Ill.] and the work was both complicated and congested, with many heavy lifts and more than 800 welds, including a large number of heavy wall and high alloy.

We are very pleased to be sending you [IP Jones] this letter to inform you that the mechanical portion of this job was completed two days ahead of schedule, on budget, and most importantly, there was not a single building and construction trades employee injured. The welding reject rates exceeded world-class performance and there was not a single equipment leak following the start-up of the units.

We discussed with you several times over the past year that safety, quality craftsmanship, and productivity were critical to this important ConocoPhillips work effort and your

folks delivered! Throughout this work period we heard from both ConocoPhillips and contract management that the building and construction trades supervision and workers were the finest that they had seen.

We thank you for this outstanding performance and look forward to many more successful endeavors with your organization in the future. We also want to thank Bill Kaczorowski for his efforts in developing our General Presidents Project Maintenance Agreement. We are now even more enthused to have this site-wide agreement available to foster our partnership.

HERMAN L. SEEDORF III, manager
Wood River Refinery

DAVID P. HUFFMAN
Wood River Refinery maintenance and reliability manager

American Boiler says Local 667 outage is exceptional

I WOULD LIKE to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of Boilermakers Local 667 [Charleston, W.Va.]. Not only am I the chief executive officer of American Boiler & Chimney, I am also one of you. I have been a Boilermaker most of my adult life. I am a graduate apprentice out of Pittsburgh Local 154 and am now the chairman of the Boilermakers Northeast and National Apprenticeship committees.

Since starting American Boiler & Chimney in 1993, our company has worked all over the country and we are grateful for the working relationship and cooperation we have with the officers, supervision, and members of Local 667.

The 2005 spring outage at Harrison Power Station's Unit #1 was, by every-

one's estimation, one of the best outages ever accomplished in the Allegheny Energy System. Your local's performance was exceptional; the project came in ahead of schedule, under budget, and with no lost-time injuries. Your members should be proud of their accomplishment.

Again, I appreciate the hard work and efforts of Local 667 and know this relationship will continue for many years to come.

JERRY KAELEN, chief executive officer
American Boiler & Chimney Co.

Simakas congratulates Local 744 for a job well done

THANK YOU FOR the outstanding support we received from the members of Local 744 [Cleveland] during the recent Unit Two outage at the Niles Reliant Energy Plant.

This was a difficult project, fit with a demanding schedule. The unit was turned over to our customer earlier than originally anticipated, within budget, and most importantly — without any accidents. The cooperative efforts and skill of your men allowed this outage to run smoothly and on schedule. They are a credit to your local and to our craft.

Congratulations to all on a job well done! On behalf of our customer Reliant Energy, our superintendents, and all of us who are able to fulfill our commitment to excellent service because of your continued support, I thank you and the workers you represent. I am sure you are as proud of your men as we are to be associated with them.

LYLE R. FISCHER, president
Simakas Company Inc.

New contract summaries

A brief listing of recent agreements signed and ratified by Boilermaker local lodges

Local 5 — New York

Effective Nov. 1, 2005 to Oct. 31, 2008, for five members who manufacture burner igniters at **Frederick Cowan & Company Inc.** Established in 1957, Frederick Cowan and Co. Inc. manufactures a wide array of industrial burner equipment for the marine, utility, pulp and paper, chemical, and refinery industries.

Local M13 — St. Louis

Effective Nov. 29, 2005 to Nov. 28, 2006, for 18 members who work in production at the **Diamond Plating Company**.

Local 37 — New Orleans

Effective Dec. 15, 2005 to Oct. 8, 2008, for 48 members who work at **Ohmstede Ltd.**, in Sulphur, La. Ohmstede workers manufacture and service heat exchangers and vessels. Located near Lake Charles, La., this plant operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Local 83 — Kansas City, Mo.

Effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008, for seven members who fabricate structural steel at **Capital Iron Works Co.**, and effective Nov. 1, 2005 to Oct. 31, 2008, for 24 members who work for **Shamrad Metal Fabricators**, where members work in both the shop and the field on ASME code vessels, process and heating boilers, and custom fabrications of steel, aluminum, and stainless steel.

Local 128 — Toronto, Ontario

Effective April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2010, for 45 members who perform steel fabrication, making large vessels and exchangers at **Alloy Fab Ltd.**, and effective Aug. 1, 2005 to July 31, 2007, for 35 members who package boilers at **Thermogenics Inc.**

Local 158 — Peoria, Ill.

Effective Nov. 30, 2005 to Nov. 30, 2008, for 19 members who make rug display equipment at **John H. Best & Sons**.

Local 199 — Jacksonville, Fla.

Effective Dec. 17, 2005 to Dec. 17, 2006, for 18 members who manufacture lumber kilns and cryogenic freezers for **Irvington-Moore**.

Local D274 — Winnipeg, Manitoba

Effective June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2010, for 43 members who make drywall at **BPB Canada** (formerly known as Westroc Industries).

Local D342 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Effective Dec. 1, 2005 to Nov. 30, 2009, for members who work in the Malone Quarry Division of **Graymont Materials Inc.** Located in Bangor, N.Y., the Malone Quarry supplies construction aggregates and asphalt to northern Franklin and eastern St. Lawrence counties, and also produces such products as washed manufactured sand, rip rap, decorative stone, crushed gravel, and railroad ballast.

Local 483 — Alton, Ill.

Effective May 31, 2005 to May 31, 2007, for 12 members who perform maintenance work at **Conoco-Phillips** where petroleum products are manufactured; effective Dec. 5, 2005 to Dec. 4, 2008, for 89 members who make brass ammunition under the Winchester brand for **Olin Corp.**; and effective Feb. 6, 2005 to Feb. 6, 2008, for 38 members who produce chemicals at **Willert Home Products**.

Local D486 — New Westminster, British Columbia

Effective Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006, for 27 members who work in the production of lime at the Chemical Lime Co. of Canada, and effective Dec. 1, 2005 to Nov. 30, 2010, for 13 members who make stucco at **Imasco Minerals**.

Local 500 — Salem, Ore.

Effective Aug. 25, 2005 to June 30, 2008, for 89 members who work at the Portland Shipyard for **Cascade General**. Located on Swan Island in

You don't get what you deserve you get what you negotiate

UNION LEADERS, like these pictured here, work long hours to negotiate the best benefits they can for Boilermaker members.



Negotiating a three-year agreement for Local 1600 at C & F Forge, are, l. to r., Jesus Fernandez and Miguel Fonseca.



Negotiating a three-year agreement for Local 1600 at Toyal Inc., are, l. to r., Richard Nelson, Thomas Fatagante, and Mario Porras.

Portland, Ore., it is the largest ship repair facility on the U.S. West Coast. Members repair tugs, barges, fishing vessels, and specialized work boats, including super tankers and cruise ships.

Local 584 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Effective Dec. 12, 2005 to Dec. 14, 2008, for 85 members who manufacture heat exchangers and vessels at the **Southern Heat Exchanger Corp.**

Local 1600 — St. Charles, Ill.

Effective Nov. 14, 2005 to Nov. 14, 2008, for members who work at C & F Forge, and effective Nov. 21, 2005 to Nov. 29, 2008, for 67 members who produce paint pigment and explosive powder at **Toyal Inc.**

Local 1620 — Portland, Ind.

Effective May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2008, for 121 members who work at **Portland Forge** producing custom, impression die hot forgings. In business since 1909, Portland Forge supplies carbon and alloy steel forgings to customers of automotive, off-highway, railroad, farm equipment, mechanical power transmission, oil field, and aerospace markets.

Local 1666 — Dayton, Ohio

Effective Nov. 1, 2005 to March 4, 2007, for members who make high strength steel, alloy, and aluminum automotive forgings, and forged components at **Harris Thomas Industries**. Products include control, damper, and steering arms; bridges; exhaust flanges; hinges; housing; parking pawls; spring seats; suspension sockets; tie rod ends; and transmission bands for the world's leading automotive manufacturers. □

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Locals award service pins to members

National Transient Lodge

GARY SCOTT, NTL VP and ABR, reports the following pin recipients:

35 YEARS – Larry Chunn;
30 YEARS – Steve Lanvermier; and
20 YEARS – Brian Wilson.

Local 1, Chicago

JOHN SKERMONT, L-1 BM-ST, Chicago, reports the following pin recipients:

50 YEARS – Angelo Carlomango Jr.;
40 YEARS – Sylvester Lopaczynski Jr.;
35 YEARS – James Altman, Thomas Brennan, Benjamin Kosiek, Wayne Zaner;
30 YEARS – Thomas Barry, Sean Bills, Daniel Favia, Dennis Finnegan, Russell Flagg, William Hafner, Robert Hughes, Kenneth Maloney, David Nolan, Christopher Preble, Andrew Reid, John Riel, John Sharkey, Kevin Sheehan, James Ward; and
25 YEARS – Crespo Cipriano, Michael Jasten, James Moore Jr., James Smith.

Local 60, Peoria, Ill.

ED HEBERT, L-60 BM-ST, Peoria, Ill., reports the following pin recipients:

35 YEARS – John Askins, Tom Knight; and
30 YEARS – Charlie Witzman.

Local 169, Detroit

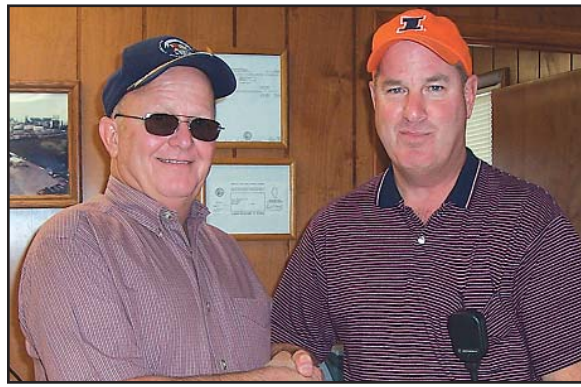
TONY JACOBS, L-169 BM-ST, Detroit, reports the following pin recipients:

50 YEARS – Frank Basilisco, Charles Dunn, Jeff Marsh;
45 YEARS – Jerome Baron, Joseph Henkle, Edward Rokuski, Richard Wimmer Jr., Rich Woods;
40 YEARS – Babylas Bourdages, Larry Bushong, Donald Campbell, Richard Ferenz, Russell Foster, Thomas Founteas, Charles Gould, Amante Lanzon, Robert MacLeod, Richard Schulte, Daniel Thorington, Michael Usher, Robert Usher, Alfred A. VanDerbrink, David R. Wilson;
35 YEARS – David Atherall, Bernard Betke, Marty Dalton, Doyle Erickson, Charles Flaishans, Raymond Gould, Russell Griffin, John Hubbard, John Ivey, Randy Ivey, George Johnson, John Kent, Ronald Roberson, Gordon Sanders, William Stelzer, Duane Suluk, Hurshel Turner Jr., Charles Westphal, Bernard Williams;
30 YEARS – Stewart Bass, James Burns, Donald Burt, Patrick Carley, Mitch Davis, James Denkins, Charles Frankhouse, James Ferebee, Lewis Harris II, Harold Hoagland, George Ivey, James Jedinak, Brian Johnson, Richard Kennedy, John Kriesel, Tommy Lee, James Loveland, George Macklam, James Micheau, Ronald Novak, Karl Peckstein, Patrick Pelz, Robert Rose, Stephen Schwartz, William Senk, Bethel Siegel, Arthur Stamper, Allen Tajak, Timothy Theodore, Eric Treichel, Ronnie Wright; and
25 YEARS – Timothy Ayotte, James Howard, Gary LaForest, Phillip Morehouse, James Rokuski, Richard St. John, Ron Skowronski, Bennie Smith, James Timchac, John Yates.

Local 193, Baltimore

ERNEST DORSEY, L-193 BM-ST, Baltimore, reports the following pin recipients:

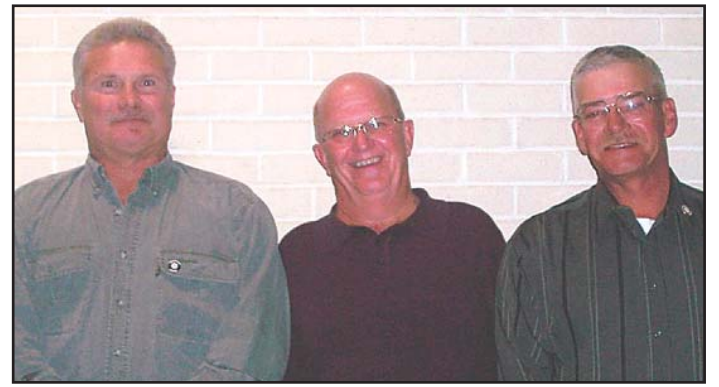
45 YEARS – Orlan Hanks, James Liggett;
40 YEARS – Francis Duggan, Frank Schnetzka, Ralph Powers, Fred Wright Jr.;



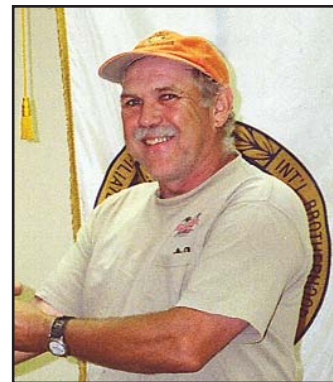
NTL VP and ABR Gary Scott presents a 20-year pin to Brian Wilson (r.) at Senco.



Tom Knight (c.) receives his 35-year pin from L-60 officers, BM Ed Hebert (l.) and Pres. Scott Wilson.



NTL VP and ABR Gary Scott, center, presents a 35-year pin to Larry Chunn (l.) and a 30-year pin to Steve Lanvermier.



John Askins receives his 35-year pin from Local 60.



Charlie Witzman receives his 30-year pin from Local 60.

35 YEARS – Howard Allred, James Armbrester, Barry Bonovitch, William Demski, Robert Harvey, Ronald Hawley, Dennis Shreve, Ralph Slonaker, Russell Sterling, George Stielper, Richard Tinsley, Fred Townsend, Donald Ward, William Winstead, William Zelenka;
30 YEARS – Rocco DiGiovanni, Jerry Gray, John Hennelly III, Chester Knight, Donald Lowman, Cromwell Medina, Mark Mellett, John Morris, John Nowakowski, Robert O'Neil, Robert Reynolds, Isaac Ryan, Howard Seppi, August Takovich, William Washington, Ernest Young;

25 YEARS – John Blevins Jr., Francis Bristow, Wayne Choyce, Gregory Clopton, Donald Dail, Bruce Dawson, Richard Deisher, Phillip Fey, Michael Gross, Michael Jacobs, George Kephart, Gary Llewellyn Jr., Richard Lyons Sr., Michael Mansfield, Robert Phillips, John Pierce, David Pilley, James Stallings, Wesley Storm Sr., Timothy Wagner, Timothy Weber;

20 YEARS – Thomas Andre, Joseph Stallings; and

15 YEARS – John Baierlein, Gary Clift, Stephen Drummond, David Evans, Earl Gordon III, William Hann III, Brian Harvey, Michael Herd, Ivan Johnson, Thomas Kafka, Gary Kephart, Webb Kreimer, Richard Lyons Jr., Robert Miller, Vernon Miller, Stephen Miscin, Robin Moyer, Robin Moyer Jr., Wayne Moyer Jr., William Moyer, Kyle Prosser, David Pugh, Charles Richardson, Anthony Seabolt, Darl Shipe, David Smith, Ralph St. Louis, Benjamin Standiford, Michael Takovich, Rick Wright, Lonnie Wright, Robert Zornak.

Local 502, Tacoma, Wash.

RANDY ROBBINS, L-502 BM-ST, Tacoma, Wash., reports the following pin recipients:

45 YEARS – Gunter Gervais, L.L. Rafferty, Jack Wehrli;

40 YEARS – Tim Baker, Ray Caldwell, Jack Dunnigan, John Henry, Michael Mantei, Patrick Morse;

35 YEARS – Marvin Calkins, Robert Lewis, Joe Plattner, Tim Russ;

30 YEARS – Jorge Blas, Bruce Burge, Jack Forbes, Tom Garrett, Dick Gregovich, Mark Hollinger, William Kinerk, Michael Knapp, Rick Lappégard, John Pile, Skip Ruetter, Tom Segundo, Steve Shaw, Tim White, Charlie Winston, Mike Woodruff; and

25 YEARS – David Neagle, Mike Weaver.

L-667, Charleston, W.Va.

GEORGE PINKERMAN, L-667 BM-ST, Charleston, W.Va., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

55 YEARS – Leonard Adams, Shelly Barnette, Milton Boswell, Gilbert Lovejoy, Ray Lybolt, Charles Powell;

50 YEARS – Kyle Boswell, A.W. McKinney;

45 YEARS – Charles McDavid;

40 YEARS – Emanuel Ailstock, Jennings Bailes, Richard Blow Jr., John Boswell, Paul Brown, Russell Crosco, Billy Dingess, David Forshee, Calvin Walker;

35 YEARS – Robert Adkins, Chelcie Blankenship, Richard Bradley, Allen Brotherton, Paul Dunn, James Farley, Darrius Hall, Charles Hamilton, Aubrey Holmes, Donald Jarrell, Jerry Jeffers, Darrell Kapp, Romie Kelley, Charles Lewis, Frank Moffett, Raymond Morris, Shirley Nibert, Calvin Perry, Wilbur Rhodes, Ronald Salser, Bryon Samson, Phil Sampson, Joseph Shilot, Shelburn Smith, Danny Thomas, Lonnie Thompson, Willis Turner, Everett Watterson, Gordon Young;

30 YEARS – Michael Adams Sr., John Ammons, Charles Berry, John Boardman, Bill Boshier, Lowell Brothers, Allen Byard, Sam Canterbury, Gary Casto, Robert Cook, Joe Cross, William Croston, David Dunlap, Charles Elder, John Estes, Charles Facemyer, John Hall, Donald Headley, Ralph James, Pearlie Jeffers, Kenneth Kelley, James Midkiff, Donald Mosteller, Roger Null, Minor Parsons, Terry Parsons, James Persinger, Kenneth Rice, Bruce Sexton, James Smith, Randy Somerville, Sheldon Stanley, Maxwell Stewart, Roger Stewart, Terry Tustin,

Wilbur Vanmatre, Garrett Walker, Roy Wallace, Paul Weaver, Helmut Wehrmann, Leo Williams Jr., Wendall Williams, Ray Williams, Niles Young;

25 YEARS – David Anthony, Steve Bullman, Randall Campbell, Jeff Cumpston, James Fisher, Gregory Griffin, Dennis Harlow, Darrell Hescht, Carlos Hodges, John Johnson, Larry King, Rex Landers, Tim McClanahan, Phil McCoy, Randall Midkiff, Tim Miller, James Moffitt, Rick Mowrey, Randy Northup, Kenny Oliver, David Parson, Mark Queen, Doug Rexrode, Harold Seckman, Kerry Slinde, Harold Statler, Lowell Templeton, Michael Toothman, Jerry Wallis, David White, James White; and

15 YEARS – Gilbert Bowen, Gregory Casto, Ronald Cheuvront, Oscar Kirk, Clifton Phillips, Lowell Thomas, John Watterson Jr.

Local 744, Cleveland

PAT GALLAGHER, L-744 BM-ST, Cleveland, reports the following pin recipients:

60 YEARS – Paul Burgess;

50 YEARS – Edward Cullen;

45 YEARS – Donald Shalosky;

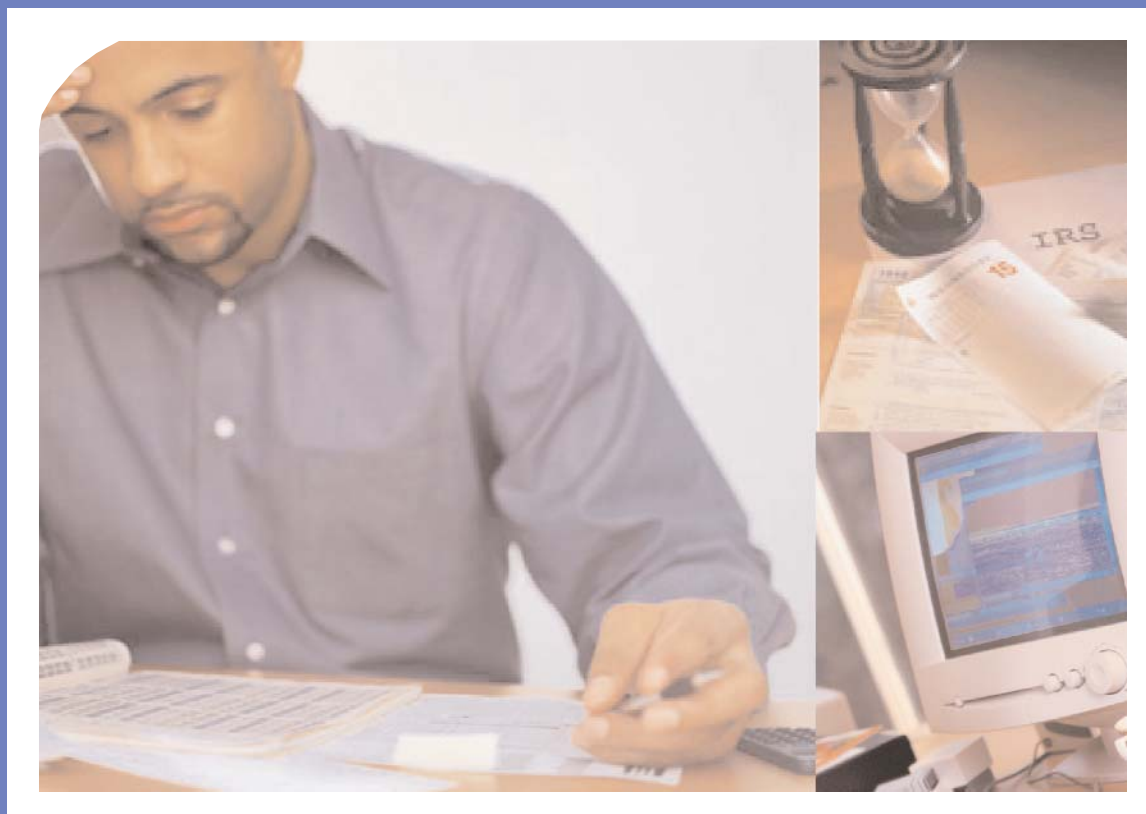
40 YEARS – Jerome Dulay, Francis Flack, John Kelly, Dale Kurtz, Patrick Mullin, Robert Saterlee, Richard Shearer, Ronald Vanderwyst, Frank Walsh Jr., Robert Walsh;

35 YEARS – Ronald Bortmas, Nick Christie, Paul Destefani, Gary Ebosh, John Fisher, Pat Gallagher, Lewis Gibson, Timothy Hodge, Thomas Hunn, Larry Leaver, Daniel Rocha, Richard Shalosky, Richard Tomak, James VanValien, Leonard Williams, Louis Wisnyai;

30 YEARS – Paul Ciotti, Robert Connors, Fate Cook, Robert Diehl, Daniel Dunn, David Gillespie, Gary Kersnick, Theodore Mackey, David Stincic, Robbin Taylor; and

25 YEARS – Jeffrey Abram, Terry Atwood, Gerald Barry, James Conway, John Finucan Jr., Edward Holden, Bartholomew Leneghan, Martin Lowry, Henry Marsilio, Lawrence McCaffery Jr., John McCann, Gerald McKillip, James McManamon, Rodney Vanderwyst, Bentley Wilson. □

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WITH DEEP SORROW the International Brotherhood records the death of these members as reported to the International Secretary-Treasurer’s office, and extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.

NTL	Burden, Otis	37	Poirrier, Frank	105	Foote, Thomas
NTL	Clayton, Thurman	37	Poore, Charles	105	Hoda, Calvin
NTL	Craig, Troy	40	Keown, Thomas	105	Holbrook, Harold
NTL	Ivey, Douglas	45	Battle, Melvin	105	Keen, J.W.
NTL	Key, Donald	45	Ferrell, Hoy	105	Young, Richard
NTL	LaRue, Carl	72	Davidian, Edward	106	Kaesemeyer, Fred
NTL	Martin, Billy	72	Eide, Norman	107	LeBoeuf, Robert
NTL	O’Byron, Donald	72	English, Larry	107	Thomas, Donald
NTL	Schultz, Fred	72	Erickson, Roy	109	Dickson, Harry
NTL	Selak, James	72	Samuelson, Richard	110	Bowen, Darrell
NTL	Shields, Marion	72	Swanson, George	112	Etheridge, Hibbert
NTL	Smith, Marion	73	Lanteigne, Wilfred	112	Swindle, Daniel
NTL	Stewart, Duward	74	Kirkland, Alfis	112	Williams, Elias
NTL	Williams, Glen	74	Manthei, Clarence	113	Brown, Vernon
NTL	Wills, Roy	74	Morris, Jim	124	Urbanowski, Robert
1	Aragon, Juvenci	79	Allen, Floyd	128	McCurdy, Leroy
1	Ketelsen, Roger	79	Bayliss, James	132	Kovacevich, George
1	Lynch, Harold	79	Williams, Leon	132	Love, William
1	Ramirez, Alfred	83	Crowdes, William D.	146	Cousineau, Nathan
S2	Wills, Randall	83	DePriest, Rick	148	Schulte, Herbert
5	Beharry, Victor	83	McConnell, Dennis	154	David, Thomas
5	Errigo, Pasqual	83	Miller, Rudolph	154	Gaboda, Joseph
6	Benjamin, William	83	Rodriguez, Michael	154	Wilbert, Frank
6	Crochetiere, Gerald	85	Braden, Bobby	158	Springer, Eugene
6	Doyel, Howard	85	Cook, Douglas	159	Skipkoski, Joseph
6	Ellis, James	85	Lind, Lionel	169	Bass, Willis
6	Johnson, Bonnie	85	McCoy, Donald	169	Busch, Ronald
6	Kelly, Ralph	85	Sarabia, Felipe	169	Showers, Robert
6	Madera, Wilbur	85	Wolske, Dean	174	Bernier, Harold
6	Markussen, Vernon	92	Barbettini, Fred	174	Christiansen, Albert
6	Melendez, Melencio	92	Berry, Joseph	175	Keeler, Jack
6	Momosea, Solomona	92	Binkley, Pert	175	May, Spencer
6	Mulitalo, Moliki	92	Booth, Austin	175	Salsbery, Edward
6	Steverson, Elmer	92	Booth, William	175	Taylor, James
6	Thomas, Chattmon	92	Corza, Leo	182	Kizziar, William
6	Waldespino, Benito	92	Dinga, Edward	182	Livengood, Charles
7	Binko, Alan	92	Grove, Vincent	182	Parsons, Roger
7	Chmeil, Joseph	92	Jorgensen, Daniel	182	Stash, John
7	Mazzeo, Ferdinand	92	Martinez, Robert	193	Bowers, Gregory
7	Motak, Joseph	92	McCleskey, James	193	Boyd, James
7	Reichenbach, Lewis	92	Parks, Douglas	193	Hudson, Gerald
10	Mulholland, Richard	92	Preciado, Thomas	194	Ring, Joseph
10	Veloso, Frank	92	Villegas, Preciliano	197	Cervera, Frank
13	Barrouk, Stephen	92	White, John	204	Thompson, Herman
13	Gates, Charles	101	Driscoll, Harlan	226	Peeler, Burton
13	Jordan, Robert	101	Glenn, John	242	Dryer, Donald
26	Myrick, John	104	Ackley, Frank	242	Wandler, Arnold
26	Swain, Howard	104	Conger, Bruce	271	Tremblay, Jean
26	Wade, Willie	104	Crilly, Steven	D277	Rawson, Nelson
27	Antinora, Rose	104	Eades, Frank	305	Preston, Wilbert
27	Frohock, Thomas	104	Gile, Donald	305	White, Charles
27	Laster, William	104	Hammons, Everett	316	Keegan, Thomas
27	Rodebaugh, Harley	104	Ketcherside, David	316	Oakes, William
27	Sailors, Michael	104	McLaughlin, Robert	316	Schaub, Ernest
27	Weber, Wilfred	104	Nelson, Larry	327	Korotko, Alexander
28	Scalza, Florentino	104	Pate, Dudley	357	Goodman, Robert
29	Hancock, Richard	104	Pedersen, James	358	Serafine, Paul
29	Patriarca, Guido	104	Rumsey, Delbert	359	Evans, Robert
30	Barwick, Earl	104	Skoglund, Carl	363	Hood, Albert
30	Jones, Terry	104	Slinker, Robert	363	Munton, Taylor
37	Blakley, Kevin	104	Strilchuk, Fred	363	Prusacki, Joseph
37	Gallardo, Johnny	105	Bolander, Floyd	363	Weisner, Jerome
37	Knieper, Henry	105	Bush, Herbert	363	West, George
37	Knight, Marlon	105	Flaugher, Johnny	374	Neff, William

OBITUARIES

Terando dies serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom

Army sergeant was a welder and Local 1 apprentice serving in Reserves

ARMY SGT. JOSHUA A. Terando, 27, of Morris, Ill., died Nov. 10, 2005, in Al Taqaddum, Iraq, from injuries received when his armored patrol was attacked by small arms fire in Khalidiyah, Iraq, earlier that day.

A member of Chicago Local 1, Terando worked as a welder from 1996 until 1998, when he made a nine-year commitment to the U.S. Army: three years of active duty, followed by six years in the Reserves. In 2001, when he finished his active service as a member of an elite Ranger battalion, he returned to Local 1, where he worked as a Boilermaker apprentice. In Aug. 2005, he was deployed to Iraq as a sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division.

Official reports say Terando and another soldier, Staff Sgt. Michael C. Parrott, of Timnath, Colo., were killed when their M1A1 Abrams tank came under hostile sniper fire.

Terando’s father, Gerald “Jerry” Terando, a retired member of Local 60, Peoria, Ill., was notified of his son’s death on the eve of Veterans Day. A veteran himself, Jerry was asked to make an address at the annual Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 11, in Morris, Ill. He shared the news of his son’s death and spoke of servicemen fighting for their country because of their love for the United States.

“It is a shame we give up the best and the bravest, but it’s their choice: they love this country. For me, Veterans Day is now November 10 at 8 p.m.,” he said, referring to the date and time he was notified of his son’s death.

Jerry told the *Morris Daily Herald* that his son has always been his friend: “Ever since he was a child, he hung with me. He had time for his friends, but he always had time for me. Whenever we parted — dropping him off at the airport and such and for his last trip after he took his leave — he would give me a kiss, right in front of the whole wide United States of America and anyone who happened to be at the airport. There was no embarrassment, no shame. He loved us and we loved him.”

Josh Terando received a burial with full military honors at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Ill. In addition to his father, survivors include his mother, Linda S. Terando; sister, Amanda Terando; maternal grandparents, Alvin and Lois Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

374	Shyrock, David	449	Ostrand, Herbert
378	Comeau, Al	453	Ratliff, Arnold
397	Binkley, Nevin	453	Winters, Charles
D400	Strom, David	454	Mathis, Ernest
D421	Adams, Theodore	454	Smith, Charles
433	Beal, David	454	Thomas, Roy
433	Birden, Bernard	483	Hittnet, John
433	Jordan, Alton	487	Haen, Norbert
433	Koenig, Aloysius	487	Paral, Clarence
433	McCoy, James	500	Lupanor, Pavel
433	Ryals, John	502	Dunnigan, Jack
449	Cisler, Lawrence	502	Hoyos, Henry
		502	Mattson, Steven
		502	Wagner, Richard
		549	Ohs, Martin
		549	Warren, William
		568	Davis, Clyde
		568	Howard, Mark
		568	Neaves, Robert
		568	Nubile, Daniel
		568	Rice, Lynn
		568	Van Alstyne, Roy
		582	Monson, Ervin
		582	Stokes, Richard

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DEATH BENEFITS

THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN under the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust has paid the beneficiaries of the following deceased members who were covered by the plan since the last issue of our publication.

LODGE, NAME & BENEFIT		
Intl.	Adams, Theodore A.	\$6,000.00
Intl.	Carroll, John D.	6,000.00
NTL	Clayton, Thurman	6,000.00
NTL	Key, Donald E.	6,000.00
NTL	Largent, Johnnie	6,000.00
NTL	Martin, Billy D.	6,000.00
NTL	Northrip, Floyd A.	6,000.00
NTL	O'Dea, Robert E.	6,000.00
NTL	Richards, Clarence L.	6,000.00
NTL	Shields, Marion C.	6,000.00
NTL	Smith, Marion E.	6,000.00
NTL	Thomas, Henry L.	6,000.00
1	Ketelsen, Roger	6,000.00
1	Lynch, Harold J.	6,000.00
1	Ramirez, Alfred D.	6,000.00
6	Crochetiere, Gerald H.	6,000.00
6	Doyel, Howard L.	6,000.00
6	Fosdick, Richard B.	6,000.00
6	Johnson, Bonnie R.	6,000.00
6	Kelly, Ralph Joseph	6,000.00
6	Kendrick, John L.	6,000.00
6	Momosea, Solomona	6,000.00
6	Mulitalo, Moliki P.	6,000.00
6	Steverson, Elmer	2,000.00*
6	Thomas, Chattmon	3,000.00
6	Valdespino, Benito	6,000.00
7	Mazzeo, Ferdinand D.	6,000.00
13	Jordan, Robert J.	6,000.00
13	Rowley Jr., Bart J.	6,000.00
27	Akins, J.D.	6,000.00
27	Frohock, Thomas L.	6,000.00
28	Van Sprang, Maurice	5,000.00
29	Belloise, Joseph J.	3,000.00*
29	Lavelle, Edward F.	6,000.00
29	Senechal, Robert A.	6,000.00
30	Barwick Sr., Earl B.	6,000.00
37	Poirrier Sr., Frank	6,000.00
37	Tejeda, Eugenio	6,000.00
40	Beasley, Wade	6,000.00
40	Keown, Thomas E.	6,000.00
40	Tucker, Raymond E.	6,000.00
45	Battle, Melvin E.	6,000.00
45	Ferrell, Hoy K.	15,000.00
45	Horton, William S.	2,569.99
60	Van De Vort, Keith C.	6,000.00
72	Darity, Charles C.	5,500.91
72	Swanson, George Joe	1,000.00*
72	Swartz, Elmer W.	6,000.00
74	Green, Gerald G.	6,000.00
74	Manthei, Clarence J.	6,000.00
79	Temple, William C.	6,000.00
83	Colvin, Larry Joe	6,000.00
83	McConnell, Dennis D.	6,000.00
83	Miller, Rudolph J. (R.J.)	6,000.00
83	Robling, Joseph Lee	6,000.00
83	Rodriguez, Michael B.	2,965.31
85	Sarabia, Felipe L.	6,000.00
88	Graham, Samuel B.	6,000.00
92	Aguayo, Pete F.	6,000.00
92	Booth, Austin R.	6,000.00
92	Graham, Doyle E.	4,910.00
92	Grove, Vincent L.	6,000.00
92	Jorgensen, Daniel G.	6,000.00
92	Martinez, Robert	6,000.00
92	Spears, June B.	2,000.00
92	Turner, Leroy	6,000.00
92	Villegas, Preciliano B.	3,000.00*
96	Parks, Douglas I.	6,000.00
101	Driscoll, Harlan J.	15,000.00
101	Glenn Jr., John W.	6,000.00
104	Ackley, Frank W.	6,000.00
104	Bolton, William D.	6,000.00
104	Booth, Wayne	3,000.00
104	Dimick, Arthur W.	6,000.00
104	Gile, Donald L.	6,000.00
104	Gough, John F.	6,000.00
104	Helland, Ole	6,000.00
104	McLaughlin, Robert	2,173.99
104	Pate, Dudley	6,000.00
105	Bolander, Floyd	6,000.00
105	Brownrigg, Ralph E.	6,000.00
105	Bush, Herbert W.	6,000.00
105	Drain, Harold D.	6,000.00
105	Foote, Thomas E.	6,000.00
105	Holbrook, Harold S.	1,732.00
105	Lawrence, Daniel	6,000.00
105	Young, Richard L.	12,346.10
106	Moore, John W.	7,898.41
107	Hilger, Thomas S.	6,000.00
107	Le Boeuf, Robert J.	6,000.00
109	Dickson Jr., Harry V.	6,000.00
109	Shimak, Steve	6,000.00
112	Etheridge, Hibbert D.	6,000.00
112	Swindle, Daniel M.	77.50
113	Brown, Vernon	6,000.00
128	Dunham, Richard S.	6,000.00
132	Arden, James T.	15,000.00
132	Kimble, Earl	3,000.00
145	Austin, Philip A.	6,000.00
154	Neforos, Pete	6,000.00
169	Bass, Willis J.	6,000.00
169	Busch, Ronald W.	6,000.00
169	Chascsa, Andrew T.	6,000.00
169	Nelson, Thomas E.	1,916.58
169	Showers, Robert S.	6,000.00
175	Keeler, Jack G.	6,000.00
182	Kizziar, William L.	6,000.00
193	Boyd Jr., James Admal	6,000.00
193	Frye, David Lee	6,000.00
193	Hudson, Gerald	6,000.00
193	Nicholson, Patty C.	6,000.00

DEATHS		
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583	Williams, Ervin	
584	Nix, David	
587	Bates, Louis	
587	Pearson, Willie	
587	Woodall, Gary	
590	Davis, Edna	
590	Ford, Victoria	
592	Earnest, Glen	
592	Gentry, Lorin	
627	Ash, George	
627	Rodriguez, Gilbert	
627	Williams, Roland	
627	Youngblood, Wil	
647	Tiefenthaler, Rob	
651	O'Neill, Brigid	
656	Cross, Burl	
656	Talley, J.B.	
679	Davis, Herbert	
687	Hart, Milton	
687	McManus, James	
687	Milner, Theodore	
687	Wadford, John	
707	Reimer, Elvy	
744	Booth, Lee	
744	Nelson, Ingolf	
752	McGee, William	
777	Maresca, Ralph	
802	Brown, William	
802	Millner, Moses	
802	Szkolnicki, Walter	
802	Ward, Frank	
806	Flick, Lottie	
891	Vroman, Delbert	
900	Snyder, Neil	
906	Hribar, Frank	
1086	Thornton, John	
1212	Acosta, Giraldo	
1212	Beltran, Adolph	
1212	Canales, George	
1241	Nickels, Richard	
1509	Huber, Michael	
1509	Ramos, Edward	
1600	Alft, Esther	
1600	Norton, James	
1603	Hamon, Harvey	
1666	Johnson, Elden	
1670	Chafin, Bill	
1999	David, Anthony	

IF YOU HAVE NOT yet been furnished this information, contact your local lodge, secure the beneficiary forms, complete the required information and forward to the Administrative Office of the Pension Fund, 754 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 522, Kansas City, KS 66101, at the earliest possible date. NOTE: These additional death benefits can only be derived for members who worked under a collective bargaining agreement with an employer contributing to the Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust.

193	Wike, Arthur B.	6,000.00	587	Crow, Marion C.	6,000.00
305	Kelly, Salfus	6,000.00	587	Kirkland, Alfis	6,000.00
305	Preston, Wilbert	6,000.00	587	Wallis, Claude	6,000.00
305	White, Charles L.	4,000.00	587	Woodall, Gary E.	6,000.00
316	Keegan, Thomas F.	3,000.00	590	Ford, Victoria K.	6,000.00
320	Jones, Betty J.	3,000.00	592	Earnest, Glen D.	6,000.00
357	Goodman, Robert	6,000.00	627	Rodriguez, Gilbert	6,000.00
363	Prusacki, Joseph E.	2,062.50	647	Lymmer, Leo	6,000.00
374	Adkins, Bruce A.	6,000.00	647	Zdunek, Martin W.	6,000.00
374	Fernandez, Peter	6,000.00	651	Howett, Eileen R.	6,000.00
374	Gaynor, David W.	6,000.00	651	O'Neill, Brigid	6,000.00
374	Gramelspacher, Jerry	6,000.00	667	Bowling, Robert E.	6,000.00
374	Kincaid, George L.	6,000.00	667	Byers, George F.	6,000.00
374	Livengood, Charles F.	6,000.00	679	Davis, Herbert W.	6,000.00
397	Binkley, Nevin R.	6,000.00	687	Hart, Milton B.	6,000.00
433	Birden, Bernard R.	6,000.00	687	Wadford, John C.	1,978.93
433	Jordan, Alton W.	6,000.00	696	Witak, Ernest J.	6,000.00
433	Young, Larry W.	6,000.00	744	Bartram, Alvis	6,000.00
453	Fielden, Paul S.	6,000.00	744	Booth, Lee M.	780.65
453	Ratliff, Arnold	6,000.00	752	McGee, William J.	4,500.00
453	Rattler, Nelson E.	6,000.00	802	Romer, Alvin E.	6,000.00
453	Winters, Charles J.	6,000.00	807	Johnson, Jasper L.	6,000.00
454	Smith, Charles Ernest	6,000.00	891	Vroman, Delbert E.	6,000.00
455	Palmer, Russell R.	6,000.00	906	Hribar, Frank R.	6,000.00
483	Hittner, John F.	6,000.00	1086	Thornton, John E.	6,000.00
483	Wooley, Kenneth Dale	6,000.00	1212	Canales, George A.	6,000.00
502	Begay, Edward	6,000.00	1220	Polee, Richard K.	6,000.00
502	Wagner, Richard M.	7,699.88	1234	Fay, Edward C.	6,000.00
549	Salvini, Charles	6,000.00	1234	Lata, Casimer L.	6,000.00
568	Davis, Clyde L.	6,000.00	1509	Matuszewski, Eugene	6,000.00
568	Harris, Clayton H.	6,000.00	1600	Norton, James W.	6,000.00
568	Nubile, Daniel J.	6,000.00	1666	Johnson, Elden W.	6,000.00
568	Sturm, Werner N.	6,000.00	1978	Heavin, Clyde N.	6,000.00
582	Aydell, Joseph Carter	6,000.00			
582	Stokes, Richard L.	6,000.00			
583	Williams, Ervin Early	6,000.00			

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The U.S. Navy needs to build more ships

IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE IRAQ War, the U.S. military launched 1,700 sorties in a strategy they called “shock and awe.” News media inspired the public with stories of the high-tech weapons in use — “smart bombs,” the stealth bomber, and remotely-guided, unmanned assault aircraft. But that was a distorted picture of the war effort.

More than 500 of those initial sorties were Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from submarines. Most of the assault planes were launched from aircraft carriers. And U.S. Navy ships carried materiel and troops to the region, providing valuable support during both the attack and the occupation. Despite all our high-tech weapons and aircraft, it remains a fact that no country can successfully prosecute a war without a strong navy.

And the U.S. Navy has been shrinking for two decades.

As recently as 1987, the Navy had 594 ships. At that time, we were not at war. Since then, despite growing threats from around the globe — the Middle East, Korea, China — we have built an average of only six ships a year, while decommissioning 20.

The Navy’s fleet is now only 281 ships, less than half its size in 1987.

Although there is support within the military for a larger Naval fleet, the Department of Defense (DOD) has shown little interest in building the ships key to our arsenal.

For example, numerous reports recommend a fleet of 55-75 submarines, but the Navy is building only one a year. Our submarine fleet has shrunk from 100 in 1990 to 53 today. The American Shipbuilding Association esti-

mates that at current rates, China will have twice as many submarines as the United States in only five years.

The DOD’s Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), issued on Feb. 3, calls for a return to building two submarines a year by 2012. Issued every four years, the QDR outlines DOD goals for the next 20 years.

But the QDR is only a recommendation, and their target date is still seven years away. The DOD budget for fiscal year 2006 provided just under \$7 billion to build six new ships (including one

The cost of being unprepared in the future is higher than the cost of building new ships now.

submarine), the same rate as the last 18 years. And even that low figure is better than what the DOD and the Bush White House had requested; they wanted only four new ships.

Next year looks no different. On Feb. 6, President Bush sent his FY 2007 budget request to Congress. It calls for seven new ships, but that number is misleading. The DOD had already agreed to start construction on one new DDX destroyer in 2007 and one in 2008. This budget simply starts them both in 2007; it does not increase the total on order.

One roadblock to building more ships is lack of agreement on how big the U.S. Naval fleet should be. In December, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, chief of Naval operations, weighed in on that question, proposing to increase the fleet from 281 to 313 by 2020.

Although Mullen’s figure is a far cry from the 600-ship Navy President Reagan promised in 1980, it would mean a significant increase in shipbuilding.

But Mullen’s plan wouldn’t begin until 2008, and any proposal he makes must first get through the DOD and the president’s office before it could be considered by Congress.

Building more Navy ships would be great news for our shipbuilding division members, especially those in Connecticut, Mississippi, Louisiana, and California, where key military ships are built. Other locals that make parts used in Navy vessels would benefit, too.

But a lot of barriers stand between the admiral’s proposal and congressional funding for new shipbuilding.

One barrier is lease extension. U.S. law requires our weapons systems, including Navy ships, to be made in the U.S.A. But it also allows the Navy to lease foreign-built ships for short periods when needed. In recent years, the DOD has circumvented the intent of these laws by including multiple 18-month options in each lease contract. These automatic extensions turn short-term leases into long-term ones. With enough extensions, a lease becomes a *de facto* purchase, skirting the “Buy America” laws. While leasing makes strategic and economic sense in the short run, in the long run it becomes more expensive than buying new ships — and puts national security at risk.

An amendment to the fiscal year 2007 budget appropriations bill would limit Navy leases of foreign-built ships to two years duration. Limiting leases will encourage the Navy to purchase new ships, providing jobs for Boilermakers and spending taxpayers’ money inside



Newton B. Jones
International President

the United States, rather than handing it over to foreign ship owners.

The Navy fleet’s decline has an obvious solution: build more ships. But the cost of building today’s technologically-advanced ships is great; finding that money in a budget already generating record deficits will not be easy.

During hearings to confirm Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter last October, Senator Jim Talent (R-MO) made a compelling economic argument for building more ships. While telling Winter he had an “historic” imperative to rebuild the fleet, Talent observed that the cost of going to war with an inadequate fleet is “a whole lot worse for the budget than spending the amounts now to get what the Navy needs.”

Now if only we can get the Navy, the DOD, Congress, and President Bush to recognize — as Senator Talent does — the true cost of NOT building ships . . . □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud to have been a Boilermaker wife

I WANT TO THANK the Boilermakers for all the help and support they gave Dan Jorgensen and my family during such trying times. When I met Dan 11 years ago, I didn’t know much about what the unions stood for. I learned that they stand for true brotherhood and will support their people unconditionally. It is a love that I never saw before, with the exception of my own personal family members. I cannot be prouder to have been the wife of a union worker and to have witnessed the camaraderie of such a group of people.

Dan was definitely proud to be a Boilermaker and considered himself a very blessed man for having the opportunity to belong to such an organization.

I thank you with all my heart.

KAREN JORGENSEN
Widow of Dan Jorgensen, Local 92
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Two members die on the job

I’VE BEEN A Boilermaker for 24 years and I thought I had seen it all. This is a tough and dangerous business and on Nov. 6, 2005, it was sadly proven again [when two men tragically lost their lives on the job]. I met a young man named John Ferguson Jr. [NTL] on the outage and shutdown at the Valero

Delaware City Refinery. I was very impressed with his attitude towards the job and we became instant friends.

I am deeply saddened by his death and that of Brother John Lattanzi [L-13 foreman]. I know in my heart that these fine gentlemen did not die without purpose. I will never forget them.

So brothers and sisters, be aware of your surroundings and ask questions. Do not be intimidated by anyone. You may save yourself or the life of one of your fellow workers.

MICHAEL ROACH, Local 74
Houston, Texas

Local 484 members are grateful for donations

WE WOULD LIKE to thank you [members who have donated to Local 484’s relief fund, Meredosia, Ill.] for your donations.

These funds have helped our membership with so many things — house and car payments; medical and utility bills. We appreciate all that you and other unions have done for us. Your support continues to help us during this struggle.

At the time this letter was written, there was no movement toward resolving this labor dispute.

LYNELLE A. CAMPBELL
GEORGIA L. SIDES, and
TENA M. BATTEFELD
Local 484 — Meredosia, Ill.

EDITOR’S NOTE: As reported in the Sep-Oct 2005 issue of this paper, Local 484 members have been locked out of Celanese Corp since June 2, 2005.

Contributions can be sent to
Boilermakers Local 484
Solidarity / Defense Fund
P.O. Box 258 / 300 Main St.
Meredosia, IL 62665

For more info, please visit their Web site at www.boilermakers484.org

Change work-list rules

I AM WRITING to ask the International to do something for the Boilermakers who must travel to different lodges to sign their work list. The high price of gas makes it expensive for us to go to other lodges every week just to sign the work list.

One solution is to be able to reconfirm via phone or fax. Another is to only have to go once a month. It’s time to make these changes.

TYRONE MCCROBIE, NTL
McHenry, Md.

Is Common Arc working?

HOW MANY TIMES have you received a note from your union hall informing you that in 30 days your Common Arc papers will expire? In theory the program is a great concept, but what happens if the welding paperwork is not submitted? The

union brother or sister relies on the accuracy of the program to earn his or her living. If one contractor fails to comply with the program or Common Arc is back logged and the information is not added to the union brother’s file in a timely manner, he loses. As a result, the union hall also spends countless hours tracking down the information for their dues paying members. We need to find a solution to correct this problem for all involved.

JOHN M. MARCONI, Local 28
Woodstown, N.J.

Got something to say?

WE WELCOME letters of fewer than 150 words on topics of interest to our members and their families. We do not publish personal attacks on members or unsigned letters.



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