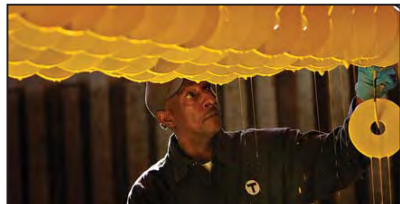


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L-73 will help build cruise ship

Vessel will be first cruise ship constructed in Canada since 1930s

BOILERMAKERS AT LOCAL 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia) will soon begin work on a new cruise ship — a project some say has not been undertaken in Canada since the 1930s.

Irving Shipbuilding Inc., which builds and maintains tugs and offshore supply ships at the Halifax Shipyard, has the contract. The new cruise liner will be small by today's standards, measuring just 88 meters (about 290 feet) in length, with a capacity for 165 passengers. Pearl Seas Cruises LLC of Guildford, Conn., an affiliate of American Cruise Lines, will own and operate the new ship. Pearl Seas says it is building a brand new fleet of high-end luxury cruise ships that are smaller, faster, and offer the latest technology.

The first of these ships is scheduled to be completed in May 2008. Irving Shipbuilding has an option for a second vessel.

Jean-Ives Poirier, BM-ST for Local 73, says approximately 30 Boilermakers will be involved in constructing the above-deck portion of the ship, performing steel fabrication and erection. An estimated 20,000 man-hours of work will be required.

"We are excited about this contract, because of its historical nature," he said, "especially since there has not been a cruise ship built in Canada in some 70 years. We are also hopeful that this is only the first of many such smaller cruise ships to be built by Irving. We understand that there is substantial interest in this market."

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



L-73 members are building this new luxury cruise ship in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

L-453 erects absorber, ductwork at Knoxville power plant

Bull Run is just one of TVA's 11 coal-fired plants that must meet new clean-air standards

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 453, Knoxville, Tenn., are working hard to clean up the air by erecting a new absorber and ductwork for CBI Services Inc. at the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Bull Run Fossil Power Plant, near Knoxville.

On behalf of TVA, CBI contracted with Advatech to perform the work. The job includes the absorber, five medium-to-large absorber buildings, and the associated large ductwork. The project will bring the plant into compliance with recent federal clean-air mandates that regulate allowable emission levels from existing fossil fuel power plants in the United States.

CBI's portion of the work started in Oct. 2006 and was scheduled to be completed in July. Local 453 members are erecting the multiple-alloy absorber vessel box that is 73-feet wide, 107-feet long, and approximately 100-feet high. They are also erecting about 300 feet of 19-foot-wide by 42-foot-high ASTM A588 Grade B duct, with structural supports.

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L-453 Boilermakers will need 125 truckloads of structural components to complete work at TVA's Bull Run fossil-fuel power plant near Knoxville, Tenn.

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Craft of a bygone era keeps the T rolling

"Tell me what you want built — it doesn't matter — and I will have it built ... in three days."

Daniel A. Grabauskas

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WORKING AMID ROARING furnaces and rusty anvils, blacksmiths forge hot steel into switch sticks, pole clamps, shepherd sticks, and other spare parts that long ago stopped being manufactured.

But these are not shipbuilders or ironworkers. These are some of the MBTA's [Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's] six blacksmiths [members of Local 651, Somerville, Mass.], all working harder than ever to keep Boston's aging trains, trolleys, and buses running.

"Things are getting crazy around here," said Michael DiClemente, 39, of Medford, whose father was also a smith.

As the T fixes the ancient Mattapan trolley line, its President's Conference Committee cars, delivered in 1945 and 1946, are getting new parts, many made and hammered by hand in the blacksmith and metal shops.

"You just can't buy them, so we have to make them," said Fred Rooney, section chief of the T's Everett Main Repair Facility, a modern brick building the size of an airplane hangar.

Traction motors from the aging Red and Orange Line cars are spread through the warehouse. The facility rebuilt 357 such motors in the last three years; the blacksmiths crafted the crucial mounts to link motor to chassis.

As the T prepared for winter, when aging motors often clog with ice, the shop received an order to rebuild 34 Orange Line traction motors in a week. This month, the blacksmiths are rebuilding 53 motors for the Red Line.

"Tell me what you want built — it doesn't matter — and I will have it built out of the Everett shops in three days," said Daniel A. Grabauskas, the T's general manager. "Some of the basic, centuries-old skills are still needed to keep the MBTA running."

Most other big-city transit systems don't have blacksmiths, sending the work to outside firms or using newer equipment that requires few major repairs.

In 1995, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority got rid of its blacksmiths while trying to save costs. Over the following five years, however, they were hired back, their jobs too important to the health of the 110-year-old system.

They continue to use equipment that hasn't changed much in centuries. Their desks are blast furnaces that can reach 2,300 degrees. The shop's air-powder hammer, which can flatten hot steel, dates from the 1950s. At one point there was a metal press from the 1890s, complete with a dangerous and unpredictable flywheel that could make a safety inspector faint.

"It's a living organism out there," Rooney said, [who works] in a graveyard of bent and broken trolley pantographs, the wire and metal apparatus that connects a trolley to overhead power lines.

"The rails move, the metal expands and contracts. Things break. It's like running a train on a dinosaur's back."

"And we can repair it all," said Buddy Pickman, his foreman and blacksmith.

T officials say the blacksmiths' work is also a way to cut costs.

Switch sticks, long metal poles used to manually shift track switches, are continually lost or broken by workers.

Rather than spending thousands to have them manufactured and delivered from elsewhere, the T can do it with spare metal rods and the blacksmiths, Rooney said.

The blacksmiths also make shepherd sticks, used to pry bus tires off their rims, so the T doesn't have to buy them.

A wheel scissor hoist that can lift 600-pound rail wheels? Made by the blacksmiths.

Other tools used in daily maintenance at the T but never given formal names? Blacksmiths.

"If you walk through this place, we touch every part that's in here," said DiClemente, as Peter Genna, 29, of Bradford, finished pressing metal rectangles into pole brackets unique to the Blue Line.

Pickman and Rooney supervise two young welders who are learning the trade, but there's some concern that no one else is coming forward.

"It's kind of a lost art," said Thomas Long, a supervisor at the shop.

The T blacksmiths are members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers, who in the mid-1980s represented 33,850 [blacksmith] workers. But much of the work has since gone overseas.

"When we had our 2001 convention, that number was down to 1,800 [blacksmiths]," said Jim Pressley, assistant to the International president.

At the last union convention DiClemente attended last summer, he said he met no one representing blacksmiths.

"People still think blacksmiths only shoe horses," DiClemente said. "We don't. We're metal draftsmen. We're unique." □



After starting with metal rectangles, Peter Genna, 29, is making pole brackets on a machine in the Everett blacksmith shop. The part is unique to Blue Line trains.



The MBTA's Charles Dailey inspects newly-painted spacing devices made by the T's blacksmith shop.



Housing units for journal bearings are lined up on a bench.

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L-128 opens new union hall in Toronto

Event coincides with lodge's 60th anniversary

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 128 (Toronto, Ontario) celebrated two milestones May 19: the grand opening of their new union hall and the 60th anniversary of the local. The lodge received its charter on May 19, 1947.

L-128 BM-ST Jim Tinney said the grand opening celebration drew more than 500 people to the new union hall, located in Burlington, Ontario, near Toronto. IP Newton B. Jones gave the keynote speech at the event. Jones joined Tinney in the ribbon cutting ceremony, which was followed by a tour of the facility. "President Newton Jones was the very first person to officially set foot in our new building," said Tinney. "We were also pleased to welcome President Emeritus C.W. Jones and [his wife] Ursula, IST Bill Creeden, and many other union officers and guests."

A dinner and gala event commemorating Local 128's 60th anniversary followed later in the day. An estimated 900 members and guests attended the affair, which was held at the Burlington convention center.

Construction of L-128's new hall began last October. The tri-level building includes 5,500 square feet of offices, a 4,000-sq.-ft. meeting/classroom area, and a 6,000-sq.-ft. training center.

Designed by architect Julian Jacobs, the building features a unique "king pole" element in the meeting area. A central pole supports the entire 4,000-sq.-ft. roof. The ceiling is composed of steel rods and exposed steel beams. "It has the effect of being inside a large steel tank," said Tinney. "Before the building was designed, we had the architect travel to different job sites with us to see what kind of work our members do. This is the first time the king pole design has ever been used."

The building's new training center includes an overhead crane and 24 oversized welding booths. "The center is sprinklered and has a state-of-the-art air movement system," said Tinney. The center will enable Local 128 to bring in house all apprentice training previously done at a community college.

"When we planned this facility, we did so with the future in mind," Tinney noted. "We've got space for



IP Newton B. Jones (l.) joins Local 128 (Toronto, Ontario) BM-ST Jim Tinney in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the lodge's new hall and training facility.

future classrooms, and the building has dummy cable pulled through all the walls, so we'll be ready for installation of the newest standard in communication systems."

Tinney said constructing the new union hall allowed the local to consolidate its operations and sell two buildings it owned — one it had occupied since 1976, the other since the late 1980s. □

Brett tours South Korea

Boilermaker rep serves as delegate for international exchange group

"STANDING AT THE Demilitarized Zone and looking into North Korea, a communist country, was one of the most striking things we did on our trip," said Shannon Brett, assistant to the director of the Boilermakers government affairs department. "It makes you fully realize that tense, Cold War-style relations are still going on in the world."

Brett was describing her trip to South Korea May 11-25 as a delegate of the American Council of Young Political Leaders. The ACYPL is a bipartisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization. Brett and five other delegates made the trip to learn more about the culture, politics, and economy of South Korea and to develop professional relationships.

"I was surprised to learn that people there don't think of them-

selves as South Koreans," Brett noted. "They think of themselves simply as Koreans who, for the time being, are having a disagreement with another part of their country."

Brett said one of the most valuable things about her trip was developing relationships with the other delegates, many of whom had no exposure at all to unions. "I had the opportunity to educate people about organized labor and what we do in government affairs. One of the delegates was a Republican businessman. His company encourages foreign businesses to bring jobs to America — sort of reverse outsourcing. We were able to share our perspectives about labor and jobs."

Based in Washington, D.C., the ACYPL was founded in 1966. The organization has conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni.

First minimum wage increase kicks in

Federal rate rises from \$5.15 to \$5.85; is first of three hikes

THE FEDERAL MINIMUM wage rose by 70 cents July 24 — from \$5.15 to \$5.85 an hour — as the first installment of a three-step rate increase went into effect nationwide. Two more rate steps, to \$6.55 and \$7.25, are scheduled for July 24, 2008, and July 24, 2009, respectively.

The last time the federal minimum wage saw an increase was 1997, a decade ago. Most states and some local governments establish their own minimum wage rates, some of which are higher than the federal level.

Credit for the new federal increase goes to the Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress. Shortly after taking office in January 2007, Democrats

in the House passed a "clean" bill (with no special interest set-asides). However, pro-business politicians in the Senate insisted on tax breaks for business, and the threat of a filibuster loomed. A compromise bill was finally signed by President Bush May 25. It included the \$2.10 minimum wage increase (over three years) and \$4.3 billion in business tax breaks.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, 5.6 million workers — four percent of the work force — currently earn less than \$7.25 cents an hour and will be affected directly by the minimum wage increase. EPI says another 7.4 million workers — six percent of the work force — will be affected by the "spillover" effect of the higher minimum wage. □



NAO participants include, l. to r.: front row, Bill Rogers (L-359), Mark A. MacNeil (L-73), Ted Hryhoruk (L-555), and Curtis Booth (L-146); back row, Doug Shears (L-359), Brad Currie and Gilles Brideau (L-73), Dave Lewis (L-128), and Nathan Ebenal (L-555).

Boilermakers update NOA for Canadian workers

Analysis will help members qualify for interprovincial work

NINE BOILERMAKERS have updated a national occupational analysis (NOA) for the Canadian government. The revised NOA describes the trade requirements for a construction Boilermaker. It will be used to update an exam workers take to earn a "Red Seal" that allows them to work in other Canadian provinces.

According to Intl. Rep Richard MacIntosh, NOAs are reviewed about every 10 years. The Canadian government requested that each of the Boilermaker construction lodges send a representative to participate in the review. In addition, MacIntosh and IVP Joe Maloney each recommended a representative on the national level for the workshop.

Brad Currie, Gilles Brideau, and Mark A. MacNeil of Local 73 (Halifax, Nova Scotia); Dave Lewis of Local 128 (Toronto, Ontario); Curtis Booth of Local 146 (Edmonton, Alberta); Doug Shears and Bill Rogers of Local 359 (Vancouver, British Columbia); and Nathan Ebenal and Ted Hryhoruk of Local 555 (Winnipeg, Manitoba), participated in the NOA workshop in Ottawa, Ontario, June 18-22.

Local 555's Ebenal said he and the other Boilermaker participants took great pride in what they were sent there to do. "I believe the range in age, experience, and personalities all added to some great input," he said.

The NOA is a base document that lists all the tasks and sub-tasks performed in a trade or occupation, along with the supporting knowledge and abilities required. Other information includes the scope of a given trade or occupation, trends, tools, equipment, and related components.

The Red Seal (the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program) was established more than 45 years ago to provide greater ease of mobility for skilled workers throughout Canada. The Red Seal forms a partnership between the provincial, territorial, and federal governments.

Under the terms of the Canadian Constitution, each province and territory has responsibility for apprenticeship training and certification of skilled workers at the journeyman level. This has resulted in variations in provincial and territorial legislation, thus creating differences within training program content and certification standards. □

Local lodge leaders, staff attend 2007 Summer Training Institutes

50th anniversary is bittersweet as state legislature threatens to cut all SFW funding

LOCAL LODGE LEADERS from across the United States and Canada participated in the Boilermakers' 50th annual Summer Training Institutes in Madison, Wis., July 15-27.

Over the two-week period, the collective bargaining institute offered basic and advanced curriculum designed for local lodge officers, stewards, and members of negotiating, grievance, and safety and health committees. Classes were held at the J.F. Friedrich Center at the University of Wisconsin's School for Workers (SFW).

Curriculum for the Basic and Advanced Institutes included introductory courses in collective bargaining, grievance handling, administering the contract, preparing for arbitrations, political action, strategic planning, occupational safety and health issues, and building the union.

Basic class introduces lodge leaders to contract administration, collective bargaining

THIS YEAR 40 lodge leaders participated in the Basic class, making it one of the largest classes in the Institute's recent history.



Once back home, Mariola Zoladz hopes to use what she learned at the Basic class to get people more involved in the union. A Navy veteran, Zoladz is a shop steward for Local 344 (Ridgecrest, Calif.), whose members perform maintenance on U.S. Navy aircraft.

Topics discussed included administering the labor agreement, labor history and the Boilermakers' history, collective bargaining, workers and the global economy, safety and health, listening skills, strategic communication, and structure and services of the Boilermakers union.

Participants also learned how to mobilize workers by mapping out members according to levels of union interest, then learning more about each member and the issues important to them. This mapping technique can be used as a tool to increase union involvement.



Basic Class, July 15-20

Attending the Basic Institute were Jesse W. Austin of L-D414, Pryor, Okla.; Jaison K. Caldwell of L-D78, Quanah, Texas; Dean A. Calhoun of L-104, Seattle; Daryl D. Casson of L-502, Tacoma, Wash.; Bill L. Clifton of L-599, Billings, Mont.; Scott E. Deaville of L-1626, Champaign, Ill.; Darryl S. Franta of L-359, Vancouver, British Columbia; Thomas Gammons of L-374, Hammond, Ind.; Donnie W. Hamric of L-900, Barberton, Ohio; Patrick J. Herring of L-83, Kansas City, Mo.; Chris A. Inez of L-344, Ridgecrest, Calif.; Sidney E. Killett of L-905, Wilmington, N.C.; Brendon A. Leavell of L-900; John G. Lesjack of L-696, Marinette, Wis.; Joseph P. Lewandowski of L-83; Freddie L. Lewis of L-905; Jeffrey W. Litsey of L-D595, Kosmosdale, Ky.; Jorge O. Lopez of L-1255, Chicago, Ill.; Ryan N. Miller of L-D39, Greencastle, Ind.; Dusty J. Nava of L-D78; Charles Obiri of L-1255; Steve A. Parker of L-1626; Tiidolo F. Perea of L-696; Daniel Perry of L-D595; Shawn Reinhardt of L-D78; Dallas E. Rogers of L-555, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Lloyd A. Ross of L-374; Raymond Royal of L-656, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mike L. Sauve of L-696; Erik L. Seaberg of L-502; Edward C. Sharton of L-D39, Greencastle, Ind.; David L. Sherlin of L-900; Peter E. Siedlecki of L-696; Brad A. Sievers of L-374; Rodney G. Smith of L-443, Manitowoc, Wis.; Reynaldo Talavera of L-1255, Chicago; Blane D. Tom of L-107, Milwaukee; Loren A. Ulrickson of L-599; and William Willis and Mariola A. Zoladz of L-344.

Advanced class introduces lodge leaders to problem solving, membership mobilization

WITH 16 MEMBERS, the Advanced class was smaller than Basic, but participation was just as active. Ronald Ferguson of Local 19 (Philadelphia) actually found the smaller class size to be beneficial. He attended the large Basic class last year and found that this year's smaller Advanced class meant more participation and fewer interruptions. Ferguson is a team leader and welder at the Aker Philadelphia Shipyard, where he is a union steward. He plans to take what he learned back to the younger workers there.



Advanced Class, July 22-27



L-19 union steward Ronald Ferguson plans to share his education with young workers at the Akers Philadelphia Shipyard.

That education included such Advanced topics as legislative issues, letter writing tips, problem solving and grievance handling, common sense economics, health care bargaining, and building the union. Since only one person attended both the Basic and Advanced classes in 2007, the classes on listening skills and IBB history, which were added this year, were repeated in the second week of training.

Meredith Dixon, a member of Local D595 in Kosmosdale, Ky., attended the

Basic class last year. He is a mechanic journeyman in maintenance at CEMEX, where he has worked for 11 years and holds the elected position of chief steward. Dixon has served on his lodge's legislative and negotiating committees and was interested in all of the health care discussions. "If you can get health care off the table, that will leave a lot of money left to negotiate with. Getting universal health care would make a tremendous difference in future collective bargaining," Dixon said.



L-D595 chief steward Meredith Dixon found the discussions on universal health care during the Advanced week to be very interesting.



L-S8 President Greg Fort says 90 percent of the training he received at the Advanced class will be put to use. He found all the information to be very good.

Greg Fort, president of Local S8 (Equality, Ill.), has worked at Willow Lake Mine since 1996, when it was known as Big Ridge I. He has attended the Boilermakers' legislative conference and served on the local's negotiating committee. He says 90 percent of the training he received at the Advanced class will be put to use. He found all the health care information to be interesting and felt the grievance class was very good.

David Newby, president of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, spoke to the Advanced class about a universal health care plan that passed the Wisconsin state senate, earning a spot on the state's budget that is now awaiting approval by the state assembly. The plan would provide all Wisconsin workers and their families with a comprehensive, affordable health plan. The budget was still under consideration at press time.



Steve Parker makes the tongs and tools Local 1626 members (Champaign, Ill.) use at Clifford Jacobs Forging Co. "If the funding is still here, I will be back for the Advanced training," Parker said. He was especially impressed by the class participation where members shared their experiences in problem solving.

One topic for the Advanced class was a session on framing the issue, where participants learned to recognize media phrases that convey a pre-conceived image. Examples included "unionboss" and "big government." This session included an exercise where members prepared a press release, demonstrating how to reject the media's "frame" and make a negative issue positive.

Instructors used the proposed budget cuts for the School for Workers as an example of how to frame an issue. Instead of being on the defensive and arguing against the cuts, proponents of the School for Workers could explain that continuing adult education plays an important role in economic prosperity.



Pat Herring, dispatcher for Local 83 (Kansas City, Mo.) since January, has worked for 31 years as a welder, rigger, and mechanic. He found the information on collective bargaining to be helpful, as contracts are coming up. He said he also learned strategies to bring members together.

Proposed budget cuts threaten future of School for Workers in Wisconsin

SINCE 1957, THE Boilermakers have partnered with the University of Wisconsin in sponsoring the Summer Training Institutes. Just a week before our 50th annual program, Steve Nass, a Republican lawmaker in the Wisconsin state assembly, proposed eliminating all government funding for the School for Workers, saying the program has "too narrow of an agenda."

The school will not go down without a fight, and SFW faculty are hopeful that it won't go down at all. Some believe the budget move is just a ploy to undermine a universal health care plan that is also being considered by the state assembly. But the proposed budget cuts to this program — and numerous other education programs in Wisconsin — are so drastic and severe that they cannot be ignored.

The School for Workers has offered education to adult workers for over 80 years. It is the oldest, continuously-operating, university-based

labor education program in the United States. David Nack, an assistant professor at the University, asked for class participants' help in keeping the program alive.

Wisconsin Boilermakers are planning to contact their state legislators about the proposed budget cuts and rally members from other trades in the area to speak out as well. Out-of-state Boilermakers were asked to contact the Wisconsin legislature as well, reminding them that participants of this program bring a lot of tourism dollars to their state every year.

"Our hope is that after a hard fight all budgets (Wisconsin Public Television and Radio, Wisconsin Humanities Council, UW Madison Law School, Havens Center, UW Madison Sociology Department, School for Workers, UW System, K-12 education, Wisconsin Technical Colleges, etc.) are restored in full," Nack said.

The School for Workers is the oldest, continuously-operating, university-based labor education program in the United States.

The following day, class participants got to put their exercise to good use when K.P. Whaley, host of a community radio program, attended the class and interviewed members for his show.

Attending the Advanced Institute were Daryl Casson of L-502; Fred J. Chamberlain of Local 19, Philadelphia; Cecil A. Cunningham of L-656; Meredith D. Dixon of L-D595; Ronald A. Ferguson of L-19; Greg Fort of L-S8, Equality, Ill.; Dave L. Gaillard of L-19; Dale A. Harper of L-344; Kenyon T. Hart of L-19; Charlie Hyers of L-S8; Richard T. Jones of L-502; David R. King of L-6, Oakland, Calif.; JoAnne D. Pyle of L-344; Danny Romine of L-108, Birmingham, Ala.; Rodney Shires of L-S8; and James C. Wilhom of L-344.

Participating SFW faculty members in both the Basic and Advanced classes included Director and Professor Neil DeClercq, Professor Frank Emspak, and Asst. Professors Michael Childers, David Nack, and Corliss Olson. International staff instructors included Carol Almond and Mike Linderer of the communications department; Abe Breehey, asst. director of the government affairs department; and Milan Racic, safety and health specialist. □

International staff hone service skills



International Class, July 15-20

WHILE 40 LOCAL LODGE leaders were participating in the 50th annual Boilermakers' Summer Collective Bargaining Institutes on the University of Wisconsin campus, 31 International staff members were at a nearby hotel in Madison, learning about local lodge bylaws and elections, International policies, auditing local lodges, record retention and investment guidelines, safety and legal issues, welding fume research, and how to help local lodges form LEAP committees. They got instruction from other International staff members, School for Workers (SFW) faculty, and attorneys.

Boilermaker instructors for this training session included Bryan King, admin. asst. to the Intl. president; Gary Prochnow, special asst. to the Intl. pres. and director of organizing; Jim Pressley, asst. to the Intl. pres. and director of collective bargaining services; Milan Racic, safety and health specialist; Jason McInnis,

Canadian director of health & safety; and Abe Breehey, asst. director of the government affairs department.

Also addressing the group were SFW Director and Professor Neil DeClercq and James Barry, an industrial hygiene specialist for the Wisconsin OSHA Consultation Program, along with attorneys Joe Moreland and Martin Walter of the Blake & Uhlig Law Firm.

Staff members in attendance included Carey Allen, Michael Atchison, Steve Beal, Charles Brock, Tracy Buck, Cory Channon, John Chapman, Howard Cole, Jim Cooksey, Rocco DeRollo, Phillip Evans, Gene Forkin, Robert Godinez, Len Gunderson, Danny Hamilton, Jackie Judy, Mark Kelly, Dennis King, David Lawrence, Richard MacIntosh, Frank May, Anthony Palmisano, Stan Petronski, James Rhea, Norm Ross, L.D. Smith, Billy Staggs, Patrick Stefanin, Ronny Vanscoy, Michael Watson, and Eddie Whitefield.

Local 555's Mollison wins Canadian apprentice contest

Eugene Arsenault earns Award of Excellence

DESMOND MOLLISON, a Local 555 graduate apprentice, won the 2007 Canadian apprentice competition in Montreal in June. A native of Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Mollison comes from a family of Ironworkers. When he was going through welding school, family members were impressed by his skill and told him he should become a Boilermaker, because "they are the best welders in the world." Mollison says that kind of compliment — from a rival craft — was too good to ignore. He immediately enrolled in the Boilermaker apprentice program.

"It was the best choice I ever made," Mollison said. "Now I don't care about welding so much. There's a lot more to being a Boilermaker than welding."

The apprentice competition is designed to test a broad range of the many skills needed by journeymen in the trade. The first day consists of a six-hour battery of written tests covering Boilermaker common core materials. Contestants answered 350 multiple-choice questions on such subjects as boilers, heat exchangers, furnaces, tanks, layout and fabrication, blueprint reading, safety, hand and power tools, rigging, cutting, welding, and the Boilermaker Constitution.

The next three days are filled with practical tests through which competitors demonstrate their "hands-on" skills. These exercises cover the practical aspects of welding and cutting, rigging, layout and fabrication, and other skills needed by the Boilermaker in the field. The practical exercises are designed to test manual skills — cutting, welding, tube-rolling — as well as knowledge, use of equipment, and computational ability.

"The competition is intended to thoroughly test a wide variety of skills," explained Grant Jacobs, Canadian apprentice and training coordinator. "This competition sets the bar not only for our apprentices, but for all Boilermakers."

Contestants came from all of the Canadian provinces with Boilermaker construction locals and apprentice programs. All of them earned the right to attend the competition by winning competitions in their home locals.

The 2007 contestants were as follows: Lory Thomas, Local 73, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Joe McLean, Local 128, Toronto, Ontario; Lyle Norman, Local 146, Edmonton, Alberta; James Lewis, Local 203, St. John's, Newfoundland; Martin Robichaud, Local 271, Montreal, Quebec; David French, Local 359, Vancouver, British Columbia; and Desmond Mollison, Local 555, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mollison described his trip to Montreal for the apprentice competition as "the chance of a lifetime." He said, "I got to see boilermaking at a higher level. I got to meet some of the people who are looking out for us members on the tools."

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The Prize



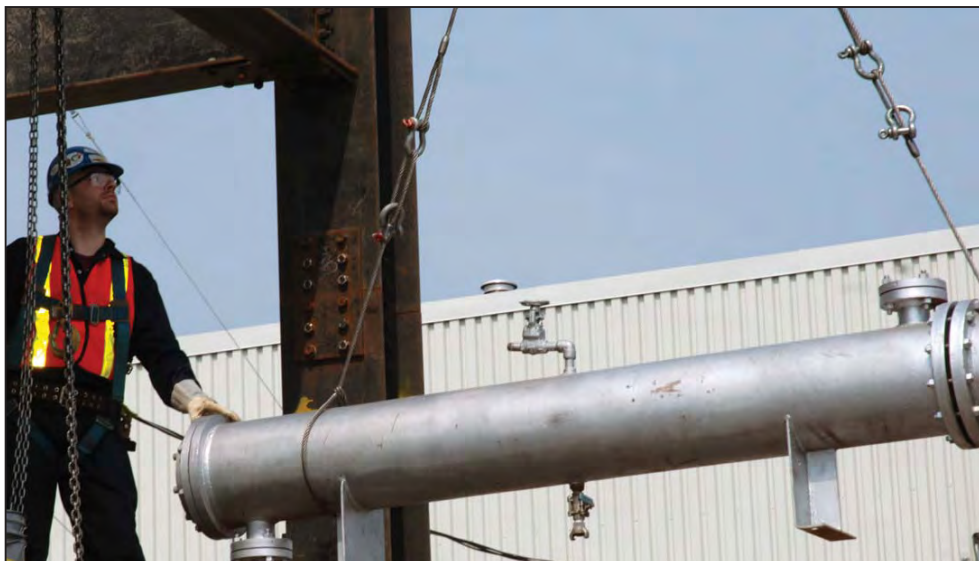
EVERY COMPETITION winner receives a copy of this statue, designed and sculpted by Don Begg. Begg and his wife, Shirley, own Studio West Ltd., in Cochrane, Alberta. Begg worked briefly as a Boilermaker before pursuing his dream of becoming a metal sculptor. He studied sculpture and bronze casting in Alberta, New York, and California. His bronze sculptures depicting wildlife, historic figures, western scenes, and the oil and gas industry have received awards and high recognition in Canada and the United States.



Local 555's Desmond Mollison accepts the 2007 Top Canadian Apprentice award from Award of Excellence winner Eugene Arsenault (l.).



Martin Robichaud (L-271) cuts out the bad tube in the water wall exercise.



Lory Thomas (L-73) ponders how to move a long cylinder through a low door.



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COMPETITION

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In keeping with tradition, this year's Canadian apprentice award was named the Eugene Arsenault-Donald G. Whan award, in honor of Eugene Arsenault, this year's winner of the Award of Excellence, and the late Donald G. Whan, who contributed so much to the Canadian apprentice program.

Arsenault started in the trade in 1974, working as a welder. He spent 10 years on the tools before becoming a supervisor. Over the next few years, Arsenault held positions as foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and general superintendent, before becoming the director for CNC Construction. He is currently director of construction for the Montreal division of Ganotec.

Arsenault sits on the board of the Centre de Formation des Métiers de L'acier (Quebec's college for the metal trades), where the Boilermaker apprenticeship program is taught. Over the years, he has been a strong supporter of the Boilermaker apprentice program, supplying the college with tools and materials.

Judges for the competition represented the union, the technical colleges, and employers. This year's employer judges were Carl Tremblay, Jack Brochu, Daniel Gagnon, Mario Lisella, and Marty Albright. Union judges were Mike Bayens, L-146; Bill Healy, L-203; Barry Pyne, L-359; Brian Mikkelsen, L-73; and Frank Nolan, L-555. Judges from the technical colleges were Ken Bachand, NAIT; Russ Osborn, BCIT; Jim Beauchamp, RRCC; and Ed Hoffman, Humber. The test coordinators were Guy Leveque and Richard MacIntosh. □



Joe McLean (Local 128) demonstrates his reeving and knot-tying skills.

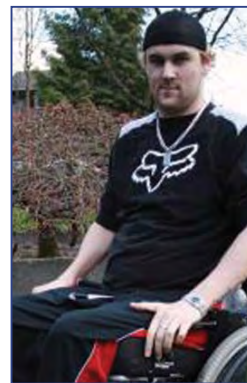
L-359 apprentice sets new goals following car crash

Jordan Dycke wants to play wheelchair rugby, continue education using Boilermaker background

JORDON DYCKE'S LIFE must have flashed before his eyes Nov. 2, 2006, as his truck spun out of control and ended up wrapped around a tree. The pavement was wet. The corner was sharp. And that tree was just too darned big.

"If it wasn't for my big neck, my head would have popped off," Dycke now jokes. But it was no laughing matter then. The accident caused massive trauma to his neck, resulting in the surgical fusion of three vertebrae.

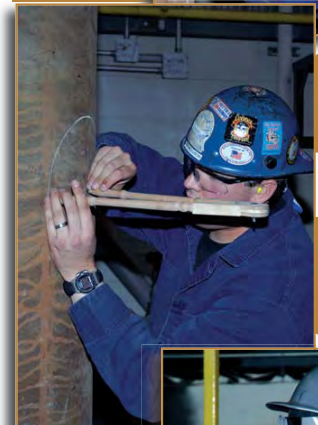
After spending six months recovering in the G. F. Strong Hospital in Vancouver, Dycke is back home in Duncan, British Columbia. He now lives in a first-floor condominium with his fiancée, Shannon, where his Boilermaker buddies have built him a front deck and wheelchair ramp.



Apprentice Jordan Dycke is grateful to all Local 359 Boilermakers for their support following his car wreck.



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Setting the Nozzle

THE EXERCISES USED to test apprentices often seem easier than they turn out to be. The nozzle exercise is a good example. Contestants were required to cut a hole in the side of a vessel and attach a nozzle.

The steps are deceptively simple: locate the nozzle centerline according to specific dimensions on the drawing, measure and mark a perimeter, cut the hole, place the nozzle, and tack-weld it into place. But because the wall of the vessel is curved and the nozzle is also round, drawing and cutting the hole is not a simple exercise.

Jim Beauchamp, an instructor at Red River Community College and one of the judges for this event, said, "I suffer with the apprentices when they struggle with this one. It tests many skills. Not only measuring and cutting, but calculating the curves as well."

Pictured at left are images from this year's competition:

1. **David French (Local 359)** lines up the spot.
2. **Lyle Norman (Local 146)** makes a mark he'll use to draw the perimeter of the hole.
3. **Desmond Mollison (Local 555)** draws his perimeter.
4. **James Lewis (Local 203)** cuts out the nozzle hole.
5. **I hope it fits! Desmond Mollison (L-555)** places the nozzle in the hole.



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Even though his days working as a Boilermaker are over, Dycke wants to use his background in the trade as a foundation in his continued education. He also wants to represent Canada as a member of its wheelchair rugby team.

Dycke has many good memories as a Boilermaker, traveling and working around Western Canada. "He made friends everywhere he went," reports Intl. Rep Richard MacIntosh. "Brother Dycke says he will keep paying his union dues and plans to attend the December union meeting. Jordan would be happy to visit with any Boilermaker who makes his way through Duncan. He made it very clear that it has been the support he has received from his family and friends that helped him through his recovery."

Local 359 has set up a trust account on behalf of Brother Jordan Dycke at the Scotia Bank. For information on how you can make a donation, please contact Local 359 at 604-291-7531. □



Attending a luncheon celebrating the completion of a one-day stewards training program are, l. to r., IR Clay Herford, retired BM-ST Bueford Herford, BM-ST Sandy Kirkland, and stewards Al Lewis, Jerry Hammett, Larry Burnham, and Robert Holcomb.

Local 587 shop members put new skills to work

FOUR MEMBERS OF LOCAL 587 (Orange, Texas) attended a one-day training seminar on April 15. The class was held for stewards working at the Gulf Coast Machine Shop and covered such topics as duties of a steward, the steward's legal rights, investigating grievances, choosing arguments, duty of fair representation, and Weingarten Rights (an employee's right to representation when an interrogation could lead to discipline).

Local 587 BM-ST James (Sandy) Kirkland III presented certifications of completion to the stewards at a luncheon on Sunday, August 12.

"The stewards commented on how beneficial the class has been," Kirkland said. "They said the training has helped them a lot in dealing with both the company and the employees in the shop."

GLAIC sponsors steward training

TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS of lodges affiliated with the Great Lakes Area Industrial Council #1 attended a one-day steward training program April 20 at the Local 374 union hall in Hammond, Ind. Conducted by Intl. Rep Howard Cole, the training covered such topics as the role of a steward, grievance procedures, duty of fair representation, the Boilermaker Constitution, and the basic duties of local lodge officers, committee members, and stewards.

Cole said the training was well received and the attendees learned a lot from both the curriculum and the experience of other local lodge leaders in attendance.

Lodges affiliated with the GLAIC include Illinois Locals M6 (Chicago), D12 (Oglesby), D81 (Dixon), 158 (Peoria), 1247 and 1255 (both in Chicago), and 1600 (St. Charles); Indiana Locals 357 (Peru), 524 (East Chicago), and 1240 (Wabash); and Wisconsin Locals M10 (Milwaukee), M94 (Elkhorn), and 1509 (Cudahy). □



Over 20 GLAIC members attend a one-day training program to learn how they can become better stewards.

L-151 stewards attend training

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 151 (Erie, Pa.) attended a one-day steward's training class June 1. Conducted by Charles Goodman, a leadership committeeman with the Pennsylvania Keystone Industrial Council, the class covered such topics as grievance handling, knowing your labor agreement, and arbitrations.

Attendees analyzed two grievance samples, discussed grounds for a grievance, learned note-taking skills, and discussed contract interpretation.

They also learned about Weingarten Rights, the FMLA, the steward's role, and the effect grass-roots efforts can have on a grievance's outcome.

When the class discussed union rights under the NLRB, they talked about the role Local 151 members played in a grievance bound for arbitration. "The stewards had suggested that members wear bright-colored buttons to show their support for the grievant," Goodman reported. "The result had a major effect on the settlement of the grievance."

Goodman thanks Intl. Reps Robert Heine and Howard Cole for their assistance in preparing for this class. "I think all in attendance came away with more knowledge of the duty of a steward and the workings of union procedures," Goodman said. "I am proud of the stewards." □



Attending a stewards training program for Local 151 are, l. to r.: sitting, Dick Schlindwicin, Jim Owens Jr., and Dave Rahn; standing, Rick Gibbs, Kirt McFadden, Bob Edmonds, Mike Central, Sheila Scribal, and instructor Charles Goodman.

For Ethan and All of Our Families...



John McNerney, a member of the Elevator Constructors, recently learned his grandson, Ethan, has type 1 diabetes. Over the years, John has gone to bat for millions living with this devastating disease, but now it's personal.

"The unions have really changed the paradigm of diabetes research, they have not only made a national, but an international impact on progress in this disease."

—ROBERT A. PEARLMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

Like John, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers has also stepped to the plate by supporting DAD's Day (Dollars Against Diabetes) for the past 20 years. We've never been closer to a cure, but more work needs to be done.

To commemorate the 21st anniversary of DAD's Day, **we are asking each union member to donate \$21** so we can find a cure even faster. Your generous donation will continue to fund the groundbreaking work underway at the Diabetes Research Institute, the best hope for a cure. Please do your part to help cure diabetes – for all of our families.



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U.S. Senate kills immigration bill

Boilermakers, other trades lobbied against measure

THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL Senate bill to reform immigration went down in flames for the second time June 28 as supporters came up 14 votes short on a cloture motion. Cloture is the process whereby the Senate ends debate and moves a bill to a final vote. Sixty votes are needed for cloture to succeed.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) had attempted cloture on two separate occasions. The latest attempt resulted in a vote of 46 for cloture, 53 against. It is now nearly certain that the bill will not be resurrected in its present form.

Construction unions opposed the bill

BOILERMAKERS AND OTHER trades strongly opposed the immigration bill and launched a dramatic and forceful grass-roots campaign to stop it. The campaign was spearheaded by the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO and the BCTD's 11 affiliated unions, representing over two million workers. BCTD affiliates mobilized their members to call, e-mail, and meet with their senators, to write letters to the editor, and to call in to radio talk shows. The BCTD focused on key states where senators were undecided on the bill.

The BCTD made it quite clear to politicians that this issue is non-negotiable for the BCTD and its member unions. The immigration reform bill would have undermined Boilermaker programs, developed under current law, that enable us to bring skilled union members from other nations into the United States during labor shortages. BCTD President Ed Sullivan and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney both drafted strongly-worded letters to Senate leaders making clear that organized labor vehemently opposed the bill and would consider its passage an enormous setback for labor.

Senate staffers reported that their phones were ringing off the hook, and e-mails were flooding their computer

systems. Not only was organized labor making an impact, so were many other groups of Americans. Indeed, Americans across all political spectrums were deeply divided over the bill.

Reform measures would have put unions at risk

A KEY REASON the Brotherhood opposed the bill was a provision that would have treated unions as "employers" when they engaged in referring immigrants for jobs. As "employers," unions would have been legally liable for any immigrant workers referred by them who later were found to be illegal. Referring workers to jobs is a fundamental part of how Boilermakers and other construction trades operate.

"That requirement would have placed an incredible burden on our union," said IP Newton B. Jones, "especially at a time when the construction industry faces a nationwide manpower shortage." He noted that the federal government has had great difficulty in identifying and tracking illegal immigrants itself. "For the government to shift that responsibility to unions — and make us legally liable — would have been unreasonable, unfair, and unacceptable."

Another major flaw in the bill was a guest worker program that would have created a pool of hundreds of thousands of low-wage earners who would be subject to exploitation by unscrupulous employers. This work force would also have created additional downward pressure on wages, benefits, and working conditions.

Issue is not likely to go away

ALTHOUGH THE RECENT immigration bill died on the Senate floor, the issue of reform is not likely to go away anytime soon. Immigrants still cross the border each day looking for work. Many employers continue to exploit them.

Alarmed by the Senate's reckless approach to comprehensive immigration reform this year, organized labor will demand to be heard on any future bill at the beginning of the process — not merely at the end of it. □

"The formal election campaign . . . has become a gory battle scene in which employers chop away . . . at the employees' support for the union."

— Cynthia Estlund, law professor, NYC School of Law

Congress nearly passes Employee Free Choice Act

Bill's showing surprises many on Capitol Hill

ALTHOUGH IT FAILED to clear the U.S. Senate, the Employee Free Choice Act — a measure that would make it easier for workers to organize — came closer to passing Congress than many people would have predicted just a year or two ago.

EFCA cleared the House March 1 by a 241-185 margin, with 13 Republicans crossing party lines to vote yes. But it hung up in the Senate June 26 when supporters could not get the 60 votes needed to end debate and move to a final vote. The cloture vote was 51 to end debate and 48 to continue it. All Democrats supported cloture. So did Independents Joe Lieberman (CT) and Bernie Sanders (VT). Arlen Specter (PA) was the lone Republican voting yes. All other Republicans voted no.

Even if the bill had cleared Congress, Pres. Bush had pledged to veto it. But organized labor and other supporters were pleased about the measure's strong showing — and confident that with a larger Democratic majority in the Senate and a Democratic president, the bill could still become law in the future.

The Senate will not likely consider EFCA again this year, however.

EFCA would modify the Labor Relations Act of 1935. It would require the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union when a majority of workers sign authorization cards and eliminate an employer's option to call for a secret ballot election. (Workers themselves could request an election if 30 percent petition for one.) Employers often use the election option to buy time so they can resist the organizing drive using a variety of tactics — among them, harassment, intimidation, and firing leaders of the organizing effort. In 2005, more than 31,000 workers were disciplined or fired for

union activity, according to a National Labor Relations Board annual report.

"The formal election campaign — which typically lasts about six weeks from the filing of the union's petition but can often be prolonged by procedural maneuvers — has become a gory battle scene in which employers chop away, by legal and illegal means, at the employees' support for the union," said Cynthia Estlund, a New York City School of Law professor testifying before the Senate earlier this year.

The Act would also require that when the union and employer cannot agree on a first contract within 120 days that both parties submit to binding arbitration. This change is aimed at tactics used by some employers — such as stalling or refusing to bargain in good faith — in an effort to break newly-formed unions.

Finally, the law would stiffen the fine for certain unfair labor practices, providing for liquidated damages of two times back pay. "EFCA's enhanced enforcement provisions are designed to give some teeth to a law whose toothlessness has become an international embarrassment," Estlund said in her testimony.

Bridget Martin, director of the Boilermakers government affairs department, said EFCA's passage in the House and near passage in the Senate, demonstrated how vital political involvement is to unions. "The vote in Congress on the Employee Free Choice Act is a perfect example of the difference one election can make. During the past decade of Republican dominance in Washington, ensuring workers' right to join unions was off the agenda. Within a few months of the 2006 midterm elections, with overwhelming support from the new Democratic leadership and a few very courageous Republican allies, this long overdue reform of our nation's labor law was within a few votes of landing on the president's desk." □



AFL-CIO LAUNCHES ELECTION WEB SITE

THE AFL-CIO recently launched "Working Families Vote 2008," an Internet site intended to help union workers and their family members get involved in selecting America's next president. The site provides a voter guide showing all presidential candidates (Republicans as well as Democrats) and their positions on issues vital to working families. It includes links to video clips of interviews and speeches via YouTube. The site address is www.aflcio.org/issues/politics.



Karen Sarosiek, daughter of L-29 member Julius Sarosiek, meets presidential hopeful John Edwards at an AFL-CIO Labor Day breakfast, where she sang the national anthem.

Daughter of L-29 member sings national anthem

KAREN SAROSIEK, DAUGHTER of Local 29 member Julius Sarosiek (Boston), sang the national anthem at the 2007 New Hampshire State AFL-CIO Labor Day Breakfast.

Karen, 14, is beginning her freshman year at Exeter High School in Exeter, N.H. She already has an impressive resume of performances, including a one-hour solo set at the July Stratham Fair in Stratham, N.H. Recognitions include two entertainer of the year awards: the 2006-07 New Hampshire Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, and the 2007 North American Country Music Association's Future Star of Tomorrow World Competition Entertainer of the Year.

Karen also sang the national anthem at the 2006 New Hampshire State AFL-CIO Labor Day Breakfast, where she met presidential hopeful John Edwards and New Hampshire Governor John Lynch. She hopes to someday sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" at a presidential election. □



Intl. Rep Norm Ross accepts a Robert Bateman print from the members of Local 555 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Boilermakers on L-92 job save heart attack victim

Crew springs into action at Chevron refinery

RICHARD SIX KNEW something was wrong as soon as the door to the break trailer at Chevron's El Segundo, Calif., refinery flew open. Local 92 (Los Angeles) Boilermakers on the Nooter outage crew spilled out of the trailer in a mad rush.

"There's a man down!" someone from the crew yelled in Six's direction.

Six, who had been relaxing outside with another member, sprinted to catch up with the group. As he and Ed Sullivan (Local 237, Hartford, Conn.) rounded the corner of a refinery roadway, they saw a man lying on his back near the plant's coker unit.

"He was flat out," Six recalled.

"As we walked up on Dan [Dan Sewell, an employee of Team Industrial Services], we saw that he was unconscious and turning blue," said Sullivan. "Richard knelt down beside him, cleared Dan's mouth, and put his ear down to listen for breathing. I knelt down beside Richard and checked for a pulse at the same time. We realized he did not have a pulse and was not breathing.

"Richard started mouth to mouth. He gave Dan a couple breaths of air, and I started chest compressions. In the meantime, Bill Schmidt [a Chevron operations manager and member of the Steelworkers] was checking for electrical danger, because Dan was lying alongside an electric generator. After Bill cleared that Dan had not been electrocuted, he took over chest com-



Boilermakers employed by Nooter at Chevron's El Segundo, Calif., refinery saved the life of a heart attack victim July 1. Administering CPR were, front row, second and third from left, Richard Six, Local 92 (Los Angeles) and Ed Sullivan, Local 237 (Hartford, Conn.). Bill Schmidt, front row, far left, a Chevron operations supervisor and member of the Steelworkers, also assisted in the life-saving effort.

pressions, and I relieved Richard. I continued to give Dan mouth-to-mouth resuscitations, in between chest compressions, until the emergency people took over."

As Six, Sullivan, and Schmidt performed CPR, other Boilermakers joined Nooter safety representative Joe McElhaugh in holding back spectators and clearing the roadway for the refinery's emergency personnel, who arrived within minutes.

Medical staff at a nearby hospital later determined that Sewell had suffered a heart attack.

"The heroic efforts of Six and Sullivan very simply saved Dan's life," McElhaugh wrote in a follow-up

report. "The quick response, proper training, and teamwork that were set into motion as the events unfolded... were unprecedented."

"Local 92 members take safety seriously," said BM-ST Ed Marquez. "We drill it into them. When this emergency unfolded, the Boilermakers came right to the task and did what they were trained to do. I'm pretty proud of them."

But the Local 92 members were not through with their effort to help Dan Sewell. During a barbecue several days later, someone put out a container to collect money. The Boilermakers day shift anted up \$1,600. The night crew added to the collections. □

Local 555 presents gift to Intl. Rep Norm Ross

WHEN NORM ROSS accepted his appointment as an Intl. rep for the Boilermakers union in Oct. 2006, he had to step down as business manager of Local 555 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. A Local 555 member since 1969, Ross had served his local first as an assistant business manager for seven years, then as its business manager and secretary-treasurer for 10 years. At this year's April monthly meeting, members of Local 555 gave Ross a gift in appreciation of all his efforts on their behalf. Mark Lanagan, a retired L-555

vice president, presented the gift — a print by Canadian wildlife artist and naturalist Robert Bateman. □

L-154 raising funds for oxygen chamber

WHEN LOCAL 154 members learned of an experimental medical treatment that may save the life of a fellow member's spouse, they went right to work raising the necessary funds to purchase the needed equipment.

Susan Jean Fryer, wife of Local 154 member Stevie Fryer (Pittsburgh), has a rare form of breast cancer. Her doctor recommends treatment with a hyperbaric oxygen chamber. Since this medical treatment is considered experimental, its costs are not covered by their health care insurance.

It costs \$455 each time Susan visits the oxygen chamber; a minimum of three-to-four visits per week is normal for Susan. So Local 154 members are raising money to purchase a chamber at a cost of \$21,000.

Members have been collecting money at job sites and at union meetings. At the June lodge meeting, members and the retirees club made donations to the Fryer fund. In addition, lodge members held a fund raiser August 18 at the Kennedy Marina on the Ohio River in Newell, W.Va., that included a cook-out and performances by live bands. When Susan no longer needs to use the chamber, they plan to donate the equipment to another Boilermaker family in need.

The Fryers have two children, ages 4 and 8. Donations can be sent to the Susan Jean Fryer Cancer Fund, c/o Cheryl Sutton, Sky Bank Manager, 15836 St. Clair Ave., East Liverpool OH 43920, or any Sky Bank location.



Collecting money for the Susan Jean Fryer Cancer Fund are L-154 members, l. to r., Brett Fryer, Brett Hambleton, Steve Fryer, and Terry Cline.

Hockey league drafts Boilermaker son

L-359's Jeff Theriau is proud father of WHL player

AT JUST 15 years of age, Alex "Bear" Theriau is well on his way to playing professional hockey. In fact, he has already been drafted by the Lethbridge Hurricanes to play in the Western Hockey League, a major junior hockey league.

Just last year, he and his dad, Jeff Theriau of Local 359 (Vancouver, British Columbia), moved from their home in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island to Burnaby, British Columbia, so Bear could play for the Burnaby Winter Club (BWC).

The BWC has a reputation as a solid hockey club. Knowing this club's coach wanted Bear to play was all the incentive it took for Jeff and Bear to make the move to play hockey in Burnaby.

This Bantam AAA team went undefeated in league play and the playoffs, winning the lower mainland championship, the BC championship, and capping the season as the Western Canada champions. Bear was also selected as a first team "All Star" in the Western Canadian Tournament. During this run of hockey domination, Bear also maintained honour roll marks at his school.

Bear lost his mother, LeeAune Theriau, to cancer on Dec. 1, 1998. His dad has been raising him as a single parent

ever since, traveling across the country at times for work. Theriau wants to thank the following Boilermakers for supporting his son this past hockey season: Joe Maloney, Richard MacIntosh, Rob Kappel, John McLaughlin, and Steve Johnson.



Alex "Bear" Theriau, son of L-359's Jeff Theriau, holds the winning trophy for the Western Canadian Bantam Hockey Championship. At just 15 years of age, he has been drafted to play in the Western Hockey League.

The WHL has teams in all four western Canadian provinces and in two states in the United States. Players in the WHL earn financial aid for post-secondary education.

Many of the players end up in professional hockey leagues around the world or take their hockey careers to the college campus. □



Bobby Novak, son of L-1 member Clayton Novak, proudly displays his first-place medal and plaque from the "Skills USA" welding competition.

Boilermaker son earns first place in welding competition

Bobby Novak learned to weld from father, vocational school

CLAYTON C. NOVAK joined the Boilermakers union in 1974. A member of Local 1, Chicago, he now works as a state boiler inspector. He is also the proud father of a welding champion—18-year-old son, Bobby.

"He has been learning how to weld by watching me and attending the Grundy County Vocational Center in Morris," Novak explained. As a senior at Minooka Community High School in Minooka, Ill., Bobby competed in the "Skills USA Competition" at the state level in Springfield, Ill., April 26-28. Going up against 40 other contestants, Bobby placed first in the welding competition, earning scholarship money, a new Miller MIG welder, and \$200 towards a trip to Kansas City for the "Best of the Best" national competition in June.

"Bobby did not fare as well at the national level, placing 20th out of 50 contestants; however, his just being there means he is in the top two percent of the country," Novak said.

And now Bobby has to decide what to do next. Local 1 wants to sign him up to their apprenticeship program. One of Bobby's welding instructors is a member of Pipefitter Local 597, so the Pipefitters want him, too. But Bobby is also thinking about going to the Baran Institute of Technology in East Windsor, Conn.

"Baran is an excellent welding school and offers job opportunities with some 'high-end' employers," Novak reported. "When Bobby heard NASA was one of those employers, his eyes really lit up."

Whatever Bobby decides, it sounds like his days of watching his dad weld are over. It's time for Bobby to take it on. □

Local 158 supports Easter Seals Telethon

Komatsu Mining Systems matches union donations

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 158, Peoria, Ill., raised \$2,000 for Easter Seals this year. L-158 President S. Mike Damm answered phones during the annual March 31-April 1 telethon, accepting donations for the help and hope of children with disabilities. He raised funds from Local 158 members who work at Komatsu Mining Systems and from two sister companies: Teleweld, out of Streater, Ill., and John Best & Sons, out of Galva, Ill. Komatsu then matched the donations.

Damm wants to thank all the Local 158 members for their generosity and Komatsu for showing such great support for its employees.

Easter Seals — a nonprofit, community-based health agency — has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, for more than 80 years.

Local 1620 shares union history with employer

Members present "Grace Under Pressure" to company for centennial anniversary

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1620 (Portland, Ind.) have a long history with their employer, Portland Forge. Local 1620 has represented its workers since 1949. When the Boilermakers published a history of the union for the 31st Consolidated Convention, Local 1620 mem-

bers were so impressed by the book that they decided to purchase a copy for their employer's upcoming centennial anniversary.

"The members of Local 1620 thought it would be proper for the company to learn a little about the history of the Blacksmiths who do the work for them," explained Local 1620 President Bill Coleman. "So we presented this book ["Grace Under Pressure"] to Port-

land Forge, as they will be celebrating their 100th year in business in 2009."

Local 1620 was chartered in 1941. Portland Forge, in business since 1909, produces custom-made, impression-die hot forgings and high quality carbon-and-alloy steel forged components for a multitude of industries. □

L-1620 Pres Bill Coleman (r.) presents the Boilermakers' history book to Portland Forge President Pat Bennett.



TVA building nuclear units again

More work for District 57 members — and close to home!

FOR THE FIRST time in the 21st century, a U.S. nuclear unit has been brought online — TVA's Browns Ferry Unit 1. Another unit is scheduled for completion over the next five years — TVA's Watts Bar Unit 2. And District 57 Boilermakers are on the job.

According to Terry Johnson of TVA's communications department, TVA restarted Browns Ferry Unit 1 and is completing Watts Bar Unit 2 to meet the growing demand for electricity, which continues to increase at a rate of one to two percent per year.

"Browns Ferry 1 remained a licensed nuclear facility and had been previously operated," Johnson explained. "TVA was able to return the asset to service in a timely manner and at a cost competitive with other alternatives for base load power generation. Similarly, Watts Bar is an existing asset that can be completed in a timely and cost competitive manner to help meet the near-term needs for power."

TVA operates six nuclear units at three facilities: Browns Ferry (3), near Athens, Ala.; Watts Bar (1), near Spring City, Tenn., and Sequoyah (2), in Soddy-Daisy, Tenn. Together, these facilities make enough electricity for more than four million homes, 30 percent of TVA's power supply. And TVA is considering the addition of two more nuclear units.

"TVA is a member of the NuStart consortium that will submit an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a combined operating license for a two-unit nuclear plant at TVA's Bellefonte site in northeast Alabama," Johnson reports. "Though TVA has not made a decision, obtaining a combined operating license for the site will pave the way for construction of a plant there if TVA determines new nuclear is the best option sometime in the future."

In all, TVA provides about 33,000 megawatts of power to about 8.7 million residents in seven states (Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia) through 158 locally-owned distributors.

Johnson said the TVA Board approved recommendations to bring the Browns Ferry Unit 1 back online, and complete the second unit at the Watts Bar nuclear plant, based on



When Boilermakers completed the Browns Ferry Unit 1 in June, it became the nation's first nuclear unit to come online in the 21st century.

results of four detailed studies that examined future power needs, cost and schedule, environmental impact, and financing and risks. He says TVA has no immediate plans to change the use of its other generating assets, and has been expanding its combustion turbine resources as well.

Browns Ferry Unit 1 is first nuclear unit to come online in 21st century

WHEN THE BROWNS Ferry Unit 1 was restarted in June, it became the nation's first nuclear unit to come online in the 21st century and the 104th operating nuclear reactor in the country. Located on the Wheeler Reservoir near Athens, Ala., restart efforts on Browns Ferry Unit 1 were completed by Boilermakers. The unit had been shut down since 1985.

Bringing Unit 1 back online added 1,155 megawatts of emission-free power to the TVA system. TVA spent more than four million work hours preparing engineering and design specifications for the restart, and it took over 15 million man-hours to modify, replace, and refurbish systems and components. To meet design and regulatory requirements, more than 1,200 tests were performed to make sure the unit would operate safely.

A large percentage of the workers who rebuilt Unit 1 live in the area. According to Jack Frost, BM-ST of Local 455, Sheffield, Ala., the proximity of Browns Ferry to Alabama's Quad Cities (Florence, Sheffield, Muscle Shoals, and Tusculumbia) allowed workers to stay at home instead of traveling to nearby states for work. "They're accustomed to going to where the jobs are all across the country," Frost said.

Browns Ferry is TVA's first nuclear plant. It was completed in 1977. All three units at Browns

Ferry were shut down in 1985 because of safety concerns. Units 2 and 3 were put back in service in the early 1990s; efforts to bring Unit 1 back online began in 2003. The restart was completed within its projected five-year schedule at an estimated cost of \$1.8 billion. Operating licenses for all three units were renewed in May 2006, which will allow continued operation of the units until 2033, 2034, and 2036.

Five-year Watts Bar project expected to employ 2,300 workers

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 454 (Chattanooga, Tenn.) could be working closer to home now that TVA has announced plans to complete construction of its Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2, located near Spring City, Tenn. Construction work halted in 1985. TVA estimates that the Watts Bar Unit 2 will take five years to finish.

That means five years of steady work for Local 454 members and other District Lodge 57 Boilermakers who live nearby in Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn. At peak, the project is expected to employ 2,300 construction workers. As many as 800 workers are expected to move into the area to help complete the unit.

"This is something Local 454 has been hoping for since construction was halted in the mid '80s," said Bobby Lunsford Jr., BM-ST for Local 454. "This time frame will allow a great number of 454's members to be able to retire when this unit is complete."

Lunsford estimates that around 150 Boilermakers will be involved in the unit's construction, which should last four to six years. In addition to Local 454 members, Boilermakers from District 57 Locals 263 (Memphis, Tenn.), 453 (Knoxville, Tenn.), 455 (Sheffield, Ala.), and 687 (Charleston Heights, S.C.) will work throughout the plant completing such projects as the ice condenser, steam generators, heat exchangers, package boilers, MSRs (moisture separators reheaters), and reactor coolant pumps.

Watts Bar currently employs 515 people at the plant; they will add another 250 full-time workers when Unit 2 becomes operational. □

Shutdown of Martins Creek units stirs memories of L-13 supervisors

WHEN THE PPL Corporation (formerly known as the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.) announced that it would be shutting down its Martins Creek units 1 and 2 (Easton, Pa.) in September, it got two Boilermaker supervisors thinking about the history of the plant.

Tom Coleman and Lou Tarnalicki started working outages at Martins Creek 25 years ago. They are both members of Local 13, a shop and construction lodge in Philadelphia, and were originally members of shipyard Local 19 (also in Philadelphia), with Coleman joining in 1979 and Tarnalicki in 1980.

Earlier this year, Coleman and Tarnalicki worked as supervisors on the units' last scheduled outage. They wrote to *the Boilermaker Reporter* about the memories they shared in this last outage: "The crew of Boilermakers who worked this outage reflected the exceptional craftsmanship and outstanding professionalism that has been displayed here for many contractors over the last 50 years. As we walk down the units for the last time, it spawned many memories that a lot of you, and our brothers who have retired or passed, are a part of. We are also reminded of the many friendships that have developed among ourselves, other crafts, PPL employees, and brothers from many different locals around the country who have come to work at Martins Creek."

PPL's Martins Creek units 1 and 2 were built in the 1950s. At that time, they were the largest single turbine generators in the PPL system and were built at PPL's first plant designed to burn bituminous coal. This plant was also one of the first outdoor-type, steam electric stations in the Northeast. In September, these units will be shut down and eventually dismantled.

Coleman and Tarnalicki commend those who have contributed to the maintenance and repair of these units over the years for their skill, knowledge, and craftsmanship.

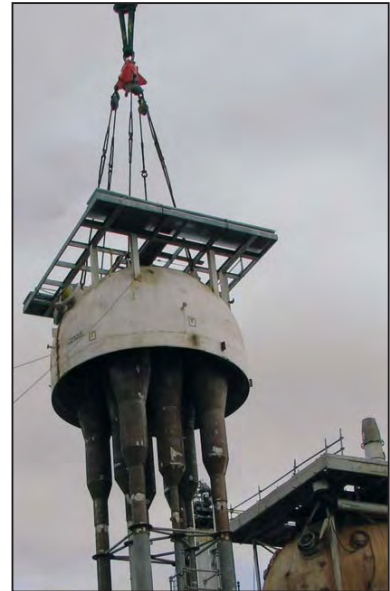
"It is important that we keep pride in our work and safety at the forefront, and treasure the friendships and memories we propagate each day," they wrote. "By doing this we can ensure future clients and contractors the same quality and professionalism that has been displayed here for many years. Thank you for making our final outage at Martins Creek 1 & 2 a success."



TVA has announced its plans to complete construction of its Watts Bar Unit 2, located near Spring City, Tenn.



Local 11 Boilermakers are working the day shift at a plant-wide shutdown at the Conoco Phillips Refinery in Billings, Mont.



A new regenerator head at the Conoco Phillips Refinery in Billings, Mont., is lifted into place during a plant-wide shutdown.

L-11 completes turnaround at Conoco Phillips Refinery

Exceptional craftsmanship may lead to more work for union members

MEMBERS OF FOUR Boilermaker lodges have completed a turnaround at the Conoco Phillips Refinery in Billings, Mont., that left company officials rethinking their nonunion stance.

The company was so impressed by the performance of workers from one of the few union contractors on site that they invited the building trades' members to a dinner.

Working for Construction Turnaround Services Inc. (CTS) of Tulsa, Okla., members of Local 11 (Helena, Mont.), Local 592 (Tulsa, Okla.), Local 627 (Phoenix), and the NTL completed the turnaround in April. Pre-turnaround work started in Nov. 2006, and included building a new FCC ("Cat") regenerator head with cyclones. Members also put a third-stage recovery system (flue gas scrubber) on the "Cat."

Running two shifts, the Boilermakers worked a total of 42,492 man-hours

without a recordable accident and very few first-aid incidents. The project — the only union Boilermaker job during the plant-wide shutdown — was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.

Local 11 President Robert Winger credits their success to "the great efforts by our union hall and good cooperation from Conoco and CTS."

He said, "Conoco was so impressed by the craftsmanship and professional attitude of the Boilermakers that they invited the building trades to a dinner.

This impressive finish on a job with adverse weather and a very aggressive schedule has put the Conoco leadership at this refinery taking a more positive look at union contractors," Winger said. "Their reasoning is that we do it right the first time and have such good productivity that even though our wage package is higher than the nonunion crews, they feel we are actually cheaper. I want the men to know they did a fine job, not only for themselves and Local 11, but for the cause of advancing union work." □

Ethanol boom means work for L-104

Boilermakers in Washington state keep busy making tanks

ALTHOUGH ETHANOL refineries are massed mainly in the Midwest Corn Belt, the surge in the alternative fuel industry is impacting tank manufacturers as far away as Washington state. In Olympia, Wash., Boilermakers employed by Brown-Minneapolis Tank Northwest (BMT) are busy trying to meet the demands of biorefineries that convert corn and other feedstocks into fuel.

Gary Powers, BM-ST for Local 104 (Seattle) said 30 of his members work for BMT, and the company is interested in hiring more. BMT is producing eight to 10 tanks a month, ranging in size from 5,000- to two-million gallons. Smaller tanks are built inhouse, larger ones are fabricated in sections for erection onsite.

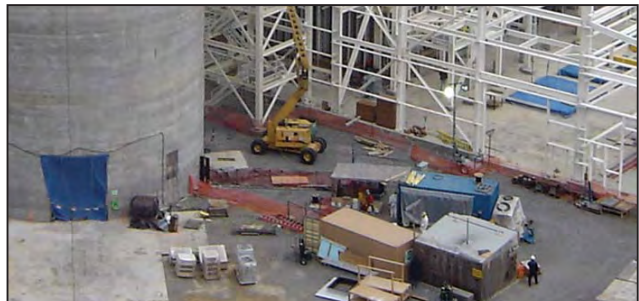
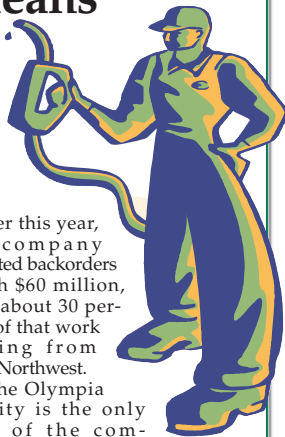
L-104 and BMT recently began negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. Powers said he is hopeful the steady tank orders will translate into contract improvements. "Brown-Minneapolis Tank is a national company that's headquartered in New Mexico," he said.

Earlier this year, the company reported backorders worth \$60 million, with about 30 percent of that work coming from BMT Northwest.

"The Olympia facility is the only part of the company that has a union contract," Powers noted. He said the operation was previously owned by Reliable Steel, a family-run operation with a long history of good labor/management relations.

Powers said long-term positions are available for persons with good fabrication skills in welding or fitting. Those interested should call him at 206-623-6473.

Local 104 is a forging, manufacturing, metal, railroad, shipbuilding, shop, and marine lodge chartered in 1958.



Local 453 members are erecting this new absorber vessel box at TVA's Run Power Plant near Knoxville, Tenn.

Local 453 cleans air

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Throughout the erection phase they will unload and transport nine bargeloads of absorber/duct assemblies and approximately 125 truckloads of structural components.

Manpower on the project peaked at 110 union members and included labor from Boilermakers Local 453, Ironworkers Local 384, Operating Engineers Local 917, and Pipefitters Local 102.

Local 453 BM-ST Vinson Harper said this has been a great job for his lodge. "We have a good working relationship with CBI. Our members have done an excellent job and should be able to complete this work in a couple more months."

According to Intl. Rep Mark Vandiver, who has serviced the Boiler-

maker lodges in the TVA area, another TVA scrubber system is in the early stages of construction at the Kingston Fossil Plant, which is also in Local 453's jurisdiction.

"New concrete smoke stacks with fiberglass liners are being built at each of these facilities, with the fiberglass portion of the work being performed by signatory Boilermaker contractors," Vandiver said. "Ershigs Inc. is manufacturing the fiberglass liner on site under the National Field Manufacturing Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic FRP Agreement, and Pullman Power is installing the manufactured sections of liner inside the concrete stack under the Stack and Liner Agreement." □

L-154's Carson makes bucks from scents

Deer urine business thrives in Pennsylvania

YOU MIGHT SAY that retired Local 154 member Paul Carson is in the romantic fragrance business. Sprinkle a little of his product on "drag rags" tied to your boots, or soak pads in the stuff and tie them to brush along a trail, and you may just lure a love-sick male your way. And if you're lucky, that male will be sporting a heavy set of antlers that would look just great in your den.

Since 1986, Carson and his wife, Becky, have operated a deer scent business — West Wind Whitetails and Scents — in Kane, Pa. A Boilermaker since 1970, Carson worked as an NTL tank builder and later in construction as a member of Local 154 (Pittsburgh), before retiring in 2006.

"Being a Boilermaker," he said, "I am an opportunist." Carson saw an opportunity to put his 10 wooded acres, surrounded by the Allegheny National Forest, to good use. About 20 years ago, he fenced in part of the property and bought two doe. Then he bought a buck. By the late 1980s, he was running a herd of 20 to 30 Whitetail deer, not only collecting urine to sell to hunters but also selling mature bucks to hunting ranches. These days, he only keeps about a dozen deer, and he is focused mainly on collecting and selling scent.

"The highlight of my business was when the Alberta Whitetail and Mule Deer Association asked me to go up there and show them how to collect

urine," Carson said. "I spent a week with them in 2001."

Carson prides himself on his collection technique, which he said is different from that used by many other scent businesses. "We use an elevated floor that is perforated. This allows the urine to pass through, minimizing contact with droppings." He said he does not mix the deer urine with other types of animal scents or additives, so that it remains natural and "pure."

Carson sells three types of urine: Doe in Heat "P," Dominant Buck "P," and Doe "P." He sells to gun and archery hunters across the United States and also wholesales urine to other scent makers. "I don't do big trade shows or advertise in magazines, and that helps me keep my costs down.



L-154 retiree Paul Carson displays one of his deer scent products. At right are Paul's wife, Becky, and grandson, Carson Whiteman.

"I have files and files of testimonials and pictures of hunters who have taken nice deer," Carson said. "I also have many repeat customers." He recommends that hunters buy his product as deer season nears, so it is fresh.

Carson markets through local stores and nationally through his Web site at www.westwindwhitetails.com. □

Local 454 retiree celebrates 90th birthday

Sons and grandson follow in J.P. Gardner's footsteps as Boilermakers

J.P. GARDNER, a retired member of Local 454, Chattanooga, Tenn., celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 14. He is pictured below with his three sons — Olen, Malcolm, and Robert — who are also retired Boilermakers, and his grandson, Allen, who currently works as a Boilermaker. All are members of Local 454, a construction and maintenance lodge affiliated with District Lodge 57.



J.P. Gardner, second from left, celebrates his 90th birthday with (l. to r.) his grandson, Allen, and sons, Olen, Malcolm, and Robert. All are Boilermaker members.

J.P. worked four years as a laborer and transient worker before joining the union in 1955. He then worked 27 more years before his retirement. In recent years he has looked forward to attending the lodge's annual picnic, where he has been recognized as the oldest Boilermaker present.

"My dad loved boiler making," Olen said. "If you happen to ask him about it, his reply is always the same: 'the Boilermakers made me a good living.'"

Local 26 holds first retiree luncheon



Local 26 retirees (Savannah, Ga.) attend a luncheon May 5.

AL HAZELWOOD, A retired member of Local 26 (Savannah, Ga.), hosted the first retiree luncheon for Local 26 members at his home on May 5. According to L-26 BM-ST W.S.

Bashlor, retired members had shown an interest in getting together to talk about old times, so the local put together a list of retirees and started making preparations. □

Letters to the Editor

Retiree appreciates pension management

I AM 89 years old and I worked at the trade some 40 years. I wish to thank you for the fine management of the pension trust [Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust] over the years.

JOHN SHERAM, Local 92 retiree
Broken Arrow, Okla.

Railroad workers get recognition

ON JUNE 28, THE History Channel aired "Bone Yard," a show that included footage of some of the high-quality work we perform on wrecked locomotives at Amtrak [Beech Grove, Ind.]. Although other crafts perform work on these giant structures, Boilermakers perform all of the repair work.

All of the men at our shop take great pride in producing good quality products, on time. We rebuild, maintain, and overhaul wrecked locomotives. We also supply

other Amtrak facilities with products, which we manufacture from the ground up. We're all welders, fabricators, fitters, grinders, innovators, and PURE craftsmen.

KENNETH KIRBY, Local 51
Greencastle, Ind.

Scottish by birth, American by choice

I STARTED MY apprenticeship in 1957 as a boilermaker at the John Brown Shipyard in Clydebank, Scotland. In 1967, I immigrated to the United States, where Local 154 (Pittsburgh) Business Manager Fred Gualtieri put me to work. Since then I have worked in locals all over the Northeast coast.

There are not too many people in this world who have fulfilled their childhood ambitions, but I have fulfilled two: coming to the U.S.A., and being sworn in as a U.S. citizen on May 15.

To all of my brothers and sisters, and all the BAs who put me to work, I say

thank you. I'm Scottish by birth, and American by choice!

JOHN "SCOTTY" LITTLEJOHN,
Local 154 retiree
Toronto, Ohio

Locals need workers comp follow-up

EMPLOYERS AND INSURERS in Wisconsin have been adjusting their criteria for denying worker comp benefits as costs skyrocket. At Local 487, we have seen a dramatic increase in claims denied with little or no legal basis. Insurers know that in cases of small monetary value we cannot obtain legal representation.

To fight back, I have been trained to follow up on these cases and represent the members throughout the appeals process up to a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. Most cases have been successfully settled, recovering the workers' medical and other expenses.

This service to our members shows the company that our union will fight for what we deserve. Every local

should consider having someone trained to follow up on denied claims.

RONALD HUDSON, L- 487 sec.-treas.
Kewaunee, Wis.

Got something to say?

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House considers rail safety bill

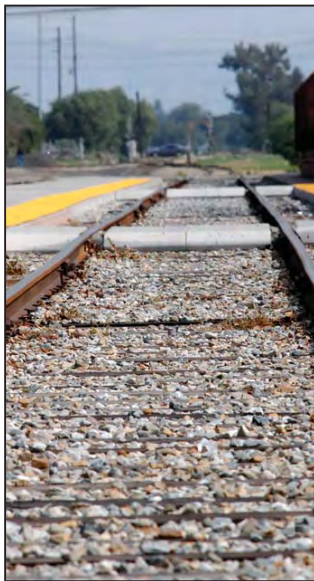
Workers, public are at risk, says Transportation Trades Department

THE STRONGEST RAIL safety bill to be introduced in Congress in more than three decades is working its way through the U.S. House of Representatives. H.R. 2095, the Rail Safety Act, is aimed at reducing accidents, guarding against terrorist acts, and protecting workers from injuries and harassment.

"Rail safety laws should have been updated nine years ago when these laws were due for reauthorization," Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, told a House subcommittee earlier this year. Wytkind added: "Railroad lobbyists successfully blocked new safety laws while the freight railroad industry pocketed at least \$25 billion in profits over the past six years." He said failure to pass the bill would leave workers and the public at risk.

The U.S. railway system includes 230,000 miles of track. According to a CNN news report, more than 1,400 train accidents have occurred since 2003. In 2006, an accident involving a hazmat spill in South Carolina killed 11 people and injured 250.

"The Rail Safety Act is very important for our industry," said Danny Hamilton, assistant director of the Boilermakers Railroad Division. "We have a big problem with harassment and intimidation. Essentially, if you are injured on the job you either go to a



discipline hearing or sign a waiver admitting that you were guilty of violating a safety rule." He said that situation has a chilling effect on reporting injuries.

Hamilton added that passage of the bill could mean additional work for railroad Boilermakers who inspect tracks and perform track welding at crossings. "Railroad tracks are in poor shape across the country. Passing the Rail Safety Act in its current form would mean more inspections and safety upgrades at crossings." □

Key provisions of H.R. 2095 include:

- Whistle-blower protections to encourage railroad workers to come forward with safety concerns.
- Regulations to end harassment and intimidation of workers who report personal injuries.
- Establishing training standards for all workers.
- Certification of train conductors.
- Protection of workers who refuse to authorize the use of equipment believed to be unsafe or hazardous to work with.
- Improvements in safety operations in "dark territory" (non-signalized track).
- Reduction in excessively long hours that lead to dangerous fatigue.
- Enhanced track inspection.

Worker deaths decline in 2005 to 5,734

However, safety and health progress slows, report says

WORKER FATALITIES FROM traumatic injuries on the job declined slightly in 2005 from the previous year — 5,734 compared to 5,764 — according to an AFL-CIO report. Now in its 16th edition, the report, titled "Death on the Job: the Toll of Neglect," provides national and state-by-state profiles of worker safety and health in the United States. The report uses the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

While worker deaths declined overall, deaths among Hispanics — both foreign-born and native-born — increased by two percent over 2004, to 923, the highest number ever reported. The fatality rate among Hispanic or Latino workers in 2005 was 23 percent higher than for all U.S. workers.

BLS figures showed that job injuries and illnesses in the private sector also declined slightly in 2005, to 4.2 million compared to 4.1 million in 2004. Although the report relies on government statistics for occupational injuries and illnesses, it stresses that these statistics are flawed. The report cites numerous studies that show BLS numbers in this area are underestimated by as much as 69 percent.

"Death on the Job" reported that overall the progress of worker health and safety has slowed. The report faulted the Bush Administration for cutting back enforcement staff and enforcement budgets from the nation's two chief safety agencies: OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and MSHA (the Mine Safety and Health Administration). It also charged the Bush Administration with halting or delaying the implementation of important safety agency standards

and rules. "Overall, dozens of OSHA and MSHA standards were pulled from the administration's regulatory agenda," the report stated, "including MSHA standards on mine rescue teams, self-contained self-rescue devices, and escape ways and refuges which may have helped to prevent the fatalities at the Sago mine." The Sago mining disaster occurred in West Virginia on January 2, 2006, killing 12 of 13 trapped miners.

Another negative factor in worker safety and health has been a greater emphasis placed by OSHA and MSHA on voluntary efforts and partnership programs with industry, the report found. "This trend may now be reversing as a result of the recent mining disasters and the election of a Democratic Congress that places a higher priority on job safety enforcement," the report said.

The report found that jobs for some workers are becoming more dangerous, citing a changing economy and work force, and new and emerging hazards such as bioterrorist threats and pandemic flu. "We are falling further and further behind in our efforts to protect workers," the report stated.

States with the highest fatality rates include Wyoming (16.8 per 100,000), followed by Montana (10.3), Mississippi (8.9), Alaska (8.2), South Dakota (7.5), and South Carolina (6.7). States with the lowest fatality rates include Rhode Island (1.1), Vermont (2.0), Maine (2.2), Hawaii (2.3), Massachusetts (2.3), and Michigan (2.3).

Economic sectors with the largest number of fatal work place injuries included construction (1,192), followed by transportation and warehousing (885), and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting (715). Sectors with the highest rate of fatalities per 100,000 included agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting (32.5), mining (25.6), and transportation and warehousing (17.7).

Feds issue final rule on DOE workers exposed to radiation

Aim is to speed up process for qualifying at-risk groups

THE U.S. HEALTH and Human Services Department issued a final rule July 10 on how it will process petitions from sick and dying workers who were once employed in the nation's atomic weapons programs. The rule relates to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act (EEOICA) of 2000. The law, which went into effect July 31, 2001, provides for a \$150,000 lump sum payment and reimbursement for medical

expenses. The benefits are available to qualifying workers and certain survivors. It also provides for \$50,000 in additional compensation to uranium workers covered under a separate law, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA).

During World War II and the Cold War, thousands of workers were employed by the Department of Energy in nuclear processing and test facilities. Many were exposed to high levels of radiation and other hazardous materials and later developed radiogenic cancers, beryllium diseases, and chronic silicosis. After decades of denial, the federal government admitted that it knowingly exposed workers to these dangers.

Congress subsequently passed the EEOICA. The Act identifies classes of workers or "cohorts" according to where they were employed, the type of jobs they performed, how long they worked, and other factors. The EEOICA allows the Health and Human Services Department to add additional cohorts after evaluating petitions. Because the qualifying process was lengthy and complex, Congress amended the law in 2004, instructing the HHS department to change its procedures. The final rule of July 10, 2007, establishes a 180-day period for HHS to evaluate the petitions and decide whether the petitioning group qualifies for compensation.

Workers or their eligible survivors can file for EEOICA compensation with the U.S. Department of Labor. In some cases, DOE records may not verify past employment at DOE sites. In those cases, the Center to Protect Workers' Rights (www.cpwv.com) offers assistance to verify and document employment claims.

For additional information, visit the Department of Labor's Web site at www.dol.gov, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) at www.cdc.gov/niosh, and the Department of Health and Human Services at www.hhs.gov. □

International announces scholarship winners

Forty-two Boilermaker dependents earn awards totaling \$50,000

THE BOILERMAKERS' International Executive Council scholarship committee announced the winners of its 2007 scholarship program April 24. A total of \$50,000 was awarded to 42 scholarship recipients: \$38,000 to United States students and \$12,000 to Canadian students.

The one-year grants included one \$3,000 award, one \$2,500 award, two \$2,000 awards, five \$1,500 awards, and 33 \$1,000 awards. The committee chose recipients from a pool of 148 applicants — all Boilermaker dependents in their senior year of high school. Winners were chosen based on their high academic achievement, leadership skills, participation in extra-curricular activities, and performance on a 300-500 word essay on this year's topic: "What is your view of the American (Canadian) dream for your generation?"

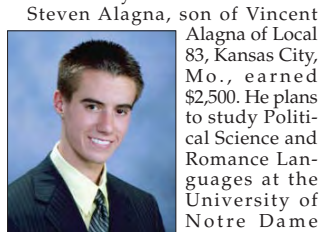


Zirl Hopkins III
Son of
Zirl Hopkins Jr.,
L-D414

Zirl Hopkins III, son of Zirl Hopkins Jr. of Local D414, Pryor, Okla., earned the top scholarship award of \$3,000. An Oklahoma all-state saxophonist and past state fiddle champion, Zirl plans to study music at the Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He was salutatorian of the Adair High School class of 2007, an Oklahoma academic scholar, and member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society.

"My sincere thanks to the members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers for selecting me as a 2007 scholarship program award win-

ner," said Zirl. "The \$3,000 award will make my dream of college at Northeastern a reality."



Steven Alagna
Son of
Vincent Alagna,
L-83

Steven Alagna, son of Vincent Alagna of Local 83, Kansas City, Mo., earned \$2,500. He plans to study Political Science and Romance Languages at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind.



Kayla Carr
Daughter of
James Carr,
L-73



Hope Schulte
Daughter of
Michael Schulte,
L-363

"My father has been an active member of Local 83 for over 30 years and the 'union family' has been very accommodating to my own family," Steven said. "This scholarship award is yet another example of the sense of outreach to the community and the family that is so inherent in the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers."

Kayla Carr, daughter of James Carr of Local 73, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Hope Schulte, daughter of Michael Schulte of Local 363, East St. Louis, Ill., each earned a \$2,000 scholarship.

Kayla plans to attend the College of Pharmacy at the Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Hope is majoring in biology at the Illinois Wesleyan University, where she will also be playing basketball for the Women's Titan basketball team.

Five Boilermaker dependents receive \$1,500 grants

HEATHER CODY, DAUGHTER of Bryan Cody of Local 359, Vancouver, British Columbia, hopes to become a physician. She is using her scholarship to begin her studies at the University of Northern British Columbia for Biomedical Studies.

Kristian Foster, daughter of David Foster of Local D397, Foreman, Ark., plans to attend the Texarkana College in Texarkana, Texas, where she will be playing softball for the Texarkana Lady Bulldogs.

Pamela Harding, daughter of Timothy Harding of Local 1600, St. Charles, Ill., will be attending the Eureka College in Eureka, Ill., where she will major in English composition.

Justina Morris, daughter of Terrance Wood of Local 73, has been accepted into the nursing program at the University of New Brunswick in Moncton. She is the daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, and niece of Boilermaker members.

Zachary White, son of Kevin White of Local 105, Chillicothe, Ohio, plans to major in engineering and computer science at the Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

Committee selects 33 \$1,000 award winners

THE COMMITTEE ALSO selected the following 33 scholarship winners to receive a \$1,000 grant.

Chelsey Adkins, daughter of Timothy Adkins of Local 40, Elizabethtown, Ky., plans to major in pre-medical chemistry with a minor in psychology at the Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky.

Robert Almus, stepson of Dallas Smith III of Local 374,

Hammond, Ind., will be attending the Hanover College in Hanover, Ind., where he will major in physics and astronomy.

Hannah Cavicchi, daughter of Craig Cavicchi of Local 580, Halifax, Nova Scotia, plans to attend the Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Michele Coleman, daughter of Frank Coleman of Local 107, Milwaukee, hopes to enter the medical field and will begin her studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

Kaylin England, daughter of Barry England of Local 359, will major in business administration at the Okanagan College in Kelowna, British Columbia.

Brandi Eskew, daughter of Joseph Eskew of Local 45, Richmond, Va., has enrolled at the West Virginia University with an exercise physiology major.

Christine Finnegan, daughter of William Finnegan Jr. of Local 5, New York, will be attending the Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y. She plans to major in pre-med and hopes one day to be part of the Doctors without Borders Program.

Pamela Garner, daughter of Raymond Garner of Local D465, Oklahoma City, will major in elementary education at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.

Tina Garvey, daughter of David Garvey of Local 146, Edmonton, Alberta, is enrolled in the business administration program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, Alberta.

Jason Haub, son of Jeffrey Haub of Local D81, Dixon, Ill., is attending Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill., where he plans to major in secondary education.

Sasha Hebert, daughter of Claude Hebert of Local 197, Albany, N.Y., will major in psychology at the College of Arts and Sciences at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Mitchell Hodgson, son of Richard Hodgson of Local 580, has accepted a placement in the Bachelor of



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Bryan Cody,
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Justina Morris
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L-73
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Zachary White
Son of
Kevin White,
L-105
\$1,500

Chelsey Adkins
Daughter of
Timothy Adkins,
L-40
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Robert Almus
Stepson of
Dallas Smith III,
L-374
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Hannah Cavicchi
Daughter of
Craig Cavicchi,
L-580
\$1,000



Michele Coleman
Daughter of
Frank Coleman,
L-107
\$1,000

Kaylin England
Daughter of
Barry England,
L-359
\$1,000

Brandi Eskew
Daughter of
Joseph Eskew,
L-45
\$1,000

Christine Finnegan
Daughter of
William Finnegan Jr.,
L-5
\$1,000

Pamela Garner
Daughter of
Raymond Garner,
L-D465
\$1,000

Tina Garvey
Daughter of
David Garvey,
L-146
\$1,000

Jason Haub
Son of
Jeffrey Haub,
L-D81
\$1,000

Sasha Hebert
Daughter of
Claude Hebert,
L-197
\$1,000

Business Administration Programme at the St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

M. Chase Jackson, son of Michael Jackson of Local 45, will be attending the Hampden Sydney College in Farmville, Va.

Kathleen MacLennan, daughter of M. Gerard MacLennan of Local 73, is pursuing a degree in human kinetics at the Saint Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

Jennifer Macort, daughter of Ronald Macort of Local 13, Philadelphia, is majoring in mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh.

Nicole Maxey, daughter of Jerry Maxey of Local 45, plans to attend the James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Jennifer Mitchell, daughter of Joe Mitchell of Local 128, Toronto, Ontario, is studying social sciences at the University of Toronto.

Samantha Morris, daughter of Terry Morris of Local 112, Mobile, Ala., will be attending the Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss.

Hilary Palakovich, daughter of Tom Palakovich of Local D239, Three Forks, Mont., will be attending the University of Montana in Missoula.

Jessica Pawlowski, daughter of Gerald Pawlowski of Local 677, Kingston, Pa., is attending Marywood University in Scranton, Pa., where she is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Zachary Perchinski, son of Eugene Perchinski of Local 13, will be attending the Masfield University in Masfield, Pa.

Tyler Pettipas, son of Jerome Pettipas of Local 73, hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and become a Boilermaker. He is enrolled in the welding program at the Nova Scotia Community College.

Hilary Puckett, daughter of John Puckett of Local 263, Memphis, Tenn., will be attending the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala.

James Riley, son of Paul Riley of Local 1032, Cumberland, Md., plans to attend the Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Erin Robison, daughter of Matthew Robison of Local 744, Cleveland, is attending the Kent State University College of Nursing in Kent, Ohio.

Jeffrey Schuety, son of Michael Schuety of Local 3, St. Paul, Minn., will be majoring in communication art and design at the Central Lakes College in Staples, Minn.

Samantha Spencer, daughter of Steven Spencer of Local 538, Roanoke, Va., is pursuing a degree in interdisciplinary studies at the Radford University in Radford, Va.

Lisa Suda, daughter of Douglas Suda of Local 7, Buffalo, N.Y., is a pre-law student majoring in political science at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Joshua Trowell, stepson of Peter Laborde of the NTL, Phoenix City, Ala., will be attending Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.

Amanda Tuttle, daughter of Jack Tuttle of Local 449, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., plans to major in international business at the Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich.

Donna Weaver, daughter of Ronald Weaver of Local 88, Essington, Pa., will major in environmental science at the Washington College in Chestertown, Md.

Ryan Wise, son of Michael Wise of Local 101, Denver, will attend the Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

Mandi Wojciehowski, daughter of Melissa Wojciehowski of Local 696, Marinette, Wis., plans to attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

IEC scholarship program

SINCE 1988, WHEN the International began the scholarship program, the Boilermakers union has awarded a total of \$726,000 to 329 children and dependents of Boilermaker members. Serving on the 2007 IEC scholarship committee were Intl. Vice Presidents Othal Smith Jr. (chairman), George Rogers, and Ed Power. Assisting were attorney Joe Moreland, representing the legal firm of Blake & Uhlrig; Tracy Buck, research assistant; and Sharon Emert, secretary. The committee spent days reviewing the applications and reading the student essays, and its members were amazed by the caliber of the applicants.

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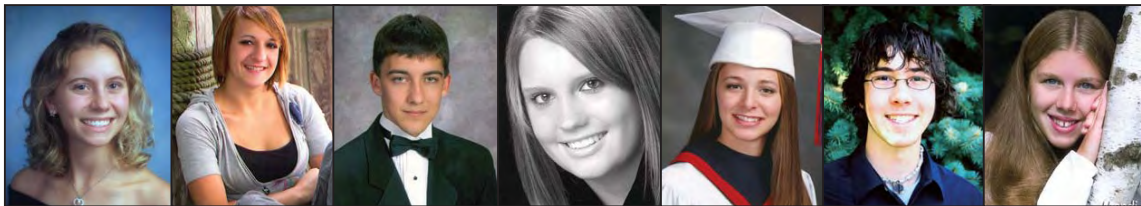
~IVP Othal Smith, Committee Chairman



Mitchell Hodgson Son of Richard Hodgson, L-580 \$1,000	M. Chase Jackson Son of Michael Jackson, L-45 \$1,000	Kathleen MacLennan Daughter of M. Gerard MacLennan, L-73 \$1,000	Jennifer Macort Daughter of Ronald Macort, L-13 \$1,000	Nicole Maxey Daughter of Jerry Maxey, L-45 \$1,000
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Jennifer Mitchell Daughter of Joe Mitchell, L-128 \$1,000	Hilary Palakovich Daughter of Tom Palakovich, L-D239 \$1,000	Jessica Pawlowski Daughter of Gerald Pawlowski, L-677 \$1,000	Zachary Perchinski Son of Eugene Perchinski, L-13 \$1,000	Tyler Pettipas Son of Jerome Pettipas, L-73 \$1,000	Hilary Puckett Daughter of John Puckett, L-263 \$1,000	James Riley Son of Paul Riley, L-1032 \$1,000	Erin Robison Daughter of Matthew Robison, L-744 \$1,000
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Samantha Spencer Daughter of Steven Spencer, L-538 \$1,000	Lisa Suda Daughter of Douglas Suda, L-7 \$1,000	Joshua Trowell Stepson of Peter Laborde, NTL \$1,000	Amanda Tuttle Daughter of Jack Tuttle, L-449 \$1,000	Donna Weaver Daughter of Ronald Weaver, L-88 \$1,000	Ryan Wise Son of Michael Wise, L-101 \$1,000	Mandi Wojciehowski Daughter of Melissa Wojciehowski, L-696 \$1,000
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Other Scholarship Winners



Local 83 presents scholarship awards totaling \$15,000 to dependents of six Local 83 members. L. to r., front row, scholarship recipients Steven Alagna, Cassadie Urie, Stephanie Novich, and Amanda Branscum; back row, BMLST Randy Cruse, Pres. Larry Horseman, Special Funds Committeemen Frank King (chairman), Dave Leimer, and Joe Lewandowski. Not pictured are scholarship winners Nicole Givens and Benjamin Kellogg.

Local 13 awards 29 grants totaling \$208,800

LOCAL LODGE 13, Philadelphia, announces the winners of 29 scholarship awards, each totaling \$7,200, to dependents of Local 13 members who participated in the local's annual competition. Winners were selected based on the results of a college aptitude test administered and graded by St. Joseph's University. The grants will be awarded over a period of four years — \$900 per semester for eight semesters. The Local 13 scholarship committee does not release names of scholarship winners for publication.

Local 83 awards six grants totaling \$15,000

LOCAL LODGE 83, Kansas City, Mo., announces the winners of four \$3,000 and two \$1,500

scholarship awards to dependents of Local 83 members who participated in the local's annual competition.

The winners were selected by members of the local's Special Funds Committee. Receiving a \$3,000 grant were Steven James Alagna, son of Vincent Alagna; Cassadie Lynn Urie, daughter of Chris Urie; Amanda Kay Branscum, daughter of Mark Branscum; and Stephanie Lea Novich, daughter of Don Novich. Nicole Katherine Givens, daughter of Dave Givens, and Benjamin Lynn Kellogg, son of Lynn Kellogg, each received a \$1,500 grant.

IEC scholarship committee announces local, CFL winners

THE BOILERMAKERS' International Executive Council (IEC) scholarship committee has

announced its selection of scholarship award recipients for two local lodges and the Canadian Federation of Labour (CFL).

Zachary White, son of Local 105 member Kevin White, was selected from eight applicants for the \$1,000 award from Local 105, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Tina Garvey, daughter of Local 146 member David Garvey, was selected as a \$2,000 award recipient, and Melanie Pituch, daughter of Local 146 member Czeslaw Pituch, was chosen as a \$1,000 scholarship winner from two applicants to the Local 146 scholarship program in Edmonton, Alberta.

Kayla Carr, daughter of James Carr of Local 73, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Mitchell Hodgson, son of Richard Hodgson of Local 580, Halifax, Nova Scotia, were each selected to receive a \$1,000 grant from the CFL. □

Competition includes written performance on assigned essay topic

NOT ONLY MUST applicants to the Boilermakers' scholarship program meet all the eligibility requirements, they also have to complete a 300-500 word essay on an assigned topic.

While space does not permit publication of these essays in their entirety — or even excerpts from each of the 148 essays that were submitted — the *Boilermaker Reporter* would like to share the following views from our top two 2007 scholarship recipients on this year's topic: "What is your view of the American (Canadian) dream for your generation."

Zirl Hopkins III, son of Zirl Hopkins Jr. of Local D414, Pryor, Okla., earned the top scholarship award of \$3,000. He believes the American Dream is threefold: a college education; an occupation that allows pursuit of our passions; and a family.

"I know that fulfillment is of much greater importance to me than wealth, and this knowledge has led me to pursue a degree in music education so that I can share this passion with others," Zirl wrote. "We are a generation that has been supported emotionally and financially by previous generations, so we feel the need to give back to our communities through gifts and service."

Steven Alagna, son of Vincent Alagna of Local 83, Kansas City, Mo., earned the Boilermaker's second-highest award of \$2,500. He worries that the American Dream has devolved, becoming materialistic and adolescent.

"Unfortunately, the American Dream has been warped from helping members of society to helping ourselves become rich and famous," Steven wrote. "And although my view of Generation Y may be called pessimistic, it is undeniable that members of my generation have forsaken the baby boomer values of hard work and community service and replaced them with selfishly individual gratification."



How to apply for a Boilermaker Scholarship

BOILERMAKER SCHOLARSHIPS are open to high school seniors who will be entering their first year of a two- or four-year academic program at a degree-granting, accredited college or university within one year of their high school graduation and who are dependents of Boilermaker members in good standing.

A dependent may be a son, daughter, legally adopted child, or other dependent of an active, retired, disabled, or deceased member.

Winners are chosen based on a variety of criteria that include grades, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, and a written essay on an assigned topic.

Applications for the 2008 awards will be available from your local lodge at the end of this year and will be accepted from January 1 to March 1, 2008. Applications postmarked after the March 1, 2008 deadline cannot be considered.

Contact your local lodge to get an application. The International will not mail applications to individuals.

Some local lodges have their own scholarship programs. Scholarships are also available through the Union Plus credit card program and some state and regional labor councils.



How to apply for a L-13, L-83, L-105, L-146, or CFL scholarship

DEPENDENTS OF LOCAL 13 and Local 83 members who meet the eligibility requirements of the International Executive Council (IEC) Scholarship Program (listed at left) may also apply separately to Local 13 or Local 83 for their awards program.

Dependents of Local 105 and Local 146 members, who are eligible and apply for the Boilermakers IEC Scholarship, are also considered applicants to their respective local lodge award programs.

Dependents of Canadian members who are eligible and apply for the Boilermakers IEC Scholarship are also considered applicants to the CFL scholarship program. □



Railroad unions ratify national agreements

Contracts cover more than 85,000 rail workers in the United States

MEMBERS OF THE Boilermakers' Railroad Division ratified a national agreement negotiated by the Rail Labor Bargaining Coalition (RLBC) and the National Carrier's Conference Committee (NCCC) on June 25. The agreement (29 months in the making) will expire Dec. 31, 2009, and provides general wage increases totaling 17 percent, or 18.2 percent compounded over the life of the agreement.

The NCCC represents the nation's major freight railroads, including Union Pacific, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Kansas City Southern. The RLBC represents seven rail labor unions whose contracts cover more than 85,000 rail workers — more than 50 percent of the carriers' employees. The seven RLBC unions are the American Train Dispatchers Association, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division, Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, National Conference of Firemen and

Oilers/SEIU, and the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

Negotiations concluded in May following two-and-one-half years of bargaining, after which the unions submitted the tentative agreement to their members for ratification. The final results were received June 25. Of the seven RLBC member unions, only the American Train Dispatchers Association failed to ratify the agreement.

"From the legal counsel to the consultants we retained, the coalition demonstrated the extraordinary value of solidarity," said Dan Hamilton, assistant director of the Boilermakers' Railroad Division. "Together we achieved far more than we could have separately. That is the power of the RLBC."

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New contract summaries

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

Local M6 — Chicago

Effective April 4, 2007 to April 6, 2008, for 50 members of Local M6, Chicago, who work at **Midwestern Rustproof**.

Local M13 — St. Louis, Mo.

Effective May 24, 2007 to May 31, 2009, for 18 members of Local M13, St. Louis, Mo., who work in production at the **Diamond Plating Co.**, where workers have been performing commercial nickel and chrome plating for over 45 years.

Local M18 — Buffalo, N.Y.

Effective Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2009, for members of Local M18, Buffalo, N.Y., who work at the **Bastain Co.**, and effective April 14, 2007 to May 7, 2010, for Local M18 members who work at **Getting Sourcing LLC**.

Local 83 — Kansas City, Mo.

Effective Nov. 30, 2006 to Nov. 20, 2009, for 35 members of Local 83, Kansas City, Mo., who manufacture heat transfer equipment for the utility industry [including heat recovery steam generators (HRSG's), packaged industrial boilers, gas coolers, and related waste heat recovery boilers] at the **Chanute Manufacturing Co.**, and effective Feb. 1, 2007 to Jan. 31, 2010, for 64 Local 83 members who make concrete pipe forms out of iron at the **Quinn Machine and Foundry Corp.**

Local 104 — Seattle

Effective May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2012, for six members of Local 104, Seattle, who repair barges, tugs, and small vessels for **Duwamish Marine Services**; effective July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2009, for 64 Local 104 members who repair ships at the **Lake Union Drydock**; effective Feb. 15, 2007 to Feb. 1, 2010, for 25 members who perform dockside ship repair at **Puglin Engineering Inc.**; and effective Feb. 14, 2007 to Feb. 29, 2012, for 40 Local 104 members who work in the new construction of barges at **U.S. Barge LLC**.

Local D106 — Mason City, Iowa

Effective May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2010, for 100 members of Local D106, Mason City, Iowa, who work at the **Lehigh Cement Co.**

Oilers/SEIU, and the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

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Lehigh and its affiliated companies produce gray, white, custom colored, and blended cements; aggregates; ready-mix concrete; concrete pipe and block; pre-cast and pre-stress concrete units, and related construction materials throughout North America.

Local 107 — Milwaukee

Effective May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2010, for 20 members of Local 107, Milwaukee, who perform boiler repair for the **Becker Boiler Co.** A full service boiler company, Becker has been providing high quality boiler equipment and services since 1956.

Local D132 — Lee, Mass.

Effective March 1, 2007 to Feb. 28, 2010, for members of Local D132, Lee, Mass., at **Oldcastle Industrial Minerals**. A leading supplier of aggregates, asphalt, ready mix concrete, and construction and paving services in the United States, Oldcastle Materials is a division of CRH, an international building materials group.

Local 146 — Edmonton, Alberta

Effective Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2009, for 82 members of Local 146, Edmonton, Alberta, at **Melloy Industrial Services Inc.** A nationwide industrial contractor, Melloy services the oil sands, refining, petrochemical, pulp and paper, power, and oil and gas industries.

Local 154 — Pittsburgh

Effective Feb. 1, 2007 to Jan. 31, 2008, for eight members of Local 154, Pittsburgh, who work at **Apex Maintenance**.

Local 159 — Mountain Top, Pa.

Effective Jan. 14, 2007 to Jan. 13, 2010, for members of Local 159, Mountain Top, Pa., who work at the **Ashley Machine & Tool Co.** In business since 1954, Ashley Machine is a tool and die machine shop. In 1964, Ashley opened its West Wyoming, Pa., plant, where these Local 154 members machine hatches for Grumman Aerospace for use in the Apollo Lunar Module Program, and machine catapult launching cylinder covers for the U.S. Navy carrier fleet.

Lafarge closes gypsum plant

Increasing competition, market slump cited for shutdown

MORE THAN 50 members of Boilermakers Local D559 were put out of work when the Lafarge gypsum wallboard plant in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, shut down this summer. The plant had been operating at half capacity for most of the year.

Three employees will remain in the plant to make stucco for Corner Brook Pulp and Paper until that contract expires in December 2008.

The plant closing was the end of an era for many. In business for 55 years, it had employed members of two generations in some families.

George Wagner, project manager for Lafarge, cited increasing competition and a slumping wallboard market for the closing. "The quality of the product was never in question," he said, "and the work force had shown themselves to be very dedicated." The plant had won a Lafarge productivity award two years in a row.

Fallout from the closing was immediate. Two days after the announcement, Luke Dunphy, part owner of Galen Gypsum, said jobs in his quarry are in jeopardy unless another buyer for its gypsum can be found.

Local S185 — Belleville, Ill.

Effective April 15, 2007 to April 15, 2008, for 33 members of Local S185, Belleville, Ill., who work in the fabrication shop at **Roesch Inc.** Founded in 1916, Roesch Inc. is a contract manufacturer specializing in products like commercial and residential cooking equipment (oven liners, broiler pans, cook tops, pan supports, control panels, pull handles, cook tops, stove grates, burner caps, trim vents, oven cavities, and many more), commercial and residential heating equipment (heat exchangers, burners, control panels, fireplace division panels, and numerous replacement parts), barbecue (wire grills; cast iron, drawn wire, and fabricated steel grills), and ice related products (ice merchandisers, ice bags).

Local 357 — Peru, Ind.

Effective May 14, 2007 to May 14, 2010, for 125 members of Local 357, Peru, Ind., who make small boilers for the **Bryan Steam Corp.** When Bryan was first founded in 1916, workers manufactured steam-powered tractors. But by 1922, the rising popularity of gasoline engines forced Bryan to abandon the tractor. However, they were able to use the concept of the tractor's bent water tube boiler for other applications. Today, Bryan Steam continues to incorporate many of the features found in the original boiler of their steam tractor.

L-359 — Vancouver, British Columbia

Effective Dec. 14, 2006 to Nov. 30, 2010, for 96 members of Local 359, Vancouver, British Columbia, who make portland cement at **Lehigh Inland Cement Ltd.** A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Lehigh Cement Company, Lehigh Inland is one of the leading suppliers of construction materials in North America. Products include two types of clinker, normal portland and sulphate resistant; from these they produce nine types of cement. In addition they distribute two additional products: white cement and fly ash.

Local 651 — Somerville, Mass.

Effective March 24, 2007 to March 23, 2008, for members of Local 651, Somerville, Mass., who work at the **Northland Industrial Truck Co. (NITCO)**. Since 1969, NITCO has been a materials handling solutions provider in the New England region.

L-154 member earns kudos

Ciccone gets recognition from company, union for heroic efforts

ON APRIL 10, 35-year member James E. Ciccone was working at United Refining in Warren, Pa., setting a stack furnace for Delta Nooter. It was 4:30 in the afternoon when he heard the revving of an engine. Looking up, he saw that crane operator William Otteni had passed out in the cab of a 50-ton picker. It was Otteni's first day on the job.

Ciccone stopped what he was doing and yelled out for help. He then ran to the man's aid in order to try to save his life — a man he had never met before. Ciccone called 911, and cleared an area for the ambulance. He and John Scypinski of All Crane Rental then tried to make Otteni comfortable until medical personnel arrived. Despite their efforts, Otteni passed away in the cab.

Ciccone's attempt to save his coworker's life did not go unnoticed. A member of Local 154 (Pittsburgh), Ciccone was presented a joint certificate of

appreciation from the union and both companies: United Refining and Delta Nooter.

"Boilermakers are made to help," reports Local 154 President Thomas J. O'Connor. "His act of heroism shows how the men of Local 154 give their all on each and every job."

The management team at United Refining and Delta Nooter also thanked Ciccone for "his unselfish act and for the pride he showed in attempting to save a life." □

V46 N2 Correction

JEFFREY WEINSHEIMER (L-900) was listed in the IST Death Reports (page 22 of the Apr - Jun issue). Weinsheimer is not deceased. □



James Ciccone (l.) receives gifts and a certificate of appreciation for his heroic efforts from Local 154 President Thomas J. O'Connor.

Locals award service pins

Local 1 — Chicago

JOHN SKERMONT, BM-ST of Local 1, Chicago, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

55 YEARS — Eugene Forkin Jr.;

40 YEARS — Kenneth Maddox; and

35 YEARS — Thomas Mooney.

L-40, Elizabethtown, Ky.

RAY PARROTT, BM-ST of Local 40, Elizabethtown, Ky., reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

65 YEARS — Avis M. Brewer, Vincent A. Johnson, Carlos T. Newman;

60 YEARS — Robert L. Anderson, John J. Janowick, Vincent A. Johnson, Carlos T. Newman;

55 YEARS — Billy C. Allcock, N. C. Cleary, Charles W. Cline, Thomas S. Faircloth, Delmas R. Holbrook, Charles Maupin, James L. Neville, James Osborne, Jesse L. Sims Jr., John M. Story;

50 YEARS — Stanley Combs, Charles Davis, Shelt Decker, James M. Dorris, Elmer Henderson Jr., Alfred L. Reed, Kenneth Ritchie, William D. Walker, Walter L. Wilcox, Orville Woodcock;

45 YEARS — Avery L. Carter, Joseph F. Cecil, Stanley D. Combs, Roger A. Coomes, Ernest T. Coons, Daniel F. Everett, Conrad C. Hall, Joseph M. Hamilton, Larry Heady, James R. Henley, Melvin L. Jeffords, Moses Johnson, Donnie L. Ortkiess, William Quertermous, Edward J. Roberts, Edwin Thompson, James Thompson;

40 YEARS — Robert L. Beasley, Lyonel O. Beatty, William C. Burgan, Jerry C. Daugherty, Gary B. Dorris, Daniel A. Frantz, Larry Heady, Jesse A. Horsley, Robert O. Horsley, Melvin L. Jeffords, Lemar R. Jones, Odell Keown, Mack A. McStoots, Willis D. Milburn, Danny L. Mitchell, James W. Parish, Harold L. Puckett, Jimmie Rice, Larry Rose, Jerry Smith, Larry D. Smith, Paul Ralph Thomas, James B. Thompson, Joseph L. Vornholt;

35 YEARS — Tommy R. Brown, William M. Brown, Danny J. Calloway, James L. Carroll, Thomas A. Chandler,

Lyle J. Clevenger, C. M. Divine, Lowell T. Elliott, Howard A. Feller, Hubert G. Fitzgerald, Royce G. Greene, Charles W. Greenwell, Robert E. Gregory, Russell L. Gregory, Larry Heady, Eugene L. Hines, Quincy Hutchinson, Joseph L. Jackson, Lowell F. Jackson, Alan Johnson, Lemar R. Jones, John V. Kitchen, Phillip M. LeMaster, G. J. Lewis, Thomas O. McClain, John D. McCulloch, Harry J. McDavid, Phillip J. McDavid, Melvin V. McDowell, Larry C. Mercer, Roger L. Mitchell, Roland A. Payne, Jerry Pendley, Kenneth R. Ratcliff, Robert S. Reeves, Robert R. Riggle, William B. Roberts Jr., James R. Salmon, George W. Savage, Wayne L. Scott, Leland J. Sexton, Edward C. Striegel, Ricky L. Summers, Lonzo Sweeney, Jimmy L. Tharp, Charles D. Thomas, Charles L. Waddle, William E. Walker, Robert L. Walls, Wade W. Wilburn, Marvin L. Williams, Barry K. Young, Harry E. Young;

30 YEARS — Terry L. Barnes, Jerry D. Barrett, John S. Barrett, Randall B. Boggs, Donald K. Burnett, William S. Burton, Solomon Carroll III, James M. Carter, Danny D. Cartwright, James E. Cauley, Michael D. Chambers, John H. Coons, James I. Crump, Barry L. Daugherty, Larry W. Decker, Joseph C. Edge, J. R. Elrod, Hubert G. Fitzgerald, Richard G. Forden, Anthony L. Fortney, Gary M. Frank, George E. French, Robert E. Gay, Richard A. Hope, Casper D. Hosick, James C. Howell, Rickey T. Hurter, Gary D. Jackson, Lowell F. Jackson, James W. Keeling, William E. Kessel, Raul G. Lara, Stephen Logsdon, Bob Marshall, Bobby R. McKinley, Joseph W. Medley, Raymond Mercer, Hubert M. Meredith, Larry M. Napier, Michael W. Neihoff, Chrisman O'Banion, C. A. Poole, Leonard R. Portman, Jeffrey T. Reedy, Ronald L. Rice, Mack G. Rose, Wayne L. Scott, John Seals, Anthony L. Sears, Dannie E. Smith, Harold P. Smith, Billy R. Southerland, George C. Stevens, Lanny R. Stinnett, Roger D. Story, Roy A. Streble, Earl Summers, Earl Sutton, Carl R. Swenney, Frank J. Trovato, James W. Walters, John E. Warren, Thomas H.

Warren, Randall W. Webster, Clifford H. Wedding, Ronald Whitescarver, James L. Wilkins Jr., Rudy L. Young;

25 YEARS — Steve C. Abbott, Timothy W. Adkins, Leonard E. Bayes, Steve L. Boggess, James D. Boggs, Randall B. Boggs, William A. Bowlds, Bobby N. Casey Jr., Joseph E. Combs, James I. Crump, Timothy B. Embry, David Engle, William Faith, Gaston Faulk, Hubert Fitzgerald, Troy Hammers, Tommy Hunt, Gary Jackson, Lowell Jackson, Marvin Moore Jr., David Ogburn, Ricky Presley, Timothy Rager, Charles Shephard, Roger Story, Dwight Thompson, Percy Voyles, Edward Ward;

20 YEARS — Timothy W. Adkins, Rob N. Arnett, Barry J. Elliott, Timothy B. Embry, James E. Hall, Danny James, Michael G. Johnson, William D. Logsdon, Douglas E. Masterson, David K. Ogburn, Don E. Thomas, Rick Wells, Jimmy D. Young; and

15 YEARS — Walter B. Anderson III, Stephen D. Arndell, George E. Austin, Michael Autry, Barry L. Barnard, Marshall S. Bratcher, Timothy S. Cottingham, David C. Craig, William D. Croxton, Larry E. Davis, David A. Gee, Kenneth M. Glasscock, Darin P. Green Jr., Robert L. Hall Jr., William F. Heep, Jason C. Hodges, Paul A. Hoppe, Michael J. Jackson, Victor A. Johnson Jr., Leon W. Jones, Dewey Keown, David L. Laffoon, Scott A. Layne, Edward L. Nokes Jr., Gregory H. Phelps, David A. Rager, James K. Rager, L.D. Ransom, Jay T. Rhoades, Mark S. Ringstaff, James E. Roy Jr., Kevin R. Seagraves, David O. Sisco, Paul A. Sloas, Mark S. Smiley, Jerry Vincent, Robert Vincent, Jeffrey Wilcox, Carl Williams, and James Yonts.

Local 74, Houston

HERMAN SULLIVAN, BM-ST of Local 74, Houston, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

60 YEARS — Donald Keck*

40 YEARS — Steve Balboa, Phillip Liening;

35 YEARS — William Cockroft, Gary Hale, Tom Reed, Jackie Scott, Dennis Smith;

30 YEARS — James Alexander, Johnny Foraker, Ronnie Keck, Sidney Luckett, Johnny Luker, Steve McDaniel, Lloyd Stipe, Herman Sullivan, Ralph Sylvester;

25 YEARS — Roman Alaniz, Charles Barker, Mike Clark, Alan Frizzell, Terry Johnson, John Standish, Jimmy Vest, Lee Walker;

20 YEARS — Kurtis Barker, Mike Dickman, Patricia Frizzell, Berry Frost, Ronny Parker, Don Sims, W.T. Strain, Thomas Strait, William Taylor, David Tyler, Greg Tyler; and

15 YEARS — Dwight Batiste, Herman Foraker, Jeff Cole, John Sheppard, Kirt Hogue, and Rodney Wooten.

* Awarded posthumously, as Brother Keck passed away shortly before pin presentation.

Local 744, Cleveland

PATRICK GALLAGHER, BM-ST of Local 744, Cleveland, reports presentation of membership pins to the following:

60 YEARS — John G. Dunn;

55 YEARS — George J. Atwood, John C. Atwood, Erwin J. Meredith, Frank Wilson, Walter Wilson;

50 YEARS — Walter G. Adams, Thomas A. Cassidy, Louis A. Ebosh Jr., Ewald F. Hammerle, Kenneth W. Wilson;

45 YEARS — Charles L. Hoy, Charles Tully;

40 YEARS — John C. Clark, Carl R. Gunnoe Sr., Herman L. Hilton, Kenneth J. Krause, Lawrence J. McManamon, Harry P. Monahan Jr., James R. Price, Jack L. White;

35 YEARS — Michael C. Cox, John W. Gardner, Theodore G. Kaster, Daniel J. Presogna III, Jeffrey L. Rothacher, Donnie R. Scifres, Larry D. Smitley, Joseph H. Wauthier;

30 YEARS — Daniel Chappel, Thomas G. Debarber, Christopher M. Donovan, Roger L. Emick, James T. Festi, Elza N. Hill, Charles Huff, Kim C. Kotora, Christopher Lischerelli, Hezekiah Miles Jr., Danny Porter, Jeffrey J. Przytulski, Richard Robinson, Eugene Starr, Michael S. Torok, Allen W. Wilson, James E. Young; and

25 YEARS — Randy Estes.

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 Apitz, Glenna	37	Folkins, Paul	101	Warren, Robert
NTL Blanchard, Glenn	37	Simpson, Robert	104	Britton, Richard
NTL Ferraro, Luigi	37	Winters, John	104	Cowsert, Clay
NTL Gaines, Ronald	40	Brown, Jack	104	Garvin, Earle
NTL Hunt, Robert	40	Cobb, Willard	104	Graham, Harry
NTL Kalenda, Calvin	40	Colvin, Matthew	104	Larson, Stanley
NTL Kinsley Sr., Fred	45	Heckler, Jeremy	104	Sours, Ralph
NTL McCarty, James	57	Sessoms, Charles	104	West Jr., Howard W.
NTL Mock, Richard	68	Brown, Jimmy	105	Messer, Paul
NTL Murchie, John	69	Tedder, Eugene	105	Otis, James
NTL Reisinger, Leonard	72	Anderson, Robert	105	Rullman, Edward
NTL Simmons Jr., John	72	Baxter, Larry	105	See, Roy
NTL Synder, Wendell	72	Buhman, Charles	107	Merath, Milton
1 Guajardo, Thomas	72	Jacobs, Stevie	107	Penkalski, Ronald
1 Clark, Frank	72	Lyski, Peter	D109	Maugrove, Virgil
M3 Clark, Pricilla	72	Meyer, Norbert	113	Porter, Harold
6 Anaya, Jorge	72	Sweet, Ben	117	Gustafson, Melvin
6 Bonney, Salomon	74	Shropshire, James	124	Caldwell, Cleveland
6 Cifarelli, Angelo	79	Kundes, Robert	124	Carnell, George
6 Jackson, Mildred	79	Meduna, Edward	132	Miranda, Jesse
6 Warner, Charles	84	Oliphant, Bryan	132	Mollett, Eugene
7 Gasiewicz, Martin	85	Avery Jr., Ernest	137	McNeill, R.
7 Puzert, Richard	85	Carr, Edward	146	Basso, Louie
10 Fugit, Daryll	85	Saylor, Ronnie	146	Dworznicki, Rudolf
13 Paratore, Thomas	92	Barton, Claude	146	Gosselin, Guy
19 Walton, Thomas	92	Bowman, Claude	146	Gutsche, Roy
27 Counts, James	92	Henley, Ray	146	Halfe, Brian
27 Meegan, Charles	92	Jones, Billy	146	Handfield, Roger
27 Nelson, Martin	92	Partin, L. L.	146	Maclsaac, Dean
29 Huff, Charles	92	Siryj, John	146	Wee, Chee
30 Overcash, Pinkney	92	Snyder, Michael	154	Bachner, Frank

154	Duffy, Regis
154	Esposito, Louis
154	Ford, David
154	Hooper, Archie
154	Mayle, Perry
154	Quinn, Paul
169	Belanger, Scott
169	DuBach, Joseph
169	Grubbs, Casper
169	Stamper, Arthur
169	Winchester Jr., Oscar
182	Vigil, Joe
191	Halcrow, William
191	Holmen, Roy
D194	Smith, Charles E.
237	Caputo, Dominick
242	Higday, Carl
242	Hughes, Fred
271	Charland, Daniel
271	Vien, Marc
338	Serna, Robert
357	Boggs, Lee
363	Deckard, Larry
374	Allard, Jerry
374	Arsenault, Raymond
374	Bente, Joseph
374	Gniffke, Thomas
374	Shannon, Marvin
433	Shipman, Robert
449	Peterson, Ronald
449	Soukup, Raymond
454	Grasham, J.S.
454	Guthrie, C.O.
454	Holmes, Joe
454	Lindkvist, Olov
455	Greer, Edwin
455	McGough, Levi
455	Phillips, Earl
483	Booher, John
487	Sacotte, Francis
502	Kerr, Robert
502	Robison, Ellery
531	St. Germain, Kenneth
549	Relle, Alvin So
549	Morrow, Marvin
582	LeBlanc, Leon
582	Thompson, Willie
583	Allred, Elvie
583	Eaton, Clifton
587	Dorman, James
592	Johnson, Jeff
614	Kenyon, Joseph
627	Springer, Harold
627	Wilson, Leamon
647	Hart, George
647	Jansen, Charles
647	Reis, Melvin
651	Clarkin, Ina
667	Farley, Michael
667	Jeffers, Pearl
667	Kitzmiller, James
667	McElroy, Delbert
667	Steele, David
667	Swisher, Mickey
679	Sweatt, Sherman
684	Barry, Donald
687	Hinely, Bernard
744	Ebosh, Louis
802	Land, Leon
802	Peverill, James
802	Warfield, Samuel
807	Davis, Lewis
807	Strickland, Alfred
903	Gathings, Willie
903	Jones, Curtis
903	Slaughter, Mike
903	Stockton, Lewis
1073	McMichael, Harding
1086	Truitt, John
1664	Swagger, Cortez



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Crane collapse kills Local 680's Damiano

Accident occurred at St. Catherines, Ontario, dry dock

MICHELE "MIKE" DAMIANO, 55, died March 13 when the crane he was operating collapsed at the Port Weller Dry Docks in St. Catherines, Ontario, March 13. Born in Italy, Damiano was a 35-year member of Local 680 (St. Catherines) and had worked at the dry docks his entire career. The cause of the collapse is under investigation by the Ontario Ministry of Labour.



Mike Damiano dies in crane collapse.

L-680 BM Dan Langlois said Damiano was the only person in the 44-meter (144-foot), track-mounted Clyde crane when the accident occurred. Two riggers who were walking beneath the crane at the time escaped injury. Langlois said witnesses reported seeing the crane swaying and hearing a loud crack before the machine toppled over into nearby dry dock bays. Damiano was buried under tons of wreckage, and his body could not be retrieved for four days.

"The crew of brother Boilermakers never left his side while stabilizing the wreckage and working with the Ministry to retrieve Mike's body," said Langlois. "These brothers worked under horrific circumstances, knowing that Mike's body was still inside the cab."

AIP Stan Petronski said, "The International Brotherhood has lost a great Boilermaker, husband, and father. Mike will be remembered by the members and friends for many years to come. The crew of brothers that helped to free Mike was truly remarkable, and our hearts go out to them for their heroic efforts."

Damiano is survived by his wife, Elvira (Elvie), and son, Alexander, 11. Local 680 has established a trust fund for Alexander. Donations may be made to: Elvira Damiano in trust for Alexander Damiano, Meridian Credit Union, 400 Scott St., Grantham Plaza, St. Catherines, Ontario L2M 3W4, www.meridiancu.ca. □

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. Brogdon, Doris	\$6,000.00	29
Intl. Dunham, Linda F.	5,377.47	29
NTL Bordner, Ralph Lloyd	1,000.00	29
NTL Crockett, Carl E.	6,000.00	29
NTL Edington, William A.	6,000.00	30
NTL Gaines, Ronald H.	6,000.00	30
NTL Hansen, Edgar C.	6,000.00	30
NTL Kinsley Sr., Fred A.	6,000.00	37
NTL Moore, William Edgar	6,000.00	37
NTL Perkins, Lester M.	6,000.00	37
NTL Phillips, Clinton E.	6,000.00	37
NTL Simmons Jr., John W.	6,000.00	37
NTL Warner, Joe R.	6,000.00	37
NTL Williams, Alvie J.	3,000.00	40
1 Bezic, John A.	6,000.00	40
1 Carlson, Oke A.	6,000.00	40
1 Kruse, Bradley D.	1,192.47	40
1 Norman, Robert L.	6,000.00	69
1 Siminski, Norbert M.	6,000.00	72
1 Stevenson, Carl F.	6,000.00	72
1 Tarcon, Steve T.	6,000.00	72
1 Williams Sr., Robert	6,000.00	72
5 Bancroft, William D.	6,000.00	72
5 Nostrom, Donald J.	6,000.00	72
6 Abrew, Tony F.	6,000.00	74
6 Bonney, Salomon	6,000.00	74
6 Buell, Bobby Bruce	6,000.00	74
6 Cifarelli, Angelo J.	6,000.00	74
6 Coombs, Edgar W.	6,000.00	79
6 Girton Sr., Daniel R.	6,000.00	79
6 Goodner, Donald L.K.	6,000.00	79
6 Hale, Dewey J.	6,000.00	83
6 Haskett, Robert G.	6,000.00	83
6 Houston, Chester	6,000.00	83
6 Jackson, Mildred*	2,000.00	83
6 Johnston, William J.	6,000.00	83
6 Kane, Lawrence	6,000.00	83
6 Leite Jr., Manual	6,000.00	83
6 Meeker, Clifford	6,000.00	85
6 Parker, Weldon L.	6,000.00	85
6 Parsons, Fred M.	6,000.00	85
6 Perez, F.C.	6,000.00	85
6 Roman, Antonio L.	6,000.00	92
6 Smith, Manuel W.	6,000.00	92
6 Warner, Thomas	6,000.00	92
6 Williams, S.E.	6,000.00	92
7 Gimeno, Donald R.	6,000.00	92
7 Johnson, Frank E.	6,000.00	92
13 Balogh, Joseph	6,000.00	92
13 Paratore, Thomas	6,000.00	92
13 Richardson, Edward	6,000.00	92
13 Ross, Carmen A.	7,500.00	92
13 Spence, James H.	6,000.00	92
13 Tamalicki, Frank W.	6,000.00	92
13 Turner Jr., Ray	2,000.00	92
13 Weist, Edward A.	6,000.00	92
17 Gordon, Herbert Lee	6,000.00	92
19 Walton, Thomas W.	380.47	92
26 Clifton, Donald G.	6,000.00	92
26 Lanier, Edward C.	6,000.00	100
26 Simmons, Richard	6,000.00	101
26 Young, Timothy D.	6,000.00	101
27 Gazaway, Woodrow	6,000.00	101
27 Lynn, William R.	6,000.00	104
27 Talley, Lucion L.	6,000.00	104
27 Tyner, Carol E.	6,000.00	104
27 Wood, Charles E.	6,000.00	104
28 Anderson, Wesley H.	6,000.00	104
28 Canellis, John	6,000.00	104
28 Cushing, John R.	6,000.00	104
28 Green, Chester	3,600.00	104
28 Lodicio, Louis J.	11,000.00	104
28 Manelski, Edward B.	15,000.00	104
Brady, William G.	6,000.00	29
Deschenes, Joseph R.	6,000.00	29
DiGregorio, Rocco R.	6,000.00	29
Harris, Waverly	6,000.00	29
Ricker Sr., Clyde E.	6,000.00	29
Walsh, Francis O.	6,000.00	30
Harrell, Robert B.	15,000.00	30
Overcash, Pinkney A.	6,000.00	30
Adams, Louis J.	6,000.00	37
Alack, Ignatius J.	6,000.00	37
Anthony, Shelton	6,000.00	37
Couvillion, Wayne	6,000.00	37
Laubersheimer, Stan	6,000.00	37
Minchey, William S.	6,000.00	37
Simpson, Robert J.	6,000.00	37
Brown, Jack Lee	6,000.00	40
Colvin, Matthew J.	6,000.00	40
Skillion, Ernest E.	6,000.00	40
Adcock, Roy E.	2,692.50	69
Evert, Charles F.	6,000.00	72
Huber, Carl D.	6,000.00	72
Hurner, Ernest F.	6,000.00	72
Kahler, Loy C.	6,000.00	72
Walsh, Robert J.	6,000.00	72
Wilder, H.B.	6,000.00	72
Dodson, B.A.	6,000.00	74
Keck, Donald L.	6,000.00	74
Morris, James F.	6,000.00	74
Shropshire, James O.	6,000.00	74
Meduna, Edward J.	6,000.00	79
Sanders, William F.	6,000.00	79
Yellott, Junior T.	6,000.00	79
Douglas Jr., Ernest E.	6,000.00	83
Ehmke, Tim W.	920.00	83
Griffith, James H.	771.75	83
Hamilton, Jack G.	6,000.00	83
Irby, William L.	3,885.30	83
Jordan, John E.	6,000.00	83
Smith, Bobby J.	6,000.00	83
Avery Jr., Ernest	6,000.00	85
Carr, Edward	6,000.00	85
Schnabel, Edwin J.	6,000.00	85
Barton, Claude O.	6,000.00	92
Bartz, Richard W.	1,417.50	92
Espinosa, Robert	6,000.00	92
Foley, Patrick J.	6,000.00	92
Hargrove, R.N.	6,000.00	92
Jones, Billy L.	6,000.00	92
Kallai, Joseph	6,000.00	92
Massell, Carl R.	6,000.00	92
Molina, Mauro	6,000.00	92
Ortal, Jose C.	6,000.00	92
Partin, L.L.	2,772.00	92
Pierce, Joe W.	6,000.00	92
Romero, William	6,000.00	92
Siryj, John	6,000.00	92
Tandy, Warren R.	6,000.00	92
Therien, Richard C.	6,000.00	92
Wallace, Mervin	6,000.00	92
Webb Jr., Alfred A.	6,000.00	92
Webster, Virgil F.	6,000.00	92
Ladson, Austene B.	6,000.00	100
Hopkins, Bill D.	6,000.00	101
Shamy, John G.	6,000.00	101
Alexander, Jeff E.	557.78	104
Boots, Lawrence Allen	6,000.00	104
Brown, Keith B.	6,000.00	104
Carpine, Del Domenic	6,000.00	104
Caulfield, Robert E.	6,000.00	104
Cowsert, Clay*	4,000.00	104
Hammontree, Everett	6,000.00	104
Kasper, Dennis J.	6,000.00	104
Longnecker, George F.	6,000.00	104

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104	Ogden, Richard J.	6,000.00	358	Bishop, Rollin R.	6,000.00
104	Osterberg, Harold H.	6,000.00	358	Goswick, George	6,000.00
104	Thomas, Norman H.	6,000.00	358	Piwinski, Anthony T.	6,000.00
104	Thorson, Frank	6,000.00	363	Clark, Walter J.	6,000.00
104	Tubbs, Robert J.	6,000.00	363	Errett, George A.	6,000.00
104	Williamson, Billy Joe	6,000.00	363	Guthrie, C.O.	6,000.00
104	Witt, Edwin E.	6,000.00	374	Acheson, MacElroy J.	6,000.00
105	Allen, John W.	6,000.00	374	Arsenault, Raymond	6,000.00
105	Elliott, Oreacle E.	6,000.00	374	Bay, John H.	6,000.00
105	Hawkins, Howard R.	6,000.00	374	Bolin, Russell Elmer	6,000.00
105	Hensley, Verlin H.	6,000.00	374	Brown, Roger D.	10,614.17
105	Rullman, Edward*	294.19	374	Desper, Guy A.	6,000.00
105	Rutherford, Jeremy	4,148.38	374	Eger, Bernard W.	6,000.00
105	Slagle, Donald N.	6,000.00	374	Gniffke, Thomas G.	3,187.13
105	Thompson, James R.	6,000.00	374	Hudson, Bobby G.	4,800.00
106	Corman, Edward W.	6,000.00	374	Lindauer, Leroy W.	6,000.00
106	Jones, Arnold	6,000.00	374	Lummio, Joseph	6,000.00
107	Simmet, Richard J.	6,000.00	374	Russell, Richard R.	6,000.00
107	Walker, Morris C.	6,000.00	374	Schumann, Albin F.	6,000.00
108	Cone, Keith F.	15,000.00	374	Shannon, Marvin L.	6,000.00
110	Decoteau, John	1,440.00	397	Schuler, Harold F.	6,000.00
112	Bryan, William G.	6,000.00	433	Biddle, Glenn R.	204.05
112	Jordan, Alvin M.	6,000.00	433	Hooper, Harry J.*	1,500.00
113	Cox, Earl D.	6,000.00	433	Moody, Ennice D.	6,000.00
113	Porter, Harold D.	6,000.00	433	Ward, Richard T.	3,000.00
124	Carnell, George S.	6,000.00	453	Tester, Benjamin S.	6,000.00
124	Schroetter, Edward L.	6,000.00	454	Ashby, Jimmy L.	2,543.13
128	Pearce, Everett D.	6,000.00	454	Dockery, Marvin R.	6,000.00
132	Mollett, Eugene*	1,500.00	454	Grasham, J.S.	6,000.00
154	Esposito, Louis A.*	3,058.74	454	Holmes, Joe	6,000.00
154	Francesconi, Joseph J.	6,000.00	454	Johnson, T.C.	6,000.00
154	Lyle, Roy A.	3,000.00	455	Greet, Edwin D.	10,000.00
154	Nicholas, Robert P.	5,000.00	455	McGough, Levi R.	6,000.00
169	Belanger, Scott J.*	6,544.08	455	McIlwain, J.C.	6,000.00
169	Borowiak, Victor E.	6,000.00	487	Sacotte, Francis	6,000.00
169	Campbell, Donald P.	6,000.00	500	Lott, William L.	6,000.00
169	Card, Robert W.	6,000.00	500	Warhurst, Michael O.	339.25
169	DuBach, Joseph J.	6,000.00	502	Brendel, Kenneth	6,000.00
169	Skowronski, Ronald	6,000.00	549	Anthony, Marc L.	4,288.51
169	Stamper, Arthur E.	6,000.00	549	Barton, William E.	6,000.00
169	Winchester Jr., Oscar	6,000.00	549	King, Lawrence W.	6,000.00
169	Wright, Johnny W.	6,000.00	549	Leveira, Leland J.	6,000.00
175	Brown, Willard L.	6,000.00	549	Maryett, Allen E.	6,000.00
182	Vigil, Joe S.	6,000.00	549	Morrow, Marvin L.	6,000.00
193	Markey, William L.	6,000.00	568	Hanson, Donald	6,000.00
193	Mehalick, Stephen	6,000.00	568	Parslow, Loyal M.	6,000.00
193	Scowden Sr., Walter	6,000.00	574	DiLieto, James	6,000.00
197	McGinnis, Joseph E.	6,000.00	582	Aguillard, Joseph L.	6,000.00
199	Crews, Reuben H.	15,000.00	582	Callender, Marion J.	6,000.00
199	Morris Jr., Charles R.	6,000.00	582	LeBlanc, Leon J.	6,000.00
237	Ames, John R.	6,000.00	582	Salsbury, Thomas E.	6,000.00
242	Clifford, Howard W.	6,000.00	583	Eaton, Clifton R.	6,000.00
242	Forgey, George H.	6,000.00	583	Gowins, Jasper J.	6,000.00
242	Nielsen, Frank S.	6,000.00	583	Mayo, James N.	6,000.00
263	Carleton, William H.	6,000.00	583	Selmon, Joseph	6,000.00
305	LeBlanc, Wilson J.	6,000.00	587	Cole, M.L.	6,000.00
316	Rykowski, Walter	6,000.00	587	McCoy, Henry C.	6,000.00
			587	Schoenberg Sr., Eric	6,000.00
			587	Stone, Arnold	6,000.00



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Climate change concerns demand a diverse portfolio of energy sources

Renewable sources and nuclear are needed — as well as coal

CHANGE COMES QUICKLY — and in unexpected ways. Twenty years ago, discussions of national energy policy centered on reducing costs to consumers. Now they are all about reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Global climate change is the subject of the day, and no discussion of the future of energy use is complete without a careful look at how energy consumption might affect atmospheric greenhouse gas levels. The atmosphere is warming, and human sources of greenhouse gases are playing a significant role in that warming. Although we can do nothing about the “natural” causes of global warming, we can — and we must — do something about our own contribution to that warming.

The long-term prospects for a warmer planet are not pleasant to contemplate. By now we’re all familiar with the danger that rising sea levels, caused by melting polar ice, pose for the 600 million-plus people living in coastal communities. A rise of only a few feet will increase flooding during ordinary weather and add to the already significant toll of heavy storms. The fact that this prospect is a century away is small comfort. How long does it take to move a city the size of Hong Kong or New York to higher ground?

Unions need to be active partners in the search for solutions to global warming.

And while rising sea levels only affect the 10 percent of the world who live on the coast, the rest of us can look forward to less dramatic, but equally devastating effects: more high-intensity storms, changing rainfall patterns, drought in some areas, excessive rains in others, crop failures.

Mind you, although these prospects are alarming, I am not an alarmist. I point out these inevitable results of rapid climate change because I believe it is economic suicide for labor unions to ignore or minimize the potential negative effects of the world’s use of fossil fuels.

Over the next several decades, the governments of the United States and Canada will be creating policies and legislation intended to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases we pour into the atmosphere. That fact is clear. Public opinion supports these efforts.

Unions need to be perceived as active partners in the search for solutions to global warming so that when our governments sit down to draw up these policies and laws, they will include us at the table. We gain nothing by refusing to face the problem. We only gain by working with legislators to craft laws that protect our members — their jobs and lifestyles — generations from the ravages of climate change.

Boilermakers have a special need to be involved in those discussions. Construction Boilermakers work the bulk of their man-hours in coal-fired power plants and oil refineries — two industries that inevitably come up in discussions of greenhouse gases. In addition, many of our shop members fabricate components used in those refineries and power plants.

We must not forget that this nation has enough coal to last more than 200 years.

Burning petroleum in its various forms accounts for about one-third of all U.S. emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the most prevalent greenhouse gas. And burning coal is the number-one industrial source of atmospheric CO₂. Clearly, any legislation intended to reduce CO₂ emissions will affect Boilermaker families.

Earlier this year, I gave my support to one such proposed law, the Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007, introduced by Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Arlen Specter (R-PA). I did so for four reasons.

First, I believe it sets us on a path to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere and does so in a way that protects workers from economic dislocation. This law sets realistic annual targets for reducing emissions and creates an economy-wide, mandatory system for trading emission credits, modeled after the successful system used to reduce the sulfur dioxide emissions that cause acid rain. Emission targets and technological incentives are designed to avoid harm to the economy while promoting a gradual but decisive transition to new, lower-carbon (“green”) technologies.

Second, the legislation includes an International Reserve Allowance Requirement to ensure that American manufacturers are not unfairly disadvantaged by our conservation efforts while our major trading partners continue to pollute without restriction. U.S. manufacturers have long struggled against imports from countries with

lower manufacturing costs because of lower wages and fewer regulations. We do not want our attempts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to add to their misery.

Third, it includes a massive effort to develop carbon capture and storage technology — what is sometimes called “clean coal” technology, or “CSS.” CSS involves capturing CO₂ before it leaves the stack, pressurizing it to a supercritical (semiliquid) state, and storing it underground. The best current estimates say this technology is still five to 10 years in the future. Speeding up the development of CSS will allow the United States to lower CO₂ emissions while still making full use of our most abundant and cheapest energy source — coal.

Fourth, and perhaps most important, Senators Bingaman and Specter sought the input of organized labor throughout the development of this legislation. Unions should always be involved in developing legislation with potential for disrupting our members’ lives, but we are sometimes ignored. I appreciate the fact that Senators Specter and Bingaman sought our input and fashioned a bill that addresses many of our long-standing concerns.

Reducing emissions is a long-term effort

AS AGGRESSIVE AS the Low Carbon Economy Act is, its impact will be slow in developing. It calls for emissions to be returned to 1990 levels by 2030 and to be 60 percent or more below current levels by 2050.

To some environmentalists, that is too slow. But forcing the nation to convert too rapidly to other sources of energy could have catastrophic effects on the economy. Electricity generated by solar and wind power is still far more expensive than coal. Nuclear power is enjoying a resurgence of interest, but it comes with its own questions and limitations. And as we saw with the build-up of natural gas power generation in the 1990s, over-reliance on one fuel source can have a significant impact on the cost and availability of that fuel, not only for power generators, but also for consumers.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers supports a diverse portfolio of power generation technologies, both to ease greenhouse emissions and to keep electrical energy prices down. Nuclear, wind, and hydropower all need to be part of that diverse portfolio. But we must never forget that this nation still has enough coal to last more than 200 years at current consumption levels. Cheap and abundant, coal will continue to be one important source of energy in this diverse portfolio



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— both before and after CSS becomes economically viable.

The Boilermakers also support a more aggressive effort to get developing nations to find ways to reduce or limit their CO₂ emissions. Two developing nations — India and China — account for a large portion of global CO₂. A report from the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, using data published by British Petroleum (BP), says that China now emits more CO₂ than any other nation. India is ranked fifth. Yet developing nations have typically refused to consider limiting their emissions, saying that the need to develop their economies takes precedence over concerns for the environment.

China has been especially adamant in this regard. To serve its rapidly growing manufacturing sector, China has been bringing a new coal-fired power plant online about every 10 days. The nation’s coal consumption, already the highest in the world, is growing about nine percent a year. If current trends continue, by the year 2025 China will be emitting more CO₂ than all of the industrialized nations combined.

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Efforts by the United States and other industrialized nations to reduce our CO₂ emissions will mean nothing if China and India continue to increase their emissions at current rates.

The United States — and other nations — can find ways to pressure China and other developing nations to keep emissions low, through diplomatic channels and, perhaps, trade barriers. But first we must demonstrate our own willingness to make this effort.

The Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007 is a good step in that direction. □