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Business Manager's Report

by Emilio Rivera, Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer

The fight is getting closer. In a couple of weeks we will influence our future when we go to the voting polls to do our American duty. Just remember what is at stake. Young men and women are struggling now more than ever to earn an honest living in California. Just stop and look at the union movement. Labor unions only make up 12% of the overall population in this country. We are a small group of union members however, that percentage is declining. But we just can't surrender and give up. We have to fight to save what we have left. Those of you who are receiving a pension should be aware that if there are no union jobs, there will be fewer contributions to your pension. This will result in the pension fund to diminish. Therefore, it is in the best interest of all retirees to vote

for Jerry Brown. Help the active members who pay into your pension now and preserve the pension contributions that YOU paid into previously. The Democratic Party has our best interest in this. Several man hours have been contributed to the Trust Fund from jobs that were under a PLA (Project Labor Agreement) and Brown is all for the PLAs. Meg Whitman is not and she would like to see all unions abolished. Essentially, she is a promoter of the non-union, the open shop. So when you go to the voting polls, you must get out and vote because not voting is just as bad as if you voted for Meg Whitman. VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND MAKE DAMN SURE THAT WE ARE HEARD!

Best wishes your brother Ironworker, Emilio Rivera

REMINDER:

Iron Workers Local 378 Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010. Please check our website and the upcoming Local Lines for all of the details.

SOMETHING NEW:

Look for useful information along with your dues receipts. There will be new information every month.

Visit Your Local 378 Website

Please remember to visit our website at www.ironworkers378.org. You can submit ideas or comments via email, view photos of members in the field, post comments on our Guestbook, and download phone numbers and addresses of signatory contractors.



Also follow us on **facebook** and view what jobs went out during the week, who is dispatching, last minute updates and view upcoming events.

By now, all of the Retirees' who have United Health Care have received a letter informing them that their current medical provider will no longer be carrying them effective January 1, 2011. Please bear with us until the Trust Fund sends you the information for the new provider. Should you have any questions, please contact the Trust Fund directly.

President/Business Agents Report *By Bobby Lux*

Once again the State of California and its Union members will have the opportunity to choose who will lead them for the next four years, both in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

This issue of the Local Line is dedicated to providing information that supports the labor agenda for the upcoming November elections.

Specifically, this election will mark a turning point for the union labor movement and the middle class workers of California, which is changing right in front of our eyes.

The California Labor Federation and your local elected union officers clearly endorse JERRY BROWN for Governor and BARBARA BOXER for Senator. These two individuals have a lifetime history of fighting for working families.

Jerry Brown shares the Main Street values and priorities that built this state's economy and expanded our middle class. Time and again, Jerry has shown that he's on our side on jobs, education, health care, retirement security and so many other issues. Examples of his past experience are available in the Blue Print for Victory written by the California Labor Federation.

Specifically, Jerry Brown knows how to create jobs, fight for fair wages, and stand up for health and safety at work. Jerry Brown believes in the power of collective bargaining and as Governor he established collective bargaining rights for California.

In short, Jerry Brown will stand up for the working people of California while Meg Whitman will stand up for her Wall Street Friends.

During Barbara Boxer's twenty plus year career as California's Senator she has been a champion for California workers and their families. Barbara Boxer is the best ally California working families could have in Washington D.C.

Senator Boxer led the fight for hundreds of millions of federal dollars for manufacturing and infrastructure projects in California including high-speed rail.

Senator Boxer puts California jobs first. Senator Boxer is leading the charge to hold Wall Street accountable. Senator Boxer defends workers' freedom to join unions and fights to protect wages. Finally, Senator Boxer stands up to help jobless Californians.

In short, Senator Boxer puts California's interest first whereas her opponent, Carly Fiorina seeks to bring her record of failure and self-interest to the U.S. Senate.

As a union member your choice is clear, please VOTE and get the union endorsed candidates elected in November.

In closing, I want to take a minute and reflect on the September 11th Picnic. The Iron Workers Picnic was a great success for Local 378 members and their families.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help put it together. Jason Gallia, Kenny Miller and their families did a great job overseeing the children's games. Jeff McEuen kept the horseshoe tournament going. Emilio Rivera Jr. and Gaby made sure tickets sales were under control. Gary Johnson and Pat Davidson (PD) did a fantastic job of making sure no one went thirsty. Thanks also to Sherman Clark and Henry Brown for keeping the burgers, steaks and hot dogs flowing. Thanks to all of the contractors and friends of the Iron Workers who made contributions to the raffle. Congratulations to Chris Derrico on winning the 42" flat screen TV grand prize. Finally, special thanks to our retiree Fred Burton from his inspiring speech and prayer in honor of the victims of 911.

Good Luck Work Safe

Bobby Lux

Business Agents Report *By Jeff McEuen*

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It was great to see everyone who could attend the Local 378 annual Picnic. It was a fantastic event again and the 2nd annual Ray Martin Horseshoe Tournament was a night to remember and I do mean night. For some reason no matter how much preparations, we can't seem to finish playing in the daylight hours. I think everyone who participates is going to have to start practicing a little earlier in the year for this competition to try and speed up play.

First place honors go to the team of Doug Boyum Jr. & Kepris Meletiou and 2nd place went to Jason Gallia & Kelly Anderson Jr. and the 3rd place team was Kelly Anderson Sr. and Tim Wright. All in all a very good time was had by everyone and hope to see you all next year. Bring someone new or someone who hasn't been in a while and take a day off and enjoy the company of new and old friends.

Well, time to talk politics. We are faced with another challenging political season. With the Governor's race, the Senate race and a lot of our representatives in Congress are faced with some tough opposition as well. I don't mean to leave out any of the races you might have at the local level as well. Now is the time, that we all must join in and be aware of all the issues, the candidates and what they mean for us and our families and our way of life. Now is the time, we must bring it together as a UNION and do what is right for our future. The choice is yours to make a difference and to put the right people in office and to vote in the Measures that will benefit our livelihoods. We have to get the word out. The one word that truly makes a difference, VOTE.

Always fighting for you and your union,

Jeff McEuen

RETIREEES KORNER *by Dick Zampa Sr.*

Hi Guys,

Hope this finds you well.

The Local 378 Pinning Ceremony is now over and it was nice to see so many of you again. Where have the years gone?

Additionally, I attended the Local 378 Annual Picnic at the Martinez Marina Park. If you missed it, you missed a good time.

I would like to remind you that we here in Local 378 are very fortunate to have the representatives we have. Take a minute to think about it. When we have functions such as the Pinning Ceremony, the Local Picnic, and Open Enrollment not only does the Local pay for the expenses but it is a work day for them and not a day off. So, the next time you see them, say thank you.

Our state-wide election is upon us again and I ask that you exercise your right to vote, by voting Boxer, Brown and all the way down the list.

Our next Retirees Meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2010. See you there.

IRON WORKERS LOCAL 378 ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

You may not be able to vote for all the Recommendations, it depends on the District you live in.

Governor Jerry Brown LT Governor Gavin Newsom Secretary of State Debra Bowen Treasurer Bill Lockyer Controller John Chiang Attorney General Kamala Harris Insurance Commission Hector De La Torre Supt. Of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson Board of Equalization District 1 Betty Yee Board of Equalization District 2 Chris Parker Board of Equalization District 4 Jerome Horton US Senate Barbara Boxer US Congress District 1 Mike Thompson US Congress District 3 Ami Bera US Congress District 6 Lynne Woolsey US Congress District 7 George Miller US Congress District 8 Nancy Pelosi US Congress District 9 Barbara Lee	US Congress District 10 John Garamendi US Congress District 11 Jerry McNerney US Congress District 13 Pete Stark State Senate District 2 Noreen Evans State Senate District 10 Ellen Corbett State Senate District 9 Loni Hancock State Assembly District 6 Jared Huffman State Assembly District 1 Wes Chesbro State Assembly District 8 Mariko Yamada State Assembly District 7 Michael Allen State Assembly District 14 Nancy Skinner State Assembly District 11 Susan Bonilla State Assembly District 14 Sandre Swanson State Assembly District 15 Joan Buchanan State Assembly District 17 Cathleen Galgiani State Assembly District 18 Mary Hayashi State Assembly District 20 Bob Wieckowski
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NAPA-SOLANO ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Solano Board of Supervisors- District 4 City of Dixon City Council City of Suisun City Council City of Vacaville Mayor City of Vacaville City Council Napa Board of Supervisors- District 3 City of Napa City Council City of America Canyon Mayor City of American Canyon City Council	John Vasquez Phil McCaffrey, Dane Besneatte, Kay Cayler Brian Cain, Lori Wilson Steve Hardy Mitch Mashburn, Curtis Hunt Diane Dillon Juliana Inman, Peter Mott Leon Garcia Mark Joseph, Belia Ramos-Bennette
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Yes on Measure B Yes on Measure D

CONTRA COSTA ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Antioch School Board Martinez School Board Mt. Diablo School Board Pittsburg School Board 4 year Pittsburg School Board 2 year West Contra Costa School Board City of Antioch City Council City of Concord City Council City of Hercules City Council City of Martinez Mayor City of Martinez City Council City of Pleasant Hill City Council City of San Pablo City Council City of Richmond City Council City of Orinda City Council City of Pinole City Council	Debra Vinson, Angel G. Luevano Deidre Siguenza Brian Lawrence Vince Ferrante, William L. Wong, Robert Belleci Percy D. McGee Jr Madeline Kronenberg, Charles Ramsey, Audrey Miles Reggie Moore Roy Leone, Carlyn Obringer, Laura Hoffmeister Joe Eddy McDonald, Kris Valstad Rob Schroder Mike Menesini Suzanne Angeli, Michael G. Harris, Terri Williamson Genoveva Calloway Jim Rogers, Maria Viramontes, Ludmyrna Lopez Amy Worth Debbie Long, Stephen Tilton
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“Nothing doth more hurt a State than cunning men pass for wise” — Sir Francis Bacon

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

Proposition 19	Neutral	Proposition 24	Yes
Proposition 20	No	Proposition 25	Yes
Proposition 21	Yes	Proposition 26	No
Proposition 23	No	Proposition 27	Yes

ALAMEDA ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Alameda County Supervisor District 2	Nadia Lockyer
EBMUD	Frank Mellon
City of Alameda Mayor	Marie Gilmore
Alameda City Council	Rob Bonta, Lena Tam
City of Fremont City Council	Anu Natarajan, Bill Harrison
City of Union City At-Large-seat	Emily Duncan, Gary Singh
City of Oakland Auditor	Courtney Ruby
Oakland City Council	Jane Brunner
Berkeley City Council- District 1	Linda Maio
Berkeley City Council- District 4	Jesse Arreguin
Berkeley City Council- District 7	Kriss Worthington
City of Dublin Mayor	Tim Sbranti
Dublin City Council	Don Biddle, Eric Swalwell
City of Pleasanton Mayor	Jennifer Hosterman
Pleasanton City Council	Cheryl Cook-Kallio
City of San Leandro Mayor	Tony Santos
Unified School Districts Berkeley Director	Karen Hemphill, Josh Daniels, Leah Wilson
Unified School Districts Hayward Director (Short Term)	Jesus Armas
Unified School District San Leandro Trustee 2	Lance James
Unified School District San Leandro Trustee 4	Mike Katz

Yes on Measure I

NORTH BAY ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors District 2	Pam Torliatt		
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors District 3	Holly Madrigal		
Rohnert Park Board of Education	George Steffensen		
City of Santa Rosa City Council	Susan Gorin, Veronica Jacobi, Larry Haenel		
City of Cotati City Council	Pat Gilardi, Mark Landman		
City of Petaluma Mayor	David Glass		
City of Petaluma City Council	Teresa Barrett, Mike Harris, Jason Davies		
City of Rohnert Park City Council	John Borba, Carl Leivo		
City of Sonoma City Council	Ken Brown, Steve Barbose		
Marin Water Board	David Behar		
Measure U	No	Measure K	Yes
Measure C	Yes	Measure L	Yes
Measure F	Yes	Measure M	Yes
Measure G	Yes	Measure N	Yes
Measure H	Yes	Measure O	Yes
Measure I	Yes	Measure V	Yes
Measure J	Yes	Measure W	Yes

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph, is for good men to do nothing” — Edmund Burk

Meg Whitman: more layoffs and jobs sent overseas?



Billionaire CEO Meg Whitman got rich laying off workers, sending jobs overseas and profiting from insider Wall Street deals.

Throughout her corporate career, Whitman boosted profits through layoffs and outsourcing – and got millions in bonuses. She sat on the board of Goldman Sachs, now under investigation for its role in the mortgage crisis.

Just like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Meg Whitman has no previous experience governing, not even at the local level. She cared so little about the issues facing California families that she failed to vote for 28 years. Now she is spending \$150 million to buy your vote.

Is Meg Whitman's record of layoffs and offshoring jobs the right choice for California?

What Meg Whitman said she would do as Governor:



Eliminate 40,000 jobs



Cut pensions

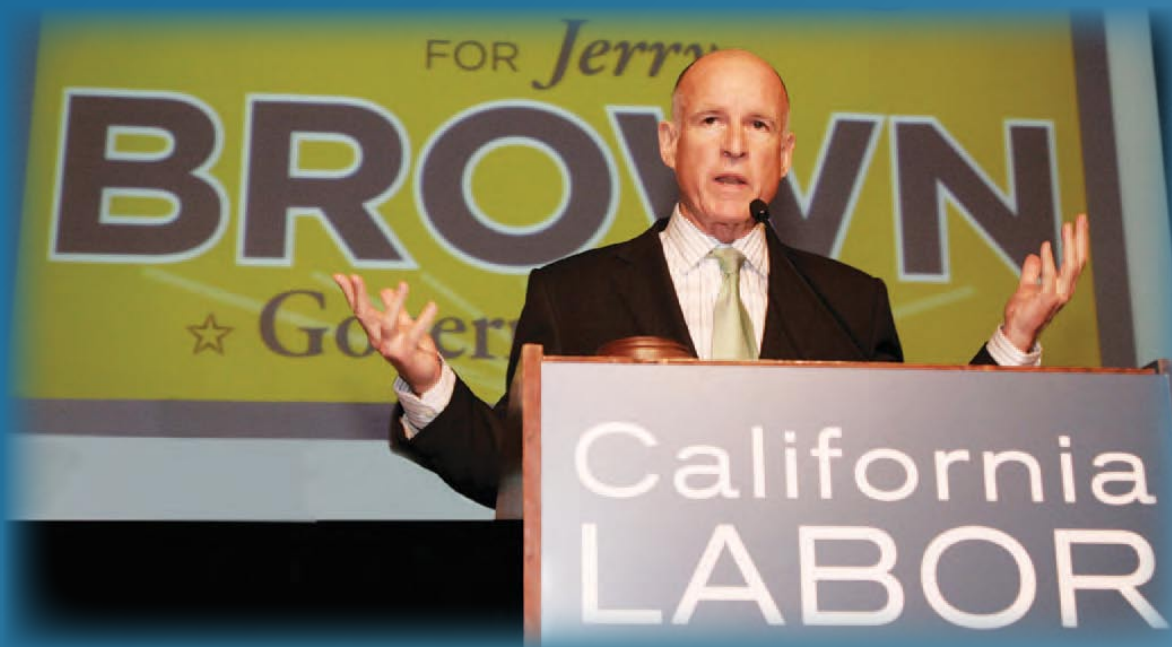


Roll back rights to overtime pay



More tax breaks to corporations and wealthy individuals

What does Jerry Brown's record mean for working families?



As Governor, Jerry Brown created 1.9 million good-paying jobs. He gave more than a million workers the right to bargain collectively for better wages and benefits.

Brown reduced taxes on the middle class, strengthened workers' comp and unemployment insurance and built the largest surplus in California history. And he refused to live in the governor's mansion, choosing instead to live in a small, one-bedroom apartment.

As Attorney General, Jerry Brown took on corporations that cheated their workers out of pay and benefits. He sued Wall Street bankers who ruined family mortgages and fought big oil companies.

Jerry Brown knows how to do the job. We need an experienced leader to help steer California through this economic crisis.

What Jerry Brown Will Do as Governor:

- Create Good-Paying Jobs in California**
- Take on Corporations that Cheat Workers**
- Make Big Corporations and Wall Street Pay Their Fair Share**

Political Coordinator's Report *by Mahdis Fathi*

According to a poll taken by USC/LA Times syndicated on September 26, 2010, Brown leads Whitman 49%-44%, and Boxer leads Fiorina 51%-43%. Both Whitman and Fiorina trail Brown and Boxer for two main reasons.

First, the negative impression left on Voters. For example, for weeks now the Whitman campaign has been airing an ad portraying former President Clinton as opposed to Brown's current candidacy as Governor. The fact of the matter is, the following clip was taken from a 1992 debate, and has widely been criticized for being taken out of context to intentionally mislead Voters. In reality former President Clinton has endorsed Jerry Brown, and will be accompanying him in a series of campaign events in Northern and Southern California on October 15th and 17th.

A second contributing factor to Whitman's and Fiorina's trailing numbers, are their lack of understanding and connection to their voters. As Californians, this upcoming election is very personal; we are in a critical position of moving forward or remaining at an excruciating standstill. Therefore, many Voters are basing their vote on the candidate that better understands them, and is more likely to get the job done. Brown and Boxer are leading in this area, due to their experience and outreach efforts.

Apprenticeship Coordinator's Report *by Brian Colombo*

Greetings Brother and Sister Ironworkers,

There has been an addition to the prerequisite courses required in order to take the Qualified Rigger class. This change was at the direction of the International in Washington D.C. and it will take effect immediately. All Ironworkers will have to have completed the 40 hour Rigging course and the 40 hour Cranes/Structural II course in order to attend the Qualified Rigger course. The cost of the books for the Rigging and Cranes courses, which are the courses all apprentices attend, will be covered by the apprenticeship. Journeymen will be given the books on the first day of class and asked to complete the workbooks by the end of the week long class in order to have a reasonable chance to pass the test on Friday. Please contact the Apprenticeship Office to register for these classes. The number for the office is (707) 746-7666.

The schedule for the upcoming Rigging and Cranes courses are as follows:

Rigging

October 4 – 8
October 25 – 29

Cranes/Structural II

October 4 – 8
October 25 – 29
November 29 – December 3
December 27 – 31
January 24 – 28

TWIC Reimbursements!

Iron Workers Local 378 is continually reimbursing our membership for the TWIC card application fee in the amount of \$132.50. You must arrive in person to receive a reimbursement in the form of a Prepaid Visa card. Please bring your TWIC card (copies of the card are not accepted) and your receipt. You will not receive a reimbursement without the receipt! Please contact our office for any questions on this information.