

## Memo to Members



by Larry Mazzola  
Business Manager

**W**hen I listened to President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech last week I couldn't help but think, finally!

For the last year we have listened to the talking heads and economic experts trying to convince us that a "jobless recovery" is acceptable. And every working man and woman in America knows that simply isn't true.

We need jobs. We need work with decent wages. We need incomes to for pay our mortgages, our health care, our family needs. We can shore up Wall Street, bail out the banks and refinance the auto companies, but that doesn't put food on our tables, or keep roofs over our heads. **We need jobs now!**

### NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

Throughout the economic crisis the labor movement has been clear—jobs are the number one priority. Over the past 18 months millions of Americans have been thrown out of work. Currently there are over 15 million Americans officially unemployed, and that doesn't count those who have been out of work so long they have given up trying to find work. Millions more have faced reduced hours, lowered wages, or benefit cuts.

We need to put American workers back to work—and to work earning a decent living. Consumer spending can't rise if consumers don't have any money to spend.

### WORK TO BE DONE

And let's be clear, there is plenty of work to be done. We need to rebuild our schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, transportation, energy and water systems.

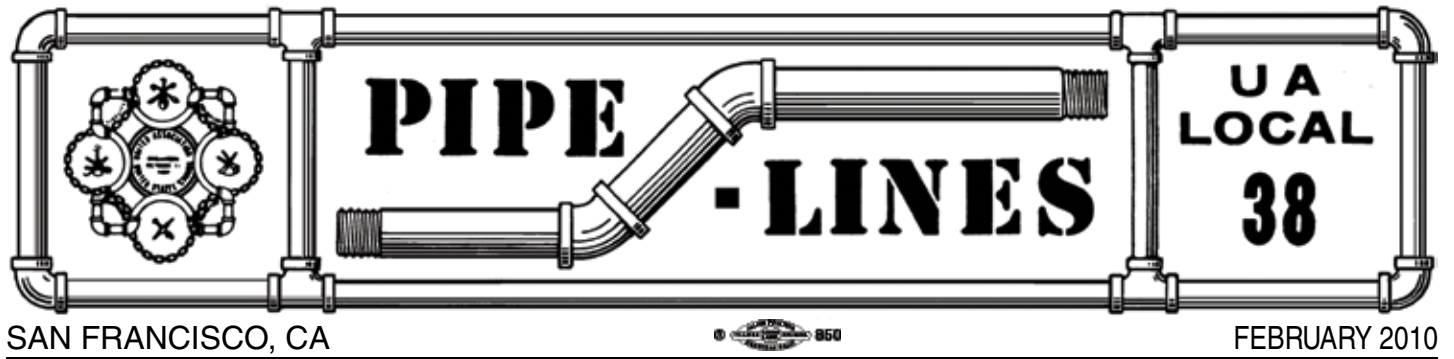
We need to undertake new projects such as the SMART Train commuter system in Sonoma and Marin counties, or the high speed rail system between the Bay Area and Los Angeles, or developing new, green building technologies. And we need to renew and retrofit our aging infrastructure, much of which is 50, 60 or more years old.

We cannot compete in the global economy without major investments in our future, and that means jobs.

### INVEST IN TRAINING

It also means investing in training, and not just for high-tech, white collar jobs. Colleges and universities play a vital role in educating the workforce for the future. But no less important are union apprentice programs, which already have a track record as being the most successful vocational training programs available. And I mean union apprentice programs, not the privately run programs set up by organizations like the Associated Builders and Contractors, designed to take student tuition while pro-

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## Mazzola Named To International Training Fund Board of Trustees

**U**nited Association General President William Hite named Local 38 Assistant Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr. to the Board of Trustees of the International Training Fund (ITF) last month.

The ITF is commonly known as "the dime fund" throughout the United Association, with members contributing \$.10 per hour to help fund training programs throughout the country.

"I'm very excited about sitting on the Board of the ITF," said Brother Mazzola, Jr. "I have always believed that training is the single most important thing we do in the UA. Our training programs produce the most skilled, best educated workers in the trades, which, in turn, keeps our signatory contractors competitive and profitable. The ITF provides the assistance needed for many locals to turn their training ideas into real programs."

The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to the Local JATCs, give financial support of the UA Welder Certification Program and support to the development and implementation of the electronic delivery system for training UA members. The Management Trustees represent the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, the Mechanical Service Contractors of America, the Union Affiliated Contractors

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UA General President William Hite named Local 38 Assistant Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr., to the Board of Directors of the International Training Fund. Brothers Hite and Mazzola are pictured here at the North American Training Conference, held several months ago in San Francisco.

### Economic Recovery Summit

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs; The Key to Economic Recovery

**J**obs are the key to economic recovery. That was the message from California's first economic recovery summit, which attracted labor leaders from across the state to Sacramento last month.

Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, the event brought together economic experts, union leaders and hundreds of union members to develop an agenda to guide the state's economic recovery.

### JOBS ARE THE PRIORITY

History teaches us that in times of severe economic hardship, the creation of good jobs to lift people up is the only path to a sustained recovery," said California Labor Federation Executive Secretary-Treasurer Art Pulaski at Labor's Economic Recovery Summit in Sacramento. "It's time we prioritized investment in putting California back to work. Each day we delay, families suffer, businesses close and our future as a state dims."

The summit included labor and academic experts from throughout

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the country discussing the future economic development of California, including infrastructure rebuilding, green building and alternative energy development, and investing in training and education. The summit adopted a five point economic stimulus plan that includes:

**-Rebuilding California's Infrastructure.** Projects including rebuilding our deteriorating and neglected roads, transportation and water systems, hospitals, schools and power and information delivery systems will

provide good jobs and a sustainable economy. Projects such as building high speed rail, retrofitting and weatherizing public buildings, creating a maritime highway and expanding broadband access will attract new businesses, and their accompanying jobs, to the state.

**-Invest in training a 21st Century workforce.** To attract businesses and operate an effective government California needs highly trained and educated workers. Beginning in primary school and continuing through colleges, universities and vocational schools, California needs to invest in teachers and educational facilities. California also needs to support union apprenticeship programs, the most successful vocational training programs in the state.

**-Enact a Middle Class Bill of Rights.** President Franklin D. Roosevelt called for a second bill of rights including the right to a useful job, the right to earn

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# State Pipe Trades Scholarships Available

**Dear Member:**

I am pleased to notify you of a wonderful opportunity for your children. The California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation awards college scholarships to sons and daughters of Pipe Trades Union members in good standing. In order to apply, your child may be:

- 1) A high school senior graduating in June and planning to attend a U.S. 4-year college or university during the coming academic year;
- 2) A full-time community college student planning to attend a U.S. 4-year college or university during the coming academic year;
- 3) A full-time student currently attending a

U.S. 4-year college or university and planning to continue attendance during the coming academic year.

Thirty-two (32) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to the winning applicants. Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2010. They must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2010.

The following materials are below:  
Scholarship Contest Rules and Instructions for full details regarding applying for the scholarship.

Scholarship Application is to be completed by the applicant. The "Information Pertaining

to Qualifying Parent" section is to be completed by your Local Union office.

You can find both of these documents on the California State Pipe Trades Council website at [www.calpipes.org](http://www.calpipes.org). If you have questions or need additional information you may contact the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation at 916-446-7311.

I hope your children will take advantage of this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

*Remy Muzzola*  
Business Manager

## Scholarship Contest Rules & Instructions

**A**pplications will be accepted between January 1 and March 31, 2010. A U.S. Postal Service official postmark of March 31 will be accepted.

Thirty-Two (32) college scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to the sons and daughters of members of Pipe Trades Local Unions affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council.

These scholarships must be used for study at an accredited U.S. four (4) year college or university. The California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation will not impose restrictions of any kind on the course of study. Recipients may accept any other grants or awards which do not rule out scholarship aid from other sources.

**WHO MAY APPLY**

Sons and daughters of Pipe Trades Union members may apply for the scholarships. The parent of the applicant must be a current member of a Local Union affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council, and in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding submission of the scholarship application. Students selected for scholarships must have achieved no less than a 2.5 grade point average in their schoolwork.

**THE APPLICANTS MAY BE:**

High school seniors graduating in June and planning to attend a U.S. 4-year college or university during the coming academic year;

Full-time community college students planning to attend a U.S. 4-year college or university during the coming academic year;

Full-time students currently attending a U.S. 4-year college or university and planning to continue attendance during the coming academic year.

**AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

After verifying the eligibility of the applicants, the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation will submit completed applications for judging by an external, independent panel comprised of professional educators through the University of California.

Applicants will be given points based upon the following criteria: academic honors (2); school activities (2); community service (2); application form (2); essay style (4); and essay content (8) -- a possible total of 20 points. The University Scholarship Selection Committee will submit the list of scholarship finalists to the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the California State Pipe Trades Convention in May. Winners will be notified and presented award checks by the Business Manager of their parent's Local Union.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The following items must be received:

1. Application - to be completed by the

applicant; the "Information Pertaining to Qualifying Parent" section is to be completed by the parent's Local Union.

2. Official school transcript - the transcript verifying full-time attendance for the academic period immediately preceding the current period for which you are registered; to be submitted by a high school official or college official and mailed directly to the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation.

3. Proof of registration at, or acceptance to, a four-year college or university.

4. Letters of recommendation - applicant should submit one to three letters of recommendation giving information about the applicant's character and ability. These letters may be from teachers, community leaders, family friends, or others who know the applicant. Please submit the letter(s) of recommendation with the application.

5. 1,000 word essay on the subject: The California Pipe Trades Unions have been severely impacted by the current recession with unemployment reaching 30% to 40% in some areas. How should the Pipe Trades Unions

help out-of-work members who are struggling to get by?

It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that all the above items are received on time and that they are sent to:

**Rodney L. Cameron,**  
Executive Director  
California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation  
1123 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

For more information contact (916) 446-7311.



**California State Pipe Trades Council**

**California State Pipe Trades Council - Scholarship Foundation Application**

This scholarship is a partial scholarship awarded by the California State Pipe Trades Council Scholarship Foundation to be applied toward the tuition, books, and materials of the student selected to be its recipient. If you wish to apply, you must be 1) a high school graduate or the equivalent, or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university 2) the son or daughter of a current member (who is your parent, custodial step-parent, or legal guardian), in good standing, of a Pipe Trades Local Union affiliated with the California State Pipe Trades Council. Scholarships will be awarded based upon a point system. Points will be allotted in various categories. All information contained in this application will be held in strict confidence. See Scholarship Contest Rules & Instructions for complete rules.

**Applications will be accepted between January 1 and March 31, 2010**  
*A U.S. Postal Service official postmark of March 31 will be accepted.*  
*(Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please type or print in ink)*

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Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Street City State Zip

Telephone Number(s) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College Attending (Name & City) \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Applied To (Name & City) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (High School/G.E.D.) \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief outline of accomplishments, achievements, work experience, vocational & professional training, internships, certificates of proficiency, community service, hobbies, and affiliations (use additional paper if necessary).

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Prepare a 1,000 word essay on the subject: *The California Pipe Trades Unions have been severely impacted by the current recession with unemployment reaching 30% to 40% in some areas. How should the Pipe Trades Unions help out-of-work members who are struggling to get by?*

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO QUALIFYING PARENT - TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL UNION

Parent's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Relationship to Union Member (Son or Daughter) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent is Member of Pipe Trades Local Union # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Initiation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Union Member in Good Standing (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Jobs Are Number One Economic Priority

**T**oday's economic crisis and the decline of the nation's middle class "cries out for political courage," AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said in a major address on the economy and jobs crisis at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., last month. But that courage, he said, is not much in evidence....Too many people in Washington seem to think that now that we have bailed out the banks, everything will be okay.

Trumka pointed to the conversations he has had with workers—employed and jobless, union and non-union, young and old—on a recent swing through California.

"Everywhere I went, people asked me, why do so many of the people we elect seem to care only about Wall Street?" he said. "Why is helping banks a matter of urgency, but unemployment is something we just have to live with? Why don't we make anything in America anymore? And why is it so hard to pass a health care bill that guarantees Americans healthy lives instead of guaranteeing insurance companies healthy profits?"

Trumka went on to say that it is

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time to reverse the fundamental changes in the nation's economic structure and rules that for the past decade-plus "have celebrated private greed over public service." These include rules that boosted corporate empowerment; trade policies that encouraged shipping U.S. jobs overseas; financial deregulation that promoted speculation; and the systematic dismantling of the nation's pension and health care systems.

"These policies culminated in the worst economic decade in living memory," he continued. "We suffered a net loss of jobs, the housing market collapsed, real wages fell and more children fell into poverty....This is not a portrait of a cyclical recession, but of a nation with profound, unaddressed structural economic problems on a long-term,

downward slide.

Calling for an "entirely different kind of economy," Trumka said the core of that new economy must include the creation of millions of new jobs, the restoration of the freedom of workers to form unions, genuine health care reform and re-regulation of the financial system.

The AFL-CIO's five-point program would immediately address the jobs crisis by creating some four million jobs, Trumka said. In addition, more long-term initiatives are needed to build a lasting and job-filled recovery—yet too many lawmakers and policymakers are urging a "go slow" approach and displaying an unwillingness to spend the money needed to fix the foundation of the economy—job creation.

This approach is harming millions of unemployed Americans and their families, and jeopardizing our economic recovery. It is responsible to have a plan for paying for job creation over time. But it is bad economics and suicidal politics not to aggressively address the job crisis at a time of double-digit unemployment.

The nation's middle class can't prosper in this global economy, said Trumka, without a healthy manufacturing sector. Rebuilding manufacturing and the jobs that go with it requires a combination of fair trade and currency policies, worker training, infrastructure investment and regional development policies

targeted to help economically distressed areas.

He also called for new rules that ensure safe, healthy, family-friendly workplaces and comprehensive immigration reform. Employers must renew their shared responsibility to their workers' retirement security and strengthening Social Security.

On health care, Trumka slammed the Senate bill's tax on workers' health care benefits that would hit some 31 million workers. While the Senate bill "rightly seeks to ensure that most Americans have health insurance, the tax on benefits in the Senate bill pits working Americans who need health care for their families against working Americans struggling to keep health care for their families. This is a policy designed to benefit elites—in this case, insurers, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and irresponsible employers, at the expense of the broader public.

"It's the same tragic pattern that got us where we are today," said Trumka. "and I can assure you the labor movement is fighting with everything we've got to win health care reform that is worthy of the support of working men and women."

Trumka also issued a warning to lawmakers who may try to hide behind insufficient and token gestures to create jobs, fix the economy and protect the middle class while continuing to give the privileged and Wall Street a free ride.

The reality is that when unemployment is 10 percent and rising, working people will not stand for tokenism. We will not vote for politicians who think they can push a few crumbs our way and then continue the failed economic policies of the last 30 years....There is no middle ground. We are in a "show me" kind of mood, and time is running out.

## AFL-CIO Releases Five-Point Jobs Program

**N**o one needs to tell America's families that unemployment and underemployment are at crisis levels. We need jobs—and we need them now.

Wall Street has gotten its bailouts. Now it's time for Main Street to get some immediate help.

The AFL-CIO is calling on Congress and the Obama administration to take five steps now to care for the jobless and put America back to work.

- 1. Extend the lifeline for jobless workers.** Unless Congress acts now, supplemental unemployment benefits, additional food assistance and expansion of COBRA health care benefits will expire at the end of the year. They must be extended for another 12 months to prevent working families from bankruptcy, home foreclosure and loss of health care. Extending benefits also will boost personal spending and create jobs throughout the economy.
- 2. Rebuild America's schools, roads and energy systems.** America still has at least \$2.2 trillion in unmet infrastructure needs. We should put people to work to fix our nation's broken-down school buildings and invest in transportation, green technology, energy efficiency and more.
- 3. Increase aid to state and local governments to maintain vital services.** State and local governments and school districts have a \$178 billion budget shortfall this year alone—while the recession creates greater need for their services. States and communities must get help to maintain critical frontline services, prevent massive job cuts and avoid deep damage to education just when our children need it most.
- 4. Put people to work doing work that needs to be done.** If the private sector can't or won't provide the needed jobs, the government should step up to the plate, putting people who need jobs together with work that needs to be done. These should never be replacements for existing public jobs. They must pay competitive wages and should target distressed communities.
- 5. Put TARP funds to work for Main Street.** The bank bailout helped Wall Street, not Main Street. We should put some of the billions of dollars in leftover Troubled Asset Relief Program funds to work creating jobs by enabling community banks to lend money to small- and medium-size businesses. If small businesses can get credit, they will create jobs.

America's jobs situation would be even more dire without the economic stimulus program President Obama and Congress enacted, which has saved or created 1 million jobs. But the depth of this crisis demands that we do more—and that we do it now, before more people lose their jobs, their homes, their health care and their hope.

## Economic Summit...

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enough to pay for food, clothing and recreation, the right of every family to a decent home, the right to medical care, and the right to a good education. California needs to adopt a middle class bill of rights that includes these rights and others, along with a demand that corporations pay their fair share of the revenue needed for California families.

**Repair the Safety Net.** California needs to repair its dismantled social and family service net, including expansion of the services needed by unemployed workers and their families.

**Develop and implement a strong economic plan.** California must develop a vision for attracting and expanding new and diverse businesses, while continuing to rebuild its traditional economic sectors. Building a sustainable economy should include not only green building, alternative energy and the new high tech economy, but should focus on rebuilding our middle class through good jobs and a voice at work.

*"What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact, more of the opportunities to cultivate our better natures,"*

Samuel Gompers, President of the AFL, 1886-1924

# National Scene

## Unions Join To Contribute to Haiti Relief

**Unions across the country are mobilizing to provide assistance to the people of Haiti, both through services and through financial donations.**

The AFL-CIO Solidarity Center has established an Earthquake Relief for Haitian Workers' which is currently collecting financial donations for Haitian workers. Donations can be made online at <http://www.aflcio.org/aboutus/haiti.cfm> or checks can be mailed to the Solidarity Center Education Fund, 888 16th Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington DC 20006.

Other Haiti relief efforts recommended by the AFL-CIO include:

- The Transport Workers Union has formed a disaster relief task force to enable the union to provide immediate and long term help.
- The National Air Traffic Controllers (NATC) is working with the Dominican Air Traffic Controllers Association (ADCA) to get supplies to Haitian controllers and their families.
- Partners in Health has been working in Haiti for over 20 years, and is working to provide immediate medical relief.
- Doctors Without Borders is a well-respected and highly effective humanitarian organization working in more than 60 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe.
- The American Red Cross International Response Fund.
- United Way Worldwide Disaster Fund.

## Sweeney Named A Harvard Fellow

**AFL-CIO President Emeritus John Sweeney has been named a resident fellow for the spring term at Harvard's Institute of Politics. When Sweeney retired as AFL-CIO president in September, he vowed to become a "union warrior at large," and now he will share his more than 50-years experience in the U.S. union movement with Harvard students.**

The institute is part of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and resident fellows participate in the intellectual life of the Harvard community and lead weekly study groups on a range of topics.

Sweeney will be joined by five other fellows: Manny Diaz, former mayor of Miami and former president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Greg Nickels of Seattle, also former U.S. Conference of Mayors president; Michèle Pierre-Louis, former prime minister of Haiti; former Rep. Ernest Istook (R-Okla.); and Mary Catherine Andrews, a former Bush assistant and director of the Office of Global Communications.

"The Harvard Resident Fellowship offers John Sweeney an excellent opportunity to educate the nation's next generation of leaders on the critical importance of unions," said current AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. "He will be a superb ambassador in representing union workers and their families."

## Battle Over NLRB Appointments

**A pitched battle over President Barack Obama's nominations to the National Labor Relations Board is currently going on in Congress behind closed doors, according to Steven Hill of the Huffington Post.**

President Obama has three nominees for the NLRB currently under consideration—two Democrats and one Republican. If Obama's appointees are approved the five-member NLRB would have a pro-union majority for the first time since the Clinton administration. Obama's two Democratic nominees are long time union advocate Mark Pierce, and Craig Becker, the associate general counsel to the Service Employees International Union, and the AFL-CIO. The Wall Street Journal has called Becker "labor's secret weapon" and accused him of wanting to "rig the rules to favor unionization."

## Labor Rep Wins Top Assembly Post

**Assembly Democrats unanimously elected long time labor leader John Perez as the Speaker of the California Assembly last month. Perez spent 15 years working in the labor movement, first as the political organizer for the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) in Los Angeles, and then as the political director of the California Labor Federation.**

Perez was elected to the 46th Assembly District in Los Angeles in 2008, garnering a convincing 85 percent of the vote.

"Everyone in labor is excited about this election," said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Sr. "John Perez has been a strong voice for labor, and we're sure he will continue to be. Most important, John was elected just last year, which means he has five years to serve as Assembly Speaker. This is very good news for labor and workers throughout the state."

## Stimulus Money Saves Construction Jobs

**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has produced or saved an estimated 168,000 construction-sector jobs through the end of 2009, the White House Council of Economic Advisers says in its latest update on the impact of the stimulus legislation.**

That represents a gain of 35,000, or 26%, from the 133,000 construction jobs CEA estimated in its previous ARRA study, issued Sept. 10.

In its new report, released Jan. 13, CEA says that over all, ARRA has increased employment by 1.5 million to 2 million as of the fourth

quarter of 2009, compared with what the jobs level would have been if the legislation had not been enacted.

CEA notes that its numbers "are only estimates," not a compilation of jobs reports from ARRA states, cities, contractors or other stimulus-aid recipients. But CEA's ARRA construction jobs figures are lower than the ARRA jobs counts reported to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee by states and localities.

The committee says that, as of Nov. 30, ARRA funded highway and transit projects alone have created or preserved more than 250,000 "direct, on-project jobs." The committee says those jobs come from 8,587 highway and transit projects worth \$19.7 billion that are under construction.

## ABC Bills Killed in Assembly

**Three bills backed by the Associated Builders and Contractors, and which were specifically designed to weaken Building Trades-backed requirements on design-build contracts were killed in a policy committee this week after Building Trades representatives exposed them for what they were: anti-worker measures crafted to maintain a "race to the bottom" low-wage, low-skill, indigent worker business model that continues to extract heavy social and economic costs on communities all over California and the nation.**

Assembly Bills 1062, 1063, 1064, all authored by Assembly member Martin Garrick, a San Diego area Republican, would have gutted apprenticeship graduation requirements, weakened safety rating requirements, and scrapped labor compliance requirement exemptions when project labor agreements are in place for contractors on state design-build contracts.

California State Building and Construction Trades Council Legislative Advocates testified before the Assembly Building and Professions Committee, demonstrating that the current requirements provide California workers with better apprenticeship opportunities, stronger safety standards, and labor compliance requirements through project labor agreements.

The Committee then voted down all three bills.



# Local 38 Mail Box

## Thank You For The Scholarship

### Local 38 Scholarship Fund,

I'm writing this letter to thank you for the Academic Achievement Scholarship I received and how thankful I am to have it. This is a great gift and I really feel lucky to have been chosen. I will now be able to further my education without the worry of covering some of the expenses. I am going to continue to work hard and look forward to next year!

Sincerely,  
Shannon Styer

## Scholarship is a Tremendous Help

### Dear Board of Trustees:

Thank you so much for the scholarship check that I received for the 2009-2010 academic year. It is an amazing benefit that the children of the Local 38 members receive, and I am very appreciative. College expenses continue to rise, and this scholarship money has helped me tremendously. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Murray

## Support Means A Great Deal

### Dear Larry:

Thank you for your help in obtaining the generous contribution of the California State Pipe Trades Council to my campaign for Re-Election to the State Assembly. I would not have received it without your good words.

I feel confident that, together, we will continue to do great things for the working people and families of California. Your support over the years means a great deal. Thank you again.

Warmest regards,  
Tom Ammiano

## Supervisor Appreciates Support

### Dear Larry,

I want to thank you for your generous contribution to my re-election campaign for San Francisco Supervisor, District 4. Your support ensures a strong foundation for me

to continue the work we began over two years ago.

In District 4, and citywide, we have begun making investments that will benefit residents for generations to come. Both the Ortega and Parkside branch libraries are currently under construction and spaces like the Sunset Recreation Center and McCoppin Square are slated to see \$19 million in seismic and accessibility improvements.

In this difficult economic climate it is increasingly important to look for ways to support our local businesses. As such, I have been working on efforts to streamline city contracting to improve local business participation, increase the vibrancy of our merchant corridors, and create jobs that put San Franciscans to work.

Now, more than ever, we need to work together to bring the City's structural budget gap to a close. While this will require many components, I plan to use the experience and expertise I have gained in budget and finance to refocus our city on our long-term responsibilities and fundamental city services.

Thank you again for your early support of my campaign and I look forward to working with you in leading San Francisco in a positive direction.

Best regards,  
Carmen Chu  
Supervisor, District 4

## Parks Trust Appreciates Donation

### Dear Mr. Mazzola:

On behalf of San Francisco Parks Trust and the San Francisco Recreation & Park Department, thank you for your donation of to the Welcome the Presidents Cup to San Francisco fundraising event on October 1, 2009. Your generosity will benefit both the San Francisco Parks Trust and RPD Sports Programs Fund and its Youth Athletic Programs. San Francisco Parks Trust is dedicated to civic engagement and philanthropy to enhance parks, open spaces, and recreational activities that are vital to the health and well being of our City's residents. Through organizing, advocacy, and education we seek to increase the recognition of the value of parks in daily life and to ensure that our City's parks and green spaces are open, accessible, clean, safe, and fun.

Once again, thank you for your support of this very special event and your generosity for youth

athletic programs for children throughout San Francisco.

Sincerely,  
Karen Kidwell  
Executive Director

## Scholarship Makes College Life Easier

### Dear Mr. Mazzola,

I would like to thank you and Local 38 Plumbing & Pipefitting Scholarship Trust Fund for providing scholarships to students like me. Our lives are made so much easier due to this scholarship, especially in these rough economic times. This really helps take the pressures off my parents and myself to help me achieve my goals. Once again, thank you very much for you continuing to offer this excellent scholarship program. You truly make a difference.

Sincerely,  
Chris Vivier

## Supervisor Candidate Says Thanks

### Dear Frank Reardon,

Thank you for all your help and support in the Supervisor's race. I really appreciate it. You make it easier to win by getting in early. I love having the Plumbers' endorsement.

Sincerely,  
Pam Torliatt

## Contribution Helps To Make a Positive Difference

### Dear Larry:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. Your generous contribution to my campaign for Assembly means so much to me.

I'm committed to working together, as we continue to make a positive difference for residents and businesses throughout California.

As a member of the State Assembly, I will take my abilities to build consensus, forge coalitions, and find common sense solutions to the issues facing our communities and apply them to the problems in Sacramento. We can never stop trying to improve our quality of life and the Golden State should never be satisfied with just being good - we have what it takes to be the best.

I want my work in Sacramento to improve our lives now and the lives of future generations I will never know. My legacy as a legislator will be defined not only by the successes of today, but by the vision I can help create in Sacramento for the California of tomorrow.

Warm regards,  
Jerry Hill

## Scholarship Fund Appreciates Support

### Dear Larry,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your charitable contribution on behalf of the Operating Engineers Local Union NO. 3 Scholarship Foundation 2009 Tom Stapleton Golf Tournament. With your help we are able to award 24 scholarships to deserving students providing financial aid for their college education every year.

I look forward to working with you again on future events to continue to help make students' college dreams a reality.

In Solidarity  
Carl Goff  
Fund President

## Thanks For Campaign Contribution

### Brothers and Sisters of Local 38,

Thank you very much for your donation to my campaign for Clark County Commission. With your continued support I am confident I will be successful. As a commissioner it will be my goal to make sure Las Vegas continues to be a place where skilled craftsmen can build their careers.


Thank you very much.

Greg Esposito

## In Memoriam

The officers and members of UA Local 38 wish to extend their condolences to the families and friends of the following members who passed away in 2009.

Joel J. Alejos  
Walter Becker  
Henry L. Brown  
Fred A. Bushick  
Daniel G. Carver  
Walter H. Cook  
Duane W. Dudley  
James J. Dullea  
Robert E. Dunn  
Paul F. Engler  
Steven R. Godfrey  
Joseph J. Heaney  
Robert D. Johnson  
Fred Katsarsky  
James K. Kurtzner  
Leland Ling Jr  
James A. McCracken  
John Mckeown  
Donald E. Padgett  
Charles P. Quistgard  
Charles F. Reusch  
Gary W. Schlaefer  
Edward W. Sherwood Jr.  
Lidsey D. Snell  
John K. Soteriou  
Bobby L. Stephens  
Estal J. Swigart  
William Toland  
Bienvenido Valdez Jr.



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# Memo...

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viding low wage workers for non-union contractors.

Building trades apprentice programs, with their high graduation and success rates, provide a perfect model for how to train workers in jobs vital to their futures. And the trades work/school combination actually turns out workers who don't immediately owe thousands (or in some cases hundreds of thousands) of dollars in student loans and accompanying debt.

**We need jobs, and we need them now.** It was good to hear President Obama say that. We need to make sure that the rest of Washington and Sacramento, get that message loud and clear.

## ITF APPOINTMENT

On a separate note, I want to congratulate Assistant Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr., on being named to the Board of Trustees of the International Training Fund (ITF).

The ITF is one of the United Association's most important functions. Local unions throughout the United States and Canada struggle to give their members the best training possible. Often times that requires investments--equipment, facilities, etc.--that locals just can't afford on their own. The help of the ITF is vital to building a well-trained workforce throughout the pipe trades.

I also want to thank General President Bill Hite for naming Larry Jr. to the ITF Board. Being involved with the ITF has been one of the most rewarding parts of my UA career, and I'm proud to see Larry, Jr., given that opportunity.

## PIPE TRADES SCHOLARSHIPS

On page 2 of this *Pipelines* you will find information about the 2010 California Pipe Trades Council Scholarship program. This, along with the Joseph P. Mazzola Scholarship program, provides an outstanding educational opportunity for the sons and daughters of UA members.

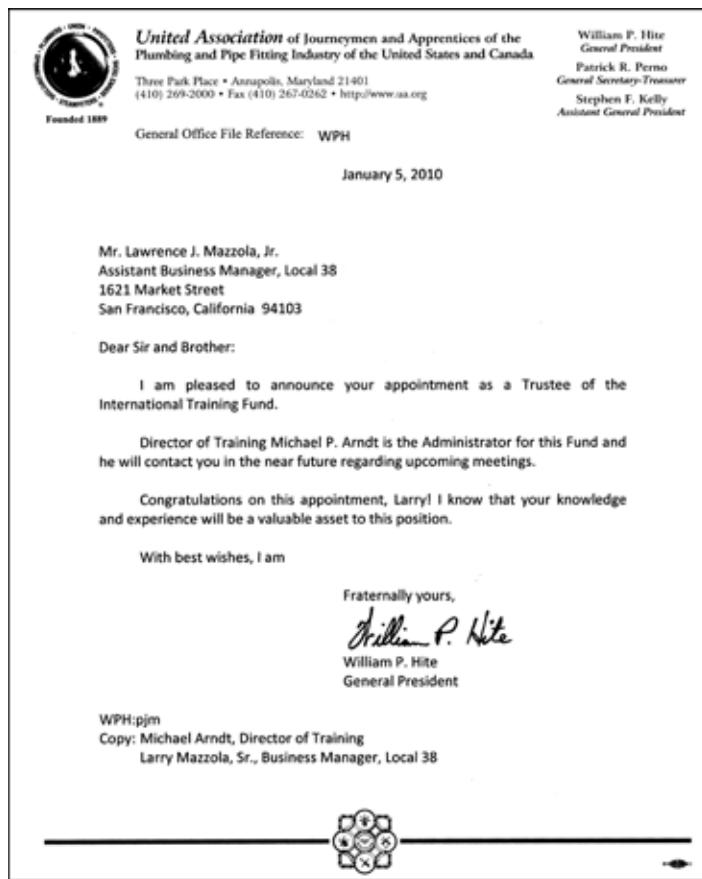
As union pipe trades workers we earn a good living. Still, for many families college or university educations remain a dream. These programs can help make them a reality, and I urge you to take advantage of them.

## CALIFORNIA SBCTC ENDORSEMENT

On another political front, I was excited to see the California State Building and Construction Trades Council unanimously endorse Attorney General Jerry Brown in this year's governor's race. California needs a governor, like Brown, who understands the need for good union jobs.

## HAITI RELIEF

Last week Local 38 made a donation to the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund, but the people in Haiti continue to be in desperate need of all the help we can afford. I urge our City workers to donate what they can through the payroll deduction program that the city has just instituted (see the story on this page). Other members who want to donate to Haiti can mail your checks made out to the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund c/o UA Local 38, 1621 Market St., San Francisco CA 94103, and we will forward them.



# Appointment...

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of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, National Fire Sprinkler Association, and the North American Contractors Association while the Labor Trustees are Vice Presidents of the UA or leaders of Local Unions.

Brother Mazzola, Jr. was named to the post after Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Sr., who served on the board since its inception, including several years as President, stepped down.

"I want to thank everyone for one of the most rewarding experiences of my UA career," said Mazzola, Sr. when he stepped down from the Board. "Working with contractors and union representatives from throughout the country to ensure that the UA's training program remains the best in the nation is remarkably fulfilling. I'm proud of the work the ITF has done, and I'm excited about Larry Jr., being named to the Board."

## City Program for Haiti Donations

The City of San Francisco has established a voluntary payroll deduction program that will provide city employees the opportunity to donate money to the Haiti relief efforts.

This payroll deduction program will be an extension of the City's Combined Charities effort with the specific goal of directing funds to Haiti relief efforts. The funds will be directed to four nonprofit organizations:

- (1) The American Red Cross - Haiti;
- (2) The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund;
- (3) UNICEF; and
- (4) Partners in Health.

City employees who voluntarily choose to donate a portion of their paychecks must fill out a form available in hard copy or on-line. Employees elect the exact amount they would like to deduct over four (4) pay periods, beginning March 16, 2010.

## Send Us Your E-mail Address

**I**t's a new world out there, and we at Local 38 are determined to become part of the electronic age, whether we like it or not. For years we have communicated with our members through regular mail. When it came time to announce a meeting or inform the members about a special issue, we always sent a letter.

Not that there's anything wrong with the mail. We continue to do the vast bulk of our business by mail. But in some cases it is quicker, easier, and far less expensive, to be able to send an e-mail to members.

At least it would be easier, quicker and cheaper if we had e-mail

addresses for members, which we don't. That's where you come in. Please fill out the form and return it to UA Local 38, 1621 Market St.,

San Francisco CA 94103, or you can e-mail your information to Lisa in the union office at [landrini@ualocal38.org](mailto:landrini@ualocal38.org).

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2010 holiday schedule

- Friday, Jan. 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY; Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday.
- Monday, Jan. 18 - MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY, Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday. No School in SF or SR.
- Monday, Feb. 15 - PRESIDENTS' DAY; Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday. No School in SF and SR.
- Friday, April 2 - GOOD FRIDAY; Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday.
- Monday, May 31 - MEMORIAL DAY, Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday. No School in SF and SR.
- Friday, July 5 - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED (Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday)
- Monday, Sept. 6 - LABOR DAY (Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday).
- Monday, Oct. 11 - COLUMBUS DAY, SF City Holiday, No School in SF.
- Thursday, Nov. 11 - VETERANS' DAY, SF City Holiday ONLY. No school is San Francisco or Santa Rosa
- Thursday, Nov. 25 - THANKSGIVING (Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday)
- Friday, Nov. 26 - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday)
- Thursday, Dec. 23 - CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED, Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday
- Friday, Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE, Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday
- Thursday, Dec. 30 - NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED, Building, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday.
- Friday, Dec. 31 - NEW YEAR'S DAY, Building Trades, Metal Trades and SF City Holiday.

## State Building Trades

### Endorse Brown for Governor

The California State Building and Construction Trades Council (SBCTC) announced its endorsement of Attorney General Jerry Brown for Governor in 2010 last month.

The endorsement came on a unanimous vote of the SBCTC Executive Board, after hearing Brown outline his vision for the future of California.

"What has been striking and consistent about Jerry Brown," said SBCTC President Bob Balgenorth in announcing the endorsement, "is how deeply he cares about working men and women and how his policies have served to improve the quality of their lives."

Brown served as Governor of California from 1974 to 1982. He has also served on the Los Angeles Community College Board, as California Secretary of State, as Mayor of Oakland, and currently as California Attorney General. The Local 38 Committee of Political Education (COPE) announced its endorsement of Brown for Governor in November.

"We desperately need a governor," said Balgenorth, "who understands that rebuilding California through good union jobs is not a problem, but is the answer to our problems."