

Memo to Members



by Larry Mazzola
Business Manager

Like working people throughout the country, Local 38 members are experiencing some hard times. And like workers everywhere we are being presented with some hard choices.

REDEVELOPMENT QUESTION

A perfect example of this is Governor Jerry Brown's proposal to eliminate 425 redevelopment agencies throughout California. As California citizens we can't turn on a television or radio, or pick up a newspaper without hearing about the state's financial problems.

We have seen our state decline over recent decades, and we are all concerned about our future.

It may well be that under Governor Brown's proposal local agencies will be able to pay off existing redevelopment debt quicker, while providing additional money for local agencies. But at what price?

BUILDING CALIFORNIA

California's greatness comes from us, the working men and women who make California great. We worked hard to build colleges, freeways and homes. And we fought hard to build a better future, one based on good wages, good working conditions, pensions, and a solid foundation of workers who could afford the life we wanted.

And while the state might be able to survive a deficit, it won't survive the disappearance of men and women who can afford to live here.

Without jobs there is no future. There is no economic base from which to grow. We need good work and decent wages. We need men and women earning decent wages so they can afford to buy groceries, cars, homes, televisions and the countless other basics of life.

We need men and women with good pensions and strong beliefs in the future workers who will work today building for tomorrow.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

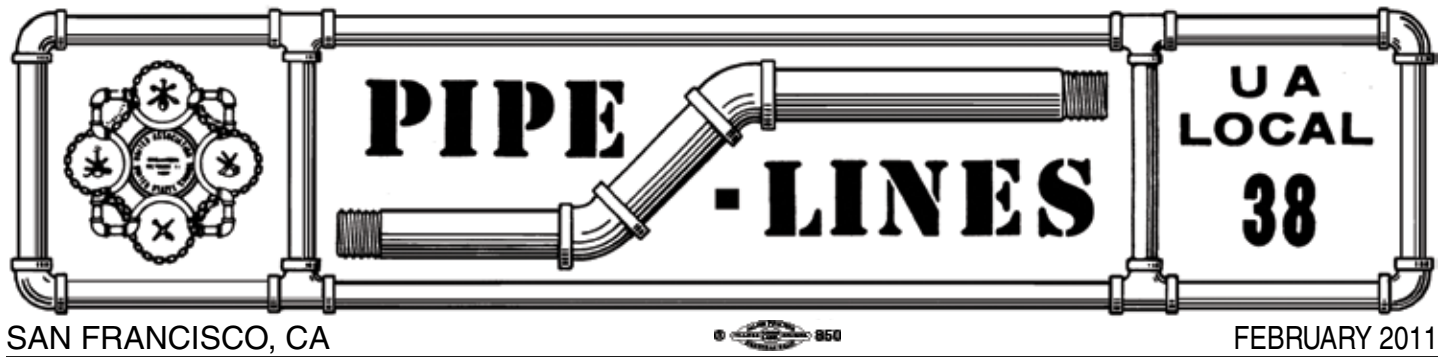
Like everyone else in the state I'm a concerned taxpayer, I worry about our financial situation and am concerned about our debt. But I believe we need to grow our way out of the problem.

Redevelopment projects, enterprise zones, infrastructure revitalization, stimulus projects...All of this means jobs. And good jobs mean workers and families with spendable income.

That's the future California needs, one where we go back to work making this a great state once again. We need to invest in our future and put people to work rebuilding our state.

When we do that we can have an economy that grows and thrives, one that will eliminate our deficit because there is economic growth,

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Brown's Proposal to Eliminate Redevelopment Agencies Will Kill Construction Projects

Cities, counties and building trades unions throughout California are voicing their concern about Governor Jerry Brown's recent proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies throughout the state.

"I wish to declare my opposition to this proposal in the strongest possible terms," wrote Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola in a letter to Governor Brown. "I believe your Administration's program will work directly contrary to what I believe to be our most pressing problem in California --- employment for the working men and working women in our State," (see accompanying letter).

BUDGET PROPOSALS

The elimination of the 425 redevelopment agencies throughout the state is one of the major proposals included in Governor Brown's 2011-2012 budget, designed to address a \$25.4 billion shortfall. For more than 50 years redevelopment agencies, including the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA), have provided financing for much of the state's construction work, particularly in major cities.

Brown's proposal would transfer over \$5 billion in property tax revenues to local agencies, which would then use the money to retire redevelopment debts and obligations,

and distribute money to Medi-Cal, the trial courts, schools and other local agencies cities and counties.

REDEVELOPMENT KEY TO SAN FRANCISCO

In San Francisco the Redevelopment Agency was founded in 1948, and has been integral to much of the city's growth and economic development. Successful redevelopment projects have included the Embarcadero Center, Hunter's Point Hill, Yerba Buena Center, The Giants AT&T ballpark and over 10,000 units of affordable housing.

Current projects which depend on SFRA participation include:

- **Mission Bay:** this project has al-

ready created 3,100 homes and 1.7 million square feet of office and biotechnology space centered around a new University of California San Francisco campus. Redevelopment financing has leveraged \$2 billion in private development financing, and created over 10,000 new permanent jobs. Without continued redevelopment financing the remaining 2,900 units of housing, 2.7 million square feet of commercial development and the infrastructure for the UCSF Medical Center will be jeopardized. As many as 20,000 permanent

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Mazzola Strongly Opposed to Redevelopment Proposal

Dear Governor Brown:

I recently read that you are proposing to revise the State Law, which has been in effect for more than fifty years, authorizing Cities and Counties Redevelopment Agencies. Your Administration is proposing a substantive shift in responsibility for local economic development programs. The Budget as proposed by you phases out state authorization for two economic development programs: redevelopment and enterprise zones. The Administration proposes to revise these laws to (1) dissolve the redevelopment agencies and (2) transfer their revenues (primarily over 5 billion of annual revenues) to local successor agencies. The successor agencies would use these funds to retire debts and contractual obligations but these funds will be lost for construction workers.

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Join Us on St. Patrick's Day



San Francisco's St. Patrick's Day parade has become a major show of solidarity for the City's labor unions, including Local 38. Last year several hundred Local 38 members and supporters joined the Local 38 contingent in the annual parade. This year the parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 12. Local 38 marchers gather at the parade starting point, near Howard and Second Street at about 11:30 a.m. for the march to Civic Center. The day's events will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast at the Bay View Yacht Club, 49 Terry Francois Blvd., next to AT&T Park. Parking is available at the ballpark, and there will be a free shuttle to the parade. The parade will begin at 11:30, and will be followed by a free corned beef and cabbage luncheon at the Elixer Pub at 16th St. and Guerrero. Local 38 marchers will receive a free St. Patrick's Day tee-shirt. Check the Local 38 website, www.ualocal38.org for details, or you can contact Liam or Nichole at the Local 38 Training Department (415) 626-2000, or Dan McCormick II cell phone at (415) 412-9148.

National Scene

History's Most Expensive Non-Presidential Campaign

The final tally has been recorded, and California Republican Meg Whitman spent \$186.2 million in her run for governor in 2010. That makes her campaign the most expensive non-presidential campaign in history. Whitman spent \$144 million of her own money, making her the biggest self-funded campaign in U.S. history.

Jerry Brown, who won the race for governor, spent a total of 36.3 million on his campaign. Brown beat Whitman by more than 13 percentage points, despite being outspent by more than 5-1.

Including the money she spent in the Republican primary, Whitman paid about \$43.25 for each vote she received.

Let Them Advertise!

Saying that they "didn't want to get involved" in labor negotiations between the players and the Na-

tional Football League (NFL) owners, CBS has refused to air a paid advertisement from the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) in which players and fans urge the league not to lockout players over their labor negotiations. The commercial carries the tag line "Let Us Play," while showing pictures of locked gates, deserted stadiums, and fans surrounded by empty seats.

The ad was set to air February 5 on the CBS College Sports Network during the NFLPA high school all-stars game.

CBS, Fox, NBC and ESPN, as well as DirecTV, have agreed to pay the NFL in 2011 even if owners carry through on their threat to lock out players, disrupting or even canceling the season. The NFLPA has filed suit against the league, saying the TV deals provide the owners with guaranteed payment even if no games are played, effectively financing the lockout by providing "lockout insurance." The networks pay the NFL \$4 billion a year to televise the league's games.

The NFL owners opted out of the collective bargaining agreement with the NFLPA two years before it was due to expire, saying it isn't working for them. But they refuse to provide audited financial information to explain what is wrong in a business that generated \$9 billion

in 2009 during the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The owners are demanding that the players give back \$1 billion, although not one team has lost money. They also want players to pay for team travel and the cost of running practice facilities.

The NFLPA will continue to run the "Let Us Play" ad on its YouTube channel and other social media applications.

Actors Give Credit Their Union

Boxing and ballet may not have a lot in common, except for the hard work to get to the top. But two award-winning actors in the films spotlighting the worlds of prize fighting and dancing share one thing in common: their support of unions.

Melissa Leo portrayed Alice Ward, the nail-tough mother/manager of boxers Mickey and Dickey Ward in "The Fighter." That role won her the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role.

While Ward may have been tough enough to stand on her own and take on boxing promoters and others scheming to exploit her sons, Leo knows most people can use a

little help and collective action to counter punch when they are under attack. "Unions made this country great because they give the voice to the working people," Leo said in her acceptance speech.

Unions also can offer protection for working people, especially young working people, as Natalie Portman pointed out.

"I've been working since I was 11 years old and [SAG] has taken care of me," the winner of the Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role for the ballet drama, "Black Swan," said in her acceptance speech. "They made sure that I wasn't working too long and made sure that I got my education while I was working and I am so grateful to have this union protecting me everyday."

Senate Rejects Health Care Repeal

The Senate last week rejected a Republican move to repeal the health care reform law.

The repeal measure, an amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill, fell by 47-51 vote with all Republicans voting for repeal and all Democrats opposed.

World Plumbing Day Set for March 11

Plumbing contractors and professional associations across the United States and Canada will celebrate the Second Annual World Plumbing Day on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Plumbing organizations in several countries are making plans to mark the Day in the hope that they can draw attention to the important role which plumbing plays in relation to both public health and the environment.

A WORLDWIDE HEALTH ISSUE

The United Nations declared 2005-2015 the International Decade for Action "Water for Life", setting a world agenda that focuses increased attention on water-related issues. This initiative is of extraordinary importance in a world where preventable diseases related to water and sanitation claim the lives of about 3.1 million people per year, most of them children less than 5 years old. Of these, about 1.6 million people die each year of diarrheal diseases associated with lack of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation.

By including access to a safe drinking water supply and sanitation in these international goals, the world community proposes 97 million additional people annually will have access to drinking-water services and 138 million additional people access to sanitation services through 2015. Working within the spirit of these initiatives the World Health Organization and the World Plumbing Council developed the "Health Aspects of Plumbing" publication noting that sustainable health, especially for children, is not possible without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation facilities.

INTERNATIONAL PLANS

Having launched the first World Plumbing Day at an event in Beijing, China last year, the principal World Plumbing Council (WPC) celebration this year will take place in Bangalore, In-

dia where a joint meeting has been arranged between WPC and the World Health Organization (WHO). This event, which will be addressed by a range of prominent medical and plumbing experts aims to focus attention on the link between good plumbing and good health.

Plans are also being made for a week long program of events in Victoria, Australia culminating in an Awards Ceremony on World Plumbing Day itself. The Institute of Plumbing South Africa is another WPC member which has plans for an event on 11 March 2011. Plumbing organizations throughout Canada are working together to promote the Day and early indications are that they are already receiving considerable press coverage. Another WPC member organization, IAPMO has prepared a comprehensive

list of World Plumbing Day activities which its staff and members will be involved in.

WPC Chairman, Robert Burgon comments that "The idea behind having a single day to promote plumbing was very simple and it is already clear that this idea has sparked the imagination and enthusiasm of so many people in the global plumbing community. We will see it as a success if even a few people get to know that plumbing should be respected. My feeling is that through the wide range of activities being organized, many people all over the world will get this message and that is excellent.

Details of World Plumbing Day activities can be found on the website www.worldplumbing-day.org.

Energy

Turning your heating or air conditioning down just a few degrees can save considerable energy.

Prevent heat loss by insulating your water heater and pipes.

Environment

Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by installing a solar hot water heater.

Health

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water related disease.

At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related diseases.

Water

Using a broom instead of a garden hose to clean your driveway will save 13 gallons every minute you clean.

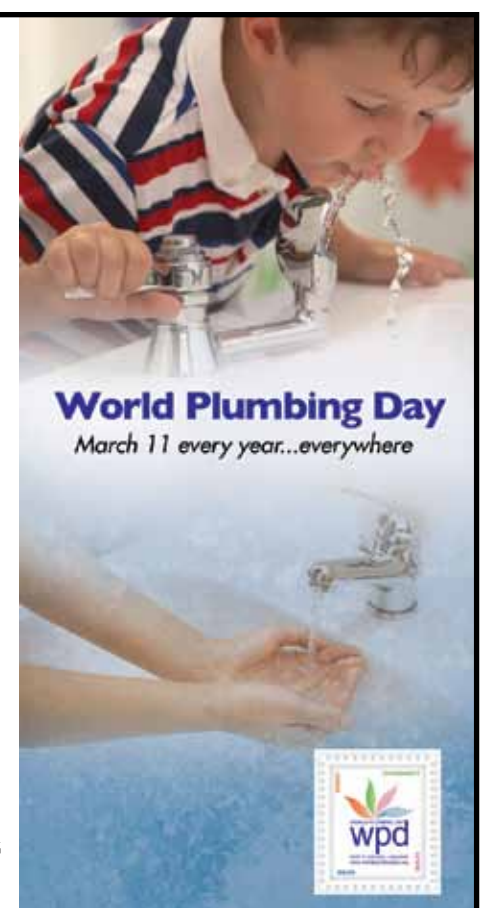
Putting food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl, without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save 1,000 gallons a month.

Use a hose nozzle while you wash your car. You will save up to 100 gallons every time!



IAPMO Supports World Plumbing Day

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Redevelopment...

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- new jobs could be on the line.
- **Hunters Point Shipyard-Candlestick Point:** The redevelopment of this 500 acre site will provide 12,000 new homes, 2-3 million square feet of commercial technology, and 10,000 new permanent jobs.
 - **Treasure Island:** The redevelopment project will create 8,000 new homes, 250,000 square feet of retail and commercial office space, and will reuse over 300,000 square feet of historic structures.
 - **Transbay Terminal:** This project would create a new high-density residential and commercial neighborhood including 3,000 housing units.
 - **Visitation Valley:** This plan calls for a transit village of 1,250 residential units, parks and retail space.

In addition, close to 50 percent of the SFRA budget goes toward rehabilitating affordable housing projects such as Hunters View Public Housing, Alice Griffith Public Housing, the Hugo Hotel and other projects. The SFRA also provides critical funding for numerous neighborhood revitalization projects.

CONSTRUCTION JOBS

Equally important, at a time when work is desperately needed, the abolition of SFRA could mean the loss of over 6,000 construction jobs in San Francisco. In 2010 SFRA created over 3,000 construction jobs (\$21 million in gross earnings and \$293 million in construction activity), and the agency expects to create another 3,000 construction jobs in 2011.

The agency also has more than \$50 million in infrastructure projects planned for 2011, projects which would create direct construction jobs, as well as opportunities for future housing and commercial development.

KEEPING CALIFORNIA VITAL

"Anyone who has visited our industrial mid-west in the past 20 years knows how important it is to keep California alive, vital and renewed," said Mazzola. "Redevelopment agencies have played a major role in the state's ability to renew blighted areas in our state and our cities.

"And redevelopment has provided thousands of construction jobs which has helped keep the California dream alive to working people up and down the state."

Mazzola Letter...

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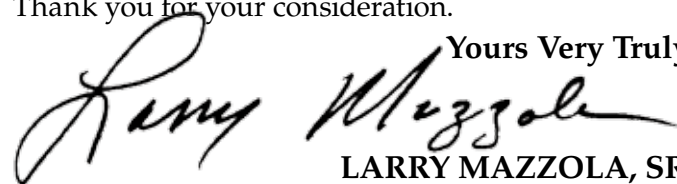
As Business Manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 38 and as President of San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council, I wish to declare my opposition to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. I believe your Administration's program will work directly contrary to what I believe to be our most pressing problem in California --- employment for the working men and working women in our State. At this crucial economic period to experiment with your proposed program, considering the extensive changes and legal constitutional problems appears to me to be counter productive.

I know from my own experience that while some existing redevelopment programs have had minor difficulties, on the whole it has been a most successful program in its employment for construction workers throughout the State and in the overseeing of urban renewal in blighted areas.

I urge you to reconsider your proposed program and continue the existing redevelopment program in its present form.

I will be calling you in the near future to discuss this matter further with you. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Very Truly,



LARRY MAZZOLA, SR.
Bus.Mgr. & Fin.Secty-Treas.
President of San Francisco
Building & Construction Trades Council

The Truth About "ObamaCare"

Working Families Will Save Thousands

By 2014, the new health care reform law will mean thousands of dollars in health insurance premium savings and out-of-pocket health care costs for working families and small businesses, finds a new report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"For too long, skyrocketing health care costs have made it hard for businesses to provide coverage for employees and have made it difficult for families to afford coverage, says HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "The report shows that the health care law will bring major savings for families as it begins to take shape. Without the Affordable Care Act, consumers and businesses would face higher premiums, fewer insurance choices, and rapidly rising health care costs."

From 1999 to 2009, premiums more than doubled, rising by more than \$7,500 for the average family that gets insurance through an employer. The high cost of health care made it difficult for many small businesses to offer insurance to their workers. The percentage of small employers offering health insurance dropped from 65 percent to 59 percent between 1999 and 2009.

The report finds that, compared to what they would have paid without the law:

* Middle-class families purchasing private insurance in the new State-based Health Insurance Exchanges could save as much as \$2,300 per year in 2014.

* Tax credits provided by the Affordable Care Act will lead to even greater savings. For example, in 2014, a family of four with an income of \$33,525 could save as much as \$14,900 per year since they also

will qualify for tax credits and reduced cost sharing.

* In 2014, small businesses, on average, could save up to \$350 per family policy and many may be eligible for tax credits of up to 50 percent of their premiums.

* The tax credits are already available to small businesses and cover 35 percent of their premiums. For example, a firm with 10 workers who earn an average of \$20,000 annually could currently receive credits of \$35,000 annually. These tax credits could save small businesses \$6 billion in 2010 and 2011.

* All businesses will likely see lower premiums of \$2,000 per family by 2019, which could generate millions of dollars in savings.

Congressional and state Republican lawmakers have vowed to re-

peal the Affordable Care Act. Earlier this month, the new House majority passed a repeal bill and several states attorneys general have filed suits against the new health care reform law. If those attempts are successful, Sebelius says, families and small business owners will be hard hit in the pocketbook by

higher premiums and other health care costs.

We can't afford to go back to the days when uncontrollably rising costs put a bigger and bigger burden on family budgets and business balance sheets.

-From the AFL-CIO

U.A. STAR Examinations to be offered in the Spring Semester

- U.A. STAR Commercial Refrigeration Exam
- U.A. STAR Residential-Light Commercial HVACR Certification Exam
- U.A. STAR Certification Tests for Plumbing, Pipe Fitting and HVAC/R

Again, we are pleased to offer our members the opportunity to become U.A. STAR Certified in their trade respectively. Successful completion of the examination allows members to receive 32 college credits through Washtenaw Community College. From here, you are able to peruse an Associate Degree from Washtenaw Community College and a Bachelor Degree from the National Labor College. HVACR Service Technicians may also pursue a Bachelor Degree from Ferris State University, an HVACR Technology AAS Degree or the new Sustainable Technologies in HVACR Degree. For more information on the degree programs please contact the training department or visit www.uauniversity.org

Local 38 Journeymen and apprentices completing their 5-year apprenticeship program are eligible to take this exam.

Exams will be held in San Francisco in May. Please watch Pipelines for an announcement of the specific time and date.

This exam is held in a proctored setting and is administered and graded by National ITC, Inc.

Local 38 will assist you with this examination by paying the test registration fee. Local 38 will also provide you with a STAR study guide free of charge.

We do recommend that if you are interested in taking the exam that you pick up a study guide and begin your review right away. At this time no review classes are scheduled however, if there is enough interest we can hold classes.

To register please contact the Training Department at 415-626-2000 at least two weeks prior to the exam.

Local 38 Mail Box

Thank You For Your Memorial Gift

To Whom It May Concern:

Pipestone County Hospice gratefully acknowledges your thoughtful and generous gift in memory of Ralph Fleet.

Your support of our organization is very much appreciated.

We treasure the friendships we have made through Hospice. Please accept our sincere thanks for your gift.

Sincerely,
Stacy Boomgaarden
Pipestone Hospice Director

Nursing Student Appreciates Scholarship

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Union Local 38 Scholarships. Thank you for your generous support.

Growing up and working jobs without a career path has made me realize the value of a college education. Knowing that school was always a priority, I was unaware of what I wanted to go to school for. Taking the past four years off from school has given me a taste of what the rest of my life could be like. I now realize that a career is what I want and need. Santa Rosa Junior College is a great start for me, and

with out your generous support, I would not be able to attend.

I have just begun my undergraduate career as a freshman at Santa Rosa Junior College. My plans at this stage are to go into nursing school; I am beginning with my general education at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Chelsea Smith

New Insurance Commissioner Says Thank You

Dear Larry:

We did it!

Thanks to your support, we fought back against the insurance industry's \$5.7 million campaign and won the race for Insurance Commissioner by over 12 points.

Despite the barrage of misleading attack ads against me, we never gave up because we had something the insurance companies didn't — thousands of supporters like you up and down the state who want an independent Insurance Commissioner, one not beholden to the insurance industry.

Now that the campaign is over, the real work begins. I look forward to turning the Department of Insurance into what it was intended to be — a robust consumer protection agency that is a voice for consumers and businesses as they deal with one of California's most powerful industries.

Thank you again for your support! I am humbled and honored to

serve Californians as your next Insurance Commissioner.

Dave Jones
Insurance Commissioner

Bettering Myself and My Future

Dear Larry Mazzola, Robert Varni, and UA Local 38,

I have such immense gratitude for the honor you have given me by selecting me for the Joseph P. Mazzola Scholarship. Your generosity is assisting me in continuing my education at the University of California at Santa Barbara. I have been a student here for 10 weeks now, and while it is very challenging, it is also very fulfilling to know that I am bettering myself and my future. While at UC Santa Barbara, I hope to not only graduate with a BA degree, but also to broaden my knowledge of the world and gain experiences that will be with me for the rest of my life. My family and I thank you for helping me finance this investment in my education. Thank you for the honor.

Sincerely,
Alyson A Huber
UC Santa Barbara, class of 2014

Thanks For The Scholarship Grant

Dear Local 38,

I just wanted to thank Local 38 so much for the grant! I know it took a

lot of patience with my school and transcripts.

Hailee Wales
Daughter of Glenn Wales

Scholarship is a Very Grand Honor

To the Board of Trustees and Local 38,

My name is Emily Lum, Ray Lum's daughter and one of the recipients of the Joseph P. Mazzola Scholarship for this year. I just wanted to thank you all so much for awarding ME with this scholarship. I consider it a very grand honor to receive a scholarship of such high amount. This scholarship will most definitely help my parents and I out a lot this school year.

Once again, many thanks.

Sincerely,
Emily Lum

Retirees Appreciate Holiday Party Support

Dear Mr. Mazzola:

On behalf of the Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the contribution made by Local Union No. 38 to our annual holiday party.

When we analyze the erosion of the benefits received by our retirees who have been retired the longest, we realize that the small gifts made to our eldest members at the holiday season mean more every year. The fellowship provided to them at our holiday party is a tremendous opportunity to rekindle old friendships and look forward to the holiday season.

Your steadfast support through the years makes this event not only possible but also joyous.

Your sponsorship was acknowledged in the program for the party and in our newsletter. Our members know clearly who supports them every year!

Sincerely,
Susan H. Blomberg
President

Scholarship Opens Options For Student

Dear Mr. Larry Mazzola, Jr. and The Academic Selection Committee,

I am writing to thank you for the generous Joseph P. Mazzola Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic school year. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of the scholarship.

I am attending classes at Canada College in Redwood City. There I am working on finishing all of my general education units and deter-

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

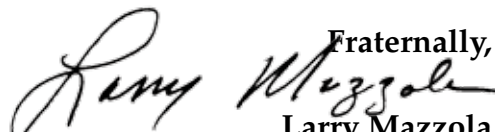
The thirty-eighth Call for a Convention of the United Association of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada is hereby issued to convene on Monday, August 8, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nominations for Convention Delegates will be held as a Special Order of Business on March 2, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at 1621 Market St., San Francisco, California. Election of Convention Delegates will be held as a Special Order of Business on April 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at 1621 Market Street, San Francisco, California. In case of a tie vote, a runoff election will be held at the meeting on May 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at 1621 Market Street, San Francisco California.

Records at the United Association office indicate that U.A. Local 38 is authorized to elect 21 delegates.

IMPORTANT: No member shall be eligible as a delegate or alternate unless he/she shall have been a member in good standing of the Local Union which he/she is to represent for at least the two (2) continuous years previous to his/her election, and he/she remains in good standing from the date of the election until the date of the convention (Section 17, Constitution of the United Association).

A member nominated must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination, unless he/she is unable to attend, in which event a letter of acceptance of the nomination must be received in the office of Local 38 prior to the nomination meeting.

Fraternally,

Larry Mazzola
Bus. Mgr. & Fin.-Secty-Treas.

Affiliated with American Federation of Labor Bldg. & Constr. Trades Dept., Metal Trades Dept., Union Label Trades Dept., Railway Dept., Dominion Trades & Labor Congress of Canada



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mining my major. I am currently a freshman carrying 16 units, and I plan to graduate and transfer by the spring of 2012. This scholarship has made a huge impact and greatly opened my options on where I will now be able to transfer to, and has brought me closer to my goals of higher education.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
Nicole Thomas

Glaziers Says Congratulations for Election

Dear Larry Mazzola Sr.,

The membership of Glaziers Local 718 wanted to say Congratulations on your reelection as Business Manager for Local 38.

Sincerely,
Mark Shelley,
Business Representative

Richmond City Council Candidate Says Thanks

Dear Larry and Members of Local 38,

I am expressing a heartfelt thank you for supporting my campaign for re-election to Richmond City Council. Over 300 people volunteered or contributed in some fashion to my bid for re-election to City Council.

While the results at the polls were not what I hoped for, the campaign underscored the need to create jobs and get people back to work.

Over the last four years, it has been an honor to serve the residents of Richmond. I am proud of making progress in Richmond by investing in economic development and making it more sustainable.

I am especially proud of being

part of bringing Honda to our Port which will bring in over \$10 million per year in revenue to pay for city services, renovating the award-winning and gold LEED historic Civic Center, signing on to the Urban Environmental Accords, saving our neighborhood schools from closing, creating an internship program for college students who are interested in policy and politics, extending the summer youth employment program for high school students to year-round with tutoring and mentorship components among many other accomplishments.

I will always be grateful for your confidence in me and your work in support of my campaign to make Richmond all it can be.

Sincerely,
Myrna Lopez
Richmond City Council

Congratulations on Treasure Island Appointment

Dear Larry Mazzola, Jr.:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors. Here at the DA's Office we like to challenge ourselves to take on increasingly difficult but crucial tasks. Your new appointment has demonstrated your commitment to this same cause. It is rare to find such resplendent qualities in an individual but the city of San Francisco have seen them in you.

Thank you for the leadership you are contributing to the city and your community. Your career serves as an ideal role model for the countless others looking for figures of success and inspiration. You serve as a testament of the power of the individual to make a difference in our neighborhoods and communities and it gives me great pleasure to honor your dedication to this monumental task.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success and I thank you for the sacrifices that you have

made and will continue to make. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
Paul Henderson
Chief of Administration
San Francisco
District Attorney's Office

Labor Archives Appreciates Support

Dear Friends:

On behalf of San Francisco State University, thank you for your recent donation for the Labor Archives Activities Fund.

Your organization's support plays an important role in ensuring the continue success of the Labor Archives, and allows San Francisco State University to continue its proud traditions of academic excellence and community involvement. Your commitment to San Francisco State University guarantees that our remarkable institution will continue to challenge and inspire its students, and provide them with outstanding opportunity to learn and grow in one of the nation's leading public urban universities.

Sincerely yours,
Donna Blakemore
Associate Vice President
Office of University
Advancement

Another SF State Labor Archive Thank You

Dear Larry,

On behalf of the advisory board and staff of the Labor Archives, we would like to thank you and the brothers and sisters of United Assoc. of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry Local 38 for your gift. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Funding from our friends goes directly to the preservation of visual

collections, processing new collections, and to purchase basic supplies such as archival boxes used to house donated records; it also enables us to do oral histories, put up exhibits, and conduct outreach programs designed to increase public awareness of the contribution of organized labor and working people in the Bay Area. Your donation makes this and much more possible.

Sincerely yours,
Catherine Powell
Director

Local 343 Appreciates Relief Fund Donation

Dear Larry:

On behalf of Local 343 please accept my sincere thanks for your generous donation to the Dallas Current Relief fund.

Your contribution will make it possible for the Current family to keep their health care benefits in this critical time of need.

Thanks again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Gregory A. Partch
Business Manager
U.A. Local 343

Pipe Trades Essay Correction

If you are applying for the California Pipe Trades Scholarship, you may have to rewrite your essay. In last month's Pipelines we announced that the 1,000 word essay which accompnies the application should be on "How should the Pipe Trades Unions help out-of-work members who are struggling to get by?"

The actual essay theme should be "What are the greatest threats to the success of Unions today, and what can the Pipe Trades Unions do about them?"

California's "Do Not Patronize" List

The following firms have been identified as unfair employers and adversaries of the labor movement. They have been designated "Do Not Patronize" by the California Labor Federation. All trade unionists and friends of organized labor are urged not to patronize businesses listed here.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS*

Manchester Grand Hyatt
1 Market Place
San Diego, CA 92101

Mariani's Inn and Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara

De Anza Hotel
233 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose

*For a complete list of union-friendly hotels, visit www.hotel-workersrising.org/HotelGuide

LAW FIRMS AND CONSULTANTS

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San Jose

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Sacramento

RETAILERS

Farmer Joe's Marketplace
3501 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland

Future Ford

2285 Diamond Blvd, Concord

K-Mart

All locations Statewide

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club

All Locations Statewide

OTHER VENDORS

10News, KGTV - Channel 10,
San Diego (Owned by McGraw-Hill)

Hornblower Cruises

San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego

ABC Security


1840 Embarcadero, Oakland

Alta Dena Foods

17637 Valley Rd.,
City of Industry

Valley Power, Inc.

1755 Adams Avenue
San Leandro



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not an economy based on eliminating workers' incomes, homes, groceries, education and health care.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

Clearly we are not the only one to understand this principal. Recently an unusual agreement emerged between the AFL-CIO and the Chamber of Commerce.

The agreement is that it is time to invest money in jobs and rebuilding America's infrastructure. Over the past 50 years much of that work has been done through redevelopment agencies and public projects. We need to continue to invest in our cities, our roads and our schools. We need to make sure we have the best internet, energy and transportation systems possible.

Public investment through redevelopment projects, stimulus programs, enterprise zones and other projects will jump start our economic recovery and is vital to our future.

We need to avoid the pitfalls of short term solutions, and build for the long term future of California and of working men and women throughout the state.

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

On a different note, I want to call your attention to the announcement of San Francisco's upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade, set for Saturday, March 12.

Over recent years this parade has become one of labor's most important shows of solidarity. Last year more than 200 Local 38 members and families were on hand for the parade, in a contingent that included the Local 38 cable car, water department trucks, banners and marchers.

I want to urge anyone who can make it to join us again this year. Its a lot of fun, and a good chance to show your support for labor and Local 38. Keep an eye on Pipelines and the Local 38 website (www.ualocal38.org) for more details on the march.

STAR EXAMINATION

The Local 38 Training Department has announced that it will once again offer the UA Mastery Examinations for each of our trades (the STAR exam) in May.

As I have said hundreds of times, all we have to sell is our hard work and our expertise. Our contractors hire union because they are the best trained, most skilled workers in the trades. If you're interested, call the Training Department as sign up for the test. It's a great way to build your future, and to strengthen Local 38.

WORLD PLUMBING DAY

Finally, a quick word about World Plumbing Day. This is not a program initiated by the union, but it is a chance to recognize the importance of our work. Fresh water and sanitation have probably done more for world health than anything outside of medical technology.

Our trade has played an important role in the growth in improving world health and that is something of which we should all be proud. Happy World Plumbing Day!

What Other's Are Saying:

Business and Labor Agree: Now is the Time to Build

By Bob Balgenorth

Something so unusual that it is almost unheard of happened recently. The AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who usually disagree on everything, actually found themselves in complete agreement and said so.

Most of the time, big business and organized labor have agendas that are polar opposites. But these are anything but normal times.

So after President Obama's State of the Union speech, Chamber President Thomas Donohue and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka issued a statement together, praising the speech, and specifically its emphasis on literally rebuilding our economy, through greater investment in new construction.

"America's working families and business community stand united in applauding President Obama's call to create jobs and grow our economy through investment in our nation's infrastructure," their statement said. "Whether it is building roads, bridges, high speed broadband, energy systems and schools, these projects not only create jobs and demand for businesses, they are an investment in building the modern infrastructure our country needs to compete in a global economy."

They concluded: "With the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO standing together to support job creation, we hope that Democrats and Republicans in Congress will also join together to build America's infrastructure."

Their comments came after Obama lamented how in recent decades, America has neglected to invest adequately in its infrastructure, allowing European and Asian countries to pass us by, and vowed to change that.

Investment in infrastructure means "thousands of good jobs for the hard-hit construction industry," he said, "And tonight, I'm proposing that we redouble those efforts."

Those words give us reason to hope things will soon be better, and working men and women in the building trades, who have struggled so mightily for so long, will see great opportunities to do good work and earn decent, family-supporting paychecks again.

In California, we are waging that same fight, and urging our leaders not to abandon public infrastructure investment, but to recognize that it is our best way out of economic hard times. That's why we are expressing great concern about Governor Jerry Brown's proposal to do away with \$1.7 billion in funding for redevelopment projects.

We fully appreciate the Governor's incredibly difficult challenge of inheriting a budget with a \$28 billion deficit and trying to balance it. We understand how tough the choices are. We share the concerns about drastic cuts to many good and worthwhile programs.

But abolishing redevelopment in California will only exacerbate the problem. As we know all too well, unemployment in the construction industry already exceeds 30 percent, a major reason why our economy has floundered. Hitting the construction industry and its workers even harder won't make things any better.

It will do the opposite.

We are working closely with the Governor and the Legislature to reach consensus on a better formula to put more Californians to work. We point out that these important decisions come at a time when we are beginning to see some positive signs, precisely because of new investment in our infrastructure.

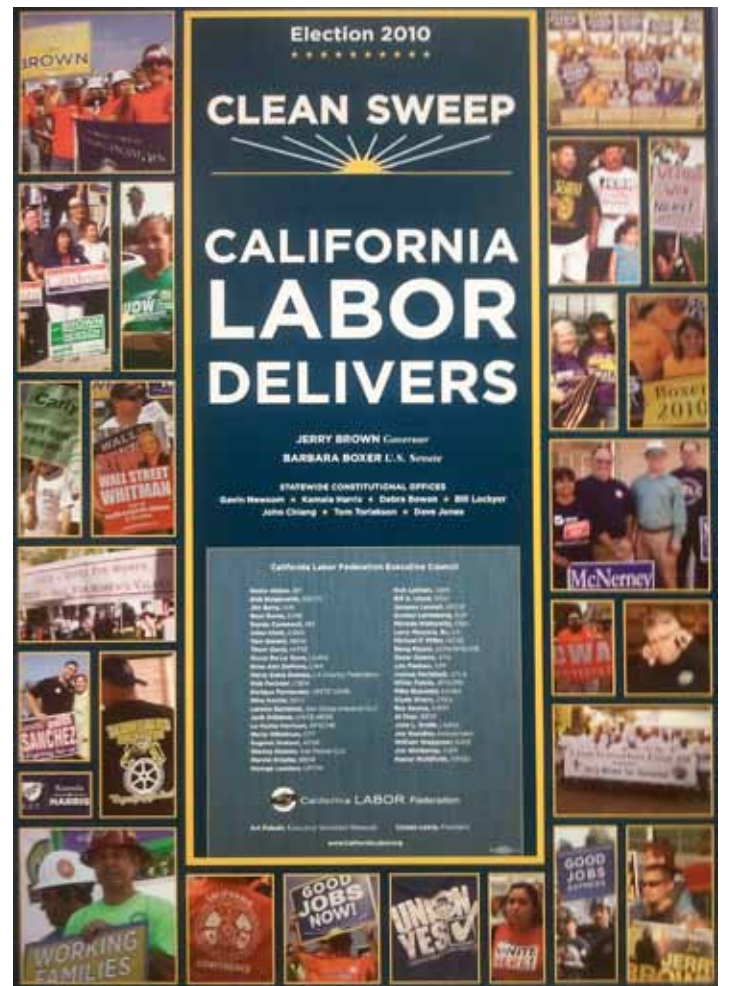
Construction has just gotten underway on new power plants at Tracy and Russell City; and Building Trades workers are already on the job at the Marsh Landing power plant, at the Northern California Power Agency plant at Lodi, the Ivanpah Solar Project near Needles, the Solar Millennium project near Blythe, the Canyon Power Plant at Anaheim, and the El Centro Project in the Imperial Irrigation District.

Like President Obama, the U.S. Chamber and the AFL-CIO, we want to build on these successes, and create more good jobs; not stop them and hinder California's recovery.

"We measure progress by the success of our people. By the jobs they can find and the quality of life those jobs offer," President Obama said.

No one understands that more viscerally than California Building Trades workers.

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While much of the country took a right turn in last November's election, California, thanks at least in part to labor's hard work and dedication, managed to make a clean sweep of the state's constitutional offices. The poster pictured above (that now hangs in the Local 38 union hall) commemorates that labor victory.

Send Us Your E-mail Address

It'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 U.A. 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.

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