

Let me say this about that

## ...Retirement travels

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turned to Portland and ran for office in Local 29 in 1986. Worley was elected business manager, Mitchell was elected president and served as Worley's assistant. As was noted earlier, Mitchell retired in 1993.

**MITCHELL AND** his wife, Barbara Lee, were married in 1957 in a ceremony held in his mother's living room in Gatesville, Texas. They have long made their home in Parkdale, situated near Mount Hood. Mitchell traveled from home to Portland and back by Harley-Davidson motorcycle, but sometimes they lived in an apartment in the Rose City so that he would be closer to Local 29's office. Mitchell told the NW Labor Press that he has "a garage full of motorcycles" in Parkdale. He enjoys restoring old motorcycles and his current project is a 1946 model with the Indian logo.

The Mitchells spend a lot of time on the road and departed in mid-December for Arizona, Texas and elsewhere. They travel in their motorhome pulling an enclosed trailer containing his favorite Harley. He said they've been "in every state of the Lower 48." Every year they go to Florida where he rides in Daytona's annual Bike Week.

**BILLY AND BARBARA** have a daughter, two sons and four grandsons from 3 to 26. Daughter Jessica Martin of Portland is a television program producer for Oregon Public Broadcasting's Channel 10. Son John Mitchell of The Dalles is a software specialist whose job takes him around the country installing systems at utility companies. Son Beau Mitchell is a physician in New York City's Manhattan district who runs a pediatric hematology research laboratory and is accredited to practice at Mount Sinai Hospital.

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## Herb Bohlmann of IBEW dies

**HERBERT ARTHUR BOHLMANN**, a longtime member of Portland-headquartered International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, died on Dec. 10, 2006 at the age of 88.

He was born in Portland on Aug. 11, 1918. He graduated from Benson Technical High School. He married Irya Holmes on April 20, 1940.

**HE JOINED** Local 48 in 1938 and was a member for 68 years. He was active in the union, serving on the Apprenticeship Committee and in other posts.

His family said that he "loved to work in his yard of beautiful flowers and enjoyed woodworking and painting at his home."

**SURVIVORS INCLUDE** his wife of 66 years, Irya; two daughters, Susan Brush of Desert Hot Springs, Calif. and Sally Bohlmann-Nichols of Westport, Wash.; a son, Stephen, of Milwaukie; a brother, Walter; a sister, Elaine Quimby; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Finley--Sunset Hills.

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## Bernie Coolon of IAM dies

**BERNARD FRANCIS COOLON**, a Grand Lodge auditor for the International Association of Machinists, died on Dec. 2 at age 84. He had lived in Portland for 33 years.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1922, in the Canadian city of Montreal. He married Rosalie Jakes in 1959.

**AS AN AUDITOR** for the IAM, he inspected the financial books of Machinist organizations in Portland and elsewhere.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie; two daughters, Lorraine Schultz and Linda Archerd; and three grandchildren.

**HIS FUNERAL** was held Dec. 8 in Gateway Little Chapel of the Chimes. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oregon Humane Society.

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**ANNE FEENEY**, a singer from the Midwest known for her labor songs, will sing in Portland on Saturday night, Jan. 20, 2007, at the St. Andrew's Community Center at NE Alberta Street and 9th Avenue in a two-hour fundraising program that starts at 7 p.m.

A contribution of from \$10 to \$20 is the admission fee, with proceeds going to the Portland chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The Portland chapter of WILPF, which is more than 90 years old, has members with union backgrounds.

**FEENEY HAS APPEARED** before in Portland, singing at union picketlines with the local labor musical group "General Strike." Mary Rose, a member of WILPF and General Strike, said the Feeny show will be "an evening of songs drawn from her life on the frontlines of labor."

The Community Center is part of the St. Andrew's Catholic Church complex.

## Ill Plasterers Local 82 member thanks various unions for help

To The Editor:

I've read in your paper from time to time about union members helping one another when the chips are down, so I thought I would tell you my story.

I found out in October 2004 that I have cancer that is not treatable. I have had two surgeries since then, and I'm going in for another one here shortly. But this story isn't about me. It's about the staff and members of Plasterers Local 82, the Carpenters Union, the Laborers Union and Warehousemen in Portland who work for Fred Shearer & Sons, where I was

employed before I got sick.

They took a collection to help me out and, if that wasn't enough, they did it a second time.

If you ever get a chance to meet any of these people, you've been truly blessed. I don't know how to thank them enough for helping me and my family through these hard times. They are truly very generous and thoughtful, and I am proud to know them and be a member of Local 82.

**Mark Veiver**  
**Plasterers Local 82**  
**Aurora**

## Retired unionist infuriated by Chavez's attacks on U.S., Bush

To The Editor:

First, I have been a registered Democrat all my life, and I am a 40-plus year member of the union.

I read with interest your article "Hope in Venezuela, fear in Columbia," (Dec. 1 NW Labor Press). It's good that unions can organize there.

I don't think it takes someone with a lot of brains to know what that two-bit dictator Hugo Chavez is up to. First, he makes fun of our president when he went to the summit in South America; and then he comes up here to the U.S. and calls him names and makes more fun of him. That's a little too much.

I've never heard or seen one of our union leaders say one word about that. I know that the union leaders dislike

the president. But he's still the president of our country.

The unions are always saying how our country comes first, and the last time I checked the president and his administration are part of this country.

I love this country very much, and as far as I'm concerned, it is the best country in the world. So when some two-bit dictator starts running it down, it infuriates me.

I know that there are some who will say it's the president they can't stand, not the country. But as far as I'm concerned they go together.

**John Schell**  
**Bricklayers Local 1**  
**Retired**  
**Portland**

### Apprenticeship Opening

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## Unionist urges joint labor effort on worker issues

To The Editor:

It was very encouraging to see all of labor — Change to Win locals, as well as independent and AFL-CIO locals in our area — working together during this election. My local registered or re-registered 950 members to vote. Our members canvassed for several targeted candidates and some of the canvasses were joint efforts with the AFL-CIO. Our members voting late were called and encouraged to get their ballots in. I hear we even made targeted mailings to our members in areas with close races to get the vote out for pro-labor candidates.

The Oregon AFL-CIO, under Tom Chamberlain's leadership, also did a terrific job for the election, continuing the impressive program developed when Tim Nesbitt was president.

I used some of the AFL-CIO's and Our Oregon's excellent materials to educate fellow members at my work-site about ballot measures. I was glad to have additional opportunities to help by calling union members during the AFL-CIO phone bank program and getting out the vote on an AFL-CIO-sponsored canvass.

Now it's time to roll up our sleeves a little further and work together for real progress on issues so important to us, issues such as health care and workers' rights. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we have the momentum!

**Stuart Fishman**  
**UFCW Local 555**  
**Portland**

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