

# OPEN FORUM

## Boeing Machinists thank all of labor for their support

### To The Editor:

As president of Willamette Lodge 63, I would like to extend a grateful thanks to my union Brothers and Sisters who graciously lent assistance to our recent strike with the Boeing Company.

The combined effort of the entire Northwest labor community is deeply appreciated. We could not have done it without you.

In the spirit of solidarity, we came together to do the right thing. Together, we achieved results that individually were unattainable. This is the power of labor. This is the power of community.

Combining labor and community, we have achieved many things to be proud of.

Again, I want to thank every one of you for your involvement and commitment to this cause.

**Steve Bergeron**  
President  
Willamette Lodge 63  
Portland

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## Get a real job, Bill Sizemore

### To The Editor:

It looks like the State of Oregon has just said no six times to Bill Sizemore. I believe all five of his measures lost and one old one was overturned by Measure 56. That was the one that required 50 percent of voters to participate to pass tax measures which made non-votes a 'no' vote. Oregon's voting system is as easy as it gets. No standing in line in rain, snow or cold to vote. Just mail it in, or drop it off at designated drop sites. Simple. Quit rewarding no-shows the power of deciding measures. As far as all of his other anti-labor, anti-

union measures, tough luck Bill.

Public service is one of the hardest jobs there is. Sizemore has said he won't quit until "the unions are gone." Good luck with that one, Bill.

And this is from a guy who lives off the dole of rich conservatives. What a hypocrite. The way it's going for him, he might have to get a real job if his rich buddies get tired of financing failure.

Don't get your hands dirty, Bill. Oh, and don't forget to pay your taxes.

**Robert Smith**  
ATU 757 (Retired)  
Portland

## Union Food Bank needs financial help

The holiday season is upon us, and the Carpenters Food Bank is appealing for cash donations to help feed those in need. The all-volunteer food bank, now in its 25th year, is housed in the basement of the union hall at 2205 N. Lombard, Portland. The food bank feeds 425 to 500 families the third Friday each month, said Mike Fahey, who along with his wife Sandy, coordinate the program. Mike Fahey is a former leader of the Portland Metal Trades Council.

The November food boxes will be distributed today, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Christmas food box distribution will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19. Fahey said cash donations are needed to help purchase food items — including meat and turkeys — at bulk rate prices.

Contributions can be sent to: Food Bank, P.O. Box 17358, Portland OR 97217.



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# Local Motion

## October 2008

Union certifications and decertifications in Oregon and Southwest Washington, as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board

### Recognition elections

Name of employer	Date	Name of union	Location	Results:		
				Union Yes	Union No	
<b>Breadsong Bakery</b>	10/10	Bakers Local 114	Portland	10	17	
<b>Oregon Child Development Coalition</b>	10/15	Laborers Local 320	Gresham	42	8	
<b>First Student</b>	10/31	Teamsters Local 206	Elmira	17	3	

### Recognition by card check

Name of employer	Date	Name of union	Location	Number of employees
<b>Crescent Rural Fire Protection District</b>	10/24	Fire Fighters Local 1395	Crescent	4

### Requests for recognition election

Name of employer	Date	Name of union	Location	Number of employees
<b>Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company</b>		Teamsters Local 670	The Dalles	16
<b>First Student Woodburn</b>		Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757	Woodburn	55
<b>Oregon Law Center</b>		National Organization of Legal Services Workers, UAW	statewide	27
<b>Avis Rent-a-Car</b>		Teamsters Local 206	Eugene	7
<b>Mercy Flights (DECERTIFICATION)</b>		Teamsters Local 962	Medford	7
<b>Safeway (DECERTIFICATION)</b>		Teamsters Local 962	Klamath Falls	80
<b>SW Washington Medical Center (surgical techs)</b>		Office & Professional Employees Local 11	Vancouver	26
<b>Oregon Child Development Coalition</b>		Laborers Local 320	Woodburn	80
<b>Turner Engineering Company</b>		Iron Workers Shopmen's Local 516	Vancouver	25
<b>Crook County Sheriffs Office</b>		Crook County Deputy Sheriffs Assn v. Oregon AFSCME	Prineville	

## CORRECTION

In the Oct. 17 issue, the Northwest Labor Press wrongly reported an election loss for Laborers Local 483 in the "Local Motion" feature, which lists union organizing wins and losses. In fact, Local 483 won the election at the City of Silverton Public Works Department. The vote was 13 for Local 483, 0 for no union, and 1 to keep a stand-alone employee association. All eligible members of the bargaining unit voted.

The NW Labor Press regrets the error.