

## Card to lead Letter Carriers state association

Portland letter carrier Kevin Card won election as president of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Oregon State Association.



KEVIN CARD

Card, a member of NALC Branch 82, out-pollied former vice president Linda Smith at the group's April 29-30 convention. Smith also is a member of Branch 82.

The state association coordinates politics and education for about 3,300 urban letter carriers in NALC locals around the state. The term of office is two years. The presidency is a less-than-part-time assignment, and Card will remain on staff as secretary treasurer of NALC Branch 82.

Card's predecessor at the state association, Steve Devereux of Eugene-Springfield Branch 916, is retiring and did not seek re-election.

Convention delegates also elected Rickie Horton of Branch 916 as vice president and Michael Parrish of Branch 82 as assistant secretary-treasurer and newsletter editor.

Card, 54, serves on the Oregon AFL-CIO Executive Board and is the Oregon coordinator for NALC's annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

## Trade deficit with Mexico has cost 682,900 U.S. jobs

A total of 682,900 U.S. jobs have been lost or displaced since 1994 as a result of the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico, a new Economic Policy Institute (EPI) study finds.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have seen jobs lost or displaced to Mexico.

"Heading South: U.S.-Mexico Trade and Job Displacement After NAFTA," by EPI economist Robert Scott, finds that the 10 states that have experienced the largest share of jobs displaced by trade with Mexico are, in order: Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Illinois, Alabama, Massachusetts and Texas.

The 10 states that have the largest number of jobs displaced due to Mexico

trade deficits are, in order: California, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Indiana and North Carolina.

Oregon shed 8,700 jobs while Washington lost 10,800 jobs, the report said.

Most of the jobs displaced nationally — 415,000 jobs, or 60.8 percent of the total — have been in manufacturing. Most affected have been computer and electronic parts (22 percent) and motor vehicles and parts (15.8 percent).

The trade deficit with Mexico, which totals \$97.2 billion, developed after the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect. In 1993, the year before NAFTA was implemented, the U.S. had a \$1.6 billion trade surplus with Mexico, which supported 29,400 U.S. jobs.

## Keep Social Security out of deficit talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When they're not busy trying to privatize Social Security, congressional Republicans clamor to cut Social Security in the name of deficit reduction. Pointing out that "Social Security is not responsible for the deficits we face," Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) said Social Security should not be on the table in upcoming budget deficit talks.

In a Senate Finance Committee hearing May 10, Baucus, the committee chair, said the Social Security Trust Fund has a \$2.6 trillion surplus and will pay full benefits through 2037 and "even after that, payroll tax revenues will be able to pay 78 percent of benefits."

Baucus said the system is not in cri-

sis. "It is an issue that should be addressed sooner, rather than later ... but the current situation does not necessitate rushed or severe action."

Nancy Altman, co-chair of the Strengthen Social Security, Don't Cut It coalition, told the committee, "the law is clear. Social Security shall not be counted for purposes of the federal budget. The injection of Social Security into the broader deficit debate obscures the fact that by law, Social Security lacks the authority to add to the federal deficit," she continued. "Social Security lacks the legal authority to deficit-spend, and so, cannot run a deficit. Because it cannot run a deficit, it cannot add to the federal deficit."

# Local Motion

### April 2011

A list of Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces deciding whether to be union-represented — as reported by the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

### Voting in union elections

Date	Workplace (Location) Union	Yes	No
4/6	RAB Communications (Portland) IBEW Local 48	19	49

### Unionizing by majority sign-up

Date	Workplace (Location) Union	Number of workers in unit
4/22	Portland State University Performing Arts (Portland) IATSE Local 28	8

### Requesting a union election

Workplace (Location) Union	Number of workers in unit
City of Cornelius police (Cornelius) National FOP vs. Cornelius Police Officers Association	11
Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School (Eugene) AFT Local 6432 <b>DECERT</b>	17
Carlton Police Department (Carlton) Yamhill-Carlton Employees Assn. <b>DECERT</b>	2
Providence St. Vincent postpartum nurses (Portland) Oregon Nurses Association	3
Legacy Emanuel interpreters (Portland) SEIU Local 49	3
Legacy Emanuel patient access reps (Portland) SEIU Local 49	40
Top Notch Electric residential electricians (Portland) IBEW Local 280 <b>DECERT</b>	7
Hilton Vancouver Washington (Vancouver) UNITE HERE Local 9 <b>DECERT</b>	117
Rogue Ales Brewery (Newport) Teamsters Local 324	24
Morrison Child & Family Services (Portland) SEIU Local 503	181
Paragon Systems (Ore./SW Wash.) Assn. of Security Profs. vs. SPFPA	106

#### LEGEND

: workers will be union-represented : workers will be on their own  
**DECERT** : unionized workers vote whether to go non-union

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