

## Apprenticeship Opening

### Glaziers

The Oregon & SW Washington Glaziers, Architectural Metal & Glass Workers Joint Apprenticeship & Journeyman Training Program will be open to accept applications to create a pool of eligible applicants.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Must apply in person and at the time of application must furnish a copy of a high school diploma and grade transcript or GED certificate and test scores, plus high school grade transcripts to document courses taken prior to GED testing. Additional educational documents, résumés, and letters of reference are also helpful for scoring purposes.

#### Applications will be taken

May 14 thru May 25, 2012  
Monday thru Friday,  
9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

**Glaziers Training Center**  
**Mt. Hood Community College**  
**Room GE 108**  
**26000 SE Stark St., Gresham, OR**

*Women and minorities encouraged to apply; Veterans GI Benefits may apply*

## Letter Carriers Food Drive May 12

Letter carriers in the Portland metropolitan area and in Clark County, Washington will help “Stamp Out Hunger” on Saturday, May 12, part of the annual National Association of Letter Carriers and U.S. Postal Service Food Drive.

Prior to May 12, plastic bags will be delivered to every household, along with a postcard reminder. All you have to do is fill the bag with nonperishable food items such as canned meat, fish and soup, cereals, pasta and rice, and leave it at your mailbox on the morning of Saturday, May 12. (Please do not include glass items, homemade items or previously opened containers.)

Letter Carriers will collect the bags and deliver them to drop points, where volunteers will sort the donations and forward them to the Oregon Food Bank. Food collected in Clark County will benefit Clark County hunger-relief agencies.

The Food Drive, in its 20th year, is the largest one-day food collection of the year in Oregon — and across the nation. Last year nearly 1.4 million pounds of food was collected in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

According to the Oregon Food Bank, an estimated 240,000 people get meals from emergency food boxes in an average month.



A woman holds one of the dozens of signs waved at the War on Women Rally in Salem. Others read: “Keep Government Out of Our Panties,” “Male Contraception: They’re Fertile 365 Days a Year,” “Viva La Diva!”, and “The 51%”.

## ...‘War on Women’ rally

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speak at the rally.

Chamberlain said women, minorities, workers, and unions are under a two-pronged attack by the 1 percenters. One is to “pick our pockets” to further enrich themselves, and the other is to remove all political forces that are in their way.

“Make no mistake about it, there is a war on women,” Chamberlain said. “Don’t believe what comes out of the lips of the speaker of the House in Washington, D.C. There is a war, and we’re seeing pitched battles in state after state after state. This election is a pivotal battle in that war — a war that will decide the future of this country

and, I dare say, your fate and my fate.”

The Oregon AFL-CIO endorsed the rally and several unions arranged for bus transportation to Salem from all corners of the state. Members of the American Federation of Government Employees-District 11 and Locals 2157 and 1127 helped organize the event, and members of those locals fanned out among the crowd to register new voters.

Other speakers at the rally included Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici; Secretary of State Kate Brown; retired Oregon state senator Margaret Carter; Margaret Butler, executive director of Portland Jobs with Justice; and Gerald Swanke, national vice president of AFGE District 11.

## Busted!

A sampler of recent charges of employer labor law violations at the local office of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

### At Dosh, abuses just go on and on

**Communications Workers of America Local 7901** — the union that **Dosha Salon Spa** workers voted March 2011 to join — has filed two more unfair labor practice charges against the company, bringing the total to 14. The latest allegations are that Dosha changed scheduling policy without bargaining over it, and is steering clients away from union activists. Workers are supposed to encourage clients to return, and get credit when that happens. But when a longtime customer of pro-union stylist Becca Schmidt asked — after receiving a haircut — to schedule her next visit, a manager suggested that she book the appointment with someone else. Same thing happened with a customer of esthetician and union activist Rachel Voorhies, says Local 7901 President Madelyn Elder. Dosha may also be violating an out-of-court settlement it agreed to in March 2012: It paid back-pay to fired massage therapist Mary Christ, but as of press time, it still had not removed the surveillance camera from the employee break room at its Hawthorne salon. Meanwhile, like clockwork, employees who oppose the union filed a petition to decertify the union — which they’re allowed to do one year after voting to unionize if no contract has been agreed to. Workers are without a contract still, though the company has agreed to take part in federal mediation. But the NLRB is putting the decertification effort on hold while it investigates alleged labor law violations.

### Whose sidewalks? Our sidewalks!

**Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters** has been dogging **R&H Construction**, a general contractor, for refusing to pay area standard wages and benefits (and thus undermining union-signatory contractors). In early April, union handbillers showed up at **Kassab Jewelers** on 529 SW Broadway, where R&H was doing a remodel and expansion. Kassab and R&H employees came out, blocked off the sidewalk with a chainlink fence, and posted a “sidewalk closed” sign. When the handbillers left, the sidewalk was re-opened; when they returned, it was closed again, in under five minutes. This went on for several days. The union is arguing in a pair of charges against the two companies that it’s clear the closures weren’t for pedestrian safety, but to interfere with the union’s legal right to flier the public. Using fences to keep union folks out isn’t uncommon at privately owned construction sites, says Carpenters spokesperson Ben Basom, but this was egregious — it’s a public sidewalk.

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