



Machinists protest firing of ABM employee

Members of the Machinists Union picketed Portland International Airport Sept. 18 to protest the firing of union activist Greg Morris. His employer, ABM Onsite Services, refuses to recognize the union, after a large majority of 25 employees voted to join the Machinists. Morris, 25, is a four-year employee who was active in the union campaign. He was fired without cause on Aug. 20. Joining Machinists business reps Will Lukens and Bob Petroff at PDX was Tom Chamberlain (left), president of the

Oregon AFL-CIO and a Port of Portland commissioner. Also pictured are Bobby Klein and Mark Gagliardi. Both men were in town for the UFCW Local 555 Shoot for a Cure sporting clay shoot fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Klein is a retired business rep for the Northwest California Carpenters, and Gagliardi is chief steward for Office and Professional Employees Local 277 in California — and the volunteer coordinator of the Shoot for a Cure charity program.

Old Glory rises at IBEW Local 48 union hall

An American flag that once flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., has found a home at IBEW Local 48's union hall in Northeast Portland.

The flag was dedicated Sept. 23 in a ceremony that included an American Legion rifle volley and color guard. Crystal Lariza sang the national anthem as the flag was raised.

Ed Barnes, a retired Local 48 business manager, donated the flag to his union. It was a birthday gift to him from U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell. The flag flew over the nation's Capitol on Aug. 17 — Barnes' birthday.

Current Local 48 Business Manager Gary Young said the flag "is in honor to our members who have passed away on the job."

Soon, the union will sell bricks that members can engrave with messages. The bricks will be laid in the plot of land underneath the flagpoles. Money raised will go to Local 48's Sick Fund.

The American flag is displayed on a 30-foot flagpole. Flags of Oregon and Washington are hung



on adjacent 25-foot poles. Three floodlights were installed on the roof of the union hall so that the flags are illuminated at night.

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