

# CWA Local 9410 Bulletin ~ April 2011

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April 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Fool's Day	All Day	Nationwide
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	We Are One Rally	4:45 pm 6:00 pm	BofA 555 California Federal Reserve Bank
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival	11am – 6pm	19 <sup>th</sup> & Guerrero to 24 <sup>th</sup> & Bryant St., S.F.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting	10:00 am	Union Hall
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day	All Day	Worldwide
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Steward's Meeting	9:00 am & 5:30 pm	Union Hall

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Dr. Martin Luther King gave his life on April 4, 1968, in Memphis while supporting striking city sanitation workers who were demanding recognition, respect and dignity. He stood with workers who were demanding their dream: The right to bargain collectively for a voice at work and a better life. We Are One is part of a nationwide effort by the AFL-CIO, many unions, and community partners to unite public and private sector workers to support the workers in Wisconsin and regular working families elsewhere. The march will stop at various locations including a bank, hotel, and other symbols of the ultra-rich who fail to pay their taxes and are fundamentally responsible for the economic downturn, high unemployment, government budget deficits and huge spikes in public employee pension costs.

## **APRIL 4, 2011**

**4:45 pm** Meet at 555 California, Bank of America Building

**6:00 pm** Rally at Federal Reserve Building

Supported by San Francisco Labor Council. For more information, call 415. 440.4809.

[Speakers include:](#) Stephanie Bloomingdale, Secretary-Treasurer, Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

## **AT&T acquires T-Mobile USA**

Today's announcement of the acquisition of T-Mobile USA by AT&T is a victory for broadband proponents in both the U.S. and Germany. For the U.S., it means that T-Mobile customers will get quick access to the AT&T network, soon to include LTE or data speeds of at least 10 megabits down stream. More important, as part of the deal, AT&T is committing to build out to nearly every part of the U.S. within six years. Both AT&T and T-Mobile use GSM technology so there will be the immediate benefit of shared spectrum. Other reported deals involving T-Mobile would have joined incompatible networks; not only would that have forced a rebuild but would have required new phones for T-Mobile customers.

CWA and ver.di, the largest trade union in Germany with 2.2 million members, have partnered to support T-Mobile workers in the U.S., and the global union movement has been a strong supporter of this effort. CWA and ver.di formed a joint union – TU – that represents T-Mobile workers on both sides of the Atlantic. Hundreds of TU members in the U.S. will welcome this news since all of the possible partners, AT&T will mean better employment security and a management record of full neutrality toward union membership and a bargaining voice. For T-Mobile USA workers who want a voice in their workplace, this acquisition can provide a fresh start with T-Mobile management. Some 42,000 AT&T mobility employees are Union represented.

As with any merger or acquisition involving large entities, oversight issues will be raised. We ask all those involved to balance the inquiry with adequate weight for broadband speed and build out, employment and workers rights.

## **CWA Legislative Conference**

The CWA Legislative Conference began on Sunday, March 20 in Sacramento. District 9 Legislative Chair is Liza Soreson. The CWA sponsored bills were presented by Angie Wei and training was conducted by Alex Rooker and Rodney Orr. On Monday and Tuesday, CWA joined California Labor Federation in meeting with elected officials and asking for their support of our bills presented. Our elected Officials State Senator Yee and Leno, along with State Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Speaker Pro Tempore totally support our bills. State Assemblyman Tom Ammiano's senior legislative aide, Wendy Hill said "Tom supports these bills as well. The bills are:

AB400 (MA) paid sick days for all California workers-same as San Francisco paid sick leave.

SB364 (YEE) corporate tax break accountability.

AB22 (MENDOZA) privacy protection.

AB51 (YAMADA) electronic payroll paycards regulations.

AB469 (SWANSON) prevent wage theft and increase the workers ability to recover stolen wages.

SB459 (CORBETT) crack down on the misclassification of independent contractors.

SB698 (LIEU) create high performance standard for WIB (Workforce Investment Boards).

SB776 (DE SAULNIER) requires local WIB to invest 50% training and services, and 75% on direct service.

AB1115 (LAURA) WIB to set minimum standards for providers to be eligible for training dollars.

Just remember the San Francisco Paid Sick Leave was placed on the ballot in November 7, 2006 by Supervisors Ammiano, Daly, Mirkarimi and Maxwell with 61% of voters voting in favor of the measure and finally became an Ordinance on January 11, 2007. Working with legislators does work for us.

## **Member's house lost due to landslide**

You may have seen on the news that a landslide in San Pablo caused severe damage to Brother Leon Walker's home last week and he and his family had to vacate immediately. If you would like to help, Grace has an envelope for donations at 16<sup>th</sup> Street. You can also contact Al Williams – 510 253-7271 or Ricky Caceres – 415 412-9884. Thank you.

## PacifiCare/United Healthcare Update

PacifiCare, a UnitedHealthcare company is changing its name to UHC of California and will do businesses (dba) UnitedHealthcare of California effective May 2011. As stated in the memo, be alert on changes you will experience over the next few months.

- Benefits and co-payments will remain the same
- You will continue to have access to the same providers and quality services
- No changes to customer service phone numbers or mailing address
- Continue access to online tools and resources with additional programs and services:
  1. Health and wellness programs and services
  2. Preventive care guidelines
  3. Educational library of health-related information and support
  4. Online decision support tools, calculators and health trackers
- Updated UnitedHealthcare member ID cards will be sent to you and each of your currently enrolled family members in June 2011 to replace your current PacifiCare member ID card.
- Continue to use [www.pacificare.com](http://www.pacificare.com) until you received your new ID card from UnitedHealthcare of California, it will include the new website [www.uhcwest.com](http://www.uhcwest.com).

**April Fools' Day** sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light-hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar. Ancient cultures including those of the Romans and Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows the vernal equinox (March 20th or March 21st). In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year.

## Earth Day

Responding to widespread environmental degradation, **Gaylord Nelson**, a United States Senator from Wisconsin, called for an environmental teach-in, or Earth Day, to be held on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated that year, and Earth Day is now observed on April 22 each year by more than 500 million people and several national governments in 175 countries. Senator Nelson, an environmental activist, took a leading role in organizing the celebration, hoping to demonstrate popular political support for an environmental agenda. He modeled it on the highly effective Vietnam War teach-ins of the time. Earth Day was first proposed in a prospectus to JFK written by Fred Dutton, however, Senator Nelson decided against much of Dutton's top-down approach, favoring a decentralized, grassroots effort in which each community shaped their action around local concerns. Senator Nelson had conceived the idea for Earth Day following a trip he took to Santa Barbara right after the horrific oil spill off the coast in 1969. Outraged by the devastation and Washington political inertia, he proposed a national teach-in on the environment to be observed by every university campus in the United States.

## The 11th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Parade & Festival in San Francisco

Celebrating the legacy of labor leader Cesar Chavez gives us the opportunity to reflect on the values he applied in his work. The values of service, sacrifice, self-determination, non-violence and community will be expressed in parade contingents, festival booths and speeches. The Festival after the parade offers an opportunity for attendees to learn about the life of Cesar Chavez and while enjoying the day in the historic Mission neighborhood.

WHEN Saturday, April 9, 2011 ~ Parade begins at 11:00 AM from Dolores Park on 19<sup>th</sup> and Dolores Streets to 24<sup>th</sup> and Bryant & Treat Streets. Festival at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Bryant & Treat Streets begins at 12 Noon to 6:00PM. The Festival and 24<sup>th</sup> Street Fair will feature music and entertainment; a Classic Car Show, arts & crafts, community service, information booths and children's activities. Merchants will have sidewalk sales and food will be provided by local restaurants.

Festival is proudly presented by the Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Parade & Festival Committee in collaboration with the Lower 24<sup>th</sup> Street Merchants and Neighbors Association and the Latin American Teachers' Association.

Respectfully,

Larry Yee  
Secretary-Treasurer

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