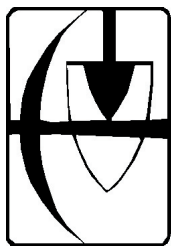


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# Training News

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## New Executive Director at the Training Center

**E**dward Campiotti, a construction veteran, has joined the Terence J. O'Sullivan Laborers' Training Center as its new Executive Director. Campiotti, a Union member since 1984, brings with him extensive experience and a wealth of knowledge in all areas of heavy construction.

Campiotti is a LIUNA member of Local 304. His first job was as a pipe layer with Superior Pipeline. He quickly became very efficient in pipe laying, bridge and road construction, concrete work, the operation of heavy equipment, and erosion control, which culminated in the supervision of Laborers. Campiotti's exceptional supervisory skills were quickly recognized, and he subsequently was promoted to Foreman, General Foreman, Superintendent, General Superintendent, General Manager, and ultimately Concrete Area Manager for Mountain Cascade, Inc.

Campiotti has worked on major construction projects with several different signatory contractors such as Mountain Cascade, R.H. Excavating, Lionsgate Construction, Teichert Construction, R.G.W.

Construction, Dan Caputo Company, Kiewit Pacific and Toledo Glass to name a few.

While he was busy helping other Laborers master their construction skills, Campiotti took another step forward and attended California State University, San Marcos, where he focused in courses such as Construction Estimating and Concrete Construction Management.

His well-rounded schooling and practical construction work experience give the Laborers' Training Center an edge in providing quality construction training to the members of the Laborers' International Union.

"Being a member of the Laborers' Union has enabled me to provide for my wife and five sons. One of my older sons is a laborer with Mountain Cascade and my youngest has started college this year at UOP," says Ed Campiotti.

Edward Campiotti and his wife reside in Modesto, California. ■

## A brother remembered

**W**hile I did not have the opportunity to know Mel May, I have learned of the many contributions he made to the progress of the Laborers' Union, and the Laborers' Training Center. I also have learned of Mel's integrity and dedication to the service of others.

My background is in construction, 21 years in the field, so I know when someone has made a positive impact on an organization and the people around them, and Mel May was such an individual. He saw the Training Center for what it was worth, its strengths, weaknesses, and the opportunities it can provide to our members.

I am told Mel held many no-nonsense opinions, always backed by facts. Although his focus was on

By Edward Campiotti, Executive Director



Photo by Fausto Guzmán

**Gene May & family (C) joined by Rocco Davis (L), José Moreno (R) & friends honor Mel May's legacy etched into history.**

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delivering the finest training in the construction industry, it appears he never lost the passion to advocate a goal for improvements to benefit our members. Many have told me that they would seek his opinions and guidance on different matters as it related to curriculum, development and member service. I am told he had an encyclopedic knowledge of construction, rules, regulations, jurisdictions and union history. If they encountered a problem, he was always there with a workable solution.

I understand that much of the credit for cleaning up and upgrading the training facility during his tenure from 2001 until 2005 rests with Mel. The improvements are nothing short of spectacular.

Mel was instrumental in designing the improvements to the Pipe Yard in San Ramon. Mel had a very successful career in the field working with pipe and underground systems. The San Ramon pipe yard is only one of the many improvements spearheaded by Mel and now stands as a model for other training funds. Today, trainees in pipe and underground are trained in a state-of-the-art facility that is the envy of the construction industry. Where once contractors visited San Ramon and scoffed at our pipe yard as a museum, now they always have the same reaction... "very impressive!"

I could go on about the things I have heard about Mel, but I think I can sum it up in one word, "heart."



Photo by Fausto Guzmán

**Board members, Union Leaders, and Training Center staff attend ceremony in memory of Mel May; (L to R) V. Macias, R. Chrisp, J. Homer, Sue Weiler-Doke, R. Puls, J. Moreno, J. Armstrong, D. Radford, R. Davis, M. Muesing, & E. Campiotti.**

Mel had heart, the kind of internal drive we all would like to have and wish to instill in our trainees.

On July 15, 2005, a monument and plaque were unveiled dedicating the new pipe yard to Instructor Mel May. He will be most surely missed. ■

MELVIN MAY  
1969-2005

## An apprentice's success

High in the hills above Hayward, a PGA golf course and surrounding community will soon be taking shape. Transforming the terrain to make this a reality is in part the task of California Drilling and Blasting. Mark Curfman, driller and recent apprenticeship program graduate, originally joined the company as an apprentice, and he continues to impress his employer as a journeyman. Mark credits the guidance he received from Local 1130 Field Representative Jim Wood and the training he received at the Laborers' Training Center with giving him the direction, confidence and skills he needed to succeed. "The Union has always been there for me," Mark exclaimed, "and I will always be there for it."

While an apprentice, Mark worked with RM Harris and Goodfellow Brothers on the Sonora Bypass Project as well as Ferma and RGW before joining California Drilling and Blasting.

By Jeff Armstrong, Apprenticeship Director



Photo by Jeff Armstrong

**Recent graduate of the Laborers' Apprenticeship Program, Mark Curfman, proudly poses next to the air track drilling machine he operates for his employer, California Drilling & Blasting Company.**

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**TERENCE J. O'SULLIVAN LABORERS' TRAINING CENTER**  
**Schedule of Courses, SAN RAMON CAMPUS (Horario de Clases)**  
**October 3 through December 30, 2005**

<b>COURSES</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>PREREQUISITE</b>
<b>APPRENTICESHIP</b>			
Apprenticeship Follow-up	October 10 - October 21 November 7 - November 18 December 5 - December 16	2 Weeks	Completion of Initial Apprenticeship Course
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Fundamentals of Construction	October 3 - October 14	2 Weeks	N/A
Asphalt Paving Techniques	October 17 - October 28	2 Weeks	N/A
Concrete Techniques	October 31 - November 11	2 Weeks	N/A
Pipe Laying Techniques	November 7 - November 18	2 Weeks	N/A
Plaster Tender/Hod Carrier	November 28 - December 16	3 Weeks	N/A
Shotcrete Techniques	December 12 - December 23	2 Weeks	N/A
<b>WELDING</b>			
Basic Arc Welding	October 10 - November 18	6 Weeks	1,000 hours worked
Advanced Arc Welding	October 10 - November 18	6 Weeks	2,000 hours worked
Oxy Torch Cutting	Oct. 3, Oct. 26, Nov. 7, November 22, November 28, December 9, Dec. 22 & Dec. 27	1 Day Each	N/A
<b>SPECIAL COURSES</b>			
Forklift Recertification (Advanced)	October 3, Oct. 7, October 28, December 8 & December 19	1 Day Each	Experience Required
Aerial Work Platform	October 4, Dec. 20 & Dec. 28	1 Day Each	N/A
Forklift Certification (Intermediate)	October 5 - October 7 (English) November 9 - Nov. 11 (Spanish) November 21 - Nov. 23 (English) December 21 - Dec. 23 (English)	3 Days Each	Experience Recommended
Skid-Steer Loader (Bobcat) (Intermediate)	October 3 - October 5 November 14 - November 16 December 5 - December 7 December 27 - December 29	3 Days Each	Experience Recommended
Blueprint Reading	October 6 - October 7 November 2 - November 3 Nov.17-18 & Nov. 30 - Dec.1	2 Days Each	N/A
First Aid/CPR	Oct. 4, Oct. 27, Nov. 8, Nov. 21, Nov. 29, Dec. 19 & Dec. 29	1 Day Each	N/A



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<b>SPECIAL COURSES</b>	<b>(Continued...)</b>		
Traffic Control	October 5, November 9, November 22, & November 30	1 Day Each	N/A
Skid-Steer Loader (Bobcat) (Advanced)	October 6, Nov. 10, Nov. 23, December 1, Dec. 7, Dec. 20 & December 30	1 Day Each	Experience Required
Flagging Certification	October 7, Oct. 19, Oct. 28, November 2 (5 p.m. start) Nov. 11, Nov. 23, Dec. 2, Dec. 7 (Spanish), Dec. 9, Dec. 23, & December 30	1 Day Each	N/A
Concrete Coring & Saw Cutting	October 24 - October 25 November 21 - November 22	2 Days Each	N/A
Bilingual Construction Communication	October 6 - October 7 November 7 - November 8 Nov. 21 - Nov. 22 (5 p.m. start) December 5 - December 6	2 Days Each	N/A
OSHA 10-Hour Orientation	October 5 - October 6 Oct. 20 - Oct. 21 (5 p.m. start) October 26 - October 27 November 3 - November 4 Nov. 3 - Nov. 4 (5 p.m. start) November 9 - November 10 December 5 - December 6 December 27 - December 28	2 Days Each	N/A
Fire Watch Safety	October 5, October 26, November 9, November 30, & December 14	1 Day Each	N/A
Rigging & Signaling	October 24 - October 25 November 28 - December 2	1 Week Each	N/A
Forklift Orientation (Beginner)	October 10 - October 14 November 28 - December 2 December 12 - December 16	1 Week Each	N/A
Grade Checking	October 31 - November 1 November 28 - November 29	2 Days Each	N/A

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<b>SPECIAL COURSES continued</b>			
Refinery Safety (BATC)	Oct. 4, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 29, December 13 & December 28	1 Day Each	N/A
Confined Space	Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 23, December 2 & December 21	1 Day Each	N/A
Basic Air Track Drilling Orientation	November 14 - November 18	1 Week	N/A
Air Track Drilling	November 28 - December 9	2 Weeks	Completion of one-week Orientation
Scaffold User	November 21 & December 29	1 Day Each	N/A
Mine Safety Orientation & First Aid/CPR	November 28 - December 2	1 Week	N/A
Skid-Steer Loader (Bobcat) (Beginner)	December 19 - December 23	1 Week	N/A
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>			
Hazardous Waste Re-Certification	Oct. 3, Oct. 5, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 23, & December 30	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate Required
Hazardous Waste Removal	October 10 - October 14	1 Week	200 hours worked
Lead Worker Initial (Spanish/Español)	October 10 - October 13 December 19 - December 22	4 Days	N/A
Asbestos Worker Certification (Spanish/Español)	October 17 - October 21 December 12 - December 16	1 Week	N/A
Asbestos Removal (English)	November 14 - November 18	1 Week	N/A
Asbestos Re-Certification (Spanish)	October 24	1 Day	Valid Certificate Required
Lead Re-Certification (Spanish)	October 28	1 Day	Valid Certificate Required
Lead Worker Initial (English)	October 31 - November 2 December 27 - December 29	3 Days	N/A

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“As soon as I completed the drilling class, I went to work as a driller” Mark noted. He also praised instructor Greg Hemstock for his commitment to his class and for helping to create this opportunity for him. Powderman Matt Hornsby, Mark’s supervisor, stated that all four of his drillers who have taken the drilling class in San Ramon are doing a great job. He added they are often drilling 1,000 feet a day, putting them ahead of schedule.

A true success story, Mark first learned of the Laborers’ Apprenticeship Program when he stopped by the Sonora Job Connection and picked up one of our brochures. Shortly thereafter, he found himself starting a new career that afforded him the opportunity to provide for a family. All of us in the Apprenticeship Program wish Mark continued success. Keep up the good work.■

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**Schedule of Courses, WEST SACRAMENTO CAMPUS (Horario de Clases)**  
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<b>COURSES</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>PREREQUISITE</b>
<b>APPRENTICESHIP</b>			
Apprenticeship Follow-Up	October 24 - November 4	2 Weeks	Registered Apprentices
<b>SPECIAL COURSES</b>			
Skid-Steer Loader (Bobcat) (Advanced)	October 3, November 17, December 6, & December 19	1 Day Each	Experience Required
Forklift Certification (Advanced)	October 4 December 1, December 5 December 20	1 Day Each	Experience Required
Traffic Control	October 5, October 20 Nov. 16 - Nov. 17 December 12 December 22	1 Day Each 2 Nights 1 Day Each	N/A
Flagger Certification	October 7, October 21, October 27 (5:00 p.m. start) November 11 November 18 (5 p.m. start) Dec.2, 9, 16, 23, & Dec. 30	1 Day Each	N/A
Oxy Torch Cutting	October 6, October 13, November 4, December 8, December 16 & December 21	1 Day Each	N/A
Bilingual Construction Communication	October 3 - October 4 Oct. 25 - Oct. 26 (5 p.m. start) December 8 - December 9	2 Days Each	N/A
OSHA 10-Hour Orientation	October 10 - October 11 November 14 - November 15 December 13 - December 14	2 Days Each	N/A
Aerial Work Platform	October 12, Nov. 30 & Dec. 15	1 Day Each	N/A
Forklift Certification (Intermediate)	October 17 - October 19 December 27 - December 29	3 Days Each	Experience Recommended
Forklift Certification (Beginner)	October 24 - October 28	1 Week	N/A
Grade Checking Orientation	October 31 - November 1 December 7 - December 8	2 Days Each	N/A
Blueprint Reading	November 2 - November 3 November 10 - November 11 December 5 - December 6	2 Days Each	N/A

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<b>SPECIAL COURSES continued</b>			
Concrete Coring & Saw Cutting	November 7 - November 8	2 Days	N/A
Scaffold User	November 9	1 Day	N/A
First Aid/CPR	November 10 Nov. 14 - Nov. 15 (5 p.m. start), Nov. 29, Dec. 7 & December 12	1 Day 2 Nights 1 Day Each	N/A
Skid Steer Loader (Bobcat) (Intermediate)	November 7 - November 9 November 21 - November 23 December 13 - December 15	3 Days Each	N/A
Confined Space	November 18 December 9	1 Day Each	N/A
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>			
Hazardous Waste Re-Certification	October 14 November 16 November 28	1 Day Each	Valid Certificate

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All trainees/apprentices are expected to be on time for all courses and to be suitably attired with work clothing and work boots. NO shorts, tank tops, or tennis shoes will be allowed in class or in the dining area. NO head gear will be allowed in the dining room. **RECORDATORIO IMPORTANTE:** Se les requiere a todos los estudiantes y aprendices el llegar a tiempo a todos los cursos y venir vestidos apropiadamente con ropa y botas de trabajo. Pantalones cortos, camisetas sin manga, o zapatos de tenis no serán permitidos en ninguna de las clases o en el comedor. No es permitido entrar al comedor con sombrero.

Directions to the West Sacramento Training Center:  
Take the HARBOR BOULEVARD exit off U.S.  
50/Business 80 towards Harbor Boulevard/Port  
of Sacramento. Continue on Harbor Boulevard  
for approximately 1/2 mile. At the Industrial  
Boulevard intersection at the entrance to the Port,  
make a right and continue a half mile on Industrial.  
The entrance to the Laborers' Training Center is on  
your left at a yellow pole gate. Follow the signs to  
the Administration Building.

West Sacramento Training Center address is:  
2901 Industrial Boulevard  
West Sacramento, CA 95691-3419

West Sacramento Training Center: (916) 375-0191  
FAX is (916) 375-0227  
E-mail: [training@norcalaborers.org](mailto:training@norcalaborers.org)

Directions to the San Ramon Training Center:  
Take the ALCOSTA BOULEVARD WEST exit off  
Highway 680. After you cross the intersection at  
San Ramon Valley Boulevard, the road changes  
to Westside Drive. Stay in the straight-ahead lane  
and look on your left for the large sign and gate  
leading to the Training Center. Proceed up the hill  
to the Administration building (on the left).

San Ramon Training Center address is:  
1001 Westside Drive  
San Ramon, California 94583-4098

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