

# Local 100 News

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## Craig's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm praying for rain. Not only from the sky, but, also a rain of work to fall on our members. Better times are coming soon. Many of you have been blessed to continue working during this recession. I know you consider yourselves blessed. Sadly, about 235 of our members still need a job. The good news is that several jobs will be manning up this fall and winter.

We will be experiencing growing pains, but with the new agreement, the contractors will be pursuing work that they haven't gone after in years (apartments, dorms at universities, office buildings, and smaller jobs). We should be able to increase our market share from about 5% to 10%. Twice the work means twice the man hours. We work closely with the contractors and meet with them on upcoming work. We know what they are bidding, and the large projects that we can target. We should know in a month if we are going to do be awarded DFW/phase II. Many of you have asked about GM. This job is going to be happening this winter. General Motors will be in the jurisdiction of Local 146.

Many times we don't like to discuss politics. However, we all need to be more involved in our civic responsibility. If you are not registered to vote, you need to take care of that. It's in our power to elect labor-friendly candidates. This is your future, and participating in the democratic process is your right and duty as Americans.

As always, I continue to pray for the health and prosperity of all of you and your families.

Fraternally yours,  
Craig Berendzen  
Business Manager, LU 100

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## Ben's Blurbs

Brothers and Sisters,

Well it looks like we are finally getting the dog days of summer behind us. It looks like we broke the record for the most 100 degree days ever. I know those of you that have been working out in it are sure happy to see the cooler days of fall coming our way. Those of you that have not been working would probably be willing to work on the surface of the sun if it just meant getting a few paychecks. I wish I could tell you when we will get everyone working but I can't. As of this writing we have 235 out of work total. Once again, we are doing everything in our power on our end to change that.

If you are unemployed there are a few things you can do as well. When things start turning around, the more feathers in your cap you have, the better off you will be. If you are a plumber please get your med-gas endorsement. With the baby boom generation requiring more medical treatment as they age, there will be a sustained medical facility expansion not only across the state, but across the nation as well. I have already had to skip past plumbers on the list to send out those that can do med-gas. If you are a fitter that can get a weld cert it will make all the difference in the world. I'm not saying that every fitter needs to turn into a welder. I take great pride in being a fitter and have always enjoyed my craft. However, as an ace in the hole I had my weld certs too because I knew that when times get tough the more skills I had, the better off my family and I would be. Some people are naturals at welding. Welding did not come easy for me at all. I had to practice and work very hard at it. Some people may never get it and that's ok. I'm just saying if you can do it, it will help you. Over the past year, there have been a couple of times where I have had to bring in combo welders from out of town because we did not have any available. It broke my heart to bring in travelers while there are so many of our members that have been out of work for so long. Even getting out on the road is a lot easier if you have a weld cert or some other specialty.

You will soon be noticing some changes to the inside of the hall. When the hall was built we were out in the middle of the country and it was a different time. Since then, everything else has grown up around us and this once quiet and peaceful neighborhood has turned into a very busy area with increased crime. You would be surprised at how many people just wander in off the street. There

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times when Craig and I are both required to be away from the office and we owe it to our office staff to provide a safe and secure environment for them to work in. We will have a new pay window and the hallway to the business office will have restricted access. The expense for these minor renovations will come from our building fund and no general fund money will be required. Craig and I will also be moving our offices to that hallway. The office I have now will become a member's lounge. There are times when five or six people will pile up in my office. This can make it very difficult to conduct business over the phone. There are also many times when a member needs to speak with me privately and he or she feels awkward having to pull me away from the crowd in my office to do so. We will still be available to meet with any member who wants to come and talk to us. We are not trying to hide on the other side of the hallway. It just makes sense to have it set up like this for the reasons stated above. Also, we want to provide a comfortable place for members that are either waiting to see one of us, or those that just want to come up and spend time with other members. The oversized office I am in now will become a lounge for members to enjoy some coffee and even some dominoes and checkers. This is your hall and we want you to feel at home when you come up here.

Craig and I make it a point at least once or twice a month to go and walk jobsites. It makes me very proud to go out and see that for the most part we still have a level of craftsmanship that sets us apart from the rest. You are the very best at what you do. Always remember that and take pride in that.

Your Brother,  
Ben Bradshaw

## In Memoriam

Raymond Moore Jr.	1/20/2011
Billy R. Crutcher	2/3/2011
Jewel V. Templeton	2/5/2011
Thomas M. Sanguinet	2/15/2011
Jeremy D. Jeffries	3/19/2011
Robert G. Jansen	4/15/2011
Thomas J. Porterfield	4/23/2011
Daniel H. Shaffer Jr.	6/4/2011
G. W. Hullett	9/7/2011

## Office Staff Corner: Beth Ann Smith (Office Manager)

Our office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office is closed from 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch.

To reach David Carter in our East Texas office, please call 903-838-0081.

For questions regarding Medical Insurance and 401k issues, please contact our Health & Welfare office at 972-943-9559.

For questions related to the Pension Plan, please call the National Pension Fund office at 1-800-638-7442.

For questions regarding Apprenticeship or Continuing Education classes, please call the Apprentice Training Center at 214-341-6199.

Our annual Retiree Luncheon is scheduled for Monday October 10th, 2011 at 11AM. Please call (214)341-8606 ext.1 to RSVP.

We are now able to process your dues payments online!!!! Our website is [ualocal100.org](http://ualocal100.org). Your user name is your card number with zero's in front of it. Ex: if your card number is 1234567 then your user name would be 001234567, if your card number is 123456 then your user name would be 000123456. Your password is your birthday. Ex: if your birthday is January 1, 1981 then your password would be 01011981. Dues payments can still be made by cash, check, money order, or credit card in the office. Credit card payment can also be made over the phone by calling the office.

Dues are charged to your account on the first of every month. In order to avoid a \$50.00 late assessment to your account, payment must be received in the office no later than 4:00 P.M. on the last BUSINESS day of the 3rd month. To eliminate any confusion regarding delinquent fees please read carefully. Your payment MUST be POSTED to your account by 4:00PM on the last BUSINESS day of the month. If you are mailing your payment keep in mind that it must still be received and posted to your account by 4:00PM on the last business day. (The date it is postmarked does not factor in, in any way.) Any payments received after this time will be late and your account will therefore be assessed a \$50.00 fine. Once that \$50.00 fine is assessed, your account must be paid up to the current month. No partial payments will be accepted.

As soon as payments are posted, receipts are mailed out. If you have mailed in a payment and have not received a receipt within a few days, please call the office.

It is very important that we have current demographic information for you. If your address or contact numbers have changed, please call the office and update that information.

Also, if we do not have a beneficiary card on file for you or if you need to make a change, please call the office.

## AFL-CIO Report

Please come join us at the monthly meeting at 1408 N. Washington, Dallas, TX, 75204 every 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm for the AFL-CIO meeting. We need to be more active in the local government to make a difference.

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# **AMERICAN JOBS ACT WILL PUT OUR COUNTRY BACK TO WORK AND REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY**

United Association General President William P. Hite

September 14, 2011

United Association General President William P. Hite issued the following statement, declaring strong support for the American Jobs Act:

“Challenging Congress to put aside partisan politics and do the right thing for American workers, President Obama laid out a bold plan to revive our economy and turn our country around. Jobs, jobs, jobs - was the key theme of the President’s address and in his message he once again demonstrated his unwavering support for and commitment to American workers. He also showed great personal courage in taking his message directly to the United States Congress and to the American public.

“Clearly, this is a President who gets it, who feels the hardship working families deal with every day. Introducing the ‘American Jobs Act,’ President Obama called on Congress to cut payroll taxes, create a special new infrastructure bank and put Americans back to work building the schools, airports, roads and bridges our country so vitally needs. The President also proposed new trade policy and investment plans to help revitalize our manufacturing base. ‘Made in America’ used to stand for the highest quality products in the world and it will again if Congress sees the light and gets behind the President’s new initiative. Specific provisions were also included to create employment for returning veterans who clearly deserve the absolute best this country can give them.”

“Now it’s up to each and every one of us to stand up and start telling Congress to stop all the infighting that has ground our government to a halt. It is time for Congress to put people above politics and do the job they were elected to do. I will be urging all United Association members and their families to join with me in calling Congress to demand swift passage of the President’s Jobs Act.”

“We must lend our voices to that of President Obama - as must all working Americans. The circumstances are too dire and the stakes too high for us to wait any longer.”

About the United Association – The United Association is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 340,000 highly skilled United Association members who belong to more than 300 individual local unions across North America. The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradesmen longer than anyone else in the industry, with premier training programs including five-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyman training, organize instructor training, and certification programs.

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## **News from the East Region**

We have a shutdown coming up at International Paper Mill. There will be two different contractors with work to do. One contractor has already started hiring and for the time being working 5-10’s. There will be some twelve hour days involved. Johnson Controls - Shreveport has started a job at Red River Army Depot. I was told they might need up to ten people possibly by the end of September. If you are interested in coming to East Texas to work give me a call.

David Carter

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## **UA LOCAL 100 Folding Knives**



**\$22.00 on sale at the Union Hall!**

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Garland, TX 75041



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### TRAINING CENTER CLASSES

Due to several requests for Journeyman AutoCAD classes we have scheduled the following classes:

- **Journeyman AutoCAD Classes: (16 hours)**

September 24th, 25th - Beginner

October 8th, 9th - Beginner

October 22nd, 23rd - Intermediate

November 5th, 6th - Advanced

\*Class is limited in size to 20 max. Pre-registration is requested.

#### Other Journeyman classes being offered are:

- **OSHA 30 (4 days)**

September 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd.

October 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd.

November 5th, 16th.

December 5th, 6th.

Jan., Feb., March, April (3rd & 4th weekends of each month).

- **Medical Gas Installer Course (40 hour)**

October 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th.

- **Master Plumber Exam Prep Class: \$350.00 (20 hour)**

October 15th, 16th.

- **Backflow Tester: \$110.00 exam fee (40 hour)**

October 29th, 30th.

November 5th, 6th.

- **PLUMBERS CPE** - second Saturday of each month (except December).

- **WELD CERTS TEST**(6:30 am start) - second Saturday of each month (except December).

All classes are limited in size and start at 8 am unless otherwise indicated.

If you have any members interested in the classes, have them call the training center and register.

**214-341-6199**