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Bakery and Laundry Teamsters stand tall for workers
July 8, 2019 | More than 100 Teamsters from across North America came to Denver this week for the 79th annual Bakery & Laundry Conference, sharing ideas and strategy on how to empower their membership in the face of employer challenges. Attendees heard from union and political leaders about the need for members to stay strong and involved in the process, even as companies increasingly try to clamp down on wages and benefits they offer to their workers. Read more here.

Conference labor panelists say workers want focus on economic issues
July 12, 2019 | Speaking on a panel at the Netroots Nation conference sponsored by the Teamsters, a trio of radio personalities well-versed in politics and policy said presidential contenders need to put workers first and address their concerns if they want to prevail in November 2020. Bread-and-butter issues like good-paying jobs are paramount. James "Curb" Curbeam, left, the union’s Southern Region Organizing Coordinator and Chairman of the Teamsters’ National Black Caucus, said workers want to see candidates focus less on social issues and spend more time talking about topics that will put more money in their wallets. "Blue-collar workers want someone to stand up for them and fight for them," he said. "We need people who are going to stand up for all Americans, not just a handful." Teamsters Photo/Anthony Pezzotti, Philadelphia Inquirer

At Local 570’s Open House & Cookout held June 23, 2019, two days before the successful election at Petro Home Services: (L-R) Scott Wojechowski, organizing lead, Petro Home Services; Arnold Miller, lead organizer and alternate shop steward, Carroll Home Services; Alvin Mason, shop steward, Carroll Home Services.

Petro Home Services technicians chose Teamsters
July 12, 2019 | Local 570 welcomes 34 plumbers, installers and service technicians employed at Petro Home Services who voted overwhelmingly in late June to join become Teamster members. Pedro is a full service home heating oil supplier. Negotiations are underway for their first contract. (The company’s fuel delivery drivers are also Local 570 members.) In other Local news, a new four-year contract covering plumbers, installers and service technicians at Carroll Home Services was ratified in June. The agreement provides substantial wage increases, enrollment in the Teamsters 570 Health Insurance Plan at no cost to members. Continue reading at Local News.

Teamsters stand in solidarity with striking Amazon workers
July 15, 2019 | Teamsters across North America stand in solidarity with the Amazon fulfillment workers striking...
in Minnesota. Similar to workers moving Amazon goods, many of our 1.4 million members pick and stow product in warehouses, drive trucks, and deliver packages and have fought for decades to win better working conditions, respect, and a voice on the job. This fight is ongoing. Amazon workers in Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, France, and the United Kingdom have also engaged in numerous protests, strikes, or other activities to demand their rights and as Teamsters, we support this growing worker-led movement. Every worker deserves...

Baltimore officials issue ‘Code Red’ heat emergency

July 16, 2019 | The heat index is forecast to surpass 100 degrees in and around Baltimore this week, prompting city health officials to declare a “Code Red” heat emergency. High temperatures are forecast in the lower to mid-90s Tuesday through Thursday, and then could approach 100 degrees Friday and Saturday. Factoring in humidity, which is forecast to rise over the course of the week, it’s expected to feel like about 100 degrees for the middle of the week and potentially close to 110 degrees Friday and Saturday... Baltimore Sun Get the Teamster facts on heat stress.

Tell your member of Congress to protect our pensions

July 22, 2019 | We need your help! The Teamsters Union supports the passage of the Rehabilitation of Multiemployer Pensions Act (H.R. 397), which is headed to the full House of Representatives for debate and vote on the floor THIS WEEK! This bill is vital to protecting the pensions of hundreds of thousands of active Teamsters members and retirees across the country. This is the only legislation that would fully protect their hard-earned pension. Congress must act now to help millions of Americans facing an uncertain future as their retirement security is threatened through no fault of their own. PLEASE CALL 888-979-9806 NOW to let your own representatives in Congress know that any legislative solution must keep pensions whole for both active and retired workers. The time is now! (Note: The Warehouse Employees Local 570 Pension Fund is not affected by the multi-employer pension fund crisis but please support the Union and make the call.)

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