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Good Time - Good Food - Good Weather - Good Golfing (?) at the ... **18th Annual Horgan/Borella Golf Tournament**

President Joey Barca and Diane Borella share a laugh as he presents \$3,000 check from funds raised at the 18th annual tourney.



This year marked the eighteenth Annual Horgan/Borella Golf Tournament, held on October 6th with over 100 players swarming the Beekman Country Club after a rainstorm canceled our original September 26th tourney date. The sun was with us so we had beautiful weather and a wonderful time as well. I would like to thank all of the golfers, our sister CWA Locals and our business associates who not only participated in the day's activities, but also sponsored holes making the day a success. Because of everyone's involvement and generosity, we were able to raise a substantial amount this year for each of the Horgan and Borella families.

The tournament committee would like to thank everyone who sold chances on a portable global positioning system which was won by Kevin Cleary. Closest to the Pin was won by Crompond Garage Chief Steward Gerry Guarano and Longest Drive was won by Vice President Kevin Sheil. Our sister Local from Poughkeepsie, Local 1120, won a free round of golf for four donated by Beekman Country Club for being the best golfers that day. Once again this year we had great door prizes for all the golfers that participated. There were two IPODs, a stereo system, a portable 7" DVD

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In My View . . .



We are purposely printing the November issue of The Eagle early this year to highlight the differing aspects of the presidential candidates for anyone who has not decided which candidate to support. As president of our Local and as a 40-year union person, this is a no-brainer. Like every one of

you, I have had to work hard, and many times work overtime to just stay even to support my family. Like you, I have watched my parents struggle as senior citizens to try and enjoy their retirement, and like most of you, I have had to cut back so my children could get a good education so they could start their adult lives with college and grad school behind them.

Well, if the McCain-Palin team is elected, the American labor movement will be going so far backwards, we literally will have to start all over again. I don't want to be redundant because all of the issues are highlighted on the center pages of this issue, but I really fear for not just my Brothers and Sisters in CWA, but for all American working men and women. I fear for our rights at the bargaining table, for our rights to work safely on a daily basis and for our very quality of life if John McCain is elected. I say this not just because Senator Obama has a track record of voting pro-worker and pro-labor, but because Senator McCain has a track record of voting for corporate America's wishes while leaving the American worker in a mine field to fend for himself. He thinks sending our jobs overseas is wonderful because it helps trade. And his views on privatizing Social Security should make everyone shudder. By now I know through the education we have provided to you on the EFCA, if we don't work to get Obama elected, life in our Union as we know it is doomed and Obama is the only candidate committed to sign the EFCA when it gets to his desk.

1103 Members are supporting their candidates on both sides of the fence. We might disagree, but that is what makes our country so great; but I want you to consider your future when you vote November 4th. Barack Obama is 100% for labor issues. We need the National Labor Relations Board to protect workers once again, make OSHA be OSHA again, let people

organize into unions if they want to without any recriminations, and protect our pensions and hard earned benefits from being squandered or stolen by our employers.

On a final note, I want to thank everyone that came out to go to Reading, Pennsylvania for our Labor Walk on September 27th. I know some were a little apprehensive, but at the end of the day we all had a great time. It was nice to see people so energetic and ready to do it again to get labor's candidate elected. So much so I want to thank everyone that re-joined us on October 18th to do it once again. I've always said that the men and women of Local 1103 are the best – and once again they proved it.

JOSEPH A. BARCA, Jr.
President



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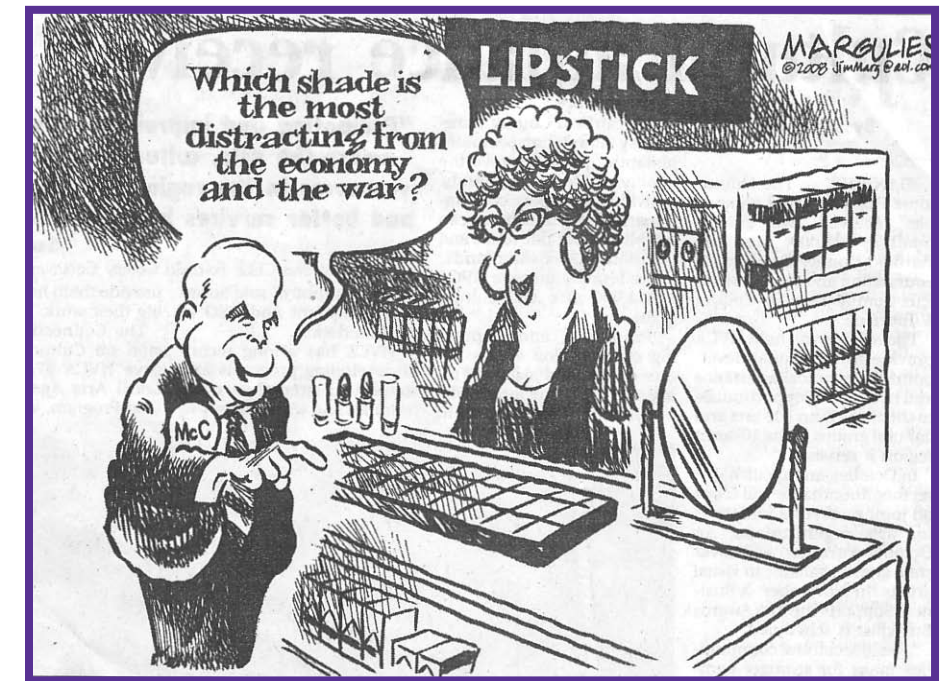
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Politically incorrect things that need to be said because our Country and our future are too important.

Well, Election Day is finally upon us and we have the chance to take back America. We have the chance to oust the anti-union, anti-worker cabal that not only wants four more years of the same, but even make it worse for America's working class. And we have the chance to elect a President and a Congress that will be sympathetic to our needs, to our senior citizens' needs and to our children's needs.

In the center pages of this issue of *The Eagle* we highlight the positions of John McCain and Barack Obama on issues that affect America's working families. You will see that they are diametrically opposed – and to you and I, union men and women, this is really a good thing. When you read it, it will leave no doubt who stands with us and who stands against us. John McCain wants to tax our healthcare benefits, the same benefits that we gave up things for at the bargaining table so our families will have good health insurance. He has an education plan that will do nothing to help families pay for college and he is being a George Bush clone by still wanting to gamble with our retirement and privatize social security. As AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka put it, "Any retiree voting for John McCain is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders."

But enough about their positions, that's on pages 4 and 5. Let's talk about Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin. Is this politically incorrect since many in the news media don't want to be labeled sexist or racist? Well, she put her family



on the back burner and asked to be in the limelight, so she's fair game as far as I'm concerned. When the Republican Party lowered the bar and she met their standards, we saw a person with very lightweight credentials be picked to potentially run our country. Give her credit. She did what she was supposed to do. In classic Carl Roveian manner, she took the spotlight off John McCain and the issues facing our country, and instead we heard about mooseburgers, lipstick, guns and hockey. If we talk about her abuse of power and all of the people she fired because they did not agree with her, or about the books she wanted banned from libraries because they did not conform to her ideology (remember "Fahrenheit 451") or the \$398 million for a "bridge to nowhere" that only got stopped after national ridicule brought it to light and she now claims credit for stopping, or that her husband is on the state payroll, or that she is now under investigation

by the Alaska State legislature (all reported in the NY Times 9/14/08), are we being misogynistic. People in her camp say she is being demonized; but as Mike Lupica in *The Daily News* put it, "This is not 'American Idol.' If you want the job, then take the scrutiny."

Her credentials (or lack of them) state that she is the commander of the Alaska National Guard. Well, that's only about 4,200 personnel (that smallest of any state guard units). I know some CWA Local presidents that are responsible for a lot more people than that and (no offense) they certainly aren't qualified to be Vice President. She says we need a change – a change from a liberal Washington to a conservative Washington. Well, let me remind her (and you) that George W. Bush, a conservative Republican, has been president for eight years and until last year, the Conservatives controlled the House and the Senate. Sarah Palin, I'm not

There Might Be Two Candidates . .

OBAMA

Trade

Wants FAIR TRADE – not free trade. Will only accept agreements with worker, environmental and trade protections, and wants to renegotiate NAFTA for better standards.

Workers

Co-sponsored EFCA and has said that it will be one of the first bills he signs into law when it gets to his desk. Voted against the Right to Work for Less law because it took away union's rights to bargain for it members. Voted against tax cuts for the rich and voted for raising the minimum wage

JOBS

Voted for the amendment to prohibit outsourcing of government jobs and against the privatization of federal jobs. Voted for extending federal unemployment insurance benefits and successfully fought against giving a \$35 billion contract to a foreign country to keep the work in America.

Social Security

Is opposed to raising the retirement age or reduce the benefits – and is opposed to privatization.

McCAIN

Trade

Has cast vote after vote for EVERY free trade agreement, Has gone on to praise NAFTA and its effects and voted to make it easier for the President enter into agreement without labor protections

Workers

Voted against the EFCA, the most important piece of legislation to level the playing field for workers to join an union and bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions. He voted for a National Right to Work for Less law that would federally mandate a ban on union security agreements. He opposed granting collective bargaining rights to Airport Screeners (TSAs). He supported Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy while voting against raising the minimum wage.

JOBS

Voted against an amendment that would prohibit the outsourcing of government job and voted for the privatization of federal jobs. Voted to support contracting out federal jobs and voted against extending federal unemployment insurance benefits. Lobbied for a European company to win a \$35 billion contract for a Air Force Tanker over U.S. made Boeing.

Social Security

Wants to raise the retirement age to 68 for benefits, wants to reduce the scheduled benefits, and wants to privatize the system by giving it to Wall Street – the very same markets that went in the tank last month and the same plan that Americans rejected in '05



But There is Only One Choice

OBAMA

Healthcare

His healthcare plan includes guaranteed eligibility and access to affordable health care for all. He wants businesses to pay into a national insurance pool if they are not providing health benefits to employees. Voted against cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and not just wants to keep the SCHIP program in place but improve it.

Equal pay for Women

Is for Equal pay for everyone

Environment

Plans a reduction of industrial carbon emissions in accordance with scientific data.

Taxes

Wants to reduce the taxes for anyone earning less than \$50,000. This makes almost every retiree eligible for this tax break.

Veterans

Co-sponsored bill that got \$1.5 billion increase in veteran's medical care AND authored the Homes for Heroes Act that provides services and housing options to veterans.

Other Labor Issues

Never crossed a picket line and wrote Verizon CEO Ivan Seidenberg demanding that all work at any of his HQ's be done by union people only and not subcontracted out and trade protections, and wants to renegotiate NAFTA for better standards.

McCain

Healthcare

His healthcare plan have all workers with employer-based healthcare pay taxes on it (that's every union-negotiated plan in the country) and will force all other working families into the costly private sector. Voted to slash funding for Medicare and gut Medicaid by \$14 billion and opposed re-funding for SCHIP – State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Equal Pay for Women

Opposed the Senate bill for equal pay for women.

Environment

Received a zero rating from the Sierra Club for is environmental record and is close with oil companies.

Taxes

Wants to keep the tax breaks for those for the richest of Americans – those in the top 1% income bracket – the only ones that can actually afford a tax increase.

Veterans

Voted in 2005, 2007 & 2007 against funding for Veterans benefits AND voted against \$19 billion for military hospitals.

Other Labor Issues

Crossed picket lines. Voted to hire permanent replacements for striking workers and wants to outsource and privatize government jobs if elected.



**LETTERS
TO THE LOCAL**



Dear Chris,

Now that the summer is behind us and the campaign season is entering its final weeks, I want to take a moment and thank you and everyone in CWA for the support you have given me. Elections are challenging and can only be successful with the help of friends such as you.

Please pass on my best wishes and thanks to everyone in Local 1103 for everything you have done to help me over the years.

Sincerely,
/s/ VINNIE
Vincent Leibell
New York State Senate, 40th S.D.



To my Friends in CWA,

Thank you for all your efforts at the two weekend Labor Walks in Danbury. President Bush has personally helped my opponent raise over \$1 million to take back control of the 5th C.D., but with your help and everyone else in the Connecticut AFL-CIO, I know Labor will once again be the driving force that gets me elected. I can not thank you enough.

Sincerely,
/s/CHRIS
Chris Murphy, US Representative

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that sponsored a hole to make the event a success and ask that you and your family patronize them.

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| <i>Zicca Landscaping</i> | <i>Pchr</i> |
| <i>10-15 Associates</i> | <i>Tarrytown</i> |
| <i>Diamond Dairy, Ossining</i> | |

18th Annual . .

The following are organizations and work locations that also sponsored a hole to help make this day a success for the Horgan and Borella families. Thank You.

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- Arlo Lane Garage*
- Brewster Garage*
- Carmel Garage*
- Corning Field Sales*
- Crompond Garage*
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- Sonotone Garage*
- Sumitomo Electric*



"We would like to thank everyone in Local 1103 for everything you have done over the years. You have no idea how much your friendship and support has meant to us and our families."
Karen Horgan
Diane Borella

Horgan/Borella Golf Tournament

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**Not One
cell phone
amongst
them.**



player, a VCR/DVD player, a "10" undercounter kitchen TV, a Driver, a Putter, golf for four, two \$100 gift certificate to be used for anything (gas, dinner, etc.) and his & her emergency car care kits. This year we had "The Best Looking Foursome," a unique category judged by Helen Keller, Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder who won an electronic dart board, donated by B.A. Anthony Pugliese



**"Less filling"
"Tastes Great"**

This was my sixth year of involvement in the tournament and this year Vice President Kevin Sheil co-chaired it with me. Next year he will be working with the committee and chairing it by himself, and speaking of which, it would not have been a success if not for the committee that really did all the work. They not only helped us put it together to make it a success, they also worked the entire day to make sure everything went smoothly and that everyone enjoyed themselves. On behalf of the Officers and Executive Board of Local 1103, I especially want to thank Research Resources, 10-15 Associates, Dr. Joel Spivak, Dr. Steven Herman, Dr. Peter Gorman, New County Optical and Fine, Olin & Anderman who sponsored, breakfast, lunch, dinner, the cocktail hour, the GPS, the door prizes and the hole-in-one contest. I look forward to seeing everyone next year when maybe someone will get a hole in one and win that elusive brand new union-made car.

**Lunch
on the
Links**



**JOSEPH A. BARCA Jr.
President**

**The Best
Dressed
foursome.**



No! It did not go in.

sexist but I am someone who wants the very best for my country and will not settle for almost adequate at best. Senator Joe Biden has served six terms in the U.S. Senate, has earned the respect of his Senate colleagues because he is the Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is also the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee also. Joe Biden was held to a lot higher standard when being vetted for Vice President– and met it – and he CAN take over the presidency if needed.

CHRISTOPHER CUTTER
Assistant to the President



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