

LETTERS TO OUTLOOK

Pickets disrupted Mass

Once again Carpenters Union 1319 is giving unionism a bad name in Albuquerque. They picketed St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church where Lone Sun Builders is a carpentry subcontractor. "Local" 1319 is not an Albuquerque union. They brought their ugly and defamatory tactics with them from California. They are doing actual union organizing, but have been picketing Albuquerque job sites and defaming and harassing small local contractors for no clear purpose.

Once again the 1319 picket was manned, not by carpenters or construction workers, but by minimum-wage temp workers without insurance, benefits or job security. None of the picketers knew anything about the company they were defaming. There were about five union representatives in the crowd giving directions. None of these 1319 representatives would explain what they were doing, or try to justify the lies they were shouting, and they actively tried to avoid being photographed or interviewed.

The difference between this and the other illegitimate picketing conducted by 1319 was that ... there were nearly a hundred supporters of Lone Sun Builders on the opposite sidewalk, peacefully and quietly holding signs, in contrast to the loud and disruptive 1319 group. When I asked a 1319 representative to keep the noise down during Mass, at the request of the church, he said that he could make them be quiet but he chose not to. It took the police to get these people to be quiet in front of a church during Mass. When the police arrived, at least six of the picketers left hurriedly, apparently to avoid being questioned about their proximity to a day-care facility.

The next time you see a Carpenters 1319 (picket) keep in mind that this is a group with no respect for your community, or for their fellow working people. They exploit jobless, needy people to conduct an illegitimate campaign of lies and harassment for their own agenda. That agenda is not related to union organizing or workers rights. Also keep in mind that there are many more people in our community that are opposed to the sleazy tactics

of 1319. Join us the next time 1319 comes out to do their dirty work.

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DWI requires driving

Alan Malott did a great job explaining the legal reasoning behind the Sleeping While Intoxicated law that the legal system, including the courts, have been supporting for 25 years before the New Mexico Supreme Court watered it down. Mr. Malott accurately describes the legal splitting of already split hairs.

New Mexico citizens already knew the law as enforced was not right but unfortunately it took the legal experts 25 years to come to this conclusion. We don't need lawyers to tell us driving while intoxicated means *driving* – not sleeping, not holding the keys, not even potentially (maybe) thinking about driving.

We don't need lawyers to tell us what the definition of "is" is and we don't need lawyers to tell us what the definition of driving is.

The legal process went to

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