

Hills Chrysler workers strike for principles

By MARY GNIEWEK

Some 1,050 Chrysler driver mechanics and technicians at the Highland Park and Farmington Hills Engineering Laboratories walked off their jobs Thursday morning in a dispute over work assignments.

The strike involves members of Unit 10 of United Auto Workers Local 412 technical, office and professional workers.

Workers blame the strike, authorized by the international union, on a breach of contract.

"The major item is that non-union and management engineers are doing union work," said Matt McLelland, president of the local. "We have had these problems for two years. Filing grievance procedures have not been successful. I hope the strike will solve the problem."

McLelland said there are 19 unresolved issues, all non-economic. Some deal with health and safety.

"We're striking more on principle. We are concerned with job security," he said.

Only a dozen employees from the Farmington Hills plant are on strike. The rest of the workers are employed at the Highland Park plant.

Four picketers carrying strike signs circled in front of the Farmington Hills

plant on Grand River between Drake and Gill Friday afternoon. All four are employed at the Highland Park plant.

"IT COULD BE a long strike, but we hope not. We don't like being out here," said picket captain Frank Wisz.

"Engineers and non-union workers are doing our jobs."

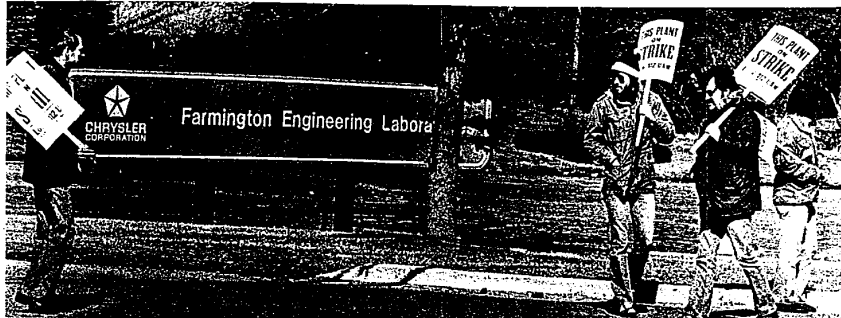
Added George Salaniuk: "These charges have been ongoing for a long time. The engineers are going out on road trips with maybe one token mechanic going along. The company is trying to cut men out of their jobs. This is what we oppose."

Although no new talks are slated, McLelland said the union is prepared to negotiate whenever the company is ready.

"We are available at any time. I hope the company will agree to talk with us. We want this settled," he said. "We hope it's a short strike. Chrysler is our bread and butter."

Company and union officials reached an impasse at 10 a.m. last Thursday. The walkout is not expected to affect car or truck production at the number three automaker.

The strikers, who test newly designed parts for wear and evaluation by engineers, are research employees in Chrysler's research and development department.



Picketers marched in front of the Farmington Hills Chrysler division Friday, on strike because they say the company has placed non-

union employees in their jobs. From left, George Salaniuk, Dennis DeMeere, Frank Wisz and Dan Bokano. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe).

26-mile race draws top field

By LORNA McEWEN
Special Writer

The crack of the gun at 10:02 Saturday morning on Belle Isle marked the start of the third annual 26-mile West Bloomfield Marathon for some 150 long distance runners.

And 2:37.7 later, Douglas Kurita, a 26-year-old runner from Livonia, led 119 others across the finish line.

For some of the runners from more than 60 different cities in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Ontario, the run was their first attempt at this distance.

Among them was 16-year-old David Segal of Southfield. He's a high school cross country athlete who took second place in the juniors division.

For others, like John Grabowski of West Bloomfield, marathoning almost is a way of life.

Grabowski added a fourth place finish in the men's open division to his list of 17 marathons over an eight-year running career which began at West Bloomfield High School.

Both he and his brother Ed, who finished seventh in the men's open, are headed for the famous Boston Marathon in April.

THE WEST BLOOMFIELD EVENT, sponsored by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department and

Vic Tanny International, is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

All of the marathoners put in long hours of training through the cold winter months working up the this March 10 event.

And for Peggy Acton of Rochester, who took first place in the women's masters category, it meant 40 miles per week.

For David Biddinger of Birmingham, who placed first in the men's sub masters for the second year in a row, 100 miles per week was the average for his pre-marathon training.

Biddinger summed up the feelings of other runners and the race committee alike when he described the early morning weather as "uncooperative."

A heavy wind off the Detroit River, combined with temperatures which fell as the day progressed, slowed many times and made the hot soup and awards ceremony in the island's aquarium building an attractive finale to the day's race.

While the day dawned clear — as opposed to the rain of the previous afternoon — sponsors of the race attributed the greater than usual no-shows to Saturday's frigid temperatures.

"I left my mittens and jacket at the five mile mark and that was my biggest mistake of the day," commented Ms. Acton.

RUNNERS WEREN'T the only ones who found hot soup and certificates waiting at the awards ceremony after the race. A host of volunteers, working under the direction of the parks and recreation staff, went home with something for framing, too.

Race Coordinator Chuck Proulx said the race was the result of a cooperative effort which spanned the tri-county area.

Hills meets tonight

FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19

Announcements, questions and answers.

Public hearings

- Consideration to rezone from B-1 to B-3 property on Farmington Rd. south of Flanders. Proponent: J. Allum.
- Consideration to rezone from RA-2 to RC-3 property on south west corner of Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile. Proponent: J. Friedman.
- Consideration to rezone from RA-3 to OS-2 property on Eight Mile between Farmington Rd. and Cass. Proponent: Nada Ilich.

- Consideration of OS-3 introduction of amendatory ordinance.
- Cost hearing for sewer in Old Hoemstead Subdivision.
- Necessity hearing for sewer construction on Haggerty from Eight Mile to Nine Mile.
- Necessity hearing for water construction on Haggerty from Eight Mile to Nine Mile.
- Consideration of request to barricade Tulipwood between Valley Forge and Quail Hollow.
- Consideration to amend city code, chapter 14.

City Manager's Report

- Cancellation of bid award for pickup truck for failure to deliver and placing an order for replacement.

Address book leads to clues in murder case

By JUDITH BERNE

West Bloomfield police have questioned two suspects in connection with the apparent drug-related murder last week of a township couple.

Police said an address book found in a search of the slain couple's home contained the names of two suspects who generally fit the description of a black male seen driving a gold Cadillac in the Horseshoe Drive neighborhood at the time of the incident last Tuesday.

Donald and Mary Louise Freedman's bound and slashed bodies were found near their home, near Walnut Lake and Inkster roads, by Mrs. Freedman's four-year-old son, Brian.

One suspect has been released, although not cleared in the slayings, according to West Bloomfield Police Cpl. Robert Scott.

Another suspect is being questioned by township police in Toledo, Ohio where he was picked up Wednesday on another charge. The suspect, still under interrogation late last week, owns a Cadillac, Scott said, adding, "I'm not sure what color."

FIELD TESTS have confirmed that cocaine was found in large quantities in the Freedman's two-story home. Drug apparatus was also found on the floor of the living room. Marijuana was also on the premises, police said.

"We don't know how much drugs played a part in this," Scott said Friday afternoon. "I'm sure the whole thing is in some context drug related."

He said many of the people police are checking out are involved with drugs.

'Bottomless' fans served soft drinks

When the Walled Lake Camelot Inn opened last Tuesday night, it featured juices, soft drinks and bottomless women dancers.

Agents of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission confiscated the Inn's liquor license and alcoholic beverages earlier in the day under an LCC order to revoke the license of Oakland County's only bottomless bar.

The LCC agents removed owner Ben Bundo's Class C resort liquor license as well as permits for dancing, Sunday liquor sales and the after hours sale of food and bowling.

It was the first license revocation under state rules implemented in November 1977 that prohibits nude entertainment in establishments holding liquor permits.

Jack Yaker, LCC area supervisor, showed up at the Camelot Inn at noon March 13, accompanied by two state agents and Walled Lake police, to take the bar's license.

Yakers said that reopening of the controversial bar with bottomless dancing would not be a violation of LCC rules as long as alcoholic beverages weren't served.

Walled Lake Police Chief Wilford Hook, who accompanied the state agents to the Camelot, said city officials would attempt to determine whether Bundo is in violation of local ordinances by continuing the bottomless entertainment.

BUNDO SAID HE will continue to operate the adjoining Shadow Fox disco and would add Saturday and Sunday matinees to raise funds for his legal expenses.

The Shadow Fox opened in December, 1977, and city officials have been trying to close it because the former Maple Lanes bowling establishment was converted to the disco without site plan approval.

Alcoholic beverages have not been served in the disco since late last year, Bundo said.

The agents took an inventory of alcoholic beverages in the Camelot's stock room. Unopened bottles are to be returned to an LCC liquor store and Bundo will be refunded for those supplies, less 10 percent, state officials said.

The license revocation was carried out by the LCC following two last ditch efforts by Bundo's attorney, Paul Valentino, to block the order in court.

Last Thursday, Ingham County Circuit Judge Robert Bell denied a motion from Valentino to stay the revocation order, according to state Assistant Attorney General Richard Rubin, who argues against what he described as the "11th hour" appeal.

Turning to the federal courts, Valentino on March 12 asked U.S. District Judge James P. Churchill to issue an immediate injunction to block the revocation as part of a lawsuit alleging that the LCC's so-called nudity rule and the revocation order violate Bundo's civil rights.

Although Churchill refused to issue the injunction, state Assistant Attorney General Tom Jachino said the lawsuit is still pending in federal court.

Hearings on some arguments in the case are tentatively scheduled to be heard next month, Jachino added.

Slogan deadline is near

Only two weeks remain before the deadline for entries in the Farmington Founders Festival Slogan Contest.

Monday, April 2, is the cutoff date for submission of entries, one of which will be chosen to represent this year's four day festival running from July 25 to 29. Guidelines for the slogan contest were announced on March 1 by the festival's general chairman Gary Miramonti.

The contest is open to any Farmington or Farmington Hills resident or student attending school, including university classes, in either city. Slogans are limited to 10-19 words, but an entrant can submit as many suggestions as desired. Each entry must include name, address and telephone number.

Entries become the property of the Farmington Founders Festival committee and must be postmarked by Monday, April 2. Entries should be mailed to: Farmington area Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48924.

Slogan entries can also be hand delivered to the chamber office no later than 4 p.m. April 2.

The festival's executive committee will judge the entries and its decision is final. Members of the festival committee and their families are not eligible. The committee is not liable for any damages arising out of the slogans submitted.

If identical entries are received, the entry with the earliest delivery date will prevail in the event that entry is chosen as winner.

The winner of the festival slogan contest will be awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond, in addition to widespread use of the slogan and a place of honor in the festival parade, Saturday, July 28.

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