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## Union reps: Postal strike was very close

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Delivery of the mail did not stop last week, but it came down to the wire, says Anita Guzik, president of the local letter carriers union.

"No one wanted to walk out, but the situation was serious enough that more than 90 percent of the union members were committed to walking out," says Guzik, president of National Association of Letter Carriers, local 4570.

The Farmington Hills post office has approximately 160 union members, with 66 belonging to the American Postal Workers Union. The union local covers Farmington, Walled Lake, Novi, South Lyon and Brighton.

"It (the walkout) was very close, right down to the deadline (July 21)," she says. "We had the picket schedule made out, the signs made and even loaded into the cars."

The walkout would completely have

halted mail delivery in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, according to Guzik.

"Bringing in the military would have never worked," Guzik says. "Dropping untrained people into postal positions doesn't work."

It takes approximately six months training to operate the letter sorting machine, Guzik explains. It takes three months to learn how the local clerks sort the mail into the proper routes. The carriers spend about one month learning how to sort the mail for delivery.

The Farmington Hills postal carriers walked out for four days in March 1970. The walkout was part of a national wildcat strike, in which one-third of the nation's carriers participated.

With mail delivery stopped by that walkout, the military was brought into New York City.

"The National Guard was sent in, and in five days the system was so backed up that they had to despoise of a large amount of second and third class mail. Carriers had to work four months mandatory overtime to clean-up the remaining amount," Guzik said.

The U.S. Postal Service Information office, in Washington, D.C., denies that any of the mail would have been disposed of.

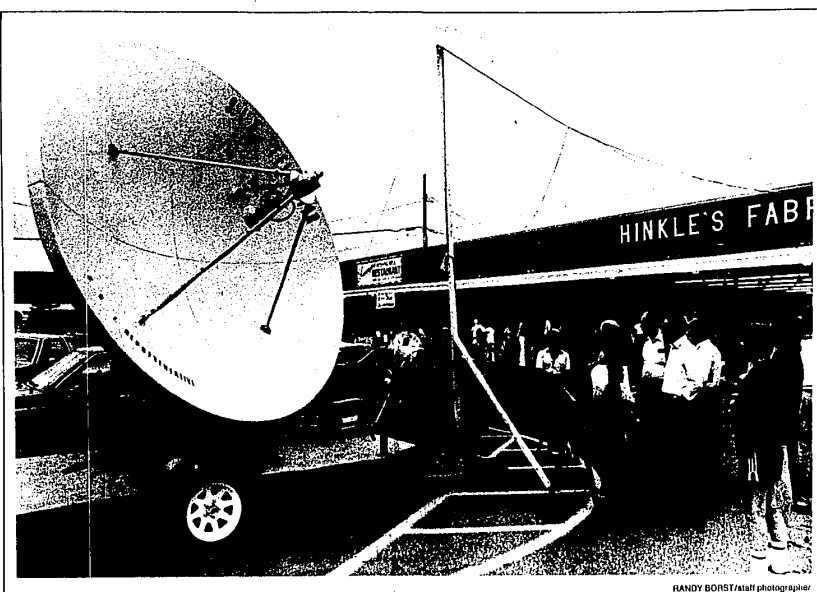
"The tentative agreement reached between the union and the U.S. Postal Service, last week, is the very best we could have gotten," Guzik says.

It is now up to the union members to rally the contract. All members are contacted by mail of the agreement, and must then return their decision to the national leadership.

"I predict that the contract will be ratified by 75 percent of the membership," she says. "There's no worry over whether the agreement will be ratified."

The new contract will raise postal workers' base salary \$400 over the next three years, with a minimum \$1,200 cash bonus to be paid in three lump sums over the next three years, and will leave the existing Cost of Living Allowance at its current level.

Under the new contract, carriers can not be forced to work on their day off.



A bit of Flash Gordon came to the Downtown Farmington Center during this year's Farmington Founders' Festival. This dish, called an Earth Station, is a receiver which is used to bring in satellite signals from 22,000 miles out in space for television use.

## Someday in every home? Satellite tunes into Festival

By Mary Rodrigue  
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Chuck Autry watched a professional baseball game telecast live Saturday despite the players' strike.

The game was beamed onto his television screen in Southfield from Japan.

Sports programming is one of a dozen interstellar network offerings Autry can tune into on his satellite TV, a regular television set rigged with a receiver and a satellite dish.

President of S.L.A. Tele-Star Inc., Autry is also the only Oakland County distributor for satellite television.

Visitors to the downtown center during the Farmington Founders Festival saw Autry demonstrate satellite TV.

which pulls in transmissions from 22,300 miles out in space.

A dish 18 feet in diameter picks up microwaves from fixed orbiting communication satellites and converts them to TV waves.

"It offers much more than cable television," Autry said.

Satellite TV offers 24 hours of news, movies, sports, religion and live entertainment from around the world.

Its uses for home viewers came into being in October 1979, when the Federal Communications Commission abolished mandatory licensing of its equipment.

Most transmissions can be intercepted free. If they're transmitted from the home base to a second user, there is a

fee averaging \$4.44 a month, according to Autry.

EACH SATELLITE has the capacity to carry 12 or 24 separate programs at a time and home receivers are designed to tune in any of those channels.

"They were designed for use by hotels, hospitals and industry, but they're becoming popular domestically," Autry said.

His firm charges \$3,698 to install a system. The entire unit includes a satellite video receiver, a regular television set with rotor and must conspicuously a fiberglass dish 10 feet in diameter to pick up waves from the satellite.

The dish is set in the owner's backyard. An area 20 feet by 20 feet is required for installation.

"Some people put shrubs around the dish," Autry said. "By they enclose it in a greenhouse and use the year half as a greenhouse."

Whatever the cosmetic treatment, the key to the success of the operation is tuning in a direct line to the satellite, according to Autry.

Signals aren't affected by weather conditions since they are coming from outer space. Only in the last mile or two must they travel through atmospheric conditions like thunderstorms.

"The fiberglass dishes aren't affected by weather—they can withstand wind, rain and snow," Autry said.

The steep angle of the dish insures that most snow slides off naturally.

"The reception is fantastic," Autry said. "You have to see it to believe it."

## Petition deadline is near

Petitions are now available for the nomination of candidates for three seats on the Farmington City Council.

The petitions can be picked up at the City Clerk's office, 23600 Liberty St. The petitions must be filed from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 through Aug. 14.

To qualify for the Nov. 3 ballot, candidates must be a resident of Farmington for three years prior to the last day of filing, must be a qualified voter of the city, and must not be in default to the city or any other governmental unit of the state.

Each candidate must submit petitions signed by at least 50, and not more than 75, qualified registered city voters by the deadline and must submit an affidavit as to qualifications.

## Suspects arrested Police investigate multiple crimes

By Gary M. Cates  
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Farmington police were kept busy last week, arresting seven persons in connection with three separate incidents.

Three men were arrested early Tuesday morning for carrying guns and driving a stolen car.

John R. Wright, 28, of Detroit, and James R. Carter, 34, of Roseville, were arraigned Tuesday before 47th District

Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer on charges of carrying a concealed weapon.

Both are being held in the Oakland County Jail on \$5,000 bond, awaiting their pre-trial examinations on July 31.

Daniel Krayewski, 30, of Detroit, also was arraigned Tuesday before Judge Schaeffer and charged with possession of stolen property and carrying a concealed weapon.

Krayewski is being held on \$10,000 bond at the Oakland County Jail. His

pre-trial examination is July 31.

Farmington police arrested the men after stopping them on Grand River Avenue because the suspect's car had expired license plates. The officers found a .257 magnum revolver, and a .32 caliber automatic pistol.

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT police arrested two teen-agers for attempted breaking and entering of a house at 32235 Loomis Monday afternoon.

Robert J. Guzik, 17, of Livonia, was arraigned on charges of attempted breaking and entering on July 21 before Judge Schaeffer. Guzik has been released on \$2,000 personal bond awaiting his July 31 pre-trial examination.

The police also picked up a 15-year-old Farmington resident.

Police said the two were observed trying to pry open a window when the officers arrived at the scene, responding to a neighbor's call.

WORKING ON ANOTHER tip from neighbors, police arrested two men Sunday who had been living in the Farmington High School press box. The men were arrested for two counts of breaking and entering, and trespassing on school property.

Thomas Renaud, 19, of Farmington, and Mark A. Russell, 23, of Walled Lake, were arraigned before Judge Schaeffer on July 20. Renaud is out on personal bond, and Russell is being held in the Oakland County Jail. Both have been scheduled for pre-trial examinations on July 31.

## Hills cops join in murder probe

SHARE, a cooperative program of various Oakland County police departments, was activated for the first time to investigate a boating death in Brandon Township which police suspect is drug related.

Investigators from nine police departments have beefed up the Oakland County Sheriff Department's probe of the death of Theodore Stybel, 49, who had recent addresses in Union Lake, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Southfield, according to sheriff department Sgt. Dennis Davis.

"It (the slaying) has indications it is drug related," Davis reported.

SHARE — which stands for Scientific Homicide, Arson and Rape Effort — was implemented in April with a training program for selected investigators from the communities of Orchard Lake, Southfield, Rochester, Farmington Hills, Holly, Madison Heights,

Berkley, Royal Oak and the Michigan State Police.

The idea is to be able to call in trained investigators to aid a community with a major crime who are deputized to act in all jurisdictions, according to a department official.

"It's working great. Within an hour, we had 11 people here. It gives us a big pool of expertise," he said.

Stybel's body was discovered just after midnight Tuesday. According to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the cause of death was due to beating.

A 1973 Ford station wagon, brown over brown, with the Michigan license plate HMM-929 is being sought.

Stybel, who was unmarried, was a distributor for commercial and home security system equipment, according to the sheriff's department. Funeral services were held Thursday in Southfield.

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**The big bang**

The Farmington Founders' Festival brings with it dozens of new sights, sounds and smells. Just ask three-year-old Karyn Hanlon who went on a trip with her grandfather, Ray Lustig, to watch the Farmington Hills Police put on a firearms demonstration. To see more of the Festival turn to Page 3A and the Suburban Life Section. Also watch for Thursday's Observer for even more photo coverage.