



# The LOCAL 879 UAW

# AUTOWORKER

*"An Injury to One is an Injury to All"*

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**FULL SERVICE  
AHEAD**  
HEALTH  
HOUSING  
FAMILIES



**SLOW  
MOVING  
THINKERS**  
MUST MERGE LEFT!  
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**POLL BOOTH  
OPEN**  
FOR CHANGE  
USE LEFT LANE



**MOVIN' ON**  
EXPECT  
STEADY  
PROGRESS



**TAKE  
CONTROL**  
FOR A  
CHANGE

**LANE CHANGE  
AHEAD**  
NO MORE  
DeLays!



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# CHAIRPERSON'S



# REPORT

Our rolls are 1725.

A lot has happened in the last month or two, so let's roll.

These are very stressful times for our membership. Life is all about choices. There are many difficult decisions and choices we will have to make in the coming weeks. The Bargaining Committee has worked very hard to make every resource available to our membership in order for you to make a more informed decision. It's not going to get any easier as the days go by. As of this writing we have one more work week and then we will be laid off for (4) four weeks, returning on 20 November 2006.

We have been notified that Ford and the VA W will be presenting the buyout packages to our membership on the 17th of October 2006. Each member will be receiving a DVD Disk explaining what the buyout packages are and how you qualify for each one. If you are taking a buyout package you will have until the 27th of November 2006 by signing up in Labor Relations. Labor Relations will be open during the (4) four week downtime.

The Special Transfer Incentive Option will be available for those members that wish to transfer to other locations. At this time, we have not seen the presentation for Transfers. We do not know if they will have specific locations to offer our membership. We did ask the company to consider Kansas City and/or Kentucky Truck plants. This is not a guarantee. When the Special Transfer Incentive was explain to the Bargaining Committee, the International VA W Rep stated that members could be leaving sometime in December or January 07.

We will have a better idea of who, how many and when people will be leaving sometime in December 2006.

We are tentatively scheduled for one

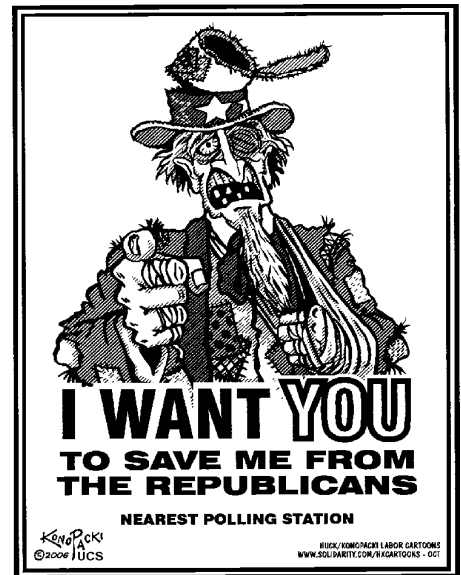
more down week in December. It is December 4th, 2006.

Three lucky members of Local 879 signed up for transfers to parts plants because of the people we have in the GEN. Two members are going to Sacramento, California after the Holidays and one member to Phoenix, AZ. Nov. 6th of 2006. Congratulations.

Remember, these Buyout Packages are Voluntary. Look at your options and get expert advice.

Respectfully,  
Jim Eagle

UAW Chairman Local 879



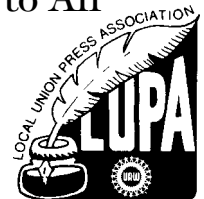
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### To our readers:

This newsletter is the voice of your local and international union. This is our only vehicle for bringing to you, on a regular basis, the views and actions of the leaders you elected, so you may evaluate them. Through the publication, we explain union politics and show how your dues are spent. The publication also is the voice of membership. We welcome articles from UAW members and stories about members. All articles should contribute positively to the welfare of this union and its members. We will accept no personal attacks on any union leader or member. We will accept a thoughtful discussion of all related issues in the letters column. We reserve the right to reply to those that seem to reflect a misunderstanding of the union and its policies.

Thanks for your support,  
and we look forward to hearing from you.



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# President's Report

I believe that saying "the main issue in the plant is the buy-out packages" is an understatement! Of course, the closing of the plant, loss of jobs, where to go from here are also huge concerns. At the time you are reading this, it is my hope and desire that the membership has become more informed on these packages, and that the local leadership has been able to in some way, been able to answer your questions and concerns. We are planning to have meetings to discuss any questions you have with someone from the International and from Ford Motor Company.

We are also in the planning stages of having a special meeting about financial issues. The State of Minnesota has cautioned us to make sure we bring in someone who does not promote their company, or tries to sign you up for their gain. We believe that at this time someone from Fidelity would be the best solution. On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, I stopped in the training center to catch part of the Life Style Management classes, and Norm Strom, a financial expert, gave some very valuable information. I urge each of you to attend one of these classes. Just a footnote, I've received many calls from financial experts who want to sit down with me and discuss options. I'm sure many of you have also. The decision will be yours, but I again stress trying the Life Style Management Classes first, because all information given is free, no hidden cost to you, and all you have to lose is some time. Dawn Anderson has been doing a fantastic job of setting these classes up, and she has been making the classes available on Fridays, to give members a better chance to attend.

I'd also like to point out that right now, we have on the Local Web Site, [www.uaw879.org](http://www.uaw879.org), a site for members to ask a question or make a comment about the offered packages. If you submit your name, it will be held in strict confidence. There is a link on the Web-Site to go to [www.myford.com](http://www.myford.com), at which time you need to log in, and you can pull up an updated version of some packages as they become available. I'm hoping this will answer some questions in advance. I also want to let you know that there is a link from the web site to [www.nwentimes.com](http://www.nwentimes.com) and on there is an article by Andrea Holecek. She reported some false information that caused some stir in our membership. I want to let you

know that I wrote to her and [nwentimes.com](http://nwentimes.com) to let them be aware of the false information. I also want the membership to understand this. On our web site, we specifically state that any information created by some other news source is not edited by us. So please do not take for granted what other sources say.

Also, the Dislocated Workers Program (DWP) Advisory Committee has been discussing the possibility of putting on a Job Fair sometime in November or December.

## SUB COUNCIL 2

During the down week of September 11<sup>th</sup>, I, Jim Eagle, Renae Hazeman (Nurses Unit), John Killeen, and Chris Kohn attended the Council in Detroit, with each of us going to their own Council. We heard various speakers, including Ron Gettlefinger, Chuck Browning, and Bob King. I'm not going to be able to write down all the notations I made, as I have over 30 pages of notes, so I'm going to give you a brief outline. The International had a presentation of Ford's financial problems, and although it looks bleak, the International says that Ford's best interest is to offer these packages. They also talked about having 25 Competitive Operating Agreements being ratified at Ford facilities. There was also much talk about active members and retirees getting more involved in local and national elections.

During the report section of various plants for Sub 2, the chairman of Atlanta Assembly, Danny Sparks, gave his local (882) their last report. During the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Company and the International were meeting with the local 882 membership to go over the buy-out packages. From Local 879 we sent John Killen, Bruce Kromer, and Dorothy Sokolowski to see in person how all the packages were presented and any ways we might improve on it. These three came back with some valuable information, however not all the information this membership needs. Many other Locals reported on down time. I'm sad to report that many other locals are in a squeeze mode also.

Now also at the Sub meeting, it was pointed out that Ford has 88,276 retiree's and only 52,197 are signed up for political action. That's only 60%! I'm not going to preach to you on how to vote, I think if you look at the candidates running for office and look at their voting record, it would be clear on who to vote for. If you didn't vote in the primaries, make sure you get out and

vote November 7<sup>th</sup>! Your vote does count. If you're going to be absent or not registered to vote in your precinct, come and see me or talk to someone from the CAP Committee and we'll help you out. You also can stop by the Hall and see Bob Killeen, who is very involved with the State CAP, and was again elected Treasurer for Minnesota State Cap. This gentleman is tireless when it comes to election time. Also, this local is blessed with having a GM retiree working with Bob for the State CAP. Gary Muenzhuber, is a very sharp individual, especially when it comes to political candidates and how the system works. Also our Retirees' Chair, Gene Neuman, helps the retirees get involved with the election. I take my hat off to these 3 gentlemen for their relentless work.

## LOCALLY

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the State CAP had a social hour, steak dinner, and various speakers running for state office. Keynote speakers were, Tim Waltz (Congress 1<sup>st</sup> District), Patty Wetterling (6<sup>th</sup> District), Bill Finney (Ramsey County Sheriff), John Youngdahl who spoke for Mike Hatch (Minnesota Governor), Mike Freeman (Hennepin County Attorney), Colleen Rowley (Congress 2<sup>nd</sup> District), Amy Klobuchar (1<sup>st</sup> District), and our very own Region 4 Director Dennis Williams. Each one spoke about job loss through the plant closing, cost of education, the war, and having a National Health Care System in the US. Dennis Williams spoke about how Minnesota has the best opportunity of any state to turn the election around in favor of the working class. Dennis was very vocal about the fact that some folks in government are more concerned about their own profits than they are about the workers.

And here are some proofs to Dennis statement:

Right now Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Hyundai, and BMW dominate the non-fleet retail car market. That's 36% of sales! And the USA needs to look at what NAFTA is doing to our economy. Jobs are being sent overseas, and now we have a new blue collar work group called fast food assemblers! The middle class is shrinking away. From 1996 to 2000, Ford made 38 billions dollars! Since then, Ford has lost over 2 billion. Now that's just Ford Motor Company. Add to that fact, some figures for GM and Daimler Chrysler, and the total money

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these three have lost, and the number of jobs lost to foreign car makers, the total is staggering! I can't argue the point that if you bought a foreign vehicle, but was made in the US, you can say that you bought a "Made in America" car. What I will argue with you is this, was it a union shop? If not, then those workers are not being paid for an honest day's work.

What it all boils down to is this: Freedom of choice, of course. Freedom of speech, you bet. Was it the best paying job available? Maybe so, maybe not. We are all guilty in one way or another, buying something not made in the US. It has become increasingly difficult to do that, no matter how much you try. But I want you to take a minute and think about the jobs lost to overseas plants, the rise in health care in the US, why the US doesn't have a national health care plan, and the newly created assembler jobs being created (burger flipping) when you take that product to the check-out counter. Maybe even think about that pair of tennis shoes made overseas by kids being used as slave labor, and breathing those toxic fumes from the glue! Maybe you'll understand how these kids, these adults, are being abused by corporations using overseas labor, overseas health care plans that they don't have to pay for, and turning around and sending these products to the US to be sold at a much higher profit. And those jobs were here to begin with! Shame on us. Shame on the U.S. government. Shame on greedy corporations. Shame on the countries that allow this to happen!!!!

Some of you might be saying that this article is just my own personal agenda, but it isn't. I honestly believe that I'm not the only one that feels this way. I promise you this for sure, there is no way in Hades that I will allow my kids or grandchildren to suffer in any way by corporate greed or the government to stalemate on issues like National Health Care, taxes and the loopholes created for the wealthy. When it becomes increasingly harder for the working middle class to pay for college tuition for their children without going into hock above their eyebrows, something is definitely wrong. We must elect into office candidates who will serve the lower and middle class workers. Not the small percent of upper class! You and I deserve that with all the hard work we have done.

Before I forget, at the State CAP din-

ner, drawings for those who are enrolled in V-CAP or had bought a ticket during the local cap drive were announced. There are lists posted in the plant of the winners. You must go over to the hall to receive your prize.

### ON A LIGHTER NOTE

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the local held a "Best in Class Celebration" at the Hall. This was sponsored by the Worker to Worker Committee, with food prepared by Johnnie Rudolf and Brian Huseby. Entertainment was done by our own Professor of Funkanomics (now who in the world thought of that word?), George Moye. The local felt that this was a better thank you to the membership than the cupcake which the company 'awarded' to all.. I must confess that Johnnie's ribs and Brian's pork, chicken, coleslaw and baked beans were out of this world! I have an idea what these two gentlemen will be doing after Ford. George's group was fantastic! I've always been envious of someone who has musical skills, and George can play a mean bass guitar. Besides, I enjoy the Blues. I was hoping we'd pack the hall, but those who did come enjoyed themselves. Brian Peterson and Rori Green did a great job on putting the celebration together. A job well done by the Worker to Worker group.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Congresswoman Betty McCollum will be visiting our membership at the hall at 9 am. I was hoping that this article would be out in time for all to know about. I will fill you in later on what she had to say.

Now, I want to let you know what happened on the SUB pay issue for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. First off, Jim Eagle and I received numerous calls, and E-mails. It was suggested that we knew about this issue way before hand. The first time we even heard about any problem with sub pay was on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We were dumbfounded as you were! Jim and I called the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's office, Minnesota State Unemployment office, Congresswoman McCollum's office, and Senator Dean Johnson's office. I even sent an E-mail to Kare 11 news just to turn up the heat. The Minnesota Unemployment office sent the information we needed to get the SUB pay going as it has been for the last 12 years. I want to thank the office of Attorney General's office Mike Hatch and Kris Eiden, who works for the Attorney

General's office for their influence! If you think I'm putting a plug in for Mike Hatch, it wasn't my intent, but I'm just letting you know who really helped you out. We believe this issue has been resolved for this year.

I would like to ask this of the membership. I can take heat if you want to give it to me. If you want to criticize me or Jim, feel free, because I believe in the Freedom of Speech. What I have is a problem with is this. If you want to send an E-mail, go ahead. But be kind enough to let me know who you are, I like to deal with people on a first name basis. If you want me to return your call, I promise I will. Leave a message, I'll call you back. Send an E-mail with your name and phone number, you'll get the call! In fact, here's my E-mail address at work. [rterveen@ford.com](mailto:rterveen@ford.com).

Last but not least, the results for the last election for Body Build/Paint days and for Vice-President. Heidi Johnson is the new District Committee Person for Body Build/ Paint days with 72 votes. There will be a run off for Vice-President between Brian Peterson and Marsha Anderson-Shearon. Marsha had 92 votes, Brian, 81 votes. Total votes cast were 308. We were originally scheduled to have a run-off election October 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>. This has been changed due to the fact that we will be laid off that week. At our E-Board meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board members decided that in order to have a fair run-off election, we will be having it November 27<sup>th</sup> at JCI (polls open at 11:30 am for their lunch time) and Menomonie (noon till 5 pm) and at the hall November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (polls open 10 pm the 28<sup>th</sup> and closes the 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm). We will be sending out card notices again to all members and retirees. I would like to thank the entire Election Committee for their hard work in making this happen. I'd like to especially thank Kris Chilson aka Ergo Gal, for stepping up to the plate and filling in for Brenda Dickhausen who is recovering from surgery. THANKS KRIS and GET WELL BRENDA!

I'd like to leave you with this thought: Real strength is not just a condition of one's muscle, but tenderness in one's spirit.



*In Solidarity  
and Peace,  
Roger Terveen*



# CONSERVATION NEWS



**DOWN ON THE FARM:** The last of the garden bounty was gathered – under an October waxing moon. A light blanket of snow now covers the area that basked in 80 degree temperatures just one week ago. Safe from the killing frost – a variety of veggies have been rescued for winter use and storage. The forecast of returning warmth and near normal conditions encourages the potential snowbird lurking secretly in my soul.

The yearling colt, Stellar is the buzz of the farm. After making his show debut at the end of September, he returned home with a Reserve Champion award in a field of 14 horses. This may be the beginning of a bright future for both him and his sibling that is due to arrive in the Spring of next year. I look forward to training him in the months ahead and having the extra time to do it.

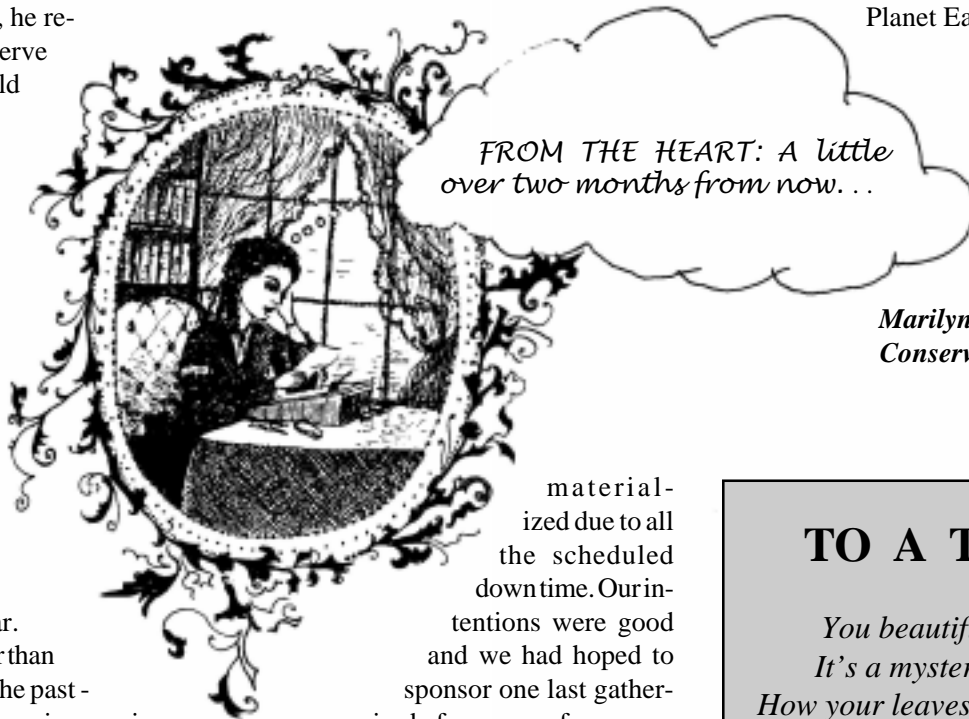
The turkeys are growing nicely as the time of their unfortunate demise draws near. This bunch seems smarter than the flocks I've raised in the past - which has me second-guessing my intentions for their not-so-distant future. A month from now...they will all be gone.

**FROM THE HEART:** A little over two months from now, I will probably be gone...from the workplace I have known for the past 30 years. The idea of this is bittersweet as I begin my full time life on the farm and where ever else I choose to be. It is with a heavy heart that I leave behind the extended family of friends and co-workers that I have come to know and love over the years.

I will continue to serve the local as Recording Secretary until my term is up – and with the membership's permission, I also hope to continue my work as editor of *The Autoworker* until the last truck rolls off the line. This will be brought before the membership for a vote at the November monthly meeting scheduled after the lay off on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LOCALLY:** As you may already know, the plans for the Conservation Committee's Annual Apple Festival never

of forces within the labor and environmental movements. Workshops will include topics of sustainable manufacturing, global warming, renewable energy sources, labor/farmer/environmental coalitions and direct action campaigns. A keynote speaker (possibly Al Gore) will kick start the conference and a dinner will follow. A number of environmental organizations will join us with displays and valuable information to share. Keep this in mind as a part of your personal commitment to the environment, the future of our assembly plant and our home, Planet Earth.



*FROM THE HEART: A little over two months from now...*

*In Solidarity,  
Marilyn Bobick Johnson  
Conservation Committee*

materialized due to all the scheduled downtime. Our intentions were good and we had hoped to sponsor one last gathering before many of our members leave. We hope that the work we have done over the past 17 years has somehow left an impact on your lives.

There is still much work to be done and we will continue to be involved in projects that support and promote environmental education and sustainability. One such event is the "Labor an Sustainability" Conference to be held on January 19-20, 2007 at our local hall.

This conference hopes to be a joining

**TO A TREE**

*You beautiful tree!  
It's a mystery to me  
How your leaves can change  
From green to gold.*

*It's a wonderful thing,  
When you bloom in the spring  
Came thru the winter so cold.*

*The picnics we've made  
In your splendid shade  
Have given us memories untold.*

**Original by  
Nora J. Walstad**

## UAW CONSIDERS POTENTIAL OF 'GREEN' MANUFACTURING AT RANGER PLANT

As rumors swirl surrounding Ford's intentions for the Ranger plant in Highland Park, members of UAW Local 879 are continuing to work to ensure that the property remains sustainable – both economically and environmentally – long after the American auto maker moves out. And that doesn't mean erection of high-end condominiums.

Rather, making the Ranger plant sustainable could mean transforming it into a manufacturer of environment-friendly products, like wind turbines or mass-transit vehicles. Or it could mean using the energy of the nearly Mississippi River to fuel the plant's operations.

At this point, Local 879 member Lynn Hinkle says, sustainability could mean any number of different things. That's what makes it such a promising prospect for union members.

"We're continuing to pursue 'green' manufacturing," Hinkle told delegates to the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly at its September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. "We're doing a feasibility study on manufacturing 'green' products at the Ford plant. We're saying, 'Let's go out and get a relationship with a truly responsible corporate partner.'"

Local 879 is also working to reenergize the labor movement's coalition with environmental groups – the so-called "blue-green alliance".

"Labor is not being vocal enough in the effort to improve the environment," Hinkle said. "You can't have a sustainable environment without sustainable living conditions. In order to have one, you must have the other."

Hinkle spoke to the Assembly on the same night delegates voted to endorse his local's work to plan the Minnesota Labor and Sustainability Conference, which it will host in St. Paul on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of next year. Hinkle said he hopes the conference, open to all workers, unionists and small farmers, will strengthen bonds between labor and environmental activists.

"I'm real excited about the reception we've gotten for the conference," he said. "People in the labor movement and environmental movement seem really thirsty and really anxious for this type of coalition to reemerge in the state and link up with what's going on elsewhere in the country."

*Michael Moore  
The Union Advocate*



### Announcing Blue-Green Alliance National Tour Stop at Local 879 Hall Nov.1, 10:30AM Supporting Conversion of TCAP to Green Manufacturing

As part of a multi-city national tour Leo Gerard, President of the United Steelworkers and Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club representing the Blue-Green Alliance will join with Mayors Chris Coleman of St Paul and RT Rybak of Minneapolis to highlight how new jobs are linked to climate protection and renewable fuels. Each mayor will speak to how they are moving that agenda including announcing their support for green conversion of TCAP linking green products to the non-carbon hydro power.

For more information contact Lynn Hinkle, Health and Safety Rep or Bob Killeen at union hall @ 699-4246.

# BARGAINER'S REPORT

By the time this is printed we will have already had the informational meetings with the national party's from both the UA Wand Ford concerning buyout packages. We hope these meetings were beneficial to the membership to answer any questions you may have had and also to help in your decision making.

We would like to welcome and congratulate Heidi Johnson, the newly elected dayshift Paint and Body Build district committeeperson.

The times ahead of us are going to be trying at best and we expect everyone will deal with their own situations in their own way but we would like to remind everyone of the different services that are available to each of you.

- T.E.A.M
- UA W Legal Services
- On site Dislocated Workers Representative

- Education center and ET AP Funding
- On site Lifestyle Management courses
- and many more, don't be afraid to ask

Upon returning from Christmas holiday the company is planning on being on one shift at that time. As of today the bargaining committee does not have any real specifics on this plan but we are trying to work out the details.

Those of you who may not have noticed Tom Reis returned to work Monday 10/9/2006 after an extended medical leave for an injury. We are glad to have Tom back as part of the bargaining committee. We would like to thank the night shift for dealing with and covering Tom's absence so well.

*In Solidarity,  
Tom Reis,  
Jim Blackbird,  
John Killeen*



Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to all of you for the cards, letters and calls while I was recovering from my recent accident. Your concern was greatly appreciated while Reis's was in pieces!

I am happy to be back on my feet, back to work and serving the membership

*In Solidarity,  
Tom Reis*

## DETAILS OF FORD'S BUYOUT PACKAGES GOOD FOR SOME, BAD FOR OTHERS

By Michael Moore  
Union Advocate editor

Ford released more details of its "Way Forward" plan to drastically scale back U.S. operations September 15<sup>th</sup>, but the specifics yielded a mixed bag for workers at the Ranger assembly plant in St. Paul.

The company confirmed that it will offer all of its 75,000 unionized employees in the U.S., including members of United Auto Workers Local 879 in St. Paul, buyout packages. Employees will have six weeks, from October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>, to consider eight packages Ford has put on the table.

According to Local 879 President Roger Terveen, the buyouts likely will appeal to St. Paul employees, about 93% of whom indicated in a nonbinding survey earlier this year that they would accept one of seven hypothetical packages.

Some of Ford's eight buyout packages resemble those from the survey and some

don't, but Terveen said most Local 879 members seem ready to move on. Ford says it will close the Ranger plant in the second quarter of 2008, and the company confirmed this month that it will eliminate the St. Paul facility's night shift during the first quarter of 2007. Meanwhile, Local 879 workers can expect more furloughs, tentatively scheduled for three weeks in October and two weeks in November.

"A lot of members, the ones that are close to retirement, are ready to go," Terveen said. "They think they will get a package and will take the extra money just to get out of here."

Other buyout packages offer financial incentive for less tenured employees to leave primarily those with less than 10 years of experience. Terveen said the buyout packages are less attractive to workers in the middle – those with between 10 and 20 years of experience.

"A lot of these packages that we finally got are based on your years of service credit and your age, and the ones in between 10 and 20 years of service were basically given the shaft," Terveen said. "They're stuck between a rock and a hard spot."

Those employees, Terveen added, likely will face a choice: take a less attractive buyout, or ride out the remaining months the St. Paul plant will be operational.

"If you do not sign up for a package, you're gambling on the plant staying open until the second quarter of 2008 and on getting a transfer package to another plant," Terveen said. "Ford talks about transfers, but they don't talk about how many."

"There are a lot of members that aren't very happy with these packages, but I know the International did the best they could working with Ford Motor Company and the dilemma they're in right now."

# CAP CONNECTION...

## What did the 109th "Do Nothing Congress" do?

Not since Congress met during President Truman's term has it been labeled a "Do Nothing Congress." The current Congress has met in session the least amount of days since the first "Do Nothing Congress." Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., a member of Congress has said, "When I go back home to the Rotary Club and tell them we're meeting so few days, sometimes they think that's good news, but it's really bad news for America because we're simply not doing our jobs. They're paying us full salaries, but we're not working full time." Even Senator Trent Lott, R-Miss., a member of the majority party stated, "We haven't done anything worth a toot in three months."

Having one party control both the Legislative and the Executive branches of government, you should have a Congress that could have been labeled productive and not "Do Nothing." It was a Congress that met that should have been able to pass any law and have it signed by the President.

However this "Do Nothing Congress" really isn't doing its job in taking care of the issues that Americans care about. An independent survey group, the Pew Center for the People and the Press found in June that Congress wasn't dealing with the issues most Americans cared about. What problems do Americans think Congress should be addressing? Gay marriage and the inheritance tax—both issues addressed by the Republican-dominated Congress—rated near the bottom of the public's priorities in June, according to the Pew poll. At the top: education, health care, the economy, Social Security and Iraq—issues that, for the most part, were still on legislators' to-do list when they broke camp for the summer.

A majority of voters—53%—in a July Fox News-Opinion Dynamics survey said that this Congress wasn't "currently working on issues that are important to most Americans." Those findings echo an April

survey by CBS News which found that two-thirds of the public thought Congress was accomplishing "less than it usually does during a typical two-year period."

The same survey by the Pew Center for the People & the Press in June found that 45% of registered voters said the current Congress had accomplished "less than usual." That's double the proportion who expressed a similarly sour view four years ago and even higher than the 38% level of dissatisfaction recorded on the eve of the 1994 election when the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives.

As you go to the polls this November ask yourself, can you and your family take another Congress that seems to "Do Nothing" to solve real priorities.

*Local 879  
CAP Committee*

## MAKE YOUR TAXES WORK FOR YOU!

Since 2001, the Bush administration and Republican-controlled Congress have repeatedly pushed budget and tax policies that have been a disaster for working families and our entire nation. They have pushed through huge tax cuts that have largely benefited the rich. At the same time, they have slashed spending on vital domestic programs.

\* During 2006, President Bush and Republican congressional leaders enacted a terrible budget measure that cut domestic spending by \$40 billion. This included \$10 billion in Medicaid cuts, as well as major cuts to student aid, child support and Supple-

mental Security income (SSI) programs for the disabled.

\* In May Congress enacted another tax cut bill that extends the lower tax rates on capital gains and dividends, which largely benefits wealthy individuals.

\* The Republican-controlled Congress has approved new budget plans for fiscal year 2007 that call for additional cuts in funding for domestic programs and more tax cuts for the rich.

The UAW believes these misguided budget and tax measures are fundamentally unfair and irresponsible. The budget

cuts will severely weaken critical government programs that help the most vulnerable populations in our nation, including senior citizens, children, veterans the low-income families. Also, the tax cuts are heavily skewed towards the rich! The UAW is especially concerned about cuts in health care and education programs.

It's Your Money! We need responsible budget and fair tax policies that will benefit working families!

**GET OUT AND VOTE  
NOVEMBER 7!**

YOUR MINNESOTA REPRESENTATIVES VOTING RECORDS 2005	Environment <small>League of Conservation Voters, 2005</small>	Betty McCollum 100%	Mark Dayton 99%	Martin Sabo 89%	James Oberstar 85%	Jim Ramstad 61%	Collin Peterson 50%	Norm Coleman 35%	Gl Gutknecht 28%	Mark Kennedy 11%	John Kline 0%
Working Family Issues <small>AFL-CIO, 2005</small>	Mark Dayton 98.5%	Betty McCollum 95.5%	James Oberstar 94.3%	Martin Sabo 92-9%	Collin Peterson 92.3%	Jim Ramstad 38.4%	Gl Gutknecht 23.1%	Norm Coleman 18.2%	Mark Kennedy 7.5%	John Kline 2.2%	
Education <small>National Education Association, 2005</small>	Mark Dayton 100%	Betty McCollum 100%	Martin Sabo 100%	James Oberstar 100%	Jim Ramstad 100%	Collin Peterson 100%	Norm Coleman 50%	Gl Gutknecht 25%	Mark Kennedy 0%	John Kline 0%	
Disabled Veterans <small>Disabled American Veterans, 2005</small>	Betty McCollum 100%	James Oberstar 100%	Martin Sabo 100%	Mark Dayton 92%	Collin Peterson 60%	Norm Coleman 50%	Jim Ramstad 20%	Gl Gutknecht 20%	Mark Kennedy 20%	John Kline 0%	

# MINNESOTA STATE CAP ENDORSEMENTS

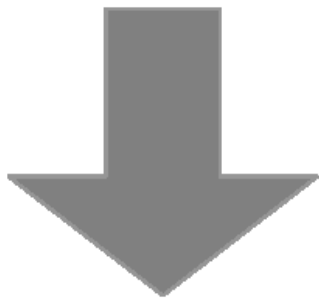
U.S. Senate		Amy Klobuchar	Minnesota State Senate, District 42	Carol Bomben
Minnesota Governor		Mike Hatch	Minnesota State Senate, District 44	Steve Kelly
U.S. Congress	1 <sup>st</sup> District	Tim Waltz	Minnesota State Senate, District 45	Ann Rest
U.S. Congress	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Colleen Rowley	Minnesota State Senate, District 49	Jerry Newton
U.S. Congress	4 <sup>th</sup> District	Betty McCollum	Minnesota State Senate, District 50	Satveer Chaudhary
U.S. Congress	5 <sup>th</sup> District	Keith Ellison	Minnesota State Senate, District 53	Sandy Rummel
U.S. Congress	6 <sup>th</sup> District	Patty Wetterling	Minnesota State Senate, District 55	Chuck Wiger
U.S. Congress	7 <sup>th</sup> District	Collin Peterson	Minnesota State Senate, District 57	Katie Sieben
U.S. Congress	8 <sup>th</sup> District	James Oberstar	Minnesota State House, District 3A	Tom Anselc
Minnesota Secretary of State		Mark Richie	Minnesota State House, District 5A	Tom Rukavina
Minnesota Attorney General		Lori Swanson	Minnesota State House, District 5B	Tony Sertich
Hennepin County Attorney		Mike Freeman	Minnesota State House, District 6A	David Dill
Anoka County Commissioner, District 4		Jim Kordiak	Minnesota State House, District 7B	Mike Jaros
Carver County Commissioner		Randy Maluchnik	Minnesota State House, District 11B	Mary Ellen Otremba
Ramsey County Commissioner, District 3		Janice Rettman	Minnesota State House, District 12A	John Ward
Ramsey County Sheriff		Bill Finney	Minnesota State House, District 18b	Dave Detert
Hennepin County Sheriff		Juan Lopez	Minnesota State House, District 26B	Patti Fritz
Todd County Sheriff		Terry Bandemer	Minnesota State House, District 28A	Sandy Wollschlager
Minnesota State Senate, District 5		David Tomassoni	Minnesota State House, District 29A	Wes Urevig
Minnesota State Senate, District 6		Tom Bakk	Minnesota State House, District 30A	Tina Liebling
Minnesota State Senate, District 7		Yvonne P. Solon	Minnesota State House, District 30B	Andi Welti
Minnesota State Senate, District 8		Tony Lourey	Minnesota State House, District 32b	Lee Carlson
Minnesota State Senate, District 10		Dan Skogen	Minnesota State House, District 34B	Gary DeVaan
Minnesota State Senate, District 11		Dallas Sams	Minnesota State House, District 37B	Dennis Ozment
Minnesota State Senate, District 13 <sup>*</sup>		Dean Johnson	Minnesota State House, District 39B	Joe Atkins
Minnesota State Senate, District 16		Glenn Resman	Minnesota State House, District 50A	Carolyn Laine
Minnesota State Senate, District 17		Rick Olseen	Minnesota State House, District 52A	Robert Rapheal
Minnesota State Senate, District 26		Jeremy Eller	Minnesota State House, District 55A	Leon Lillie
Minnesota State Senate, District 27		Daniel Sparks	Minnesota State House, District 56A	Julie Bunn
Minnesota State Senate, District 30		Ann Lynch	Minnesota State House, District 56b	Marsha Swailes
Minnesota State Senate, District 30		Sharon Ropes	Minnesota State House, District 57A	Karla Bigham
Minnesota State Senate, District 33		Tim Carlson	Minnesota State House, District 57B	Eileen Weber
Minnesota State Senate, District 34		Laura Helmer	Minnesota State House, District 58A	Willie Dominquez
Minnesota State Senate, District 36		Carolyn Sampson	Minnesota State House, District 61A	Karen Clark
Minnesota State Senate, District 38		James Carlson	Minnesota State House, District 64A	Erin Murphy
Minnesota State Senate, District 39		James P Metzen	Minnesota State House, District 66A	John Lesch



# FEELING THE SQUEEZE?

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## Minnesota's families are **EARNING LESS**



- Since 2001 in Minnesota, 85% of corporate income growth went directly to profits. **Only 15% went to wages.**  
"Wage Outlook in Minnesota Labor Day 2004," Published by The State of Working Minnesota, September 2004.
- "The average worker hasn't seen a meaningful pay increase in three years, despite the economy's rebound,"  
Rose, Barbara. "More Feeling Underpaid," *Chicago Tribune*, 7/17/06.

## **& PAYING MORE**



- Average gas prices in Minnesota have doubled in only three years. U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration
- Health insurance premiums have **increased 73%** since 2000, while wages have only increased 15%.  
"Employer Health Benefits 2005 Annual Survey," Kaiser Family Foundation

## Minnesota's families **HAVE EARNED BETTER**

# VOTE YOUR JOB

# November 7

Information for union members, prepared and paid for by the Minnesota AFL-CIO  
175 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103. (651) 227-7647

# Unions back Hatch

## Minnesota unions back Mike Hatch for Governor



Minnesota's unions are supporting Mike Hatch for Governor. Hatch, who is now serving his second term as Attorney General, has **earned** the endorsements of Minnesota's unions.

As Commerce Commissioner, Attorney General and an attorney in private practice,

Mike has worked FOR working people by:

- Standing up to HMOs and insurance companies
- Supporting prevailing wage laws
- Working to make health care affordable for all Minnesotans

### Mike stands with us on the important issues:

#### Education:

Mike supports smaller class sizes for K-12 students, lower tuition for college students

#### Good jobs:

Mike will focus on keeping and creating good jobs statewide

#### Transportation:

Mike is determined to speed up efforts to improve our outdated roads and bridges

#### Health care:

Mike is leading the way on making health care available and affordable to all Minnesotans

This information for union members and their families was prepared and paid for by the Minnesota AFL-CIO Political Action Committee, 175 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103. It has not been approved by Mike Hatch nor is Mike Hatch responsible for it.

# DISLOCATED WORKER RESOURCES AVAILABLE

THE FORD DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE IN THE TRAINING CENTER. THIS OFFICE IS IN ROOM 232, ACROSS FROM ANN SELLERS' OFFICE. THE PHONE NUMBER THERE IS 651-696-7963 OR CALL 6-7963 WITHIN THE PLANT.

THERE WILL BE OFFICE HOURS EACH WEEK. VOICEMAIL IS AVAILABLE TO LEAVE MESSAGES 24-HOURS/DAY. THE VOICEMAIL MESSAGE WILL ALSO REPORT ANY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR THAT WEEK, INCLUDING: STAFFED OFFICE HOURS, REGISTRATION MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE.

[http://www.deed.state.mn.us/dw/ford\\_info.htm](http://www.deed.state.mn.us/dw/ford_info.htm)

IS THE FORD DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM WEBSITE. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CHECK THIS WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AND CALL THE OFFICE NUMBER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EACH WEEK.

COUNSELORS ARE ALSO MEETING WITH CLIENTS ON A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT BASIS. THERE ARE NO REGISTRATION MEETINGS FOR THE WEEKS OF OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> & OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. THERE WILL BE REGISTRATION MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF FURLOUGH, AT 10:00 a.m. NOON & 2:00 p.m.



## Information For Ford Motor Company Employees In Saint Paul

If and when layoffs occur, the State of Minnesota will be ready with services intended to help you find reemployment as soon as possible, ideally in a job with comparable pay...comparable benefits...and a similar commuting distance.

Although all 1,885 jobs at the Ford Plant in St Paul are proposed to be phased out in 2008, no firm timetable is currently available. More information may come during or after the July idling of the plant.

Meanwhile, the program has already begun preparations to serve you!

The State of Minnesota has chosen two service providers - Quality Career Services and Ramsey County Workforce Solutions - to provide the initial services to Ford workers. Other service providers will become available as time goes on.

The process for getting Dislocated Worker Program services begins with attending an orientation and registration meeting. In turn, that leads to being assigned a counselor and the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one meeting with your counselor. It is very important to make yourself available for an orientation and registration meeting.

These two partners, along with staff from the State of Minnesota, will continue orientations to Dislocated Worker services again in the very near future for Ford Motor Company employees.

We are working to establish additional future meetings and will post them on this page when they become available.

An office has been established on-site to assist Ford workers. Additional information and details about the office can be found here.

Additional details on these orientation sessions, including time(s), location and topics to be covered are located here.

As the actual date for layoffs gets closer,

you will hear more about these services. The Rapid Response Team will work with both the Ford Corporation and the UAW to get the word out on when and where orientations and other activities will take place.

The Dislocated Worker program is well positioned to help you. The state legislature and Congress have had the foresight to create a Dislocated Worker program - and to give it sufficient funds to help you and your family. In addition, the Governor has instructed the Department of Employment and Economic Development to investigate the possibility of a National Emergency Grant.

Please note that not every laid off worker is a dislocated worker, and not every dislocated worker receives training. If you qualify, your personal career counselor will work with you to develop an individual services plan. Together, you and your career counselor will identify your skills and qualifications and need for services.

If you need to be trained, the DWP counselor will help you evaluate various training programs you might be interested in and (if needed) help devise creative ways to pay for training above and beyond what the Dislocated Worker Program will pay for.

You can contact us if you still have questions. Please realize that information changes - sometimes daily. We will update this page immediately as we learn more.

For specific questions about the Ford plant closing and the Rapid Response activities, contact:

Mike Goldman  
Minnesota Dept. of Employment & Economic Development  
First National Bank Building, Suite E200  
332 Minnesota Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Phone: (651) 297-7293 or 1-800-657-3858  
TTY: (651) 282-6142  
E-Mail: Mike.Goldman@state.mn.us

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM 879



**PATTY WETTERLING** has a strong record of advocating for working families. Her leadership and advocacy have earned national recognition. "After 16 years in public life, there are two things you know about me: I am a fighter, and I will never give up." (*Pioneer Press*, 5/16/06)

# A STRONG VOICE FOR WORKING FAMILIES

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES • MINNESOTA, DISTRICT 6

### **PATTY WETTERLING IS ON OUR SIDE**



**Will Advocate for Universal Health Care.**

Patty Wetterling believes health care is a right. She will advocate for health care for all and work to fix the flawed Medicare prescription drug program that penalizes our seniors and gives billions to the health care industry.

(*Star Tribune*, 5/16/06; *St. Cloud Times*, 5/14/06)



**Will Fight for Working Families.**

Patty Wetterling believes that "No parent should work full-time, year-round and not be able to afford the basic food, shelter and health care for his or her family." (Press release, 6/22/06)



**Will Invest in Our Children's Future.**

Patty Wetterling will fight for increased funding for the No Child Left Behind Act and for special education. She is a former teacher, the founder of two PTAs and believes "we can and must do better for our children." (*St. Cloud Times*, 5/14/06;

[www.pattywetterling.com](http://www.pattywetterling.com))



# VOTE Nov. 7

How you vote is a personal decision. 879 has carefully researched the candidates' records and believes Patty Wetterling is the best choice for working families. For more information, contact 879 at or the Minnesota AFL-CIO at 651-227-7647.





**UAW SKILLS ENHANCEMENT CENTER (SEC) (651) 696-0556**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF THE UAW Ford MnSCU Training Center**  
**Monday & Wednesday – 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**  
**Tuesday & Thursday – 8:00 AM – Midnight**  
**All SEC classes are FREE to employees/spouses and retirees/spouses**  
*Starting Sept. 5, Computer Instructor's hours change to Tues. & Thurs.*  
**Individual & group tutoring available on request, appointment helpful**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>16</b> Open Computer Lab Looking for Schools & Job Hunting Online	<b>17</b> Intro to Works (1/4) Do What You Are/Career Inventory	<b>18</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>19</b> Intro to Works (2/4) Math Tutoring
	<b>23</b> Open Computer Lab Do What You Are/Career Inventory	<b>24</b> Intro to Works (3/4) Do What You Are/Career Inventory	<b>25</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>26</b> Intro to Works (4/4) Math Tutoring
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Oct. 30</b> Open Computer Lab Skills for Writing Well/ Research	<b>Oct. 31</b> Intro to Internet (1/3) Online Personality & Aptitude Tests for Careers	<b>1</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>2</b> Intro to Internet (2/3) Math Tutoring
	<b>6</b> Open Computer Lab Skills for Writing Well/ Research	<b>7</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>SEC Closed</b>	<b>8</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>9</b> Intro to Internet (3/3) Math Tutoring
	<b>13</b> <b>Veterans' Day</b> <b>SEC Closed</b>	<b>14</b> Digital Camera (1/2) Online Personality & Aptitude Tests for Careers	<b>15</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>16</b> Digital Camera (2/2) Math Tutoring
	<b>20</b> Open Computer Lab Skills for Writing Well/ Research	<b>14</b> Digital Camera (1/2) Online Personality & Aptitude Tests for Careers	<b>22</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>23</b> <b>SEC CLOSED</b>
	<b>27</b> Open Computer Lab Skills for Writing Well/ Research	<b>21</b> Digital Camera (2/2) Online Personality & Aptitude Tests for Careers	<b>29</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>30</b> Intro to Internet (1/3) Math Tutoring
	<b>Oct. 30</b> Open Computer Lab Skills for Writing Well/ Research	<b>Oct. 31</b> Intro to Internet (2/3) Online Personality & Aptitude Tests for Careers	<b>1</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>2</b> Intro to Internet (3/3) Math Tutoring
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>4</b> Open Computer Lab Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>5</b> Intro to Windows (1/4) Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>6</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>7</b> Intro to Windows (2/4) Math Tutoring
	<b>11</b> Open Computer Lab Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>12</b> Intro to Windows (3/4) Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>13</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>14</b> Intro to Windows (4/4) Math Tutoring
	<b>18</b> Open Computer Lab Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>19</b> Intermediate Windows (1/4) Resume/Cover Letter Writing	<b>20</b> Open Computer Lab Math Tutoring	<b>21</b> Intermediate Windows (2/4) Math Tutoring

**NOTE: Computer class days changed to Tuesdays & Thursdays! Also we will be open on down weeks**

**Word Processing for College** – Come to this class to learn critical shortcuts and essential skills. We'll cover formatting, proofing, pagination, and other topics of interest to the class. **Intro to Photoshop** – This popular class is fun! You'll learn the basics of this intricate photo-editing program. We'll start with existing images, modifying them with different tools and filters, with each person creating a unique finished product. You'll be able to apply what you learn in this class to Photoshop Elements, should you decide to try it at home. **Intro to Computers/Windows** – Learn the basics of operating your computer, from how to turn it on to using a simple word processing and a graphics program. *No prerequisite!* Please feel free to attend this series of classes as often as you would like! **Intro to Works** – Come to this class to become familiar with all components of the most common software program on home computers: Microsoft Works. We'll cover introductory word processing, spreadsheets, and databases.

**Writing a Short Essay** – Pick up a newspaper or a magazine and you're likely to find examples of the essay – one of the most common forms of written communication. This class introduces you to situations in which short essays are used, how essay assignments are organized and the importance of understanding an assignment. **College Academic Skills** – Work learning strategies, memory, test taking skills and note taking skills.

**Math Tutoring** – Come in as often as you need to get assistance in any type of math, from basic to college level.

## A Button, A Frisbee, It's all Free and Everyone's a Winner Here

Was the chant coming out of the UAW booth as my stepson Noah Valento (left) and my nephew Nolan Malberg (right) took over the button making duties at the State Fair this year.

They put in a solid days work and attracted many families to the booth. The boys were rewarded with some rides, some food, and a trip to the midway for some games.

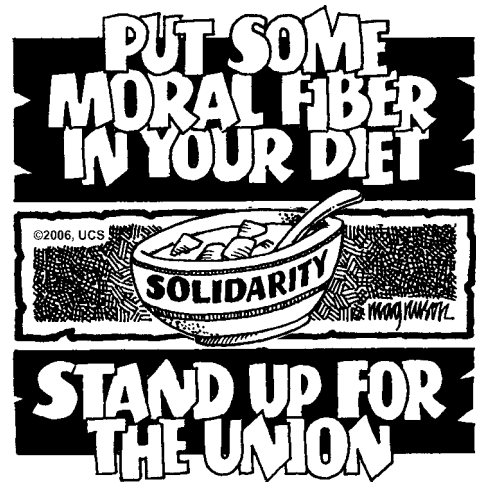
Bill Finney UA W endorsed candidate for Ramsey county sheriff also stopped by

to thank the members for the endorsement. Good luck Bill.

I have been lucky enough to work the fair for the past three years and have always had a great time from speaking to the retirees to talking to families who support us here at T.C.A.P.

I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity and look forward to next year.

*In solidarity,  
Brian Peterson*



## The Truth

Like most of you, I've been struggling with learning about and choosing a buy-out package. I'm truly happy for the many friends who are close enough to retirement that they will be able to retire comfortably on full retirement. For all of us who won't reach the retirement numbers, the decision is much harder.

So day to day I mentally "try on" different choices, trying to find the best fit for me. I've been a little crabby and stressed out - I don't want to move on to something else. Crazy as it may sound, I like it here. I've met many people, made some friends, learned a lot more than just a job or a trade.

I was raised in an anti-union household. I went to college and had that viewpoint reinforced. But as I worked here day after day, I learned what unions are for. I haven't always agreed with our international or local leadership, but I could see what the job would be like if the company had free reign. I know what "package" we would get if this were a non-union shop.

So as I gripe to myself about how hard it is to choose a buy-out, I thank the UAW that I have that opportunity. The options may not be perfect, but they were hard fought and won for us . . . and they are so much better than the alternative!

I truly wish everyone well.

*In Solidarity,  
Laura Wehrly*

# VETS REPORT

A few weeks ago, our veterans committee loaded up and headed out to the Hastings Vet Home for our own Minnesota Vets Day! Aside from those that reside there, we also were honored by the presence of Vets from the Home in Minneapolis. For those of you who don't know, VETS DAY is where a group of volunteers, let's say someone like you, goes to the VA Home and spends the day with a hospitalized Veteran. It is a one on one experience that will rill your heart and give you ever lasting memories. What better way to thank those who have made the sacrifices so that we may all enjoy the freedoms of this great country. Freedom is not free.

The BBQ starts around 11 am. Volun-

## STATE FAIR MUSINGS

Integrity is the word to describe Rock Roberts. Rock and I worked together in the UAW booth on a Monday afternoon at the State Fair along with a number of our other brothers and sisters from local 879.

Throughout the affair, numerous prizes were randomly awarded in hourly drawings. The grand prize drawing took place at 5:00 PM. A new flag, just coincidentally was awarded to Rock. To prevent the appearance of any collusion or conflict of interest, the flag was awarded to the next lucky person whose number was drawn.

My hat is off to Mr. Roberts, who really deserved to have the flag for himself and his family.

*Stanley Kasal*



teers go up to the different wards and pick up a Veteran that they will spend the rest of the day with. The Veterans are brought outside and you help them make up their plates. There is a DJ playing music and the Vets enjoy a day in the sun. After their meal we have a mayday set up for them to play games where they can win hats, t-shirts, slippers, alarm clocks, stuffed animals or whatever else we can get donated. The UAW Region 4 Veterans are able to make this day possible through your generous \_ donations ,T-shirt sales, raffles, etc...I'm fairly certain the amount we gave was around 15 or 16 hundred dollars. (I can't be sure 'cuz I was bogged down drawing pictures of these old warriors— They loved 'em). I'm not complaining mind you. I'm

## VP ELECTION MUSINGS

A sincere 'thank-you' to the 30 people who made the effort to cross the street and vote in the 879 election supporting my candidacy.

Thank you also to other members whose names were with mine on the ballot.

Thank you to the other members who also voted and thank you to members who encouraged me. Everyone be sure to vote again when the Run-off Election is held. I will support Brian Peterson.

Thank you again.

*Stanley (Cynic) Kasal  
The "Embalmer"  
#3 shift, Chassis G, TCAP*

**P.S.** Shame on the rest of our members who didn't care enough to vote! Our Union is what we make it!

We thank the membership of Local 879 for the gift of flowers in memory of our son, Jeff.

*Sincerely,  
Kathleen and Denis Leigh*

proud that I was able to look each person in the eye, hand them their picture with one hand, shake their hand with the other and say "Thanks for serving!" When it was pretty much over, our committee kinda' looked around at each other and knew... we did a good thing. Thanks Brothers and Sisters—We make a good team.

*Semper Fidelis  
Thomas Epperson*

Remember a Vet on Veterans Day – November 11, 2006

*In Solidarity,  
Local 879 Veterans Committee*

## GET TICKETS NOW FOR "WELLSTONE!"

The world premiere of "Wellstone!" the play depicting an intimate life portrait of Paul and Sheila Wellstone, will open at the St. Paul History Theatre on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will run through November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The play, written by Mark Rosenwinkel, is not intended to divide its audience according to party line. Rather, the writer seeks to honor the memory of the Wellstones, who died in a plane crash near Eveleth in 2002.

"When I first began, I was driven by the thought that this was a play I would rather not have written," Rosenwinkel said. "Paul and Sheila should be alive. At the same time, however, I was fascinated by this intense, raw emotion, particularly in someone like me who was not a close friend of the Wellstones. I sensed that my feelings were clearly shared by a lot of people."

In writing "Wellstone!" Rosenwinkel teamed with Larry Long, who wrote music and lyrics. The play debuted at the Raw Stages festival in 2005.

Steve Barberio is the performance's director.

-St Paul Union Advocate 9-22-06

# THE BEST IN CLASS PARTY WAS WORLD CLASS

I would like to thank all the members and their families who showed up to the "BEST IN CLASS" party Sept 29th. The party was a celebration for the Ranger being named best in class by J.D. Power. THE ONLY FORD PRODUCT TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

The members were treated to some world class food cooked by Brothers Johnny Rudolph and Brian Huesby and some world class entertainment put together by Brother George Moye. The party goes danced late into the night. A very good time was had by all who attended.

I would also like to thank all the members for the school supplies that were collected by the Worker to Worker Committee at the door. The membership was very generous. As we look toward our futures it's important to take time to celebrate what this membership has accomplished in it's work in the community as well as the awards we've earned for the products we build.

Thank you.

*In solidarity*  
**Brian Peterson**  
*Co-chair Worker to Worker Committee*



## RETIREES' CHAPTER MEETING



October 16, 1:30 PM

November 20, 1:30 PM

**Flu shots will be given at this meeting. Plan to attend.**

There is a short business meeting followed by the Local President's report on in-plant activities.

Coffee and donuts are served and there is time to socialize with your fellow workers.

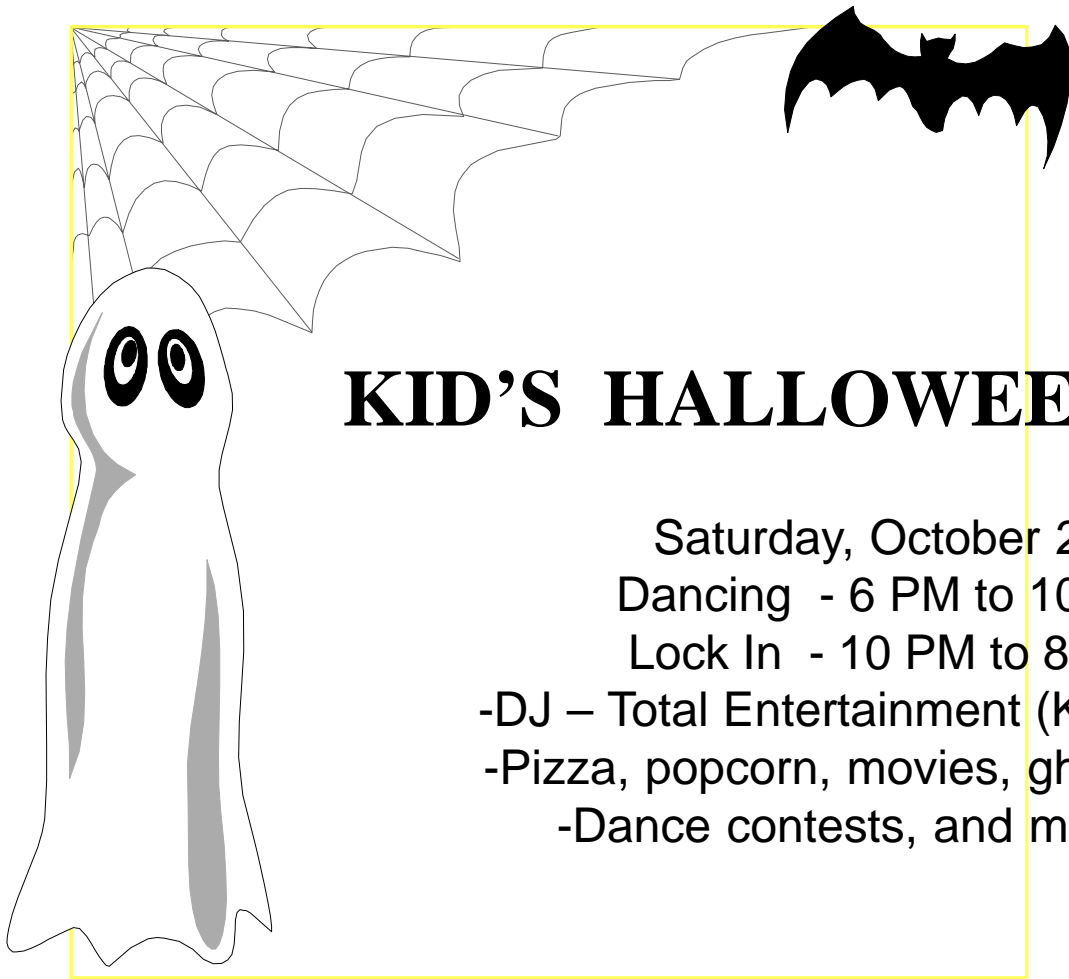
## ATTENTION!!

All Brothers and Sisters,  
 If you have ever left personal belongings, event items, etc. at the Union Hall, contact one of the Trustees listed below to claim these items immediately as they will be disposed of.

Flora McCloud, Body Build, Days  
 Jody Greer, Chassis, Nights  
 Sylvia Rutledge, Body Build, Nights



A date will be determined later for items that are no longer needed to be given away free.



# KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Dancing - 6 PM to 10 PM

Lock In - 10 PM to 8 AM

- DJ – Total Entertainment (Kids dance)
- Pizza, popcorn, movies, ghost stories
- Dance contests, and more.....!

# RETIREEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 18, 2006

LOCAL UNION HALL

12:00 Noon

Reservations are necessary. Please fill out the form below and mail to:

Local 879 UAW

2191 Ford Parkway

St Paul MN 55116

Or call

Bob or Dee at 651-699-4246

Please respond NO LATER than December 9<sup>th</sup>.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

If you have signed up and find you cannot make it to the dinner,  
please call and cancel as we must pay for each dinner ordered.

# POETICALLY SPEAKING....

## NUMSA-UAW Poetry Dialogues

by Mark Nowak

This August, I traveled with these poems by Denny Dickhausen and Joe Callahan to South Africa, where, thanks to the efforts of comrades at NUMSA (the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, which represents South African autoworkers), I was able to facilitate a series of two-day poetry workshops at Ford plants in Port Elizabeth and Pretoria, South Africa. My idea was to create "Poetry Dialogues" where Ford workers in South Africa could respond to the "Way Forward"

plan and the stories told by Denny and Joe through poetry they wrote about their own lives and working conditions. One of the poems produced collectively by nearly a dozen workers at the Ford plant in Pretoria in response to Denny's poem is included here: "Oh! What a Life!" At the end of the workshop, one of the Ford workers in Pretoria said, "This morning, our comrade from NUMSA shared with us an article from the Pretoria paper, "Ford to axe 6,000 more jobs in North America," and in the

past we saw only that number. Now, and in the future, we know that one of those 6,000 workers is Denny, and one of those 6,000 is Joe, because we have seen them, our co-workers in America, we have heard their voices and read the pain in their words. And we will never see those numbers in the same way again."

I invite others interested in participating in writing workshops with Denny and Joe to contact The Autoworker or email me at <manowak@stkate.edu>.

### MY LIFE AT FORD

By Denny Dickhausen  
Boothcleaner/Janitor  
UAW 879

August 1970  
I began working  
at Ford  
Making big boxy LTD's.  
After a week I'm saying,  
Will I ever learn this job?  
You'll get it one of these days,"  
says Jimmy Cobb.  
Just walking to my car  
turns out to be a job.  
My wife says it can't be that hard.  
I tell her, *You work in that damn place!*  
The next week  
Jimmy's smoking a cigarette  
and drinking coffee  
between cars.  
(We were steaming headliners  
and cleaning up scrap nuts and bolts.)  
Jimmy says, "Do you think  
this white boy will ever get this?"

Then, one day, I got it.  
Jimmy says, "What happened today?  
You finally have a chance  
to take a breath between cars!"  
What a great feeling.  
Empowered.  
Thirty-six years later  
Ford said it's closing our plant.  
What a shock. My friends cried.  
Some almost died.  
What will they do  
(including my daughter, 32  
who works on the sealer line)  
thrown away like an old shoe.  
Is forty old? Is fifty?  
I say it's a crock.  
I grew up, I grew old at Ford.  
I bled at Ford.  
I feel used up.

### On the Line

by Joe Callahan  
Falling behind – hurry! hurry!  
Faster, faster, got to catch up.  
3 more hours til break time,  
The line stops for a minute – thank God,  
Even if I'm not a believer.  
Finally, I'm getting used to this new job,  
And it's becoming boring beyond belief.  
Now they want to add more work.  
I will resist, a few others also,  
Supervisors harassing me every day,  
In the end they have to take the work off,  
I won.  
Hands and elbows hurt, back hurts,  
Ankle hurts, ankle really hurts,  
Ankle hurts more, swollen like a tennis  
ball.  
Surgery, on crutches for 2 months.  
4 years later – surgery again.  
Now a good job – roll test driver,  
Not hard on the body,  
And now they are going to close the  
plant.

### MISSION NOT ACCOMPLISHED

by Joe Callahan

The officer hands the tightly folded flag  
to the sobbing widow,  
The recruiter smiles as the young man  
signs the enlistment papers.  
The marine convoy enters Ramadi with  
a deafening roar, spraying machine gun  
fire,  
A mother wails over the body of her 3-  
year old child,

cut in half by bullets,  
A thunderous explosion rises above the  
din  
as a Humvee is thrown in the air.  
Two officers ring the doorbell of a  
soldier's mother.  
A million people march on Washington  
in protest.

**WORKERS  
WRITE**

# POETICALLY SPEAKING....

*A young Indian girl who was in jail for drug charges and was addicted to meth wrote this. She wrote this while in jail. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail but true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her dead not long after with the needle still in her arm. This thing is worse than any of us realize.*

## MY NAME IS 'METH'

I destroy homes, I tear families apart,  
Take your children and that's just the start.  
I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold,  
The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.  
If you need me, remember I'm easily found,  
I live all around you – in schools and in town.  
I live with the rich, I live with the poor,  
I live down the street and maybe next door.  
I'm made in a lab, but not like you think,  
I can be made under the kitchen sink.  
In your child's closet, and even I the woods,  
If this scares you to death, well it certainly should..  
I have many names, but there's one you know best  
I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.  
My power is awesome, try me you'll see  
But if you do, you may never break free.  
Just try me once and I might let you go,  
But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.  
When I possess you, you'll steal and you'll life,  
You do what you have to – just to get high.  
The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms  
Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.  
You'll lie to your Mother and steal from your Dad  
When you see their tears, you'll feel sad..  
But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised,  
I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.  
I take kids from parents, and parents

from kids  
I turn people from God and separate friends.  
I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride,  
I'll be with you always – right by your side.  
You'll give up everything – your family, your home  
Your friends and your money, then you'll be alone.  
I'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give,  
When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.  
If you try me be warned; this is no game,  
If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.  
I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind  
I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.  
The nightmares I'll give you while lying in bed  
The voices you'll hear, from inside your head.  
The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see,  
I want you to know these are all gifts from me.  
But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart  
That you are mine, and we shall not part.  
You'll regret that you tried me, they always do  
But you came to me, not I to you.  
You knew this would happen, my times you were told  
But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.  
You could have said no, and walked away,  
If you could live that day over, now what would you say?  
I'll be your master, you will be my slave,  
I'll even go with you when you go to your grave.  
Now that you have met me, what will you do?  
Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.  
I can bring more misery than words can tell  
Come take my hand, let me lead you to hell.

*Submitted by,  
Anonymous Local 879 Member*

## “Oh! What a Life!”

written by

the Pretoria Ford workers  
To get a higher position  
You have to climb Maluti Mountain  
Cross the river Nile and Kalahari desert  
And talk the language of angels

Oh! What a Life!

We are getting wages  
that can only take us  
to and from work  
to do their production

Oh! What a Life!

We cannot pay our monthly services  
and fees  
for the education of our children

Oh! What a Life!

Loan sharks keep our bank cards  
because we live on loans

Oh! What a Life!

For managers to get training  
it takes a phone call.  
For workers to get training  
we take to the streets.

Oh! What a Life!

Managers are driving fancy cars.  
Hourlies can't even afford to buy an old one,

Oh! What a Life!

Oh! What a Life!

Oh! What a Life!




AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR UNION

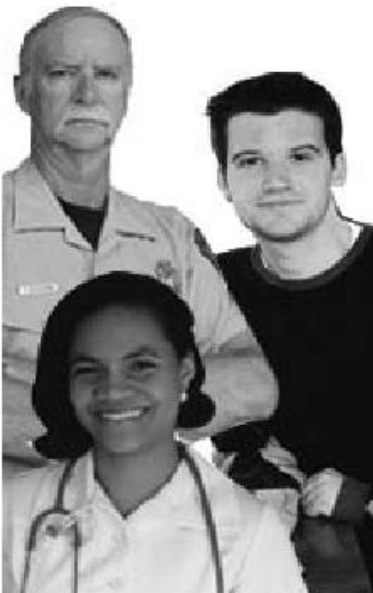
# Amy Klobuchar

# CARES

## About Veterans' Health Care




 **Supports Increased Funding for Veterans' Health Care.** Amy Klobuchar has pledged to end the underfunding and understaffing that prevents America from providing accessible, affordable and quality health care for our veterans. (AFGE Candidate Questionnaire, 2006)



# Mark Kennedy

# Does Not

 **Opposed Efforts to Increase Funding for Veterans' Care.** Mark Kennedy opposed funding to reduce delays in surgery, limit denial of care and stop the closing of nursing units that are necessary to protect the health of America's veterans. (H. Con. Res. 95, 2005; H. Res. 338, 2003)



**SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT VETERANS**

# VOTE

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How you vote is a personal decision. Your union has carefully researched the candidates' records and believes Amy Klobuchar is the best choice for working families. For more information, contact [Your union] at [ ] or the Minnesota AFL-CIO at 651-227-7647.





I was shown this picture and asked if I remembered it. Brought back some old time memories! Anyone recognize a face? If you're on it, it doesn't count! One hint for you. Ralph, I can't figure out which way you've grown!

Roger Terveen

## What Did Bush Give to You?

We all know that the Bush income-tax cuts were a boon to the richest Americans. But did you know that an executive making \$1 million gets an annual tax savings of \$63,211—more than the pretax salaries of three Wal-Mart associates combined? Here, the Bush income-tax cuts represented as an hourly take-home raise, across the income spectrum:

### **Annual income \$10,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: 5 cents/hour

That's like \$8 every month: a medium Domino's pizza

### **Annual income \$20,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: 21 cents/hour

That's like \$36 every month: a basic cable bill

### **Annual income \$35,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: 43 cents/hour

That's like \$71 every month: two Pampers Baby-Dry value packs

### **Annual income \$55,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: 74 cents/hour

That's like \$123 every month: car insurance on a '99 Accord

### **Annual income \$100,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: \$1.73/hour

That's like \$289 every month: an iPod mini with 40 iTunes

### **Annual income \$200,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: \$3.72/hour

That's like \$620 every month: a pair of Manolo Blahnik Sedara d'Orsay pumps

### **Annual income \$1,000,000**

Take-home raise from Bush tax cuts: \$31.61/ hour

That's like \$5,268 every month: a 12-day cruise for two on the Queen Mary 2

## Interested in Social Change?

Would you volunteer to work with a small group of fellow autoworkers to develop a project for tackling change on an issue that you are interested in?

Tim O'Brien (the same Tim who works in the Skills Enhancement Center) is looking for 20 active UAW assemblers who are willing to volunteer for a dissertation research project. The volunteers will have to commit to 12 – 15 hours (in total) of individual and group work.

The project begins with 2 individual interview sessions discussing issues that are important to you, the volunteer. These sessions will be scheduled at times convenient for the volunteer. After the interviews, there will be 3 small group sessions with people who have similar issues. The object of the study is to develop the early stages of a project that aims at social change.

This project presents the research for a dissertation which will, if accepted, be published.

If you are interested, please contact Tim - Work: 651-696-0556,

or e-mail: [tjobrien1@stthomas.edu](mailto:tjobrien1@stthomas.edu)

### **Wal-Mart's Generic Drug Cost Cut Not Enough, Say Critics**

Wal-Mart's plan to offer many generic prescription drugs for \$4 for a monthly supply may help many consumers, but by itself is not enough, says the worker advocacy organization WakeUpWal-Mart.

Wal-Mart's new plan would put nearly 300 commonly used generic drugs on sale to customers with or without insurance. As reported in the Washington Post, some analysts said the company is "probably gambling that the lost revenue from lower-priced drugs will be offset by increased traffic in its stores."

WakeUpWal-Mart campaign director Paul Blank said the real issue is that Wal-Mart fails to insure some 775,000 of its employees — that's half the Wal-Mart workforce — which leaves 46 percent of its workers' children uninsured or on public health programs. The crisis costs taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion every year, and is projected to cost \$9.1 billion over the next five years.

"Wal-Mart needs to answer one very simple, but serious question — why not just improve the health care coverage of its employees?" Blank said. "Tragically, Wal-Mart wants the American people to ignore the fact its so-called low prices come at a high cost to its workers, children, and their families."

# UNION PET PARADE



**Mya** 5 ½ years old  
 Miniature Pinscher  
 She loves getting all of the attention, likes giving kisses and basking in the sun.



**Harley James** 3 years old  
 American Eskimo / Papillon  
 He loves getting *new* toys and chewing them apart, enjoys protecting the house and everyone in it and also likes to outsmart people.



**Mijo** 4 years old  
 Miniature Pinscher  
 He always follows Mya wherever she goes. He's afraid of anything electronic and will protect whatever he is laying in front of.



**Jasmine** 2 years old  
 Pit Bull  
 She Loves to cuddle, sleep under blankets. Likes to chase Harley around and play and also forgets that she isn't 15 pounds like the other dogs.



**Cuddy** 3 years old  
**Annabelle** 2 years old  
 Cuddy (left):  
 She enjoys ruling the house and making sure we all know it.  
 Annabelle (right):  
*She* just wants to be pet, loved, fed and will also do anything Cuddy wants her to do.

**Owners:**  
 Anthony Lee and Renee Grosskreutz (3rd Shift, Chassis)

**NOTICE**

The Pet Parade feature is seeking photos of your Halloween costumed pets. Submit Yours Now! Place in Autoworker box in Committee room, send to Local 879 union hall or contact Greg Herber, #3 Shift Cardboard Job on Main Line - Chassis



## In Memory

**BROTHER FREDERICK N. DAVIS** died on September 3, 2006 at the age of 66 years. The funeral was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale, MN. **BROTHER DAVIS** began working at Ford Motor Company in April of 1966. After spending 39 years there, he retired in August of 2005. Fred worked as a Janitor in Plant Services.

**BROTHER MICHAEL J. KLEBS** died on September 6, 2006 at the age of 62 years. The funeral service was held on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Chapel of Peace, Minnesota Veterans Home, Min-

neapolis, MN. **BROTHER KLEBS** began working at Twin Cities Assembly in 1965. After spending 37 years at Ford, Mike retired in March of 2002. He worked as a booth cleaner in the Paint Department. **BROTHER WALTER F. FISHER** died on September 8, 2006 at the age of 85 years. The funeral service was held on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Colombo Church, St. Paul MN. **BROTHER FISHER** came to work at Ford Motor Company in June of 1949. He worked there for 30 years before retiring in May of 1979, and was able to enjoy 28 years of retirement.

**BROTHER NORMAN FABER** died on September 15, 2006 at the age of 76 years. The funeral was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Shell Lake, WI. **BROTHER FABER** began working at Ford in 1953. After spending 31 years there, he retired in June of 1984.

**BROTHER ALAN G. KLUCK** died on September 20, 2006 at the age of 56 years. The funeral was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at

the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, Minneapolis MN. **BROTHER KLUCK** began working at Ford Motor Company in April 1969. He retired in October of 2003. Brother Kluck was a Steamfitter in the Plant Engineering Department

**BROTHER EVERETT L. KELLER** died on September 26, 2006 at the age of 87 years. The funeral was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wilweschield-West Heights funeral Chapel in West St. Paul. **BROTHER KELLER** went to work at Ford Motor in 1953. After spending 21 years there, he retired in November of 1974. **BROTHER ARNOLD W. WIECZOREK** died on October 6, 2006 at the age of 68 years. No details of the funeral service are available, other than the service took place in his hometown. **BROTHER WIECZOREK** began his employment at Twin Cities Assembly in October of 1958. After spending 30 years there, he retired in July of 1988.

## Our Condolences to the Families . . .

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Great Twin Cities United Way would like to thank you for all that you have done to make our community a great place to live. UAW Ford employees have a long history of supporting Greater Twin Cities United Way and the nine county metro area. Each year the support of UAW Ford employees has improved the lives of thousands of people in our community. Here are a few examples of the impact your gift, combined with others, makes:

- \* 8,000 preschool aged children attended programs to help them enter kindergarten ready to learn.

- \* 200,000 people got connected to help for basic needs through United Way 2-1-1.

- \* 677,800 meals were served to people in need.

Greater Twin Cities United Way uses your gift year round to change lives. If you want updates on how your gift is helping, volunteer opportunities, or how to find help if you need it, visit <http://www.unitedwaytwincities.org>.

Again, thank you for your consideration and support of the community. UAW Ford employees have been instrumental in helping Greater Twin Cities United Way achieve tremendous results around some of the most pressing issues facing the Twin Cities metro area. We greatly value and appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Greater Twin Cities United Way

### RESULTS OF ELECTION

September 26-27, 2006

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Brian Peterson	81* Run Off
Tony Quevedo	77
Marsha Anderson-Shearen	92* Run Off
Stanley Kasal	31
Matt Gillstrom	27

#### COMMITTEE PERSON BODY/PAINT DAYS

Jeff Kukuska	21
Jessica Campbell	10
Pat Wiles	2
Brian Huseby	8
Heidi Johson	31" Elected

TOTAL VOTES CAST 308

## NOTICE

Due to the tentative layoff weeks beginning October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Run-off Election for Vice President has been changed to the following times:

Polls for JCI: Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM during their lunch

Polls for Menomonie: Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5:00 PM

Polls at the Local 879 Hall will be open November 28<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 PM and close November 29<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM.

*The Election Committee*

# CLASSIFIEDS

## “WE WANT YOU”

The *Autoworker* would be pleased to feature you, a family member or co-worker in our “**HONORABLE MENTION,**” or “**RIVETING REVIEW**” segments. If you have an idea or story to tell, please contact Marilyn Bobick Johnson c/o The *Autoworker* box in the Committee Room.

“**PRESSING MATTERS**” is reserved for YOU!! If you have an opinion, gripe or concern we will print your comments. Write to “**PRESSING MATTERS**” c/o The *Autoworker*. Drop box is in the Committee Room or send to Local 879.

*The Editors*

## NEW CLASSIFIED AD POLICY

Unless notified otherwise, your classified ad will be run for 2 consecutive issues and then removed.

**FOR SALE:** 10” flat screen TV/DVD combo. Like new \$175.00. Call Tony 651-235-5071/Trim LHS Loom job.

**WANTED:** 32” or larger TV 12” wide or narrower. call: 763-639-4083

**FOR SALE:** Choice 20 Acre parcels. Close commuting. Leave phone number. Will return call. 763-444-9686.

**FOR SALE:** Flat screen TV’s. 32”, 20”, 14”.. \$499, \$100, \$75 respectively. All look like new. Call Tony 651-235-5071/Trim LHS Loom job.

## FREE BEER OR BOWLING

Double A Lanes and Duke’s Sports Bar  
845 45<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Columbia Heights, MN  
( In Central Plaza Mall)  
763-502-7999

Your choice of  
1 Pitcher Beer  
OR

1 Free Game  
OPENING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

**FOR SALE:** Investment property. Commercially zoned tri-plex. 125 Colorado St. E. St. Paul \$300,000+ Price negotiable. Call Steve @ 612-245-8843.

**RETIREES:** The *Autoworker* would like to dedicate a page to you each month titled “**LIFE AFTER FORD**”. Thank you to Cubby Johnson, the new coordinator of “Life After Ford.” We ARE interested in YOU and what you are doing. Send or drop off ideas and photos to: The *Autoworker*,  
Local 879 UAW,  
2191 Ford Parkway,  
St. Paul MN 55116.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Liberty 14 x 70 Mobile home. 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths, large deck. Partially furnished. Small garage. Located 4 miles west of Pine City in a mobile home park with Lake Access to Lake Pokegema. \$39,900.00 o.b.o.  
1-651-338-3555 or 651-451-0741  
(ask for Al)

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Jayco Eagle 30 ft. Like new. Adult owned. Blue interior color. Equalizer bumper hitch. Sleeps six. \$9500 or B.O. 952-492-6012.

## GARAGE/STORAGE

250 sq. ft. 8-ft H.door. 24-hour access. 2 miles from Ford. S. Mpls. \$100 per mo. 6 mo. Minimum. Call Bob at 612-721-3114. Safe – secure – dry.

**FOR SALE:** 1994 Winnebago Adventurer 34RQ 54,230 Miles, 2 Roof AC, CB Hydraulic Levelers, TV w/VCP Back-up Camera, 3T’s Airbag system 3T’s Shocks, Steer safe, Michelin 8R 19.5XZA  
New 19’ A&E Awning, \$25,000.00  
List of New Parts on Request  
651-633-5184 651-226-5431

**FOR SALE:** 2000 Yamaha F2R, RI, LOW MILES  
\$4500.00 FIRM  
Call Terry @ 715-268-4015

**FOR SALE: Mahogany** four-post bed, dresser with mirror. Has been refinished. \$175. Kenmore wringer washer used less than 1 years. \$35.00. Call Irene Odegard at 651-633-5072.

**House for Rent or Sale:** 5 bedrooms, 2 car attached garage. Maplewood area. Available February 1, 2006. Contact: Steve at 612-245-8843

The classified section of the *Autoworker* is a service to all UAW members and retirees. To place an ad free of charge, submit to the *Autoworker* box in the Committee Room or send to Local 879 Union Hall. **Deadline for the next *Autoworker* is November 27, 2006**

**FOR SALE:** Union-made, Local 879 logo men’s and women’s wrist watches. \$50 each. See Bob Killeen at the union hall or call 699-4246. Will also be available during the union meetings.

**FOR RENT:** Twin House, 3 spacious bedrooms, bathrooms, 3 levels, whirlpool. 15 minutes to Ford, 5 minutes to downtown St. Paul. Available now. Call Tony 651-235-5071/Trim LHS Loom job.

**FOR SALE:** 1984 BUICK RIVIERA WHITE, 5.0L V8, 43,000 miles  
\$2,000.00 B.O CALL STEVE, 651-674-8511

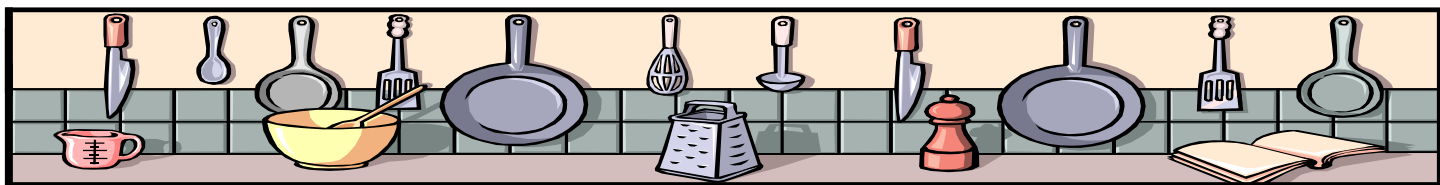
**WANTED:** Pontiac GTO. Dead or alive. Call GTO Tom at 952-469-1566 or [TDWilson@peoplepc.com](mailto:TDWilson@peoplepc.com)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHANGE

## ACTIVE MEMBERS NOTICE



Due to the return of the Alternative Work Schedule (4 ten hour days) - the monthly membership union meeting days will change to the first **Wednesday** of the month. Nightshift meeting will begin 15 minutes after the **Tuesday** night scheduled Chassis shutdown at 3:45 am. Dayshift meets at 4:45 pm. Hope you can make it. **MEETING CHANGE** For November only! Meetings will be held on **Tuesday**, November 21st at the usual times. Nightshift meeting will begin 15 minutes after the **Monday** night scheduled Chassis shutdown.



# Halloween Recipes

## HALLOWEEN SPIDER WEB CUPCAKES

These cupcakes are fun to serve for a children's or adult Halloween party.

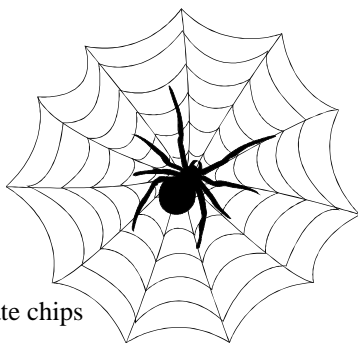
### Cupcakes Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup Butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup Sour Cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt



### Frosting Ingredients:

- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup Butter, softened
- 3 to 4 tablespoons milk



### Glaze Ingredients:

- 1 cup real semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 4 teaspoons shortening

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine sugar and 1/4 cup butter in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Add eggs; continue beating until creamy. Add sour cream, milk and vanilla. Continue beating until well mixed. Add all remaining cupcake ingredients. Reduce speed to low; beat until well mixed.

Fill each paper-lined muffin cup with about 2 tablespoons batter. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely.

Combine powdered sugar and 1/4 cup butter in small bowl. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often and gradually adding enough milk for desired spreading consistency.

Melt chocolate chips and shortening in 1-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth (3 to 4 minutes). Place melted chocolate in small heavy-duty resealable plastic food bag; snip tip from one corner to make very small hole.

Frost 6 cupcakes at a time, using about 1 tablespoon frosting for each cupcake. Immediately pipe 3 concentric circles of melted chocolate onto each frosted cupcake. Starting at center, draw toothpick 5 or 6 times through chocolate circles to outside edge of frosting to make spider web design. Repeat with remaining cupcakes and frosting. Let stand until chocolate is firm.

## JACK-O-LANTERN CAKE

Moist, pumpkin-flavored, bake-in-a-bowl; an easy Halloween dessert that little and big "kids" will love.

### Cake Ingredients:

- 1 (18.5-ounce) package yellow or spice cake mix
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup canned cooked pumpkin
- 2 eggs

### Frosting Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup Butter, softened
- 1/3 cup canned cooked pumpkin
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 drops red food color, if desired
- 2 drops green food color, if desired



### Decoration Ingredients:

- 1 (6-inch) black licorice twist
- 1 large marshmallow




Heat oven to 350°F. Combine all cake ingredients in large bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Pour batter into greased and floured 2 1/2-quart ovenproof bowl. Bake for 60 to 75 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes; remove from bowl; invert. Cool completely.

Meanwhile, combine butter and 1/3 cup pumpkin in small bowl. Beat at medium speed until well mixed. Gradually add half of powdered sugar; continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Add remaining powdered sugar, milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Reserve 1/4 cup frosting. Stir in red food color to remaining frosting, if desired. Frost cooled cake with red tinted frosting. Cut licorice twist into 4 long strips; cut 9 (1-inch) pieces and arrange on side of cake in triangle shapes for eyes and nose. Place 1 long strip on cake in curved fashion to form mouth.

Add green food color to reserved frosting, if desired. Place marshmallow on top of cake to form stem. Frost marshmallow with green tinted frosting.

# NOVEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
	<b>L A Y O F F W E E K</b>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<b>L A Y O F F W E E K</b>					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>L A Y O F F W E E K</b>					
19	20 RETIREES MEETING 1:30 PM	21 UNION MEETINGS	22	23 	24	25
26	27 DEADLINE FOR NEXT AUTOWORKER	28 RUN-OFF ELECTION	29 RUN-OFF ELECTION	30		

**LUCKY YOU!**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Door prize winners for**  
**SEPTEMBER**

Joe Callahan  
 Marcus Davis  
 Dennis Dickhausen  
 Danielle Lemmons  
 Herb Lentsch  
 J Rahmann  
 Marlowe Stoxstell  
 Paul Timm (DONATE  
 TO A FOOD SHELF)  
 Mitch Wilkinson

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