

# Weekly Word



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## Contract

It's nearing the end of our contract and unfortunately we are quickly running out of printed copies. While I don't know how long it will take to negotiate a new contract, I do know our supply will run out with the new training classes. If you haven't checked, the complete contract is now available on the FSW website.

The bargaining team has been meeting throughout the summer and is nearing a point where we can begin negotiating. The contract surveys will be in your hands shortly at your worksite. You can complete them online with the information provided in the cover sheet. Otherwise, feel free to hand them to your steward, send via US mail, or through interoffice. We are trying to get the responses back by the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

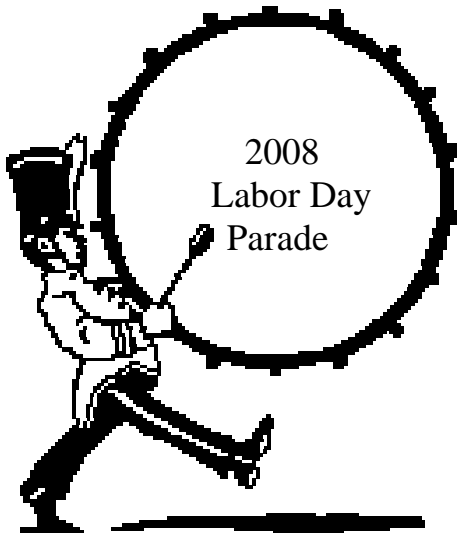
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## 2008 Labor Film Festival

Check bulletin boards near you to see if the brochures and tickets are available for the current season beginning Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>. All screenings are at the Dryden Theatre on Friday evenings in September and October starting at 8pm. Tickets are free to all!

- 9/5 *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song*
  - 9/12 *Profit Motive and The Whispering Wind*
  - 9/19 *Christ in Concert*
  - 9/26 *Monsieur Verdoux* (also 9/28 @ 4:30pm)
  - 10/3 *The Women of Brukman*
  - 10/10 *Strike*
  - 10/17 *Pitfall*
  - 10/24 *Heroes for Sale and Taxi!*
  - 10/31 *Land of the Dead*
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Flyers for this annual event will be appearing on a bulletin board near you this week. I'll give you the lowdown now, though, so you have it:

- ✓ Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ Assemble at 10am on Strathallen Park
- ✓ FSW T- shirts will be available until the supply is exhausted
- ✓ Each marcher will receive a movie pass
- ✓ The first 20 marchers that want to attend the post parade picnic at Cobb's Hill Park starting around 1pm can receive a ticket

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## Parking at 691 St Paul

For the last 7 or 8 months the Union has been raising at Labor/ Management meetings the problem that we expected with parking at St Paul when the school would occupy the space at 690 St Paul in September. Parking has been an issue at this building even without the school in session. Well, the future is here.

Unfortunately, I don't have a reasonable answer to give you. Nor does DHS administration feel great about the inconvenience parkers will experience there. It seems the illustrious landlord has contracted with the School District for 85 spaces which means DHS and Health Department staff get to go hunting as usual.

Car pooling or alternative work schedules could help reduce the problem. Check with your supervisor and administrator and keep the Union informed. It would also help if staff that basically park all day be considerate of casework staff that are in and out of the office throughout the day.

*Editor's note: Peg Capuano made me delete my original editorial remarks in the name of labor relations. She's probably right, though it felt good to write them once.*