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## Strikers' jobs not guaranteed Dresser-Rand workers await labor board decision

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**PAINTED POST** | Striking union members at the Dresser-Rand facility might not have jobs to go back to when the work stoppage ends.

The announcement by D-R on Thursday to hire permanent replacement workers means the employees' jobs

now hinge on whether the National Labor Relations Board decides the company committed unfair labor practices during negotiations, according to Jim Conlon, general counsel with the New York State Labor Relations Board.

About 415 employees at the Painted Post facility walked out on Aug. 4, claiming the company committed unfair

labor practices.

On Aug. 3, a proposed contract from the company was overwhelmingly voted down by the members of the Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine, and Furniture Local 313.

The union filed complaints with the NLRB claiming the company did not negotiate in good faith, said Paul Murphy, acting assistant regional direc-

tor for the NLRB in Buffalo.

Currently, the NLRB is investigating the claim. But it could be another six to seven weeks before the agency decides whether the claim has merit, Murphy said.

Until then the work stoppage is considered an economic strike, Conlon said.

Based on the U.S. Supreme Court case of the National

Labor Relations Board vs. McKay Radio, an employer is allowed to hire permanent replacement workers if a strike occurred for economic reasons, Conlon said.

Therefore, as long as the D-R walkout remains labeled an economic strike, the replacement workers are secure in their jobs with the company, he said. Striking workers tech-

nically remain employed, but are not paid.

They must also reapply for their jobs and are put on a rehiring list and can be turned down by the company, he said.

But if a union's claims are given merit, the members are assured their jobs by law

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### Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival



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Above | Vintage Bugattis make their way down Franklin Street during the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival Friday evening. Below | Bill Green, Watkins Glen Historian, presents Ron Hetherington the Concours d'Elegance Historical Award. Green's 1920 Bugatti Brescia also took home the Concours d'Elegance Award for Best in Show.

## Race cars return to streets

BY DERRICK EK  
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**WATKINS GLEN** | Schuyler County's storied history of motor racing roared to life during Friday's Grand Prix Festival.

Thousands of automobile enthusiasts packed Franklin Street in downtown Watkins Glen to check out a wide array of vintage sports cars - BMW, Corvette, Bugatti, Alfa Romeo, Porsche, and many more - on display throughout the village.

Festival organizer Marianne Shoemaker estimated that there were about 800 vintage race cars on hand.

The annual event kicked off Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix weekend at Watkins Glen International.

The big highlight was a recreation of the street races - called the Watkins Glen Grand Prix - that were held in the late 1940s and early '50s on a 6.6-mile loop around the village and the nearby hills.

The first batch of cars to roll past the original start/finish line in front of the Schuyler County Courthouse were race cars specifically from that era.

One of the cars, an MG TC, actually raced in the Watkins Glen Grand Prix nearly 60 years ago. It was driven during Friday's event by Otto Linton, one of the drivers from that era, said Jim Sceptura, one of the festival organizers.

Sceptura, a Watkins Glen native, recalled standing on a street corner as a young boy, watching the cars thunder past. They would reach speeds of 125 mph on stretches of the original course,



he said.

"The atmosphere back then was unbelievable," Sceptura said. "There was so much excitement."

The first street race in Watkins Glen - the U.S. Grand Prix - was held in October 1948. Racing historians refer to it as the "rebirth of American road racing" because it was the first road race run since before World War II started.

It was won by a racer named Frank Griswold, who drove an Alfa Romeo.

Friday, following a tribute lap by the cars from the street racing years, roughly 100 vintage cars representing five decades of racing history rumbled past as people fired away with digital cameras.

The cars were driven by members of the

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## Protesters' trial continues today

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**BATH** | The trial of five anti-war demonstrators who were arrested Aug. 6 at the Bath office of U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl extended into the late evening hours Friday before it was recessed until 9:30 a.m. today.

The defendants - Daniel J. Burns, 47; Ellen Grady, 44; Richard T. Saddler, 42; Mark C. Scibilia-Carver, 54; and Christopher Tate, 46, all of the Ithaca area - are representing themselves, and each questioned potential jurors and witnesses.

Jury selection Friday lasted more than six hours before testimony began. Witnesses included the defendants, arresting officers and office personnel.

The defendants attempted to put the war in Iraq on trial, they said, by questioning witnesses and potential jurors about their war views. Assistant District Attorney Travis Berry limited those attempts by objecting to irrelevant questions, most of which were sustained by Bath Village Judge Chauncey Watches.

The group subpoenaed

Kuhl, a Hammondsport Republican, to testify at the trial, but the congressman did not appear at the proceedings.

During the trial Friday, friends and family of the protesters supported the defendants inside and outside of the courtroom. Some of the supporters made signs and demonstrated near the courthouse.

The protesters were charged Aug. 6 with third-degree criminal trespass after they went to deliver petitions containing approximately 3,000 signatures that asked the congressman to vote against additional funding for the war.

Police said the group was involved in an anti-war demonstration throughout the day, but at 5 p.m. a staff member asked the group to leave because the office was closing for the day.

When the protesters refused, police were called and ordered the group to disperse. When the demonstrators refused, they were arrested.

If convicted, the defendants face up to three months in jail.

## Bin Laden to U.S.: Embrace Islam

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**CAIRO, EGYPT** | Osama bin Laden appeared for the first time in three years in a video Friday released ahead of the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they want the war in Iraq to end.

American officials said the U.S. government had obtained a copy even though the video had not been posted yet by al-Qaida - and intelligence agencies were studying the video to determine whether it was authentic and looking for clues about bin Laden's health.

The 30-minute video was obtained by the SITE Institute, a Washington-based group that monitors terrorist messages, and provided to the Associated Press.

The footage gives a rare look at the al-Qaida leader, who has likely avoided appearing



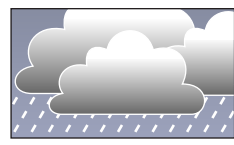
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Osama bin Laden is seen for the first time in three years on video.

in videos as a security measure. His emergence comes at a time when terrorism experts believe his terror network is regrouping in the lawless Pakistan-Afghanistan border region - and it underlines the U.S. failure to catch him.

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