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Unifor members marched joyously in Toronto's Pride parade. More than 700 St. Mary's General Hospital workers stage rally to fight against privatization. Metro grocery workers begin contract negotiations. Auto bargaining set to begin. Read Unifor National President Lana Payne's statement on the proposed merger of the Toronto Star's parent company Nordstar and Postmedia. Unifor supports the passing of Bill C-18 to help save local news, but it's not a silver bullet. Plus: Bargaining updates from Saputo and Canada Coast Marine.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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Unifor served the Detroit Three (D3) automakers, Ford, General Motors and Stellantis, notice to bargain today on behalf of 18,000 members whose collective agreements are set to expire in September 2023.

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As Unifor prepares for its 10-year anniversary, celebrating Canadian Council this August, we encourage local unions to submit resolutions to bring before delegates at the council. The deadline is fast approaching on July 19.

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## IN THE NEWS



Happy Pride Month! Unifor stood strong with our queer and trans members and allies. We celebrated the diversity, inclusion, and equality that make our union and society stronger. Let's continue to march forward, united in the fight for love, acceptance, and justice.

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Frontline hospital workers marched to the office of St. Mary's General Hospital president Mark Fam on Monday afternoon and delivered a petition calling on management to take a stand against the provincial government's plan to privatize hospital services.

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Unifor is extremely disappointed that Windsor Salt has resorted to bargaining in the public. Such tactics are counterproductive and doomed to fail.

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The 3,700 frontline grocery workers at Metro kick off contract negotiations with a historic 100% strike vote, abundant public support, and a union more united than ever. Workers sounded the alarm on low wages, being stuck in part-time jobs, and constant cuts to hours.

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Unifor applauds workers at global automotive supplier Fränkische joining the Sindicato Independiente Nacional de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de la Industria Automotriz (SINTTIA) union following the launch of a trade complaint by the Canadian government to stop labour abuses at the company in March, which Unifor initiated.

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"News of the proposed merger between Postmedia and Nordstar is brutal on top of the other job losses and cuts in media since the start of this year," said Unifor National President Lana Payne. "Our priority is jobs and journalism." Read Unifor's statement.

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Unifor applauds the passing of Bill C-18: The Online News Act as an important next step towards supporting local news and Canadian content in the media.

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Unifor strongly opposes Bell Media's application to the CRTC to eliminate all regulatory requirements for local news at all of its CTV, CTV2 and Noovo stations across Canada. We will do everything in our power to ensure that Bell Media continues to live up to its legislated obligations to fund and create local news and programming.

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Unifor has uncovered more contracting out of permanent, unionized jobs at SaskTel, the fourth such discovery this year.

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Unifor signs the Declaration of Intent as part of the Free to Grow in Forestry initiative to transform the forest sector to be more diverse and inclusive.

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The 30 maintenance workers at Saputo Dairy Ltd. Supply of Canada GP in Edmonton, Alta., will join the production workers who have an existing separate certification of this location with Unifor Local 445.

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On June 22, the bargaining committee for Canada Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Service Officers at Local 2182 reached a tentative agreement with the Government of Canada that will see no concessions and a 10.75% wage increase over four years.

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The Black, Indigenous & Workers of Colour Conference is a bilingual event for members who self-identify to gain skills and build

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knowledge. Register now for the conference, taking place Sept. 15 to 17 at Unifor's Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ont.

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