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## Strike rattles uprooted GM Lordstown workers



Ron Channell, a former Lordstown, Ohio, plant worker who transferred to Toledo, pickets.

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### Just settled in, transfers called to UAW picket lines

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Since beginning a new job in Toledo, Sue Bell has traveled back to Warren, Ohio, every weekend to be with her husband and to spend time in a community she still considers home.

But there's one place she goes through lengths to avoid: the shuttered General Motors factory in Lordstown where she worked for 25 years before transferring to the auto-maker's Toledo Transmission plant.

"It's too emotional," the 50-year-old said outside the plant Monday, straining to be heard over honking cars blaring

their support for 100 or so strikers comprising the afternoon picket line. "I spent my whole life there."

Just a few months after moving to Toledo, where she works assembling transmissions for GM vehicles, Ms. Bell's life is again in upheaval. She's one of nearly 50,000 United Auto Workers members nationwide who are striking at GM facilities for better wages and the reopening of idled plants, like the one she left in Lordstown when GM ended production of its Chevrolet Cruze in March.

For some 200 workers who transferred to Toledo from Lordstown, the strike is the

latest chapter in a trying 2019 that's brought anxiety over job loss and uprooted families, and highlighted an evolving auto industry that's been a bedrock of middle-class existence for more than 100,000 Ohioans who make cars and their parts. Many of the transfers who arrived in January had just settled into new jobs before they were called to the picket line.

Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and General Motors showed some signs of progress as the strike extended into a second day Tuesday.

"They are talking, they've made progress, we'll see how

long it takes," Brian Rothenberg, spokesman for the UAW, said.

One of the main sticking points is health care. GM is looking to cut its costs, but workers say they shouldn't have to pay more because the company is making billions in profits. Union workers pay about 4 percent of their health-care costs, but employees of large companies in the United States pay an average of 34 percent, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Mr. Rothenberg said that GM on Monday canceled workers' company-sponsored

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## Saudi Arabia restoring oil production

### Source of attack probed

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's energy minister said Tuesday that more than half of the country's daily crude oil production that was knocked out by an attack over the weekend has been recovered and that production capacity at the targeted facilities will be fully restored by the end of the month.

The attack early Saturday struck a Saudi oil field and the world's largest crude oil processing plant in the kingdom's eastern region, taking out 5.7 million barrels of crude oil production per day for the

kingdom, or about 5 percent of the world's daily production.

Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said the state-run company Aramco will honor its commitments to its customers this month by drawing from its reserves of crude oil and offering additional crude production from other oil fields.

He said production capacity will reach up to 11 million barrels a day by the end of September and 12 million barrels in November.

He said production at the Abqaiq processing facility is

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## Congress readies stopgap spending

### Government shutdown isn't likely

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WASHINGTON — House Democrats are steering clear of controversy in a short-term, government-wide spending measure that's needed to prevent a federal government shutdown at the end of September.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D., Calif.) has agreed to a White House request to replenish funds for bailout payments to farmers absorbing heavy losses as a result of President Trump's trade war with

China.

She has rejected suggestions from House liberals to try to use the must-pass stopgap measure to try to reverse the President's moves to raid military base construction projects to pay for the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

The temporary spending bill would keep the government running through Nov. 21.

House and Senate votes are expected well in advance of the

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### 1ST WOMAN TFD'S BADGE NO. 1



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Pvt. Kathy Rickheim, left, is congratulated by Toledo Fire & Rescue Department Lt. Tammy Powell before a ceremony for Private Rickheim to receive Badge No. 1. Private Rickheim, hired in 1988, is the first woman to be recognized with Badge No. 1 as the most senior private on the department. She will wear it until she retires.

## Facebook expands terrorism definitions to limit extremism

### Company to form oversight board

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook on Tuesday announced changes designed to limit hate speech and extremism on the social network, expanding its definition of terrorist organizations and planning to deploy artificial intelligence to better spot and block live videos of shooters.

The company is also expanding a program that redirects users searching for

extremism to resources intended to help them leave hate groups behind.

The announcement was made the day before a hearing on Capitol Hill about how Facebook, Google, and Twitter handle violent content.

Facebook has been under intense pressure to limit the spread of hate messages, pictures, and videos on its site.

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