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Hundreds of local workers caught up in UAW strike

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Nearly 2,000 Miami Valley workers were affected Monday as the United Auto Workers walkout against General Motors continued. ...

... David Kudla, a University of Dayton graduate and chief executive of Mainstay Capital Management in Grand Blanc, Mich., predicted nearly two weeks ago that DMAX would feel the impact if the UAW struck GM.

"If GM is not accepting those deliveries (of auto parts), then they (suppliers) can't make parts, they are going to be laying off employees, and we're already seeing that," Kudla said. "And there will be more to come the longer the strike goes on."

GM leaders almost certainly saw this strike coming and were able to plan ahead in terms of building an inventory of vehicles in the system, he said. "So there's a little bit of time here."

"I'm sure both sides want to reach a deal, and they're working toward that," Kudla said.

A UAW spokesman said negotiators worked through the weekend and resumed talks Monday morning. A message was left for a GM spokesman. ...

... And the sides may be at an impasse over the treatment of temporary workers, with the UAW seeking the improvement of wages, benefits and job security for everyone, including temporary workers, and GM resisting that.

In essence, the UAW will want all the guarantees it can win for the next four years, while GM negotiators will seek to stay nimble in an ever-changing market. ...

... But while the sides talk, there's hope of a resolution at some point. ...

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