



MCO AND OSE STARTED BARGAINING TALKS THIS WEEK

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mental representatives. In the opening session,

the parties briefly discussed contract articles that may not need debate. On Wednesday, the State gave a presentation to the entire Coalition of State Employee Unions on Michigan's Economic and Budget Outlook. Sessions are planned for the next two to three weeks.

AROUND THE STATE: AMF STAFFERS INJURED; INMATE STABBED AT NCF; CONTRABAND AT KCF

SPIKE IN ACTIVITY AT IBC

A two-day rash of fights broke out at Bellamy Creek Aug. 9. Two inmates were stabbed that day. One prisoner's injuries required treatment at a local hospital. A total of four convicts went to segregation for fighting that day.

The next day, another inmate was hospitalized after his neck was slashed. The assailant went to seg. Officers had to Tase a man involved in an unrelated fight. Another inmate was found with a razor blade.

Three weapons were found during a Level IV shakedown on Aug. 12.

CONTRABAND THROWN OVER KCF FENCE ... AGAIN

Fifteen cell phones, one ounce of marijuana, three pounds of tobacco and a tube of super glue were apparently thrown over a perimeter fence at Kinross Aug. 6. An officer found the contraband at about 2:30 a.m. No one was caught tossing the items.

This isn't the first time KCF has had problems with contraband coming over the fence. In March, a woman was caught throwing pack-

ages of drugs and cell phones. And in November, a yard cop reported contraband was being thrown over the fence, but by the time a PSV was dispatched and at the scene, the suspect was gone.

THREE AMF OFFICERS HURT

Three staffers at AMF are receiving hospital treatment after an inmate became violent this morning.

The prisoner started swinging when he was released for breakfast and hit an officer several times. One of the responding officers suffered a knee injury in the scuffle.

NCF INMATE STABBED

An NCF inmate stabbed another prisoner in the neck and face Tuesday.

The victim was taken to a local hospital by ambulance. His injuries required stitches.

The attack happened on the yard. A six-inch long weapon made from weather stripping material was recovered. The material has been removed, but staff are still finding shanks fashioned from it.

A former RUO reviewed video footage of the assault and identified the assailant. An identical shank was found in the attacker's cell.

INMATE THROWS POOL BALLS, BARRICADES HIMSELF IN CELL

An inmate at SRF threw pool balls at officers Sunday after they confiscated chicken and a TV from him.

The inmate then barricaded himself and his bunk mate in his cell. Once the inmate was finally removed from the cell, he was taken to a hospital for treatment of self-inflicted injuries.

The inmate was in a Level II housing unit at SRF, even though OTIS lists him as a Level IV, an SRF officer said.

Because of staff reductions, normal prison operations (including yard time and visitation) slowed or were canceled while employees from all corners of the facility responded to this incident.

Good job, officers, on your handling of these dangerous situations. Stay safe in there.