



Holding the Line

Strike Update
Issue #7

Unemployment Benefits

Albertsons and Ralphs employees should file for unemployment benefits immediately.

Applications are taken by telephone only at:
1-800-300-5616

UFCW Fighting for Your Pay

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the UFCW filed two additional complaints against Safeway (Vons), Albertsons, and Kroger (Ralphs).

One of the complaints alleges that Ralphs and Albertsons failed to present what is referred to as "reporting time pay" to employees who showed up for work as scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 11, and Sunday, Oct. 12.

The second complaint asserts that all three employers failed to pay employees all of their earned wages, including vacation and sick pay, by a legal deadline. State law requires that in the event of a strike or lockout, employees are entitled to all earned wages by their next payday. In this case, the payday of Oct. 16 passed without employees receiving the amounts they were owed.





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- **Vons #1625 in Gardena:** Over 200 teachers and parents visited the store to lift spirits on the picket line. The teachers are also fighting cutbacks, in the form of budget cuts and district downsizing.
 - **Ralphs #17 in Sun Valley:** Not only are customers bringing food, water, and sodas for everyone on the picket line, but they are also helping strikers inform others about the situation. Regular customers are standing out front of the store to tell other customers why they shouldn't cross the picket line—and many times, they listen and take their business elsewhere.
 - **Vons #2175 in La Quinta:** Produce Manager Chris Ramirez was interviewed by KESQ for doing something that he felt was simply "the right thing to do."

Ramirez is temporarily working for Stater Bros. in the Coacella Valley. After work, he drives to his Vons store in La Quinta to walk as many hours as he can with his striking co-workers. Upon receiving his strike fund pay, he donated it back to his striking union family at Vons.

"Sure I could use the money, but my brothers and sisters who are on strike and locked out need it more. We all out here to secure our future."

On the morning of Oct. 24 at Vons #2384 in Palm Springs, a scab stole an elderly woman's purse while she was shopping. At the end of his shift, the scab tried to purchase hundreds of dollars worth of groceries with the woman's credit card. When he went to pay for the groceries in the manager's check out line, the manager noticed that the man's face did not match the woman's name on the card. The manager also knew the card was reported stolen earlier that day. The scab was arrested.