



# Holding the Line

Strike Update  
Issue #19

## Safeway Hides Truth From Investors

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**S**afeway CEO Steve Burd ran and hid on Thursday morning, taking investors with him in attempt to keep the shareholders from finding out about the real impact the strike is having on business.

The company was to hold its shareholder meeting at a hotel conference center, where a parallel forum was also planned to tell investors the real story behind the strike and Safeway's business deals. Safeway, afraid to have investors come face to face with the 150 workers there from Southern California, quickly moved the meeting to company headquarters in Pleasanton.

At the parallel forum, UFCW Executive Vice President and Director of Collective Bargaining Sarah Palmer Amos emphasized the strong community support for striking workers, as well as support throughout the labor community. Amos sent a clear message that workers are holding the line for as long as it takes to save affordable health care.



Outside of the meeting, hundreds gathered, holding a vigil with religious, labor, and community leaders.



## Albertsons Releases Sales Lost During Lock Out

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On Friday, December 5 in Albertsons' earnings conference call (available on the Internet at <http://biz.yahoo.com/cc/2/36632.html>), the company announced that for the fiscal quarter ending October 13, which included the first 19 days of the Albertsons lock out, the company lost \$132 million in sales in Southern California. When this data is extrapolated to apply to the other stores involved in this protracted labor dispute—Vons/Pavilions and Ralphs—the total losses as of today could be nearing one billion dollars.

## Upcoming Events

### **Food Bank**

Striking and locked-out supermarket workers can pick up donations of food from the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Place: UFCW Local 324 Headquarters  
8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park  
Back parking lot

### **Government Assistance**

Representatives of the Community Action Partnership will advise striking and locked-out supermarket workers on how to get government assistance for rent, mortgage, food and other needs.

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Date: Monday, Dec. 8, 2003

Place: UFCW Local 324 Headquarters  
Downstairs auditorium