

## Local 876 Ratifies New Contract with Kroger in Michigan



Local 876 members vote to ratify their new contract with Kroger.

Members of Local 876 in Michigan have ratified a new three-year contract with Kroger. The contract covers around 12,000 members at more than 100 Kroger stores.

The new contract includes bonuses of up to \$1500 for workers, as well as a top rate increase in all jobs. It also holds the line on health insurance costs for members and ensures that Kroger will make 100 percent of the pension contributions.

“Michigan’s poor economy and high unemployment rate made these contract negotiations very difficult,” said Roger Robinson, President of Local 876. “Despite these tough circumstances, we were able to deliver on the members’ main goals of protecting their health insurance and pension benefits. The bargaining committee fought hard, stood up to Kroger’s unreasonable demands and left the bargaining table confident they reached the best contract possible without taking drastic action.”

The new contract also establishes surpluses in the health and welfare funds to guarantee their long-term fiscal health and insure a stronger negotiating position at contract expiration. **OP**

## Save the Date & Gear Up: Something’s Rotten at Mott’s

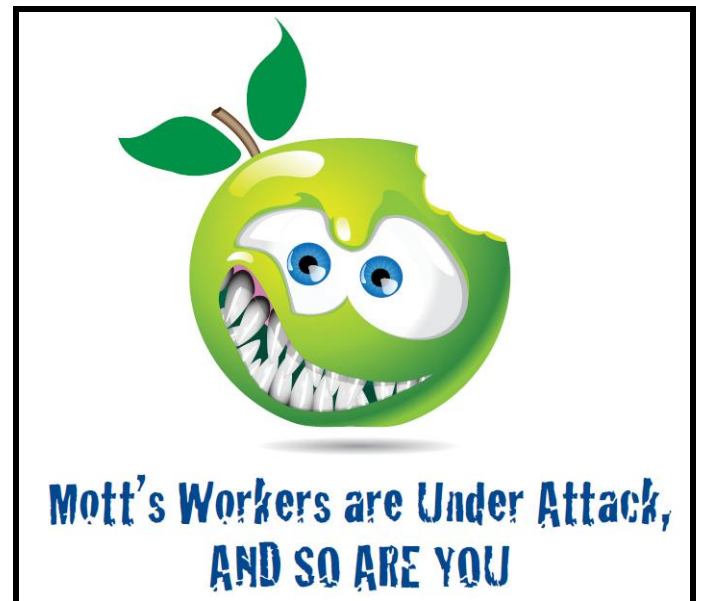
UFCW local unions across the country are gearing up to support their fellow workers. From June 28 to July 2, hundreds of UFCW locals will take part in a handbill blitz in support of striking Mott’s/Local 220\* members.

The handbilling will target products made by the plant in Williamson, N.Y. Locals will pass out information outside major retailers—Walmart, Target and union and non-union retailers—on behalf of Local 220\* members and victims of corporate greed everywhere.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group, the parent company of Mott’s, demanded draconian wage cuts from the workers despite the continued profitability of both the company and that plant.

This is an important opportunity to stand up against corporate greed. Check back in with *OnPoint* for complete reports after the actions. For more information, visit [www.mottsworkers.org](http://www.mottsworkers.org) or [www.nobadapples.org](http://www.nobadapples.org).

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## UFCW Canada Gives Workers a Voice at G20 Summit in Toronto

This week's G20 Summit in Toronto gathers leaders of the world's largest countries together to discuss an array of business, environmental and other global issues. UFCW Canada has launched Gee 20 News at [www.gee20.ca](http://www.gee20.ca) to establish a presence for workers during the summit. The new website will be packed full of raw and comprehensive real-time video from Toronto and around the world.

Gee 20 News crews will deliver interviews and counter-coverage with a worker perspective throughout the summit. By utilizing the latest in streaming technology, Gee 20 News will provide users with a live outlet to the happenings at the summit. "The G20 elitists can hide behind a barricade but they can't stop the truth getting out about their agenda," says Wayne Hanley, UFCW Canada National President.

The videos focus on the worker impact of globalization by huge corporations like Walmart and how UFCW members can get active and involved in taking on these important issues that our industries are facing.

UFCW members can follow the summit live at [www.gee20.ca](http://www.gee20.ca) and are encouraged to participate in the site's discussions. **OP**



UFCW Canada's Gee20.ca website

## Flash Mob Protests Shaw's at Somerville Store



A still from the video of the Shaw's flash mob action

UFCW members, Massachusetts Jobs with Justice activists and community allies grabbed attention with a "flash mob" protest in a Massachusetts Shaw's store. The protest was organized to draw attention to the fight for justice by members of Local 791 who work in Shaw's Methuen distribution center and have been on strike since March 7 for affordable health care for their families.

In the action, a chorus of volunteers and the Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society band invaded the Porter Square Shaw's store and sang "Ain't Gonna Shop at Shaw's No More" to the classic tune "Down by the Riverside."

They encouraged local shoppers to boycott Shaw's and then rallied outside the store where they were addressed by a Methuen warehouse worker.

"Day after day we're out here on the pavement in hopes to get back to the bargaining table," said the Methuen worker. "Until then, we're gonna boycott Shaw's."

View the video of the action online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WPVLsCVcI>. **OP**