



Hospital Chain Alleges Union Extortion, As SEIU Study Exposes High Infection Rates

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Prime Healthcare Services Inc. (PHS), owner of 14 acute care hospitals in California, is speaking out against what it says is an extortion campaign by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West alleging Medicare fraud or infection control problems by the hospital chain during an ongoing labor dispute.

Union Relinquished Arbitrator's Fine Award By Disclaiming Work at Job Site, Court Rules

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In granting the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' motion for summary judgment seeking to invalidate both awards, Judge James B. Zagel found that Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 relinquished the fine award when the National Labor Relations Board accepted SMW's disclaimer of interest in the remaining work to install stainless steel siding at the worksite, known as the "Apple Store."

Democrats Can't Filibuster ObamaCare Repeal, Or Can They?

Wall Street Journal Online
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Keith Hennessey, a former White House colleague of mine, says Democrats are wrong. He argues that Republicans can repeal health-care reform with a simple Senate majority.

The Next Repeal Target

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The latest penitent is Kathleen Sebelius, who has finally admitted that there are severe fiscal problems with a new entitlement for long-term care that was included in ObamaCare. Speaking Tuesday at the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Health and Human Services Secretary defended the new government insurance program, known by the acronym Class. But she also said that "The law, while the structure in the statute wasn't perfect, provided ample flexibility to make sure that Class is successful. . . . We at HHS

are committed to using that authority to making sure that both the program meets people's needs while remaining fiscally sound."

Reaganomics: What We Learned

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Then Reagan entered center stage. His first tax bill was enacted in August 1981. It included a sweeping cut in marginal income tax rates, reducing the top rate to 50% from 70% and the lowest rate to 11% from 14%. The House vote was 238 to 195, with 48 Democrats on the winning side and only one Republican with the losers. The Senate vote was 89 to 11, with 37 Democrats voting aye and only one Republican voting nay. Reaganomics had officially begun.

Pilots Union in Shift on Garbage Plant

Wall Street Journal Online
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Without any public explanation, the country's largest pilots union has abandoned its previously strong opposition to a garbage facility being built about 2,000 feet from the end of a runway at La Guardia Airport.

Fire, Police Unions Fight for Bonuses

Wall Street Journal Online
2/10/2011

New York City's police and fire departments have a historic rivalry. But on Wednesday the heads of the police and firefighter unions stood shoulder-to-shoulder on the steps of City Hall united against Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who they both called a "liar." What brought the rivals together? Money.

Ohio Senate Republicans move to wipe out collective bargaining for all state workers

Columbus Dispatch Online
2/09/2011

The measure attracted a large group of union supporters to the Statehouse. The crowd inside spilled into the atrium, where a sound system was set up so they could hear testimony. Outside, several protestors clad in yellow shirts and carrying signs that urged a no vote demonstrated on the sidewalk.

Republicans want documents on move to unionize TSA screeners

Washington Post Online
2/09/2011

In a letter Wednesday to TSA Administrator John S. Pistole, Reps. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) said that despite Pistole's pledge that TSA "will not negotiate on security," it appears many of the employment conditions subject to collective bargaining have a direct impact on the quality of airport security."

Right-Wing Media Fearmonger That TSA Collective Bargaining Will Harm Security

Media Matters For America Online
2/09/2011

Right-wing media have responded to the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) decision to grant collective bargaining rights to TSA workers by fearmongering that it would harm national security.

Corbett and Council Majority Not Bowing to Branstad Over Convention Complex Agreement

KCRG News 9 Online, Cedar Rapids, IA
2/08/2011

A City Hall dispute with Gov. Terry Branstad broke out in public view last night as some on the City Council worried that Branstad's new executive order against project labor agreements could slow down or jeopardize funding for the city's \$75.6-million Convention Complex project, which features such an agreement with local labor unions.

Sanctioned extortion

2/09/2011

What Westmoreland County's commissioners defend as a "labor stabilization agreement" is nothing more than a shameless sop to Big Labor that should land them in court.

New Jerseyans tell state workers to toughen up

National Review Online
2/10/2011

Fifty-three percent of New Jerseyans approve of Gov. Chris Christie's handling of the state budget, Quinnipiac University finds in a new poll. Here are some more points:

Binding Arbitration for Police Officers and Firefighters Works, Protects Communities

PR Newswire Online

2/09/2011

No Wonder it Works: Police Union President admits Michigan law PA 312 has kept contract "... disagreements in the background ..."

Pension costs could erode San Luis Obispo services

SanLuisObispo.com

2/09/2011

The escalating costs of pensions may put San Luis Obispo at risk of reducing services that residents expect, such as paved roads and green grass at city parks.

State Senator Kicks Open Right-to-Work Door

Michigan Capital Confidential

2/10/2011

GOP state Sen. John Proos has opened the right-to-work "can" that Gov. Rick Snyder said he would sign but would not push for as part of his agenda.

Bill seeks to end forced unionization

Joplin Independent Online

2/10/2011

Fifty percent of manufacturers refuse to consider Missouri as a place to locate new jobs because Missouri law has no protection against forced unionization of their workers, according to testimony given Tuesday (2-8) in the Senate General Laws Committee. Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Senator Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville) would change that by giving employees the freedom to choose whether or not to join a union as a condition of getting or keeping a job.