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Wisconsin Head Start Employee Charged with Death Threats Against GOP Legislators

Weekly Standard Online
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It's odd that the Journal Sentinel's report, "Woman charged with email threats," fails to note Windels claims to be an early childhood educator at Head Start. I eagerly await the next Paul Krugman column denouncing Democrats for inciting teachers and other public employees.

Anti-Union push gains steam nationwide

The Joplin Globe Online
4/04/2011

"Now it's Tennessee's turn," the state's GOP lieutenant governor, Ron Ramsey, said in a recent letter on his Facebook page. Citing Ohio and Wisconsin, he urged support for legislation that would "prevent government employee unions from locking taxpayers into long-term union contracts that we cannot afford.

UAW Filing Shows Membership Gains in 2010

Daily Labor Report Online
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The membership figures are consistent with the latest employment data (see story in Section D), which show that 697,000 workers were employed in motor vehicle parts manufacturing in March, up from 664,400 a year earlier—a sign the auto industry finally is rebounding from a deep slump. In recent years, UAW also has diversified its membership by organizing workers in the gaming, academic, and health care sectors. It currently is eyeing employees of the foreign-owned automakers and parts suppliers, which generally have remained nonunion.

Judge Enjoins Chicago Convention Sites From Enforcing Illinois Work Rules Law

Daily Labor report Online
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CHICAGO—A federal judge has struck down a portion of an Illinois law modifying work rules for union-represented carpenters, decorators, and electricians performing duties at Chicago convention venues, ruling March 31 that the measure tramples workers' rights under the National Labor Relations Act (Local 727, Int'l Bhd. of Teamsters v. Metro. Pier & Exposition Auth., N.D. Ill., No. 10 C 3484, 3/31/11; Chicago Reg'l Council of Carpenters v. Reilly, N.D. Ill., No. 10 C 3372, 3/31/11).

By 220-206 Vote, House Supports Provision in FAA Bill to Repeal NMB Rule

Daily Labor Report Online
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The House April 1 passed the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill (H.R. 658), which includes a provision to repeal the National Mediation Board's new rule for representation elections.

Municipal group wants legislature to include police and firefighters in collective bargaining changes

Superior Telegram Online
4/01/2011

Leaders of some of Wisconsin's larger communities want the legislature to require police officers and firefighters to pay more for their pension and health insurance. The governor's budget repair bill already requires that of other state and local worker unions, though a court challenge has held up the law so far.

Outagamie County OKs new union pacts

Appleton Post-Crescent Online
4/01/2011

APPLETON — The Outagamie County Board used a legislative stalemate to good advantage Thursday, endorsing five new labor agreements with hundreds of workers the same day a judge in Madison ruled Gov. Scott Walker's collective bargaining law hasn't gone into effect.

Union: There is no Union Grove boycott of businesses

Journal Times Online
4/01/2011

Marty Beil, executive director of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 24, said there is no boycott in an email Friday.

"There was some unfortunate overzealousness in the field," the email read. "We have made clear all along that we see small business as a partner and ally in getting Wisconsin back to work."

Update: Kapanke recall petition filed

BizTimes Daily Online
4/01/2011

La Crosse area Democrats have filed a petition with more than 21,700 signatures calling for a recall election of Sen. Dan Kapanke, one of eight Republicans targeted for his support of a controversial bill to curtail collective bargaining rights for public workers.

In Wisconsin, All Senate Votes Must Take Place In Front Of Screaming Mobs

Legal Insurrection
4/01/2011

According to reports, the testimony before Judge Sumi this morning regarded, in part, the fact that the March 9 Senate Committee meeting to re-work the budget bill (because 14 Democrats had fled), took place in a small room which only could hold 20 spectators, and access to the Capitol was restricted to a single entrance for crowd control purposes (and even then, a closed entrance was breached).

Teamsters thugs target WISN Radio and their advertisers

BadgerBlogger.com
4/02/2011

Mark Belling reported this afternoon that Teamsters, Local 200 in Milwaukee are targeting WISN Radio, and possible all Clear Channel stations in the market (the thug didn't seem to have a grasp of the business).

Judge's order may delay union law for nearly 2 months

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Online
4/02/2011

Dane County Circuit Judge Maryann Sumi did not schedule another hearing in the case, but she told attorneys to file final briefs by May 23 - seven weeks away.

Obama Kicks Off Re-Election Bid

Wall Street Journal Online
4/04/2011

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama formally kicked off his re-election campaign Monday with a message to the grass-roots supporters who were pivotal to his first White House run, making him the first official candidate of the 2012 election.