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### **Forgetting Cesar Chavez**

Democrats revive 'card check' in California.

Wall Street Journal Online, 5/14/2011

Once upon a time, in a California far, far away, Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers and Governor Jerry Brown marched for secret ballots for union organizing elections. Now the union and Democrats in California are pushing a "card check" law that would effectively abolish those elections for farm workers. The labor movement's moral authority marches on.

### **Union cash paid for Democratic legislative boycott**

Courier Press Online, 5/14/2011

An analysis of campaign finance records shows that Indiana Democrats got 905 small-dollar donations from individuals, a majority of whom live out of state, during and in the week after the legislative boycott.

That was a significant increase from previous years, but it was \$155,000 the party got from unions that did the most to foot the Democrats' bill for five weeks at the Comfort Suites hotel in Urbana, Ill.

### **Governor Christie must now show how much he loves collective bargaining State worker unions file unfair labor charges against Christie**

Northjersey.com, 5/13/2011

TRENTON — The state's employee unions have filed unfair labor charges against Gov. Chris Christie for his refusal to sit down and negotiate medical benefits, a union leader confirmed.

"We continue to just try to do everything we possibly can to persuade 'Governor I-Love-Collective-Bargaining' to just do so," Rosenstein said

### **Union whistleblowers: We were beaten and harassed after they accused bosses of looting**

NY Daily News Online, 5/15/2011

Unionized phone company employees say they were beaten or threatened after they accused their labor bosses of looting their coffers through various scams.

## **Autoworkers' union takes aim at "transplant" carmakers**

Post and Courier Online, 5/14/2011

President Bob King of the once powerful UAW is warning the transplants not to interfere with anticipated union recruitment efforts. "Transplants" include Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes, Volkswagen, Toyota, Honda and BMW.

The union will launch global demonstrations and publicity aimed at punishing offending carmakers, including convincing sympathizers in the civil rights, church and environmental communities to not buy vehicles." Further, King said, "The UAW will respond aggressively to any transplant automaker that interferes with union organizing at their U.S. assembly plants and engine plants in the coming months."

## **Republicans Take on NLRB**

Wall Street Journal Online, 5/13/2011

House Oversight Chairman Darrell Issa (R., Calif.), along with several Republicans on the committee, wrote to NLRB Acting General Counsel Lafe Solomon to demand documents linked to the Boeing complaint and union election laws in Arizona, South Carolina, South Dakota and Utah.

## **The union fight is just beginning**

boston.com, 5/16/2011

However much the public supports unionization in principle, it will not support what it views as the results of heavy-handed union politics: retirement at age 45, protection for bad teachers, or workers who don't contribute to their own health care costs. In New Hampshire, the House leadership just might swing enough votes to turn a 225-140 margin into a veto override. Either way, however, the popular sentiment behind this movement will be with us for a long time.

## **Connecticut Governor, Unions in Deal**

Wall Street Journal Online, 5/14/2011

Mr. Malloy's threats apparently paid off. Labor leaders, who supported Mr. Malloy during the election last year, conceded to givebacks of \$1.6 billion in wages and pension and health-care benefits. The governor declined to go into specifics "out of respect to unions," which wanted to first discuss detailed terms with their members, but options on the table included raising the retirement age, sweetening pension deals to encourage early retirement and wage freezes

## **The Coming Postal Bailout**

Wall Street Journal Online, 5/14/2011

The odds of a multibillion-dollar rescue package went way up this week when Postal Service management reported a \$2.2 billion loss for the first quarter, more than 25%

higher than last year despite the economic recovery. It now appears that the \$15 billion line of credit the feds have offered USPS will be used up by the end of this year, with low odds on ever being paid back.

**Muscle: SEIU's million-dollar ad push for more taxes**

San Francisco Examiner Online, 5/12/2011

WHAT: California's largest public- employee union, Service Employees International Union, launched a seven-figure television advertising blitz pressuring GOP legislators to back Gov. Jerry Brown's tax extensions.