



### **Labor Day Red Hot Read of the Day**

lakeshorelaments.com, 9/06/2011

Great post at NRO's The Corner by Mark Mix, President of the National Right to Work Committee and the Right to Work Foundation.

### **Believe It or Not: Michigan Court Rules union Salary Reduction Unconstitutional**

Daily Labor Report Online, 9/7/2011

LANSING, Mich.—The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled Aug. 25 that a law requiring public employees to contribute 3 percent of their wages to a retirement fund is unconstitutional (AFSCME Council 25 v. State Emps. Ret. Sys., Mich. Ct. App., No. 302959, 8/25/11).

### **Labor Dept. power grab rewards Obama's union allies**

The Thinker Online, 9/06/2011

The Washington Post takes Obama's Labor Department to task for deciding "with a stroke of a bureaucrat's pen" to reward unions while imposing crippling costs on everyone else. The issue involves one of unions' favorite pieces of legislation: The Davis-Bacon Act.

### **House Republicans paint target on NLRB's proposed union election rules**

The Hill Online, 9/05/2011

The proposed rule offers several changes to how union elections are run. Under the proposal's many changes, union organizers will be able to electronically file their petitions, pre-election hearings will be set seven days after those petitions are filed and voters' phone numbers and email addresses will be included on final voter lists.

### **Local 1320 City sewer engineer paid \$775k in 2010, more than any NYC employee; thousands of workers get backpay**

New York Daily News Online, 9/06/2011

Local 1320 President James Tucciarelli said the city has no one to blame but itself for the huge payouts.

"You can't hire skilled trade people to do the jobs ... and then string them out for eight or 13 years without a pay increase and then not expect to see exorbitant back pay numbers," he said. "They were deep in debt. Any back pay that they got is already gone."

### **Guest Column: Unions no longer help to preserve jobs**

rrstar.com, 9/04/2011

You can see it in interstate migration patterns. States with so called right-to-work laws, which allow all workers to decide for themselves whether or not they wish to join a union (such states have, not surprisingly, lower unionization levels), have boomed in population in the last few decades: In 1970, only 28.5 percent of Americans lived in a right-to-work state. By 2008, that number had ballooned to almost 40 percent

### **Unions Unveil Last-Minute Legislative Schemes in California to End Local Fair and Open Competition Policies and Promote Project Labor Agreements**

thetruthaboutplas.com, 9/06/2011

With virtually no legislative review or public scrutiny, these bills will sail through the so-called legislative process in a few chaotic days and go to Governor Jerry Brown for quick action.

### **Cincinnati Public Employees Ex-Boss Set to Plead Guilty**

nlpc.org, 9/06/2011

She is accused of embezzling more than \$750,000 from the union over more than six years. On July 20, she pleaded not guilty to the thefts, which had been uncovered by a Department of Labor probe triggered by an anonymous tip.

### **Why Not Just Eat the Children?**

publicsectorinc.com, 9/06/2011

Joe Mathews, a generally sober liberal observer of California politics and a senior fellow with the New America Foundation, offers a "modest proposal" for school reform in the Golden State: "Put CTA In Charge of All State Educational Policy."