

Labour Line

ARTICLES AND NEWS OF NOTE

The Home Line

Patrons miffed at library's new security searches

Anyone wanting to enter the Millennium Library will now be scanned by a metal detector and have their bags searched
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/patrons-miffed-at-libraries-new-security-searches-506347352.html>

Supreme Court Strikes Down Significant Pay Equity Case

The Supreme Court took the unusual step today of vacating a 2018 federal appeals court decision because one of the judges counted in the majority was deceased by the time the decision was published, reversing a landmark pay equity ruling that concluded employers could not justify wage differentials between men and women by relying on prior salary
<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=64ff3431-35c1-4609-9bbe-802c00ec431e>

Contract flip at YVR Airport puts 90 food service workers' jobs at risk

Approximately 90 contracted airport food service workers could lose their jobs due to Vancouver Airport Authority's recent decision to switch food service operators.

<https://www.uniteherelocal40.org/2019/02/news-release-contract-flip-at-yvr-airport-puts-75-food-service-workers-jobs-at-risk/>

Halifax has a Workers Action Centre!

Poor working conditions? Your rights violated at work? A new organization in Halifax offers support if you have nowhere to go.

<http://rankandfile.ca/halifax-wac/>

Grievance filed after Calgary Starbucks employees excluded from hotel bargaining unit

Differences between coffee chain, rest of hotel: Employer

<https://www.labour-reporter.com/article/39392-grievance-filed-after-calgary-starbucks-employees-excluded-from-hotel-bargaining-unit/>

Erie Locomotive Plant Workers Strike against Two-Tier

At the former GE locomotive manufacturing complex Erie, Pennsylvania, 1,700 workers walked off the job to fend off their new employer Wabtec's efforts to impose a raft of concessions, including two-tier wages.

<https://www.labornotes.org/2019/03/erie-locomotive-plant-workers-strike-against-two-tier>

Seafarers call for end to cruise-line owners' pregnancy test 'bullshit'

Many cruise lines insist on a pregnancy test as part of a medical examination of workers before they come aboard. International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) maritime co-ordinator Jacqueline Smith said the practice was blatantly discriminatory.

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/seafarers-call-for-end-to-cruise-line-owners-pregnancy-test-bullshit>