

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 30, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

MIKULSKI FIGHTS SOCIAL SECURITY, VETERANS AID CUTS

The Bay Net
April 25, 2013

U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) joined with Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) to introduce a Senate resolution fighting against cuts to Social Security benefits for seniors and disabled veterans through using the Chained Consumer Price Index (Chained CPI) to calculate cost-of-living adjustments. National groups lending their support to this effort include the Alliance for Retired Americans

http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewstory/story_ID/31860

ALLIANCE PEOPLE

CHAINED CPI FORMULA UNFAIR

Omaha World-Herald
April 24, 2013

Al Mumm, President of the Nebraska Alliance, writes a letter to the editor opposing chained CPI.

http://retiredamericans.org/system/storage/24/bb/1/2124/Chained_CPI_Formula_Unfair.jpg

BUDGET

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BUDGET PUTS HOUSE DEMOCRATS IN BIND

Politico
Alex Isenstadt
April 30, 2013

President Barack Obama blurred the lines this month when he embraced cuts of his own to earned benefits for seniors as part of his budget plan. And Democrats now fear their leader's tack to the center could blunt one of their sharpest weapons in the battle for the House of Representatives next year.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/obama-budget-entitlements-house-democrats-90749.html#ixzz2RxVWusly>

GOP MOVES AWAY FROM ENTITLEMENTS AND TOWARD TAX REFORM IN BUDGET DEAL

The Washington Post
April 27, 2013

With another fight over the national debt brewing this summer, congressional Republicans are de-emphasizing their demand for politically painful cuts to retirement programs and focusing on a more popular prize: a thorough rewrite of the U.S. tax code.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/gop-moves-away-from-entitlements-and-toward-tax-reform-in-budget-deal/2013/04/27/a3bfc5ac-add9-11e2-8bf6-e70cb6ae066e_story.html

IDENTITY THEFT

EPIDEMIC OF ID THEFT HITS SENIORS

MSN Money

April 29, 2013

If a person relies solely on Social Security benefits, that money isn't taxed. Since these senior citizens don't have to file a return, they are often unaware that their identities have been stolen to file fraudulent tax returns, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George told the Senate hearing.

<http://money.msn.com/tax-tips/post.aspx?post=84d5548c-1715-45fa-a7c4-387733adb69f>

MOVING

NEW BUSINESSES HELP UNLOAD THE STRESS OF MOVING SENIORS

USA Today

Janice Lloyd

April 28, 2013

Movers that specialize in seniors aim to smooth the way during one of the most trying times of life, when an elderly person either decides to move or is forced to move because they can no longer live alone or care for themselves.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/04/28/elderly-relocation-moving/2094823/>

POLITICS

5 THINGS TO WATCH IN MASS. SENATE PRIMARY

Politico

James Hohmann

April 30, 2013

The Boston bombings overshadowed the Senate race in Massachusetts for a week, but they didn't change the basic dynamic of the race: The Democratic establishment's pick, Rep. Ed Markey, is still heavily favored to defeat fellow Rep. Stephen Lynch Tuesday in the Democratic primary to replace now-Secretary of State John Kerry.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/massachusetts-senate-primary-90760.html#ixzz2RxVmQpU3>

SEQUESTER

MEALS ON WHEELS SEQUESTRATION CUTS TAKING EFFECT

The Huffington Post

Arthur Delaney

April 29, 2013

Federal funding for senior nutrition has been reduced by budget cuts known as sequestration, meaning less food for old people here and elsewhere. The White House has said the cuts would mean 4 million fewer meals for seniors this year, while the Meals On Wheels Association of America put the loss at 19 million meals.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/29/meals-on-wheels-sequestration_n_3165256.html

THE ELDERLY AND UNEMPLOYED STRUGGLE WITH SEQUESTER

FOX 5 SAN DIEGO

SHARON CHEN

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“All our funds in La Mesa are Gone, Vista has cut theirs in half,” said Debbie Case, President/CEO of Meals-on-Wheels Greater San Diego.

<http://fox5sandiego.com/2013/04/29/the-elderly-and-unemployed-struggle-with-sequester/#ixzz2RxLRxdxz>

CANCER CLINICS: OUR CUTS FROM SEQUESTER NEEDED EARLIER REMEDY THAN

FAA’S

The Hill

Sam Baker

April 28, 2013

Congress should have addressed deep cuts to cancer clinics before tackling airline delays caused by sequestration, people at several of those clinics said Friday.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/medicare/296509-cancer-clinics-our-cuts-from-sequester-needed-earlier-remedy-than-faas#ixzz2RxHxOkbp>