

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 10, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

LIBERAL GROUPS PROTEST OBAMA'S SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

The Washington Times

Susan Crabtree

April 9, 2013

Angry over anticipated changes to Social Security in President Obama's budget, liberal lawmakers, unions and groups representing retired Americans (including the Alliance) protested outside the White House on Tuesday, one day ahead of the budget's scheduled release.

http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/apr/9/liberal-groups-protest-obamas-social-security-plan/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS#ixzz2Q4Hw64Rv

NH CONSIDERS ENDING SENIORS' FREE PARK ACCESS

CBS Boston/Associated Press

Holly Ramer

April 9, 2013

Supporters of a bill to end free admission for seniors at state parks said Tuesday that the new fees could generate more than \$300,000 a year, but opponents argued the change would make parks unaffordable for low-income seniors. Sara Dustin, a member of the New Hampshire Alliance, said many members of her organization oppose the bill.

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2013/04/09/nh-considers-ending-seniors-free-park-access/>

BUDGET

OBAMA UNVEILS BUDGET MEANT TO DRAW G.O.P TO THE TABLE

The New York Times

Jackie Calmes

April 10, 2013

President Obama once again has put forward a fiscal mix of investments in infrastructure, education and research with further deficit reduction through tax increases and spending cuts. But for the first time he has included changes to Medicare and Social Security intended to entice Republicans back to the bargaining table.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/11/us/politics/obama-budget-seeks-deal-in-mix-of-cuts-and-spending.html?hp&r=0>

SENIOR CITIZENS WOULD SEE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS SHRINK UNDER PRESIDENT OBAMA'S LATEST BUDGET PROPOSAL

CNN Money

Tami Luhby

April 10, 2013

According to the National Women's Law Center, a retiree who was collecting \$17,520 last year would see 6.5% less, or \$1,139, by age 85, if chained CPI were adopted now. A decade after, their payments would be 9.2% smaller, or \$1,612.

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/04/10/news/economy/chained-cpi-social-security/index.html>

OBAMA BUDGET SPLITS MEDICARE CUTS BETWEEN PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS

Politico

Brett Norman

April 10, 2013

The Obama administration budget would squeeze \$370 billion in Medicare savings by cutting payments to drug companies and providers but also by making some seniors pay more. They include requiring wealthier seniors to pay a larger share of their Medicare Part B and D premiums and mandatory drug rebates for low-income seniors in Medicare Part D.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/obama-budget-medicare-cuts-89851.html#ixzz2Q4LSz7iA>

OBAMA FACES RARE, VOCAL PRESSURE FROM LEFT

The Rachel Maddow Show

April 9, 2013

Video coverage of Tuesday's rally in front of the White House

http://www.nbcnews.com/id/26315908/ns/msnbc_tv-rachel_maddow_show/#51486875

STENY HOYER: DEMOCRATS NOT READY TO EMBRACE OBAMA 'CHAINED CPI' PLAN

Politico

Jonathan Allen and Mike Allen

April 9, 2013

House Democrats aren't yet ready to back President Barack Obama's "chained CPI" proposal, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) said in an interview with POLITICO Tuesday.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/steny-hoyer-chained-cpi-plan-89830.html#ixzz2Q4JWgEpN>

HEALTH

FEW U.S. SENIORS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SHINGLES VACCINE

U.S. News and World Report

April 9, 2013

The shingles vaccine is effective but few American seniors get it, according to a new study.

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2013/04/09/few-us-seniors-take-advantage-of-shingles-vaccine>

POLITICS

SENATE APPROVAL SEEN FOR OBAMA HEALTH CARE NOMINEE

Associated Press

Richardo Alonso-Zaldivar

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Republican lawmakers are heaping praise on a former nurse picked by President Barack Obama to run Medicare and Medicaid, and also oversee his health care law. If the Senate confirms Marilyn Tavenner, as expected, it may be the closest thing to a truce in the nation's political wars over health care.

http://seattletimes.com/html/politics/2020740850_apusmedicarenominee.html