

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 16, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **OHIO SENIORS BLAST SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS**

People's World

Bruce Bostick

April 15, 2013

Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on April 9, the 300 delegates to the Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) greeted the President's announcement that his proposed budget would propose cuts to Social Security with outrage.

<http://peoplesworld.org/ohio-seniors-blast-social-security-cuts/>

## **ALLIANCE PEOPLE**

### **LAWMAKERS REQUEST FUNDING FOR HOME CARE SERVICES**

WICS

April 11, 2013

Dozens of seniors and church leaders walked the halls of the Capitol, urging lawmakers to maintain the state program that provides in-home services for seniors. In a video clip accompanying the article, a member of the Illinois Alliance is interviewed wearing an Alliance button.

[http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid\\_10502.shtml](http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_10502.shtml)

### **SENIORS PLEAD FOR MORE STATE FUNDING**

IllinoisHomepage.net

April 11, 2013

An at-home care program for seniors is strapped for cash and advocates hope to find a way to get more money. Without it, many people could be forced to go into nursing homes. In a video clip accompanying the article, a member of the Illinois Alliance is interviewed wearing an Alliance button.

[http://illinoishomepage.net/fulltext/?nxd\\_id=481152](http://illinoishomepage.net/fulltext/?nxd_id=481152)

### **HARKIN FIGHTS FOR IOWANS**

The Cedar Rapids Gazette

April 10, 2013

Janice Laue, President of the Iowa Alliance, authors an op-ed praising Senator Tom Harkin for drawing attention to the retirement income crisis and working to protect Social Security.

<http://www.iowaaficio.org/index.cfm?action=article&articleID=be4c34e1-c3c3-4922-8805-40766c330d23>

## **UNIONS HELPED TO BUILD AMERICA'S MIDDLE CLASS**

The Alpena News

March 29, 2013

Teresa Ewbank, a member of the Michigan Alliance, writes a letter to the editor opposing "Right to Work" legislation.

<http://www.thealpenanews.com/page/content.detail/id/525002/Unions-helped-to-build-America-s-middle-class.html?nav=5041>

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

The Post and Courier

March 21, 2013

Bobbie Rose writes a letter to the editor advocating for the minimum wage to be increased to \$9 an hour.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130321/PC1002/130329884/1021/letters-to-the-editor>

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

### **DRUG MAKERS USE SAFETY RULE TO BLOCK GENERICS**

The New York Times

Katie Thomas

April 15, 2013

For decades, pharmaceutical companies have deployed an array of tactics aimed at preventing low-cost copies of their drugs from entering the marketplace. But federal regulators contend the latest strategy — which relies on a creative interpretation of drug safety laws — is illegal.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/16/business/drug-makers-use-safety-rule-to-block-generics.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/16/business/drug-makers-use-safety-rule-to-block-generics.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

## **POLITICS**

### **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BUDGET: IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE**

Politico

Jennifer Haberkorn and Brett Norman

April 16, 2013

The health care sector saw some huge gains and losses in last week's White House budget presented by President Barack Obama.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/budget-winners-losers-show-white-house-priorities-90104.html#ixzz2QdYYpw2g>

## REPUBLICANS EMBRACE OBAMA'S OFFER TO TRIM SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

The Washington Post

Lori Montgomery

April 15, 2013

President Obama's offer to trim Social Security benefits has perplexed and angered Democrats, but GOP leaders are embracing the proposal and rushing to jump-start a debate that will delve even more deeply into the touchy topic of federal spending on the elderly.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/republicans-embrace-obamas-offer-to-trim-social-security-benefits/2013/04/15/9de1c594-a448-11e2-9c03-6952ff305f35\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/republicans-embrace-obamas-offer-to-trim-social-security-benefits/2013/04/15/9de1c594-a448-11e2-9c03-6952ff305f35_story.html)

## SEQUESTER

### SEQUESTRATION NATION: MEDICARE REDUCTIONS ARE HURTING ELDERLY CANCER PATIENTS

Center for American Progress

Kwame Boadi

The 2 percent reduction in Medicare services that cancer patients face is precisely the kind of blunt and indiscriminate cut that the Obama administration and Congress warned were on the way. As a result, some cancer patients will not receive treatment, clinical trials vital to ultimately finding a cure for cancer will be hampered, and the government may have to pay even more money when everything is said and done.

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/economy/news/2013/04/15/60492/sequestration-nation-medicare-reductions-are-hurting-elderly-cancer-patients/>