

TODAY'S MUST READS – MARCH 27, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

RALLIES COAST TO COAST PROTEST SEQUESTER

Workers World
Sue Davis
March 25, 2013

AFGE workers from many agencies and departments were joined by members of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees and many other unions, as well as community groups like the Alliance for Retired Americans.

<http://www.workers.org/2013/03/25/rallies-coast-to-coast-protest-sequester/>

“MEDICAID MADNESS” TOUR IN DAVENPORT, MASON CITY, OTTUMWA, AND CEDAR RAPIDS TODAY

Blog For Iowa
Trish Nelson
March 27, 2013

The Healthiest Iowa Initiative will hold its “Medicaid Madness” tour today, Wednesday, March 27th. The events will educate Iowans about Medicaid expansion and ask them to contact Governor Branstad to support Medicaid expansion. 26 organizations, including the Alliance, have joined the Healthiest Iowa Initiative.

<http://www.blogforiowa.com/2013/03/27/medicaid-madness-tour-in-davenport-mason-city-ottumwa-and-cedar-rapids-today/>

ALLIANCE PEOPLE

IAM RETIREE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST THE RYAN BUDGET

GOIAM.org
March 26, 2013

Video Footage of Alliance member Diane Fleming speaking out against Paul Ryan’s budget at a Capitol Hill news conference.

<http://www.goiam.org/index.php/news/latest-videos/11239-iam-retiree-speaks-out-against-the-ryan-budget>

FINANCIAL

BUSINESSES SERVING ELDERLY COULD CREATE MILLIONS OF JOBS

NBC Nightly News
March 25, 2013

You might call it the graying job market: a rise in the number of businesses for seniors that are also run by seniors. And they're looking to hire older adults who can help the aging population. (Video)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/video/nightly-news/51325681/#51325681>

ELDERLY TURN TO PAYDAY LOANS

The Dallas Morning News

Pamela Yip

March 25, 2013

A recent analysis by the Center for Responsible Lending found that more than 25 percent of all bank payday loans are Social Security recipients. According to the Community Financial Services Association of America, which represents payday lenders, the requirement for a payday loan includes "proof of regular income." In a senior's world, that's his or her Social Security check.

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2013/03/payday-loans-popular-with-elderly.html/>

FRAUD

ON YOUR SIDE ALERT: NEW LAW PROTECTS ELDERLY

Gray Hall

NBC 12

March 26, 2013

This month, Governor Bob McDonnell signed a bill into law, stiffening the penalties against those trying to take advantage of elderly citizens who can't take care of themselves.

<http://www.nbc12.com/story/21767880/on-your-side-alert-law-protects-elderly>

HEALTHCARE

SURVEY: U.S. MEDICAL COSTS TOP OTHER DEVELOPED NATIONS'

LA Times

Chad Terhune

March 26, 2013

An average day in a U.S. hospital cost \$4,287 last year. It was less than \$1,000 in New Zealand, France, South Africa and Spain.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-health-care-cost-comparison-20130326,0,5671741.story>

WHITE HOUSE WARNS CUTTING MEDICARE WILL SHIFT COSTS

USA Today

Kelly S Kennedy

March 26, 2013

If Congress addresses the nation's budget deficit by cutting Medicare, that will simply shift health care costs to the private sector and not address the underlying issues, Obama administration officials said Tuesday at a White House briefing.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/03/26/sebelius-hhs-economic-report/2022165/>