

TODAY'S MUST READS – MARCH 20, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

ANTI-SEQUESTRATION RALLY PLANNED IN BIRMINGHAM AS PART OF NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST

AL.com

Leada Gore

March 19, 2013

Sequestration opponents are set to take to the streets of Birmingham tomorrow (March 20th) as part of a National Day of Protest. AFGE, the largest federal employee union, is organizing the rallies with help from the AFL-CIO, Americans for Tax Fairness and the Alliance for Retired Americans.

http://blog.al.com/wire/2013/03/anti-sequestration_rally_plann.html

SEQUESTER FORUM IN THE QCA

CBS4QC

Meredith Dennis

March 20, 1013

The Quad City Federation of Labor will host a forum later today where organizations will speak and residents will have the chance to make comments or ask questions about the effects of the sequester in the Quad Cities. Representatives from the Arsenal, the Quad Cities Alliance for Retired Americans and Humility of Mary Housing will speak.

<http://www.whbf.com/story/21728293/sequester-forum-in-the-qca>

PANELISTS URGE IMPROVEMENTS TO GOVERNMENT

Beloit Daily News

Hillary Gavan

March 19, 2013

On Monday evening at Beloit College, Common Cause in Wisconsin presented a discussion entitled "What Ever Happened to Good Government in Wisconsin? And How Can We Fix It?" The Wisconsin Alliance was one of the co-sponsors of the discussion.

http://www.beloitdailynews.com/news/panelists-urge-improvements-to-government/article_222807f6-90a2-11e2-ae65-001a4bcf887a.html

POLITICS

DEMS READY TO SLAM GOP ON RYAN BUDGET

The Hill

Mike Lillis

March 20, 2013

House Democrats intensified their efforts Tuesday to turn the House Republican budget into a weapon against the GOP.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/house/289177-dems-ready-to-slam-gop-on-ryan-budget>

FINANCE BILL, NEARING SENATE PASSAGE, WOULD PROTECT SOME FAVORED PROGRAMS

Jonathan Weisman and Annie Lowrey

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The bill is a mixed blessing for President Obama and others, especially Democrats, who hope Congress will eventually reverse the recent cuts. The changes make the cuts less arbitrary and damaging in the eyes of many independent experts. They reduce the effect on programs that touch national security, child health and welfare, but they inhibit long-term economic growth, through science funding and other areas.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/20/us/politics/senators-plan-would-spare-vital-programs-from-federal-cuts.html?emc=tnt&tntemail0=y&_r=0

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

SUPREME COURT HEARS SUIT OVER LIABILITY OF GENERIC DRUG MAKERS

Los Angeles Times

David G. Savage

March 19, 2013

The case of Mutual Pharmaceutical Co. Inc. vs. Bartlett will decide whether a patient can sue a generic drug maker for selling an unreasonably dangerous drug, regardless of warnings.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-court-generics-20130320,0,668011.story>

LENGTHY ANTIBIOTIC USE COMMON IN ELDERLY

Reuters

Genevra Pittman

March 19, 2013

Elderly nursing home residents are often prescribed courses of antibiotics that last 10 days or more, a new Canadian study shows, which may needlessly raise the risk of drug resistance and secondary infections.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/19/us-lengthy-antibiotic-use-common-in-elderly/idUSBRE92I11Q20130319>

RETIREMENT

WORKERS SAVING TOO LITTLE TO RETIRE

Wall Street Journal
Kelly Green and Vipal Monga
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Workers and employers in the U.S. are bracing for a retirement crisis, even as the stock market sits near highs and the economy shows signs of improvement. New data show that powerful financial and demographic forces are combining to squeeze individuals and companies that are trying to save for the future and make their money last.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323639604578368823406398606.html>