

TODAY'S MUST READS – MAY 1, 2013

## **HEALTH CARE**

### **ADVOCATES SAY MANAGED-CARE PLANS SHUN THE MOST DISABLED MEDICAID USERS**

New York Times  
Nina Bernstein  
April 30, 2013

Managed-care companies in New York have come under fire for signing up vigorous older adults referred to them by social day care centers, customers whose health needs are relatively small. But on Tuesday, legal advocates for the disabled told the state's Medicaid director that the most seriously impaired people were getting the opposite treatment.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/01/nyregion/advocates-say-ny-managed-care-plans-shun-the-most-disabled-seniors.html?emc=tnt&tntemail1=y>

### **HEALTH CARE LAW IS 'WORKING FINE,' OBAMA SAYS IN ADDRESSING CRITICISM**

New York Times  
Robert Pear  
April 30, 2013

President Obama said Tuesday that his health care law was “working fine,” and he played down concerns that the law could disrupt coverage or lead to higher premiums for people who already had health insurance.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/01/health/obama-says-health-care-law-is-working-fine.html?ref=politics>

### **HEALTH-CARE OWNERS SHUN NURSING HOMES**

Wall Street Journal  
A.D. Pruitt  
April 30, 2013

Some of the nation's largest health-care landlords are pulling back from nursing homes on concerns they will be less profitable in an era of steep Medicare and Medicaid cuts.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323798104578453263895944642.html?KEYWORDS=medicare>

## **POLITICS**

### **IN GABRIEL GOMEZ, DEMOCRATS WORRY ABOUT RELIVING SCOTT BROWN NIGHTMARE**

Boston Globe

By Jim O'Sullivan  
April 30, 2013

Republican Senate nominee Gabriel E. Gomez's runaway victory in Tuesday's primary delivers an unwelcome jolt to Massachusetts Democrats, with the dynamics of the race offering an unnerving comparison to the 2010 Senate election that still haunts many of them.

<http://www.boston.com/news/politics/2013/05/01/gabriel-gomez-democrats-worry-about-reliving-scott-brown-nightmare/1n4HH3YzuOOq32rPhEBOOnL/story.html>

#### **POLL: DEMOCRATIC EDGE FOR 2014**

Politico  
Kevin Cirilli  
May 1, 2013

Slightly more voters say they'll vote Democratic in the 2014 congressional elections than Republicans, bucking a historical trend of the president's party losing seats in his sixth year, a new poll Wednesday shows.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/poll-2014-elections-90815.html#ixzz2S2wfLyL1>

#### **A HOUSE IN CHAOS**

Politico  
Jake Sherman  
May 1, 2013

The GOP leadership is dealing with an unprecedented level of frustration in running the House, according to conversations with more than a dozen aides and lawmakers in and around leadership. Leadership is talking past each other. The conference is split by warring factions. And influential outside groups are fighting them.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/house-in-chaos-republican-leadership-eric-cantor-90803.html#ixzz2S2x7J0uT>

#### **SEQUESTER**

##### **SEQUESTER HITS WORKERS PROCESSING FEDERAL-RETIREE PENSION CLAIMS**

The Washington Post  
Josh Hicks  
April 30, 2013

The Office of Personnel Management is planning to reduce its call-center hours and halt overtime for workers who process federal-retiree pensions because of the government-wide spending cuts that took effect last month.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/federal\\_government/sequester-hits-workers-processing-federal-retiree-pension-claims/2013/04/30/708fc2e2-b1c4-11e2-9a98-4be1688d7d84\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/federal_government/sequester-hits-workers-processing-federal-retiree-pension-claims/2013/04/30/708fc2e2-b1c4-11e2-9a98-4be1688d7d84_story.html)

**OPINION: SEQUESTER CUTS HURTING OUR KIDS, ELDERLY**

CNN

Rep. Rick Larsen

April 29, 2013

Congress made a Band-Aid fix when sequestration needs a triple-bypass surgery. Communities are reporting that funding cuts are forcing them to kick some seniors off Meals on Wheels.

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/29/opinion/larsen-sequester-cuts-still-hurt/index.html>

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**CRITICS ON LEFT AND RIGHT POUNCE ON SOCIAL SECURITY 'FIX'**

NBC News

Allison Linn

April 30, 2013

There's not much that the left and right can agree on these days, but many on both sides appear to have found a common foe in the latest plan (Chained CPI) to address Social Security costs.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/100690102>