

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 12, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ELECTION REFORM FORUM AT UW-WHITWATER SLATED**  
Walworth County Today  
April 11, 2013

Common Cause in Wisconsin will be holding a free public forum on campaign finance and election reforms at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the University Center Summers Auditorium on Monday, April 22, from 6:30-8 p.m. The Wisconsin Alliance is co-sponsoring the forum.

<http://walworthcountytoday.com/news/2013/apr/11/campaign-finance-election-reform-forum-uw-whitewat/>

**SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS IN OBAMA BUDGET DRAW MOST ATTENTION**

The Heartland Institute  
Steve Stanek  
April 10, 2013

“Using the chained CPI to cut Social Security COLA benefits in the name of deficit reduction is nothing other than unfairly balancing the budget on the backs of America’s seniors, who have done nothing but work their entire lives towards earning the promise of Social Security’s guaranteed benefits,” said Edward F. Coyle, executive director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, in a statement.

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2013/04/10/social-security-cuts-obama-budget-draw-most-attention>

**IMMIGRATION REFORM PROTEST PLANNED FOR MAY DAY**

Las Vegas City Life  
Launce Rake  
April 10, 2013

Labor and social-justice groups called a rally at the Lloyd George federal building to grow support for a May 1 march down Las Vegas Boulevard. The Nevada Alliance is a member of the coalition organizing the May Day events.

<http://lasvegascitylife.com/blog/town/immigration-reform-protest-planned-may-day.html>

## **ALLIANCE PEOPLE**

**THOMPSON: MOVE TO CHAINED CPI WOULD CUT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

Richmond Times-Dispatch  
Ron Thompson  
April 12, 2013

Ron Thompson, President of the Virginia Alliance, writes an op-ed laying out the case against chained CPI.

[http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/thompson-move-to-chained-cpi-would-cut-social-security-benefits/article\\_608807ce-3530-5e76-b25c-d8c2e093a316.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/thompson-move-to-chained-cpi-would-cut-social-security-benefits/article_608807ce-3530-5e76-b25c-d8c2e093a316.html)

## **CUTS SHORT-CHANGE SENIORS IN NEED**

Palm Beach Post

Jewel Littenberg

April 9, 2013

Jewel Littenberg, a member of the Florida Alliance, writes a letter to the editor protesting recent cuts to programs that provide seniors with meals.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/opinion/letters-armed-school-guards-wont-make-florida-scho/nXGdx/>

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

### **SENIORS IN THE SOUTH ARE MORE APT TO BE PRESCRIBED RISKY DRUGS**

NPR

Nancy Shute

April 12, 2013

More than 20 percent of people with Medicare Advantage coverage are taking at least one high-risk medication, a new study finds. People in the Southeast are especially vulnerable, the data show. In many parts of the South, more than one-third of seniors are taking drugs that they should avoid or sub out for something safer.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/04/11/176910528/seniors-in-the-south-are-more-apt-to-be-prescribed-risky-drugs>

## **SOCIAL SECURITY**

### **TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT CHAINED-CPI, DEBUNKED**

The Nation

George Zornick

April 11, 2013

President Obama released his proposed 2014 budget Wednesday morning, and it included a hugely controversial provision: a switch to a Chained-CPI formula for calculating inflation. Here are the top five myths about Chained-CPI.

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/173786/top-5-myths-about-chained-cpi-debunked#>

## DEMOCRATS HIDE WHEN ASKED ABOUT ENDING HIGH-INCOME LOOPHOLE TO ASSURE SOCIAL SECURITY'S FUTURE

Remapping Debate

Samantha Cook

April 10, 2013

For all the talk of the Social Security system running out of money, it is well established that raising or eliminating the cap on the wages subject to payroll taxes would guarantee a healthy Social Security system for many decades, and do so without cutting benefits or raising the retirement age.

<http://www.remappingdebate.org/article/democrats-hide-when-asked-about-ending-high-income-loop-hole-assure-social-security%E2%80%99s-future>

## SEQUESTER

### FOUR IN 10 AMERICANS FEEL SEQUESTER PAIN

The Washington Post

Rachel Weiner

April 10, 2013

A new CNN poll finds that the effects of the sequester are increasingly being felt around the country, with four in 10 Americans saying the cuts had greatly or somewhat affected them personally.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2013/04/10/four-in-10-americans-feel-sequester-pain/>

### NEW BILL WOULD REVERSE THE SEQUESTER'S CANCER CUTS

The Washington Post

Sarah Kliff

April 9, 2013

Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-N.C.) has just introduced legislation that would reverse the sequester cuts that have led some cancer clinics to turn away Medicare patients.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/04/09/could-sequesters-cancer-clinic-cuts-be-reversed/>