

TODAY'S MUST READS – MAY 20, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

NURSING HOME LAWSUIT REFORM PASSES FLORIDA SENATE COMMITTEE

Law Firm Newswire
May 20, 2013

A bill that would make it more difficult to sue nursing homes passed a Florida Senate committee. The Florida Alliance urged lawmakers to reject the bill.

<http://www.lawfirmnewswire.com/2013/05/nursing-home-lawsuit-reform-passes-florida-senate-committee/>

OBAMA WRONG ON SOCIAL SECURITY

The Blade
Norman Wernet
May 19, 2013

Norman Wernet, president of the Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund, writes an op-ed opposing chained CPI.

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Opinion/2013/05/19/Obama-wrong-on-Social-Security.html#V0vKI6lyuU9I42Lo.99>

SEATTLE LABOR ACTIVIST WILL PARRY DIES AT 93

The Seattle Times
Emily Heffter
May 19, 2013

Will Parry, a labor activist and writer whose commitment to working people and social justice made him an inspiration to generations of progressive leaders, died May 13 at age 93. Mr. Parry founded the Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans to take on issues such as Social Security and health care for seniors.

http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2021019235_parryobitxml.html

SENIOR ADVOCATE: DON'T BALANCE FEDERAL BUDGET ON BACKS OF ELDERLY

La Crosse Tribune
Mike Tighe
May 18, 2013

The federal budget shouldn't undermine Social Security in the quest to control the deficit, says the executive director of the Wisconsin Alliance. "Social Security should be a separate discussion from the federal budget to make sure our kids and grandkids also benefit from this

retirement program,” Billy Feitlinger said during an interview Friday after speaking at a town hall meeting in La Crosse on Medicare, Medicaid and other senior issues.

http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/senior-advocate-don-t-balance-federal-budget-on-backs-of/article_8847625e-bf76-11e2-9189-001a4bcf887a.html?comment_form=true

CAPITOL ALERT: AM ALERT: SENIOR LOBBY DAY

The Fresno Bee

Jeremy B. White

May 17, 2013

The California Alliance held a lobby day on Friday, May 17th. Members visited their representatives at various district offices -- as of Thursday morning, Capitol Alert was told 112 lawmakers could be expecting visits.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/05/17/3303124/capitol-alert-am-alert-analyst.html#storylink=cpy>

RETIREEES SEEK BRIAN NESTANDE’S VOTE ON KEY BILLS

Mydesert.com

Erica Felci

May 16, 2013

Members of the California Alliance will be at the Assemblyman Brian Nestande’s Palm Desert office Friday as part of a statewide lobbying effort.

<http://voices.mydesert.com/2013/05/16/retirees-seek-brian-nestandes-vote-on-key-bills/>

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM MAY

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Star Journal

May 13, 2013

Anyone with questions about the Affordable Care Act is welcome to attend an informational program Thursday, May 16, at Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church Guild Hall at 39 South Pelham Street. A question-and-answer session with Kevin Kane of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and Billy Feitlinger of Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans will follow each program.

<http://www.starjournalnow.com/news/featuredheadlines/207242541.html>

ALLIANCE PEOPLE

STEVE BIERINGER: OBITUARY

Denver Post
May 12, 2013

Steve passed away on May 7 from lung cancer. His career as a union, legislative, and political organizer included 25 years on the national field staff of the AFL-CIO including ten as Regional Director for five southwestern states.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/obituary.aspx?n=steve-bieringer&pid=164722421#fbLoggedOut>

HEALTH CARE

ESTIMATED HEALTH COSTS IN RETIREMENT DROP

The New York Times
Ann Carrns
May 15, 2013

In its annual update of retirees' medical costs, Fidelity Investments reports that its estimate of those expenses for a 65-year-old couple has dropped by about \$20,000. While the overall estimate of money needed for medical care through retirement for couples retiring this year without any employer-based health coverage may have fallen 8 percent from last year's calculation, it's still an eye-popping \$220,000.

<http://bucks.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/05/15/estimated-health-costs-in-retirement-drop/>

MARILYN TAVENNER APPROVED BY SENATE FOR CMS POST

Politico
Jennifer Haberkorn and Paige Winfield Cunningham
May 15, 2013

Marilyn Tavenner on Wednesday was easily confirmed by the Senate to run the agency in charge of Medicare, Medicaid and setting up much of the health care law — the first nominee for the controversial job to get through the Senate in nearly a decade.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/marilyn-tavenner-cms-91438.html#ixzz2TqOfa3UM>

RETIREMENT

INCOME, AGE KEY FACTORS IN RETIREMENT FUNDING EXPECTATIONS

Gallup Economy
Jeffrey M. Jones
May 20, 2013

Upper-income nonretirees are much more likely to say investments, such as a 401(k), IRA and other retirement savings accounts or individual stock investments, and work-sponsored pension

plans will be major sources of their retirement income. In contrast, lower-income respondents are more likely to say Social Security and part-time work will be major sources.

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/162605/income-age-key-factors-retirement-funding-expectations.aspx>