

TODAY'S MUST READS – MAY 10, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

'CHAINED CPI NOT A TWEAK: IT'S A CUT TO SOCIAL SECURITY,' ALLIANCE MEMBERS TELL CONGRESS

AFL-CIO Now

Mike Hall

May 8, 2013

After Medicare deductions, Marty Alvarado has about \$950 left in her monthly Social Security check. The Alliance for Retired Americans member from Dallas spoke to a Capitol Hill Hands Off Social Security summit of Alliance members, lawmakers, senior activists and Social Security advocates

<http://www.aflcio.org/Blog/Political-Action-Legislation/Chained-CPI-Not-a-Tweak-It-s-a-Cut-to-Social-Security-Alliance-Members-Tell-Congress>

AMERICAN LABOR UNIONS RAISING MILLIONS FOR RABIN CENTER

Heritage Florida Jewish News/Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Ben Sales

May 10, 2013

Members of U.S. labor unions raised \$1.4 million for the Yitzhak Rabin Center in Tel Aviv last year, 45 percent of the center's total 2012 fundraising. In a photograph accompanying the story, Barbara Easterling, president of the Alliance for Retired Americans, is pictured at the Center along with other union leaders.

<http://www.heritagefl.com/story/2013/05/10/news/american-labor-unions-raising-millions-for-rabin-center/661.html>

HEALTHCARE

SENATE FDA OVERSIGHT BILL HAS BIPARTISAN BACKING

Politico

Brett Norman

May 10, 2013

A Senate panel continued to build the case Thursday for giving the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to crack down on compounding pharmacies like the one behind the deadly fungal meningitis outbreak, pledging to pass a bill before Memorial Day.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/senate-fda-oversight-bill-has-bipartisan-backing-91161.html#ixzz2Su4O9NQH>

POLITICS

ENTITLEMENTS' UNIMPEDED GROWTH IS BOON TO SENIORS

NPR/Associated Press
May 10, 2013

With Congress increasingly unable to resolve budget disputes, federal programs on automatic pilot are consuming ever larger amounts of government resources.
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=182780261>

PRESIDENT TO TOUT OBAMACARE BENEFITS

CNN
Kevin Liptak
May 9, 2013

The Affordable Care Act, enacted in 2010 but still the focus of intense Republican scorn, will get a boost from its champion President Barack Obama on Friday at an event singling out the law's benefits for women.
http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/05/09/president-to-tout-obamacare-benefits/?hpt=po_c1

GOP LEADERS SAY THEY WON'T NAME CANDIDATES TO HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD

Associated Press/Washington Post
May 9, 2013

House and Senate Republican leaders told President Barack Obama Thursday that they will refuse to nominate candidates to serve on an advisory board that is to play a role in holding down Medicare costs under the new health care act.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/gop-leaders-say-they-wont-name-candidates-to-health-care-advisory-board/2013/05/09/2b99d66a-b8c6-11e2-b568-6917f6ac6d9d_story.html

HOUSE APPROVES PLAN TO PAY CREDITORS, SOCIAL SECURITY IF U.S. OVERSHOOTS DEBT LIMIT

Washington Post
Lori Montgomery
May 9, 2013

The Republican-controlled House narrowly approved a plan Thursday to protect U.S. bondholders and Social Security recipients if the nation breaches the federal debt limit later this year. With every Democrat and eight Republicans voting no, the measure passed 221 to 207 and headed to the Democrat-controlled Senate, where it faces certain death. President Obama has threatened to veto the measure, which Democrats have dubbed the "Pay China First" bill.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/house-approves-plan-to-pay-creditors-social-security-if-us-overshoots-debt-limit/2013/05/09/741732a6-b8bd-11e2-92f3-f291801936b8_story.html

FOR FIRST TIME ON RECORD, BLACK VOTING RATE OUTPACED RATE FOR WHITES IN 2012

New York Times

Sarah Wheaton

May 8, 2013

The turnout rate of black voters surpassed the rate for whites for the first time on record in 2012, as more black voters went to the polls than in 2008 and fewer whites did, according to a Census Bureau report released Wednesday.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/09/us/politics/rate-of-black-voters-surpassed-that-for-whites-in-2012.html?ref=politics>

RETIREMENT

HOW TO BEAT THE RETIREMENT BLUES

Forbes

Deborah L. Jacobs

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Many people who look forward to retirement become anxious and depressed when the moment comes. They wonder why they're not happy — or ecstatic.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/deborahljacobs/2013/05/10/how-to-beat-the-retirement-blues/>