

TODAY'S MUST READS – MARCH 22, 2013

## ALLIANCE MENTIONS

### ADVOCATES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RALLY IN LEBANON

Lebanon Daily News

John Latimer

March 21, 2013

A group of senior citizens and advocates for those who rely on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security took their protest of proposed cuts in the social safety net to downtown Lebanon Wednesday. The event was cosponsored by the Pennsylvania Alliance.

[http://www.ldnews.com/latestnews/ci\\_22832029/advocates-elderly-and-disabled-rally-lebanon](http://www.ldnews.com/latestnews/ci_22832029/advocates-elderly-and-disabled-rally-lebanon)

### ELDER CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON TRANS ISSUES

The Bay Area Reporter

Matthew S. Bajko

March 21, 2013

The second annual Howard Grayson LGBT Conference will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> and will focus on transgender issues. The California Alliance for Retired Americans will participate in a resource fair at the conference.

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=68609>

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PROTEST SEQUESTRATION AT WARREN TACOM

WXYZ

March 20, 2013

Federal employees rallied outside the U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal at Warren's TACOM as part of the March. 20 day of protest against the sequester. The Michigan Alliance helped coordinate the protests.

<http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/federal-employees-in-warren-protest-sequestration>

### STAY HEALTHY OR PAY MORE

MyABC5

Ron Marasco

March 20, 2013

Iowa Governor Branstad's Healthy Iowa Plan (a proposed alternative to Medicaid Expansion) would require recipients to enroll in a wellness program that focuses on healthy behavior or be required to pay a portion of their healthcare costs. Janice Laue, president of the Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans, is worried about how Iowa Healthy recipients who are below the poverty line will pay to travel to screenings, or fork out for more expensive foods like fruits and vegetables.

<http://www.woi-tv.com/story/21752472/many-employers-adding-wellness-programs>

## VETERANS CALL FOR AN END TO SEQUESTER

69 News

March 19, 2013

Veterans and local residents got together Wednesday at the World War II Monument in West Park in Allentown to call on Washington to end the Sequester. The Pennsylvania Alliance was one of the groups that organized the event.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-politics/Veterans-call-for-an-end-to-Sequester/-/132536/19401744/-/68127u/-/index.html>

## A SILENT CRISIS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN FLORIDA

WPTV

Alex Sanz

March 15, 2013

Tony Fransetta, the president of the Florida Alliance, warns that years-long waiting lists for affordable housing and a decline in the returns of personal investments has led to a silent crisis for senior citizens in Florida. Fransetta said FARA and others have lobbied the Florida legislature and members of Congress to better-fund affordable housing for seniors to get ahead of the problem before it gets worse.

[http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region\\_c\\_palm\\_beach\\_county/west\\_palm\\_beach/a-silent-crisis-for-senior-citizens-in-florida#ixzz2OHLz8WTx](http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/west_palm_beach/a-silent-crisis-for-senior-citizens-in-florida#ixzz2OHLz8WTx)

## ALLIANCE PEOPLE

### CORBETT SHOULD BACK MEDICAID EXPANSION

Erie Times-News

Judith E. Jobes

March 17, 2013

Judith E. Jobes, a Vice President of the Pennsylvania Alliance, writes a letter to the editor urging Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett to back Medicaid expansion.

<http://www.goerie.com/article/20130317/OPINION02/303179999/Letters-to-the-editor%3A-Corbett-should-back-Medicaid-expansion>

## POLITICS

### SENATE DEMOCRATS ON TRACK TO PASS BUDGET PROTECTING SAFETY NET AND RAISING TAXES

Washington Post/Associated Press

March 21, 2013

The nonbinding but politically symbolic measure would protect safety-net programs for the poor and popular domestic priorities like education, health research and federal law enforcement agencies from cuts sought by House Republicans, who adopted a far more austere plan on Thursday morning.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/gop-dominated-house-passes-budget-plan-promising-slashing-cuts-balance-in-10-years/2013/03/21/aef60e68-9295-11e2-9173-7f87cda73b49\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/gop-dominated-house-passes-budget-plan-promising-slashing-cuts-balance-in-10-years/2013/03/21/aef60e68-9295-11e2-9173-7f87cda73b49_story.html)

#### HOUSE PASSES MONEY BILL AND BUDGET BLUEPRINT

New York Times

Jonathan Weisman

March 21, 2013

The House gave final approval on Thursday to legislation to keep government financed through September, and it also passed a Republican blueprint that enshrined the party's vision of a balanced budget that would substantially shrink spending, privatize Medicare and rewrite the tax code to make it simpler.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/22/us/politics/house-passes-plan-to-avert-federal-shutdown.html?ref=politics>

#### SENATE VOTES AGAINST KEY HEALTH-LAW TAX

Wall Street Journal

Kristina Peterson

March 21, 2013

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday night to repeal a tax on medical-device sales, despite the fact that the levy helps finance the health-care overhaul.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324557804578375242780929314.html>