

TODAY'S MUST READS – MARCH 13, 2013

ALLIANCE MENTIONS

RYAN'S BUDGET A THREAT TO HOUSE COMPROMISE

Daily Times

Daily Times Editorial Board

March 13, 2013

Jean Friday, president of the Pennsylvania Alliance for Retired Americans, objects to Ryan's Medicare voucher program because she says it will leave senior citizens with higher out-of-pocket costs. Ryan also wants to raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67, forcing senior citizens to wait two years longer for what Friday notes are critical preventive services and maintenance medications.

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2013/03/13/opinion/doc513fcf9d2a8fc352624787.txt>

FLA. LAWMAKERS URGED TO HELP GET CONGRESS TO RESTORE AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING FUNDS

WFSU

Sascha Cordner

March 11, 2013

Advocates for senior citizens [including Tony Fransetta, President of the Florida Alliance] are joining with several state lawmakers in urging Congress to restore funding to an Affordable Housing program for the elderly.

<http://news.wfsu.org/post/fla-lawmakers-urged-help-get-congress-restore-affordable-senior-housing-funds>

ALLIANCE PEOPLE

PUSHING BACK RETIREMENT, AND NOT ALWAYS FOR MONEY

New York Times

Steven Greenhouse

March 12, 2013

Leon Burzynski, President of the Wisconsin Alliance, is one of several seniors profiled for a New York Times article about the increasing number of Americans choosing to delay retirement. Includes a photo.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/13/business/retirementspecial/pushing-back-retirement-and-not-always-for-money.html?pagewanted=all>

POLITICS

A LABOR SECRETARY PICK PROGRESSIVES WILL LOVE—AND REPUBLICANS WILL HATE

Mother Jones
Adam Serwer
March 12, 2013

If President Barack Obama nominates Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Thomas Perez to head the Department of Labor, as media reports say he might, the president will be elevating one of the most effective and progressive senior administration officials to his cabinet.
<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2013/03/thomas-perez-secretary-labor-grassley-progressive>

2 PARTIES' BUDGETS SHOW BIG RIFT AS G.O.P. RENEWS 2012 PROPOSALS **NEW YORK TIMES**

Jeremy W. Peters and Jonathan Weisman
March 12, 2013

Senate Democrats and House Republicans on Tuesday outlined vastly divergent approaches to shoring up the government's finances, a reminder of how far apart they remain on fiscal policy even as both sides insist publicly that a bipartisan compromise is possible.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/13/us/politics/ryans-plan-aims-to-balance-budget-in-10-years.html?emc=tnt&tntemail0=y>

PAUL RYAN BUDGET AX HITS HEALTH PROGRAMS HARD

Politico
Brett Norman
March 12, 2013

The House Republican budget released Tuesday would wring about 70 percent of its spending cuts from health programs — including defunding Obamacare — to bring the budget into balance a decade from now.
<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/70-percent-of-ryans-savings-come-from-health-care-cuts-88741.html#ixzz2NQo0eT5b>

PRESIDENT OBAMA TO DEMOCRATS: ENTITLEMENTS MAY HAVE TO CHANGE

Politico
Ginger Gibson
March 12, 2013

President Barack Obama told Senate Democrats on Tuesday that his budget to be released in April would align closely with their priorities. He also warned that Democrats need to embrace at

least some changes to unsustainable entitlement programs in order to achieve their long-term priorities.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/president-obama-hits-the-hill-88757.html#ixzz2NQq5DKAO>

HARKIN: WHITE HOUSE BACKED OFF PUSH FOR MORE HEALTHCARE FUNDING

The Hill

Sam Baker

March 12, 2013

The Obama administration decided it could live without extra money it had requested to help implement its signature healthcare law, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) said Tuesday.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/287697-harkin-white-house-backed-off-push-for-more-healthcare-funding#ixzz2NQspP3Mq>

SENIOR HOUSING

FOR MODERN RETIREES, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

New York Times

Keith Schneider

March 12, 2013

Two significant priorities have consistently emerged in surveys of new retirees and adults who are approaching retirement: the desire to stay in one's home as long as possible and the interest in living in big-city neighborhoods or suburban downtowns.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/13/business/retirementspecial/for-modern-retirees-theres-no-place-like-home.html?emc=tnt&tntemail1=y>