

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 5, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **BILL TO HOLD HOSPITALS ACCOUNTABLE ON CHARITY CARE PASSES FIRST CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE TEST**

ENews Park Forest

April 4, 2013

Legislation to press California non-profit hospitals to fulfill their charity care obligation in exchange for the substantial public financing they receive through their tax exempt status passed its first hurdle Tuesday in the California Assembly Health Committee. The California Alliance is one of several groups backing the legislation.

<http://www.ewnews.com/latest-news/health-and-fitness/41833-bill-to-hold-hospitals-accountable-on-charity-care-passes-first-california-legislative-test.html>

### **DON'T RELY ON POLITICIANS, AVAKIAN TELLS UNION RETIREES**

LaborPress.org

April 3, 2013

The Oregon Alliance held its 10th annual convention March 9 in Portland. Delegates passed several resolutions, including: support of six-day delivery for the Postal Service; to undo the Citizens United (corporations are people) court decision; to close unnecessary tax loopholes for the wealthy and corporations; to strengthen truth-in-advertising laws for senior-oriented ads; and to correct flaws in voting procedures that make it more difficult for citizens to vote.

<http://nwlaborpress.org/2013/04/orara/>

### **GUEST POST: WHY WOULD A RETIREE ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT THE STATE BUDGET?**

Plunderbund

Bentley Davis

April 3, 2013

Kasich wants to cut the income tax and offset those cuts with a broadening of the sales tax. It is true that retirees under Kasich's plan will pay less in income tax. But they will more than make up for it by paying the expanded sales tax.

<http://www.plunderbund.com/2013/04/03/guest-post-why-would-a-retiree-organization-care-about-the-state-budget/>

### **COLLEAGUE PLANS RALLY AGAINST RYAN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL**

The Janesville Gazette

April 3, 2013

Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., is headlining an event Thursday to highlight opposition to the Republican budget proposal authored by Rep. Paul Ryan. The Wisconsin Alliance is one of the organizations co-sponsoring the rally.

<http://gazettextra.com/news/2013/apr/03/colleague-plans-rally-against-ryans-budget-proposal/>

#### LETTER, 3/31: DISAPPOINTED IN CONGRESSMEN

The Lincoln Journal Star

Al Mumm

March 30th, 2013

Al Mumm, President of the Nebraska Alliance, writes a letter to the editor opposing the decisions of several Nebraska members of Congress to vote for the Ryan budget.

[http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-disappointed-in-congressmen/article\\_df18b884-82cb-538a-990a-2590d7ff067a.html](http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-disappointed-in-congressmen/article_df18b884-82cb-538a-990a-2590d7ff067a.html)

#### **POLITICS**

#### OBAMA TO PROPOSE CHANGES TO MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN NEW BUDGET

CNN

Jessica Yellin

April 5, 2013

President Barack Obama's upcoming budget will include proposed changes to Social Security and Medicare plus some new tax increases, changes that are an effort for the president to reach a deficit deal with Republicans, according to senior administration officials.

[http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/05/politics/obama-budget/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t1](http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/05/politics/obama-budget/index.html?hpt=hp_t1)

#### COMMON GROUND ON MEDICARE EMERGES

Wall Street Journal

Louise Radnofsky and Janet Hook

April 4, 2013

A long-standing idea of combining what consumers pay for their portion of Medicare hospital and doctor treatment costs is gaining new attention as lawmakers search for ways to slow the growth of what the government pays for the programs.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323916304578403043420917884.html?KEYWORDS=medicare>

#### **SEQUESTER**

#### SEQUESTER CUTS WILL SLASH CANCER CLINIC CASH FOR ELDERLY MEDICARE PATIENTS

New York Daily News

Corky Siemaszko  
April 4, 2013

The mandated federal budget cuts that went into effect on April 1 will make cancer clinics go broke if they give Medicare patients the chemotherapy they need, oncologists claim.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/sequester-cuts-hit-cancer-clinics-elderly-article-1.1308281#ixzz2PbBwytmk>