

TODAY'S MUST READS – MAY 3, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **WEST HARTFORD SENIORS EVENTS: WEEK OF MAY 2**

West Hartford News

May 3, 2013

The Connecticut Alliance for Retired Americans will hold its second annual “Senior Day at the Capitol” on Tuesday, May 14.

<http://www.westhartfordnews.com/articles/2013/05/03/entertainment/doc518134b789d11948339428.txt>

### **‘SENIOR’ PEDESTRIAN SIGNS PROMOTED IN TING LEGISLATION**

Asian Journal

May 1, 2013

Working to protect senior pedestrians, Assembly member Philip Y. Ting (D-San Francisco) presented legislation last April 29 that would encourage local transportation agencies to install “senior” pedestrian warning signs for at-risk sites such as senior centers and senior living complexes. The California Alliance is one of the groups supporting the legislation.

<http://www.asianjournal.com/community/community-news/20293-senior-pedestrian-signs-promoted-in-ting-legislation.html>

## **ALLIANCE PEOPLE**

### **WORKERS SPEAK UP TO DEFEND RIGHTS**

The Daily Campus

Christopher Saul

May 2, 2013

Labor organizers gathered on the Hilltop Wednesday to discuss May Day, the religious traditions of workers’ rights, migrant workers and the impact of the Wal-Mart business model on workers. Gene Lantz, President of the Texas Alliance, gave a combined history lesson and musical performance at the event.

<http://www.smudailycampus.com/news/workers-speak-up-to-defend-rights-1.3040363#.UYPVxDdmMc9>

### **ILWU PENSIONERS PICKET IN TACOMA OVER UNPAID HEALTH BENEFITS**

Longshore and Shipping News

May 1, 2013

According to a leaflet being distributed by the pickets, they were protesting the failure of the Pacific Maritime Association to pay medical bills they and their family members have incurred since their retirement.

<http://www.longshoeshippingnews.com/2013/05/ilwu-pensioners-picket-in-tacoma-over-unpaid-health-benefits/>

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **DOCTORS, OTHERS CRITICIZE MEDICARE'S PROPOSAL ON HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS RULES**

Washington Post  
Susan Jaffe  
May 2, 2013

Medicare officials have proposed changes in hospital admission rules that they say will curb the rising number of beneficiaries who are placed in observation care but are not admitted, making them ineligible for nursing home coverage.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/doctors-others-criticize-medicares-proposal-on-hospital-admissions-rules/2013/05/02/d78cba1a-b36b-11e2-9a98-4be1688d7d84\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/doctors-others-criticize-medicares-proposal-on-hospital-admissions-rules/2013/05/02/d78cba1a-b36b-11e2-9a98-4be1688d7d84_story.html)

### **MEDICAID EXPANSION STALLS IN RED STATES**

Politico  
Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman  
May 2, 2013

Conservative state legislators have thwarted Republican governors who broke with their base in favor of Obamacare's massive expansion of Medicaid.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/medicaid-expansion-stalls-in-red-states-90878.html#ixzz2SEkPjkzK>

## **PENSIONS**

### **LOANS BORROWED AGAINST PENSIONS SQUEEZE RETIREES**

New York Times  
Jessica Silver-Greenberg  
April 27, 2013

To retirees, the offers can sound like the answer to every money worry: convert tomorrow's pension checks into today's hard cash. But these offers, known as pension advances, are having devastating financial consequences for a growing number of older Americans, threatening their retirement savings and plunging them further into debt.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/28/business/economy/pension-loans-drive-retirees-into-more-debt.html>

## **POLITICS**

### **GOP PROSPECTS PASS ON IOWA SENATE RUN**

Politico

Emily Schultheis

May 2, 2013

Iowa Republicans say a combination of factors is keeping some of their most promising potential away: the fact that Harkin's announcement was fairly unexpected; the quick time frame in which possible candidates are expected, by the media and by supporters, to make a decision; and a general desire to stay in their current positions or pursue other opportunities down the line.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/iowa-senate-2014-republicans-90874.html#ixzz2SEl60JS2>

## **SEQUESTER**

### **ALMOST HALF OF AMERICANS SAY BUDGET CUTS WILL HURT ECONOMY**

New York Times

May 1, 2013

Allison Kopicki

Nearly half of Americans agree with the Obama administration's contention that the economy will be hurt by the spending cuts prompted by the sequestration, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/02/us/almost-half-of-americans-say-budget-cuts-will-hurt-economy.html?ref=politics>