

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 19, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **MEDICAID EXPANSION UNDER AFFORDABLE CARE ACT URGED**

Delaware County Daily Times

Danielle Lynch

April 18, 2013

Alice Hoffman, a representative of the Pennsylvania Alliance for Retired Americans, also called on Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican, and the Republican-led Legislature to support the improvement in Medicaid. She added that it's important for people to stop referring to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security as entitlement programs.

<http://delcotimes.com/articles/2013/04/18/news/doc5170c99a90a37810317095.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

## **ALLIANCE PEOPLE**

### **FORUM: RETIREES DESERVE FAIR COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES**

Peoria Journal Star

April 18, 2013

Gary E. Hall, a member of the Illinois Alliance, writes a letter to the editor opposing the inclusion of chained CPI in President Obama's budget.

<http://www.pjstar.com/opinions/forum/x634728206/Forum-Retirees-deserve-fair-cost-of-living-increases>

## **BUDGET**

### **FISCAL COMMISSION LEADERS ALAN SIMPSON AND ERSKINE BOWLES INTRODUCE A MODIFIED BUDGET PLAN**

Washington Post/Associated Press

April 19, 2013

The original Simpson-Bowles plan arrived in late 2010 after midterm elections in which Republicans took back the House. The new version contains smaller tax increases than called for in the original plan and added greater protections for low-income seniors under plans to curb Social Security cost-of-living increases.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health\\_care/fiscal-commission-leaders-alan-simpson-and-erskine-bowles-introduce-a-modified-budget-plan/2013/04/19/962276a4-a8c7-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health_care/fiscal-commission-leaders-alan-simpson-and-erskine-bowles-introduce-a-modified-budget-plan/2013/04/19/962276a4-a8c7-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9_story.html)

### **HOW WOULD 'CHAINED CPI' AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS?**

The Washington Post

Josh Hicks  
April 18, 2013

A House Ways and Means subcommittee on Wednesday held a hearing to examine the impacts of using "Chained CPI" to slow the growth in entitlement spending and increase tax revenue.  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2013/04/18/how-would-chained-cpi-affect-your-benefits/>

#### AP-GFK POLL: PUBLIC LACKS FAITH IN GOVERNMENT, OPPOSES CHANGES TO MEDICARE, SOCIAL SECURITY

The Washington Post/Associated Press  
April 18, 2013

Most Americans also oppose a proposal to slow the cost-of-living hikes in Social Security benefits. Now, 54 percent oppose the idea, up slightly from January, when 49 percent opposed it. Only about a quarter favor it.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health\\_care/ap-gfk-poll-public-lacks-faith-in-government-opposes-changes-to-medicare-social-security/2013/04/18/286426b4-a848-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9\\_story\\_1.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/health_care/ap-gfk-poll-public-lacks-faith-in-government-opposes-changes-to-medicare-social-security/2013/04/18/286426b4-a848-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9_story_1.html)

#### WHY THE 'SPREADSHEET SCANDAL' SHOULD KILL OBAMA'S SOCIAL SECURITY CUT

The Huffington Post  
Richard Eskow  
April 18, 2013

A recent "Spreadsheet Scandal" has rocked the economics world. It also seems to have eliminated the last remaining technical argument in support of the president's "chained CPI" Social Security cut.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rj-eskow/why-the-spreadsheet-scand\\_b\\_3110765.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rj-eskow/why-the-spreadsheet-scand_b_3110765.html)

#### FINANCIAL PROTECTION

##### FINANCIAL ADVISERS' CREDENTIALS MISLEAD SENIORS, WATCHDOG SAYS

Reuters  
Emily Stephenson  
April 18, 2013

The consumer watchdog on Thursday called for tougher oversight of the credentials that financial advisers use to show they are trained to work with older Americans. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said these financial advisers use more than 50 different credentials, some of which they can simply buy online.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/18/us-financial-regulation-seniors-idUSBRE93H12420130418>

## **RETIREE HEALTH**

**WALKING WHILE OLD: SENIORS FACE GREATEST DEATH RISK**

NPR

Nancy Shute

April 18, 2013

Older people are at higher risk of being killed by a car while walking, according to new data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/04/18/177783314/walking-while-old-elderly-pedestrians-face-greatest-death-risk>