

TODAY'S MUST READS – APRIL 17, 2013

## **ALLIANCE MENTIONS**

### **ROADMAP TO CITIZENSHIP THE RIGHT WAY TO GO - STRENGTHENS AMERICA, STRENGTHENS OUR SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM**

Paramus Post  
Mel Fabrikant  
April 16, 2013

The Alliance for Retired Americans, representing the voices of more than 4 million retirees, supports the passage of common sense immigration reform that includes a practical and inclusive roadmap to citizenship.

<http://www.paramuspost.com/article.php/20130416174048641>

## **BUDGET**

### **AFTER DEMANDING BUDGET DEBATE, GOP RESISTS NAMING NEGOTIATORS FOR ENDGAME TALKS**

Washington Post/AP  
April 16, 2013

Republicans for years have criticized Democrats controlling the Senate for failing to pass a budget. But now that the Senate has passed its first budget in four years, it's Republicans in charge of the House who are dragging their feet on naming negotiators to iron out the gaping differences between the chambers.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/congress/after-demanding-budget-debate-gop-resists-naming-negotiators-for-endgame-talks/2013/04/16/29d9d4ee-a6db-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/congress/after-demanding-budget-debate-gop-resists-naming-negotiators-for-endgame-talks/2013/04/16/29d9d4ee-a6db-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9_story.html)

### **OBAMA BUDGET STARTS UNDERWATER WITH PUBLIC**

Washington Post  
Scott Clement  
April 16, 2013

President Obama's courtship of Republicans hit a critical point last week when he unveiled a budget proposal pitched as an effort at compromise. But a new Washington Post-ABC News poll finds Americans' initial reactions to the framework tilting negative, with broad opposition from Republicans and little public support for a key idea to reduce increases in Social Security payments.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/04/16/obama-budget-starts-underwater-with-public/>

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **MEDICARE DRUG REBATES NEEDED**

Politico

Judith Stein

April 17, 2013

This week, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, (D-W. Va.), will introduce a bill to ensure Medicare and taxpayers pay lower prices for prescription drugs. The bill, known as the Medicare Drug Savings Act of 2013, would ensure taxpayers get a better deal by requiring drug manufacturers to once again provide rebates for prescription drugs for people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and for lower-income Medicare beneficiaries.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/04/medicare-drug-rebates-are-needed-90151.html#ixzz2QjIODBEj>

### **HOSPITALS PROFIT FROM SURGICAL ERRORS, STUDY FINDS**

The New York Times

Denise Grady

April 16, 2013

Hospitals make money from their own mistakes because insurers pay them for the longer stays and extra care that patients need to treat surgical complications that could have been prevented, a new study finds.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/17/health/hospitals-profit-from-surgical-errors-study-finds.html?emc=tnt&tntemail0=y&r=1&>

### **DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS SEEK TO RESTORE DRUGMAKER REBATES FOR 'DUAL ELIGIBLES'**

KHN Blog

Mary Agnes Carey

April 16, 2013

Senate and House lawmakers unveiled legislation Tuesday that would require brand-name drugmakers to pay rebates to Medicare for drugs used by some of the program's low-income and disabled beneficiaries.

<http://capsules.kaiserhealthnews.org/index.php/2013/04/senators-seek-to-restore-drugmaker-rebates-for-dual-eligibles/>

### **ELDERLY PATIENTS ROUTINELY PRESCRIBED RISKY DRUGS**

The New York Times

Anahad O'Connor

April 15, 2013

Doctors in the United States routinely prescribe potentially harmful drugs to older patients, and the problem is particularly acute in the South, a new study shows.

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/15/older-patients-too-often-prescribed-risky-drugs/>

## **PARKS**

**LAWMAKER: SENIORS SHOULD PAY MORE FOR NATIONAL PARKS**

CNN Money

Jennifer Liberto

April 17, 2013

The price tag on seniors' passes came up during a House Oversight hearing on forced cuts at parks, museums and archives. Lawmakers took turns attacking the National Park Service for not taking more aggressive measures to trim costs in preparation for forced budget cuts.

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/04/16/news/economy/seniors-national-parks/>