

Alliance Press Clips for October 4, 2011

Alliance Mentions

500 members of Alliance for Retired Americans go to Capitol Hill for Super Committee's initial meeting

Common Ground

John Pernorio (Rhode Island Alliance for Retired Americans President)

September Issue

In this article written by the president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Retired Americans, he recaps the ARA legislative conference that took place in the beginning of September. At his conference thousands of seniors flooded the offices of their representatives with the message "don't balance the budget on the backs of the seniors." Pernorio also discusses the postcard campaign being led by the Alliance.

http://www.commongroundnews.net/current_issue.html Pg. 14

Saving Medicare is cost effective

Common Ground

Dr. Joseph Boffa

September Issue

Dr. Boffa advocates as a director of wellness programs for retirees in Massachusetts to leave Medicare as it is. Medicare is able to help a lot of people, but it is only because of the funding it receives that it is able to do that. According to Dr. Boffa, if that funding goes away even a bit, Medicare benefits will be greatly affected. This will in turn cost the country more, using tax dollars to cover seniors who due to cuts, are now uninsured.

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Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, Know Your Care Wisconsin: Affordable Care Act brings free preventive care to Milwaukee seniors

Wispolitics.com

October 4, 2011

The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans held a forum in conjunction with Know Your Care Wisconsin to educate seniors of the services available under the Affordable Care Act. "Preventative care isn't just for the young guns," said Billy Feitlinger, executive director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans. "Free preventative care means staying healthy and crossing the century mark with a smile. It's great to see the Affordable Care Act providing such important services to so many seniors across the country."

<http://www.wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=249159>

Alliance Members

Saved by the Bell—Again

Nevada Appeal

Janice Ayres (Nevada Alliance Member)

October 4, 2011

In this opinion editorial by Nevada Alliance Member, Janice Ayers, she obliges Congress to look at its 80% disapproval rating and wake up. It is time to get to work, people are sick of the constant stubborn “no” always on the lips of congressmen. She goes on to encourage all seniors to stay informed. “Seniors need to be aware that they can’t always believe what candidates say, and should look more closely at what a candidate actually does.” She advocates checking representative’s voting records. She suggests checking <http://washingtonvotes.org/> to stay informed.

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/article/20111004/NEWS/111009942/1029&parentprofile=1061>

Politics

New State Rules Raising Hurdles at Voting Booth

The New York Times

Michael Cooper

October 2, 2011

In the last election a number of governor positions changed from blue to red. Since this shift, a number of laws have been passed making it more difficult to vote for some people. Some of these measures include voter identification laws. A study done by Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law calculated these news laws could make it “significantly harder” for more than five million eligible voters to vote. Republicans counter that these laws are necessary to prevent voter fraud.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/03/us/new-state-laws-are-limiting-access-for-voters.html?_r=2&ref=todayspaper

Politico Breaking News

October 4, 2011

Democratic Rep. Jerry Costello, the dean of Illinois's congressional delegation, will not seek reelection in 2012, he announced Tuesday.

"It has been a privilege and an honor to serve in the U.S. Congress for the past 23 years. However, I said when I was elected in 1988 and many times since that I did not intend to stay in Congress forever as I had other interests that I wanted to pursue," he said in a statement.

Social Security

Romney backs slower Social Security gains for wealthy

Reuter

Ros Krasny

October 3, 2011

GOP candidate Mitt Romney, proposed his fix to Medicare at a New Hampshire town hall meeting. He suggests a combination of raising the retirement age and doing away with some benefits for wealthier beneficiaries. He says he would rather do this, than raise taxes.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/04/us-usa-campaign-romney-entitlements-idUSTRE79305020111004>

Labor

Michigan AFL-CIO elects new leader after 12 years

Bloomberg Business Week

The Associated Press

October 3, 2011

The AFL-CIO of Michigan elected a new president this year, Karla Swift. For 12 years the organization has been led by Mark Gaffney, who did not run for re-election this year. Members say Swift brings a fresh perspective to the organization. Her plan is to focus on Michigan's jobs crisis. The Michigan AFL-CIO represents about 350,000 members and almost as many retirees.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9Q50H402.htm>