

Alliance Clips and Retiree News: February 13, 2012

Alliance Mentions

Mitt Romney Earns More by 6:00am Than Many Seniors Do in a Year
Barbara Easterling
February 9, 2012
Huffington Post

The President of the Alliance for Retired Americans Barbara J. Easterling highlights just how wealthy Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is, and how his income influences his anti-senior stance on Social Security.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/barbara-j-easterling/romney-social-security- b_1265133.html

Health Care

Obama Budget Slated for \$3.8 Trillion
David Rogers
February 13, 2012
Politico

President Obama released his budget proposal today, unveiling extensive cuts to many different departments within the government, including the Pentagon. However, he has proposed a 26% increase in the budget for the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services due to its increased responsibilities from the health care reform. There are some cuts that may meet some resistance from his party members though.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0212/72792.html>

Social Security

Romney Vows Social Security, Medicare Cuts
UPI
February 10, 2012
United Press International

During the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, DC over the weekend, Mitt Romney highlighted the changes he would make to Medicare and Social Security. Romney vowed to “gradually” raise the retirement age for Social Security benefits, and he told the crowd that seniors should have the right to choose between Medicare and a private plan. He believes if seniors choose a private plan, they have to foot the extra cost.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/02/10/Romney-vows-Social-Security-Medicare-cuts/UPI-33431328894690/

Seniors Interested in Social Security When Romney, Santorum Visit

Erik Avancier

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KBOI

Seniors in Idaho will be listening intently to Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum when they come to speak in Boise within the coming days. Boise resident Rod Jaszowski says many seniors are worried about the future of Social Security and if they can survive without it. Studies show that 65% of retirees in Idaho receive Social Security benefits.

<http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/Seniors-interested-social-security-when-Romney-and-Santorum-visit-Boise-139237253.html>

Politics

Romney Wins Maine Caucuses

Shannon Travis

February 11, 2012

CNN

Mitt Romney recovered a little bit in the GOP race for the presidential nomination, edging out Ron Paul in the Maine Caucus Saturday night. This victory comes on the heels of the caucus losses in Missouri, Colorado, and Minnesota to Rick Santorum.

http://articles.cnn.com/2012-02-11/politics/politics_pol-maine-wrap_1_maine-caucuses-straw-poll-mitt-romney?_s=PM:POLITICS

House GOP Scrambles Payroll Tax Cut Calculus

Jake Sherman and Manu Raju

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Politico

A crazy week of politics will ensue in Washington, DC this week as Congress tries to settle the payroll tax holiday debacle. Republicans and Democrats are still in a deep divide over how to handle the proposed jobless benefits extension and the rate cuts for doctors of Medicare patients. A new route that Republicans may allegedly try this week is to propose a 10 month extension of jobless benefits; however they have not clarified how they will pay for it. This is threatening considering the controversy surrounding Social Security and Medicare.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0212/72796.html>

Pew Poll: Rick Santorum Catches Mitt Romney

Rachel Weiner

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The Washington Post

Ex-Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum has overtaken Mitt Romney among Republicans according to a newly released Pew Research Center survey. Fueled by tea party supporters and white evangelicals, Santorum has taken votes away from Romney more so than any other GOP candidate. As much as this is about Santorum's campaign gaining ground, it also highlights a drastic shift on Romney's end of things.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/post/pew-poll-rick-santorum-catches-mitt-romney/2012/02/13/gIQAOQMIBR_blog.html