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Alliance Mentions

Chairman Sanders Introduces Older Americans Act Reauthorization
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PoliticalNews.me

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) announced that he will introduce a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act. The act supports programs for seniors such as Meals on Wheels and other services that help seniors retain an independent lifestyle. The Alliance for Retired Americans said that the provision in Sanders' bill is vital to the health and economic security of millions of older Americans and their families. One of the many improvements proposed by the bill includes the ombudsman act, which protects the rights of people living in nursing homes.

<http://politicalnews.me/?id=10707&keys=SENIORS-REAUTHORIZATION-ACT-MEALS>

Advocates Rally against Social Service Cuts in New Budget
January 18th, 2012
Capital Public Radio

After Gov. Jerry Brown's (D-CA) State of the State address, a few dozen people remained to express their concern for cuts in the state budget toward health and social services. Nan Brasmer, president of the California Alliance for Retired Americans, said that many problems could be fixed with new revenues such as taxing crude oil. More than two billion dollars in tax cuts would affect health care services and calWORKS.

<http://www.caprado.org/articles/2012/01/18/advocates-rally-against-social-service-cuts-in-new-budget>

Politics

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords Resigning From Congress
Sandhya Somashekhar and Paul Kane
January 23, 2012
Washington Post

Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) announced Sunday that she will be resigning from Congress this week, one year after the massacre in Tucson where she sustained a nearly-fatal gunshot wound. During her Youtube video, she mentions that she has a long road ahead in recovery, and in the best interest of Arizona, she feels it necessary to step down. A special election will be held in the next few months in Giffords' southern Arizona district, and several Democrat and Republican candidates have shown interest in running.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/rep-gabrielle-giffords-retiring-from-congress/2012/01/22/gIQATOz1IQ_story.html

Romney Supervised Medical Testing Company Guilty of Massive Medicare Fraud

Rick Ungar

January 21, 2012

Forbes

In the midst of AFSCME's campaign to unveil GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney's shady business dealings, one great occurrence has emerged in regards to Medicare. In 1989, Romney's Bain Capital investment firm acquired a controlling interest in the Damon Corporation on which Romney sat on the Board of Directors. During this time, the Damon Corp. was engaging in fraudulent behavior, swindling Medicare and the federal government out of millions of dollars.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/rickungar/2012/01/21/romney-supervised-medical-testing-company-guilty-of-massive-medicare-fraud/>

Seniors A Key Constituency for Romney

Paige Winfield Cunningham

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The Washington Times

Many seniors across the country are showing more GOP support to Romney as opposed to the other GOP candidates Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul. Romney won a third of the senior vote in the Iowa caucuses and 42% in New Hampshire in the same group. Romney has always played the fence when it came to policies and issues that affected seniors and retirees; however, the candidates' commitment to their policies is what remains important to many senior voters overall.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jan/22/seniors-key-constituency-romney-fla/?page=2>

Foes of Sen. Sherrod Brown Will Tag Him on 'Obamacare' and Jobs; Brown Says They Will Lose

Stephen Koff

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The Plain Dealer

Freshman senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) says that opponents from the Republican Party will try to make him out to be a bad leader because of various policies that he has advocated, such as President Obama's healthcare reform law and other policies on which he voted with Obama 95% of the time.

http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2012/01/post_34.html

House Republican Budget to Seek Medicare Reforms

David Lawder

January 20, 2012

Chicago Tribune

Republicans seek to present budget plan that will perhaps offer an alternative to the current healthcare offering passed by President Obama's healthcare law. The budget resolution will contain Medicare reforms and ways to "aggressively shrink deficits." Republican congressman and House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) is the main proponent for the new budget and is also the congressman who proposed a plan to privatize Medicare from the \$525 million fee-for-service program to a voucher system with which recipients could buy private insurance.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/politics/sns-rt-us-usa-congress-budgettre80k026-20120120,0,7596254.story>

Labor

Labor Groups in Florida Target Mitt Romney

Paul West

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Los Angeles Times

The AFSCME has bought \$1 million worth of airtime in Florida that seeks to tie Mitt Romney together with Medicare fraud at a company where he sat on the Board of Directors at one point in time. Additionally, they seek to tie-in Florida Governor Rick Scott (R-FL), who also was involved with Medicare fraud with a company he once ran. The ad, which began running Saturday, seeks to bring to light the questionable credibility of Romney's "private-sector expertise" and his business background. The ad will run through the Florida primary on January 31.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-labor-union-targets-romney-florida-ad-20120120,0,2301613.story>