Specialty Media Clips

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**AAPI**

**Angry Asian Man: judge jacqueline nguyen confirmed to federal bench**

Yesterday, the United States Senate unanimously confirmed Jacqueline H. Nguyen to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, making her the first Vietnamese American woman to serve on the federal bench: Senate Confirms Nation's First Vietnamese American Woman to Serve on the Federal Bench.

<http://www.angryasianman.com/2009/12/judge-jacqueline-nguyen-confirmed-to.html>

**Philippine News: Waiting on that pot of money**

So there we were, a dozen or so ethnic media journalists huddled in the morning chill at the University of California Center in Washington D.C., putting our heads together and trying to figure out where the stimulus money is going.

<http://philippinenews.com/article.php?id=5816>

**Arts**

**Big Government: Anatomy of a Beat-Down Part 2: Why Kenneth Gladney Was Beaten And by Whom**

Yesterday we discussed the events leading up to the August 6th health care town hall meeting featuring Rep. Russ Carnahan (D-MO). The event was hosted by Health Care For American Now (HCAN) and Organizing for America (OFA), the former a front group for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the latter an off-shoot of the Obama Campaign now run by the Democratic National Committee (DNC). We revealed a four page document released by HCAN two days before the August 6th town hall meeting. In that document, guidelines are revealed for members of HCAN (union members) on how best to stifle the protestations of ObamaCare.

<http://biggovernment.com/2009/12/01/anatomy-of-a-beat-down-part-2-why-kenneth-gladney-was-beaten-and-by-whom/>

**Disabilities**

**Disability Scoop: Obama Administration Pushes States To Provide Community Living**

Community-based living for people with disabilities got a boost recently when the Department of Justice filed friend of the court briefs in lawsuits against three states.

<http://www.disabilityscoop.com/2009/12/02/justice-briefs/6367/>

**Ethnic**

**Hellenic News of America: Obama and Erdogan**

Turkey’s Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is scheduled to meet with President Barack Obama at the White House on December 7, 2009. Unfortunately, President Obama is following the flawed and failed policies of the Bush and Clinton administrations towards Turkey.

<http://www.hellenicnews.com/readnews.html?newsid=11162&lang=US>

**New American Media: More Troops Won’t End War in Afghanistan**

Tonight, President Barack Obama will announce his new strategy in Afghanistan. News reports previewing his speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point have indicated that after months of deliberation, he is set to send 30,000 more U.S. troops into the country.

<http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=eb962050f7dff9f9f6131e14fbc87d0a>

**UPI: Armenians brace for Erdogan's U.S. visit**

A U.S.-based Armenian advocacy group has ramped up efforts to encourage Washington to recognize the Armenian genocide ahead of a visit by the Turkish premier.

<http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2009/12/01/Armenians-brace-for-Erdogans-US-visit/UPI-59441259703715/>

**Faith**

**CBN: Senate Debate Continues Over Health Care Bill**

Senate Democrats and Republicans are digging in for a partisan fight over healthcare reform.

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/politics/2009/December/Senate-Debate-Continues-Over-Health-Care-Bill-/>

**National Catholic Reporter: Reactions to the Obama Afghanistan Speech**

President Obama laid out his plan for the buildup of U.S. troops in Afghanistan Tuesday night in a speech at the United States Military Academy, saying that "our security is at stake."

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/reactions-obama-afghanistan-speech>

**US News – God & Country: Pew Survey: Democrats' Faith-friendly Image Suffers, While Obama's Fares Better**

Americans view the Democrats as less religion friendly now than they did a year ago, while President Obama's administration is seen to be warmer toward religious faith than its party is, according to a new survey from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Twenty nine percent of Americans say Democrats are friendly toward religion, compared to 38 percent who said that last year, according to the survey.

<http://www.usnews.com/blogs/god-and-country/2009/12/01/pew-survey-democrats-faith-friendly-image-suffers-while-obamas-fares-better.html>

**Jewish**

**Prague Daily Monitor: Rare menorah heading from Prague to White House**

A rare Chanukah candlestick holder, a late 19th century masterpiece in possession of the Jewish Museum in Prague has set off from the Czech capital for the U.S. to decorate White House's premises during a Jewish holiday ceremony on December 16, Jewish Museum director Leo Pavlat told CTK Tuesday.

<http://praguemonitor.com/2009/12/02/rare-chanukah-candlestick-heading-prague-white-house>

**LGBT**

**Advocate: Number of Gay Asylum Seekers Growing**

The number of people fleeing their native lands for America because of sexual orientation discrimination is increasing, reports Newsweek.

<http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2009/12/01/Number_of_Gay_Asylum_Seekers_Growing/>

**Associated Press: Witness immunity sought for gay service members**

Gay service members who reveal their sexual orientations during congressional testimony would be immune from forced discharges under a bill introduced Wednesday, as lawmakers prepare to consider repealing the ban on gays serving openly in the U.S. military.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hrf95Zy8clxQOXmF-Wi6ypVJ0tmwD9CBDG700>

**Bilerico Project: Is ENDA dead for the year?**

Guess what's on next week's markup schedule? Not ENDA.

<http://www.bilerico.com/2009/12/guess_whats_on_next_weeks_markup_schedule.php>

**Bilerico Project: It is time for Congress to take action and pass ENDA now**

Because the Employment Non Discrimination Act is desperately needed by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people to combat employment discrimination and is also ripe legislatively, our organizations call on the members of the House Committee on Education and Labor and Congress to take immediate action and pass ENDA without further delay.

<http://www.bilerico.com/2009/12/it_is_time_for_congress_to_take_action_and_pass_en.php>

**Pam’s House Blend: Jailbird Larry 'homo-sex w/Obama' Sinclair runs for Congress**

From the President's somber speech on Afghanistan to...this. Only in America.

<http://www.pamshouseblend.com/diary/14321/larry-sinclair-runs-for-congress-despite-criminal-record-allegations-of-sex-wobama>

**Pride Source: World AIDS Day at the White House**

The Obama administration rolled out some of its biggest guns for World AIDS Day, but as has been the case before, it did not include the President himself or the Vice President. A two-story red ribbon hung in the north portico of the White House, the same one used by George W. Bush in 2007.

<http://www.pridesource.com/article.html?article=38977>

**Queerty: Barack Obama's Gay Lover and Coke Snorter Is Running For Congress**

Are you willing to vote for a candidate just because he's gay? Larry Sinclair hopes so. The convicted felon who claims he once snorted cocaine and hooked up with with Obama would like to be Florida's next U.S. congressman. Because he's tired of Obama's policies!

<http://www.queerty.com/barack-obamas-gay-lover-and-coke-snorter-is-running-for-congress-20091202/>

**Queerty: Gay Soldiers Need This Immunity Law to Even Tell Congress About DADT Law**

It's sort of hard to hear from gay military servicemembers when, uh, testifying before Congress would be a gross violation of Don't Ask Don't Tell. So before we can even repeal the discriminatory measure, Congress is trying to pass another law — just to make it okay for these soldiers to tell lawmakers how terrible DADT is. It's called the Honest and Open Testimony Act, and it was introduced today by Florida Democrat Alcee Hastings with 27 co-sponsors. As the Palm Center notes, "Because the 'don’t ask, don’t tell' policy requires the discharge of service members who acknowledge that they are gay, lesbian, or bisexual, the bill would serve as the first relaxation of the military ban in sixteen years."

<http://www.queerty.com/gay-soldiers-need-this-immunity-law-to-even-tell-congress-about-dadt-law-20091202/>

**Raw Story: Family Research Council: Obama plans to ‘impose homosexuality’**

Far-right Christian fundamentalist group Family Research Council has a clever idea for raising money: convince supporters that President Barack Obama will take away their Bibles and turn their kids gay.

<http://rawstory.com/2009/12/farright-fundraising-tack-obama-plans-impose-homosexuality/>

**Time Magazine: Is Obama Scaling Back Bush's AIDS Initiative?**

George W. Bush didn't get a whole lot of attaboys on his way out of the White House. But on World AIDS Day near the end of last year, the outgoing U.S. President was the man of the hour, fielding praise from global health advocates and world leaders for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPfAR, which increased tenfold the number of HIV-infected patients in Africa who receive antiretroviral treatments. At megachurch pastor Rick Warren's Global Health Forum on Dec. 1, 2008, Bush lingered to discuss this untarnished highlight of his presidency, a commitment of $15 billion over five years to combat HIV/AIDS. "No U.S. President or political leader has done more for global health," said Warren.

<http://www.time.com/time/politics/article/0,8599,1944554,00.html?xid=rss-topstories>

**VOA: World's Largest AIDS Conference to Finally Return to the US**

The world’s largest AIDS conference is coming to the United States in 2012.

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/africa/aids-conf-washington-decapua-1dec09-78227152.html>

**Windy City Times: FBI: Hate crimes on the rise**

New data collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ( FBI ) appears to show an increase in bias-motivated crimes—hate crimes—on the basis of sexual orientation in 2008.

<http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=23685>

**Misc**

**Native Americans**

**Associated Press: N.M. sees higher swine flu deaths among American Indians**Swine flu is killing American Indians in New Mexico at a higher rate than other ethnic groups, and a top state Department of Health official says chronic disease and the distance many Indians have to travel to medical care could be part of the reason.

<http://www.daily-times.com/farmington-news/ci_13905775>

**CQ: American Indians Exercise Political Clout**

American Indians may be the original Americans, but they have commanded little attention in Washington over the years, in part because of their small numbers and smaller incomes. Their influence reached a particularly low ebb after the fall of disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, convicted in 2006 for bilking tribes of millions in casino profits.

<http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=news-000003256367>

**Indianz: DOJ releases report on jail facilities in Indian Country**

The number of inmates housed in detention facilities in Indian Country fell 1.3 percent between 2007 and 2008, the Department of Justice said on Monday.

<http://64.38.12.138/News/2009/017607.asp>

**Jodi Rave: Justice Department releases report on jails in Indian Country**

Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli issued the following statement on Tuesday. He made the comment in a press release in response to the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics report, Jails in Indian Country:

<http://buffalosfire.com/?p=1213>

**UPI: 'First Americans' get 2nd-rate healthcare**

Full-scale healthcare rationing is already occurring on Indian reservations in the United States, a U.S. senator says.

<http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/12/02/First-Americans-get-2nd-rate-healthcare/UPI-56411259759879/>

**OPE**

**Rural**

**Agri-Pulse: USDA & DOJ to hold joint workshops on ag & antitrust issues**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division will hold a series of joint public workshops starting in March 2010 to explore competition issues affecting the agricultural sector and the appropriate role for antitrust and regulatory enforcement. Scroll down for workshop dates and locations.

<http://www.agri-pulse.com/uploaded/20091201H2.pdf>

**Brownfield Ag News: Vilsack says cap and trade benefits outweigh costs**

U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack continues to make a case for Cap and Trade. He went before reporters Wednesday continuing efforts to relieve fears among farmers that climate change legislation will increase their costs.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2009/12/02/vilsack-says-cap-and-trade-benefits-outweigh-costs/>

**Feedstuffs: Bill to ban sub-therapeutic antibiotics from food animal use introduced**

A bill introduced today by Rep. Louis Slaughter (D., N.Y.) would require the Food & Drug Administration to withdraw the sub-therapeutic use of seven classes of antibiotics in food animals. Specifically, the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act 2009 would target penicillins, tetracyclines, macrolides, lincosamides, streptogramins, aminoglycosides and sulfonamides.

<http://www.feedstuffs.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=F4D1A9DFCD974EAD8CD5205E15C1CB42&nm=Breaking+News&type=news&mod=News&mid=A3D60400B4204079A76C4B1B129CB433&tier=3&nid=9B695B832718415A8892807C9F48EDD5>

**US Ag Net: USDA Contributes to Global Effort to Enhance Trade Flow**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has donated $250,000 to the Standards and Trade Development Facility, in a global effort which is aimed at enhancing the flow of trade by helping developing countries establish and implement sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS).

<http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=2467&yr=2009>

**US Ag Net: Dorgan: EPA Decision on E15 Needs to Move Ahead**

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota said Tuesday he is concerned about the delay of another eight months waiting for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decision on whether to allow more ethanol in gasoline blends. He is pushing the EPA and the Department of Energy to move forward quickly to certify E15, which would allow a 15 percent ethanol blend in gasoline.

<http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=2482&yr=2009>

**Seniors**

**Senior Journal: May Be Time for Many Senior Citizens to Seek Locations to Get Flu Shot - Seasonal and H1N1**

Most senior citizens are aware that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that older Americans are not as vulnerable to the H1N1 (Swine) Flu as are younger people. The CDC still recommends older Americans get the vaccinations but they have been moved to the back of the line. Now, with increased supplies, may be the time to start checking on the availability of these shots in your local area with the handy search tool provided by CDC.

<http://www.seniorjournal.com/Spotlights/FLU2009/20091202-MayBeTime.htm>

**Senior Journal: Video by Senior Citizen Advocates Explains Benefits of Senate Health Care Reform Bill**

Four panelists knowledgeable about the issues of the health care reform debate in Congress spoke on the effects the bill on the Senate floor will have on senior citizens. An online video of their presentations and the Q&A that followed is now available

<http://www.seniorjournal.com/NEWS/Politics/2009/20091202-VideoBySeniorCitizen.htm>

**Service**

**Sports**

**Veterans/Military Families**

**American Forces Press Service: Obama Calls for Another 30,000 U.S. Troops in Afghanistan**

It is in America’s vital national interests to send another 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan, President Barack Obama said tonight during a speech at West Point, N.Y.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=56897>

**American Forces Press Service: President Explains Strategic Choices, Calls for Unity**

The Afghanistan strategy review included many options, but President Barack Obama deemed the increase of 30,000 U.S. troops to institute counterinsurgency operations was the best one.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=56899>

**American Forces Press Service: McChrystal Voices Support for President’s Afghanistan Strategy**

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan today expressed support for a new strategy that entails sending 30,000 more American troops to Afghanistan by next summer and begins a drawdown of forces in July 2011.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=56898>

**Associated Press: Military families brace for Obama's Afghan surge**

Battle-weary troops and their families braced for a wrenching round of new deployments to Afghanistan, but many said they support the surge announced Tuesday as long as it helps to end the 8-year-old conflict.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gtPlhi473sygoQKmjN9LP3HKLYIQD9CB160G0>

**Marine Corps News: Marine Receives Call From Obama**

Thanksgiving is a time to show gratitude for those who've made a difference. In honor of this holiday, the President of the United States called 10 deployed service members to show his appreciation for their hard work

<http://www.military.com/news/article/marine-corps-news/marine-receives-call-from-obama.html?col=1186032366495>

**Military.com: Marines to be First in Afghan Surge**

President Obama's Afghan surge of 30,000 additional U.S. troops will include an immediate infusion of California-based Marines, with the first elements set to be on the ground in southern Afghanistan around Christmas.

<http://www.military.com/news/article/marines-to-be-first-in-afghan-surge.html>

**Military Times: Vets groups back Afghanistan troop increase**

Major veterans groups generally support President Barack Obama’s Tuesday night announcement that he intends to send 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan. But they are not completely satisfied with some of the details.

<http://militarytimes.com/news/2009/12/military_obamaspeech_vetsgroups_120209w/>

**Stars & Stripes: Senator to Gates: How long will it take to get retroactive stop-loss pay?**

You’ve been asking questions about retroactive stop-loss pay, and now Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., wants answers too.

<http://blogs.stripes.com/blogs/stripes-central/senator-gates-how-long-will-it-take-get-retroactive-stop-loss-pay>

**Stars & Stripes: New law could help servicemembers whose children have been abducted**

In Japan, if a Japanese mother absconds in the night with her child, taking him or her from the American father, the government will do nothing. If that American parent tries to get the child back, however, he's likely to be arrested.

<http://blogs.stripes.com/blogs/stripes-central/new-law-could-help-servicemembers-whose-children-have-been-abducted>

**Stars & Stripes: McChrystal: Obama's plan a 'clear commitment'**

President Barack Obama’s decision to bolster the flagging Afghanistan fight with 30,000 more troops marks a significant and clear way forward in this nine-year battle, the top U.S. commander in the country said Wednesday.

<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=66418>

**Stars & Stripes: Afghanistan timeline provokes concerns**

From Capitol Hill to Kabul, the question about President Barack Obama’s new Afghanistan strategy was the same on Wednesday: How can the United States be all-in in Afghanistan while simultaneously preparing to get out?

<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=66431>

**Stars & Stripes: Troops in Afghanistan take in Obama's speech**

Even at 5:30 a.m., a couple dozen bleary-eyed troops filed into a recreation center at Kandahar Airfield, NATO's main hub in Afghanistan's violence-plagued south, to watch President Barack Obama's West Point speech.

<http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=66417>

**Women**

**Youth/College**

**Badger Herald (U WI): New H1N1 vaccination clinics open**

Madison and the University of Wisconsin are continuing their push to vaccinate students and a targeted group of community members against the swine flu by offering new H1N1 vaccine clinics in the next few weeks.

<http://badgerherald.com/news/2009/12/02/new_h1n1_vaccination.php>

**Daily Cardinal (U WI): UHS to hold large-scale H1N1 vaccination clinic at SERF Friday**

University Health Services has announced plans for a large-scale H1N1 vaccination clinic this Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Southeast Recreational Facility.

<http://www.dailycardinal.com/news/uhs-to-hold-large-scale-h1n1-vaccination-clinic-at-serf-friday-1.948936>

**Daily Collegian (Penn State): H1N1 cases decreasing nationally**

Despite ongoing fears about increased H1N1 exposure, Penn State health officials said Tuesday there has been a decrease in the number of confirmed cases on college campuses.

<http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2009/12/02/h1n1_cases_decreasing_national.aspx>

**Harvard Crimson: UHS May Not Get Full Vaccine Order**

University Health Services announced Monday that it is unlikely to receive all of the 15,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine it requested from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, although UHS received a small shipment of the vaccine this week.

[http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2009/12/2/uhs-rosenthal-health-students/](http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2009/12/2/uhs-rosenthal-health-students/\)

**Spartan Daily (San Jose State U): Alumna provides H1N1vaccines for San Jose Unified students**

An SJSU alumna has created a program to inoculate all the San Jose Unified School District students against the H1N1 virus this fall.

<http://media.www.thespartandaily.com/media/storage/paper852/news/2009/12/02/News/Alumna.Provides.H1n1vaccines.For.San.Jose.Unified.Students-3843108.shtml>