Specialty Media Clips

Thursday, July 15, 2010

**Homelessness Report**

**AAPI**

**Asian Journal: Nevada will recover – Pres. Obama**

Despite Nevada’s staggering foreclosure rate and rampant unemployment, President Obama last week said the state will be on its way to recovery.

<http://www.asianjournal.com/dateline-usa/15-dateline-usa/6149-nevada-will-recover--pres-obama-.html>

**Huffington Post: Diane Sawyer Behind The Scenes In The Gulf (VIDEO)**

It's 5:21 AM, and "World News" anchor Diane Sawyer sits in a van with her production team, rubbing the bridge of her nose. She has just heard that even under the best of circumstances — if the new cap succeeds in blocking the flow of oil — the Gulf spill will continue to wreak havoc for even longer than she had imagined.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/07/14/diane-sawyer-behind-the-s_n_646376.html>

**India West: Obama Appoints Preeta Bansal to Govt. Efficiency Panel**

President Barack Obama July 8 appointed Preeta D. Bansal, at present general counsel and senior policy advisor in the Office of Management and Budget, vice chair of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

<http://www.indiawest.com/readmore.aspx?id=2358&sid=1>

**Northwest Asian Weekly: BP oil spill spreads anxiety among Vietnamese fishermen**

On a steamy summer morning, Minh Chu would normally be out in the Gulf, hauling in huge loads of shrimp in the blistering sun. Instead, he’s standing in an alley, the air sticky as cotton candy, rain falling, clutching a paper ticket — a small measure of how a massive oil spill has shaken up his life.

<http://www.nwasianweekly.com/2010/07/bp-oil-spill-spreads-anxiety-among-vietnamese-fishermen/>

**Washington Times: New Orleans' Vietnamese fishermen feel 'lost'**

On a steamy summer morning, Minh Chu normally would be far out in the Gulf, hauling in huge loads of shrimp in the blistering sun. Instead, he's standing in an alley clutching a paper ticket, surrounded by air as sticky as cotton candy and falling rain — a small measure of how a massive oil spill has shaken up his life.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/jul/13/new-orleans-vietnamese-fishermen-feel-lost/>

**Arts**

**Disabilities**

**Ethnic**

**News.Am: AAA expects new U.S. Ambassador in Ankara to press Turkey on Genocide recognition**

The Armenian Assembly of America (AAA) expects nomination of a new U.S. Ambassador to Turkey Francis Joseph Ricciardione will urge Turkey to end its campaign of denial and come to terms with its genocidal legacy.

<http://news.am/eng/news/25045.html>

**Public Radio of Armenia: AAA expects new US Ambassador to urges Turkey to end its campaign of denial**

Earlier this week, the Obama Administration officially nominated Francis Joseph Ricciardione, Jr. to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, reported the Armenian Assembly of America (Assembly).

<http://www.armradio.am/news/?part=pol&id=17931>

**Faith**

**National Catholic Reporter: Fla. diocese gets $9.7 million from HUD**

The Catholic Diocese of Venice, Fla., has been awarded a grant of $9,724,600 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money will be dedicated to constructing an apartment facility for low-income elderly people of all faiths, as an outreach of the Diocese of Venice through Blessed Pope John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, according to a news release.

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/fla-diocese-gets-97-million-hud>

**Religion Dispatches: House Dems Confident Immigration Reform Will Pass—With LGBT Equality**

At a Capitol Hill press conference this morning, House Democrats reiterated their support for comprehensive immigration reform package that would include equality for LGBT people and expressed confidence that such a bill would pass this year.

<http://www.religiondispatches.org/dispatches/sarahposner/2980/house_dems_confident_immigration_reform_will_pass_--_with_lgbt_equality/>

**Jewish**

**LGBT**

**Advocate: Choi on Vindication, Kathy Griffin**

Lt. Dan Choi is a free man — one who says he'll likely return to the White House to protest "don't ask, don't tell," with or without Kathy Griffin.

<http://www.advocate.com/News/News_Features/Choi_on_Vindication_and_Kathy_Griffin/>

**Advocate: Maddow Puts Voices to DADT Comic Book**

The Rachel Maddow Show provided voice-overs to make sense of the 2001 comic book published by the U.S. Army to help implement the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

<http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/07/15/Maddow_Gives_Voices_to_DADT_Comic_Book/>

**Advocate: Homophobia on Trial in DADT Case**

In a second day at trial, attorneys challenging "don't ask, don't tell" relied on witness testimony by DADT experts as well as critical statements made by President Barack Obama and a seminal tweet by a top defense official in making their case against the 1993 law.

<http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/07/14/Witnesses_Talk_Gay_Militarys_Past_in_DADT_Trial/>

**Associated Press: Gay ex-officer to testify against military's ban**

If the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy were lifted today, Mike Almy would not think twice about returning to the Air Force.

<http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_GAYS_IN_MILITARY?SITE=SCCHA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT>

**Bay Area Reporter: Pentagon survey on gay troops blasted**

As soon as news hit last week that Pentagon officials distributed a 103-question survey to about 400,000 service members about their views on repealing the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," policy, critics weighed in, calling many of the questions biased.

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=4919>

**Bay Area Reporter: National AIDS strategy unveiled**

President Barack Obama released the first comprehensive national HIV/AIDS strategy for the United States on Tuesday, bringing to fruition a lengthy process that involved input from medical and social science experts, AIDS care and service providers, and people with HIV from across the country.

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=4918>

**Bay Area Reporter: Gay couples need HIV prevention, says study**

HIV prevention strategies should not ignore gay male couples whose sexual behaviors can still lead to seroconversions, says a study published this week by San Francisco researchers.

<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=4929>

**Bilerico Project: Rachel Maddow on Pentagon's comic book**

The US Army published a comic book in 2001 meant to teach soldiers and officers the finer details about Don't Ask Don't Tell. The unintentionally hysterical work of great literature includes three "stories" to illustrate the "Homosexual Conduct Policy" in an extremely confusing way.

<http://www.bilerico.com/2010/07/rachel_maddow_on_pentagons_comic_book.php>

**Bilerico Project: Thank you Mr. President for helping to dissipate the cloud of AIDS-stigma**

Few Americans are offered the opportunity to attend an official event at the White House. This past Tuesday, I was one of those few Americans privileged to roam about the White House with a glass of champagne in hand while celebrating a benchmark in our nation's more than 30-year history of AIDS in America.

<http://www.bilerico.com/2010/07/thank_you_mr_president_for_helping_to_dissipate_th.php>

**Black Voice News: New Hope For Fighting AIDS .**

The White House on Tuesday unveiled President Obama’s national strategy for combating HIV/AIDS, which aims to curb infections by 25 percent in the next five years by focusing resources on demographic groups that are most at risk.

<http://www.blackvoicenews.com/columnists/health-with-dr-levister/44693-new-hope-for-fighting-aids.html>

**Economist: Fading drumbeats**

ANY day now a federal court in California is expected to decide whether the state’s ban on gay marriages is in keeping with America’s constitution. But activists on either side of the gay-rights divide do not have time to hold their breath. They are too busy arguing about other things: a ruling from a court in Massachusetts that last week threw out parts of the federal law banning gay marriage; the decision of Hawaii’s governor, a few days earlier, to veto a bill that would have given gay couples access to “civil unions” just shy of marriage; and the armed forces’ review of its ban on openly gay soldiers, which has just entered a new and controversial phase. The “culture wars” between socially liberal and conservative Americans rumble on.

<http://www.economist.com/node/16592622?story_id=16592622&fsrc=rss>

**LGBT POV: KNBC Channel 4 Report on Federal DADT Trial in Riverside**

KNBC Channel 4 sent Conan Nolan, one of their best political reporters, to cover the federal Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell trial in Riverside on Tuesday. Cameras are not allowed inside the court – but he does a good job of summing up the situation. Log Cabin Republican communications director Charles Moran is interviewed. BTW – the Log Cabin Republicans are now posting the transcripts of each day’s court proceedings on their website.

<http://www.lgbtpov.com/2010/07/knbc-channel-4-report-on-federal-dadt-trial-in-riverside/>

**Metro Weekly: Surveying Headaches**

Pentagon DADT-repeal questionnaire raises questions of bias and participation from gay servicemembers

<http://www.metroweekly.com/news/?ak=5425>

**Metro Weekly: Dismissals Explained**

Lt. Dan Choi and James Pietrangelo didn't break the law they had been charged with breaking, and it is for that reason, according to a District spokesperson, that the charges they faced on July 14 were dismissed.

<http://www.metroweekly.com/news/?ak=5431>

**Metro Weekly: Navigating an Epidemic**

The White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) presented its National HIV/AIDS Strategy during a press event at the White House on Tuesday, July 13.

<http://www.metroweekly.com/news/?ak=5424>

**Metro Weekly: Gut Check**

Initially, I was going to use this opportunity to recount my July 4 exercise in acquiescence – filling out my juror application for federal court. While I've been happy to report for D.C. Superior Court duty a number of times, no one can blame me for being a little sour about being drafted for duty to the federal government, which refuses to allow me to vote as a Washingtonian, then further humiliates me by asking on the juror application whether I'm single, married, widowed or divorced. So many federal shades of straight experience, but just the one possibility for me and my kind: single.

<http://www.metroweekly.com/news/opinion/?ak=5428>

**Philadelphia Gay News: National plan to fight HIV announced**

The Obama administration this week unveiled its domestic HIV/AIDS plan, a $30-million initiative that focuses significantly on prevention efforts among men who have sex with men (MSM).

<http://epgn.com/view/full_story/8771921/article-National-plan-to-fight-HIV-announced?instance=2nd_top_story>

**Politico: Gay rights enter immigration debate**

Trying to broaden support for immigration reform, key Democratic lawmakers on Thursday will endorse legislation that would grant gay and lesbian Americans the ability to legally bring their foreign partners to the United States.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0710/39780.html>

**Queerty: Will Discharged Maj. Mike Almy Read a Selection of His Personal Emails At Today's DADT Trial?**

Maj. Mike Almy, who served in Iraq, was kicked out of the Air Force in 2006 after his private emails were included in a "routine" computer search. Today he'll be testifying at the Log Cabin Republicans' Don't Ask Don't Tell lawsuit in Riverside, Calif., part of LCR's bag of MANIPULATIVE TRICKS to introduce testimony about the discriminatory law after Congress passed it in 1993

<http://www.queerty.com/will-discharged-maj-mike-almy-read-a-selection-of-his-personal-emails-at-todays-dadt-trial-20100715>

**Queerty: Somebody Turn the Army's DADT Comic Book Into a 3-D Live Action Feature Film, Please**

The U.S. Army's DADT comic book from 2001 is filled with engaging graphics and mock dialogue telling soldiers what to do if they're accused of being A Gay. Last night Rachel Maddow had voiceover actors play out a chapter.

<http://www.queerty.com/somebody-turn-the-armys-dadt-comic-book-into-a-3-d-live-action-feature-film-please-20100715>

**Queerty: ENDA Becomes a Post-November Elections Matter, If Even That**

On August 9 the U.S. Senate will go on recess. Until that point, according to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's office, it will take up nine issues of importance. None of them are named "Employment Non-Discrimination Act."

<http://www.queerty.com/enda-becomes-a-post-november-elections-matter-if-even-that-20100715>

**Queerty: Will Adding Gays to Immigration Reform Actually Increase Its Chances of Passing?**

Joanna Burgos, a National Republican Campaign Committee spokeswoman, says Democrats like Illinois' Rep. Luis Gutierrez would be smart to leave the gays out of their immigration reform if they have any hope of courting Hispanic votes, but what she meant to say is, "Run, Hispanics! These disgusting Democrats are trying to force the homosexual lifestyle down your throat!"

<http://www.queerty.com/will-adding-gays-to-immigration-reform-actually-increase-its-chances-of-passing-20100715>

**Queerty: Obama's 'Sexual Relationship' With Murdered Gay Man Still Has Currency**

THE SHOT — Oh good, that good time boy Larry Sinclair, who sometimes emails the White House about how President Obama had gay sex with him, is popping up in this week's Globe to relay the story of a Donald Young, who Obama supposedly killed with a gun in 2007? And also had gay sex with?

<http://www.queerty.com/obamas-sexual-relationship-with-murdered-gay-man-still-has-currency-20100715>

**The Root: New HIV Strategy Focuses In on Black Community**

Top government officials convened at the White House Tuesday to unveil the Obama administration’s new blueprint for combating AIDS in America. Before a crowd of about 60, Director of Domestic Policy Melody Barnes, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy Jeffrey Crowley and Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh rolled out both the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the strategy’s implementation plan.

<http://www.theroot.com/blogs/national-hivaids-strategy/new-hiv-strategy-focuses-black-community>

**Towleroad: Democrats to Urge Inclusion of Gay Immigration Act as Part of Comprehensive Reform Bill Today**

Rep. Luis Gutierrez of Illinois, Rep. Mike Honda of California will urge lawmakers to include the Uniting American Families Act as part of a comprehensive immigration bill at a news conference today, Politico reports:

<http://www.towleroad.com/2010/07/dems-to-urge-inclusion-of-gay-immigration-act-as-part-of-comprehensive-reform-bill-today.html>

**Washington Blade: Pentagon troop survey is outrageous, offensive**

The text of the Pentagon’s survey soliciting service members’ views about fighting alongside suspected “homosexuals” is finally out and it couldn’t be more offensive.

<http://www.washingtonblade.com/2010/07/15/pentagon-troop-survey-is-outrageous-offensive/>

**Washington Blade: Charges dropped against Choi, Pietrangelo**

The trial for two gay Army officers arrested for chaining themselves to the White House fence in protest over “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was cancelled Wednesday after charges were dropped in the case.

<http://www.washingtonblade.com/2010/07/15/charges-dropped-against-choi-pietrangelo/>

**Washington Post; GOP group fights to end 'don't ask, don't tell'**

A federal court in California began hearing arguments this week in a case filed by the Log Cabin Republicans, who are challenging the constitutionality of the "don't ask, don't tell" law, which bans gays and lesbians from openly serving in the military. The Obama administration supports ending the law, and Congress is expected to repeal it this year in the annual defense spending bill.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/14/AR2010071405707_pf.html>

**Washington Post: Obama's HIV/AIDS strategy: sound, but not sufficient**

Earlier this week, President Obama announced a comprehensive national HIV/AIDS strategy. It is needed. America’s domestic AIDS problem has dropped from the headlines since the early days of fear and controversy -- both of which were calmed by a better understanding of transmission and the development effective treatments. But more than a million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS, and infection rates on their current course will increase this number over time. AIDS is on the advance in America and, as I’ve written, the demographics of the disease are changing -- becoming more prevalent among the poor, minorities and women.

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/postpartisan/2010/07/obamas_hivaids_strategy_sound.html>

**Misc**

**Native Americans**

**ABC: UK Won't Give Iroquois Lacrosse Team Visas, Despite Clinton's Waiver Letter**

The United Kingdom has declined to issue visas to the Iroquois nation’s lacrosse team, meaning they won’t be able to play in an international tournament in England which begins today, according to the US State Department.

<http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalpunch/2010/07/uk-wont-give-iroquois-lacrosse-team-visas-despite-clintons-waiver-letter.html>

**Associated Press: Iroquois lacrosse team defaults on 1st UK game**

An American Indian lacrosse team whose Iroquois-issued passports have been at the heart of an international dispute will default on the first game of the sport's world championship on Thursday.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iI149z8c0uBRphmB54w06NhPQlNwD9GVK8T00>

**Associated Press: US says Britain will not allow Iroquois entry**

The State Department says it failed to persuade the British government to allow an American Indian lacrosse team to enter Britain without U.S. or Canadian passports

<http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100715/ap_on_re_us/us_us_lacrosse_iroquois_passports>

**Buffalo News: Lacrosse team headed to England as U.S. recognizes passports**

The U.S. government has agreed to allow a native American lacrosse team to travel to England for a world championship competition under passports issued by the Iroquois Confederacy, a team spokeswoman said today.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/2010/07/14/1112722/us-to-allow-lacrosse-team-to-travel.html>

**CNN: Iroquois lacrosse team still caught in bureaucratic net**

The Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team is still being denied entry into the United Kingdom, even after the U.S. State Department granted the players a waiver to travel under their own passports Wednesday.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/SPORT/07/14/sport.iroquois.passport.controversy/index.html>

**Indianz: Doug George-Kanentiio: Iroquois abandoned by British -- again**

A couple of weeks ago I gave a lecture at the Nor'wester in Williamstown, Ontario entitled "How the Mohawks Saved Canada".

<http://64.38.12.138/News/2010/020717.asp>

**Indianz: Justice Department releases reports on stimulus grants to tribes**

The Office of the Inspector General at the Department of Justice has released two audit reports that look into stimulus grants awarded to tribes.

<http://64.38.12.138/News/2010/020723.asp>

**Long Island Press: Off the Reservation: Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse Team vs. America**

Twenty-three men waited five days. For five days they stood ready to do battle on a field for their nation, but were at risk of being denied the right to do so. They are warriors who engage in a time-honored tradition of championship lacrosse, a game that was invented by their ancestors. Ironically they were being stonewalled by the two nations who conspired four centuries ago to beat their people into submission. Just how high and how far did the debate reach? It took Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to wave her magic wand and allow this team to board an airplane with the guarantee they would be allowed to return.

<http://www.longislandpress.com/2010/07/14/iroquois-nationals-lacrosse-team-vsiroquois-nationals-lacrosse-team-vs-america/>

**Maui Weekly: Akaka Bill may come to a vote**

A measure allowing Native Hawaiians to form their own government could come to a vote in the U.S. Senate this month following a deal struck last week with Gov. Linda Lingle. The governors announced she will support the bill after it is changed to clarify that a future Hawaiian government would not provide immunity from the state’s laws unless Congress agrees following negotiations.

<http://www.mauiweekly.com/page/content.detail/id/501756/Akaka-Bill-may-come-to-a-vote.html?nav=17>

**Post Standard: Passport predicament keeps Iroquois Nationals team grounded in New York City**

Despite daylong diplomatic negotiations in Washington, D.C., and New York, the World Lacrosse Championship will begin in England today without the people who invented the game.

<http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/passport_predicament_keeps_iro.html>

**Post Standard: Stuck in Queens, Iroquois Nationals sing, see movies to keep spirits up**

As the Iroquois Nationals players waited for diplomats and bureaucrats to decide if their Native American team can travel to England for the World Lacrosse Championships, they gathered this morning in a small hotel room in Queens to sing.

<http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/stuck_in_queens_iroquois_natio.html>

**OPE**

**Rural**

**Agri-Pulse: Calm under Republican fire, Sec. Vilsack lists Recovery Act achievements**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack grabbed the lead role Wednesday in the escalating drama over who's to blame for continuing economic woes. In a House Budget Committee hearing on “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: An Update,” Vilsack remained calm under fire as Republican congressmen charged that the administration's costly recovery programs have only stimulated more job losses and more federal debt.

<http://www.agri-pulse.com/20100714H_Vilsack_on_Recovery.asp>

**Agri-Pulse: Vilsack, Lincoln, First Lady welcome House Committee vote for Child Nutrition reauthorization**

The House Education & Labor Committee passed bipartisan legislation Thursday to support children’s health and reduce childhood hunger by dramatically improving federal child nutrition programs. The Committee passed the “Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act” (H.R. 5504) with a bipartisan 32-13 vote.

<http://www.agri-pulse.com/20100715H_Child_Nutrition_Vote.asp>

**Agri-Pulse: Cantwell urges Vilsack to support aviation biofuels initiative to reduce dependence on foreign oil**

Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) Wednesday urged Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to support public-private initiatives in Washington state to develop aviation biofuels for military and commercial aircraft. In a letter to Vilsack, Cantwell said research has shown the technical viability of turning crops and biomass into aviation fuels, securing a reliable domestic supply for our military and commercial jets.

<http://www.agri-pulse.com/20100715C_Cantwell_Aviation_Biofuels.asp>

**Brownfield Ag News: House Education Committee passes nutrition bill**

The House Education and Labor Committee on Thursday passed its version of child nutrition legislation. Called the Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act of 2010, the bill proposes about $8 billion in additional funding over 10 years for child nutrition programs, including school breakfast and lunch.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2010/07/15/house-education-committee-passes-nutrition-bill/>

**Brownfield Ag News: House Ag passes Rural Energy Savings Program**

The House Agriculture Committee passed the Rural Energy Savings Program Act to encourage energy efficiency projects in rural communities. The bipartisan bill, introduced by House Majority Whip James Clyburn, (D-S.C) and Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY) authorizes the USDA Rural Utilities Service to make interest-free loans to eligible entities, including rural electric cooperatives, which will then make loans to qualified consumers to implement energy efficiency measures. The program will provide funds to retrofit residences and small businesses with structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce energy costs and consumption. Consumers will repay the loans through their electricity bills at an interest rate below 3 percent.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2010/07/15/house-ag-passes-rural-energy-savings-program/>

**Feedstuffs: Senate passes financial reform bill**

In a razor thin vote of 60-39 Thursday the Senate approved the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010 (H.R. 4173), the latest attempt by Congress to help address problems that caused the recession, costing taxpayers $145 billion.

<http://www.feedstuffs.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=F4D1A9DFCD974EAD8CD5205E15C1CB42&nm=Breaking+News&type=news&mod=News&mid=A3D60400B4204079A76C4B1B129CB433&tier=3&nid=D188A6EBD6044F8EBEC594BAFA491831>

**Rural Blog: Financial regulatory reforms aimed at Wall Street may have big implications in rural America**

President Obama's financial regulatory reform bill, passed today, is designed to fix the problems that caused the banking crisis, but it appears likely to have wide impact in other industries, including agriculture. "The bill will touch storefront check cashiers, city governments, small manufacturers, home buyers and credit bureaus, attesting to the sweeping nature of the legislation, the broadest revamp of finance rules since the 1930s," Michael M. Phillips of The Wall Street Journal reports. "In Nebraska farm country, those in the business of bringing beef from hoof to mouth are anxious, specifically about the bill's provisions that tighten rules governing derivatives." In fact, it is the "the part of the bill aimed directly at Wall Street that might end up touching most lives in rural America," Phillips writes.

<http://irjci.blogspot.com/2010/07/financial-regulations-aimed-at-wall.html>

**Rural Blog: Budget Office, key senator cast some doubt on renewal of at least one federal incentive for ethanol**

The fight to extend federal ethanol subsidies could get tougher. "As Midwestern lawmakers push to extend ethanol credits due to expire at the end of this year, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) indicated they may not be able to do so without a fight," due to the Congressional Budget Office's report critical of the cost of biofuel tax credits, Allison Winter of Environment & Energy Daily reports. "Bingaman said yesterday that a blenders' tax credit for ethanol should not be 'reflexively' extended."

<http://irjci.blogspot.com/2010/07/budget-office-key-senator-cast-some.html>

**Seniors**

**Service**

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**Veterans/Military Families**

**AFPS: Officials Commit to Disabled Veterans’ Businesses**

Defense Department officials are committed to providing service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses with contracting opportunities, and are closer to its goal of awarding 3 percent of department contracts to such businesses, the acting director for the Pentagon’s Small Business Programs Office said today.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=60041>

**Military Times: Senators want Arlington ex-official to testify**

A Senate subcommittee wants the former No. 2 official at Arlington National Cemetery to testify about his role in problems with technology contracts that were supposed to digitize paper burial records — shortfalls Army investigators say contributed to improperly marked graves and related issues.

<http://militarytimes.com/news/2010/07/military_arlington_official_071510w/>

**Military Times: Bill would give tax credit to some spouses**

A new Senate bill would give military spouses a federal tax credit of up to $500 when they have to pay to renew or transfer a professional license when moving with their military members on official reassignment orders.

<http://militarytimes.com/news/2010/07/military_spouses_taxcredit_071510w/>

**Military Times: Change would ease GI Bill transfers to children**

Service members would have more flexibility to share Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits with their children under a House bill introduced on Wednesday.

<http://militarytimes.com/news/2010/07/military_gibill_transferrights_071510w/>

**Stars & Stripes: Army sees worst month for suicides ever**

Bad news from the Army this afternoon; more soldiers killed themselves last month than any other month on record. There were 21 active-duty and 11 reserve soldier suicides

<http://www.stripes.com/blogs/stripes-central/stripes-central-1.8040/army-sees-worst-month-for-suicides-ever-1.111237>

**Women**

**Youth/College**

**Daily 49er: Our View- Obama’s centrism not excuse for ignoring truth**

Most U.S. presidents begin their respective terms with relatively strong approval ratings. This isn’t to say that these initial polls mean anything other than a measure of how far the new head of state will fall in the realm of public opinion. In fact, since Harry S. Truman no U.S. President — save Bill Clinton — has had a higher approval rating at the end of his term than he did at the beginning.

<http://news.collegemedianetwork.com/opinion/obama%e2%80%99s-centrism-not-excuse-for-ignoring-truth>

**GW Hatchet: First lady, Dr. Biden announce new preventive health care measures at GW**

First Lady Michelle Obama joined Dr. Jill Biden and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to outline new preventive health care measures made available under the Affordable Care Act at the GW Medical Faculty Associates building Wednesday afternoon.

<http://blogs.gwhatchet.com/newsroom/2010/07/14/first-lady-dr-biden-announce-new-preventive-health-care-measures-at-gw/>

**Huffington Post: Anti-Youth Agenda? Try Again.**

We were surprised to learn from Gary Bauer ("Obama's Anti-Youth Agenda," Politico, July 9) that Obama's agenda has thus far failed young people in America. We were more surprised that Mr. Bauer, at age 63, considers himself a viable spokesperson for the millennial generation.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gregory-cendana/anti-youth-agenda-try-aga_b_647034.html>