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REPORTS

DEFENSE: NEW REALITIES, INNOVATIVE RESPONSE. Deloitte. October 4, 2010.

The report identifies five key areas for significant growth in the Aerospace and Defense (A&D) sector, including: Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, Cyber-security, Government services and IT, Business Process Improvement, and Globalization and International Markets .

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Full Text:

http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-UnitedStates/Local%20Assets/Documents/AD/us_ad_DefenseRealities_09282010.pdf [PDF format, 17 pages].

Item#11AD039
Global

MSRP Theme: 1D, 14H

Geo:

GLOBAL HEALTH: TRENDS IN U.S. SPENDING FOR GLOBAL HIV/AIDS AND OTHER HEALTH ASSISTANCE IN FISCAL YEARS 2001-2008. U.S. Government Accountability Office. October 2010.

In fiscal years 2001-2008, bilateral U.S. spending for HIV/AIDS and other health-related programs increased overall, most significantly for HIV/AIDS. From 2001 to 2003--before the establishment of PEPFAR--U.S. spending on global HIV/AIDS programs rose while spending on other health programs dropped slightly. From fiscal years 2004 to 2008, HIV/AIDS spending grew steadily; other health-related spending also rose overall, despite declines in 2006 and 2007. As would be expected, U.S. bilateral HIV/AIDS spending showed the most

increase in 15 countries--known as PEPFAR focus countries--relative to other countries receiving bilateral HIV/AIDS assistance from fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

Full Text:

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d1164.pdf> [PDF format, 48 pages].

Item#11AD040
Global

MSRP Theme: 15E, 13D

Geo:

COUNTRY ANALYSIS BRIEFS: SOUTH KOREA. Energy Information Administration. October 2010.

South Korea was the world's tenth largest energy consumer in 2007, and with its lack of domestic reserves, Korea is one of the top energy importers in the world. The country is the fifth largest importer of crude oil and the second largest importer of both coal and liquefied natural gas (LNG). South Korea has no international oil or natural gas pipelines, and relies exclusively on tanker shipments of LNG and crude oil. Despite its lack of domestic energy resources, South Korea is home to some of the largest and most advanced oil refineries in the world. In an effort to improve the nation's energy security, state-owned oil, gas, and electricity companies are aggressively seeking overseas exploration and production opportunities.

Full Text:

http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/South_Korea/pdf.pdf [PDF format, 9 pages].

Item#11AD041

MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo: EAP

LESSONS FOR CHINA IN PEACE PRIZE. Council on Foreign Relations. October 8, 2010.

China is irate about the Nobel Peace Prize given to jailed dissident Liu Xiaobo, but it should instead view it as an opportunity to move forward on political reform, says the author.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23122/lessons_for_china_in_peace_prize.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD042

MSRP Theme: 12HR

Geo: EAP

NORTH KOREA'S SUCCESSION POSES NEW CHALLENGES – PART II. YaleGlobal. Scott Snyder. October 4, 2010.

Impoverished and hermitic, North Korea's nuclear weapons and erratic behavior have long been a headache for the region. The series examines the challenges that North Korea poses for the international community in the wake of its succession drama. Scott Snyder points out that, from all appearances, China has replaced the U.S. as a foreign-policy priority for the North. Rationality and consistency are not hallmarks for the troubled state, and the regime's survival depends on China for energy, food and a newly proposed cross-border growth strategy. The international community expects China to exert leverage for reform, stability and denuclearization.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/north-koreas-new-challenges-part-ii> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD043

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EAP

ARMENIA AND TURKEY: BRIDGING THE GAP. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Thomas De Waal. October 5, 2010.

One year ago, Armenia and Turkey began a historic rapprochement and signed two protocols on normalizing their relations. Unfortunately, the process stalled in April. Thomas de Waal argues that the protocols, the most positive initiative in the South Caucasus for many years, must be kept alive as the process still has the potential to transform the region.

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Full Text:

http://www.carnegieendowment.org/files/armenia_turkey.pdf [PDF format, 8 pages].

Item#11AD044
EUR

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FISHERIES POLICIES. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Paul O'Brien. October 6, 2010.

Sustainable development is a key theme in policy making in Norway. Norway can and should follow through more strongly the logic of its pioneering use of economic incentives to further sustainability goals.

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Full Text:

[http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=eco/wkp\(2010\)61&doclanguage=en](http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=eco/wkp(2010)61&doclanguage=en) [PDF format, 48 pages].

Item#11AD045
EUR

MSRP Theme: 14B, 14G

Geo:

WALLS AT EVERY TURN. Human Rights Watch. October 6, 2010.

The report describes how workers become trapped in exploitative or abusive employment then face criminal penalties for leaving a job without the employer's permission. Government authorities arrest workers reported as "absconding" and in most cases deport them from Kuwait – even if they have been abused and seek redress.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/10/06/walls-every-turn-0> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD046
NEA

MSRP Theme: 12HR

Geo:

THE U.S. AIR WAR IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND PAKISTAN. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Anthony H. Cordesman and Marissa Allison. October 4, 2010.

The U.S. is fighting an air war in Pakistan at least four different levels, according to the report. It is using unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) to support U.S. forces in "hot pursuit" in the border area. It is using them to attack Taliban and other insurgent forces near the border to limit their capability to operate in Afghanistan.

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Full Text:

http://csis.org/files/publication/100610_AfPakAir.War.Stats.pdf [PDF format, 15 pages].

Item#11AD047
NEA

MSRP Theme: 1D

Geo: SCA,

ADDING UP THE NUMBERS: UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE SAVINGS IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. Center for American Progress. Mark Merlis. October 2010.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Affordable Care Act provisions specifically affecting Medicare will reduce the federal deficit by about \$525 billion over the 10-year period from 2010 to 2019.

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Full Text:

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/medicare_aca_report.pdf [PDF format, 25 pages].

Item#11AD048
USA

MSRP Theme: 15B

Geo:

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE HELPS MANY LOW-INCOME HISPANIC CHILDREN. Urban Institute. Michael Martinez-Schiferl and Sheila R. Zedlewski. October 5, 2010.

In 2009, nearly 1 in every 5 children in the United States lived in families that used emergency food assistance through Feeding America, the nation's largest organization of emergency food providers. Higher shares of Hispanic and black children used emergency food assistance than white children, reflecting their higher rates of poverty. While the majority of families using emergency food assistance also accessed at least one of the federal nutrition assistance programs, only one in four received food stamps. The high demand for private food assistance demonstrates the extreme need in 2009 caused by high unemployment and poverty.

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Full Text:

<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412225-Emergency-Food-Assistance.pdf> [PDF format, 8 pages].

Item#11AD049
USA

MSRP Theme: 12SIE, 12DI

Geo:

LATINOS AND THE 2010 ELECTIONS: STRONG SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATS; WEAK VOTER MOTIVATION. Pew Hispanic Center. Mark Hugo Lopez et al. October 5, 2010.

In a year when support for Democratic candidates has eroded, the party's standing among one key voting group -- Latinos--appears as strong as ever. Two-thirds (65%) of Latino registered voters say they plan to support the Democratic candidate in their local congressional district, while just 22% support the Republican candidate, according to a nationwide survey of Latinos.

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Full Text:

<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/127.pdf> [PDF format, 41 pages].

Item#11AD050
USA

MSRP Theme: 12EL, 12DI

Geo:

A POSITIVE APPROACH TO STUDYING DIVERSITY IN ORGANIZATIONS. Harvard Business School. Lakshmi Ramarajan and David Thomas. October 5, 2010.

Considering that the topic of workplace diversity often garners unhappy discussions of prejudice, isolation, and conflict, it's not surprising that many researchers avoid the topic altogether. The authors propose a positive approach to studying diversity, with hopes that this will lead managers to feel more positive about adopting diversity policies in the workplace.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hbs.edu/research/pdf/11-024.pdf> [PDF format, 38 pages].

Item#11AD051
USA

MSRP Theme: 12DI

Geo:

POSSIBLE NEGATIVES FOR CANDIDATES: VOTE FOR BANK BAILOUT, PALIN SUPPORT. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. October 6, 2010.

In the upcoming midterm elections, two factors have emerged as major potential negatives for candidates: Fully 46% say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supported government loans to banks during the financial crisis two years ago, while nearly as many (42%) say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate backed by Sarah Palin. Far smaller percentages say they would be more likely to vote for candidates who had supported the major loans to financial institutions (13%) or had Palin campaign for them (15%). These evaluations have changed little since August.

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Full Text:

<http://people-press.org/report/661/> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD052

MSRP Theme: 12ELD

Geo: USA

THE REVERSAL OF THE COLLEGE MARRIAGE GAP. Pew Research Center. Paul Taylor et al. October 7, 2010.

In a reversal of long-standing marital patterns, college-educated young adults are more likely than young adults lacking a bachelor's degree to have married by the age of 30. In 2008, 62% of college-educated 30-year-olds were married or had been married, compared with 60% of 30-year-olds who did not have a college degree. Throughout the 20th century, college-educated adults in the United States had been less likely than their less-educated counterparts to be married by age 30. In 1990, for example, 75% of all 30-year-olds who did not have a college degree were married or had been married, compared with just 69% of those with a college degree.

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Full Text:

<http://pewsocialtrends.org/assets/pdf/767-college-marriage-gap.pdf> [PDF format, 25 pages].

Item#11AD053
USA

MSRP Theme: 12EDF, 12SI

Geo:

REWARDING PROGRESS, REDUCING DEBT. MDRC. Paulette Cha and Reshma Patel. October 2010.

Performance-based scholarships are a new and innovative type of financial aid for postsecondary education. The scholarships are performance-based in that the payments are contingent upon meeting academic benchmarks after students enroll in the scholarship program, and do not place weight on past grades. This design is intended to give students an incentive to change their behavior with respect to time management and academics, with the goal of improving their educational outcomes. It also serves students who may not have had much past academic success, and gives them a clean slate. Researchers, institutions of higher learning, and policy experts have a growing interest in performance-based scholarships as a tool to promote academic success, particularly for low-income populations.

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Full Text:

<http://www.mdrc.org/publications/568/full.pdf> [PDF format, 61 pages].

Item#11AD054

MSRP Theme: 12EDF

Geo: USA

VITAL SIGNS: BINGE DRINKING AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS – UNITED STATES, 2009. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers. October 8, 2010.

Binge drinking was responsible for more than half of the estimated 79,000 deaths and two thirds of the estimated 2.3 million years of potential life lost as a result of excessive drinking each year in the United States during 2001--2005. Binge drinking is common among U.S. adults, particularly those with higher household incomes, and among high school students. Binge drinking estimates for adults were higher in the cellular telephone sample than in the landline sample. Most youths who reported current alcohol use also reported binge drinking.

Full Text:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5939a4.htm?s_cid=mm5939a4_w
[HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD055
USA

MSRP Theme: 12SI

Geo:

WELL WITHIN REACH: AMERICA'S NEW TRANSPORTATION AGENDA. Miller Center for Public Affairs. Norman Y. Mineta et al. October 2010.

Transportation systems are the backbone of America. They keep the nation strong and moving. The report says that U.S. has not been taken care of this resource. Lacking a coherent vision for our transportation future and chronically short of resources, U.S. defers new investments, fails to plan, and allows existing systems to fall into disrepair. Stakeholders in the transportation community have recognized these costs and should rethink existing systems for the 21st century and create an agenda for enacting change.

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Full Text:

http://web1.millercenter.org/conferences/report/conf_2009_transportation.pdf [PDF format, 92 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12DEL

Geo: USA

WORKING IN RETIREMENT: A 21st CENTURY PHENOMENON. Families and Work Institute. Melissa Brown et al. Web posted October 6, 2010.

Working in retirement may still sound like an oxymoron, but not for long. Just as people in their twenties are now creating a new life stage of transitioning into the workforce, the generation of workers currently in their fifties and sixties is redefining the notion of "retirement." Already today, one in five workers aged 50 and older has fully retired from his or her former career job but currently is working for pay in a new role, which we define as a "retirement job." And this will soon become the "new normal," fully 75% of workers aged 50 and older expect to have retirement jobs in the future, according to the study.

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Full Text:

<http://familiesandwork.org/site/research/reports/workinginretirement.pdf> [PDF file, 24 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 5I, 12SI

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