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TripLingo Launching Free Language iPhone App For Personnel in Afghanistan

*(San Francisco Chronicle)...*Press Release

There's more to the operations in Afghanistan than combat. Every day, soldiers stationed in Afghanistan are reminded of this fact as they interact with the locals, deliver supplies, and help to rebuild the country. Currently, communication often requires the presence of translators. TripLingo's Dari application will facilitate improved relations by promoting colloquial communication and cultural awareness between locals and the military. The connections forged by meaningful communication are invaluable - helping people overcome challenges, collaborate, build trust and mutually beneficial relationships.

Marine posthumously awarded Intelligence Community Medal for Valor

*(Marines.mil)...*Lance Cpl. Chelsea Flowers

Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt was posthumously awarded the Intelligence Community Medal for Valor during a ceremony by the Director of National Intelligence, James R. Clapper. Pyeatt went to DLIFLC and became fluent in Russian and Pashto. While in Afghanistan, Pyeatt's job was to translate, monitor and transcribe for Marines and locals, as well as gain information about possible insurgent whereabouts.

Expanding Hispanic Students' Academic Horizons

*(New York Times)...*Idalmy Carrera

The organization, which has deep roots in the Hispanic community, is a growing force in Chicago politics. Its chief executive, Juan Rangel, was a leading Hispanic backer of Rahm Emanuel's mayoral campaign and was appointed by Mayor Emanuel to the city's Public Buildings Commission. Mr. Rangel said the graduate-support program was created to give students other options besides Thomas Kelly High School and Benito Juarez Community Academy, their neighborhood high schools. Chicago Public Schools last week named Juarez one of eight struggling schools that it will seek to improve using \$50 million in new federal money.

UIC Graduate Student Wins Mayan Language Fellowship

(University of Illinois at Chicago)

University of Illinois at Chicago graduate student has earned a Foreign Language and Areas Studies fellowship to study Mayan culture in Mexico. Laura De Los Santos, a mother of three from Blue Island, Ill., has been accepted at the Yucatec Maya Summer Institute to learn modern Yucatec Maya, a living language spoken by one million people from the Yucatan peninsula, Chiapas, Guatemala, and northern Belize.

PREVIOUS NEWS

Visiting female US ROTCs encourage Korean counterparts

(The Dong-A Ilbo)

Seven American women in military uniforms visited the Anam campus of Korea University in Seoul Wednesday afternoon. American Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets came to Korea as part of a field trip to explore different military cultures. Korea's Army Cadet Command hosted a military cultural exchange program for Korean and American ROTC cadets, including a meeting between Korean and American female cadets to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ROTC program in Korea.

Patrick to take over Second Air Force

(My San Antonio)

Brig. Gen. [Leonard A. Patrick](#), commander, 502nd Air Base Wing/Joint Base San Antonio, has been selected as commander, Second Air Force, [Air Education and Training Command](#), [Keesler Air Force Base](#), Miss. In addition, Second Air Force oversees the [Defense Language Institute](#)'s school at Lackland.

Vintage Air Force veteran visits his unit 56 years later

(Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson – af.mil)...Staff Sgt. Kyle Brown

Seventy-eight-year-old Forrest St. Aubin made his first trip to Alaska since completing his tour in 1955. The unit's leadership quite literally rolled out the red carpet and employed an eight-man cordon to welcome St. Aubin back to his old unit. In 1953, then-Airman Second Class St. Aubin arrived at Elmendorf as one of the initial cadre of Russian Linguists to occupy the newly constructed building, which was then named the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile. "I left before any of you were even born," he said gesturing to some of the senior leadership. "Out of an original 49 in my linguist class, there are only 25 of us left." As a young Airman from Missouri, he asked for an assignment to Alaska instead of one of the more exotic overseas assignments. "It was an adventure - Alaska was still a territory," he said. He recalled that the unit was often on alert, given the tensions of the Cold War, and spent long hours at the office.

USA will help Malaysia raise English language skills among rural area student

(AllVoices)...Toreksulong

About 300 American volunteers will be delivered in rural schools under the Fulbright program, to improve English proficiency among students beginning next year. The program was agreed upon by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Obama during their meeting at the forthcoming United Nations (UN) in September. According to Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, the project Peace Corps-style program sponsored by the U.S. government, involving citizens of graduates who will help the teaching of English voluntarily.

AF Doctor Receives France's Highest Decoration

(Military.com)...G.W. Pomeroy

An Air Force doctor whose medical expertise and French language skills were credited with helping save 14 U.S. Sailors' lives after the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000 received France's highest decoration at the French Embassy in Washington June 21. Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron L. Hepburn, 59th Medical Wing commander in San Antonio, received the "Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur," or French Legion of Honor, during the ceremony, which was hosted by senior French diplomatic officials and senior French military officials. The Legion of Honor was created in 1802 by Gen. Napoleon Bonaparte to recognize the dedication of both civilian and military personnel in serving France.

American Councils Research Fellowships

(American Councils for International Education)

With funds from the [U.S. Department of State \(Title VIII\)](#), American Councils administers several major grants for independent, overseas policy relevant research in the humanities and social sciences as well as language training. American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS is pleased to announce competition for [Title VIII Research Scholar Program](#), [Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program](#), and [Southeast European Language Training Program](#).

Researchers Develop Robotic Language to Aid Communication Among Robots

(Azorobotics)...Andy Choi

Based on the intricate set of rules followed by human languages, the team is trying to create a robot language which is in the form of sentences that combine action words that a robot can follow. Jeffrey Heinz, a linguist at the university, explained that a sentence according to a robot would mean a sequence of actions. Robots are being taught by the researchers to communicate with each other using sentences that club together actions performed by the robot in a specific order.

Ministry to set up language training centres in all districts

(DailyMirror)...Sandun A. Jayasekera

The National Language and Social Integration Ministry will give 25,000 public servants language training in order to bridge language gap in the state service, a senior source of the ministry said. Director General, National Language Training Institute, Prasad Herath said National Language and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanyakkara instructed to expedite and expand the language training programme for public servants covering the entire country. He said the ministry expects to set up language training centres in all districts. Two language centres for English and Tamil have already been set up in Kurunegala.

English teaching program shaky because of teacher shortage

(Vietnam.net)

2011 is the first year in the 2011-2015 period, when Vietnam carries out the 10-year foreign language teaching program to general school students on a large scale, and the program on providing intensive foreign language courses to students at different training levels. However, many educators have raised doubts about the feasibility of the programs and think that this is a hasty decision to begin the program right in 2011, when Vietnam is still seriously lacking foreign language teachers.

Commander: Special Operations Forces Under Stress

(Yahoo.com)...Lolita C. Baldor

Vice Adm. William McRaven said demand for the elite forces around the world continues to grow, so there often isn't enough time to train between deployments. And he said the helicopters and other equipment they need are not available to units in the United States who are preparing to deploy. He said the short breaks between deployments limit training in key language skills and the regional and cultural expertise that enable the commandos to work well in other countries. And he noted that most of the helicopters needed for training are either at the warfront or in maintenance, making it difficult for aircrews to hone their skills.

Bill Will Improve Native Hawaiian Education, Akaka Said

(Hawaii Reporter)

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii), Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, introduced a bill to improve the education of Native people, the Native Culture, Language and Access for Success in Schools (Native CLASS) Act.

Federal cuts sting UW's global-language classes

(Seattle Times)...Katherine Long

For years, the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies has taught an ever-changing menu of the hottest languages of the developing world — languages such as Arabic and Urdu, Hindi and Chinese. The school is one of the country's largest recipients of federal funding for less commonly taught languages and international study. But federal cutbacks approved in spring will deal a blow this fall to the school's ability to offer the classes and accompanying studies in global culture, economics and history.