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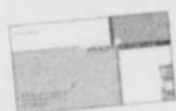
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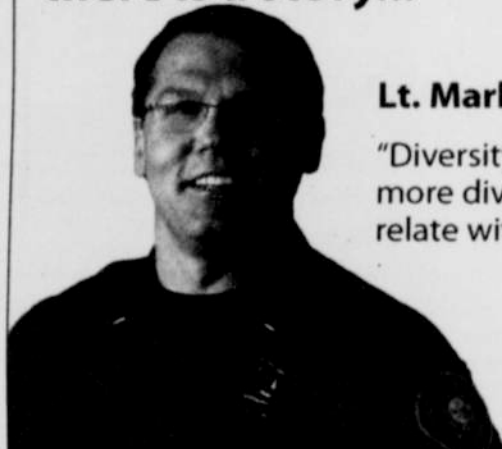
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national**NATIONAL****Reservists Tapped
to Replace Gay Soldiers**

As the Marine Corps' dismissal of gay and lesbian troops increases, President Bush has authorized an involuntary recall of Marine Corps Individual Ready Reservists "because there are not enough volunteers returning for duty in Afghanistan and Iraq," according to a report from CNN.

The recall, announced Aug. 23, is meant to bridge a recruitment shortfall of about 1,200 people. It follows a report in May that the corps' dismissal of service members under the "don't ask, don't tell" ban on gay and lesbian personnel has increased for the first time since 2001.

More than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "don't ask, don't tell" since the law was implemented. According to a report from the Government Accountability Office, more than 800 of those had skills deemed "critical" by the Department of Defense, including linguistic training, medical skills and expertise in combat engineering.

"Every day, the Marine Corps loses good men and women because of this law, and every day, others choose not to re-enlist because they are officially unwelcome in the services," said former Marine Sgt. and Iraq war veteran Brian Fricke. "The readiness of our armed forces should be our primary concern, not the bias and prejudice that keeps 'don't ask, don't tell' in place. Every American benefits when every qualified American who wants to serve is given the opportunity to do so."

A bill to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" is now supported by 119 members of Congress from both parties.

**Study: New TV Season
Lacks Diversity**

After a landmark year of queer representation in films such as *Brokeback Mountain*, *Capote* and *Transamerica*, the broadcast television networks continue to underrepresent their sexual minority audience, according to an analysis released Aug. 21 by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a prominent queer media advocacy group.

The number of gay and lesbian scripted representations on the six major broadcast networks will comprise only 1.3 percent of all series regular characters on the networks' 2006-2007 schedule.

"In the last year, we've seen a tremendous

amount of visibility on the big screen, reaching a large audience anxious to see our stories," says GLAAD president Neil G. Giuliano. "The networks, though, are not tapping into this audience and are failing to represent the reality and diversity of their viewers and the world around them."

GLAAD analyzed the 95 announced prime-time comedies and dramas on the broadcast networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, CW and MyNetworkTV. Out of a total 679 series regular lead or supporting characters, GLAAD found only nine gay or lesbian characters—1.3 percent—appearing on eight different scripted network programs. There are an additional five semi-regular recurring characters announced for this year. There are no bisexual or transgender representations on the broadcast networks.

"When you look at primetime's dismal lack of LGBT characters—combined with the continuing underrepresentation of people of color, gay and straight alike—it's clear that the broadcast networks have a long way to go before they accurately reflect the diversity of their audience and our society," Giuliano says.

**Pension Law Includes
Same-Sex Protections**

The Federal Pension Protection Act passed by Congress and signed into law Aug. 17 by President Bush contains two key provisions that will extend important financial protections to same-sex couples and other Americans who leave their retirement savings to nonspouse beneficiaries.

"There is a large group of Americans that are left behind in traditional pension benefit models. We need to do better to keep these groups from falling through the cracks," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore. "I am pleased that the pension reform legislation takes an important step to fill this gap by equalizing treatment in retirement savings vehicles for nonspouse beneficiaries."

The first provision allows the transfer of an individual's retirement plan benefits to a domestic partner or other nonspouse beneficiary (sibling, parent, child, etc.) when the individual dies. In the past, surviving same-sex partners or other nonspouse beneficiaries in similar situations were typically forced to withdraw the entire amount as a lump sum and incur immediate tax charges.

The second provision, which addresses retirement plan hardship distributions, allows gay

Despite the success of films like *Capote*, gays and lesbians are still MIA on broadcast TV.