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## WIRE WATCH: Stimulus Anniversary; Debating Gay Issues

Happy Birthday, Stimulus: Today marks the first anniversary of the signing of the stimulus package. At the White House, President Barack Obama plans to highlight how people from across the country "are benefiting from" the bill. Cabinet secretaries including Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis will also participate in events. In California, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is hosting a roundtable discussion and press conference in her district, and other congressional Democrats are observing the day with events in their districts.

Gay Agenda: The left-leaning Center for American Progress is hosting a conference call with pollster Stan Greenberg and others on the Obama administration's call to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Meanwhile the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute is hosting a policy forum titled "Is There a Place for Gay People in Conservatism and Conservative Politics?"

On the Dotted Line: A coalition of conservative leaders holds a public signing ceremony today for the "Mount Vernon Statement," a primer on the collective's principles that was sparked in large part in response to the Obama administration. Signers include former Attorney General Ed Meese, Heritage Foundation's Ed Feulner, Family Research Council's Tony Perkins, and Media Research Center's Brent Bozell, among others.

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