Recent News Stories on Employment of Individuals with Disabilities

The following are links to news stories in the mainstream press, focused on employment of people with disabilities:

1. Oregonian (2006)
   3-Part Series on Sheltered Work vs. Supported Employment
   
   a) "Out of the mainstream: Workers with disabilities remain in insulated eddies despite a consensus"
   • http://blog.oregonlive.com/oregonianspecial/2006/07/out_of_the_mainstream.html
   
   b) "Subminimum wages, shorted pay widespread"
   • www.inclusiondaily.com/news/06/red/0718b.htm
   
   c) "A journey begins with a job: A worker with autism leaves a sheltered shop for the regular work force"
   • www.inclusiondaily.com/news/06/red/0718a.htm

2. NBC News (2013)
   “Disabled workers paid just pennies an hour – and it's legal”

3. National Public Radio
   Stories focused on the increase in Social Security disability roles
   • http://apps.npr.org/unfit-for-work/
   • www.npr.org/series/196621208/unfit-for-work-the-startling-rise-of-disability-in-america
   
   “Subminimum Wages for the Disabled: Godsend or Exploitation” (2014)
   • www.npr.org/2014/04/23/305854409/subminimum-wages-for-the-disabled-godsend-or-exploitation

   Story and documentary on the men with disabilities who lived and worked in substandard and abusive conditions, working for Henry’s Turkey Farm in Iowa, and where they are now.
   “The ‘Boys’ in the Bunkhouse – Toil, abuse and endurance in the heartland” (News story)
   • www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/03/09/us/the-boys-in-the-bunkhouse.html?_r=0
   
   “The Men of Atalissa” (Documentary)
5. **CNN (2015)**
Stories on Ability One and Source America
- “Sources: Nation’s disabled work program mired in corruption, fraud”
- “Agents raid Goodwill amid growing investigation into AbilityOne”

Article on Social Security serving as a barrier to employment
- “We’ve tried to smooth disabled peoples’ path back to work. Why isn’t it helping?”

5-Part Series on how Minnesota isolates and marginalizes citizens with disabilities, with a focus in part on day and employment services.
- www.startribune.com/a-matter-of-dignity-a-five-day-special-report/339820912/
  Minnesota Public Radio follow-up story: