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## **Sunday Take: Divided public complicates Afghanistan decision**

As President Obama nears a decision on Afghanistan, he faces a partisan divide in public opinion that is pulling him in opposite directions. His recent statements about the decision suggest that he is trying to accommodate the views with a war strategy that can be successful and contained.

## **Health bill opponents make most of mammogram advisory**

As a health reform bill endorsed by President Obama marches toward its first Senate floor vote on Saturday, his opponents stepped up efforts to define the legislation as big-government ambition run amok that will interfere with intimate medical decisions and threaten the pocketbooks of average ta...

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## **Storm of criticism said to buoy Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner**

Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner has been a lightning rod for the Obama administration even longer than he's formally held his position. This week, the storm clouds returned.

## **Business Digest**

CREDIT J.P. Morgan Chase said it is dropping a clause from its credit-card contracts that required disputes with customers to be handled through binding arbitration, a move that could open the door to consumers filing class-action and other lawsuits.

## **Low profile distinguishes Robert A.M. Stern's design for Bush presidential library**

Love him or hate him, George W. Bush presided over one of the noisiest presidencies in history. There were debates over wars of necessity and wars of choice, alarm and rancor over ballooning budgets and new social entitlements, a bold mix of political and religious rhetoric, and the projection of...

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## **BuzzWorthy: A Colorful Decade**

If repeated viewings of VH1's "I Love the 90s" have failed to transport you to a state of childlike wonder, consider "Let's Paint the '90s!" (Quirk Books, \$12.95), which takes recently minted nostalgia to its logical extreme.

## **Presidential Child's Play**

There are going to be kids in the White House again!

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## **Clinton's Legacy**

What the White House did has utterly destroyed the old liberal-moralist position. I have been quietly concerned for a while now about the president's difficulty in locating a legacy, but I read something in the paper the other day that relieved my mind. In anticipation of the state dinner that th...

## **Gallup: Obama approval rating drops below 50 percent for the first time**

President Obama's job approval rating has dropped below 50 percent for the first time since he assumed office, according to Gallup's tracking poll.

## **To Amazing to eat!? Meticulously modeled Marzipan -- old-world skills, new world artisans**

I remember marzipan. Forty years ago at formal Washington dinner parties, just after coffee was served, waiters would pass silver trays dotted with beautiful candies shaped like tiny fruits and vegetables. They called it "the marzipan course."

## **Obama faces congressional anger about economy**

Growing discontent over the economy and frustration with efforts to speed its recovery boiled over Thursday on Capitol Hill in a wave of criticism and outright anger directed at the Obama administration.

## **U.S. resetting its relationship with Karzai**

When a team of senior U.S. officials led by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton entered the presidential palace in Kabul on Wednesday for a dinner meeting, they had little indication of what Afghan President Hamid Karzai planned to discuss, or whether questions about corruption and governan...

## **Reid pushes for votes on health-care bill**

Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid worked Thursday to nail down the votes needed to move to a final debate on health-care legislation, but a tepid assessment of the public insurance plan he crafted emerged as the latest potential obstacle to the passage of the far-reaching changes.

## **An opaque transparency**

As the first congressional investigation of the Fort Hood massacre began Thursday, a curious collection of witnesses assembled in the committee room.

## **Compensation urged as judge faults Army Corps of Engineers in Katrina floods**

Louisiana officials called on the Obama administration Thursday to compensate residents after a federal judge's ruling that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was responsible for some of the worst flooding in and around New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

## **Lieberman opens Hill's first public hearing on Fort Hood**

Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman gavelled into session Capitol Hill's first public hearing on the Fort Hood attack, promising Thursday to run his investigation from exactly where he sat on the dais -- the center.

## **In Fort Hood aftermath, Pentagon opens two reviews**

The Pentagon is launching an urgent review of whether military procedures hinder the identification of service members who pose a threat to their fellow troops.

## **Energized Republican governors aim for majority**

AUSTIN -- Republican governors wrapped up a two-day pep rally here on Thursday with an expression of confidence that the political winds have begun to shift in their direction, thanks to what they called a backlash among many voters against the policies of the Obama administration.

## **At House hearing, two sides debate U.S. ban on travel to Cuba**

At a tempestuous hearing Thursday, one House member after another criticized a growing campaign to lift the ban on American tourists traveling to Cuba. The move would reward a regime that oppresses its own people, lawmakers declared, pointing to the recent assault on Yoani Sánchez, a Cuban blogge...

## **Alan Blinder: Danger lies in threat to Fed independence**

Why the Fed needs its independence from Congress.

## **To survive, the GOP needs a good in-house fight**

She has a strong point -- GOP primaries are the best way to test leaders and ideas.

## **Peter Orszag: Bills offer clear path to better health care**

The bills under discussion will put us on a path to a high-quality, low-cost system.

## **Sen. Lugar's wife charged with DUI, hit-and-run**

The wife of Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) was arrested in McLean on Wednesday night after crashing into a parked car, and she was charged with drunk driving and hit-and-run, Fairfax County police said Thursday.

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## **Former Gregg aide linked in Abramoff probe cleared of wrongdoing**

The Justice Department has cleared a former top Senate staffer of any wrongdoing in connection with accepting more than \$10,000 in sports tickets from former powerhouse lobbyist Jack Abramoff, the man's attorney said Thursday.

## **Calling election stolen, Hoffman rescinds concession in New York**

For the second time this week, Conservative Party congressional candidate Douglas L. Hoffman sought to rescind his concession in the special election in New York's 23rd district, telling supporters that new information showing the results of the election closer than believed on election night mad...

## **Senate eyes first health-care vote**

WASHINGTON - Senate Democrats geared up for a lengthy battle over a new healthcare reform plan on Thursday as Republicans condemned the bill's cost and taxes ahead of the first key vote on Saturday.

## **The Fix: 'Going Rogue' book tour by the numbers**

With so much attention being paid to former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's book tour, we decided to put our political nerd cap on -- ok, fine, we always wear it -- and go inside the numbers of where she's stopping and why.

## **Fort Hood hearing focuses on homegrown threats, 'political correctness'**

A Senate committee on Thursday morning launched the first public hearing into the Fort Hood shooting attack with a focus on the perils of homegrown extremism and "political correctness" and with partial cooperation from the Obama administration.

## **Senate announces \$848 billion health-care bill**

Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid presented an \$848 billion health-care overhaul package on Wednesday that would extend coverage to 31 million Americans and reform insurance practices while adding an array of tax increases, including a rise in payroll taxes for high earners.

## **Lawmakers seek more help from administration for Fort Hood investigations**

A bipartisan group of senators began a concerted push Wednesday to get more cooperation from the Obama administration in its reviews of the Fort Hood shootings, which left 13 dead and a raft of questions about information-sharing among intelligence agencies.

## **White House backs off cancer test guidelines**

A top federal health official said Wednesday that the controversial new guidelines for breast cancer screening do not represent government policy, as the Obama administration sought to keep the debate over mammograms from undermining the prospects for health-care reform.

## **Sen. Byrd breaks congressional longevity record**

In his almost six decades on Capitol Hill, Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) has broken nearly every legislative record that anyone bothers to count. On Wednesday, two days shy of his 92nd birthday, Byrd reached yet another milestone: He became the longest-serving member of Congress.

## **Holder answers to 9/11 relatives about trying terrorism suspects in U.S.**

After enduring four hours of hostile questions in a crowded Capitol Hill hearing room about his decision to send the self-described mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes to Manhattan for trial, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. submitted himself to one more round of interrogation Wednesday.

## **Judge rules Jefferson can remain free while he appeals conviction**

Former congressman William J. Jefferson will not have to begin serving his 13-year prison term until his appeal of his conviction on corruption charges is resolved, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

## **Sides gear up for fight over U.S. ban on travel to Cuba**

A battle over Cuba policy is escalating in Congress, with proponents saying they have their best chance in years of repealing the ban on U.S. tourist travel to the island.

## **Bailout program could be extended**

The Obama administration is poised to extend the life of the highly unpopular \$700 billion financial bailout and, to display a commitment to fiscal responsibility, is planning to use much of the leftover funds to reduce the national debt, government sources said.

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## **Ambitious bills could remake financial regulatory landscape**

As lawmakers on Capitol Hill inch closer toward overhauling the nation's fractured financial regulatory system, each hour of debate, each tweak of legal language, each tedious roll call carries the potential to generate colossal changes in the relationship between Washington and Wall Street.

## **Voices of Power: Melanne Verveer, ambassador for women's issues**

Melanne Verveer and Hillary Rodham Clinton go back 40 years, political soul mates connected by like-minded activism and causes -- from George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign to women's rights.

## **D.C. leaders set aside feud for home rule's sake**

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and D.C. Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray put aside their political differences Wednesday to support an effort on Capitol Hill to give the District more control over its budget and laws.

## **Sarah Palin's book tour kicks off in Grand Rapids, Mich.**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. -- Sarah Palin's "Going Rogue" tour is going perfectly according to plan.

## **Obama's story infused Asia tour**

SEOUL -- After taking his message as the "first Pacific president" through four countries in eight days, President Obama wrapped up his tour of Asia on Thursday with talks with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and a planned visit to U.S. troops stationed in the shadow of nuclear-armed North K...

## **U.S. to help China develop inventory of its greenhouse gas emissions**

The United States and China have agreed to cooperate on developing an inventory of China's greenhouse gas emissions, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Wednesday, an initiative that appears to be a response to criticism of Beijing's data collection.

## **Obama says he is seeking 'endgame' to Afghan conflict**

BEIJING -- A week into an Asia trip that has made few dramatic headlines, President Obama on Wednesday told reporters that he would announce a decision on sending more troops to Afghanistan "in the next several weeks" and defended his administration's efforts on reviving the economy, shutting down...

## **Congressional Black Caucus celebrates Jesse Jackson's first presidential run**

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus paid tribute to the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's first run for president Wednesday morning on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## **Obama admits Guantanamo won't close by Jan. deadline**

BEIJING -- President Obama directly acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that the prison facility at Guantanamo Bay will not close by the January deadline he set, but he said he hoped to still achieve that goal sometime next year.

## **New mammogram guidelines cause another political uproar**

In 1997, a federal committee of medical experts recommended against routine mammograms for women in their 40s, sparking a political uproar that led to congressional hearings and a unanimous Senate vote challenging the findings.

## **Republicans push for immediate Hill inquiries on Fort Hood**

The Obama administration's request that congressional committees slow their investigations of the Fort Hood shootings sparked denunciations Tuesday from Republicans on Capitol Hill, who pushed for an immediate inquiry of any warning signs before the massacre.

## **Analysis: Outrage over stimulus jobs misguided**

Another day, another flurry of outrage over the jobs numbers claimed by the government for the administration's \$787 billion economic stimulus program.

## **Hasan's ties to radical imam raise questions of 'self-radicalization'**

Three weeks before Maj. Nidal M. Hasan purchased the semiautomatic pistol allegedly used in the Fort Hood attack, a radical Yemeni American cleric whom he frequently e-mailed gave a broad religious blessing to Muslims who attack "government armies in the Muslim world."

## **In Senate vote, signs of shift on Guantanamo Bay detainees**

The Senate on Tuesday rejected an attempt to bar using funds from a defense spending bill to build or modify prisons in the United States to hold detainees from Guantanamo Bay, a move that suggested congressional Democrats may be lining up behind President Obama's vision for closing the military ...

## **Release of Reid's health-care bill could come as early as Wednesday**

Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid scrambled Tuesday to lock down votes behind a health-care bill that he may present as early as Wednesday.

## **In wake of breach, ban on file-sharing software proposed in House**

Weeks after an embarrassing security breach revealed details of dozens of ethics investigations, a House committee chairman introduced legislation Tuesday that would forbid federal employees to use popular file-sharing technology that was involved in the leak.

## **U.S., China may come to talks with emission-reduction goals**

Buried in the text of Tuesday's joint declaration between President Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao was a hopeful clause about climate talks: The Obama administration is likely to offer emission-reduction targets at next month's climate summit, as long as the Chinese offer a proposal of the...

## **Digest**

REGULATION Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said Tuesday that a House vote on legislation to overhaul the financial regulatory system probably will be delayed until at least the second week of December.

## **In the Loop: C Street house no longer fully tax-exempt**

The famous rowhouse on C Street SE where disgraced South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford sought counseling after his affair -- as did Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) after his affair -- has begun paying D.C. real estate taxes, according to city officials.

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## **Obama faces uphill battle in selling Afghan war strategy**

Most Americans say they think President Obama will come up with a strategy for Afghanistan that will succeed, but few are "very confident" he will do so, and the public is closely divided about how many more troops to send there, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

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## **President Obama delivers joint press statement with President Hu Jintao of China**

HU: (As translated.) Your Excellency President Obama, and dear friends from the news media, ladies and gentlemen: I'm very happy to meet our friends from the press and media. To begin with, I would like to extend on behalf of the Chinese government and people a warm welcome to President Obama on ...

## **Democratic senator Lincoln feels pressure in health-care debate**

When the Senate begins floor debate on a health-care reform package this week, the outcome is almost certain to rest on decisions made by a handful of moderate Democrats.

## **Poll finds deep divisions on health-care reform**

As the Senate prepares to take up legislation aimed at overhauling the nation's health-care system, President Obama and the Democrats are still struggling to win the battle for public opinion. A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows Americans deeply divided over the proposals under consideratio...

## **Army chief forming panel to examine career of Fort Hood suspect**

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the Army's chief of staff, is forming a panel to look closely at the military career of Maj. Nidal M. Hasan, the man accused in the Fort Hood shootings , and probe whether warning signs were missed, a senior Army official said Monday.

## **World Digest: Afghanistan sets up unit to investigate corruption**

AFGHANISTAN Afghanistan will form a new anti-corruption unit to investigate high-level graft after widespread criticism and demands from the United States that it do more amid a wider regional strategy review.

## **Fine Print: Settling a CIA-DNI turf war**

For those of you who believe the only thing the CIA leadership has to do is provide all-source intelligence analyses to President Obama and his top policymakers, think again. Besides two wars raging and the U.S. clandestine and covert operations abroad, the agency must carry out operations on the...

## **Va. Gov. Timothy Kaine assesses the Deeds defeat**

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said Monday that Democrat R. Creigh Deeds lost his campaign for governor because he was unable to energize his base, falling into a Republican trap that led him to shrink from the president and his policies.

## **Revelations from Sarah Palin's book, 'Going Rogue'**

Sarah Palin says the media firestorm surrounding her family did not subside after the election was over, but continued to hound her and her family.

## **Abortion-rights backers join health-care ad fray**

Supporters of abortion rights have jumped into the advertising fray over health-care legislation, hoping to sway the Senate as that chamber inches toward voting on a reform bill.

## **President Obama holds a town hall meeting with future Chinese leaders**

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Good afternoon. It is a great honor for me to be here in Shanghai, and to have this opportunity to speak with all of you. I'd like to thank Fudan University's President Yang for his hospitality and his gracious welcome. I'd also like to thank our outstanding Ambassador, Jon H...

## **Opponents of health-care effort look to fund a critical economic study**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and an assortment of national business groups opposed to President Obama's health-care reform effort are collecting money to finance an economic study that could be used to portray the legislation as a job killer and threat to the nation's economy, according to an e-m...

## **So much for the power of incumbency**

Amid the spin spewing from the parties over what this month's elections in New Jersey, Virginia and New York meant, there is one indisputable lesson learned: Voters don't like incumbents these days.

## **House health bill includes Medicaid relief for states**

Wedged in the House health-care bill is \$23.5 billion that looks a lot more like new federal stimulus spending than anything to do with national health-care reform.

## **Immigration looms as sticking point in health-care legislation**

The 31-year-old woman creeping gingerly into Adventist HealthCare's free-standing emergency department in Germantown was obviously in pain, and physician Orlee Panitch quickly diagnosed the problem: gallstones.

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## Digest

Iraq's Sunni Arab vice president threatened Sunday to veto the country's election law unless changes are made giving Iraqis living abroad more guaranteed seats in parliament, throwing the January vote into question.

## **U.S., Chinese emissions cuts are key to climate treaty**

The scaled-back climate strategy endorsed Sunday in Singapore by President Obama and other leaders could put pressure on the United States and China to resolve the biggest stumbling block to an agreement -- how much they will cut greenhouse-gas emissions in the next decade.

## **A Republican on every ballot**

Chris Riley planned this event because he wants to resurrect the Republican Party, but he opens the creaky front door to the St. Joseph County Republican headquarters and is reminded of the daunting task ahead. A book of political strategy from 1916 sits on an entry table. Portraits of heroes from...

## **9/11 trial could become a parable of right and wrong**

NEW YORK -- If it happens, the trial of Khalid Sheik Mohammed will make for riveting drama amid the dry routines of procedure in federal court. Of all the many risks in the contest, the greatest may be the drama itself.

## **Sunday Take: Palin's book tour may indicate political future**

Sarah Palin is embarking on what is likely to be the most commercially successful book tour by a politician since Barack Obama launched "The Audacity of Hope" three years ago. Obama's book tour spawned a presidential campaign. Will Palin's do the same?

## **Nonpartisan agency says House bill would reduce senior care**

A plan to slash more than \$500 billion from future Medicare spending -- one of the biggest sources of funding for President Obama's proposed overhaul of the nation's health-care system -- would sharply reduce benefits for some senior citizens and could jeopardize access to care for millions of ot...

## **The talk shows**

Guests to be interviewed Sunday on major television talk shows:

## **Health insurers could be allowed to bypass some key reforms**

Nobody wants to spend a lot of time and energy -- and taxpayer money -  
- and end up where they started. But that's what could happen with one  
of the principal elements of health reform, the "exchange" or "gateway."

## **Health-care reform and abortion coverage: Questions and answers**

After the House passed its health-care bill last weekend, debate exploded over an amendment by Reps. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.) and Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) that restricts abortion coverage.

## **For Holder, much wrestling over decision**

Eric H. Holder Jr. called his order Friday to send the suspected plotters of the Sept. 11 attacks to trial in Manhattan "the toughest decision I've had to make as attorney general." But what the nation's chief law enforcement officer did not lay bare for public consumption was the four months of ...

## **Alleged Sept. 11 planner will be tried in New York**

Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and four co-conspirators will be tried in Manhattan federal courthouse less than a mile from Ground Zero, the Justice Department announced Friday, the most concrete demonstration yet of the Obama administration'...

## **Hutchison to stay in Senate as she runs in Texas**

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Tex.) plans to announce Saturday that she will remain in the Senate for at least a few more months while she continues campaigning to become Texas governor, sources familiar with her plans said Friday.

## **Ex-Rep. Jefferson (D-La.) gets 13 years in freezer cash case**

Former congressman William J. Jefferson was sentenced to 13 years in prison Friday for accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes, the longest prison term ever handed down to a member of Congress convicted of corruption charges.

## **Obama taps new counsel**

By selecting Bob Bauer to be his new White House counsel, President Obama on Friday tapped a tough political warrior with deep partisan ties to serve as his official legal adviser on some of the country's most highly charged and difficult issues.

## **Obama: Decision 'soon' on troops for Afghanistan**

TOKYO -- President Obama pledged Friday that he would make a decision "soon" on U.S. military options in Afghanistan and suggested that critics of his deliberate approach do not understand what is happening in the war-ravaged country.

## Front Page

### **Senate Democrats vote to bring health bill to floor for debate**

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## **In recession, one road led back home**

Her parents redecorated her bedroom soon after she left for college, as sure as everyone else in this town that Melissa Meyer would not be moving back. They took down the photos of Melissa meeting the Dalai Lama and laughing alongside Joe Biden, placing them in the closet. They packed away dozens...

## **Safety issue raised in Dulles rail bridge project**

Thirty-two years ago, the Virginia transportation department drove dozens of steel pilings 50 feet into the ground near the West Falls Church Metro station. Encased in concrete, the pilings formed foundations that one day could hold up a bridge carrying Metro trains across Interstate 66 to Dulles...

## **Sweeteners for the South**

Staffers on Capitol Hill were calling it the Louisiana Purchase.

## **U.S., Mexico align against common foe: brutal narcotics trade**

MEXICO CITY -- To avenge the arrest of their leader, Mexican drug cartel commandos went on a rampage this summer across the lawless state of Michoacan, seizing 12 Mexican police officers and dumping their bound and stripped corpses in a pile beside a busy highway.

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## **Renters Not Immune to Foreclosure**

NEW YORK -- A new wave of foreclosures stands to hurt people who may have never taken out a mortgage: renters. In cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, where many investors are carrying upside-down mortgages on large rental buildings, some tenants are watching their homes fall apart a...

## **Death toll at Chinese mine rises to 92,several still trapped underground**

BEIJING -- The death toll from a powerful gas explosion Saturday at a coal mine in northeastern China has risen to 92 , with 16 miners still trapped more than a third of a mile underground, according to media reports.

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## **To our Sunday subscribers**

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## **Corrections**

-- A Nov. 20 Page One article incorrectly described the late Slobodan Milosevic as a Bosnian Serb leader. Milosevic was a Serbian leader who served as president of Yugoslavia from 1997 to 2000.

## **Senate vs. House bills**

Government-run insurance Each bill creates a public option. The Senate bill allows states to opt out.

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Total number of U.S. military deaths since 2003 and names of the U.S. troops killed recently in the Iraq war, as announced by the Pentagon:

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## **2011 Kia Sorento**

The bottom line: No union or company is safe in a hotly competitive global market where consumers call the shots. That's especially true in the case of excellent products, such as the 2011 Sorento. My hunch is that no one will look for the union label when looking at that one. Some buyers might be...

## **Plan ahead on donations to be safe come tax time**

If you've noticed a slightly more hysterical tone in the fund requests we all get from charities this time of year, there's a reason: Donors, hit by factors as varied as the Madoff scandal and the general economic downturn, have cut back while the charities are facing greater demand for their...

## **On Leadership: Dead philanthropy?**

Seth Goldman co-founded Honest Tea in 1998 with Barry Nalebuff, his professor at the Yale School of Management. The Bethesda-based company has been recognized for its growth and business practices .

## **A different sort of holiday cheer**

This holiday season, some workplaces are trading Chardonnay for charity contributions and crepes for kindness.

## **It may not be the thought that counts**

Questions for Joel Waldfogel, a professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His book, "Scroogenomics: Why You Shouldn't Buy Presents for the Holidays," was published in October by Princeton University Press.

## **Don't trust the crowd if you value the truth**

Back when I was a newspaper editor in Rochester, N.Y., an investment club invited me to speak about small-company stocks, a subject I occasionally wrote about. Before the session, I talked with club members to learn more about how they picked stocks. They explained that they focused on a single...

## **Wall Street conspiracy theories dissected, defined**

Once there was a simpler time, when pretty much everything that happened in the financial world had a straightforward explanation.

## **Money from Justice Dept. funneled to ACORN via a third party**

While the Justice Department did not award any direct grants to ACORN between 2002 and 2009, it did fund one group that funneled money to the controversial advocacy group, an inspector general reported Friday in response to a congressional inquiry.

## **Americans conflicted over Afghanistan war**

WINONA, MINN. -- Christina and Jesse Fladmark were married on Flag Day last year at the band shell on the Mississippi River. They chose the spot largely because Jesse, a soldier, draws strength from the nearby war memorial.

## **As deployment nears, nerves fray**

Even before the shootings at this sprawling military post, Pfc. Nicolas Woodworth was wary of shipping out for Afghanistan in early January. As a combat engineer, he is supposed to serve on a route-clearance team, creeping down Afghan roads at 5 mph looking for bombs.

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## **Fatal shooting of student splits community known for love of the outdoors**

FERRUM, VA. -- Jessica Goode needed to clear her head. It was Tuesday afternoon, her senior project presentation was due by Friday and it wasn't going well. She wanted to be in the one place where she always felt better: the woods.

## **Prison holds promise for job-strapped town**

CHICAGO -- On the edge of a cornfield 150 miles from Chicago lies a prison, all but vacant, that could become the new Guantanamo.

## **Corrections**

-- A mini review and a listing in the Nov. 20 Weekend section gave an incorrect closing date for "Full Circle" at Woolly Mammoth Theatre. The show closes Nov. 29.

## **In Indiana, practice for 'civilian surge' in Afghanistan**

CAMP ATTERBURY, IND. -- Outside a scruffy, two-story building, armed and flak-jacketed U.S. soldiers stood watch under a sagging Afghan flag. Inside, the provincial governor, a Hamid Karzai look-alike in a striped robe and Karakul cap, pleaded with two tribal elders to get along. Only the Taliban...

## **Calif. college student fees on the rise**

LOS ANGELES -- California's mission of providing residents with access to affordable, high-quality public education suffered a setback this week as University of California officials sharply increased student fees, driven by economic realities that are forcing similar steps at public university...

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## **World's largest atom smasher is restarted**

GENEVA -- Scientists switched on the world's largest atom smasher Friday night for the first time since the \$10 billion machine suffered a spectacular failure more than a year ago.

## **Kuwait-based military contractor wins court delay**

A Kuwaiti-owned company indicted in Atlanta this week for alleged fraud in connection with a multibillion-dollar contract to supply food and other products to coalition troops in Iraq, Kuwait and Jordan won a court delay Friday, indicating that it may be planning to fight the case, whether in...

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## **H1N1 cases fall in U.S. but could rise with Thanksgiving travel, gatherings**

The level of swine flu activity in the United States appears to be declining, although officials are worried about another increase of cases during the Thanksgiving holiday when many people travel and families gather.

## **Md. agrees to 50-year lease of state port facilities**

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley announced Friday an agreement to give the nation's largest port operator control of the state-owned portion of the Port of Baltimore for the next 50 years in exchange for the company's promise to invest hundreds of millions of dollars to expand and maintain the...

## **Hackers steal electronic data from top climate research center**

Hackers broke into the electronic files of one of the world's foremost climate research centers this week and posted an array of e-mails in which prominent scientists engaged in a blunt discussion of global warming research and disparaged climate-change skeptics.

## **More D.C. area residents on the move for Turkey Day in '09**

If neither the sour economy nor gas prices creeping higher will deter you from getting away for Thanksgiving, you can expect to share the road to grandmother's house -- or wherever -- with 823,999 of your neighbors.

## **Terrapins Numbers**

3 Games in which Terrapins wide receiver Torrey Smith has posted at least 260 all-purpose yards this season. He's the only player in the country to accomplish that feat.

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## **Justice Dept. audit finds \$200,000 in grants and sub-awards linked to ACORN**

While the Justice Department did not award any direct grants to ACORN between 2002 and 2009, it did fund one group that funneled money to the controversial advocacy group, an inspector general reported Friday in response to a congressional inquiry.

## **In the recession, all roads lead to home**

MISSOULA, MONT. -- Her parents redecorated her bedroom soon after she left for college, as sure as everyone else in this town that Melissa Meyer would not be moving back. They took down the photos of Melissa meeting the Dalai Lama and laughing alongside Joe Biden, placing them in the closet. They...

## **18,000 miles to Washington**

Paulo Roberto Vieira stumbled into the Brazilian consulate on L Street NW bedraggled, nearly broke and at the end of his rope.

## **For a nation with doubts on war, Afghanistan strategy is a conundrum**

WINONA, Minn. -- Christina and Jesse Fladmark were married on Flag Day last year at a band shell on the Mississippi River. They chose the spot largely because Jesse, a soldier, draws strength from the nearby war memorial.

## **Rep. Reyes not under investigation, House panel says**

The House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has said it is not investigating Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-Tex.), chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, who was the subject of a complaint last year involving contact between his office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enfor...

## **U.S. resetting its relationship with Karzai**

When a team of senior U.S. officials led by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton entered the presidential palace in Kabul on Wednesday for a dinner meeting, they had little indication of what Afghan President Hamid Karzai planned to discuss, or whether questions about corruption and governan...

## **Obama faces congressional anger about economy**

Growing discontent over the economy and frustration with efforts to speed its recovery boiled over Thursday on Capitol Hill in a wave of criticism and outright anger directed at the Obama administration.

## **In Fort Hood aftermath, Pentagon opens two reviews**

The Pentagon is launching an urgent review of whether military procedures hinder the identification of service members who pose a threat to their fellow troops.

## **Corrections**

-- An Associated Press item on the Nov. 18 Washington Business page described 1,000 Washington area job cuts at Verizon as layoffs. The AP issued a correction saying that a Verizon spokesman had confirmed layoffs were occurring but that the spokesman later said Verizon has a "surplus" of employees...

## **Arrests in Chicago drive home global nature of terrorism threat**

CHICAGO -- David C. Headley, a peripatetic Chicagoan accused of scouting potential terrorism targets in India and plotting to kill two Danish journalists, was not always David C. Headley.

## **Scientists have high hopes for corn genome**

If a biologist had to pick one living thing as the textbook of how genes work, what would it be?

## **House votes to protect payments to doctors**

The House voted Thursday to add more than \$200 billion to the deficit to prevent steep cuts in Medicare payments to doctors, a move Republicans denounced as a political payoff.

## **Metro board backs safety monitors**

The Metro board of directors ordered all agency employees Thursday to cooperate fully with the transit system's safety oversight body and executives to notify the board before denying a request from the group after recent revelations about Metrorail safety lapses.

## **Compensation urged as judge faults Army Corps of Engineers in Katrina floods**

Louisiana officials called on the Obama administration Thursday to compensate residents after a federal judge's ruling that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was responsible for some of the worst flooding in and around New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

## **A black teen longs for the wild blue yonder**

Colin Banks can talk to you about World War I and World War II planes until you're not interested anymore. He likes to TiVo aerial dogfights on the History Channel. The 17-year-old can't drive the distance from Maryland to Richmond by himself, but he's flown it.

## **Sen. Lugar's wife charged with DUI, hit-and-run**

The wife of Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.) was arrested in McLean on Wednesday night after crashing into a parked car, and she was charged with drunk driving and hit-and-run, Fairfax County police said Thursday.



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