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REPORTS

2010 Global Aquaculture Performance Index. Pew Charitable Trust. October 27, 2010.

Industrial-scale aquaculture production magnifies environmental degradation, according to the first global assessment of the effects of marine finfish aquaculture e.g. salmon, cod, turbot and grouper. This is true even when farming operations implement the best current marine fish farming practices.

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Full Text:

http://www.pewtrusts.org/uploadedFiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/Reports/Protecting_ocean_life/G_API%20Executive%20Summary.pdf?n=299 [PDF format, 8 pages].

Theme: 5F, 14G

Item#11AD205
Geo: Global

MSRP

Impact of Regulatory Impacts on Large and Complex Financial Institutions. International Monetary Fund. İnci Ötöker-Robe and Ceyla Pazarbasioglu. November 3, 2010.

Financial sector reforms are being considered to address the risks posed by large and complex financial institutions (LCFIs). The vast majority of global finance is intermediated by a handful of these institutions with growing interconnections within and across borders. Common trends that contributed to the recent global crisis included sharp increases in leverage, significant reliance on short-term wholesale funding, growth of off-balance-sheet activities, maturity mismatches, and increased share of revenues from complex products and trading activities. The key objective of the financial sector reforms is to promote a less leveraged, less risky, and thus a more resilient financial system that supports strong and sustainable economic growth.

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Text:

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/spn/2010/spn1016.pdf> [PDF format, 39 pages].

Item#11AD206
Global

MSRP Theme: 3E

Geo:

Investing in Clean Energy: How to Maximize Clean Energy Deployment from International Climate Investments. Center for American Progress. November 4, 2010.

The study makes the case for public-private investment in the clean energy economy by identifying how much additional funding is needed to meet national energy targets in China, India, South Africa, and Nigeria and which financial instruments are likely to get support from the international community.

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Full Text:

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/11/pdf/gcnreport_nov2010.pdf [PDF format, 58 pages].

Item#11AD207
Global

MSRP Theme: 4E, 14

Geo:

Which Countries Pass the FY2011 Corruption Indicator? A Preview into Round 8 of the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Country Selection. Center for Global Development. Casey Dunning and Sarah Jane Staats. November 3, 2010.

The analysis offers a preliminary look at country scores on the FY2011 control of corruption indicator.

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Full Text:

<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424560/> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD208
Global

MSRP Theme: 12DEC

Geo:

Criminalizing Identities: Rights Abuse in Cameroon Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Human Rights Watch. November 4, 2010.

The report details how the government uses article 347 bis of the Penal Code to deny basic rights to people perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). The report describes arrests, beatings by the police, abuses in prison, and a homophobic atmosphere that encourages shunning and abuse in the community. The consequence is that people are not punished for a specific outlawed practice, but for a homosexual identity, the groups said.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/11/04/criminalizing-identities-0> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD209

MSRP Theme: 12HR

Geo: AF

Green Dragons: The Politics of Climate Change in Asia. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Kiyooki Aburaki et al. November 2010.

The negotiations held under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen in December 2009 fell well short of global expectations. The UNFCCC process is intended to reach an agreement in which near-term national interests are set aside in the interest of future generations of the world as a whole.

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Full Text:

http://csis.org/files/publication/101026_Green_GreenDragons_Web.pdf [PDF format, 110 pages].

14B

Item#11AD210

MSRP Theme:

Geo: EAP

Myanmar's Elections Offer Glimmer of Change. Council on Foreign Relations. Joshua Kurlantzick. November 4, 2010.

Myanmar's military junta made sure the country's first elections in twenty years will favor the regime, but the polls still offer prospects for independent, civilian voices to emerge, says CFR's Joshua Kurlantzick.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23302/myanmars_elections_offer_glimmer_of_change.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD211

MSRP Theme: 12EL

Geo:

EAP

Something Old and Something New? The European Perspective at the Seoul G-20 Summit. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Heather A. Conley. November 3, 2010.

Since the April 2009 G-20 gathering in London, Europeans have experienced a psychological roller coaster ride that began with the euphoria of President Barack Obama's first visit to Europe and ended abruptly a year later with the political and economic onslaught of the European sovereign debt crisis. Although great attempts were made to put a positive spin on

emerging policy differences between the United States and Europe during the June G-20 Summit in Toronto, there is now a stark divide over how best to achieve economic growth while simultaneously implementing budget austerity—fueled by the eclipse of Europe’s historical economic and political preeminence in the international monetary system and the rise of the emerging economies.

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Full Text:

<http://csis.org/publication/something-old-and-something-new-european-perspective-seoul-g-20-summit>

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Item#11AD212

MSRP

Theme: 4F

Geo: EUR

India and China Take Different Roads to World Leadership – Part I. YaleGlobal. Shyam Saran. November 1, 2010.

Many anticipate China and India, with their rapid rise to power through globalization, to adopt global leadership roles. Yet expectations that either nation will lead the way in resolving global problems may be too high and too premature, suggests the report. Historically a crossroads of culture, India adapts to globalization's modern forms, explains the author. As economic power shifts to Asia, the emerging powers have divided interests, juggling rapid growth and large global footprints with pockets of devastating poverty. Emerging powers like India have made strides in leading the developing world, at times acting in their best interests to counter attempts by industrial powers to impose global initiatives. But in other respects, India remains a “premature power” unable to provide the expected leadership. Failure to balance both global and domestic interests would only diminish India’s leadership capabilities.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/india-and-china-different-roads-part-i>

[HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD213

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo:

SCA, EAP

India and China Take Different Roads to World Leadership – Part II. YaleGlobal. Frank Ching. November 1, 2010.

Modern global crises can strike with sudden force, quickly leap frogging borders. The world needs leaders to manage the response or better yet prevent problems in the first place. The report examines the potential of the world's two most populous nations as candidates for taking on global leadership roles. Ching analyzes new assertiveness from a competitive China, which recently surpassed Japan as the world's second largest economy. Increasingly peevish about lectures from Western leaders, China often takes on a brash tone. Some evidence suggests Beijing may be attracted to a historical tributary relations model, forming

links only with nations submissive to China's decisions, though Ching questions whether other nations are amenable to such a relationship.

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<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/india-and-china-different-roads-part-ii> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD214
SCA, EAP

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo:

Stalemate in Southern Thailand. International Crisis Group. November 3, 2010.

The deadly conflict in Thailand's predominantly Malay Muslim South is at a stalemate. Although military operations might have contributed to the reduction in violence, the government of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva has made little effort to tackle the political grievances that drive the insurgency, according to the author.

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Full Text:

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/asia/south-east-asia/thailand/B113%20Stalemate%20in%20Southern%20Thailand.ashx> [PDF format, 20 pages].

Item#11AD215
SCA

MSRP Theme: 1D, 12DEL

Geo:

4% of Online Americans Use Location-Based Services. Pew Internet & American Life Project. Kathryn Zickuhr and Aaron Smith. November 4, 2010.

In its first report on the use of "geosocial" or location-based services, the project finds that 4% of online adults use a service such as Foursquare or Gowalla that allows them to share their location with friends and to find others who are nearby. On any given day, 1% of internet users are using these services.

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Full Text:

<http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2010/PIP-Location%20based%20services.pdf> [PDF format, 10 pages].

Item#11AD216

MSRP Theme: 12ICF

Geo: USA

America's Most Committed Muslim Ally. Strategic Studies Institute. W. Andrew Terrill. November 2010.

On December 30, 2009, a young captain and military intelligence expert was murdered in Khost, Afghanistan, by an al Qaeda suicide bomber. He died along with seven comrades from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in a covert operation gone terribly wrong. After his death was announced, the officer was described as a hero throughout his country, and the head of state was among the mourners at his funeral. His name was Sharif Ali bin Zaid, and he was a Jordanian and a Muslim. In considering his case, such bravery and commitment can hardly come as a surprise. Even before 9/11, the United States and Jordan were cooperating in the struggle against al Qaeda, and a senior Jordanian intelligence official is thanked by name in former CIA Director George Tenet's memoirs for such cooperation. Somehow in the rage over the New York Mosque and Cultural Center, many of America's Muslim allies have been forgotten. Jordan is an especially important case.

Full Text:

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=1031> [HTML format with a link].

Item#11AD217
USA

MSRP Theme: 1C

Geo:

Identifying Sibling Influence on Teenage Substance Abuse. National Bureau of Economic Research. Joseph G. Altonji et al. Web posted November 1, 2010.

A number of studies have found substantial correlations in risky behavior between siblings, raising the possibility that adolescents may directly influence the actions of their brothers or sisters. The report's identification strategy relies on panel data, the fact that the future does not cause the past, and the assumption that the direction of influence is from older siblings to younger siblings. Under this assumption along with other restrictions on dynamics, one can identify the causal effect from a regression of the behavior of the younger sibling on the past behavior and the future behavior of the older sibling. The results suggest that smoking, drinking, and marijuana use are affected by the example of older siblings, but most of the link between siblings arises from common influences.

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Full Text:

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w16508.pdf> [PDF format, 73 pages].

Item#11AD218
USA

MSRP Theme: 9A

Geo:

The Latino Vote in the 2010 Elections. Pew Hispanic Center. Mark Hugo Lopez. November 3, 2010.

Tuesday's midterm elections were historic for Hispanics. For the first time ever, three Latino candidates—all of them Republicans—won top statewide offices. In New Mexico, voters elected the nation's first Latina governor, Republican Susana Martinez. In Nevada, Republican Brian Sandoval won the governor's race and became Nevada's first Hispanic governor. And in Florida, Republican Marco Rubio won the U.S. Senate race.

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Full Text:

<http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/130.pdf> [PDF format, 12 pages].

Item#11AD219
USA

MSRP Theme: 12EL, 12DI

Geo:

“No-Till” Farming is a Growing Practice. U.S. Department of Agriculture. John Horowitz et al. November 2010.

Most U.S. farmers prepare their soil for seeding and weed and pest control through tillage—plowing operations that disturb the soil. Tillage practices affect soil carbon, water pollution, and farmers’ energy and pesticide use, and therefore data on tillage can be valuable for understanding the practice’s role in reaching climate and other environmental goals.

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB70/EIB70.pdf> [PDF format, 28 pages].

Item#11AD220
USA

MSRP Theme: 5A

Geo:

Religion in the 2010 Elections. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. November 3, 2010.

Two of the largest religious groups in the electorate followed the same basic voting patterns in the 2010 elections for the U.S. House of Representatives as they have in prior elections: white Protestants voted overwhelmingly Republican and religiously unaffiliated voters cast their ballots overwhelmingly for Democrats. But Catholic voters, who had favored Democratic over Republican candidates by double-digit margins in the last two congressional elections, swung to the GOP in 2010. And within all three of these major religious groups, support for the Republican Party rose this year compared with 2006, matching or exceeding their levels of support for the GOP in any recent election.

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Full Text:

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1791/2010-midterm-elections-exit-poll-religion-vote> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD221

MSRP Theme: 12REA, 12ELG

Geo: USA

Women-Owned Businesses in the 21st Century. U.S. Department of Commerce. October 2010.

The report documents the changes in women-owned businesses over time, explores disparities in the characteristics of business owned by women as compared to those owned by men, and discusses potential reasons for these disparities and the different outcomes that are associated with them. The focus is on proprietorships, partnerships, or any type of privately-held corporation with one or more owners. Publicly-held companies are not included.

Full Text:

<http://www.esa.doc.gov/WOB/> [PDF format, 41 pages].

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MSRP Theme: 12DIG

Geo: USA
