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ENERGY PREDICTIONS 2011. Deloitte. October 19, 2010.

Even as the recession begins to subside, the energy sector is still likely to experience challenging conditions as we enter 2011. It should be remembered how very important a role energy plays in driving the global economy, according to the report. Serving as a simple yet global and unified measure of economic recovery, it is oil's price range and the strength and sustainability of the recovery which will impact the ways in which all forms of energy are produced and consumed.

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Full Text:

http://www.deloitte.com/assets/Dcom-Global/Local%20Assets/Documents/Energy_Resources/6810A_EnergyPredict10_sm5.pdf
[PDF format, 16 pages].

Item#11AD121
Global

MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo:

ENVIRONMENT, CONFLICT AND PEACEBUILDING AT IISD: ADDRESSING THE LINKS AMONG ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND SECURITY. International Institute for Sustainable Development. October 2010.

The brief contends that a better understanding of the links between environmental change and human security is vital for effective conflict prevention, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction. The connections between environmental issues and conflict are many and complex. There is a crucial need to understand these links and transmit them to policy-makers and practitioners.

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Full Text:

http://www.iisd.org/pdf/2010/brochure_environment_conflict_peacebuilding.pdf [PDF format, 6 pages].

Item#11AD122
Global

MSRP Theme: 14, 1G

Geo:

THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN DIPLOMACY. Brookings Institution. Stephen Grand and Durriya Badani. October 20, 2010.

Summing up key points discussed at the Religious Leaders Working Group during the 2010 U.S-Islamic World Forum, Stephen Grand and Durriya Badani explore the role of religious leaders as diplomats in trying to mitigate political conflicts based on religious differences.

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Full Text:

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2010/10_religious_leaders_grand/10_religious_leaders_grand.pdf [PDF format, 14 pages].

Item#11AD123
Global

MSRP Theme: 12RE, 1E

Geo:

CAN NATO NUDGE RUSSIA WESTWARD? Council on Foreign Relations. Charles A. Kupchan. October 20, 2010.

The French-Russian-German summit in Deauville this week sought to bring Russia closer to the West. Russia accepted an invitation to next month's NATO summit, but CFR's Charles Kupchan says Moscow questions the sincerity of Euro-Atlantic overtures.

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Full Text:

http://www.cfr.org/publication/23191/can_nato_nudge_russia_westward.html [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD124

MSRP Theme:

1H

Geo: EUR

EUROPE'S MIGRANTS: 'THE WORLD IS A SMALL PLACE.' Knowledge at Wharton. October 13, 2010.

France expels Roma Gypsies; a prominent German economist says migrants are destroying the country; a far-right party with an anti-immigration platform wins its first parliamentary seats in Sweden. Few countries in Europe have escaped the recent heated debates about immigration within their borders. Against this backdrop, a growing body of research is helping Europeans understand whether, and under what conditions, immigration is economically and socially beneficial. As one Wharton expert notes, "It's not a zero-sum game."

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<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/articlepdf/2615.pdf?CFID=19715258&CFTOKEN=24443992&jsessionid=a8306847faace879f413557d1e7d676974c6> [PDF format, 4 pages].

Item#11AD125
EUR

MSRP Theme: 13C

Geo:

CAN MILITANTS USE VIOLENCE TO WIN PUBLIC SUPPORT? EVIDENCE FROM THE SECOND INTIFADA. National Bureau of Economic Research. David A. Jaeger et al. October 2010.

The paper investigates whether attacks against Israeli targets help Palestinian factions gain public support. We link individual level survey data to the full list of Israeli fatalities during the period of the Second Intifada (2000-2006), and estimate a flexible discrete choice model for faction supported. It finds some support for the "outbidding" hypothesis, the notion that Palestinian factions use violence to gain prestige and influence public opinion within the community.

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Full Text:

<http://www.nber.org/papers/w16475.pdf> [PDF format, 28 pages].

Item#11AD126
NEA

MSRP Theme: 11

Geo:

THE PRICE OF INDEPENDENCE: SILENCING LABOR AND STUDENT UNIONS IN TUNISIA. Human Rights Watch. October 21, 2010.

Trade unions have long played a crucial role in Tunisia's political, social, and economic life. In the 1940s and 1950s, the Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) promoted social reform and played an active role in fighting France's occupation of Tunisia. Later, amid economic crisis in the 1970s and early 1980s, it led a mass mobilization against the government of Habib Bourguiba. The right of citizens to form unions and operate independent of government interference is secured in Tunisia's Constitution (article 8) and Labor Code, as well as the UN and Africa human rights treaties and International Labor Organization conventions, which Tunisia has ratified. Despite this, Tunisian workers and union members face undue restrictions on their right to freely organize, including denial of legal status to unions outside of the UGTT, government infiltration and takeover of critical unions, and persecution of student union members.

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Full Text:

<http://www.hrw.org/en/reports/2010/10/21/price-independence> [HTML format with links].
Item#11AD127 MSRP Theme:
12HR Geo: NEA *****

INDIANS SEE THREAT FROM PAKISTAN, EXTREMIST GROUPS: AMERICA'S IMAGE REMAINS STRONG. Pew Research Center. October 20, 2010.

When President Barack Obama travels to India next month, he will visit a country in which both he and the nation he leads are broadly popular. More than seven-in-ten Indians have confidence in the American president and about two-thirds express a favorable opinion of the United States. Indians are also feeling positive about their own country's role in world affairs and they are optimistic about its economic future. Still, Indians believe their country faces a number of major challenges, including crime and corruption. And nearly two years after the deadly Mumbai attacks, 81% say terrorism is a very big problem.

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Full Text:

<http://pewglobal.org/files/2010/10/Pew-Global-Attitudes-India-Report-FINAL-October-20-2010.pdf> [PDF format, 42 pages].

Item#11AD128 MSRP Theme: 12ELG Geo: SCA

ENSURING STATE AND MUNICIPAL SOLVENCY. Milken Institute and Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. October 2010.

Cutting back on services and increasing taxes won't be enough to stabilize state and municipal finances, even when the economy fully recovers. According to the report, it's going to require real paradigm shifts: a fundamental restructuring of budgets and the entire budgeting process, sustainable revenue generation, new efficiencies and federal/state partnerships.

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Full Text:

<http://www.kauffman.org/uploadedfiles/ensuring-state-and-municipal-solvency.pdf> [PDF format, 36 pages].

Item#11AD129

MSRP Theme:

12DEK

Geo: USA

ESTIMATED LIFETIME RISK FOR DIAGNOSIS OF HIV INFECTION AMONG HISPANICS/LATINOS – 37 STATES AND PUERTO RICO, 2007. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. October 15, 2010.

In 2008, the annual rate of diagnosis with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in the United States for Hispanics/Latinos (25.0 per 100,000 population) was approximately three times that for whites (8.2) (1). To calculate the estimated lifetime risk (ELR) and age-conditional risk for diagnosis of HIV infection among Hispanics/Latinos in 37 states and Puerto Rico, CDC analyzed HIV surveillance data, vital statistics data on general and HIV-specific mortality, and U.S. census data from 2007. The results of those analyses indicated that an estimated 1.92% (one in 52) of Hispanics/Latinos would receive HIV diagnoses during their lifetimes, compared with an ELR for HIV diagnosis of 0.59% (one in 170) for whites and 4.65% (one in 22) for blacks/African Americans.

Full Text:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5940a2.htm?s_cid=mm5940a2_x [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD130

MSRP Theme: 15E

Geo: USA

EXECUTIVE ORDER—WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANICS. The White House. October 19, 2010.

President Obama signed an Executive Order to renew and enhance the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics so that it better serves communities across the country by engaging them in the process of improving the education of Latino students.

Full Text:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/10/19/executive-order-white-house-initiative-educational-excellence-hispanics> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD131
USA

MSRP Theme: 12EDE, 12DI

Geo:

FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES: 2009. U.S. Census Bureau. October 2010.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 36.7 million of the nation's population (12 percent) were foreign-born, and another 33 million (11 percent) were native-born with at least one foreign-born parent in 2009, making one in five people either first or second generation U.S. residents.

Full Text:

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/foreign/cps2009.html> [HTML format with links].

Item#11AD132
USA

MSRP Theme: 8A

Geo:

GETTING RICH ON UNCLE SUCKER: SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO FIGHT PROFITEERING? Center for American Progress. Scott Lilly. October 20, 2010

Scott Lilly examines opportunities to reduce spending in government procurement.

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Full Text:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/10/pdf/unclesucker.pdf> [PDF format, 26 pages].

Item#11AD133

MSRP Theme: 12DEL

Geo: USA

HOURS OF OPPORTUNITY: HOW CITIES CAN BUILD SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME PROGRAMS. RAND Corporation. Susan J. Bodilly et al. October 21, 2010.

Five cities that received a grant from The Wallace Foundation to increase collaboration, access, quality, information sharing, and sustainability in their out-of-school-time systems used different planning approaches to meet the initiative's goals.

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Full Text:

http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/2010/RAND_RB9551.pdf [PDF format, 3 pages].

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Item#11AD134
Geo: USA

MSRP Theme: 12SI,

IMPACT OF ALTERNATE PUBLIC TRANSIT AND RAIL INVESTMENT SCENARIOS ON THE LABOR MARKET. Economic Policy Institute. Ethan Pollack and Rebecca Thiess. Web posted October 20, 2010.

Transportation investments represent an opportunity for Congress to kick the economy into a higher gear by creating millions of well-paying jobs while simultaneously boosting the condition and performance of our nation's transportation system.

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Full Text:

http://epi.3cdn.net/987bfa97f4935932cd_vom6bxaq8.pdf [PDF format, 9 pages].
Item#11AD135 MSRP Theme:
5I Geo: USA *****

MEDICAL INNOVATION IN PERIL. American Enterprise Institute. Scott Gottlieb. October 18, 2010.

The creation of a robust biopharmaceutical and medical device industry is one of modern America's most noteworthy economic and technical achievements. Over the last several decades, advances in diagnostic tests, minimally invasive medical devices, biologics, and small-molecule drugs have improved survival and reduced the physical burdens of a host of maladies. The new health care law specifically targets reimbursement for new drugs and devices as a way to save money in programs like Medicare and Medicaid. These savings, in turn, are used to pay for new health coverage for the uninsured. But the legislation doesn't take down drug and medical device prices directly.

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Full Text:

<http://www.aei.org/paper/100154> [HTML format with a link].

Item#11AD136 MSRP Theme: 15, 14H Geo:
USA

MOBILE HEALTH 2010. Pew Internet & American Life Project. Susannah Fox. October 19, 2010.

The online health-information environment is going mobile, particularly among younger adults. The survey of American adults finds that 85% use a cell phone. Of those 17% of cell owners have used their phone to look up health or medical information and 29% of cell owners ages 18-29 have done such searches. 9% of cell owners have software applications or "apps" on their phones that help them track or manage their health. Some 15% of those ages 18-29 have such apps. This means that health-information searches and communications have joined the growing array of non-voice data applications that are being bundled into cell phones.

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Full Text:

http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2010/PIP_Mobile_Health_2010.pdf [PDF format, 15 pages].

Item#11AD137
USA

MSRP Theme: 12ICE, 15B

Geo:

REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON RISK RETENTION. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. October 19, 2010.

The Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday issued a report on the potential impact of credit risk retention requirements on securitization markets. The report was required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Dodd-Frank Act also requires the Federal Reserve and other agencies to jointly implement risk retention requirements for securitizers or originators of assets securitized through the issuance of asset-backed securities.

Full Text:

<http://federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/rptcongress/securitization/riskretention.pdf> [PDF format, 96 pages].

Item#11AD138
USA

MSRP Theme: 4K

Geo:

SOCIAL MEDIA DEBATE A MORTGAGE MESS, SCIENCE AND RELIGION. Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism. October 21, 2010.

While bloggers concerned themselves with the charges of fraudulent foreclosure procedures, Twitter was immersed in cheers for the rescue of the Chilean miners. The home mortgage crisis, fueled recently by charges of fraudulent foreclosure procedures, triggered angry reactions aimed at multiple culprits from bloggers of all political stripes last week. The rescue of 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days was the No. 5 story on blogs (9%). And it dominated among Twitter users, accounting for more than one-third (37%) of the news links.

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Full Text:

http://www.journalism.org/index_report/social_media_debate_mortgage_mess_science_and_religion [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD139

MSRP Theme: 12ICF

Geo: USA

SURPRISING BUT TRUE, US EXPORTS ARE GROWING. YaleGlobal. Edward Gresser. October 20, 2010.

Global recession struck in late 2008, and high levels of personal and public debt complicated reviving the U.S. economy and consumer spending. Increasing exports is the fastest, most logical alternative for boosting economic growth and reducing unemployment. In January 2010, President Barack Obama set a goal of doubling the nation's exports in five years, and the nation is on track, selling vehicles, airplanes, agricultural goods around the globe. China, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the European Union account for more than 60 percent of U.S. exports. The U.S. can finalize trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and Korea; settle differences holding up the World Trade Organization's Doha Round; end the Cuban embargo. Industries and government can emphasize quality, streamline costs and prepare an educated workforce.

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Full Text:

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/us-exports-are-growing> [HTML format, various paging].

Item#11AD140
USA

MSRP Theme: 06

Geo:

UNITED STATES LIFE TABLES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. October 2010.

First-ever life expectancy report for Hispanic population released.

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Full Text:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_152.pdf [PDF format, 41 pages].

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USA

MSRP Theme: 15

Geo:
