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By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

Negotiators were closing in on a sweeping deal that would compensate countries for preservin and other natural landscapes.

**[Nuclear Power Expansion in China Stirs Concerns](#)**

By KEITH BRADSHER

China's aggressive expansion of nuclear plants could cut carbon emissions, but the pace coul shortcuts.

**[As Goldman Thrives, Some Sav an Ethos Has Faded](#)**

By JENNY ANDERSON

Some current and former executives of Goldman Sachs are convinced that, under the leadersh Lloyd C. Blankfein, it now puts quick profits above all else.

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**QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

"He wants to be the man that makes the peace. He is not sure about the cost of it. He wouldn't find himself in a situation where he makes peace and discovers in the morning that he doesn't majority for it."

[SHIMON PERES](#), Israel's president, on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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**REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK**

**[In Copenhagen, 'To Be Elaborated' Means a Stalemate](#)**

By ANDREW C. REVKIN and JOHN M. BRODER

The top United Nations climate official said the many disputes at the climate conference refle challenge of finding common ground among 193 countries.

**[Abkhazia Is Recognized — by Nauru](#)**

By ELLEN BARRY

Facing depletion of its main resource, phosphates, Nauru is only the fourth nation to recogniz region, which separated from Georgia.

**MIDEAST MEMO**

**[Weighing Netanyahu as Peace Maker](#)**

By ETHAN BRONNER

Some observers say Benjamin Netanyahu, like previous hawks who became prime minister of becoming more conciliatory.

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**U.S.**

**[Pittsburgh Sets Vote on Adding Tax on Tuition](#)**

By IAN URBINA

The mayor of Pittsburgh says a 1 percent tuition tax on students attending college in Pittsburg raise revenue needed to pay pensions for retired city workers.

**[Oral Roberts, Fiery Preacher With Vast Empire, Dies at 91](#)**

By KEITH SCHNEIDER

Mr. Roberts's televised ministry attracted millions of followers and made him one of the most controversial religious leaders of the 20th century.

**Obama Health Care Meeting Aims to Rally Senators**

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and ROBERT PEAR

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**Obama Tells Prison to Take Detainees**

By HELENE COOPER and DAVID JOHNSTON

President Obama ordered the federal government to acquire a prison in northwestern Illinois to house some terrorism suspects held at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

**Democrats Put Off Some Difficult Issues Until 2010**

By CARL HULSE

As the year ebbs and differences continue, the fights over federal debt limits, antiterror laws and highway construction are delayed.

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**An Unwelcome Spotlight Falls on SAC Capital**

By ALEX BERENSON

After a former SAC analyst was charged for activities occurring after he left the firm, a flurry of articles have tried to connect SAC with the investigation.

**Never Listen to Céline? Radio Meter Begg to Differ**

By STEPHANIE CLIFFORD

By measuring what people listen to rather than what they report, a radio rating system is finding winners.

**Asian Stocks Mixed, but Nikkei Rises After Report on Delayed Capital Rules**

By REUTERS

Japanese bank shares surged on a report of a possible delay in new global bank capital requirements.

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**Russians Buy Stake in Web Games**

By BRAD STONE and CLAIRE CAIN MILLER

Digital Sky Technologies, the Russian firm that invested more than \$200 million in Facebook, is leading a group that is buying a \$180 million stake in Zynga, a creator of online games.

**Music Business Heads Into Virtual World**

By BRAD STONE and CLAIRE CAIN MILLER

Apple's purchase of the start-up Lala is bringing more attention to streaming music services as a replacement for songs on your computer.

**Comcast Introduces a Streaming TV Service**

By BRIAN STELTER

The new service, in testing since last summer, is seen as a major step toward what Comcast calls "anytime, anywhere media."

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**ANALYSIS**

**The Value in Dealing One Ace for Another**

By TYLER KEPNER

After a World Series loss to the Yankees, the Phillies acquired the ace Roy Halladay, but his value came at the expense of the team's other ace, Cliff Lee.

**Mets Say They'll Go From Bystanders to Buyers**

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

Omar Minaya stressed that he would improve the team before opening day, and that he remains in negotiations with the free-agent outfielder Jason Bay.

**Chiropractic College's Rugby Team Is Good for Business**

By MIKE TIERNEY

While rugby proponents may reject the label of most dangerous sport, players' out-of-whack bodies afford an assembly line of bodies to press on at Life University.

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**DINING & WINE**

**[The Wedding? I'm Here for the Cookies](#)**

By RON LIEBER

No matter how fancy the venue, tables laden with dozens of homemade cookies are a tradition wedding receptions in Pittsburgh.

**[Festiveness, Stacked Up Southern Style](#)**

By KIM SEVERSON

Especially at Christmas, the cake ladies of southeastern Alabama distinguish themselves with that can reach 15 layers or more.

**[The Accidental Empire of Fast Food](#)**

By GLENN COLLINS

With four Shake Shacks set to open in 2010 and long-range plans for more, the restaurateur D Meyer has built an empire.

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**[New York's Fiscal Crisis](#)**

New York is in dire straits; Gov. David Paterson is rightly trying to cope by delaying \$750 million payments to schools and local governments.

**[A Test for President Karzai](#)**

President Hamid Karzai's inaugural speech vowed to rein in corruption, but a later speech in the Afghan capital suggested, ominously, that he still does not get it.

**[The Million-Dollar Man](#)**

Senator Joseph Lieberman's support for health care reform seems hypocritical. He's taken \$1 million from the insurance industry and is now against an over-55 Medicare buy-in.

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By MAUREEN DOWD

Defense Secretary Robert Gates helped create the mess in Afghanistan decades ago and now it's his job to clean it up.

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By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

A troop surge won't work in Afghanistan unless there is a parallel surge against those who promote jihadism online.

**[A Fish Oil Story](#)**

By PAUL GREENBERG

With many issues surrounding the overfishing of menhaden for its omega-3 oils, more powerful levers than consumer choice need to be put in motion.

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