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Lehman's Demise, Dissected

The consequences of the rotten Wall Street model -- where prudence was replaced by taking big, unbalanced risks with shareholders' and creditors' money -- were laid bare in the 2,200-page autopsy of the collapse of Lehman Brothers that was made public by the bankruptcy court last week, William D. Cohan writes on Opinionator.

Does Icahn Still Make Them Tremble?

Carl C. Icahn likes to be called an activist investor, not a raider. But his latest hostile bid for a company came just last week.

Fed Chairman Assails Banks 'Too Big to Fail'

Giant banks that are perceived as "too big to fail" are among the "most insidious barriers to competition in financial services," the Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, said Saturday.

Novell Rejects Elliott's Bid as 'Inadequate'

Novell, a maker of business software, said Saturday that it had rejected Elliott Associates' unsolicited \$2 billion takeover bid as "inadequate," saying the hedge fund's offer "undervalues the company's franchise and growth prospects."

Amendments and Impasse May Stall Financial Bill

The Senate Banking Committee, which is set to begin consideration of a bill that would overhaul financial regulations, received 359 amendments by the Friday deadline.

Dodd Seeks U.S. Inquiry Into Lehman's Accounting

Senator Christopher J. Dodd, the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, called on Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. on Friday to start an investigation of Lehman Brothers over the accounting maneuvers that contributed to its collapse in September 2008, and he said the Justice Department should look at "other companies that may have engaged in similar accounting manipulation."

The Letter by Lehman Whistle-Blower Matthew Lee

DealBook has obtained the May 16, 2008 letter sent by a Lehman Brothers senior vice president to the investment bank's management, complaining about accounting improprieties months before the firm's collapse.

What the Viacom-YouTube Spat Has Unearthed

The Viacom-YouTube suit has led to the unearthing of a wealth of documents, including figures on the payouts to the video-sharing giant's backers and management from its 2006 sale to Google and one-and-a-half years' worth of losses and profit.

Malone Sees Cable Mergers as Fee Disputes Grow

The media billionaire John C. Malone contends that the disputes between broadcasters and cable television operators over fees would force cable companies to combine to gain negotiating clout.

Senate to Drop 'Backdoor Bailouts' From Bill

The Senate Banking Committee will remove a provision from the financial regulatory bill that Sheila C. Bair, the chairwoman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said could allow for "backdoor bailouts," a panel spokeswoman.

The Way Forward for Airgas

A decision by Delaware's Court of Chancery setting a late September or early October trial date for a lawsuit by Airgas shareholders over the company's rebuffing of a bid by Air Products and Chemicals finally sets a timetable for the takeover battle, the Deal Professor says.

I.M.F. Chief Suggests 'Fire Brigade' for Europe's Banks

Europe should have a "fire brigade" backed by funds from governments and the private sector to deal with failures of large banks, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund said Friday.

Icahn Seeks to Buy All of Lions Gate

Carl C. Icahn said on Friday that he is now seeking to acquire all of Lions Gate Entertainment, expanding a tender offer for the film company that originally sought only to expand his stake to 29.9 percent.

Comparing the House and Senate Financial Reform Bills

President Obama and Congress have vowed to enact the farthest-reaching overhaul of financial regulations since the Depression. The Times compares the bills in the House and Senate.

Arrow Energy Suspends Shares as Offer Looms

Arrow Energy of Australia asked for trading in its shares to be suspended on Friday, stoking speculation that Royal Dutch Shell and PetroChina would sweeten their joint \$3 billion offer for the coal-seam gas producer.

World Business

I.M.F. Warns Wealthiest Nations About Their Debt

On Sunday, an International Monetary Fund official gave a grim prognosis for the world's advanced economies.

Sides Dispute Strike Effect at British Airways

A strike by British Airways cabin crew members entered its second day, causing further travel disruptions but fewer than the airline had expected.

A Custody Battle, Supersized, Over Marvel Superheroes

Disney paid \$4 billion for Marvel Entertainment and its superheroes, but the heirs of Jack Kirby, who helped create many characters, are now fighting it over copyrights.

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Fundamentally: Should Investors Celebrate Year 2 of This Rally?

Strategists warn investors not to assume that the market will perform as well in 2010 as it did in 2009.

Economic View: The Case for a Consumption Tax on Big Spenders

To bolster the economy, Robert H. Frank suggests a tax on consumption of more than \$500,000 a year by families earning more than \$1 million.

Explosive Material Found in Indian Plane

A newspaper-wrapped package containing explosive material was found in the cargo hold of a passenger aircraft after it landed in southern India, police said.

In Canada, Real Estate Is Booming

Instead of worrying about the recovery of the real estate market, some Canadians are concerned about the prospect of a price bubble.

I.M.F. Chief Urges Resolution Authority for Bank Failures

Dominique Strauss-Kahn's proposed European Resolution Authority would be supported by funds from governments and the private sector to deal with failures of large banks.

Rio Tinto and Chinalco in Deal for Iron Ore Project

A joint venture in a mine in the West African nation of Guinea suggests that tension between Australia and China may be easing.

Off the Shelf: ~The Road From Ruin~™: How to Avoid Another Crisis

In a new book, Matthew Bishop and Michael Green say that ~œtoxic ideas,~? not toxic assets, caused the financial crisis.

Prototype: At Knock Knock, a Mix of Wit and Wisdom

For the founder of an unusual gift and stationery products business, many of the very things that led to mistakes have also yielded successes.

India's Central Bank Raises Interest Rates

In taking an unexpected step, the bank said it was "imperative" to control rising prices as inflation reached a 16-month high.

Fed Chief Takes Aim at Banks as Obama Pushes Overhaul

Ben S. Bernanke criticized the role of institutions considered "too big to fail" while the president called on lawmakers to approve a finance bill.

If Tiger Woods Plays Well, Retailers Will Smile

As the chief executive of the Golfsmith golf and tennis chain said, "Selfishly, this is perfect."

Official Calls for European Solution to Greece's Woes

The European Commission president called for Germany and other governments that use the euro to put up a package of loans to assist Greece.

Pentagon Says EADS Still Interested in Tanker Bid

Boeing was thought to have won the contract by default after Northrop Grumman ended its partnership with EADS.

World's High-Speed Train Makers Set Sights on U.S.

Companies will compete for a share of the \$8 billion that President Obama has granted for 13 high-speed corridors across the United States.

Business Briefing | Economy: Retail Sales in Canada Rose in January

Canadian retail sales rose in January, as consumers stocked up on home improvement supplies before a federal tax credit expired.

Business Briefing | Finance: Lloyds Banking Group Improves Its Outlook

The Lloyds Banking Group said that it expected to report a profit this year as trading had so far been strong and provisions for bad assets were not as large as previously forecast.

Stocks and Bonds: Dow's Winning Streak Ends at 8

Wall Street indexes declined as a sharp drop in the price of oil weighed on energy stocks.

What the Still Photo Still Does Best

Thoughts on the enduring power of photojournalism and on the death of Charles Moore, one of its great practitioners.

Those Wall Street Gamblers Might Not Be Bad After All

When bubbles burst, speculators often get the blame. But maybe they were telling us something we didn't want to hear.

The Way We Live Now: Who Needs Wall Street?

Society profits little from a dizzying casino.

Book Review | 'A Week in December,' by Sebastian Faulks

This ambitious, angry novel's capitalist is more reliably loathsome than its jihadist.

Book Review | 'On the Brink,' by Henry M. Paulson Jr.

Henry M. Paulson's account of his tumultuous term as George W. Bush's last Treasury secretary.

China Drawing High-Tech Research From U.S.

American companies with factories in China are now building high-tech research labs there as well.

For India's Newly Rich Farmers, Limos Won't Do

Land acquisition has created pockets of instant wealth and a new economic caste in India: nouveau riche farmers.

Green Inc. Column: When “Green” Consumers Decide, “I’ve Done Enough”

Are consumers of “green” products likely to be miserly and thieving? A series of experiments at the University of Toronto seems to suggest just that.

Fair Game: Loan Pools That Need Some Sun

A lawsuit accuses a group of Wall Street companies of misrepresenting the mortgages underlying \$5.4 billion in securities that they sold.

The City

Gebrselassie Quits and Kastor Fades in New York Half-Marathon

Peter Kamais of Kenya won the men's race after Haile Gebrselassie pulled out at Mile 8. Mara Yamauchi of Great Britain passed Deena Kastor near the end to win the women's race.

To Soccer Fan, Train Whistle Hits Perfect Pitch

Santos F.C. of Brazil lost to the Red Bulls in an exhibition at the new Red Bull Arena, a real soccer stadium just west of New York with proper contours and sight lines.

The Optimistâ€™s Blogger

No matter what happens in the New York City real estate market, Lockhart Steele and his site, Curbed, deem it worthy of loving attention.

Bees in the City? New York May Let the Hives Come Out of Hiding

The honeybee's bad rap and the days of urban beekeepers facing \$2,000 fines may be over this week.

Council Leaders Want Fewer Names on List of Police Stops

Even those who are questioned by the New York police and let go without charges go into a database. Critics say that raises privacy concerns.

Former Hevesi Aide Pleads Guilty in Pension Case

David J. Loglisci, the former chief investment officer for New York's pension fund, told a court of kickbacks.

State Agrees to Let the City Finish Brooklyn Bridge Park

The agreement, which follows months of negotiations, will allow work to begin on Pier 2, which is designated for sports.

G.O.P. Sounds Out a Democrat for Governor

Steve Levy, the Suffolk County executive and a registered Democrat, met with New York Republican leaders about a potential run for governor on their ticket.

Broad Plan Urged to Fight New York's Fiscal Crisis

Lt. Gov. Richard Ravitch will unveil a plan that includes borrowing billions and imposing curbs on future spending.

Another Rise in City Pupils Graduating in Four Years

For the fifth consecutive year, the rate of students finishing on time increased, hitting 59 percent.

Paterson Finds Friends at a Forum on the Budget

At a town hall meeting on the state budget, Gov. David A. Paterson had a brief respite from questions about his political problems.

Budget Boogeyman Stalks New York's Summer Camps

A job as a summer camp counselor opened doors for Christopher Rivera, but the state is pulling its financing for the program that made that job possible.

Hurt Capital of New York Wins No Oscar

The troubles of New York State government recall some of the Oscar-nominated films, like "Up in the Air" or "Inglourious Basterds."

The Maestro of Weekend Meal Delivery

Mark Goreczny makes sure that New Yorkers who depend on delivered food during the week stay nourished when the city's weekday program shuts down.

House Democrat Says Party Drove Him From Office

Eric J. Massa from New York, accused of sexual harassment, said that party leaders had orchestrated a campaign against him.

Sport Section

West: Syracuse 87, Gonzaga 65: Smiling Syracuse Is Too Much for Gonzaga

Wes Johnson scored 31 points and Andy Rautins added 24 as the top-seeded Orange opened up an early lead and never looked back in advancing to the Round of 16.

Midwest: With Ohio State's Turner, Surprises Keep Panning Out

Evan Turner has blossomed from a cautious, wiry freshman to the Buckeyes' most important player.

Kamais and Yamauchi Are Winners at New York Half-Marathon

Peter Kamais of Kenya won the men's race after Haile Gebrselassie pulled out at Mile 8. Mara Yamauchi of Great Britain passed Deena Kastor near the end to win the women's race.

Garrett Jones's Journey to Majors Finally Succeeds

Garrett Jones seemed to be stuck in the minors, but at age 28 he hit 21 homers in 82 games for the Pirates.

Analysis: With Yao Expected Back, Rockets See Promising Future

This season in the N.B.A., Houston was a team that was truly better than the sum of its parts.

In Morocco, an Off-Road Rally for Women Only

The Rallye Aïcha des Gazelles is an endurance test through the desert of about 550 miles.

Twins Closer Joe Nathan to Miss 2010 Season

Closer Joe Nathan will not throw a pitch for the Minnesota Twins in 2010 because of an elbow injury that will force him to have surgery.

Women's Tournament Roundup: St. John's Advances With Win Over Princeton

Da'Shena Stevens scored 19 points and No. 6 St. John's defeated No. 11 Princeton in the first round of the women's tournament.

N.B.A. Roundup: Pierce and Rondo Lead Celtics' Late Surge Against Mavericks

Chris Bosh scored 23 of his 36 points in the second half Saturday night, and the slumping Raptors kept the Nets on the road to an N.B.A. single-season record for futility.

Shaun White Skips U.S. Open, but His Influence Is on Display

Shaun White skipped the United States Open Snowboarding Championships, but many of those who did compete borrowed from his earlier routines.

Zito-Trained Long Shot Wins Florida Derby

Beating his fellow long shot Pleasant Prince at the wire of the Florida Derby, Ice Box has earned his way into the field for the Kentucky Derby.

Ljubicic and Roddick Reach Final

The Croat rode his big serve to a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) victory over the defending champion, Rafael Nadal, at the BNP Paribas Open, while the American outlasted Robin Soderling, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Chicago News Cooperative: Driven Young Man With a Basketball Mission

Daniel Poneman is only 18, but already his obsession with tracking high school basketball in Illinois has made him a person to reckon with.

South: Baylor 76, Old Dominion 68: Baylor Takes Care of Old Dominion and Boosts Confidence

LaceDarius Dunn had a game-high 26 points and Josh Lomers added 14 for Baylor, which reached the Round of 16 for the first time.

Midwest: Northern Iowa 69, Kansas 67: Northern Iowa Upsets Overall No. 1 Seed Kansas

Ali Farokhmanesh's 20-footer stretched a 1-point lead to 4, and the Panthers held on for a stunning upset.

Midwest: Tennessee 83, Ohio 68: Tennessee Takes Care of Business Against Ohio

The Vols stopped the Bobcats' storybook run in the postseason with a workmanlike victory.

East: Kentucky 90, Wake Forest 60: As Others Fall, No Letting Up For Kentucky

With another dominant showing, top-seeded Kentucky has established itself as a favorite to win the national championship.

Maryland's Vasquez Develops Well-Rounded Game

Greivis Vasquez, a senior guard for Maryland, was known as an emotional player, but he has developed his game and his maturity.

In Points and in Ink, Robert Sacre Leaves Mark

Among Gonzaga's current cast of characters and Canadians, Robert Sacre stands 7 feet tall, sets screens for guards on the court and rolls to his own beat off it.

East: Washington 82, New Mexico 64: Washington Scores Upset Win Over New Mexico

The Huskies kept their late-season run going with a convincing victory over the third-seeded Lobos.

West: Butler 54, Murray State 52: Butler Tips Away Murray State's Upset Bid

Fifth-seeded Butler lost a 9-point lead in the first half and an 8-point lead in the second, but held off 13th-seeded Murray State to advance to the West Region semifinals.

South: St. Mary's 75, Villanova 68: St. Mary's Knocks Out Second-Seeded Villanova

One defining bank shot by the Gaels pushed the second-seeded Wildcats out of the tournament.

Roundup: M.L.S. and Players Reach Agreement on a New Deal

Major League Soccer and its players signed a five-year labor contract Saturday that avoids a strike that had been scheduled for this week.

Playoffs Could Show Which Carter the Magic Obtained

The Magic's Vince Carter can seemingly score from anywhere, but can at times appear to be aloof.

A Journeyman Looks to Make Majors, Just Like His Glove

Yankees minor-leaguer Jon Weber, whose glove gets major league playing time with the Rays' Carl Crawford, is hoping to make the big leagues in his 12th professional season.

If Tiger Woods Plays Well, Retailers Will Smile

As the chief executive of the Golfsmith golf and tennis chain said, "Selfishly, this is perfect."

Three Fringe Pitchers Make Cases for Mets' Staff

Nelson Figueroa, Pat Misch and Hisanori Takahashi all began spring training with virtual shutouts.

N.H.L. Roundup: Blues' Playoff Charge Stymies Devils at Home

Ty Conklin made 29 saves in his fourth shutout of the season for St. Louis, which won for the 9th time in 12 games.

Rugby Union: Six Nations Title Assured, France Doggedly Thwarts England, 12-10

What was most striking about France's rugby victory over an old enemy that clinched a precious Grand Slam was what the French did not do.

BOXING: Klitschko Dominates in Defending 2 Belts

Wladimir Klitschko knocked out Eddie Chambers in the 12th and final round to retain his WBO and IBF heavyweight belt.

2 Late Goals by Eintracht End Bayern's League Streak

Two substitutes, Juvhel Tsoumou and Martin Fenin, scored in the final three minutes as Eintracht Frankfurt came from behind to beat the Bundesliga soccer leader Bayern Munich, 2-1.

Global Soccer: American Helps Fulham Shed Modest Reputation

Most good things that have come to Clint Dempsey he owes to his upbringing in a trailer park in Texas and to playing soccer, the game of the migrant Mexican kids there.

Live Updates From the N.C.A.A. Tournament, Sunday's Second Round

Times reporters provide live analysis for Sunday's second-round games in the men's N.C.A.A. tournament.

Analysis: Revisiting Stereotypes in Wake of Griner Incident

A debate over aggression in women's sports takes place against the backdrop of violence in athletics over all.

Sports of The Times: Taking the Train to a Game, a Soccer Game at Red Bull Arena

Santos F.C. of Brazil lost to the Red Bulls in an exhibition at the new Red Bull Arena, a real soccer stadium just west of New York with proper contours and sight lines.

Keeping Score: Religion's Role in Hank Greenberg's Pursuit of Babe Ruth

In 1938, Hank Greenberg walked in 15.9 percent of his plate appearances through the end of August 1938. In September, that rate jumped to 20.4 percent.

In-Box: Letters to the Editor

Readers sound off on the N.B.A. and N.C.A.A., an academic adviser at Xavier, the N.C.A.A. tournament and halfpipes for snowboarders.

Q. and A. With Davey Johnson

Davey Johnson, a former Mets manager, is a senior adviser to the Washington Nationals. He returned to Manhattan last week to promote a new MSG Network series.

News In Asia

U.S. Turns a Blind Eye to Opium in Afghan Town

To win over Afghans on former Taliban turf, American commanders are arguing against opium eradication.

Chinese Academics' Paper on Cyberwar Sets Off Alarms in U.S.

A paper imagining a cyberattack and a power failure in the U.S. has highlighted an atmosphere charged with hostility between the U.S. and China over cybersecurity.

U.N. Creates Center for Asian Disaster Relief

The World Food Program is setting up a hub for the quick distribution of emergency relief supplies within 48 hours of a crisis in Asia.

Official in China Says Western-Style Democracy Won't Take Root There

Chinese officials often say in public and in the Chinese news media that the country is moving toward democracy.

California Tribe Hopes to Woo Salmon Home

A trek to New Zealand by the Winnemem Wintu tribe centers on an apology to the Chinook salmon.

Girija Prasad Koirala, 86, Former Leader of Nepal, Is Dead

Mr. Koirala was a pivotal figure in establishing Nepal's fragile democracy who also helped broker an end to the country's Maoist rebellion.

India's Central Bank Raises Interest Rates

In taking an unexpected step, the bank said it was "imperative" to control rising prices as inflation reached a 16-month high.

Taliban Arrests Have Halted Early Talks, Former Envoy Says

Kai Eide, the former top U.N. official in Afghanistan, said that the arrests by Pakistan have complicated peace negotiations.

More Saudi Oil Goes to China Than to U.S.

While exports to the United States might rebound this year, in the long run the decline in western demand and the growing importance of China represent a fundamental shift for the oil market.

U.S. Frees Detainees, but Afghans' Anger Persists

The U.S. is trying to undo the damage caused by a troubled detention system, exposing a disagreement with Afghans over whether people were fairly held.

Rio Tinto and Chinalco in Deal for Iron Ore Project

A joint venture in a mine in the West African nation of Guinea suggests that tension between Australia and China may be easing.

World Briefing | ASIA: Myanmar: American Freed Because of 'Friendship'

The ruling military junta decided to release a naturalized American citizen from prison because of its friendship with the United States, state media said Friday.

World Briefing | ASIA: China: 4 Face Trial on Organ Trafficking Charges

The first Chinese trial involving organ trafficking could take place next month in Beijing, according to a report in China Daily, an official English-language newspaper.

World Briefing | ASIA: Cambodia: Ban on Marriages to South Korean Men

Cambodia has temporarily barred its citizens from marrying South Korean men, after two dozen women were sold into marriage by matchmakers, an official said Friday.

For India's Newly Rich Farmers, Limos Won't Do

Land acquisition has created pockets of instant wealth and a new economic caste in India: nouveau riche farmers.

Report Says China Sold Bad Vaccines to Hospitals

A newspaper article has reawakened a controversy over whether provincial authorities improperly stored vaccines, rendering them ineffective, and then let them be administered to children.

U.S. Presses China on Valuation of Renminbi

In a speech, the American ambassador reiterated the stance of the United States as China polled manufacturers on the issue.

U.S. Citizen Is Released From Prison in Myanmar

Mr. Nyi Nyi Aung, a pro-democracy activist from Myanmar who is a naturalized American citizen, had been in detention since September.

Tiger Deaths Raise Alarms About Chinese Zoos

A zoo where 11 rare Siberian tigers recently starved to death is fast becoming a symbol of the mistreatment of animals in China.

N. Korea Is Said to Execute Finance Chief

The fate of Pak Nam-gi, who is said to have spearheaded a botched currency reform, became an object of speculation after absences from official functions.

Thai Protests to Continue Through Weekend

Antigovernment demonstrators said that they would continue their protests through the weekend, and announced plans for a parade through Bangkok.

A Guilty Plea to 2 Terrorism Charges

David C. Headley pleaded guilty to helping plan both a terrorist attack in India and a proposed attack in Denmark.

Report Claims Iran Arms Taliban

Afghan officials and a man who claims to be a Taliban commander told Britain's Channel 4 News that Iran was supplying weapons to Taliban insurgents.

Jailed Sri Lankan Opposition Leader Calls Charges Against Him 'Bogus'

The day his court martial began in Sri Lanka's capital, Gen. Sarath Fonseka, a former army commander and presidential candidate, managed to smuggle out answers to questions submitted to him in writing by Britain's Channel 4 News.

Under Fire, Reporters Befriend Afghan Frog

Stuart Webb, a cameraman for Britain's Channel 4 News embedded with British troops in Afghanistan, filed a video blog post on Tuesday that showed how he and a colleague, Alex Thomson, attempted to keep their cool while pinned down in a stream during a firefight - by making friends with a frog.

Video of Thai Blood-Spilling Protest

Opponents of the Thai government poured buckets of their own blood at the gates of the prime minister's office on Tuesday to

Book Review | 'Occupied City,' by David Peace

A real-life mass poisoning in Tokyo in 1948, possibly linked to notorious wartime medical experiments, is the basis for this highly original crime novel.

Letter from China: China's Rich Debate Tax on Property

The biggest earners are influential in deciding whether China should implement a property tax. Most are against it, as it would come out of their pockets.

Pacquiao Shifts His Focus From Boxing to Politics

Manny Pacquiao won his latest fight, but the prospect of a bigger one against Floyd Mayweather Jr. hovers over his plans to run for a seat in the Philippine Congress.

Daily World News

Bam's presidency hinges on historic health care vote

Sunday's vote is Apocalypse Now for a beleaguered President desperate for a big win. If he gets it, his presidency is salvaged. Not magically transformed, but salvaged. If not, he's staring into the political abyss, grievously crippled, repudiated by his party, his credibility shredded.

JFK secretary Stewart Udall dies at age 90

Stewart Udall, U.S. interior secretary for Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, has died. He was 90, his family said Saturday.

Daly: Assurant's greed, neglect is what's really sickening

The health care reform bill expected to come to a vote Sunday will take four years to go only part way in addressing just some of these wrongs. But it is better than doing nothing.

3 dead after single-engine plane, kit-built aircraft collide in Fla.

A single-engine plane and a kit-built aircraft collided in clear, sunny skies Saturday over central Florida, killing three people, authorities said.

Former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall dies

Stewart Udall, who sowed the seeds of the modern environmental movement as secretary of the interior during the 1960s and later became a crusader for victims of radiation exposure from the government's Cold War nuclear programs, died Saturday. He was 90.

Arrest made in 'all black people leave' incident at Walmart

A 16-year-old boy was busted for broadcasting a racist comment over the public address system of a Walmart in southern New Jersey, police said Saturday.

Rep. Murphy quits being coy, votes 'Yes' on health care

Rookie Rep. Scott Murphy (D-N.Y.) dragged out the suspense before flipping to a "Yes" vote on health care late Friday under intense pressure from the White House and the Democratic leadership.

Bam will ask if lawmakers have 'guts' to pass health-fix bill

Democrats felt the momentum growing for their overhaul of the nation's health care system Friday, but President Obama planned to look in lawmakers' eyes one more time and demand courage.

Walmart in 'all black people leave' mess alters PA policies

Attention Walmart shoppers, we are changing our public-address system.

Ellen DeGeneres gives \$30k to Constance McMillen, lesbian banned from taking girlfriend to prom

A lesbian high school student embroiled in a legal flap over her school's prom policy has received a \$30,000 scholarship on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

7-Eleven clerk shot dead during last day on the job

A Kansas City 7-Eleven clerk working his final shift was fatally shot by a robber, and police have no idea why.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford agrees to pay ethics fine, gets divorced

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has closed two chapters of his life, agreeing to pay \$74,000 in fines to resolve ethics charges brought against him after last summer's revelation of an extramarital affair, and receiving word that a judge had formally ended his 20-year marriage.

Secret Boy Scout 'perversion files' may blow lid off decades of sex abuse of young boys

Six boxes of evidence could blow the lid off decades of hidden sexual abuse in the Boy Scouts of America.

Ads - on the school bus?! Will this help fix school budget issues?

School districts have imposed all sorts of drastic cuts to save money during the down economy, canceling field trips and making parents pay for everything from tissues to sports transportation.

Chicago man admits scouting for Mumbai massacre

A Chicago man admitted Thursday that he scouted out the Indian city of Mumbai for a 2008 terrorist attack that left 166 people dead and plotted an attack on a Danish newspaper over cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

NYer Dan Choi, Iraq war vet, held after chaining himself to White House to protest policy on gays

An Iraq war vet who the Pentagon wants to boot because he's gay, was arrested by the U.S. Park Police Thursday after chaining himself to the White House fence.

Fess Parker, who played Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone, dies from natural causes at 85

Fess Parker, whose heroic television portrayal of Davy Crockett sparked an enduring mythology and one of the first Baby Boomer marketing frenzies, died Thursday in California of natural causes. He was 85.

Husband busted for pimping wife via craigslist

A Minnesota man has been busted in Chicago for pimping out his wife via craigslist -- and allegedly threatened to hurt their 3-year-old daughter if she didn't obey.

No luck of the Irish for two St. Patrick's Day bank robbers

Â They apparently were banking on the luck of the Irish to grab their pot of gold on St. Patrick's Day, but the fairytale came to an abrupt and bloody end in a Tennessee field.

Alleged 'Jihad Jane' pleads not guilty in federal court

"Jihad Jane," the Pennsylvania woman accused of recruiting terrorist killers online, pleaded innocent Thursday.



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