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Health Fight Targets Waverers

For Obama's health-care overhaul to pass, Democratic leaders must win over lawmakers who voted against the overhaul before, and several pitfalls await.

Continental to Charge for Food

Continental said it will begin charging for in-flight meals in coach class on many North American flights this fall.

Boston Scientific Halts Sales of Device

Boston Scientific said it stopped shipment and is retrieving inventory of all its implantable cardioverter defibrillators, or ICDs.

PepsiCo Plans \$15 Billion Buyback

PepsiCo said it will buy back up to \$15 billion shares of its common stock through June 2013 and also plans to boost its annual dividend by 7%.

Bausch Taps Two New Leaders

The maker of eye-care products named two former Schering-Plough executives to succeed Gerald Ostrov, who is retiring as chairman and chief executive.

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Battle Looms Over Financial Bill

The battle over rewriting the rules of Wall Street resumes Monday as Sen. Christopher Dodd plans to introduce legislation that is tougher on financial companies than was expected a few weeks ago.

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Test on Prius Is Inconclusive

U.S. investigators said they can't yet explain what happened to the Toyota Prius that was involved in a dramatic incident on a California highway last week.

BYD Plans to Boost Car Output

Chinese battery and car maker BYD plans to boost capital spending by 59% in 2010 to expand its automobile production amid robust domestic demand.

Euro-Zone Employment Falls

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Guilty Plea in PIPE-Fraud Case

A former McGuireWoods lawyer pleaded guilty to criminal charges for improperly giving himself a "head start" in seven securities transactions.

Dollar Extends Gains Against Euro

A weaker U.S. stock market helped push the common currency below \$1.37. The dollar also benefited from Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's strong words on the yuan.

Oil Eases Below \$80

Worries about the health of the global economy led investors out of riskier assets, such as oil, and into the safety of the dollar.

Brazil Toll-Road Operator Lines Up IPO

Ecorodovias announced an initial public offering that could total \$1.15 billion, including an overallotment option, just ahead of the pricing of a share listing for shipbuilder OSX.

Gold Creeps Higher

Investors favored gold in light of a warning from Moody's about the growing risks to the four largest top-rated countries.

Ernst & Young 'Respects' Saudi Move

The accounting firm said that it fully respects the decision by the Saudi market regulator to revoke its securities business license and that the move doesn't affect its other operations in the kingdom.

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Treasurys Lower After Industrial Data

The prices of U.S. Treasurys edged lower after a flurry of mixed economic data and as market participants awaited the results from Tuesday's Federal Reserve interest-rate-setting meeting.

FSA Charges Ex-Banker, Wife With Insider Trading

The U.K.'s top financial regulator charged a former Dresdner Bank senior investment banker and his wife with 13 counts of insider dealing in U.K. stocks and one count of conspiracy to commit insider dealing.

Greece Plays Down Bailout Hopes

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Deals and Dealmakers

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Phillips to Buy Tommy Hilfiger

Retail apparel giant Phillips-Van Heusen agreed to acquire clothing company Tommy Hilfiger for about \$3 billion, a deal PVH said would immediately add to earnings.

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AIG Keeps \$21 Million in Bonuses

AIG plans to hold back \$21 million in bonus payments to former employees, a move that could set the stage for more battles over employment agreements.

Financial Engines Could Boost IPO Market

The provider of retirement advice is getting positive ratings from analysts and should benefit from the positive debut of Sensata Technologies. The Financial Engines IPO, which could raise \$106 million, is expected to price Monday night.

Hindustan Construction to Buy Swiss Real Estate Firm

Hindustan Construction said it agreed to acquire a 66% stake in Swiss real estate developer Karl Steiner for about \$33 million in cash to gain a foothold in Europe and the Middle-East.

World News

New Movement Eyes Myanmar Race

A number of dissidents opposed to Myanmar's harsh military regime plan to challenge the government in elections expected later this year, even as new rules force many of the country's best-known activists to sit on the sidelines.

Car Bomb Kills Four in Iraq

A suicide car bomber killed four people and wounded 29 others when his vehicle exploded in a busy street during the morning rush hour in western Iraq.

U.S. Presses Israel on Building Plans

The U.S. is pressing Israel to scrap a contentious east Jerusalem building project whose approval has touched off the most serious diplomatic feud with Washington in years, American and Israeli officials say.

Somali Government, Militia Sign Pact

Somalia's government signed an agreement with a powerful militia that offers high-level militants senior government positions in return for their military support.

House Members Rap China

A bipartisan group of 130 members of the U.S. House of Representatives urged the Obama administration to wage a multi-front fight against China's currency policy Monday, calling for outright tariffs on imports if other measures fail to convince the increasingly defiant Chinese government to budge on the issue.

EU Urges New Mideast Peace Talks

The EU made a new push to revive the stalled Mideast peace process, offering to raise aid to the Palestinians and beef up its security missions in Lebanon and the Palestinian areas to help Israel.

Germany Reopens Nuclear-Waste Debate

Germany is restarting exploration of its highly controversial potential nuclear storage site at Gorleben after a 10-year moratorium, a decision that immediately prompted protests.

Georgia Invasion Hoax Sparks Anger

Georgia's opposition politicians denounced the government over a hoax television broadcast that said Russia had invaded and the president had been killed.

India OKs Foreign University Proposal

India's cabinet approved a proposal to allow foreign universities to set up branches here, potentially opening a huge market to international educational institutions.

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Premier Wen Jiabao suggested that U.S. efforts to boost its exports amounted to "a kind of trade protectionism."

OPEC's Challenge: Production Targets

As OPEC prepares to meet for the first time in three months, a debate is brewing within the 12-nation oil cartel over what its post-recession production might look like.

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Blasts Rock Nigeria Amnesty Talks

Twin car bombs rocked a government building in Nigeria's restive and oil-rich Niger Delta, minutes after a militant group promised to attack amnesty talks being held there.

French Voters Register Discontent

French voters registered their unhappiness with the rising unemployment and growing public debt left by last year's recession in regional elections Sunday.

Chile's Winemakers Feel Quake Hangover

The earthquake that struck Chile last month caused the loss of nearly 13% of last year's production of Chilean wines, as well as extensive damage to the country's wine infrastructure.

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Violence in Mexico Touches U.S. Citizens

Drug-related violence erupted this weekend in several parts of Mexico, claiming both American and Mexican lives and undermining the efforts of both countries' governments to quell an escalating war among the region's powerful drug cartels.

Arab Cuisine Invades Camp Pendleton

Denise Hazime had some reservations about opening the first Arabic food stand on the largest Marine base on the West Coast. But it turned out to be an appetizing idea.

David Beckham Awaits Surgery

David Beckham checked into a Finnish hospital for surgery on his torn Achilles' tendon, hoping for a "swift and full recovery" from an injury that is expected to keep him out of the World Cup.

Asia's Tourists Warm Region's Growth

Resurgent tourism within Asia is helping to drive economic recoveries, and demonstrating the growing power of regional consumers.

A Nation of Conspiracies

Turkey is drowning in coup plots, growing extremism and persecutory theories. Why the West can't ignore Turkey's paranoia.

Pictures of the Week: March 8 - March 12

In Pictures of the Week, a soldier guards bed mattresses to be distributed in Chile, protests in Greece continue, the woman claiming to be the oldest person in the world and more.

Let the Sponsorships Begin

There's still 869 days to go before the flame is lit in London's Olympic stadium. But for sponsors, the race to make an impression is already under way.

Can a Goalie Be a Superstar?

Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller was the most valuable player at the Olympic tournament, but being a great goalie often means staying humble and keeping a low profile.

Olympics Draw Refugees

International sporting events have been magnets for refugee claims, and Canada has received nearly 34,000 requests for asylum in the past year -- a number expected to rise after the Olympics.

Whoa, Canada, That Was a Heckuva Game

Under the stressful pressure of a hockey-mad nation, Canada's Olympic team topped the U.S. in sudden-death overtime, 3-2, to win gold.

Crosby Sends Canada to Gold

Sidney Crosby's overtime goal sent Canada to a 3-2 win over Team USA and the gold medal in men's ice hockey. The Americans took home the silver.

What the Medal Count Means

For the second straight Olympics, WSJ's method of handicapping the medal count produced some strong results -- and a few that were less than glowing.

Clowns, Naked Ladies and Plenty of Beer

Wall Street Journal reporters scattered to sample the best—and most Canadian—of parties at the Vancouver Games and give them our ratings. The luckiest parties lured "The Great One."

U.S., Canada Set to Face Off for Gold

Another young, fast team outdid a veteran-laden opponent to reach the finals of the Olympic men's hockey tournament, as Team Canada defeated Slovakia 3-2 to set up a rematch with Team USA for gold Sunday.

Like Shooting Finns in a Barrel

The U.S. men's hockey team advanced to the Olympic finals Friday, blowing out Finland 6-1 in a shocking display of offensive firepower for a team known more for solid goaltending and tight defense.

Canada Wins Gold in Women's Hockey

Marie-Philip Poulin scored two goals, Shannon Szabados made 28 saves, and Canada rolled through the U.S. 2-0 to win the women's hockey gold medal for a third straight Olympics.

Kim Wins Figure Skating Gold

Kim Yu-Na has won gold in women's figure skating, the first Olympic medal in the sport for South Korea.

Kids Make Clean Sweep at Olympics

Vancouver chose 30 local children to be "flower sweepers." They dart onto the ice between performances, gracefully plucking up the debris, and then placing it into bags to hand over to the athletes.

Canadian Pair Win Ice-Dancing Gold

Canada renewed its romance with skates as Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won a gold medal for ice dancing by performing a love story of their own.

Bode Miller Is a Rare Olympic Bird

If Bode Miller can win the men's slalom event, he will rival French legend Jean-Claude Killy as one of the greatest and most versatile Olympic skiers of all time.

U.S. Wins Gold, Silver in Nordic Combined

Billy Demong and Johnny Spillane have given the Americans a 1-2 finish in the Nordic combined large hill competition that was marred by bad weather.

Olympic Skier Is a Hero to Diabetics

Can extreme amounts of exercise help manage diabetes? U.S. Olympic skier Kris Freeman was told to quit racing when he was diagnosed, but kept at it and turned the question on its head.

U.S. Ends 62-Year Bobsled Drought

The four-man team led by Steven Holcomb earned the Americans their first gold in the event since 1948 in St. Moritz.

Luge-Track Probe Reaches Impasse

Vancouver's Olympic organizing committee and the International Luge Federation appear to have reached a stalemate in determining where the responsibility lies for the construction of the track where a Georgian athlete died.

Luge Track Had Earlier Safety Fixes

Olympic organizers knew the Vancouver track would send racers downhill at speeds that would easily eclipse past records, and they had made adjustments out of safety concerns.

Speed, Commerce Skewed Track's Design

Years before the young Georgian luge racer flew to his death, officials made a series of decisions designed to make the icy track a commercial success that left it faster than any competitive track before.

2010 Games End With Wink, Smile

Vancouver ended its time hosting the 2010 Olympic games on a light-hearted note, with a closing ceremony that featured floating moose, dancing Mounties and gigantic cut-out hockey players wearing the gold medals Team Canada had won hours before.

Sochi Prepares for the Unexpected

Organizers of the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, had a team of 150 observers on the ground in Vancouver taking notes for the next games.

Ohno Wins Another Medal

It was lucky number eight for Apolo Anton Ohno, who broke his own record Winter Olympic medal haul with a bronze in the 5,000 meter short track relay. Earlier, he nearly came in second in the 500 meter, but was disqualified after a pileup.

The Olympics of Engineering

From heart monitors to translucent fabric, the Winter Games often come down to who has better gear.

Setting a Speed Trap

For all the stopwatches and TV cameras, raw speed isn't something that is consistently measured. So we brought our own radar gun.

The Schools That Rule the Games

Just as there are football factories and basketball schools“universities that excel at churning out linebackers or post players“ there are also Olympic schools.

China's Winter Game Ambitions Heat Up

As the Vancouver Winter Olympics draws to a close, China's sports machine is quietly putting on a clinic in how to climb the medals standings.

Mavericks With Medals

Some of the biggest names of these Games have been Team USA members in name only, choosing to train on their own terms. There's a lesson here for nurturing the next generation of athletes.

That's Your Sister?

Four of the ice-dancing pairs competing in Vancouver are siblings—and this year, there's a compulsory tango routine. How they get around the awkwardness.

Chasing the True Team Canada

On the streets of Vancouver, Canadian Olympians are scanning the crowd for hockey standouts, showing the sport's primacy in the hearts and minds of Canadians.

Medal Count May Come Down to Curling

Team USA looks to be running away with the medal count, which would be its first overall victory since 1932. But the race for most golds is a four-nation battle.

The Mystery of Norway

Norway's Olympic team has won a surprising 17 medals. The only problem is that nobody outside Norway seems to take them seriously.

Time to Restore the Perfect 6.0?

Six years ago, an uproar over vote-swapping between judges led to changes in figure skating scoring. The rules are different now, but the controversy continues to whirl.

Warm Weather Plagues Vancouver

After a cold front made people forget Vancouver's early-Games weather troubles, spring-like conditions are coming back. That could put the squeeze on the small army of meteorologists at work here.

Curling Shocker: U.S. Expected to Lose

How did an entire U.S. team end up taking a mulligan on the Olympics? Instead of assembling an all-star team, curling clubs compete in trials to determine who will make it to the Games.

It's Rivalry Week at the Games

The first week of the Olympics was all about the individual stars. Now it's all about the team sports.

Olympic Logo Strays From Tradition

Olympic logos and mascots usually get plenty of attention. But Canada's choice of emblem is among the most curious: It's a pile of rocks.

America's Surprise Olympic Romp

Canada's "own the podium" plan is falling short so far as the U.S. dominates, but 60% of medals remain to be awarded. "It might not last," warns a rival coach.

Even Bad Boys Turn Good in Vancouver

Bode Miller's new role as the friendly Olympic hero is in keeping with these cute and snuggly Games.

For Bobsledder, Life Is Downhill Slide

The price of Bill Schuffenhauer's dedication to chasing Olympic glory as a bobsledder was losing his family's house.

Johnny Weir's Ice Capades

The U.S. skater has his own reality show and fashion label; one costume is like "a Care Bear on acid."

The Old Men on the Mountains

As the nature of the downhill event in skiing changes, the Games' favorites are schussing seniors.

The Skier Who Can't Shoot Straight

Germany biathlete Magdalena Neuner, who won a silver medal in the 7.5-kilometer sprint Saturday and who will compete in the 10-kilometer pursuit Tuesday, is fast as heck on skis, but get out of the way when she picks up a gun.

Let's Win the Oddball Events, Too

The Vancouver Games will show whether a U.S. plan hatched more than 20 years ago, to compete in offbeat events like Nordic combined, has borne fruit.

Which Country Came in Last Most Often?

Italy's competitors came in dead last in six different events, more than any other country besides Canada, which at least walks off with 14 gold medals.

The Olympics of Television-Rights Fees

The Olympics generates nearly half its revenue from sales of broadcasting rights. But for the broadcasters paying these sums, it is a downhill race to recover their investment.

How Much Would the Olympic Hockey Teams Cost?

If NHL owners are nervous, it's with good reason: More than \$300 million worth of hockey players are still participating in the Olympic tournament, risking injury for the sake of national pride.

Mozart, Tchaikovsky and ... Linkin Park?

The music in the figure skating competition resembles the iPod of a deejay with an idiosyncratic taste for the classics, Linkin Park, "Hava Nagila," and, oddly, the score from the Tom Cruise legal caper "The Firm."

The Best Olympic Performances So Far

A round of applause, please, for Switzerland's Simon Ammann, who whipped the competition in both individual ski jump events, and, according to a WSJ analysis of results, gave the Olympics' second-most-dominant performance.

Canada Needs a Major Rally to Hit Medal Goal

As if losing an Olympic hockey game at home to their rivals to the South wasn't bad enough, here's some more bad news for Canadians: Their country is on pace for its worst medal haul since 1992.

Costas and Commercials Outweigh Action

An analysis of NBC's 3 ½-hour program Friday night showed that there were 56 minutes, 41 seconds of commercials over 24 breaks—that's three more minutes than actual event action that was showed.

Day 17 of the Vancouver Olympics

On Sunday, Feb. 28, the last day of the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Canada beat the U.S. 3-2 in the gold-medal hockey final.

Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony

Has it been 17 days already? Once again, we're settled into Vancouver's BC Place for a two-hour pageant of songs, speeches and Canadian cultural icons. Brace yourself for appearances by Mounties, beavers and William Shatner. (Still no sign of Celine Dion.)

Ferry Wins Men's Biathlon Pursuit

There was no shortage of surprises on the biathlon course this afternoon, with surprise winners and even some mismanagement on the part of race supervisors.

World Markets

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Google Set to Close China Site

The step would remove one of the last major foreign players from the world's largest Internet market.

National People's Congress Sees Lively Debate

Over the past two weeks, a rare spotlight has fallen on Chinese leaders attending the annual session of the legislature. It hasn't always been flattering.

Japan Frustrated by Firm Yen

The currency has stayed stubbornly strong this year, confounding expectations and hurting attempts to revive the world's second-largest economy.

Japan Raises Economic View

Japan's government raised its assessment of the economy for the first time in eight months in March, but emphasized that the risk of prolonged deflation still lingers.

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India Inflation Surges

Inflation in India accelerated to a whisker away from a double-digit rate in February on rising food prices, increasing the likelihood that the central bank will hike interest rates at its next monetary policy meeting in April.

Two Arrested for Alleged Mumbai Plot

Indian police arrested two men that they suspect were planning terrorist attacks in India's financial capital.

Earthquake Rocks Central Japan

A strong magnitude 6.6 earthquake hit off the eastern coast of central Japan, rattling buildings across a broad swath of the country, including the crowded Tokyo capital.

Lawyers Vie for Lead in Toyota Suits

Lawyers across the U.S. are jockeying for key roles in the litigation against Toyota, hoping to emerge as leaders from the scrum of those who have filed hundreds of lawsuits.

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China Sets H-P Inquiry

China's product-quality agency said it is looking into complaints from Chinese consumers about Hewlett-Packard's handling of flaws in some of its personal computers.

Protesters Flood Bangkok

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said Monday that he won't dissolve parliament and call new elections as demanded by protesters loyal to fugitive ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

Japan Kept Secret Deposit With Fed

The Japanese government secretly gave the U.S. government \$103 million four decades ago as part of an agreement to end the U.S. occupation of the island of Okinawa.

Li Probes Beijing Land Block

Richard Li's group sent envoys to Beijing to probe why municipal authorities there are planning to bar the companies from making future land purchases in the city.

Lenovo Hunts for Acquisitions

Chinese computer maker Lenovo is looking for acquisition opportunities in China's mobile Internet sector, the global consumer computer market and developing regions.

Sports Venture Eyes India

Sports-marketing giant IMG Worldwide and Indian conglomerate Reliance Industries have set up a joint venture to build a professional sports business in India.

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Liberty Sells London Store

Liberty sealed a \$63 million sale and leaseback deal on its flagship London department store to clear its debt, paving the way for a takeover of the luxury brand's retail business.

French Connection Pares Down

Fashion retail chain French Connection completed a scaling back of its business by selling the Nicole Farhi brand and offloading the bulk of its unprofitable U.S. stores.

Deutsche Telekom Sets Female Quota

Deutsche Telekom said it will introduce a quota for female managers, with a target to fill 30% of upper and middle management jobs with women by the end of 2015.

Brown Calls for New Consumer Rules

Gordon Brown is set to push new legislation and plans designed to reform Britain's upper house and to protect consumers, ahead of calling an election in which he will likely portray his government as a champion of consumers and reform.

Fry Pushes Europe on Defense Capability

The former deputy commander of the multinational forces in Iraq has warned that Europe needs a more unified defense capability if it is to continue to contest a role on the world stage.

Pressure Rises at Roche

Roche's recent drug-trial failures are raising pressure on the Swiss company as it seeks to become a powerhouse after its takeover of biotech firm Genentech.

No Need for Greek Bailout Now, Lagarde Says

Greece's efforts to clean up its finances have negated the need for bailout from the European Union, the French finance minister said.

British Airways Crew to Strike

The union representing British Airways cabin crew announced that strikes will take place later this month after the U.K. airline and union leaders failed to reach a last-minute deal on changes to working practices.

Data Theft Hits HSBC Clients

HSBC said a former employee stole data on about 24,000 accounts in its Swiss private bank that wound up in the hands of French authorities.

Germany Gropes to Define Its Future

Greece can see its future. It is Angela Merkel's country that hasn't solved its problems and is groping to define its future, writes Irwin Stelzer.

David Beckham Awaits Surgery

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Turnbull Produces in Pinch

Rarely used third-stringer helps Chelsea with its top two goalkeepers hurt.

Weekend Asia

Taiwan Charity's Global Reach

Based on the tenets of self-sacrifice and humility, Tzu Chi is quick to reach disaster zones and has an international donor base.

What's Next: Yachts

The shape of things to come in the world of luxury yachts, according to cutting-edge New Zealand-based yacht builder Tony Hambrook.

Fashion's New Muse: the CEO

Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and other designers are embracing the pantsuit and "matchy-matchy" style.

Paris Finds Its Comfort Zone

From slouchy sweatshirts at Dries Van Noten to throw-on-and-go looks from Nina Ricci, fashion week's fall shows present a new casualness.

Craig Venter's Hangout

Entrepreneur-biologist J. Craig Venter has renovated a 5,000 square-foot home in La Jolla with plenty of room for his "toys and joys."

Taiwan's Greatest Ascent

Having wowed the locals, Yushan, the highest peak in northeast Asia, is now aiming for global recognition.

Over the Rainbow

Filmmakers Alex Law and Mabel Cheung on the future of Hong Kong cinema and winning at the Berlin International Film Festival.

Escape to Bali's Coffee Country

Bali's coffee-growing region comes with mountain views, temples and terraces.

City Walk: Hong Kong

Hong Kong's rich cultural history and heritage are explored on this walk that includes tram rides, billion-dollar buildings and charming wet markets. | Interactive | Video

Shanghai's Nightlife Echoes Former Reputation

While Shanghai doesn't offer visitors a sight like the Forbidden City, a night out in the narrow back streets of the newly spiffed French Concession highlights some of the long-hidden charms of a decadent city.

An Old City's New Approach

Its 600th birthday nearing, Ahmedabad revitalizes and markets its charms.

After Hours: Pyongyang

Electricity-starved Pyongyang turns pitch black at nightfall, yet the city still manages to serve its trickle of visitors its own version of nightlife.

Taking a Chance on Vegas's New Spots

Raymond Sokolov's visit to the City Center complex finds fine dining at Shawn McClain's Sage and Pierre Gagnaire's Twist, with lesser lights at Masayoshi Takayama's ultra-expensive Shaboo.

Luxembourg's Cuisine Ambassador

Michelin-starred chef LÃ©a Linster discusses regional specialties, the beloved potato and what's ahead.

Driving With Dustin Johnson

Already a three-time PGA Tour winner at 25, he talks with John Paul Newport about power hitting and battling his "dipping knee."

Weekend Europe

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Florence's Catalyst for Change

Florence is synonymous with art, but two exhibitions that have just opened confound most expectations. That, it turns out, is exactly what Palazzo Strozzi regards as its *raison d'Être*.

Thinking of Chile

As many of us sit down to enjoy a glass of wine, spare a thought for the wineries in Chile, which are attending to the morale and material needs of their employees.

Richard Hamilton, 88 and Going Strong

"Modern Moral Matters" at the Serpentine Gallery marks the first major London show since 1992 for the Pop Art legend.

Selling Sex at Auction

Phillips de Pury plans to explore the interplay of contemporary art and sexuality with works that challenge our concepts of gender, sexual imagery and desirability.

Time Off in Europe

"Giampaolo Babetto | L'Italianità dei Gioielli" displays work by the Italian jewelry artist Babetto in Munich.

'Don Pasquale' Arias Titillate

There is no opera company in Germany that balances theatricality and musicality with the consistency of the Komische Oper, and a new production of "Don Pasquale" shows just how rewarding this approach can be.

Through a Glass Darkly

A new book by English author Jenny Woolf claims that the unearthing of never-before-published bank statements absolves Lewis Carroll of many of the wild allegations made against him over the years.



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