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### TOP NEWS

#### **Strauss-Kahn Case Seen as in Jeopardy**

By JIM DWYER, WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM and JOHN ELIGON

The case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn is on the verge of collapse as investigators have uncovered major holes in the credibility of the housekeeper who charged that he attacked her in a Manhattan hotel in May.

• [Times Topics: Dominique Strauss-Kahn](#)

• [Differing Takes on Accuser's Credibility](#)

#### **Another Area Girds for Revolt as Sudan Approaches a Split**

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

Despite an agreement signed only days ago to bring peace to central Sudan, the country seems to be sliding inexorably toward war.

#### **U.S. Will Widen 2 C.I.A. Inquiries Into Jail Deaths**

By ERIC LICHTBLAU and ERIC SCHMITT

The Justice Department announced Thursday that it is opening a full criminal investigation into the deaths of two detainees who died in American custody.

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### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

*"Just lie flat, or you could get killed."*

**NAGWA MUSA KONDA**, director of an aid organization in Sudan, on surviving bombing raids on opposition forces.

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#### **Mortgage Rates Hit 2.50%**

Homeowners Are Using This Ridiculously Easy Trick To Pay Off Their Homes In Half The Time! (3.1 APR)

[www.SeeRefinanceRates.com](http://www.SeeRefinanceRates.com)

#### **The New "Skinny" Fruit**

How This Strange 62-Cent African Fruit Is Making Americans Skinny.

[www.HLifestyles.com](http://www.HLifestyles.com)

#### **Mom Makes Botox Doctors Furious**

Mom Reveals Clever Wrinkle Therapy That Makes Botox Doctors Furious!

[www.consumerproducts.com](http://www.consumerproducts.com)

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### VIDEO: Without Words

Jack Agüeros, a New York poet with Alzheimer's disease, has lost the ability to read and write, but still has moments of lucidity.



«City Room: Slowly, Alzheimer's Erases a Poet's Gifts and Memories

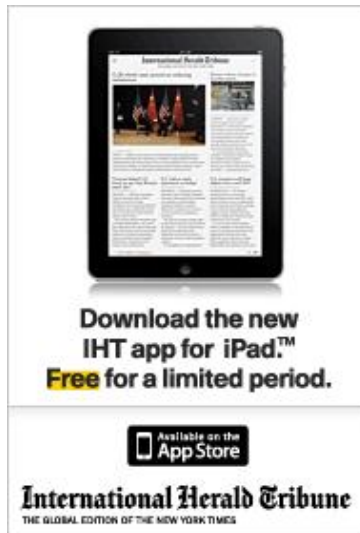
## OPINION

### ROOM FOR DEBATE

#### Why Did Wild Nail Polish Go Mainstream?



The neon green and copper metallic you see at the office is not going away. What happened to women's ideas about beauty?



## WORLD

### Coalition of Factions From the Streets Fuels a New Opposition in Syria

By ANTHONY SHADID

Local Coordination Committees have become the wild cards in what is shaping up as a potentially decisive stage in Syria's protest movement.

### Western Funds Are Said to Have Managed Libyan Money Poorly

By DAVID ROHDE

Prominent investment funds managed hundreds of millions of dollars in Qaddafi regime assets, charging tens of millions of dollars in fees and producing low returns, according to a document.

### Britain Sends Supplies to Libyan Rebels

By DAVID JOLLY

The British military has provided body armor, police uniforms, and high visibility vests and T-shirts, Foreign Minister William Hague said in a written statement to Parliament.

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## U.S.

### Plan Issued to Save Northern Spotted Owl

By WILLIAM YARDLEY

Twenty years after the northern spotted owl was listed as a threatened species, the federal government offered a plan to prevent the bird from going extinct.

### Mob Figure May Unearth Corruption of Lawmen

By MICHAEL COOPER and RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr.

Now that James (Whitey) Bulger is back in custody, the question is whether the longtime informant will squeal again.

«Bulger Racketeering Case Dropped for Murder Case

### A Safety Valve for Inmates, the Arts, Fades in California

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Inmates act out their anger and fear on stage in the only two prison arts programs left in California, where most such programs have disappeared in budget cuts.

«Slide Show: Commedia Dell'Arte as Prison Therapy

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## BUSINESS

### Boeing Labor Dispute Is Making New Factory a Political Football

By STEVEN GREENHOUSE

The challenge to a new Boeing plant in North Charleston by a union in Seattle has turned into a political firefight between the foes and partisans of organized labor.

### Two Rulings Find Cuts in Public Pensions Permissible

By MARY WILLIAMS WALSH

The dismissal of suits by retired public workers in Colorado and Minnesota may embolden other states and cities to use pension reductions as a tool to help balance their budgets.

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THE BIG PICTURE

### Local Laws Fighting Fat Under Siege

By STEPHANIE STROM

At the behest of restaurateurs, state legislatures are passing laws that override local antiobesity ordinances.

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## SPORTS

### Some Players Waiting for Tennis Shot Clock

By CHRISTOPHER CLAREY

Some of today's stars intentionally engage in slow play, a strategy that could come to an end with the installation of a mandate to get the ball back in play by a set time.

■Nicklaus, a Doubles Player, Cheers On the Bryans

■Former Champion and New Face in the Final

TOUR DE FRANCE

### Contador Chases a Title He Might Lose in Court

By JULIET MACUR

A hearing scheduled for Aug. 1-3 will determine whether Alberto Contador should be barred from competing, and if he will have to give up his 2010 Tour title.

■Riders to Watch: The Line Forms Behind Contador

■Stages to Watch: Late Climbs, and Late Drama

### Stalemate in Final Talks Forces N.B.A. To Shut Down

By HOWARD BECK

Commissioner David Stern imposed a lockout at midnight Thursday after negotiators for the owners and the players union could not reach a new labor agreement.

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## ARTS

### The Sounds of Silence

By DAN BARRY

New York City is chockablock with shelters of solitude, some hidden and some in plain sight, that invite pause, reflection, even wonder; somehow the noise heightens the silence.

### A Restorative Racket

By CHARLES McGRATH

New York noise, from the dawn chorus of the garbage trucks to the basso continuo of the traffic, can be restorative.

### A Rogue Film Festival Earns Respect (Sort Of)

By MIKE HALE

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the New York Asian Film Festival offers a solid blend of high-quality movies along with the hyperbolic and fantastic.

■ ArtsBeat Video: New York Asian Film Festival

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## MOVIES

MOVIE REVIEW | 'LARRY CROWNE'

### **Stymied in Middle Age, Reaching for a New Life**

By STEPHEN HOLDEN

In "Larry Crowne" Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts are grown-ups who more or less act their age as they overcome monetary and emotional setbacks.

MOVIE REVIEW | 'TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON'

### **One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Autobots**

By A. O. SCOTT

"Transformers: Dark of the Moon" is among Michael Bay's best movies and by far the best 3-D sequel ever made about gigantic toys from outer space.

Graphic: Welcome to Chicago, Just Don't Kill Us

ARTS & LEISURE

### **The Team Player Who Blends Into the Comedy**

By JONAH WEINER

A former sitcom star and Teen Wolf, Jason Bateman has become a consummate ensemble player.

Trailer: 'Horrible Bosses' | Filmography: Jason Bateman

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## EDITORIALS

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### **Ethics, Politics and the Law**

The Supreme Court must address doubts about its legitimacy as guardian of the rule of law.

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### **The Libya Campaign**

We are all impatient to see an end to the fighting in Libya, but this is no time for NATO to back down.

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### **Lies and Truth About Upper Big Branch**

Big Coal must learn its lesson. A yearlong federal inquiry found a chain of safety neglect. Congress should pass urgently needed legislation to prevent further disasters.

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### **Speaker Quinn on Marriage**

When the speaker of the New York City Council, one of the nation's most prominent openly gay officials, talks about marriage equality in New York State, it's personal.

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## OP-ED

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### **The Price of Liberty: Weeds**

By RICHARD MABEY

When America won independence, the British left behind a covert occupation force in the shape of its streetwise, opportunistic weeds.

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### **To the Limit**

By PAUL KRUGMAN

It isn't at all unthinkable that the battle to raise the federal debt ceiling could end in failure.

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### **Smells Like School Spirit**

By DAVID BROOKS

Between Diane Ravitch and the education reformers lies a middle way, one which keeps the tests, but

places them in the service of a clear mission.

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## **Practicing Medicine Can Be Grimm Work**

By VALERIE GRIBBEN

Fairy tales helped me understand the suffering of my patients.

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### **ON THIS DAY**

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