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Top Story

Experts Analyze Murdoch Scandal



Leonard Steinhorn and **Gemma Puglisi**, professors of communication, discussed the News Corp. scandal. Steinhorn told the [Christian Science Monitor](#), “Damage control without transparency will ultimately hurt all News Corp. products.” Puglisi told [Politico](#), “The apologies issued Friday [are] only the beginning of what Murdoch needs to do to restore his company’s reputation—and his own.”

Op-Eds/Editorials

Like Water for Gold in El Salvador



Robin Broad, professor of international development, wrote an article for [TheNation.com](#) about an El Salvador community’s effort to ban gold mining to stem environmental degradation. “Residents of this area are fighting U.S. and Canadian mining companies eager to extract the rich veins of gold buried near the Lempa River, the water source for more than half of El Salvador’s 6.2 million people,” wrote Broad.

Quotes

NY Subway Plotter May Testify in Father's Trial



Stephen Vladeck, professor of law, talked to [Reuters](#) about the trial of a man accused of obstructing a federal investigation into his son’s plot to bomb the New York City subway around the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. “The prosecution always has a remedy—if push comes to shove, they can decide to declassify [it] if a piece of evidence is just too important to the case,” said Vladeck. More than 40 outlets including, [MSNBC.com](#), [CNBC.com](#), and [NPR.org](#), republished the article. (7/15)

Pentagon Braces for Much Deeper Military Spending Cuts as Part of Debt Deal



Gordon Adams, professor of U.S. foreign policy, told the [Washington Post](#) that although a debt deal could severely cut the U.S. military spending budget, the Pentagon will not unduly suffer. “Even cuts of \$1 trillion over 10 years could be absorbed relatively easily,” said Adams. He also discussed military spending on [NPR’s All Things Considered](#). (7/20)

Congressional Support Impacts How NASA Spends



On [NPR’s All Things Considered](#), **Howard McCurdy**, professor of public administration, discussed how congressional support and contracting affects NASA’s budget. “A lot of political force behind congressional support for the space program derives from the employment opportunities that it provides,” said McCurdy. The Spanish edition of the [Houston Chronicle](#), [La Voz de Houston](#), quoted McCurdy about the end of NASA’s space shuttle program. The article syndicated to [FoxNewsLatino.com](#), [El Paso Times.com](#), and [VidaEnElValle.com](#). (7/20)

Bachmann’s Political Headache



Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute, commented in [The Daily Beast](#) about potential gender bias in reports suggesting Michele Bachmann’s migraines are a serious health concern that prospective voters should consider in 2012. “Whether the average person on the street would consider this a women’s issue or not, it just became one,” said Lawless. (7/19)

10 Things State Fairs Won't Tell You



Leonard Steinhorn, professor of public communication, analyzed for SmartMoney.com why politicians are always drawn to state fairs during the electoral season. "People don't necessarily vote based on policies, a lot of it has to do with likability," said Steinhorn. (7/18)

On The Line



On San Francisco's KNTV-NBC's *Comunidad Del Valle*, **Carolyn Brown**, assistant professor of communication, discussed her documentary, *On The Line*, about illegal Mexican immigrants. "For me, it was all about people understanding who these people are and it's about making them human," said Brown. (7/17)

A Stiff Test for Obama



On NewsChannel8's *NewsTalk with Bruce Depuyt*, **Allan Lichtman**, professor of history, explained the challenges for President Obama if his proposal to raise the debt ceiling fails. "What is historically significant about this, is very rarely do you see a president go this far out on such a matter," said Lichtman. (7/20)

Remembering Betty Ford



Anita McBride, executive-in-residence in the School of Public Affairs, spoke to AnnArbor.com about the late First Lady Betty Ford. "I was very sad that she had left us, but happy for the legacy she leaves behind. She touched so many by being so brave and courageous and elevating where we could discuss issues that had generally been only whispered about," said McBride. (7/16)

Disabled Cambodian Student Participants in SIS's New Online Master's Program



Radio Free Asia talked to **Huy Khy**, a Cambodian student enrolled in the School of International Service's International Disability and Public Policy master's program which began its two week residency in Bangkok on July 18. "In the future, I wish to become a human rights activist so that I can help protect human rights, especially human rights of people with disabilities," said Khy. (7/20)