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Washington Examiner: "Barney Frank: Let's spend TARP profits before taxpayers can get them...When President Obama announced on June 9 that some financial institutions would be allowed to repay Troubled Asset Relief Program dollars, he said the massively expensive TARP bailout had made money for the federal government "

Wall Street Journal: "Treasury to Name 9 'Toxic' Managers...The Treasury Department is expected to name as many as nine investment managers to operate funds that will buy toxic securities from financial institutions, according to people familiar with the plans."

Wall Street Journal: "SEC Plan Aims to Better Foretell Risks...Public Companies Would Need to Reveal Pay Incentives With Material Impact. The Securities and Exchange Commission proposed new rules Wednesday designed to more closely regulate executive pay."

Wall Street Journal: "The Raise and Fall of Wall Street Bankers...Congress wants to lower Wall Street bonuses, blaming them for encouraging the excessive risk-taking that helped cause the financial crisis. But the haphazard way that pay practices are being altered may yet yield the worst of all worlds, higher fixed costs and less accountability, without removing the threat of talent walking out the door."

Financial Times: "US banks face scrutiny by states...US banks, which face an alphabet soup of regulatory overseers, will get yet another layer of oversight in the wake of a Supreme Court decision this week allowing state officials to pursue cases against federally chartered institutions."

New York Times: "Editorial...A Win for Bank Customers...In the Bush years, federal regulators not only failed to protect borrowers, they aggressively prevented the states from doing it. New York's attorney general sued, challenging the regulators' interference. This week, the Supreme Court ruled that federal regulators cannot prevent the states from enforcing consumer protection and fair lending laws against national banks."

Washington Post: "Credit Card Issuers Raising Rates Ahead of New Law...Credit card companies are raising interest rates and fees seven months before new rules go into effect that will limit their ability to do so, much to the irritation of Congress and consumer advocates."

Wall Street Journal: "Mortgage-Rescue Plan to Cover More Borrowers...The Obama administration is expanding the number of borrowers who can refinance home loans under its housing-rescue program, an acknowledgment that more needs to be done to help people who are upside down on their mortgages."

New York Times: "F.D.I.C. to Issue Rules for Private Equity Deals...The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation plans to issue new rules that could make it slightly easier for private equity firms to buy failed banks, according to people familiar with the agency's deliberations."

Financial Times: 'Pay whistleblowers for fraud case information', urges SEC official...Regulators should pay whistleblowers for information about frauds, according to an official investigating the US Securities and Exchange Commission's failure to uncover Bernard Madoff's \$65bn scam.

Financial Times: CDS clearing plans not 'bulletproof'...Dealers and investors in the \$26,500bn credit default swaps

market have told the Federal Reserve that proposals to give investors access to centralised clearing are not "bulletproof" and legal and regulatory changes are needed to achieve significant reductions in risk.