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### Obama Orders EPA to Take the Lead in Bay Cleanup

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President Obama took a dramatic step to restore federal authority to oversee cleanup efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay yesterday, ordering the Environmental Protection Agency to take the lead from a coalition of state agencies, which admitted last week that the 20-year cleanup effort had failed. The administration is expected to announce a sweeping cleanup plan that will require states to take a more active role in the cleanup, which Obama said would be a "game-changer" for the bay.

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### Alarm Sounded On Social Security

Report Also Warns Of Medicare Collapse

By Alan Croucher  
Washington Post Staff Writer

The financial health of the Social Security system has declined more sharply in the past year than in any time since the recession, according to a government report that raises an ominous warning that the system is in a precarious state. The report says that Social Security's trust funds are on track to be exhausted by 2017, and that Medicare's trust funds are on track to be exhausted by 2026.

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### The Rarest Role in Musicals? The Female Director

By Peter Siskin  
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What is the rarest role in the musical theater? It's not the role of the villain, or the role of the hero, or the role of the love interest. It's the role of the female director.

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### Manhunter To Take On a Wider Mission

Gen. McChrystal Faces Rift of Issues in Afghanistan

By Scott Stovall  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the former Special Operations chief who is President Obama's new choice to lead the war in Afghanistan, may face a wider mission because of his single-minded focus on a narrow but critical mission: hunting Osama bin Laden.

Gen. McChrystal's mission in Afghanistan is to hunt for Osama bin Laden. He is a former Special Operations commander and has led several successful operations. He is a former Special Operations commander and has led several successful operations.

### In the Sky and at the Gates, Obama Protesters Swarm Notre Dame

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