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Ernst & Whinney Finalizes \$1 Billion F-35 Jet Engine Deal

(Reuters.com) - Pratt & Whitney, a unit of United Technologies Corp, on Tuesday said it finalized a \$1 billion deal with the Pentagon for a fifth batch of engines for the single-engine Lockheed Martin Corp F-35 fighter jet.

Words Can't End A War

(Washington Post) - In a nearly 7,000-word speech that has been praised as oratory for grown-ups (dissecters presumably are childish), President Obama intoned that the time has come to end the war on terror. Hear, hear. But does saying it's so make it so?

Obama, The Agonizer

(Washington Post) - In the speech, Obama came off as sober and measured. Those qualities are necessary but not sufficient for a successful presidency. That requires a chief executive skilled not only in spotting issues but also in crafting solutions and driving them to a successful conclusion - yes, even in the face of an uncooperative, even irrational opposition.

The Long Haul In Syria

(Los Angeles Times) - The debate here isn't over whether the United States should intervene in Syria; it's how much, and how. After all, the United States has already imposed sanctions, given nonlethal aid to the rebels (including intelligence), and made efforts to wrangle moderate opposition groups into a functioning coalition.

Shuntes Diplomacy, Kerry Style

(New York Times) - Secretary of State John Kerry has seemed personally in motion in the Middle East since he assumed office, shuffling from one meeting to another with top Israeli and Palestinian officials over the last four months in an effort to revive peace negotiations. He has divulged few details, and his overall strategy is unclear. But it would be foolish to write off his painstaking diplomacy, as some have. So far, he seems to be moving in a determined and encouraging fashion on a series of interlocking steps.

How Prevalent Is Sexual Assault In The Armed Forces? - (Letter)

(Wall Street Journal) - Regarding Capt. Lindsey Rodman's "The Pentagon's Bad Math on Sexual Assault" (op-ed, May 20): We agree that "unwanted sexual contact" is an imprecise way of characterizing "sexual assault" and is perhaps most equivalent to "sexual harassment" in the civilian world. Future surveys of military men and women should distinguish more accurately between the two. However, Capt. Rodman's own math leaves room for improvement and her emphasis on the recent progress that the military has made in confronting the problem of sexual assault is dwarfed by how much more needs to be done.

Society's Attitudes Toward The Military - (Letter)

(New York Times) - Karl W. Eikenberry and David M. Kennedy have again reminded us, as the fortunate citizens of a self-governing society, where concentrations of power are viewed with suspicion, of the antidemocratic and ultimately dangerous division that occurs when the vast majority of the people do not comprehend the military. An increasingly isolated military can easily become alienated from its civilian masters.

Sequester Is Fed Speak For Now Hiring: Government Posts 27,000 High-Paying Job Openings

(WashingtonTimes.com) - The Washington Times article titled "In Time Of Sequester, Uncle Sam Is Trying To Hire 27,000" - included in yesterday's Early Bird - has been updated with several changes in the following WashingtonTimes.com version.

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