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## Perspectives

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Dec. 12, 2005 issue - *"He did the worst thing an elected official can do."* U.S. Attorney **Carol C. Lam**, on California Rep. Randy (Duke) Cunningham's resigning and pleading guilty to taking at least \$2.4 million in bribes

*"Many advocating an artificial timetable for withdrawing our troops are sincere, but I believe they're sincerely wrong. Pulling our troops out before they've achieved their purpose is not a plan for victory."* President **George W. Bush**, laying out his "Plan for Victory" for the war in Iraq

*"What can be made of this opportunity to advance the goals of bringing about the eventual overruling of Roe v. Wade and, in the meantime, of mitigating its effects?"* Supreme Court nominee **Samuel Alito**, in a 1985 memo released last week

*"You show the world you're not living by the principles you profess to believe in, and you lose all credibility."* International Center for Journalists vice president **Patrick Butler**, on reports that the U.S. military secretly paid Iraqi newspapers to carry positive stories written by U.S. troops. The Pentagon defended the practice and said it would investigate.

*"This is my face."* An early reaction from the unnamed French woman who underwent the world's first face transplant, according to her doctors. They said last week that she was coping psychologically after the controversial procedure.

*"Had Rabia been apprehended alive, he may even have led the authorities to bin Laden or Ayman al-Zawahiri."* Security analyst **Rohan Gunaratna**, on the death of Abu Hamza Rabia, Al Qaeda's operations chief, in an explosion in Pakistan

*"For the Xbox, it would have been terrible to have that thing in stock. It would have been a marketing disaster. Shortages create a whole mystique of desirability."* Berkeley adjunct business professor **Peter Sealey**, on scarce supplies of the Xbox 360 gaming console, which sold out within hours of hitting stores  
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*"I think what we want to do is move beyond any kind of divisive labeling and really focus on the experience of this memorial... We're enthusiastic in the developments. We think the entry is stronger now."* Architect **Paul Murdoch**, on redesigning the Flight 93 National Memorial to remove a crescent shape. Critics said it honored the religion of the September 11 hijackers.

Reader Don MacGorman of Norman, Okla., submitted this quote:

*"You learn that being half-ready is a significant advantage in this world, and being half-ready may be as good as it gets."* **Po Bronson**, author of "Why Do I Love These People?," a new book about family, on how people contemplating marriage or having children may be more ready than they think

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