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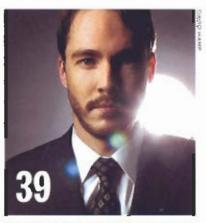
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Business obstacles abound, but Afghardstan's economy is starting to take off



Diplomacy and the withdrawal of U.S. troops in stages offer the best hope for stabilizing Iraq, according to a special commission formed to rethink America's Middle East strategy. But to carry out the plan, President Bush will be forced to repudiate the foreign-policy goals that have defined his Administration







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