

Monday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- The editors on [the meat industry, antibiotics and the FDA](#): "Many Americans believe that unfettered business benefits us all. But what about when an industry's profit motive pushes it to endanger public health?"
- Carol Howard Merritt [interviews Meredith Gould](#): "Within days of her wedding, Meredith Gould started writing *Getting #Married* to explain the *why* as well as the *how* of using social media to celebrate the sacred."
- Cynthia Weems [blogs the lectionary](#): "It's hard to believe that any preacher would choose to preach on this week's epistle reading. There are words here rarely spoken in our sanctuaries, and using this text might get a preacher sent to denominational reform school."
- Amy Frykholm points out that [Tim Tebow wasn't the only devout Christian on the field yesterday](#): "A friend sent me an e-mail before yesterday's Steelers-Broncos playoff game. He titled it, 'The Steelers vs. God. Want to have brunch?'"
- Steve Thorngate [quibbles with Charles McGrath's Stephen Colbert profile](#): "McGrath's framework is that there used to be two Colberts, the man

himself and the blowhard-pundit character. Now there's a third: a real live political actor. I think that's all about right. But I don't know why McGrath writes off Colbert's 2010 congressional testimony as part of the old paradigm."

- John Petrakis [reviews *The Descendants*](#): "Alexander Payne's film fancies itself a tragicomic story of spiritual redemption. But despite the many characters and subplots employed to help build the tale, it is a house of cards." (subscription required)

In the news:

- [Would Mormons try to influence a Romney White House?](#)
- [Catching up with Jimmy Carter](#)
- [Rob Bell says goodbye to Michigan megachurch](#)