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The Hill newspaper reports that "media speculation" has it that former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.Na., might be the next "it flavor" of the 2012 presidential race. But at best that flavor is vanilla. And given Mr. Santorum's history of economic policy lapses, the real flavor is the bitter of vanilla extract. ... The same Wall Street that President Obama loves to vilify is the same Wall Street from which he's recruited his new senior campaign adviser, reports The Daily Caller. Broderick Johnson lobbied for JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Fannie Mae, Comcast and Microsoft. Well isn't that special. ... The New York Post reports that the volunteer kitchen staff that's been providing all those fancy meals for the Occupy Wall Street crowd in the Big Apple is "angry about working 18-hour days to provide food for 'professional homeless' people and ex-cons masquerading as protesters." Heck, that one doesn't even require a snarky coda from us. ... And finally, R.I.P. to William Niskanen, the longtime chairman of the Cato Institute and economist extraordinaire. His brand of intellectual honesty will be sorely missed.