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Jim Harper, **Cato Institute:** "The Supreme Court has delivered a big win for privacy in U.S. v. Jones. That's the case in which government agents placed a GPS device on a car and used it to track a person round-the-clock for four weeks. The question before the court was whether the government may do this in the absence of a valid warrant. All nine justices say no. That's big, important news. The Supreme Court will not allow developments in technology to outstrip constitutional protections."

John Baldoni, CBS MoneyWatch: "Rep. Gabrielle Giffords announced via video that she is leaving the House. The lesson for leaders: Sometimes you need to leave your position so you and the organization can do better. Giffords said she cannot devote the intense hours necessary to represent her district. She is stepping aside voluntarily so that someone one else can serve. Such an acknowledgement deserves recognition: In an age when people cling to power, Giffords shows that elected office is less about her and more about her constituents. A leader who demonstrates her vulnerabilities is a leader secure in her own self."