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AMERICAN LIFE

- **Music from another world**
The [Bohlen-Pierce 13-step three-octave scale](#) is gaining popularity as more instruments, compositions and theories are springing up around it. (*Boston Globe*)
- **This is your town on PhotoShop**
A digital designer shows how [blighted urban landscapes](#) would look transformed into appealing neighborhoods. (*Grist*)
- **King leads a march**
Martin Luther King Jr.'s decision to lead the march in Birmingham on April 12, 1963 was a [turning point for civil rights](#). (*American Heritage*)
- **You are what you focus on**
[Attention influences](#) our state of mind – and is more manageable than fate. (*Utne Reader*)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- **Who helped whom?**
The United States [might never have existed](#) if it weren't for this mighty nation—Haiti? (*The Boston Globe*)
- **What about Egypt?**
President Obama's historic address on Middle East policy took place in Cairo, but traditional areas of conflict have [overshadowed the country's prominence](#). (*Democracy*)
- **Paradox, power, and political pantomime**
Terrorism is only a piece of what [Pakistan must wrestle with](#) to survive. (*Wilson Quarterly*)
- **El Síndrome de Carter**
Todavía es posible que Barack Obama revolucione la [política exterior](#) de Estados Unidos. Pero si no consigue conciliar lo que tiene de Thomas Jefferson con lo que posee de Woodrow Wilson, el 44º presidente podría acabar como el 39º. (*Foreign Policy en español*)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

- **What's more important: dinner or a parking lot?**
Arable land is [quickly disappearing under cities and highways](#), adding to the challenges of feeding growing human numbers. (*Culture Change*)
- **Ocean acidification: climate change's evil twin**
Oceans have absorbed 1/3 of our carbon emissions, [becoming more acidic](#) - with dire consequences for the marine food chain. (*Resource Insights*)
- **The unsung hero of the energy revolution**
Software is [revolutionizing everything in the energy field](#), from solar system design

ECONOMY

- **The recognition lag**
In advanced economies, there is still [widespread dismissal](#) of the current financial crisis as temporary and reversible. (*Financial Times*)
- **Everything is unsustainable**
Economic growth can't continue indefinitely; for the first time, [we are pushing the limits](#) of what the earth can support. (*Motley Fool*)
- **Doha trade talks vital**
WTO head sounds alarm on [12% global economic slide](#). (*The Guardian*)
- **Move your money**
More people are taking their money out of Wall Street banks and [depositing it in local community banks](#) or credit unions. (*Milwaukee Bay View*)

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