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AMERICAN LIFE

- **The Drive-In Movie: A Summer Treat for Nearly 80 Years**
An American-born phenomenon, the drive-in movie theater is now largely a nostalgic symbol of a golden era in mass entertainment. [Drive-ins](#) were developed by Richard Hollingshead, who wanted to invent something that combined his two interests: cars and movies. (*IIP Digital*)
- **First U.S Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Recognized**
The winning [schools](#), diverse in the student populations, and representing 29 states and the District of Columbia, all took a comprehensive approach to greening their schools, making strides to reduce their schools' environmental impact, improve health and provide education geared toward the sustainability challenges of the 21st century. (*US Department of Education*)
- **Half Say View of Obama Not Affected by Gay Marriage Decision**
Roughly half of Americans (52%) say Barack Obama's expression of [support for gay marriage](#) did not affect their opinion of the president. A quarter (25%) say they feel less favorably toward Obama because of this while 19% feel more favorably. (*Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*)
- **Is Mark Zuckerberg Up to the Job?**
The Facebook [CEO](#) botched his company's IPO badly. Newsweek's Dan Lyons on the business challenges ahead—and why the kid genius may not be up for the task. (*Newsweek/ The Daily Beast*)
- **World Heritage Listing Sought for San Antonio Franciscan Missions**
The Department of the Interior has officially authorized the [San Antonio Franciscan Missions](#) for nomination to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- **Necessity, Not Inclination, Nudges Europeans Closer Fiscally and Politically**
Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, with the euro under renewed pressure from Spanish banks and the coming Greek election, said on Thursday that the answer is "[more Europe](#)," with moves "step by step" toward a fiscal and political union of countries using the euro. (*New York Times Magazine*)
- **The War for India's Internet**
"65 years since your independence," a new battle for freedom is under way in [India](#) -- according to a YouTube video uploaded by an Indian member of Anonymous, the global "hacktivist" movement. With popular websites like Vimeo.com blocked across India by court order, the video calls for action: "Fight for your rights. Fight for India." (*Foreign Policy*)
- **Japan PM: Nuke Reactors Must be Restarted**
Prime Minister Yasuhiko Noda says Japan must restart two [nuclear reactors](#) to protect the economy and people's livelihoods. (*Time Magazine*)
- **The Underlying Causes of Stability and Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: An Analytic Survey**
The current series of crises in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have many causes, and causes that vary sharply by country. The political dynamics of these crises, however, are only part of the story. An examination of the broader [demographic, economic, and security trends in the MENA region](#) shows how critical these factors are in shaping public anger and discontent. They also show the critical role of governance, social change, and justice systems in shaping and dealing with each nation's problems, and how difficult it will be to deal with these underlying causes in less than a decade. (*Center for Strategic & International Studies*)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

- **Frogs, Phones and Other Acoustic Invaders**
I sympathize with the Brazilian white-banded [tree frog](#), at least the ones subjected to recorded bullfrog calls, because I myself have had some negative experiences with recorded cricket noises. (*New York Times Magazine*)
- **The Future of Apps and Web**
The Web Is Dead? No. Experts expect apps and the Web to converge in the cloud; but many worry that simplicity for users will come at a price. Tech experts generally believe the mobile revolution, the popularity of targeted apps, the monetization of online products and services, and innovations in cloud computing will drive [Web evolution](#). Some survey respondents say while much may be gained, perhaps even more may be lost if the "application" of the Web comes to pass. (*Pew Internet & American Life Project*)
- **Fetal Genome Deduced from Parental DNA**
Heralding a future in which a [child's genetic](#) blueprint can be safely scanned for traits and defects long before birth, researchers have announced that they have reconstructed the genome of a fetus using a blood sample from its mother and a saliva sample from its father. (*Scientific American*)
- **The Battle for the Amazon Heats Up Again**
[The Amazon](#) rainforest is the most important patch of land on the planet. The trees have been called the lungs of the Earth and that's far more than just a metaphor: they absorb more than 2 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide per year, return oxygen in exchange and help regulate the climate of the Western Hemisphere in the process. (*Time Magazine*)

ECONOMY

- **U.S. Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital**
Since the start of 2009, the U.S. unemployment rate has remained above 8 percent. Policymakers have proposed addressing this persistent joblessness through measures such as tax reform, increased infrastructure spending, and the recently enacted JOBS Act. Proponents argue the JOBS Act will encourage entrepreneurship by reducing regulations for [young firms](#) and expanding their financing options, while others are wary of potential harm to investors. (*Council on Foreign Relations*)
- **How China's Financial System Is Taking the World Banking Stage**
China's big state-owned banks have reaped large profits from the [country's economic](#) miracle and are now beginning to make a splash internationally. (*The Atlantic Monthly*)
- **A Global Economy in Danger**
The globe's major economies are interconnected in so many ways, and the separate set of difficulties of each threatens ability to contribute rescuing [a faltering global economy](#): Europe must manage the massive debt and unemployment of Greece, Spain and other members; China anxiously monitors slowed growth amid inflation and worrisome bubbles; Japan struggles to recover from the tsunami and nuclear disaster; the U.S. economy strives to gain momentum after investing in two long wars that contributed little to stabilizing the Middle East or Central Asia. (*Yale Global*)
- **The fear factor**
In continental [capitals and bank](#) boardrooms there is a common fear. It is that the slow jog of deposits leaving banks in Greece and, more recently, Spain, may turn into a full-blown run that quickly spreads from bank to bank, and then from country to country. There have already been some warning signs, such as a sudden acceleration of deposit outflows from Greek banks in May. (*The Economist*)

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