



EMBASSY MARKS PEARL HARBOR'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY



The United States Embassy in Wellington is today commemorating the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941.

At a flag lowering ceremony conducted by U.S. Marines today, Ambassador David Huebner said residents of Honolulu awoke on a quiet Sunday to a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces. "As we lower the flag today we remember the more than 3,500 Americans that were killed or wounded that day.

"As President Obama has said, the images of burning battleships and the grief for lives lost were forever seared into our national memory," Mr. Huebner said. He said Americans responded to the tragedy referred to by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as 'a date which will live in infamy' with unity and courage.

"Sixteen million of America's sons and daughters served during World War II and more than 400,000 paid the ultimate sacrifice in defence of life and liberty."

Six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, U.S. forces travelled to New Zealand to prepare for the defence of the Pacific.

Most of New Zealand's fighting men were overseas in North Africa and Europe at the time. "We travelled to help a friend in need," Mr Huebner said.

While in the United States to see President Obama earlier this year, Prime Minister Key extended an invitation for the Marine Corps to participate in marking the 70th Anniversary of the arrival of US Forces to New Zealand during WWII.

Last month Major General Talleri formally accepted that invitation on behalf of the US Marine Corps.

"A contingent of U.S. Marines will travel to New Zealand next June. The Embassy and the US Marine Corps has already started coordination with New Zealand counterparts on how best to commemorate the occasion," Mr. Huebner said.



President Obama on the 70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor IIP Digital, December 7, 2011.

Photo Captions: HALF-MAST: U.S. Marines at Embassy Wellington lower a flag to half way to mark the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor battle. *- The Dominion Post, December 7, 2011.*

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

A Remarkable Year – A Great Deal Yet to Do Address by President Obama to the United Nations General Assembly, New York. *The White House*, September 21, 2011. [Listen](#)

Asia, the Americas, and U.S. Strategy for a New Century Address by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns, November 4, 2011.

Asia-Pacific U.S. Military Overview Foreign Press Center, *U.S. Department of State*, September 27, 2011. 6p.

Briefing by Admiral Robert Willard, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, identifies the current challenges in the Pacific region.

Power Diplomacy at the 2011 Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) by Gerard A. Finin. *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, East-West Center in Washington, November 3, 2011.

This year's Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) successfully showed that it can attract major global and regional actors, including high-level delegations from the U.S. and the PRC. Finin, Resident Co-Director and Senior Fellow for the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) at the East-West Center explains that while future PIFs may not consistently attain this year's unprecedented level of attendance, at least for the near-term the PIF will remain prominent on the international meeting calendar for world powers.

Readout of President Obama's Recent Trip to Asia Briefing by Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications, at the Foreign Press Center, *U.S. Dept of State*, November 22, 2011.

Deepening U.S. Ties to Asia-Pacific Region Not at China's Expense *IIP Digital*, November 23, 2011. See [transcript](#) of briefing at the Foreign Press Center, *U.S. Dept of State*, November 22, 2011.

As Last Troops Depart, U.S. and Iraq Foresee Equal Partnership *IIP Digital*, December 12, 2011.

Remarks by President Obama and Prime Minister al-Maliki of Iraq in a Joint Press Conference *The White House*, December 12, 2011.

Clinton Attending Global Summit on Aid Programs *IIP Digital*, November 28, 2011.

Defense Spending and the Deficit Debate by Jonathan Masters, *Council on Foreign Relations*, November 8, 2011.

The Chemical Weapons Convention: Eliminating a Whole Category of Weapons of Mass Destruction Fact sheet. *U.S. Dept of State*, November '11.

Think Again: Nuclear Power by Charles D. Ferguson in *Foreign Policy*, November 2011. 7p.

Japan melted down, but that doesn't mean the end of the atomic age.

Haiti Doesn't Need Your Old T-Shirt by Charles Kenny in *Foreign Policy*, November 2011.

The West needs to stop dumping its hand-me-downs on the developing world.

After the Hope of the Arab Spring, the Chill of an Arab Winter by Daniel Byman. *Brookings*, December 04, 2011.

One year after the events that triggered the Arab Spring, Daniel Byman writes that demonstrations in Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Syria and Yemen have given way to political stagnation rather than democracy. Byman looks at what this means for the Middle East, the United States and the rest of the world.

Why We Still Need Nuclear Power by Ernest Moniz in *Foreign Affairs*, November/December.

The world cannot let the Fukushima nuclear power plant scare it into forgoing the benefits of nuclear energy – a cheap, reliable and safe source of electricity, says Moniz, who also adds that the U.S. needs to update its safety standards and reform its handling of nuclear waste.

AUSTRALIA - U.S. RELATIONS

President Obama Speaks at the Australian Parliament Canberra, November 17, 2011.

Free People Create Economic Growth, Obama Says *IIP Digital*, November 17, 2011. Highlights from President Obama's address to the Australian Parliament.

After Dinner Remarks by President Obama at Parliamentary Dinner Canberra, November 16, 2011.

President Obama and Prime Minister Gillard of Australia in Joint Press Conference Canberra, November 16, 2011.

President Obama to U.S. and Australian Service Members Darwin, November 17, 2011.

Prime Minister Gillard and President Obama Announce Force Posture Initiatives *White House* release, November 16, 2011.

Obama: U.S.-Australia Security Deal Will Bring Regional Stability *IIP Digital*, November 16, 2011.

Fact sheets: U.S. and Australia Bilateral Meeting *White House*, November 16, 2011.

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U.S.-Australia Alliance and China by Jayshree Bajoria. *CFR*, November 16, 2011.

APEC 2011 SUMMIT

See also: *e-spotlight on APEC, TPP & ASEAN*

Obama Concludes Nine-Day Journey in Asia-Pacific Region *IIP Digital*, Nov., 19.

President Obama at APEC - Blog post with photographs. *The White House*.

Asia Pacific Will Shape U.S. Economic Future – Obama’s Closing News Conference at APEC, Hawaii, November 14.

APEC: Fact Sheet on 19th Annual Leaders Meeting Outcomes - Creating Jobs, Growth, and Economic Opportunity with AELM. Declaration and Annexes *White House*, November 14.

President Obama’s Opening Remarks at APEC Session One *White House*, Nov., 13.

America’s Pacific Century Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at the East-West Center, in Honolulu, November 10. See also **“Clinton Outlines U.S. Policy in East Asia, Pacific”**

U.S. Business Leaders Say APEC is Promoting Economic Growth *IIP Digital*, November 14.

Remarks by President Obama and President Hu of China Honolulu, Nov., 12.

U.S. Committee to Positive, Cooperative Relations with China *IIP Digital*, Nov., 12.

President Obama’s meeting with Prime Minister Noda of Japan Readout by White House Press Secretary, November 12.

Clinton with Fortune Magazine at CEO Summit on Women, Economy *IIP Digital*, November 12.

President Obama at APEC CEO Business Summit Q&A Honolulu, November 12.

APEC Ministerial Kickoff Remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Honolulu, November 11.

“Asia-Pacific Region Key to Global Economic Recovery”, *IIP Digital*, Nov., 11.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Geithner at the APEC Finance Ministers Meeting Honolulu, November 10.

Japan Melted Down, But That Doesn’t Mean the End of the Atomic Age by Charles Ferguson in *Foreign Policy*, November 2011.

In Japan, where support for nuclear power predictably, and understandably, fell from two-thirds of the public to one-third after the meltdown, plans for 14 reactors slated for construction by 2030 were soon scrapped. Fukushima’s March 10 experience, which at first looked like a disaster of epic proportions, also tipped the scales of several countries to phase out nuclear power.

Policy Lessons for Japanese Disaster Responses by Mika Shimizu. *East-West Center*, July 1, 2011.

In the wake of the March 11 earthquake, tsunami and Fukushima nuclear power plant failure that devastated large parts of Northeastern Japan, Prime Minister Naoto Kan announced the formation of the Reconstruction Design Council. The aim of this committee is to bring together governors from the affected prefectures with outside experts to implement a reconstruction blueprint. Shimizu, Visiting Scholar at the East-West Center, sees the coming months as being a watershed, not only in physical reconstruction terms, but also in terms of restructuring Japan’s “resilience.” He argues that the foremost policy lesson from this tripartite disaster which centers on “social resilience,” is the ability of local communities to maintain social cohesion and coordinate self-help initiatives in times of great upheaval.

U.S.-Japan Security Relations: Towards a “Deeper and Wider Alliance”? by Yuki Tatsumi. *East-West Center*, June 28 2011.

For the first time in four years, and for the first time since the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) assumed power in September 2009, the U.S. and Japan held a meeting of the Security Consultative Committee, or the so-called “2+2” talks, comprising cabinet-level foreign and defense officials in Washington, D.C on June 21. Yuki Tatsumi, Senior Associate of the East Asia Program at the Stimson Center, cautions that while these documents embody admirable efforts to create positive momentum in the U.S.-Japan alliance, the alliance continues to face the risk of drift.

The End of the American Era by Stephen Walt in the *National Interest*, November/Dec., 2011.

Time was when the U.S. could create and lead a political, economic, and security order in virtually every part of the world. That time is over, says Walt.

The Inevitable Superpower by Arvind Subramanian in *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2011.

Judging by its GDP, trade flows, and ability to act as creditor to the rest of the world, Subramanian says we cannot ignore the fact that China is poised to take over from the U.S. as the world’s leading economy. He also warns that China’s economic dominance will be far greater and come about far sooner than most observers realize.

Doubling Down on Iran by Kenneth Pollack & Ray Takeyh in *Washington Quarterly*, Fall 2011.

Has the carrot-and-stick policy towards Iran has reached it limits?

The Ally From Hell by Jeffery Goldberg & Marc Ambinder in *The Atlantic*, December, 2011.

What makes Pakistan’s arsenal so dangerous – and other serious reasons for us to be very afraid.

Should the United States Abandon Taiwan? by Nancy Bernkopf & Bonnie Glaser in *Washington Quarterly*, Fall 2011.

The authors believe that while some argue that it is time to walk away, the U.S. should neither abandon nor reduce its commitments to the island, but strengthen them. They also suggest that U.S. support even helps Beijing’s interests.

Deep Danger: Competing Claims in the South China Sea by Marvin Ott in *Current History*, September 2011.

If China is truly asserting sovereignty over the entire South China Sea and its busy sea-lanes, Ott believes that the implications are troubling, to say the least.

Is China's Indigenous Innovation Strategy Compatible with Globalization? by Xielin Liu & Peng Cheng. *East-West Center*, 2011.

National innovation policies currently attract intense interest throughout the international community. China is among those countries now relying heavily on government resources to drive innovation with its new indigenous innovation strategy transforming the country's innovation systems. The authors believe it is both constructive and efficient for an economy with clear targets for industrial innovation and working to catch up to international standards, and that for China to succeed as an innovative country it needs to provide more opportunity for market competition to incubate and generate radical innovations.

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Why Russian Protests Matter Interview with Stephen Sestanovich. *CFR*, December 13, 2011.

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ASEAN-United States Leaders Meeting Fact Sheet *The White House*, November 20, 2011.

East Asia Summit Fact Sheet *The White House* fact sheet, November 19, 2011.

Forecasting Zero: U.S. Nuclear History and the Low Probability of Disarmament by Jonathan Pearl. *Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College*, November 2011. 71p. **Summary**

Compact of Free Association with Palau: Assessing the 15-Year Review Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 30, 2011. For **transcripts**, and scroll down.

United States at the 17th SAARC Summit Statement. November 10, 2011. *SAARC: The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation*.

Japan-U.S. Relations: Issues for Congress *CRS*, September 23, 2011.

Contested Commons: The Future of American Power in a Multipolar World Edited by Abraham M. Denmark & James Mulvenon. *Center for a New American Security*, January 2010. 200p.

Human Rights:

The Department of State's Accomplishments Promoting the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People Fact Sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, December 6, 2011.

International Day - For the Elimination of Violence Against Women Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, November 25, 2011.

The 2011 International Religious Freedom Report Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 17, 2011. For **transcripts**, and scroll down to date.

The United Nations Human Rights Council: Issues for Congress *CRS*, November 15, 2011.

Conversations with America: Recent Trends in Anti-Semitism Around the World Interview with Hannah Rosenthal, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. Dept of State, and Elisa Massimino, president and CEO of Human Rights First, November 9, 2011.

Aiding Governance in Developing Countries: Programs Amid Uncertainties by Thomas Carothers & Diane de Gramont. *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, November 2011. 42p. **Summary**

United Nations Reform:

Revitalization of the General Assembly Remarks of Rosemary A. DiCarlo, U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, December 1, 2011.

UN Security Council Working Methods Remarks by Rosemary A. DiCarlo, U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at a Security Council debate on UN Security Council working methods, November 30, 2011.

Burma:

Encouraging Signs in Burma, but Concerns Remain, Clinton Says *IIP Digital*, November 11, 2011.

Clinton, Aung San Suu Kyi Outline Needed Reforms in Burma *IIP Digital*, December 2, 2011.

Burma's Opening and the Balance of Values in Asia by Dan Twining in *Foreign Policy*, December 2, 2011.

Secretary Clinton's Meetings in Burma Special briefing by a U.S. Dept of State official, in Rangoon, December 2, 2011.

Clinton Encourages Reforms in Talks with Burmese Leaders *IIP Digital*, December 1, 2011.

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U.S.-China Pingpong Diplomacy: Celebrating Forty Years *IIP Digital*, December 2, 2011.

U.S. and China Conclude 22nd Session of the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade News release, *Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)*, November 21, 2011. **Fact sheet - 2011 outcomes of the Joint Commission**

The Growth of China's Exports: An Examination of the Detailed Trade Data Discussion paper by Brett Berger & Robert F. Martin. *Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve*, November 2011. 25p. **Summary**

Efforts to Transfer America's Leading Edge Science to China Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 2, 2011. For **transcripts**, and scroll down.

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Confronting U.S.-China Economic Imbalances by Roya Wolverson & Christopher Alessi. *CFR*, November 2, 2011.

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Saudis' New Mideast Challenges Interview with F. Gregory Gause III. *CFR*, December 9, 2011.

Treasury's Response to the Arab Spring: The Role of Financial Tools in International Security Policy Remarks by U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Daniel Glaser to the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, December 2, 2011.

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Remarks by U.S. Vice President Biden at Event to Honor U.S. and Iraqi Service Members In Baghdad, December 1st 2011.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William J. Burns and Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Daniel Ayalon. Joint statement, December 1, 2011.

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U.S. Strategic Objectives Towards Iran Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, December 1, 2011.

Recent Developments in Egypt Statement by the White House Press Secretary, November 25, 2011.

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Unrest in Syria and U.S. Sanctions Against the Asad Regime CRS, November 9, 2011.

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Ensuring Israel's Qualitative Military Edge Address by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Andrew J. Shapiro to the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, November 4, 2011.

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U.S. Engagement with Young Middle Eastern and North African Leaders Fact sheet, *U.S. Dept of State*, November 1'11.

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U.S. Support for the Democratic Transitions Underway in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya Special briefing by William Taylor, Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions, *U.S. Dept of State*, November 3, 2011

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Afghanistan's Donor Dependence *GAO*, September 20, 2011. 31p.

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Transatlantic Economic Council Readout. *The White House*, November 30, 2011. **Joint Statement**

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U.S. Looks to Expand Cooperation Against Bioweapons, Pandemics *IIP Digital*, December 2, 2011.

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"Invest for the Future: Women Driving Economic Growth" Remarks by Melanne Verveer, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, *U.S. Dept of State*, in Zagreb, November 2, 2011.

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POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

Qualifications for President and the "Natural Born" Eligibility Requirement *CRS*, November 14, 2011.

The Constitution sets out three eligibility requirements to be President: one must be 35 years of age, a resident "within the United States" for 14 years, and a "natural born Citizen."

We Bow to the God Bipartisanship by Leslie Gelb in the *National Interest*, November/December, 2011.

Bipartisanship: the holy grail of politics. Long ago the buzzword for presidents, elusive cross-aisle support at home has all too often been purchased at the price of good policy abroad. From Vietnam to Korea, to Libya, Gelb believes that the quest for donkeys and elephants to march overseas hand in hand has led to some spectacular international blunders.

I Was Wrong and So Are You by Daniel Klein in *The Atlantic*, December, 2011.

Klein says our political leanings leave us more biased than we think.

The Generation Gap and the 2012 Election: Angry Silents, Disengagement Millennials *Pew Research Center*, November 3, 2011. Note: 154p. **Overview**

In the last four national elections, generational differences have mattered more than they have in decades. According to the exit polls, younger people have voted substantially more Democratic than other age groups in each election since 2004, while older voters have cast more ballots for Republican candidates in each election since 2006. The latest national polls suggest this pattern may well continue in 2012.

How Obama Could Win by Thomas Sowell in *The National Review*, September 14, 2011.

The Hoover Institute's Sowell believes that economic reality is one thing. But political impressions are something very different - and all too often it is the political impressions which determine the fate of an administration and the fate of a nation.

The Jackie (and Jill Robinson Effect: Why Do Congresswomen Outperform Congressmen?) by Sarah Anzia & Christopher Berry in the *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2011. 16p.

If voters are biased against female candidates, only the most talented, hardest working female candidates will succeed in the electoral process. Furthermore, if women perceive there to be sex discrimination in the electoral process, or if they underestimate their qualifications for office, then only the most qualified, politically ambitious females will emerge as candidates. The authors argue that when either or both forms of sex-based selection are present, the women who are elected to office will perform better, on average, than their male counterparts. They test this central implication of their theory by studying the relative success of men and women in delivering federal spending to their districts and in sponsoring legislation. Analyzing changes within districts over time, they find that congresswomen secure roughly 9% more spending from federal discretionary programs than congressmen, and women also sponsor and cosponsor significantly more bills than their male colleagues.

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U.S. Elections: Frequently Asked Questions *IIP Digital*, November 1, 2011.

2012 Presidential Election Campaign – The Green Papers – the 2012 campaign, candidates, dates, etc.

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Federal Election Commission Regulates Presidential Campaigns *IIP Digital*, November 2, 2011.

Obama Motivates Supporters, Opponents in Early 2012 Matchups *Pew Research Center*, October 6, 2011.

Learning to Live Without a Statistical Abstract: Thinking About Future Access to Government Information by James T. Shaw. *LLRX.com*, November 20, 2011.

Rising Stars: Young Feds Bring Innovation to Agencies *Federal Computer Week*, November 4, 2011.

Streamlining Government: Key Practices from Selected Efficiency Initiatives Should be Shared Nationwide *GAO*, September 2011. 77p.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

America's Great Outdoors: 50-State Report *U.S. Dept of the Interior*, November 2011. *Note: 124p.*

President Obama launched the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Initiative on April 16, 2010, to foster a 21st century approach to conservation that is designed by and accomplished in partnership with the American people. He charged the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality with leading this initiative. The President directed senior Administration officials to undertake an unprecedented listening tour to learn from communities outside of the Nation's Capital that have developed innovative and successful conservation initiatives. The result was perhaps the most robust public conversation about conservation in American history: 51 public listening sessions with more than 10,000 participants and more than 105,000 comments submitted. Building on this conversation, on February 16, 2011, federal agencies submitted to the President "America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations," a report which defines an action plan for conservation and recreation in the 21st century. This report identified 10 major goals and 75 action items to advance this initiative, from expanding youth programs to increasing public awareness about conservation to better managing our public lands. Among these were three major place-based goals to focus the collective conservation and recreation efforts of the federal government: create and enhance urban parks and greenspaces, renew and restore rivers, and conserve large, rural landscapes.

The Myth and the Reality of Sustainable New Zealand: Mining in a Pristine Land by Gundars Rudzitis & Kenton Bird in *Environment*, November/December, 2011.

New Zealand's reputation as an international environmental and sustainability leader was tarnished recently by a government campaign to open some public parks and other protected lands to mining operations. The national controversy that erupted in the wake of the government's campaign exposed the weaknesses in the country's environmental laws and called into question how "green" countries like New Zealand actually are.

Nuclear Power After Japan: the Social Dimensions by Catherine Butler et al. in *Environment*, November/December, 2011.

The nuclear emergency which occurred in Japan following the March 2011 tsunami brought the issue of nuclear power to the public's attention in a way that it has not been since Chernobyl. As a result, many nations are reexamining their nuclear policies even as the demand for environmentally friendly sources of energy continues to grow.

LAUNCH – Energy Forum at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, November 10-13, 2011.

The LAUNCH program is a global initiative to identify and support innovators that work to contribute to a sustainable future and to finding solutions to the challenges of our society. Energy Forum will bring together innovators and council members to discuss innovations that can change the way the world handles critical sustainability issues.

Some environmental resources which may be of interest:

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School discipline feeds the "pipeline to prison" by Deborah Fowler in *Phi Delta Kappan*. Go to page 14.

School discipline has become increasingly punitive, says Fowler, raising serious questions about its impact on students, schools, and courts.

Student Input Improves Behavior, Fosters Leadership by Marc Brasof in *Phi Delta Kappan*. Go to page 20.

It's smart to include students in formal decision making at their schools.

LGBT Students Want Educators to Speak Up for Them by Abe Louise Young in *Phi Delta Kappan*. Go to page 35.

LGBT problems are the outcome of intolerant actions and speech by peers, parents, teachers, clergy and strangers. Bullying is a symptom of the culture, says Young. An informed educator can use the moment to engage students in inquiry.

How Can We Improve Teacher Quality? by Suzanne Wilson in *Phi Delta Kappan*. Go to Page 64.

Recruit the right candidates, retain teachers who do well, and ensure strong preparation, good working conditions, and quality professional development. Sorted.

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Is \$600 Billion Enough? by Peter Cookson in *Wilson Quarterly*, Autumn '11.

It is crunch time for public education. Several storms are converging to create a hurricane of educational instability: sharply declining revenues, intense international competition, outdated approaches to teaching and learning, and a significant achievement gap between white students and their African-American and Hispanic peers. Seemingly unable to get to the root causes of what is plaguing the schools, we keep spinning our policy wheels while also spending a great deal of money - \$600 billion a year.

Race and Beyond: We Need Diversity in Education by Sam Fulwood III in the *Center for American Progress*, December 6, 2011.

Fulwood explains how the Obama administration is taking steps to increase diversity in America's public schools.

Including More Student Voices in Higher Education Policymaking by Julie Margetta Morgan & Tsuki Hoshijima in the *Center for American Progress*, November 21, 2011.

The authors look at the role students play in higher education policy, and ways to make students' voices a more powerful part of the higher education policy conversation.

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The International Experience: What U.S. Schools Can and Cannot Learn From Other Countries by Carlos Xabel Lastra-Anadón & Paul E. Peterson in *Education Next*, Winter 2011.

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No to Government Control of the Internet Biden Says *IIP Digital*, November 2, 2011.

Addressing a conference in London that met to discuss how to make the Internet more secure, Vice President Biden said a proposed "international legal instrument" to govern the Web would stifle free speech and the ability of people all over the world to interact as they choose. "What citizens do online should not, as some have suggested, be decreed solely by groups of governments making decisions for them somewhere on high," Biden told delegates to the London Conference on Cyberspace November 1.

Exploring the Digital Nation: Computer and Internet Use at Home *U.S. Dept of Commerce*, November 2011. Note: 72p.

Overall, approximately seven out of ten households in the United States subscribe to broadband service. The report finds a strong correlation between broadband adoption and socio-economic factors, such as income and education, but says these differences do not explain the entire broadband adoption gap that exists along racial, ethnic, and geographic lines. Even after accounting for socio-economic differences, certain minority and rural households still lag in broadband adoption.

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The art of great reporting – through the eyes of seven accomplished reporters and one great photographer who talk about what they do, how they do it, and why.

Think Again: Millionaire Media Moguls vs. Occupy Wall Street by Eric Alterman. *Center for American Progress*, November 17, 2011.

This Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress opines that the Occupy Wall Street folks are demonstrating not only for democracy but for the very economy they are accused by the local billionaire newspaper owners of undermining.

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A Federal perspective report provides government leaders with a fresh look at the top ten technology trends that will shape how they will do business and deliver on their mission. While it is written from the perspective of the CIO, it will also inform agency leaders on new possibilities to apply technology to address new and persistent challenges and adapt leading practices from industry for greater efficiency, performance, and innovation. We invite you to download the complete guide to learn more about all ten technology trends.

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The V-Chip and TV Ratings: Monitoring Children's Access to TV Programming *CRS*, August 25, 2011.

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Readers of the Pack: American Best-Selling by Ruth Franklin in *Bookforum*, Summer 2011.

The term best seller has always been a misnomer. Fast seller would be more appropriate, since the pace of sales matters as much as the quantity. The first list of books "in order of demand" was created in 1895 by Harry Thurston Peck, editor of the trade magazine *The Bookman*. Publishers Weekly started its own list in 1912, but others were slow to follow: The New York Times did not create its best-seller list until 1942. Now, the Wall Street Journal and USA Today also compile national lists, and each of the major regional papers has its own—all generated in slightly different ways. The Times bases its list on sales reports from around four thousand booksellers, which it declines to name (a column by the paper's public editor a few years ago said only that they change constantly). The Wall Street Journal used to track only sales in major chain stores but now bases its rankings on data from Nielsen BookScan, an authoritative industry source that includes as many as three-quarters of the nation's bookstores, around eleven thousand. IndieBound surveys only independent bookstores. Amazon.com offers its own list, updated every hour, but—like all the others—it is based on orders, not actual sales (since returns are not taken into account). Thus a writer with a carefully timed marketing blitz can push his book to a relatively high Amazon ranking for a day or so, allowing him to claim that it was, say, a "top ten Amazon best seller." The system's vulnerability to manipulation has resulted in the perception that, as Eliza Truitt wrote in *Slate*, the term best seller on the cover of a book means "about as much as the phrase 'original recipe' does on a jar of spaghetti sauce."

Clifford Still's Sublime Art by Peter Plagens in *Smithonian*, December, 2011.

A new museum devoted exclusively to the work of Clyfford Still is opening in Denver. A leading critic takes a close look at one masterwork.

Revolution in a Can by Blake Gopnik in *Foreign Policy*, November, 2011.

Graffiti is as American as apple pies, says Gopnik.

E.O. Wilson's History of Everything by Howard French in *The Atlantic*, November, 2011.

The famed biologist arrived in Mozambique last summer with a modest agenda - save a ravaged park; identify its many undiscovered species; create a virtual textbook that will revolutionize the teaching of biology. Wilson's newest theory is more ambitious still. It could transform our understanding of human nature - and provide hope for our stewardship of the planet.

Comic Relief by Carolina Miranda in *ARTnews*, October 2011. 8p.

Miranda discusses the relationship between fine art and comics and graphic novels. The author describes exhibitions of comics at art museums and discusses comics as a form of drawing. Other topics include imagery from comics in 1960s pop art, the periodical "RAW" magazine which contained serials of a graphic novel by Art Spiegelman, etc. And more museums are acquiring these types of works - drawings by artists such as Crumb, Spiegelman, and Ware are now in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Whitney, and the Museum of Modern Art - a far cry from the '40s and '50s.

Native North American Languages Spoken at Home in the United States: 2006-2010 *Census Bureau*, December'11. 5p.

Dance Vs PowerPoint: A Modest Proposal *TED Talks*, November 2011.

Artists and Arts Workers in the U.S. *National Endowment for the Arts*, October 2011. 46p.

Latinos: A Driving Force in U.S. Popular Music *IIP Digital*, September 16, 2011.

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NASA's Human Space Exploration: Direction, Strategy, and Progress Hearing before a subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, November 17, 2011.

President Obama Honors Outstanding Science, Math, and Engineering Mentors *White House*, November 15, 2011 (with list of awardees).

Energy Innovators Discuss Solutions at Space Center *IIP Digital*, November 8, 2011.

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