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USA

Alliances in Ruins?

By Charles Krauthammer

As Clinton puts it, we have „alienated our friends,“ must „rebuild our alliances“ and „restore our standing in the world.“

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

Knowing the Enemy

By Ariel Cohen

The conflicts in Iraq, Lebanon, and Afghanistan and the global Islamist insurgency have revealed that Western democracies and their political and military leaders do not fully comprehend the multifaceted threats represented by radical Muslim nonstate actors. In this, they violate the most famous dictum of Sun Tzu, the Chinese strategic genius of 2,500 years ago: “If you know yourself and understand your opponent you will never put your victory in jeopardy in any conflict.”

<http://www.hoover.org/>

US – RUSSIA

Building a Constructive U.S. – Russian Relationship

By Strobe Talbot

Brookings President Strobe Talbott testified before a congressional committee that in the contentious dialogue between the United States and Russia, we must get the tone and tactics right in a „long-term strategy of inducing Russia to accept the terms and standards of the international community.“

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

RUSSIA

Newspaper: Putin’s Entourage Sees No Alternative to a Third Term

By Jonas Bernstein

Rumors Putin will run for third term persist.

<http://jamestown.org/>

Becoming a Motor of the Global Economy

By Martin Gilman

The International Monetary Fund’s latest annual report on Russia describes a remarkable trajectory no less exceptional than that of post-World War II Germany or Japan.

<http://www.moscowtimes.ru/>

RUSSIA – GEORGIA

Georgia’s Great Leap Backwards

By Anne Applebaum

Georgia has achieved many things in the past few years – investment is up, economic growth is up, the infrastructure is recovering from its post-Soviet collapse – but a tradition of peaceful exchange of power has not been established.

<http://www.aei.org/>

Advice to Georgia on Following Path to Democracy

By Ronald D. Asmus

Young democracies make mistakes. Older ones do too and it is not only the Georgians who must do better. This is a moment of

