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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/* 

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## **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



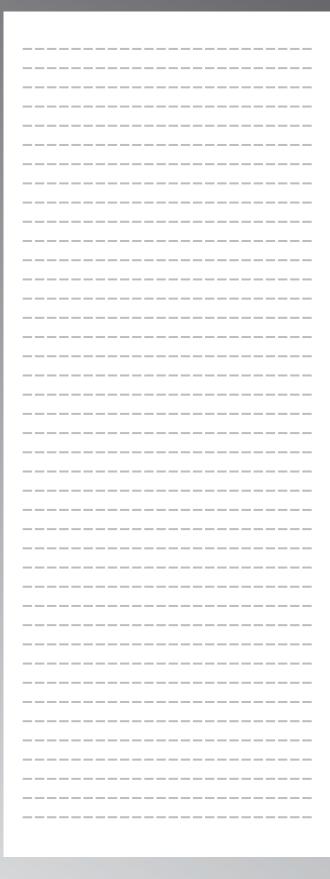
vulnerability for the region's only true democratic experiment. http://www.gmfus.org/

#### **CHINA**

# **China Flexes Its Muscles on Wall Street** *By Wenran Jiang*

Last month, CITIC Securities Co. reached an agreement with Bear Sterns Companies to invest \$1 billion in each other. This was followed by the announcement that the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. (ICBC) will buy 20 percent of South Africa's Standard Bank Group Ltd. with \$5.5 billion in cash. Time has come for China's financial giants to flex some of their muscles. http://www.jamestown.org/

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