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Robert Kuttner: Selective Lion
Co-Founder and Co-Editor of The American Prospect

BIO All week, Obama demonstrated his great skills as a teacher and orator, but it remains to be seen how he will use these outsized gifts as challenges on several fronts continue to unfold. He chose to invest some political capital on the issue of reproductive rights, but not on the issue of gay marriage; he took a real political risk in beginning the process of shutting down the infamous prison at Guantanamo, but not in

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aligning himself with a constitutional treatment of detainees wherever they are ultimately housed. And though he criticized financial excess in general terms and had some good things to say about credit card abuses, he has not yet thrown the full weight of his office behind comprehensive financial reform.

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Obama and the Left

Gara LaMarche, 05.24.2009
President and CEO of The Atlantic Philanthropies

Obama has genuine real-world issues to balance, and I have no reason to believe he has not arrived at these few controversial decisions genuinely and in a typically thoughtful and engaged manner.

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Former Senior Interrogator in Iraq Dissects Cheney's Lies and Distortions

Matthew Alexander, 05.24.2009
Led the interrogations that found Zarqawi; author of "How to Break a Terrorist"

Our greatest success in this conflict was achieved without torture or abuse. My interrogation team found Abu Musab Al Zarqawi using relationship-building approaches and non-coercive law enforcement techniques.

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I Knew Pussy Galore. Pussy Galore Was a Friend of Mine. And You, Nancy Pelosi, Are No Pussy Galore

Chris Kelly, 05.24.2009
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Aid Ironies

Jeffrey Sachs, 05.24.2009

Director of the Earth Institute, Economics Professor, Columbia University

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What Did Powell Know, and Why Isn't He Subjected to the Pelosi Treatment?

Harry Shearer, 05.24.2009

Actor, author, director, satirist, musician, radio host, playwright, multi-media artist

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Has Washington already forgiven and/or forgotten Powell's role in making the final "close" on the sale of the Iraq War? In D.C., apparently, Powell's credibility has experienced seamless reweaving.

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Cheney Urges Obama to Name Bitter Psycho to Bench

Andy Borowitz, 05.24.2009

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Former Vice President Dick Cheney weighed in today on President Obama's impending choice to replace Justice David Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court, urging the President to name a bitter psycho to the bench.

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A Memorial Day Salute to My Partner's Father

Paul Raushenbush, 05.24.2009

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Moderator for Beliefnet's Progressive Revival, Associate Dean of Religious Life at Princeton

Although plagued by racial segregation, the armed forces brought people of every background together and made plain our common identity as Americans. Today, only openly gay and lesbian people are restricted from this opportunity.

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This Week in Magazines: The "Test Madness" of Our Medical Lives

James Warren, 05.24.2009

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Former managing editor and Washington bureau chief of the Chicago Tribune

If President Obama truly wants to deal with our mess of a health care system, perhaps somebody should read June 8 *Forbes* and its concise dissection of our "test madness," namely endless and fear-ridden search for illness.

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Cannes 2009 Day Twelve: Haneke Triumphs With Top Prize

Michael Giltz, 05.24.2009

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Freelance writer and raconteur

The Oscars have nothing on Cannes for brevity and wit and fun.

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National Security vs. Our Values: "The Toughest Issue We Will Face"

Geoffrey R. Stone, 05.23.2009

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Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor of Law at the University of Chicago

What should we do with "detainees at Guantanamo who cannot be prosecuted yet who pose a clear danger to the American people"? This question cuts to the very heart of the concept of preventive detention.

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Scholar and Author of 'Over a Barrel: Breaking Oil's Grip on Our Future'

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Congressional Duck and Cover

BIO **Stanley Kutler**, 05.24.2009

E. Gordon Fox Emeritus Professor of U.S. Institutions, University of Wisconsin

For the past twenty-five years Congress has made a joke of the system, as it has trivialized and mocked any meaningful representation in the sense that the makers of the Constitution framed it.

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Memorial Day 2009 - A Look at Women in the Military

BIO **Marcia G. Yerman**, 05.23.2009

Hopefully, in between the barbecues and the parades, our citizens will reflect on both the physical and emotional challenges that our service women have -- and continue -- to face.

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Dick Cheney -- The Republican Gift That Keeps Giving

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For Memorial Day: How KBR Killed U.S. Soldiers

Greg Mitchell, 05.24.2009

Author: 'Why Obama Won'

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Cannes 2009: A Return to Normalcy

Vivian Norris de Montaigu, 05.24.2009

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David L. Wolper, 05.24.2009

Television and film producer

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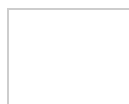
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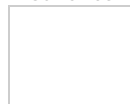
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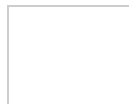
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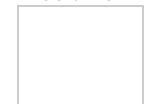
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