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IN PRAISE OF THE PUB

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KENNEDY, JOHNSON, NIXON,
 & THE '60s IN AMERICA

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WHISKIES OF THE WORLD

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REINVENTING RETIREMENT

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THE GREAT BOOKS... FOR KIDS

Jamie Ferguson
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CLOTHING CANDIDATES: POLITICS
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Irene Guenther
 History

STAR POWER, WHO HAS IT
 & HOW YOU GET IT

Thom Guthrie
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BOB WILLS IS STILL THE KING

Terry Hallmark
 Energy & Sustainability

Andrew Hamilton

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THERE WILL BE MONSTERS

John Harvey
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GOT HOPE? THE POWER OF POSITIVITY
 IN A NEGATIVE WORLD

Lacy M. Johnson
 National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist
 Edgar Award Finalist

DECISIVE POLITICS AND THE DEATH
 OF COMPROMISE

Christine LeVeaux Haley
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WOLF TO WOOF: THE ORIGIN
 OF DOGS

Stuart Long
 Associate Dean, Undergraduate Research

Dave Shattuck

Electrical & Computer Engineering

MANNERS OF SPEAKING: HOSTING
 AND GUESTING FROM JACK PAAR TO
 ERNIE MANOUSE

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NEW MEXICO: LAND
 OF ENCHANTMENT

William Monroe
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FAME & THE CULT OF PERSONALITY

Kim Meyer
 Creative Writing

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 Philosophy

THE PARTIES CHOOSE: DIFFERENT
 PATHS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL
 NOMINATION

Richard Murray
 Political Science

THE BIG SHORT

Michael Newman
 Accountancy & Taxation

MEZCAL: TEQUILA'S IGNORED (BUT
 INTRIGUING) COUSIN

Temple Northup
 Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

THE FUTURE OF NATURAL GAS

Joe Pratt
 Cullen Professor of Business & History

THE INCEPTION DECEPTION: IS THE
 MIND LIKE A MOVIE?

Dan Price
 Philosopher

I MAKE, THEREFORE I AM: THE
 ADVENTURES OF HOMO HABILIS

Jesse Rainbow
 Hebrew Bible & Ancient Near East

THE "TWITTERING" OF THE
 PRESIDENCY

Steve Smith
 Broadcast Journalist & Media Consultant

YOU NEED THE BAD GUY!: WHY
 WE ROOT FOR ANTIHEROES AND
 VILLAINS AT THE MOVIES

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 Philosopher

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 IN MODERN MODES

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