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*AKA Recommends...* is an occasional service of Anthony Knerr & Associates that provides articles that we have found informative and important and believe you may, too. Here are selections for this month:

**The University of Wherever**

*New York Times (October 3, 2011) by Bill Keller*

For over a decade, educators have expected the Internet to have significant impact on how traditional universities and colleges operate. While increasing numbers of courses are offered online, the Internet so far has scarcely affected the *modus operandi* at the great schools in this country. According to Bill Keller, formerly Executive Editor of *The New York Times*, top-rated universities and colleges have no want for customers who are willing to pay handsomely for the kind of education their parents got. But will visionaries such as Stanford's Sebastian Thrun change that model of exclusivity and make the highest quality education available to anyone?

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**Philanthropy's Role in a Fractured America**

*Ohio Grantmakers Forum (October 25, 2011) Remarks by Gara LaMarche*

There is no doubt that the economic crash of 2008 lead to widespread insecurity, from high unemployment rates to loss of homes and pensions for many, and loss of value in those assets for almost all. Budget cuts are straining the social safety net and the great failure to use the boom years to improve the lot of those worst off, indeed the lot of the vast majority, has come into stark relief. The ever increasing gap between rich and poor is tearing at the social fabric. What are the root causes for the continuing decline of civil society in our country? And what roles and responsibilities should foundations assume to address the most pressing issues to counter this decline? Gara LaMarche, previously President and CEO of The Atlantic Philanthropies, has an intriguing take on these issues.

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