

Aufsatzdienst Mai 2007

01

10 Moments That Made American Business / Gordon, John Steele

In: American Heritage, Feb/Mar2007. – 6879 words

IT HAS BEEN 400 YEARS SINCE EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT BEGAN in what is now the United States. [...] In these four centuries of economic history, there have been many turning points that changed the future of American business. Some of these turning points were for the better, some for the worse, and some for both. Here are 10 of the most significance.

02

Et in suburbia ego? / o.A.

In: The Economist, May 5, 2007. – 1732 words

The article reports on the possible demise of the city. The city has long been embarking on a transformation into a much larger, sprawling conglomeration of residences and businesses. While some analysts argue that the city center's time has passed, others note that sprawl has to be finite and the global warming and oil shortages may drive people back into the city.

03

A President's Ultimate Test / Michael Beschloss

In: Newsweek [U.S. Edition Edition], May 14, 2007. – 1596 words

„When friends heard I was writing a book on presidential courage, some of them turned snarky: "Was there ever such a thing?" they would ask. They presumed all of our presidents have been versions of what seems to be the modern politician--obsessed by polls, focus groups and fund-raising, chasing the holy grail of popularity.“
But in fact, if you explore American history you will find that at crucial moments we have been startlingly dependent on having a chief executive who demonstrates what I call presidential courage--the bravery and wisdom to risk his popularity, even his life, for a vital, larger cause.“

04

Goodbye to the blues / o.A.

In: The Economist, March 3, 2007. – 1682 words

The American South, once notorious for violence, poverty and racism, is now pleasant and prosperous. But it still has some catching up to do. In 1937 southern incomes were only half the American average; today they are 91% of it. If you allow for the lower cost of living in the South, the gap all but vanishes.

05

The central question / o.A.

The Economist, March 3, 2007. – 1878 words

The best evidence that the South is a tolerable place to be black is that three times as many blacks move there each year as leave it. Every other American region, in fact, is losing blacks to the South. That does not mean that southern racism is dead.

06

Cajun Country / Curtis, Wayne

In: Smithsonian, May 2007. - 1302 words

The article reports on the Cajuns' (Acadians) culture and heritage in Louisiana. Their cultural adaptability, migration from France and eastern Canada, social traditions, food and music are covered. The article begins with a zydeco breakfast and the types of food this involves. A geographic description of Cajun Louisiana, consisting of one-third of the state's western portion, is provided. The article emphasizes the reasons for their migrations, and prominent Cajun landmarks such as Lafayette, Louisiana and the Atchafalaya Basin.

07

THE ZUNI WAY / Morell, Virginia

In: Smithsonian, April 2007. - words

This article profiles the Zuni Indians of New Mexico, who still maintain a strong sense of community and religion even after centuries of hardship and dislocation. With 90% of the Zuni living together at Zuni Pueblo, they are one of most intact native american tribes in existence. Through their language and arts, the Zuni have managed to merge their history and culture with 21st century lifestyles.

08

The Dirty Saga of Onondaga County / Linda Carty

In: Ms., Spring 2007. – 1839 words

The struggle against this environmental racism-often led by women-of-color activists-is one for justice, health and survival. The story told here, about Syracuse, N.Y., is far from unique, but reminds us once again how such travesties occur-and that a growing environmental-justice movement is fighting back.

09

Inequality, Race, and Remedy / Alan Jenkins

In: The American Prospect, May 2007. - 2351 words

In 2000, after a decade of remarkable economic prosperity, the poverty rate among African Americans and Latinos taken together was still 2.6 times greater than that for white Americans. In addition to identifying barriers facing African Americans and Latinos, this research found significant levels of discrimination against Asian Americans, and that Native American renters may face the highest discrimination rates (up to 29 percent) of all.

10

Strangers in Two Worlds / Scott Zesch

In: American History, June 2007. – 3338 words

„Dozens of children on the southern Plains were captured by Comanches, Apaches or Kiowas during the 19th century. [...] Though terrifying at first and filled with hardship, captivity gave immigrants to the New World a deeper understanding of the continent's native cultures. In colonial days, the practice gave rise to one of the earliest forms of American literature, the captivity narrative.“

11

The Changing Face of Poverty in America / William E Spriggs

In: The American Prospect. - May 2007. – 2673 words

„In 2000, the number of poor Americans reached an 11-year low at 31.6 million, and the poverty rate stood at a 26-year low at 11.3 percent. While the nation again became richer after the post-2001 recovery, more than 5 million Americans fell into poverty, and the latest figures put the number of poor Americans at 36.9 million people.“

12

IN THE LINE OF FIRE / Gatehouse, Jonathon, Friscolanti, Michael, Savage, Luiza Ch.

In: Maclean's, 4/30/2007. - 3633 words

The article discusses gun control laws. The authors compare mass shootings in countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, England, and Scotland then compares the political reactions in those countries to those of the United States. Statistically speaking, the U.S. has the highest rate of death and injury caused by guns compared to other developed nations.

13

From Detroit to the Promised Land / Karolyn Smardz Frost

In: American History, April 2007. – 3284 words

The article presents information about the legal proceedings and subsequent escape of Thornton Blackburn and his wife, Ruthie, also known as Lucie, in Detroit, Michigan in 1833. The Blackburns were escaped slaves from Kentucky and were ordered to be returned to their owners. They escaped to Canada where the laws determined they could not be extradited and thus became a place of refuge and ultimate destination for the Underground Railroad.

14

'Because I Said So' / Matthew Crenson, Benjamin Ginsberg

In: American History, June 2007. - 2787 words

Understanding the presidency begins with a consideration of how politicians become presidents. Presidents of the past were created in an evening's deliberation at party conventions, and they were expected to make as little trouble as possible. We now expect presidents to make history.

15

A cloud looms over the Grand Canyon Skywalk ; Tribal leaders see a bridge to an economic future; opponents see a sacrilege / Jayne Clark

In: USA TODAY., March 16, 2007. – 1588 words

Tribal officials look at the new Grand Canyon Skywalk that juts 65 feet off the rim into thin air and see economic survival. Some conservationists, however, view it as a tacky tourist attraction that defaces a natural wonder.