

Aufsatzdienst März 2007

01

The Big Test / Damon Linker

In: New Republic, January 1, 2007 – 3220 words

The article discusses the implications of a Mormon presidency, as represented by 2008 hopeful and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. The United States plays a central role in Mormon theology, in which the U. S. is conceived of as the site of the Armageddon and the second coming of Christ. Mormonism relies on divine revelation and prophecy, discourages philosophical inquiry and denies a natural moral order.

02

Myths and Stereotypes About Native Americans / Walter C Fleming, Carol Juneau

In: Phi Delta Kappan, November 2006 – 3736 words

By relying on stereotypes to describe Native Americans, whites come to believe that Indians are drunks, get free money from the government, and are made wealthy from casino revenue. For example, the terms "American Indian jewelry" or "Native American religion" in reality do not convey much information about more than 500 cultural beliefs or practices. [...] the stereotype that American Indians are doomed to become alcoholics obviously colors one's impression of the many who do not drink alcohol at all. So, too, the stereotype of all American Indians as "spiritual" - even though this may be perceived as a positive image - does not encompass the beliefs or practices of all individuals.

03

Happy 40th Birthday, Star Trek / Tim Cavanaugh

In: Reason, Aug/Sep 2006. – 4575 words

The Starship Enterprise began exploring space, the final frontier, 40 years ago this September. Initially described as a five-year mission to seek out new life and new civilizations, explore strange new worlds, and boldly go where no man had gone before, the series Star Trek took its place in the National Broadcasting Company's prime time lineup on Thursday, Sep 8, 1966. Here, Cavanaugh discusses the story of Star Trek.

04

A Legacy of the Unforeseen: The unexpected consequences of immigration reform / Carolyn Lochhead

Excerpt from: Immigration Now, Immigration Tomorrow, Immigration Forever

In: Reason, Aug/Sep 2006. – 1709 words

“MANY OF THE most radical changes in the origins and numbers of America's vast flow of immigrants were accidentally set in motion by politicians who expected an entirely different result. As Congress considers yet another round of immigration reform, the lesson from history is to beware of unintended consequences.”

05

Hillary v. Obama is the real race in the battle for the White House / James Forsyth

In: The Spectator, January 27, 2007. – 1909 words

[Barack Obama]'s opponents in his 2004 Senate race imploded before they'd landed a blow on him. This means that Obama hasn't been put under the microscope in the way that candidates on the national stage normally are. That will soon change. [Hillary Clinton] has already hired someone who ran the campaign of one of Obama's opponents in 2004.

06

We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For / Alice Walker

In: Ms., Fall 2006. – 2191 words

It is the worst of times because it feels as though the very Earth is being stolen from us, by us: the land and air poisoned, the water polluted, the animals disappeared, humans degraded and misguided. War is everywhere. It is the best of times because we have entered a period, if we can bring ourselves to pay attention, of great clarity as to cause and effect.

07

POKER / Jack Kelly

In: American Heritage, November/December 2006. – 5611 words

“This most democratic of games, at which a truck driver can sit down with an executive and an amateur can beat a professional, struck a resonant chord in American culture. [...] As the actor Walter Matthau said of poker, “The game exemplifies the worst aspects of capitalism that have made our country so great.”

08

1964: THE YEAR THE SIXTIES BEGAN / Joshua Zeitz

In: American Heritage, October 2006. - 6456

The article focuses on some of the events of 1964 that still affect people in some way. According to the author, this year may be said the beginning of a more hopeful and democratic period in American history. For the conservatives, it was also a time when a vast and invidious cultural revolution consumed America's basic values.

09

Fear and Hope in Immigrant's Furtive Existence; THREE SISTERS: Chap. 2: Veronica / Lizette Alvarez

In: New York Times, December 20, 2006. – 3114 words

Like millions of other illegal immigrants, Veronica and [Jose] first entered the United States on tourist visas, which they were able to get from the American consulate in Monterrey. Veronica had secured hers as a child and was able to extend it. The family was waved in at the checkpoint in Laredo, except for her two daughters from her earlier marriage who hid under a blanket in the back seat.

10

The Roads That Changed America / Sam Roberts

In: New York Times Upfront, November 13, 2006. – 1311 words

The Interstate Highway System is a network freeway in the US that serves all its major cities and had been lobbied for by major US automobile manufacturers and championed by former Pres Dwight D. Eisenhower. [...] Roberts discusses how the system was built and how it affects the country and its people in countless ways.

11

Boys' Life / Bill Bryson

In: Smithsonian, February 2007. – 1745 words

In the article the author, Bill Bryson, describes growing up in Des Moines, Iowa during the 1950s. According to Bryson, during his childhood there were children everywhere, in densities now unimaginable. Bryson describes his childhood as unsupervised, unregulated, and robustly physical.

12

Untruth and Consequences / Carl M Cannon

In: The Atlantic Monthly, January/February 2007. – 7706 words

The article focuses on U.S. presidents throughout history that have lied to the American public, and what makes George W. Bush different. Several famous lies told by Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton are presented, and the deliniation of personal and official conduct is made.

13

Funk's Founding Father / Gerri Hirshey

In: Rolling Stone, 1/25/2007. - 4983 words

Born in utter poverty, JAMES BROWN became the ultimate self-made man, whose work ethic was topped only by his rhythmic innovations and musical genius. In this article Gerri Hirshey discusses the life and legacy of the famous musician.

14

Caught in the Cross-Fire / Richard G. Jones

In: New York Times, Oct 15, 2006. – 2945 words

“Authorities say, gangs count tens of thousands of members in the region. Besides the estimated 17,000 members of 700 gangs in New Jersey, there are an estimated 10,000 members of upward of 50 gangs on Long Island.[...]”

The most prominent gangs active in the region include the Bloods and the Crips, which were traced to Los Angeles in the 1960's.

15

Learning from History: U.S. Environmental Politics, Policies, and the Common Good /

In: Environment, Nov 2006. – 10.568 words

The article looks at U.S. environmental politics, policies, and the common good. According to the article, throughout American history, the dominant policies of the U.S. have been to promote the economic exploitation of natural resources. Some U.S. environmental policies have also included initiatives to manage and protect the natural environment, such as water management projects and controlling pollution. The article discusses public health, federal conservation, and sanitation policies, the 1970 National Environmental Policy Act, the limits of current environmental policies, and international environmental diplomacy.