

## Aufsatzdienst Januar 2008

### 01

#### **For Sale: The American Dream** / Joshua Ruff

In: American History, December 2007. – 3494 words

The article discusses the building of the suburban United States following the Second World War by examining the iconic first suburb, Levittown, New York. The author notes that Levittown came to be a symbol of both the strengths and weaknesses associated with suburban living. Levittown and the growth of the American suburbs were a social phenomenon associated with a reaction to the years of the Great Depression and the Second World War.

### 02

#### **The INVISIBLE Class** / Sarah Karlin

In: American School Board Journal, November 2007. – 4 pages

The article focuses on the issue of educating undocumented students in the U.S. Twenty-five years after the Supreme Court decision over Plyler v. Doe, a landmark 1982 lawsuit over the education of the children of illegal immigrants, a debate over the issue was renewed when officials in two Virginia counties proposed measures to deny public services, including access to public schools, to undocumented immigrants. The Supreme Court ruling has not stopped other school districts and states from trying to exclude illegal immigrants from public schools.

### 03

#### **Birth, Death and Shopping** / o. A.

In: Economist, December 22, 2007. - 2736 words

The article presents an exploration into the shopping mall and its development since the 1950s through the 21st century. The Southdale shopping centre of Minnesota is highlighted, describing its foundation as the first downtown retail shopping center in the U.S. along with various trends of growth and decline. Trends in 2007 are also discussed, citing the decline of the retail trade and efforts by some businessmen to innovate and rebuild the industry's demand.

### 04

#### **If Only the Pilgrims Had Been Italian** / Thomas J. Craughwell

In: American Spectator, November 2007. – 1606 words

The article discusses the evolution of American cuisine, from the bland fare of the English colonists in Massachusetts and their Yankee descendants, to the variety of flavors brought by 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century immigrants. Topics discussed include the [...] contributions of German, Dutch, French, Italian, Jewish, and Chinese cookery.

### 05

#### **A Domestic Marshall Plan to Transform America's Dark Ghettos": Toward a Martin Luther King – Malcolm X Community Revitalization Initiative** / Ron Daniels

In: Black Scholar, Fall 2007. - 2470 words

The author suggests a revival of the concept of a domestic Marshall Plan to reverse the deterioration of U.S. dark ghettos. [...] These inner-city problems include chronic unemployment, poverty, and environmental degradation. The approach needed for such communities must include public service employment, job training, and environmentally sustainable community economic development.

### 06

#### **A Painful Remembrance** / Mary Annette Pember

In: Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, November 29, 2007. – 1735 words

“Many in Indian country have expressed that the trauma from the boarding school experience continues to terrorize the hearts of American Indians. Although much has been written about this history that looms so large in the North American indigenous experience, it remains an obscure topic in mainstream America.”

### 07

#### **Holding on to Harlem** / C. Gerald Fraser

In: American Legacy, Winter 2008. – 7 pages

“African-Americans have lived in the section of Manhattan known as Harlem for just over a century.”

This article gives an overview about the history of the famous New York neighborhood.

**08**

**Sputnik 1957** / Gerard J. DeGroot

In: American History, December 2007. – 2739 words

In this article the author discusses the **1957** launch of Sputnik, the first artificial satellite in space, by the Soviet Union. The piece is written in 2007, the 50th anniversary of the event. By focusing on the launch in the context of the U.S.-Soviet rivalry during the Cold War, the author describes the fear and hatred the event provoked in the United States. Also described is the impact of the launch of Sputnik on the United States political life.

**09**

**Is Our Health-Care System Sick?** / Stanton R. Mehr

In: Current Health, January 2008 – 1530 words

“Most developed countries have a simple way of paying for their health-care systems: Citizens pay taxes, and the government ensures that the health-care bill is paid. That is called a single-payer system because the government pays nearly all the bills. Countries from Great Britain to Canada to Japan to Brazil use this type of national health-care system.” The United States is different.

**10**

**Berlin Airlift** / Stephan Wilkinson

In: Military History, December 2007. – 3213 words

The article traces the greatest airborne relief operation in Berlin, Germany in 1948. The 1948-49 Berlin Airlift was the first air relief operation ever conducted. Soviet Union Leader Joseph Stalin ordered a blockade of all land routes to Berlin on March 21, 1948. The U.S. government hoped to provide relief goods to the people in Berlin and decided to use the Air Force's C-47 aircraft. Such airborne relief was successful.

**11**

**Could the Next President Be Even Scarier?** / Luiza Ch. Savage

In: Maclean's, November 12, 2007. – 3983 words

The article focuses on American politics and the importance of the U.S. presidential election in 2008. Particular attention is given to the policies of U.S. President George W. Bush, as well as information on 2008's presidential candidates, including Hilary Clinton, Barack Obama, Rudolph Giuliani and Mitt Romney. Article topics include the impact the next American president will have, both domestically and globally, the Iraq War, and the issue of terrorism.

**12**

**Revenge begins to seem less sweet** / o.A.

In: Economist, September 1, 2007. – 3222 words

The article discusses controversy surrounding the death penalty in the United States. Capital punishment was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1972, but the decision was reversed in 1976, reassigning the issue back to individual states. The author notes that Texas is the only state consistently in favor of the death penalty. The cost of executing an inmate is now higher than the cost of life in jail.

**13**

**African American Women and the Struggle for Racial Equality** / Viv Sanders

In: History Review, September 2007. – 3745 words

The article examines the history of the civil rights movement in the U.S. According to the article, histories of the African American struggle for equality in the U.S. usually concentrate upon male leaders. Admittedly many historians mention Rosa Parks refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man, but thereafter Parks disappears and is replaced by Martin Luther King. When African American men were enfranchised, Sojourner Truth sought the vote for African American women.

**14**

**Bill Clinton** / Sean Wilentz

In: Rolling Stone, November 15, 2007. – 3729 words

An interview with the former U.S. president Bill Clinton is presented. When asked about the relevant issues in the 2008 presidential election, he explains that climate change and the U.S. economy will be key issues. He describes the challenges that the economies of India, China, and Europe will pose to the U.S. He also comments on the administration under President George W. Bush and discusses his own work with AIDS and poverty relief.

**15**

**The Devil's Fruit** / Diane Solomon

In: The Progressive, January 2008. – 3 pages

“88 percent of the Nation's crop of strawberries comes from the central coast of California. *Los freseros* (the strawberry pickers) are primarily undocumented Latino immigrants, and they have a name for the berry. They call it *la fruta del Diablo*, since the workers spend ten to twelve hours a day in the hot sun, bent at the waist, picking.”