

## Aufsatzdienst Januar 2009

### 01

**America & the World: Challenges For the New President:** A Guide From the Foreign Policy Association

In: The New York Times Upfront, Dec. 1 & 15, 2008, Supplement. - 6 pages

In this article the Foreign Policy Association staff gives an overview about the most important domestic and international topics with which the president elect Barack Obama and his new administration have to deal with: Iraq, Afghanistan, Energy, Climate Change and immigration are some of them.

### 02

**Wall Street's First Collapse** / Thomas Fleming

In: American Heritage, Winter 2009. - 3550 words

The article discusses the history of the first stock market bubble and the banking bailout in the U.S. in 1792. It focuses the conflict between U.S. Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson and Secretary of Treasury Alexander Hamilton which was brought by their conflicting views on solving the financial issues. It also emphasizes the financial schemes of assistant Treasury Secretary William Duer, along with Walter Livingston and Alexander McComb, which led to the fall of the stock market.

### 03

**Uneasy About Alcohol** / Peter Carlson

In: American History, December 2008. - 8 pages

The article discusses the history of alcohol consumption and temperance in the U.S. Details about the conflict between pro-alcohol and anti-alcohol Americans, which has existed throughout the history of the U.S., are provided. The alcoholic consumption practices of early American religious settlers are also explored.

### 04

**Shades of Difference** / Alastair Bonnett

In: History Today, Dec. 2008. - 1916 words

This article examines the tangled genealogy of African Americans and Native Americans. These groups are not generally thought of as joined but the author contends there is an extensive record of relations between the two marginalised peoples. However, these relations are complex. There are records of Indians owning black slaves.

### 05

**America's Health Checkup** (cover story) / Alice Park

In: Time, December 01, 2008. - 2270 words

The article presents an assessment of the collective physical health of the U.S. population and its health care system. The author cites some of the national statistics including numbers for obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure, and notes how the U.S. health care system works by focusing on treating illness rather than preventing it. She also notes some of the challenges facing the administration of President-elect Barack Obama.

### 06

**American Girl** / Ta-Nehisi Coates

In: Atlantic Monthly, January/February 2009. - 4411 words

In this article the author discusses Michelle Obama, wife of Barack Obama, the president-elect of the United States and the first African American to hold that post. In profiling Michelle Obama the author addresses a number of issues germane to Obama including her recollections of her childhood, the Chicago neighborhood she was raised in and the experience of southern African Americans in the urban north.

### 07

**The Future of the American Frontier** / John Tirman

In: American Scholar, Winter 2009. - 4437 words

This article explores the reliance of the U.S. presidential campaign of 2008 on a standard of U.S. political culture, the frontier myth. It discusses the bow of the campaign to the dense complex of frontier images and values attached to the American experience. It addresses the limitless possibilities of the American dream, the expansion of American values, the national effort to tame faraway places, the promise of a bounty just over the horizon and the essential virtue of the people. It also indicates the reasons for the closing frontier, including the end of the Cold War.

**08**

**Chasing the Blues Away** / Lawrence N. Powell

In: American Scholar, Summer 2007. - 5 pages

“Now, with so many neighborhoods washed away' in Katrina's wake, the unthinkable--the utter loss of the city's cultural vibrancy--suddenly seems possible. The storm and its consequences may have irreparably severed the organic connection between community and culture. If so, this deracination poses a challenge not only for cultural survival but for any economic recovery dependent on the continual replenishment of the vernacular music of New Orleans.”

**09**

**15 Minutes that Saved America** / H.W. Brands

In: American History, October 2008. - 3853 words

The article discusses the role played by former U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in bringing the U.S. out the Great Depression. Details about Roosevelt's use of radio as a means to reach out to Americans, specifically in his fireside chats, are provided. The state of the U.S. economy during the presidencies of Herbert Hoover and Roosevelt is explored and the economic policies of Roosevelt are discussed.

**10**

**Welcome to Florida** / Michael Grunwald

In: Time, July 21, 2008. - 3322 words

The article details Florida's economic and environmental turmoil as the state faces a myriad of crises ranging from water shortages to a real estate collapse. Coupled with a battered citrus industry and hurricanes the author wonders why Floridians wish to attract outsiders. Motivating factors like tourism, a primary source of revenue, decreased population, and drifting retirees are discussed. A historical overview of the state and an in-depth analysis of the issues is presented.

**11**

**The Race for the Arctic** / Thomas Omestad

In: U.S. News & World Report, October 13, 2008. - 2332 words

The article looks at the commercial oil and gas opportunities emerging as the Arctic ice cap melts. It is noted that nations may compete for the Arctic resources. The threat to traditional livelihoods in Alaska and Greenland is mentioned. It is reported that Norwegian tankers are transporting liquefied gas from the Snow White field in the Barents Sea. Mining opportunities for diamonds, gold, nickel and copper are discussed. Russia and Canada are reported to be more assertive.

**12**

**The Decline of the North American Car** (cover Story) / Colin Campbell

In: Maclean's, December 1, 2008. - 4173 words

The article examines the rise and decline of the North American car industry. The piece is written in light of speculation that the major U.S. automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, may be forced into bankruptcy. A number of factors that caused the downturn in the industry are discussed including failures in quality, design and fuel efficiency. Provision of a U.S. government bailout of the industry are examined.

**13**

**One Universe, Under God** / Liza Lentini

In: Discover, October 2007. - 3827 words

The article discusses the controversy surrounding the teaching of evolution, intelligent design and creationism. Several examples of curricula used in private Christian schools and public schools are contrasted. The nuanced differences between intelligent design theory and creationism are analyzed. Legal challenges concerning the freedom of teachers in public schools are reviewed.

**14**

**Quebec's Separation Movement: It Brought Canadian Unity Closer** / Habeeb Salloum

In: Contemporary Review; Autumn 2008. - 6 pages

This article analyzes the Quebec separatist movement in Canada. French-speaking Quebec was defeated by the British in 1759 and since then has been a part of English-speaking Canada. It was only during the later half of the 20th century that groups began agitation for Quebec independence. However, the author contends that the effort, not only failed, but increase the sense of Canadian unity.

**15**

**Did Castro OK the Kennedy Assassination?** / Gus Russo and Stephen Molton

In: American Heritage, Winter 2009. - 5784 words

The article examines the connection of Cuban President Fidel Castro in the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy. It explains how Castro's socialist ideals influenced Kennedy's assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. It compares the principles and the character of the two presidents based on their family backgrounds and as well as reveals other political conflicts and assassination plots against each other. A background of Oswald is also presented.