

Aufsatzdienst Oktober 2010

01

The War Against Obesity / Deborah Douglas

In: The Crisis, Spring 2010. – 2523 words

“In many corners of Black America, life is about subsisting on artificially flavored fruit drinks, anything topped with melted cheese and astronomical portions. Squeeze into a seat on a crowded city bus or train during rush-hour traffic lately? Stood in line at the neighborhood chicken shack on payday? Attended a Black church? Anyone making the rounds of Black life in America with their eyes wide open can see the obvious: Black folks are among the fattest people in America.”

02

The Great Immigration Debate / Patricia Smith

In: The New York Times Upfront, Vol. 143, September 6, 2010. – 1741 words

“The debate over immigration today is largely about illegal immigration. But illegal immigration is often more complicated than it seems. For example, there are now thousands of “mixed” families in the U.S. in which the parents are in the U.S. illegally, but their children, born in the United States, are citizens.”

03

The Hurting / Joseph Boyden

In: Maclean's, July 5, 2010. – 1906 words

The article presents the author's opinion on the reasons why a high number of Aboriginal youth in Canada commit suicide. [...]He suggests that this suicide epidemic is a direct link to residential schools, where generations of Native American families were torn apart by the system

04

Coming soon to a suburb near you / Katie Engelhart

In: Maclean's, June 14, 2010. – 2870 words

This article discusses the increased drug trafficking that is coming from Mexico into the United States and is beginning to find its way into Canada. Once Mexican drug cartels make it across the U.S. border, they are relatively free to move into any city in the country. Some have even made it British Columbia cities. The article notes that U.S. efforts to protect the borders might be too late.

05

Save the Planet Stop Eating Meat / Katie Engelhart, Nicholas Köhler, Nicholas

In: Maclean's, March 2010. – 3367 words

Abstract: The article presents information on efforts to promote vegetarianism, or at least a reduction in meat consumption. Designating one day of the week as meatless is an option promoted by celebrities such as the rock musician Paul McCartney. The negative impact which the meat animal industry has on the environment is discussed, and the health benefits of consuming less meat are noted. Related animal rights issues are also discussed.

06

Islam: Not in My Backyard? / Laurie Goodstein

In: The New York Times Upfront., September 20, 2010. – 1585 words

„Over the summer, a high-profile battle erupted over plans to build an Islamic community center and mosque in New York two blocks from Ground Zero, where the World Trade Center stood until it came crashing down in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001“.

07

Rock Memories / Edward Willie

In: News from Native California, Summer 2010. – 6 pages

A personal narrative is presented which explores the author's experience of joining fellow Native Americans during their occupation of Alcatraz in California in 1969

08

Voices of a Nation / Brenda Wineapple

In: American Scholar, Summer 2010. - 3658 words

The article discusses the development of American literature by nineteenth century authors, taking into consideration American identity and civilization during the period. Some of the notable authors discussed include Henry David Thoreau, John De Forest, Henry Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and James Fenimore Cooper.

09

Gambling with Lives / Maura J. Casey

In: First Things: November 2009. - 5 pages

The article examines the effect of gambling on the lives of people in the U.S. According to the author, constructing casinos in Connecticut produce negative effects citing the increased number of crimes, a decline in the number of local businesses, a continued deterioration of urban neighborhood and a high unemployment rate. In *Las Vegas*, Nevada, high rates of suicides, school dropouts and low educational attainment are some of the social problems caused by gambling.

10

Arguing Three Strikes / Emily Bazelon

In: The New York Times Magazine, May 23, 2010. – 3045 words

“California's repeat-offender law is unique in this stringency. Twenty-five other states have passed three-strikes laws, but only California punishes minor crimes with the penalty of a life sentence. About 3,700 prisoners in the state are serving life for a third strike that was neither violent nor serious, according to the legal definition.”

11

'The Illustrated Man' (cover story) / Jonathan Alter

In: Newsweek, September 6, 2010. - 2433 words

The article discusses popular misconceptions about U.S. President Barack Obama. Polling data indicate almost 25% of Americans believe Obama is a Muslim, while over half of Republicans polled say Obama has at least some sympathy for the aims of Islamic fundamentalists who want to establish Islamic law on a global basis. The author cites the ease with which radical foes of Obama can communicate via the Internet as one contributing factor.

12

The Case Against Homeownership / Barbara Kiviat

In: Time, September 6, 2010. – 4045 words

The article discusses home ownership in the United States and the mythology of the *American Dream*. Information about home ownership, credit availability, foreclosures, and the growth of suburbs is plotted on a time line from 1900 to 2010. The concept of mass home ownership, the mortgage market during the Great Depression of 1929, and the effect of labor mobility on the economics of home ownership are discussed. Data is presented which shows a relationship between the economic output in several U.S. cities and the percentages of renters and home owners.

13

Above the City of Angels / Brendan Buhler

In: Sierra, May/June 2010. – 3145 words

The article discusses the San Gabriel Mountains in Los Angeles, California and the hazards they present to residents including wildfires and mudslides. Damage caused by a February 2010 mudslide in the La Canada Flintridge neighborhood is discussed, including its history and causal link with summer to fall 2009 wildfires. The Angeles National Forest is discussed including its rugged landscape as characterized by naturalist John Muir

14

Good-Bye to Privacy? / Tom Spring

In: PC World, July 2010. - 3 pages

Facebook users have witnessed through the years how their private information became shared with a growing number of strangers, particularly advertisers. Particular focus is given to the Instant Personalization program of Facebook. There are two emerging trends in online advertising that privacy groups are complaining about. One of these trends is advertisers' integration of online and offline data to develop digital dossiers of Web surfers. According to privacy activists, advertisers are unfairly monitoring people and profiting from their data.

15

The Freegan Establishment / Jake Halpern

In: The New York Times Magazine, June 6, 2010. – 4792 words

“Kit is a freegan. He maintains that our society wastes far too much. Freeganism is a bubbling stew of various ideologies, drawing on elements of communism, radical environmentalism, a zealous do-it-yourself work ethic and an old-fashioned frugality of the sock-darning sort. Freegans are not revolutionaries. Rather, they aim to challenge the status quo by their lifestyle choices. Above all, freegans are dedicated to salvaging what others waste and -- when possible -- living without the use of currency. "I really dislike spending money," Kit told me. "It doesn't feel natural.”