

## Aufsatzdienst Januar 2011

### 01

#### **The Summer of Our Discontent** / Bruce Watson

In: American Heritage, Summer 2010. – 4095 words

The article presents an examination of the efforts of United States college students that descended upon Mississippi during the summer of 1964 to fight for social justice and seek an end to racial discrimination against African Americans. It discusses the disappearance of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, three volunteers who went missing outside of Meridian, Mississippi that summer.

### 02

#### **America's Worst Idea** / Stephanie McCurry

In: American History, December 2010. – 3139 words

“On the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, can we finally admit the truth about why the South lost?”

In December America will mark a unique and largely embarrassing anniversary: 150 years ago a group of South Carolina politicians called a convention of "the people" and voted themselves out of the Union. [...] The secessionist states hazarded all: their own future and that of their children and their children's children; slavery itself, on which the bulk of their wealth depended; and the fourth largest economy in the world.“

### 03

#### **Divided We Eat** (cover story) / Lisa Miller; Ian Yarett; Jesse Ellison

In: Newsweek, November 29, 2010. – 3346 words

The article discusses huge differences in the type and quality of food consumed in the U.S. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, some 50 million Americans are "food insecure," or don't always have enough money for food. Conversely, growing numbers of Americans consider themselves, vegans, locavores, or just connoisseurs of fine food, all distinctions that can involve greater-than average commitments of time and money to one's diet.

### 04

#### **Katrina: A Man-Made Disaster** / Michael Grunwald

In: Time, December 6, 2010. – 2289 words

The article focuses on the destruction of Louisiana's coastline and marshes and the politics behind this destruction. It states that around 2,300 square miles of coastal marshes, cypress swamps and barrier islands in Louisiana have eroded into the Gulf of Mexico in the 20th century, which has increased the vulnerability of coastal communities and New Orleans to hurricanes and other storms.

### 05

#### **The U.N.: A Love-Hate Affair** / Laurence M. Paul

In: The New York Times Upfront, Vol. 143, September 20, 2010. – 1900 words

“Founded 65 years ago this fall, the United Nations has a primary goal of fostering world peace—essentially to make war obsolete. President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-60) said in 1953 that the U.N. "represents man's best organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battlefield." That, of course, has not happened. But the U.N.'s founders had other aspirations as well: feeding the hungry, combating disease, ensuring human rights, regulating commerce, promoting and providing education. ”

### 06

#### **Why I love Peanuts** / Joe Queenan

In: The Guardian (London) - Final Edition, October 21, 2010. - 1641 words

“The comic strip ran for almost 50 years, the last original panel being published on 13 February 2000, the day after its creator died. The strip ran in many countries and was translated into many languages, even though fans in foreign countries might not have fully grasped its decidedly American sensibility. [...] Americans do not ordinarily take much of a shine to hapless losers. But they took a shine to Charlie Brown.”

07

**Lennon's Other Legacy** / Andrew Romano

In: Newsweek, December 13, 2010. – 1747 words

The article discusses the legacy of performer John Lennon of the musical group The Beatles, who would have celebrated his 70th birthday in 2010 had he not been shot to death in 1980. In the author's view Lennon's willingness to let his art influence his life and vice versa was an early indicator of the nature of celebrity in the 21st century.

08

**THE NEW OIL** / Jeneen Interlandi ; Ryan Tracy

In: Newsweek; October 18, 2010. - 2683 words

*The* article discusses *the* merits of privatizing potable water supplies. Proponents argue that market prices can help align supply with demand. Critics are uncomfortable with the idea of allocating something so essential to life by the ability to pay. They further claim private owners of water supplies would be motivated to spend as little as possible on maintenance and environmental protection.

09

**Illegal Voices: 4 Undocumented Students Describe Uncertain Futures** / Katherine Mangan

In: Chronicle of Higher Education. September 24, 2010. – 2083 words

“As another academic year gets under way, thousands of undocumented students are looking ahead to uncertain futures, grateful for the opportunity to attend college but wondering if anyone will hire them when they graduate. [...] for students like Edilsa, Him, Anh-Thu, and José--four University of Texas students who were brought to the United States as children--those fears are compounded by worries about their illegal status.”

10

**A Venerable Tradition** / Johanna Neuman

In: U.S. News & World Report, November 2010. – 3247 words

The article discusses the tradition of people volunteering to help their communities. Topics discussed in the article include the number of people in the U.S. who volunteer, the history of public service within the U.S. and actions that have been taken by U.S. politicians, such as former U.S. President Bill Clinton creating the nonprofit organization AmeriCorps, to encourage people to volunteer.

11

**The Case for Obama** / Tim Dickinson

In: Rolling Stone, October 10, 2010. – 5638 words

The article presents an overview of the political and social accomplishments that U.S. President Barack Obama has been responsible for during the first portion of his presidential term. A discussion of a lack of popularity and political success which Obama has seen despite his accomplishments is presented. Some of Obama's accomplishments include averting a depression during the economic crisis, spurring on economic recovery, and reforming health care.

12

**From Lockers to Lockup** / Jessica Bennett

In: Newsweek, October 11, 2010. - 2009 words

The article discusses school bullying and ponders what is appropriate punishment for such behavior. Special attention is paid to the case of Phoebe Prince of South Hadley, Massachusetts, who killed herself after being bullied by high-school classmates. Although her tormenters face criminal charges, the article basically opines that legal prosecution might not be the best approach.

13

**God and Country** /Kenneth C. Davis

In: Smithsonian, October 2010. – 2334 words

The article explores the history of religious tolerance in the U.S. [...]Some of the subjects considered include the 1565 Spanish persecution of French Huguenots living in Fort Caroline (near Jacksonville, Florida), the persecution of religious dissidents including Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and the efforts of American founding fathers James Madison and Thomas Jefferson to promote the separation of church and state.

14

**A Fistful of Dollar** / Mac McClelland

In: Mother Jones, November/December 2010. – 1991 words

The article looks at vigilante justice within the American Indian Nations. An anonymous Pawnee vigilante-for-hire discusses how he beats thieves and rapists who would otherwise go unpunished. The power of tribal courts to prosecute crime is described as lacking. Statistics for crimes against Indians committed by Indians are presented.

15

**MEN'S LIB.** / Andrew Romano; Tony Dokoupil

In: Newsweek; September 27, 2010. - 3477 words

“What's the matter with men? For years, the media have delivered the direst of prognoses. Men are "in decline." Guys are getting "stiffed." The "war on boys" has begun. And so on. This summer, The Atlantic's Hanna Rosin went so far as to declare that "The End of Men" is upon us.”