

## Aufsatzdienst September 2011

### 01

#### **Muslim and American: living under the shadow of 9/11** / Beenish Ahmed

In: The American Prospect, September 2011. - 1853 words

“One afternoon, as I carried my rented sitar onto an elevator for my weekly lessons in Indian classical music, someone I didn't know stepped in and asked me half-jokingly if I were smuggling a bazooka somewhere. When I recoiled, he said, "I only ask because you seem to be from the part of the world where people like to tote those sorts of things around. Just try to remember, you're in America now.”

### 02

#### **This Land Was Their Land (predominantly pictures)** / Claudia Glenn Dowling

In: American History, Aug2010, Vol. 45 Issue 3, p42-49

“Homesteaders grabbed free acres and used the earth itself to build the American dream. They crossed the great grasslands of the United States, powered by the American dream: land, a home. When Abraham Lincoln signed the Home-stead Act in 1862, pioneers were promised 160 acres, free. The condition: Live on the land and cultivate it for five years“.

### 03

#### **Confessions Of A Cyber Junkie** / Kevin Roberts

In: USA Today (Magazine), March 2011. - 3304 words

„I am not a scientist and I do not claim to be an authority when it comes to alcohol or other drug problems. What I do know are the ins and outs of cyber and gaming problems and how they can destroy a person's life. I am not alone in recognizing this situation. In the U.S., newsgroups, community activists, government officials, teachers, and throngs of concerned parents agree that a problem exists and solutions have been difficult to find.”

### 04

#### **Welcome To Barrow, Alaska, Ground Zero for Climate Change** / Bob Reiss

In: Smithsonian, Mar2010, Vol. 40 Issue 12. - 4187 words

As the northernmost city or town in the U.S., Barrow is considered an excellent site for climatic change research related to global warming, which is occurring at a faster rate in Arctic regions than in the rest of the planet Earth. Scientists and government officials from Barrow discuss evidence of climatic changes in the region. The effects of this environmental change on the indigenous peoples of northern Alaska such as the Inuit are considered.

### 05

#### **White House Rebel** / Lois Romano

In: Newsweek, 6/13/2011, Vol. 157 Issue 24/25. - 2371 words

The article discusses Michelle Obama, wife of U.S. President Barack Obama. She does not enjoy political campaigning, but the author says her efforts will be essential to Barack Obama's re-election bid. Two issues she has become identified with are childhood obesity and aid to military families.

### 06

#### **The 9/11 Dilemma: Freedom vs. Security - Ten years after 9/11, the United States is still trying to balance protecting the nation from terrorist attacks with preserving civil liberties** / by Patricia Smith

In: The New York Times Upfront, September 5, 2011. - 1233 words

“On Sept. 11, 2001, Al Qaeda terrorists attacked the United States, turning hijacked passenger planes into missiles and killing almost 3,000 people in New York, at the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania. The attacks shattered America's sense of invulnerability and ushered in an ongoing battle with radical Islamic terrorists who, to this day, are bent on killing Americans. Washington responded with a host of measures—many of them controversial—to protect the nation.”

### 07

#### **National Portraitist (predominantly pictures)** / Claudia Glenn Dowling

In: American History, December 2010, Vol. 45 Issue 5, p48-55, 8p. - 1166 words

The article discusses the life and work of U.S. painter and illustrator Norman Rockwell. Rockwell created many iconic images that were displayed in the "Saturday Evening Post." Many of his paintings portrayed scenes from everyday life in the U.S. The opinions of filmmakers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg regarding the artwork of Rockwell are provided.

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**The View From 90: Even When Those in My Generation Have Reached a State of Serenity, Wisdom, and Relative Comfort, What We Face Can Hardly Be Called the Golden Years** / Doris Grumbach

In: American Scholar. 80.2 (Spring 2011). – 5326 words

“I AM A SELF-APPOINTED HISTORIAN of those of my generation who are still living. Who are we? We are not easily discernible among the more than 300 million persons who live in the United States. We were born between 1908 and 1918, which makes us the oldest of the old, perhaps, even, the long-lost generation. There are more of us still alive than anyone expected. We constitute a small tribe of one and a half million persons. The Census Bureau predicts that this number is growing rapidly.”

09

**Whose Point of View?** If Wikipedia is where the masses go for information, then progressives should be there to help get the facts right / Scott Rosenberg

In: American Prospect, June 13, 2011. – 1738 words

“One of Wikipedia’s guiding principles is the idea of “neutral point of view,” or NPOV. Under the rule of NPOV, contributors should not inject opinions into Wikipedia articles. Even more, they should not insert anything unless it is verifiable by some putatively reliable third-party source (usually media reports or acknowledged experts)”.

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**Crossing a Cultural Divide** / Reed Karaim

In: American Scholar, Summer2011, Vol. 80 Issue 3. - 4872 words

This article presents an extensive discussion regarding the social and political conditions of the U.S.-Mexican border region near Tucson, Arizona in the 21st-century. The author relays personal accounts describing what life is like on the border, citing ten years of living in Tucson. The hardships of migrants seeking to cross the border illegally are described, noting the harsh environmental conditions and high casualty rates of attempted border-crossings.

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**The afterlife of Harry Potter: the final film adaptation is hardly the end of the pop culture phenom. Harry's too big a money-maker to let that happen** / Brian Bethune and Patricia Treble

In: Maclean's, 124.27 (July 18, 2011). – 1509 words

“If Harry has rivals for cultural influence--of the stature of Star Wars, The Lord of the Rings and, from the far past, Sherlock Holmes--there is none to match his pure cash-generating power. The seven novels of Harry's adventures have sold a collective 400 million copies in more than 200 "territories," as publishers call them (the UN counts only 192 member countries).”

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**Soothsayer** / Elliott West

In: American History, August 2011, Vol. 46 Issue 3. - 3712 words

The article presents a historical profile of the Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, with particular focus being paid to his role as a wicashasha wakan, or holy man, for the tribe. It examines the myths and reality of Sitting Bull's background as a warrior chief, discusses his relationship with the Indian god Wakantanka, or Great Mystery, and chronicles his visions related to the U.S. Army attack of the Sioux at Little Bighorn, lead by Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer.

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**Monster Goddess (cover story)** / Brian HIATT

In: Rolling Stone, June 9, 2011, Issue 1132, p40-47, 8p. - 6435 words

The article looks at musician Lady Gaga, focusing on her efforts to record her third album "Born This Way." Lady Gaga comments on her favorite scene in the film "Rocky IV," her experience meeting Paul Stanley of the rock group Kiss, and her dedication to being an artist as well as a popular music icon

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**The Devil's Agent** / Sue Macy

In: American History, October 2011. – 4 pages

“In 1896, as the horse-and buggy era drew to a close, newspaper offices across the country received an impassionate broadside from Charlotte Smith, the founder of the national Women’s Rescue League. “Bicycling by young women has helped to swell the ranks of reckless girls who finally drift into the standing army of outcast women of the United States,” Smith declared.”

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**My Summer at an Indian Call Center** / Andrew Marantz

In: Mother Jones, Jul/Aug2011, Vol. 36 Issue 4. - 5021 words

The article discusses business process outsourcing (BPO) jobs in India where the 5,000 dollar yearly salary for call center workers qualifies as middle-class. Many Indians, some who are college graduates, seek jobs in call centers and receive training in English, Australian, and American dialects and culture in order to relate to callers. Also explored are the author's experiences seeking a BPO position, living in a worker's hostel, and working in a call center.