

Aufsatzdienst September 2012

01

What ever happened to global warming? / Elisabeth Rosenthal

In: New York Times Upfront, 144.12 (Apr. 2, 2012): p12. - 1465 words

In 2008, both the Democratic and Republican candidates for president, Barack Obama and John McCain, warned about man-made global warming and supported legislation to curb carbon emissions. After he was elected, President Obama promised "a new chapter in America's leadership on climate change."

02

'We pretend the vets don't even exist' / Anthony Swofford

In: Newsweek. 159.22 (May 28, 2012): p28. - 2587 words

"I was sitting next to Melissa, a call responder at the VA Crisis Hotline in Canandaigua, N.Y., when she looked at me and whispered, 'He just said he thinks he should walk out into traffic on Interstate 5 and end it all, that life is not worth living.' On the other end of the line was a young man who'd been out of the Marines for four months. He was unemployed and broke and hadn't eaten all day."

03

1982: The AIDS epidemic: thirty years after scientists gave a frightening new disease its name, AIDS still afflicts millions of men and women around the world / Lawrence K. Altman

In: New York Times Upfront. 144.13 (Apr. 23, 2012): p18. - 2065 words

"In August 1982--after more than 450 cases involving men and women in 23 states were reported--the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention decided on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS. Thirty years later, AIDS has infected more than 60 million people worldwide and has killed at least half that number in one of the worst epidemics in history. Teenagers today have grown up with little if any knowledge of the dark early days of AIDS."

04

Servants' lives below stairs / Claire Hopley

In: British Heritage. 31.4 (Sept. 2010): p30. - 2247 words

[...] when the sixth Marquess of Bath recalled his boyhood at Longleat, where he was born in 1905, he said, "You were looked after in the lap of luxury." Even as a child he had his own valet--one of the 43 indoor servants. "I think the more servants you had the better," he commented.

05

Where work disappears and dreams die / Don Terry

In: The American Prospect. 23.6 (July-August 2012): p58. - 2881 words

"Not all teenagers are as lucky as J'Len Glass. He trusts his parents. He knows they will always tell it to him straight. Yet the 15-year-old, who wants to be a doctor, can't help being skeptical of his elders' veracity--or at least of their memories--when they tell him that his shrinking, economically depressed hometown of Gary, Indiana--Steel City--was, once upon a time, a wonderful place to raise a family."

06

Not legal not leaving. (cover story) / Jose Antonio Vargas

In: Time, 6/25/2012, Vol. 179 Issue 25, p34-44 - 4493 words

"Why haven't you gotten deported?" That's usually the first thing people ask me when they learn I'm an undocumented immigrant or, put more rudely, an "illegal." Some ask it with anger or frustration, others with genuine bafflement. At a restaurant in Birmingham, not far from the University of Alabama, an inebriated young white man challenged me: "You got your papers?" I told him I didn't. "Well, you should get your ass home, then."

07

1947: the birth of India & Pakistan: Mohandas Gandhi led India to independence 65 years ago, with Muslims breaking away to form Pakistan. Today, the region is one of the most dynamic--and dangerous--in the world / Peter Edidin

In: New York Times Upfront. 144.9 (Jan. 30, 2012): p16. - 5 pages

When Mohandas Gandhi was 24, in 1893, he left India to practice law in South Africa. Riding the train there one day with a first-class ticket in hand, he was asked to move to a third-class car to make room for a white passenger. When he refused, he was thrown off the train. Gandhi would later describe that encounter as his "moment of truth," when he decided he would dedicate his life to fighting injustice.

08

A tale of two Indias: one of the fastest-growing countries in the world, India is emerging as a major global power. But huge challenges remain / Patricia Smith

In: New York Times Upfront. 143.8 (Jan. 10, 2011): p14. – 1794 words

“To get to 15-year-old Vikas Sharma's home in Bangalore, you have to travel along a narrow dusty lane, then climb a steep flight of stairs that's draped with a neighbor's drying laundry. Inside the tiny apartment, the bedroom Vikas shares with his younger brother is so small there's barely room for the bed and the table where the two boys study.”

09

Did I really leave home? Can I really return home? One Native American's journey / Emil Her Many Horses

In: Phi Kappa Phi Forum. 92.2 (Summer 2012): p15. - 2444 words

“I had come home for the holidays, which are about the only time I make this journey anymore. I was driving from Rosebud, where I grew up, to nearby Mission, where I had attended high school and where most of my immediate family now lives. I had travelled this road morning and evening for middle school and high school in the early 1970s, and as I listened to country music on the radio, I thought that everything looked so familiar.”

10

Water fight in the Great Basin / Kevin Grange

In: Utne Reader, July/August 2012. – 2 pages

“The Robinson Ranch in Spring Valley had just sold for \$22 million. Dean Baker and his three sons owned twice as much land and three times the water rights, which meant, by all accounts they'd just won the lottery. But to the Bakers, some things in life are more important than money. “

11

Pricing the Soul Out of Washington, D.C. / Maurice Jackson

In: The Chronicle of Higher Education. 58.39 (June 18, 2012). – 1925 words

“[...]it is often forgotten that Washington once stood as a "city on a hill" to the nation's African-Americans. Just as the Puritan John Winthrop held the biblical image up as the ideal for Boston, so the District has long served as a beacon to blacks seeking freedom -- from slavery, Jim Crow, and racism.”

12

Hazed to death: the fatal beating of a college marching-band leader in Florida has turned a national spotlight on hazing / Veronica Majerol

In: New York Times Upfront. 144.14 (May 14, 2012): p6. – 1644 words

“Like many musicians at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, 26-year-old drum major Robert Champion was proud of the school's famed "Marching 100" band and felt honored to be a member. The band has won a closetful of awards over nearly seven decades, played at Super Bowl halftime shows, and marched in the inaugural parades of presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. But on the night of Nov. 19, 2011, membership in that elite club cost Champion his life.”

13

The long way home: the noted world traveler fulfills a boyhood dream--to drive across America in the spirit of Kerouac, Steinbeck and other poets of the open road / Paul Theroux

In: Smithsonian. 40.6 (Sept. 2009): p70. – 4395 words

“The mixed blessing of America is that anyone with a car can go anywhere. The visible expression of our freedom is that we are a country without roadblocks. And a driver's license is our identity My dream, from way back--from high school, when I first heard the name Kerouac--was of driving across the United States. The cross-country trip is the supreme example of the journey as the destination.”

14

Weighing in on the history of fad diets / Steven Semiatin

In: History Magazine, June/July 2012. – 4 pages

“William the Conqueror [...] fell from his saddle at the Siege of Mantes. He was so obese, clergymen had trouble fitting him into his already enlarged sarcophagus. At least his horse must have felt some relief. Nearly a millennium later, humanity is still obsessed by fad dieting, forever searching for that pain-free formula for slimming down.”

15

There grows the neighborhood: plant tomatoes kale, and okra. Harvest a lower crime rate / Alex Kotlowitz

In: Mother Jones. 37.4 (July-August 2012): p38. -1315 words

“Growing up in a place like Englewood, events often feel out of your hands, and things happen without much logic. When Daniels' grandmother tried to grow a garden on the lot adjacent to their home, she was told by the city she couldn't; it planned to redevelop the lot. Twenty years later, the land's still vacant.”