



## Newsletter for English Teachers July/August 2004

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### Presidential Elections 2004

#### Kerry Invites John Edwards to be Vice Presidential Candidate

On July 6, presumed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry invited North Carolina Senator John Edwards to be his running mate in the 2004 presidential campaign.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/Archive/2004/Jul/06-648242.html>

- **In the Same Corner, Kerry and Edwards**  
Washington Post Staff Writer Mark Leibovich points out that former rivals sometimes make a winning ticket.  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32358-2004Jul6.html?referrer=email>
- **Under Relaxed Exterior, a Complex Man**  
Beneath the simple appeal of Sen. John Edwards is a life story of uncommon complexity. Far from easygoing, Edwards has shown notable drive and discipline.  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32316-2004Jul6.html?referrer=email>
- **Running on The Story Of His Life**  
Edwards has believed from his youth that he has a calling to advocate for those like his parents, who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27835-2003Jun7.html>
- **The Natural**  
Sunny yet driven, John Edwards was born to run, but has he come too far too fast?  
<http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101040719/nedwards.html>

### More Election News:

#### National Party Conventions

In late July the Democratic Party will gather in Boston to officially nominate Massachusetts Senator John Kerry as its presidential candidate and North Carolina Senator John Edwards as its vice-presidential nominee. In late August Republicans will hold a similar event in New York City to officially confirm incumbent George W. Bush as

their candidate for president and Vice President Dick Cheney as the vice-presidential candidate. <http://www.usembassy.de/usa/ef/0714-1.htm>

#### Related Items:

- **The Evolution of American Political Conventions**  
<http://www.usembassy.de/usa/ef/0714-3.htm>
- **Preview of the Democratic National Convention**  
[http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/Archive\\_Index/Preview\\_of\\_the\\_Democratic\\_National\\_Convention.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/Archive_Index/Preview_of_the_Democratic_National_Convention.html)

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#### 40th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act

##### President Commemorates 40th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act on July 1, 2004

President Bush celebrated the 40th anniversary of passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a landmark legislative event that prohibited racial restrictions in the public arena. The July 1 White House ceremony, which took place in the same room where the act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, marked a "great anniversary of justice and equality in America," said the president.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/07/20040701-10.html>

- **Civil Rights in the United States**  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/civilrights/index.htm>
- **Facts for Features \* Civil Rights Act of 1964: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
[http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts\\_for\\_features\\_special\\_editions/001800.html](http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/001800.html)
- **Nation feiert 40. Jahrestag des Bürgerrechtsgesetzes**  
<http://www.usembassy.de/us-botschaft-cgi/ad-detail.cgi?ifdnr=1703>

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#### The William J. Clinton Foundation

The William J. Clinton Foundation launched its new Web site, an interactive and educational platform providing global access to the historical records of President Clinton's administration and real-time information about his ongoing work. The Web site features a comprehensive, searchable database of all 20,000 publicly-released historical documents and multimedia artifacts from the Clinton administration, as well as educational materials, news about his current activities, and multimedia capabilities.

[www.clintonpresidentialcenter.org](http://www.clintonpresidentialcenter.org)

- **My Life by William Jefferson Clinton**  
In the New York Times Sunday Book Review, Larry McMurtry discusses William Jefferson Clinton's "My Life", saying that the book *"is, by a generous measure, the richest American presidential autobiography - no other book tells us as vividly or fully what it is like to be president of the United States for eight years. Clinton had the good sense to couple great smarts with a solid education; he arrived in Washington in 1964 and has been the nation's - or perhaps the world's - No. 1 politics junkie ever since."*  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/06/23/books/review/0623books-mcmurtry-clinton.html?ex=1090036800&en=2ba2b2b0f34dd54e&ei=5070>

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### **New Electronic Journal**

#### **"Americans at the Table: Reflections on Food and Culture"**

The new eJournal USA examines the traditions behind how Americans prepare and consume food and the insights that these customs can provide into the social, cultural, economic, and demographic history of the United States. The journal features commentary from renowned food authorities.

"Americans at the Table: Reflections on Food and Culture" will be available at:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0704/ijse/ijse0704.htm>

#### **Links:**

- [Yahoo -Directory > Society and Culture > Food and Drink > Cooking > Recipes](http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Food_and_Drink/Cooking/Recipes/)  
[http://dir.yahoo.com/Society\\_and\\_Culture/Food\\_and\\_Drink/Cooking/Recipes/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Food_and_Drink/Cooking/Recipes/)

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### **Athens 2004 Olympic Games**

Greece was the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games. The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896. In 2004, the Olympic Games will return to their origins when Athens hosts the Games of the XXVII I Olympiad.

#### **General Facts and Figures**

- 301 medal ceremonies will take place over a period of 16 days.
  - 28 sports will be represented in 38 venues.
  - 10,500 athletes and 5,500 team officials from 201 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will participate.
  - 21,500 members of the media are expected to cover the Games (16,000 broadcasters and 5,500 photo/written press members).
  - The Olympic Village will house 16,000 athletes and team officials during the Olympic Games and 6,000 during the Paralympic Games.
  - Some 45,000 security personnel will work at the Olympic Games.
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- **The official website of the ATHENS 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games**  
<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/>
  - **All the Games Since 1896 - Information on all the summer and winter Olympic Games and medallists since 1896**  
[http://www.olympic.org/uk/games/index\\_uk.asp](http://www.olympic.org/uk/games/index_uk.asp)
  - **The Official Side of the US-Team - Questions and Answers**  
<http://www.olympic-usa.org/19116.htm>

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### **Summer Intern at the Consulate General Leipzig**

The Consulate General is delighted to welcome Summer Intern George DuSoe. George's internship in Leipzig marks his third stay in Germany. He was previously a Congress-Bundestag Scholar in Saxony-Anhalt during 1996-1997 and was later an Internationale-Parlaments-Praktika scholar in the German Bundestag earlier this year where he worked on the staff of Michael Hartmann, Member of the German Bundestag, and studied Law at Humbolt University of Berlin. George has a B.A. in International Relations and International Economics from the Elliot School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. He will pursue a Masters in Contemporary Asian Studies at the University of Amsterdam

in the Netherlands as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar immediately upon completing his internship in Leipzig. This is his second State Department internship, having served in the US Embassy in Paris during the summer of 2002. George is intent on joining the Foreign Service and has plans to take the written exam next April.

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#### FEATURED EVENTS

- **Poster Show in Löbau**  
**"Louis Armstrong - King of Jazz"**  
September 4 - October 2, 2004  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 16:30  
Friday 8:00 - 12:00  
Saturday 14:00 - 17:00  
Verein der Freunde und Förderer kreativer Künste e.V. Löbau  
"Förster-Villa", Jahnstr. 12, 02708 Löbau
- Please contact us at [ircleipzig@state.gov](mailto:ircleipzig@state.gov) should you be interested in displaying a poster show ("Nation of Immigrants", "Biodiversity" or "Once Upon A Time") at your institution.

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