

## An Insider Spills the Beans on a Criminal Organization

### Part One:

[Part Two will appear Feb. 8.—  
The Ed.]

**W**e have a confession to make: we recently bought a book.

Now, purchasing a book is not an act that typically induces moral qualms. But this book is different. Its title is *How to Rig an Election: Confessions of a Republican Operative*. Its author, Allen Raymond, pleaded guilty here in New Hampshire to the felonious jamming of Democratic telephone lines on Election Day, 2002. He subsequently spent three months in a federal

prison, and is now on probation. We paid \$25.00 (to our friendly locally-owned bookstore,\* of course) for his book. Unless the law bars him from profiting from his crime, Mr. Raymond will almost certainly receive some portion of that amount as a royalty. So we have, in effect, rewarded him for disenfranchising New Hampshire voters—we have retroactively become his accomplice.

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### Co-Author? Or Partner in Crime?

Before we go any further let's take a (mercifully) brief look at Mr. Raymond's co-author, Ian Spiegelman.

Spiegelman is a former Page Six gossip columnist for Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*. There may be lower rungs on journalism's moral ladder, but they can

great-grandfather founded the Underwood typewriter company. His great-grandmother is characterized by her correction of an electrician's error: "No, no," she told him with a laugh, he should have hung the new light over "the other Monet."

That a person from Allen Raymond's background would end up in a federal prison might come as a shock—or not, depending on which theory about the upper crust one supports.

The dominant concept, *noblesse oblige*, holds that "from those to whom much has been given, much is expected." Those who have sufficient means are expected to work towards the greater good of society as a whole. They may often be observed doing so in the society pages of newspapers.

An alternative view is that America is a melting pot in which those on the bottom get burned, while the scum rise to the top. This take is typically put forward in Xeroxed™ screeds which can most easily be found discarded in gutters or trash bins.

As it happens, the author's paternal grandfather (and namesake) Allen Raymond was conveniently ensconced in a position which would have allowed him to reinforce the *noblesse oblige* theory. He was a "legendary correspondent for the *New York Times*, *New York Herald*, and the *International Herald Tribune*." According to an old edition of *Time Magazine*, available online (Monday, Nov. 14, 1955), the elder Raymond once wrote a 70-page report for the American Civil Liberties Union on the "suppression of government news by official agencies, usually hiding behind the subterfuge of classified information." So the theory of *noblesse oblige* could not have been utterly foreign during Raymond's youth.\*\*

Despite growing up in an environment where dusty typewriters could be found in "any closet in

\*\* The ways of the world being what they are, we could not help but wonder whether Allen Raymond the Elder might have been related to Henry Jarvis Raymond, the founder of the *New York Times*, and gotten his job through the time-honored practice of nepotism. Born in 1820, H.J. Raymond died at the age of 49, after suffering a stroke while entertaining his mistress. We have queried Raymond the Younger, and his publicist at Simon & Schuster, on this topic, but as of press time we have had no reply.

any family home," and his exposure as a youth to "an endless succession of reporters," young Allen was never bitten by the journalism bug. "I knew too much

cade of the sleaziest sort of politics one could ever imagine—appears to be, in retrospect, not something of which he is proud. And who wants to spend three



about [reporters]," Raymond writes, "to ever become one myself." So when he graduated from an unspecified college in 1989, he went into public relations, perhaps under the theory that prostitution is preferable to mere sluttishness because although the work is about the same, the pay is a lot better.

When it comes to money, we must give Raymond credit for his unusual candor. In our extremely limited experience with that substance, we've noticed that the more money a person has, the less likely he or she is to say any-

months in a federal pen? The virulent hostility his recent postings have drawn on a popular political website\*\*\* suggest that his reputation has joined the dodo, spats, and the five-cent cigar in the great dust-bin of history.

But despite his manifold flaws, and the trail of slime he left across a decade of American political history, Raymond has given us a magnificent view of the desolate landscape that is modern American politics. It's as horrifying as an X-ray full of bone slivers and bullets, but it might just be helpful. And it's a damn good read.

### Learning At the Feet of Giants

After graduating from college Raymond worked for a couple of years in the nether regions of the public relations industry—literally. He gathered toilet-flushing data which later garnered a considerable amount of free publicity during the Super Bowl for his client, Ty-D-Bol.™ Raymond says he was "fascinated" by the PR racket's ability to "massage people's perceptions so that they saw what you wanted them to see." But his ambition was unslaked.

"I was going nowhere," he writes. "I wanted to do something remarkable, to leave my imprint somewhere." He was ambitious, but other than wanting to achieve something grand, he appears not to have been what you'd call "inner-directed." He signed up at the Graduate School for Political Management (GSPM)\*\*\*\* because "it sounded cool ... that's really all the thought I ended up giving the matter."

According to GSPM's website,

\*\*\*\* Baruch College's then-fledgling Graduate School for Political Management (GSPM), since relocated to George Washington University.



thing revealing about it. Not so with this felon. As a young PR flack fresh out of college, he says he was making \$21,000 a year, spending \$35,000, and letting his trust fund take care of the deficit.

"The Underwood fortune ensured that I'd never go hungry," Raymond writes. But his pride and his ambition goaded him to "leave [his] imprint somehow." By writing this book he seems to have succeeded—although not in a way anyone else would envy.

What might be called his "research phase" for the book—a de-

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only be assumed to exist somewhere below the surface of a vile and opaque liquid. We're not going to go looking for it. We feel badly enough already.

Spiegelman was fired from Page Six in 2004 for failing to live up even to the *Post's* moral standards. It is a credit to Allen Raymond's intelligence, if nothing else, that he took Spiegelman on board as co-author—it creates a context that works to Raymond's advantage.

### Who is Allen Raymond?

Raymond's confession begins with his assertion that he comes from "a rather illustrious old American family." His maternal



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the *New York Times* has called it "The West Point of the Political Wars." We looked in the website's "Alumni" section, but found no mention of the school's most infamous graduate.

"My whole reason for being at GSPM," Raymond writes, "was to work my way into the presence of true political giants." And it worked. Soon he was taking seminars with the likes of Roger Ailes, whom he describes as being "larger than life, and not just because he's got a gut like the

hood of a VW Bug." Perhaps an appreciation of descriptions such as that is a sign of bad character. We couldn't say. If so: "guilty."

Raymond's *Confession* is packed with such characterizations. Since he spent his career among Republicans—large-caliber Republicans—it is a huge helping of raw meat for anyone else with similar tastes. Frankly, we've been gorging on it. If it turns out to be so tainted that this metaphor transcends the page and has ill effects on this writer, so long. If not, a second helping from Mr. Raymond's Dumpster of Delight next fortnight.



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Preservation Then and Now

Exhibit Recalls the Birth of the Preservation Movement

PORTSMOUTH, N.H.—It was the original McMansion, a fitting residence for John Hancock, the man now most remembered for his extravagant signature on the Declaration of Independence. And in 1863, the magnificent stone structure was torn down to make way for townhouses.

"It has become a sort of battle cry for many subsequent preservation efforts—people always say, 'Remember the Hancock House,'" said Historic New England Senior Curator Richard Nylander, one of the curators of a free exhibit opening Feb. 5 at the Portsmouth Athenaeum.

"The Preservation Movement

Then and Now" tells the story of the battle fought for Boston's Hancock house as well as the preservation of Portsmouth's Rundlet-May House.

"We talk about how the movement changed from saving significant historic sites to broader issues such as land and shoreline preservation, not just saving a single building, but whole neigh-

borhoods," said Nylander, who joined Historic New England in 1967.

Kenneth C. Turino, exhibitions manager for Historic New England, said the exhibit's subject is especially fitting for "the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive regional preservation organization in the country."

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Without wishing in the least degree to discourage the public spirit and the patriotism of those gentlemen in the City Council who are seeking at this moment to do the best thing they can for the preservation of the house, we still think it right that one preliminary appeal should be made to the present owners. They are gentlemen of wealth, they have made an honest purchase, and of course may plead that they have a right to do what they will with their own. It is with full recognition of their rights in this respect, and withal in the utmost kindness to them, that we would admonish them how dearly is purchased any good thing which costs the sacrifice of public associations so dear and so noble as those that cluster around the Hancock House.

These purchasers must at any rate be prepared to hear, during the whole of their lives and that of their remotest posterity, so long as any of them may live in the elegant modern palaces which shall supplant the ancient structure, the frequent expression of public discontent. Argument may show them blameless, but sentiment will ever condemn the proceeding in which they will be perhaps the most innocent, but nevertheless the most permanent part. It is not often that an opportunity is given to men of wealth to earn a title to public gratitude by an act of simple self-denial. Such an opportunity falls to the lot of the purchasers of this estate.

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ty to experience the lives and stories of New Englanders through their homes and possessions," he said.

William Sumner Appleton founded the organization in 1910 as the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

"He became very concerned that a lot of early buildings were being torn down because people weren't taking care of them," Nylander said. "He realized they were disappearing and thought there would be nothing left."

Among the objects in the Athenaeum display are one of the roof balusters from the widow's walk on the John Hancock mansion, Nylander said, and a "won-

derful carved Corinthian capital from one of the interior rooms."

"Many pieces of timber from the house were turned into parlor souvenirs," he said. "One of the greatest will be in the exhibit, a massive chair made from the oak beams of the house. It was sold for an 1877 fundraiser to save Boston's Old South Meeting House. Now the building is a National Historic Landmark."

Those who are looking to preserve buildings now can also find insights.

"We're creating a handout that will give people resources for preservation," Nylander said. "We're hoping people who want to preserve their own house will

take away this pamphlet to find out the help that's available."

The exhibit, co-curated by Historic New England Curator of the Library and Archives Lorna Condon, will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. through May 3 in the Athenaeum's Randall Gallery, 6-8 Market Square.

There is also a series of free lectures related to the exhibit; reservations can be made by calling the Athenaeum at 603-431-2538.

On Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. (snow date Feb. 14), Nylander and Condon will speak on "The Battle to Save the John Hancock Mansion: Early Preservation in Boston."

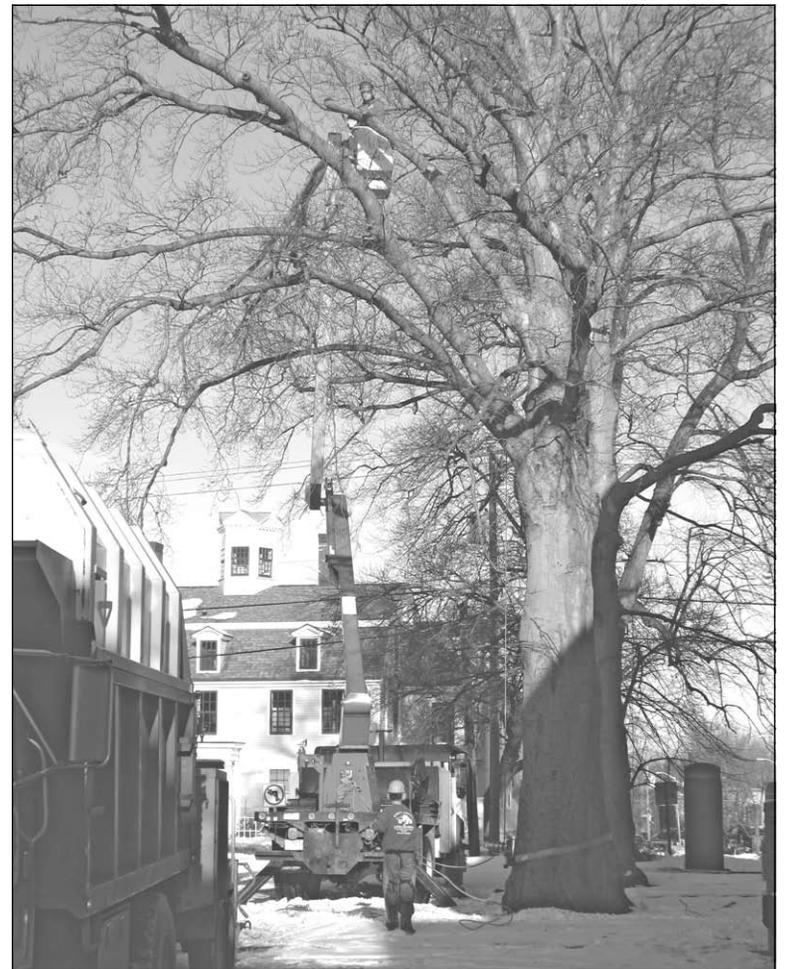
On Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. (snow

date Feb. 28), Boston University Professor Emeritus Richard Candee will address "William Sumner Appleton and the Preservation of Jackson House."

Joseph Cornish, senior stewardship manager for Historic New England, will speak March 6 at 7 p.m. on "Preserving Four Centuries of New England Homes: Historic New England and its Stewardship Program."

Also offered are special tours of local landmarks, including the Lady Pepperrell House in Kittery Point, Maine, on April 26 at 2 p.m. and the Jackson House in Portsmouth on May 10 at 10 a.m.

The Athenaeum is a nonprofit membership library and museum founded in 1817. For more information on the exhibit, go to [www.portsmouthathenaeum.org](http://www.portsmouthathenaeum.org) or [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org).



Some things can be preserved, some can't. This centuries-old, double-trunked beech tree, next to the old library, was removed last weekend. One trunk was rotten almost all the way through.



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# Lafayette Returns To Town In Triumph

*Fifty years after the Revolution, a French nobleman embodied the soul of America*

by J. Dennis Robinson

He was the American idol of 1824. Untold thousands stood in every kind of weather to catch a glimpse of General Lafayette of France as he visited all 24 American states in a grand 13-month tour. Everywhere Lafayette traveled—buildings, towns, streets and children were named in his honor. According to the *Portsmouth Journal*, Lafayette's arrival in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on September 1, 1824 was an event too big for words. "There was a glow of unaffected delight on every countenance," the newspaper reported. Only George Washington had the power to rouse such patriotic fervor from the citizens of this new nation, but Washington had been dead and buried for a quar-

ter century.

The Marquis de Lafayette was just 19 years old when he came to the aid of Gen. George Washington's rag-tag army in 1777. Spending his own inheritance to support American troops, wounded in battle, Lafayette was influential in convincing King Louis XVI to send French ships, men and supplies that helped turn the tide against the British at the Battle of Yorktown. Many historians believe that, without Lafayette, the American Revolution might never have succeeded.

That belief was certainly held by many Portsmouth citizens in 1824 as the last living major general of the American Revolution paraded into town. A thousand Portsmouth school children wearing Lafayette pins and hats made from flowers shouted their welcome against the blare of marching bands. B.P. Shillaber, a well-known Boston publisher and writer, recalled the moment to his dying day. As a boy of 10 Shillaber participated in the "rapturous welcome" and witnessed the exciting arrest of pickpockets who worked the joyous crowd.

It was a fast-paced tour for

stagecoach days, and since every town wanted to host Lafayette, the brief Portsmouth visit required a good deal of political finagling. The accommodating General left Boston on August 31, breakfasted in Marblehead at 8 a.m., dined in Salem at 2 p.m., slept in Newburyport and arrived the next day in New Hampshire.

The 66-year old veteran made his way from Hampton Falls and Greenland, up what is now Lafayette Road. The procession moved from Wibird Hill, site of today's Lafayette School, to the "compact" part of town through an arch of evergreens decorated with signs noting each of the General's famous battles. As in city after city, admirers mobbed Lafayette, including 30 local veterans of the Revolution, some of them sobbing with emotion. The general stopped to rest at the home of the late New Hampshire Governor John Langdon, just up the street from the William Pitt Tavern where he had reportedly lodged four decades earlier at the close of the war in 1784. There were the usual formal speeches at Portsmouth's Jefferson Hall, followed by a grand ball at Franklin Hall attended by 300 ladies.



Lafayette, about the time of his visit.

Lafayette stayed a full hour talking with guests after the event, then returned to the Langdon mansion at 10 p.m. along streets that were highly illuminated so the lingering throngs of admirers could catch a final glimpse. After another hour of socializing, a night coach whisked the French hero back to Boston.

We can follow Lafayette's entire Farewell Tour through the journal of Auguste Levasseur, the general's secretary. Levasseur was hired to document the trip and send back upbeat dispatches to France proving that the 50-year old American "experiment" in democracy was thriving. A fresh new translation of Levasseur's journal by Alan R. Hoffman features a poignant meeting in the streets of Portsmouth. Lafayette was always a strong advocate of Indian rights and the abolition

of slavery. His secretary was astonished to see a group of destitute Native Americans, down from Canada, selling trinkets to the crowds. He wrote:

*"Their clothes had no other character than those of a pauper; crosses and rosary beads had replaced their beautiful feather headdresses, their fur skins and their weapons; no longer did their intoxicated faces have that expression of noble pride which, they say, so particularly distinguished the savage man."*

Hoffman, a Boston attorney living in Southern New Hampshire, admits he became obsessed with Lafayette after learning about his 1824-25 tour. Unable to find a complete English version of Levasseur's journal, Hoffman bought an antique 1829 copy in French and translated it himself. His two-year labor-of-love is now a 600-page indepen-

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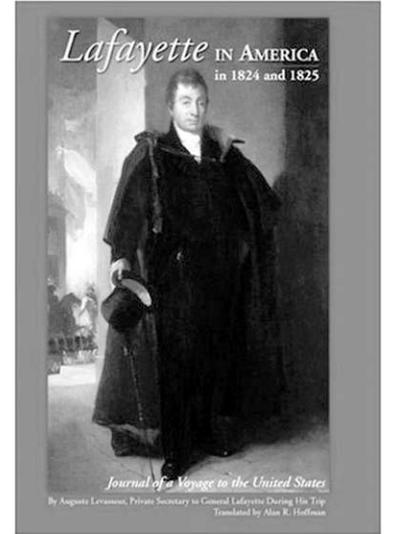
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By the time this Currier & Ives lithograph was produced in the mid-19th century, Lafayette was forever enthroned in America's pantheon, along with Washington and the other heroes of the Revolution. Not bad, considering he was born a French nobleman.



This far-less respectful French engraving, made during his lifetime, depicts Lafayette as an absurd scarecrow. French revolutionaries executed or jailed most of his family.



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dently published book.

One of my goals," Hoffman told the *New Hampshire Gazette*, "was to just play a part in restoring Lafayette's reputation. No one knows who he is today."

That is true, Hoffman says, even of people currently living in roughly 60 cities across the country named Lafayette, Fayette, Fayetteville and Fayetteville. All were dedicated to our esteemed "National Guest," as Gen. Lafayette was known during his American tour. Indeed, Lafayette became so emotionally connected to the United States that he took dirt from the excavation of the Bunker Hill Monument in Massachusetts and shipped it to France so he could be buried in American soil. America, in response, became emotionally connected to him.

Lafayette's highly documented "Farewell Tour" still has much to tell us about America's evolving self-image half a century after the Revolution. Lafayette also helps us understand our confusing national relationship with France, inherited from British history. Portsmouth citizens were instrumental in defeating the French in Nova Scotia in 1745, battled them in the French and Indian Wars, were allied to them in the Revolution, and again fought them in the Qua-

si-War with France. This historic love-hate relationship continues to the present day, although reduced to a battle of words.

Perhaps more than any figure besides Washington, Lafayette made an impact on local lore everywhere he went. Scores of towns have their Lafayette legends. According to one Portsmouth story, Lafayette instigated a drag race through town during his first trip in 1784, pitting his customized carriage against a state-of-the-art Concord coach. Stewards of the Warner House point to a stained carpet where the general spilled his wine. A decorative tablecloth with 15 stars was reportedly used during a reception at the Langdon Mansion. According to Alan Hoffman, former New Hampshire governor Benjamin Pierce missed his own son's graduation at Bowdoin College in order to greet Lafayette on his arrival at Portsmouth in 1824. Pierce's jilted son Franklin later became president of the United States.

Young Lucy Elizabeth Penhalow set her version of the Portsmouth visit to paper in a letter to her aunt on September 2, 1824 "while the impression is still fresh in my memory." Lucy was among the women who met "the great, the noble, the virtuous Lafayette" at the evening gala. She offered

him "some leaves of geranium" and stood by his side for fully half an hour. Lucy was also able to interview the General's well-mannered son George Washington Lafayette, whom she liked, but found pale and fatigued by the proceedings, unlike his energetic and personable father.

Lucy Penhallow, in her excitement, comes closest to defining why Lafayette's visit meant so much to so many. In 1824 Portsmouth was at the beginning of an economic decline. The formerly great seaport had lost its maritime trade and young people of long-important families were leaving the city in droves to make their fortunes elsewhere. Portsmouth residents who stayed behind developed a powerful nostalgia for the city's glorious past, and the more they looked back, the more glorious the past became. Lafayette represented the best of men in the best of times, and to see him in the flesh filled people of the era with an unspeakable sense of gratitude—and of hope for a nation barely half a century old.

Meeting Lafayette, was for Lucy "one of the happiest moments in my life." The chance to finally express her deep gratitude personally to the hero of the Revolution, Lucy wrote, "made one feel ten times more of an

American than I did before." Lafayette, in his year-long travels, helped 24 not-very-united states define a central national character. Americans now saw themselves, despite all differences, as a thankful and patriotic people in love with liberty.

**SOURCES:** (1) Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825, translated by Alan R. Hoffman (2007); (2) Lafayette, Hero of Two Worlds by Stanley J. Idz-erda, Anna C. Loveland & Marc H. Miller (1989); (3) Lafayette, Hero of Two Worlds by Olivier Bernier 1983; and (4) Portsmouth Athenaeum Vertical File including newspaper clippings, letters and writings by Ray Brighton.

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# The Cross Of Gold\*

by William Marvel

In one of her more recent attempts at sincerity Hillary Clinton remarked that she found her voice by listening to the people of New Hampshire. When I analyzed that for logical intent, all I could come up with is that she determined what the people of New Hampshire wanted to hear, and that's what she told them.

The most troubling part of Hillary's narrow victory here in New Hampshire was the disproportionate number of women who voted for her largely, or solely, because she is a woman. Women admitted as much on the editorial page, and they implied as much through their lopsided support for her at the polls (and in the polls). In other words, after decades of justifiable complaint about gender discrimination, many women appear to have decided to exercise it themselves. Those who can reject a female candidate for her unattractive

political tendencies, without ever considering her gender, would seem more egalitarian than those who simply want to see a woman in the White House.

The most distressing result of the New Hampshire primary, overall, was the unusually high proportion of votes cast for the three candidates selected by corporate media to be the "front runners." The pitiful showing by several competent, qualified, and deserving candidates on the Democratic side reflected nothing less than a decision by tens of thousands of voters to betray themselves and cast their ballots for one of Corporate America's anointed three. I cannot count the number of people who admitted to me that they preferred Bill Richardson, Dennis Kucinich, or Mike Gravel, but added that they were going to vote for someone "big," rather than "throwing away" their votes on someone who had little chance of winning.

Sorry to tell you, suckers, but

you ended up throwing your votes away anyway. You had a chance to indicate what you really want in a president, and you squandered it. You let the Democratic Party and network television decide where your support would go. In one televised primary debate, party organizers arranged the participants so the party trinity enjoyed center stage while the presumed runners-up had to sidle up on the wings. In an ill-disguised effort to create the subliminal image of fringe candidacies, they positioned Mike Gravel and Dennis Kucinich at the extreme left and right, almost falling off the stage.

ABC decided that Kucinich could not participate at all in a debate at St. Anselm's College. He was, the network concluded, not a "viable" candidate. Chris Dodd and Joe Biden got in, apparently meeting ABC's idea of viability, but three days later New Hampshire voters gave Kucinich more than ten times as many votes as

either of those two. Kucinich is a very bright and articulate fellow: his margin would have been larger still had ABC not been allowed to use corporate censorship to muzzle his corporate-unfriendly message—and if voters were not so prone to subordinating their own judgment to that of the media. Later, MSNBC squelched Kucinich in Nevada, too, although a judge there ruled the action an arbitrary and illegal manipulation.

As usual, the primaries have culled the real mavericks from the pack, thereby convincing the American people that they really didn't want substantive change after all. Now the race boils down to the three whom the rich and powerful wanted to see grappling for the prize in the first place: Hillary Clinton, whom the corporate mandarins have whipped into submission before; Barack Obama, the sheep in wolf's clothing; and John Edwards, who can be easily disposed of as the champion of an

obsolete populist tradition. Big Money crushed the Populists in the 1890s, and could easily do it again.

Perhaps Big Money is right. Maybe populism is *passée*, relying as it does on confidence in the common people. They haven't exactly demonstrated much wisdom with the democratic franchise, and most of their bad decisions cannot be attributed entirely to election fraud. The current crises of war, health care, and resource consumption all prove that what the United States needs now, more than anything, is a president and Congress willing and able to combat the insidious corporate hegemony that rules this country—and by extension, this world. Instead, it seems increasingly likely that next January a self-absorbed and lazy American people will, once again, get precisely the government they deserve.

\* *Cross of Gold*: Look it up for yourself.

# The Permanent War?

by Jim Hightower

Want the U.S. out of Iraq before year's end? Or maybe next year? Or even four years from now?

If George W and his backers have their way, you can forget about any timetables for withdrawal. During the holiday hiatus at the end of last year, Bush quietly noted that he and the current leaders of the Iraqi government had agreed to what he called an "enduring" relationship

that would keep American troops and our money in that country for a long, long time.

How long? Bush's general, David Petraeus, who was sent to Iraq last year with a surge of more troops to produce quick results, has now said that a 50-year U.S. presence there would be a "realistic assessment." And, indeed, well before the surge, the Pentagon was building a dozen permanent American bases in Iraq.

Then comes Sen. John McCain,

a big backer of Bush's surge, declaring that he supports an ongoing occupation and permanent military bases there. He even has a fantasy that you and I would be happy with that, declaring: "I don't think Americans are concerned if we're there for 100 years or 1,000 years or 10,000 years," as long as we don't have too many troop deaths.

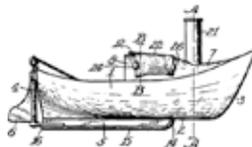
Aside from Bush, Buckshot Cheney, and Halliburton execu-

tives, what "Americans" is McCain talking about? Even with deaths in Iraq down in the past few weeks, polls consistently show that the public overwhelmingly thinks this occupation is a horrible mistake, that Bush is doing a poor job, and that we need a short timetable for withdrawal. Also, does McCain really think Americans want endless trillions of our tax dollars thrown down the bottomless hole of that

divided country? There are a few more important needs to spend money on in our country.

We the People must demand not only the quick withdrawal of all of our troops from the deadly sectarian violence of this civil war, but also the defunding of permanent American bases in Iraq.

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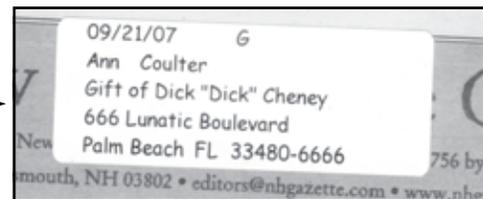
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## Moving Pictures

# The Walker

by Rodman Philbrick

**Stars:** Woody Harrelson, Kristin Scott Thomas, Lauren Bacall, Lily Tomlin, Willem Dafoe, Ned Beatty; **Written & Directed by:** Paul Schrader

Given a choice of monster movies, which would you prefer? *The Blair Witch Project* goes to Manhattan with a camera as shaky as a subprime loan? Or an elegant, atmospheric tale about the real-life monsters of Washington, DC, with the lead reptile being played by eighty-four-year-old Lauren Bacall as a kind of Social Register python, squeezing the life out of her victims before she swallows them whole?

The public has clearly spoken. *Cloverfield* wins by a landslide, while Paul Schrader's *The Walker* has been consigned to the art house circuit, where it will no doubt remain until made

available on DVD to those few hearty souls who believe that Mr. Schrader is one of our best living screenwriters.

Early notices of Mr. Schrader's latest effort have not been kind. The gentleman who wrote *Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*, and *American Gigolo* has been accused of pulling his punches, of being a milquetoast version of John Grisham as he quietly explores the effects of infidelity and murder on a clique of exceedingly well-connected Washingtonians.

True enough, Schrader has not made a thriller. There are no car chases, no sex scenes, and very little on-screen violence. It's a movie of manners, about the elaborate artifice of power. Who's up, who's down, who's in, who's out. Jane Austin for metrosexuals, drenched in money and powered by the cutting aside. Oscar Wilde in Foggy Bottom—and

yes, the pun is intended.

Woody Harrelson has ranged from goofy, slapstick comedy (*White Men Can't Jump*) to roles of macho violence (*No Country For Old Men*), but never before has he played a character quite like Carter Page III. Son of a famous senator, black sheep of a distinguished Virginia family that made its fortune trading slaves and tobacco, Mr. Page is a self-proclaimed "home-



oh-sex-you-all" who lives for the Wednesdays when he joins his aging female friends in a famous and not-so-friendly game of canasta. The weekly ritual is hosted by Natalie Van Miter (Lauren Bacall) who uses the occasions to soak up useful gossip that touches on the lives of the powerful. That the collected gossip may sometimes be distilled into a useful kind of venom is understood by all the participants.

Her "dear Carr" as he is called, is more than willing to deliver, just as he is willing to accompany Van Miter and her pals to formal events like the opera when their power-mongering husbands aren't available, hence his designation as a "walker." His homosexuality makes him safe in that context and gives him access to a world that has shunned him as the imperfect offspring of a great man.

Harrelson's character armors himself with perfectly tailored suits, exquisite, courtly good-manners, and an old-fashioned sense of gallantry and honor. He's endlessly self-deprecating—he considers himself superficial and ridiculous—but without his personal code of behavior he would be as fake as the hairpiece he wears in public. It's that code of conduct that threatens to shatter his artfully contrived world when one of his "friends" (Kristin Scott Thomas) fears a

scandal when her lover is brutally murdered. A senator's wife, she dreads tabloid exposure that will ruin her husband's career, and persuades Harrison's character to defend her honor by withholding evidence of her infidelity.

Carter Page III is an easy mark. He'd step in front of a train to demonstrate that he's worthy of the respect his late father never gave him. And yet he's ever so keenly aware of how easily his place in society may be lost. Nevertheless he does the gallant thing, and the repercussions of that one act of kindness—Ms. Scott cries very prettily—will shatter his not-so-perfect little world, free the monsters from their gilded, K Street cages, and set them loose on the streets of Georgetown, demonstrating once and for all that there's no creature more dangerous than a Washington lobbyist fighting for his place at the public trough.

## CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

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tance or interested in starting. For more information, contact Larry Dansinger, Maine WTR Resource Center, (207) 525-7776 or rosc@psouth.net.

**Film:**

**Knowledge Is The Beginning**  
Friday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.  
**The Space**

**2 Government St., Kittery ME**  
Set against the backdrop of violence in the Middle East, this documentary follows a unique collaboration between young musicians from both sides of the divide: Israelis, Palestinians, Egyptians, Jordanians and Syrians. Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian writer Edward Said founded the controversial West-Eastern Divan Orchestra

in 1999. Dedicated to fostering peaceful coexistence in the Middle East, the orchestra has been an overwhelming success, furthering its founders' hopes that music can promote understanding and tolerance of different beliefs and cultures. The orchestra stands as a metaphor for what could be achieved in the Middle East. In the words of Barenboim: "The impossible is much easier than the difficult..." (2004, 115 minutes). Refreshments provided and discussion will follow the film. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Seacoast Peace Response, Amnesty International Seacoast Group 550, & Palestine Education Network. For more information, contact info@seacoastpeaceresponse.org or (603) 750-7506.



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**NOFA NH's Sixth Annual Annual Winter Conference**  
Saturday, March 1, 2008  
**Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton, NH**

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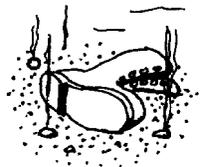
ing, land care, and marketing, to sustainability, politics and more. Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton, NH. More details to come. For more information: (603) 224-5022; info@nofanh.org; www.nofanh.org/calendar.html.

**"The Folly of Attacking Iran: A Discussion with Stephen Kinzer."**

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m.  
**Concord High School Auditorium, 170 Warren St. Concord, NH**

Stephen Kinzer, author of the 2003 NYT Bestseller about Iran called "All the Shah's Men," will discuss the imperative for a sane,

realistic policy on Iran. Kinzer is also the author of "Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq." Copies of his books will be for sale. This event is free and open to the public, with donations gratefully accepted. Sponsored by New Hampshire Peace Action. For more information, call (603) 228-0559. This event is part of a national tour. For more information, visit www.follyofattackingiran.org.



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## HATE MAIL, MASH NOTES, & OTHER CORRESPONDENCE



### Gaaah! The Sky is Falling!

To the Editor:

Civil unions for gay people? Had the Old Man of the Mountain not collapsed a few years ago, he surely would have at midnight on January 1.

Has the once-conservative state in which I grew up some 50 years ago been invaded by liberals from Massachusetts, Vermont & Maine?

Tolerance is OK. Acceptance is not.

What's next? An apology for slavery?

Steve Moore  
Cookeville, TN

Steve:

*Didn't you know? The Old Man didn't fall, Karl Rove had it dynamited! Just go to YouTube and Google "Old Man of the Mountain" and "Vermin Supreme."*

The Editor

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### Vision to Guide Policy

To the Editor:

This country has rarely had such an accomplished team of policy wonks running for president as Bill and Hillary Clinton. They understand policy and how power works our government, but the Clintons are also lightning rods for enmity. We need a president who can inspire

a vision of our country working together—Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and non-believers—to solve the enormous problems Bush and Cheney have left us with. Barack Obama reminds us of the best that America can be. With the Clintons working in his administration as policy advisors, activating the levers of power they are so experienced with, we really could turn our country toward the good society we want and that the world needs.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, CA

Bruce:

*Your reference to "non-believers" got us to thinking. With all the attention being paid to the devout, and the strenuous efforts being made to cater to their whims, don't you think it's time these brave politicians began to renounce the votes of the all non-believers?*

The Editor

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### Lady Democrats

To the Editor:

H. Clinton used tears, women's second-oldest trick in the book, to melt the cold hearts of New Hampshire voters. As possible president (shudder) her tears won't work with Putin, the mulahs in Iran, or the money-grubbing lobbyists of the oil and other entrenched industries, or their powerful CEOs, who will demand a rich return for their generous campaign contributions. Her horny hubby's interference doesn't bode well for the middle class workers and the poor, who are have been living in their own recession since the Reagan years.

Tragically, another lady democrat, Benazir Bhutto, didn't fare as well as Hillary. Does it make

you wonder if the Bush bunglers, who need to make brownie points with Musharraf, led her to the unprotected slaughter to eliminate the competition in the upcoming Pakistan election?

If this seems outrageous, remember what the CIA did to Allende in Chile, all the covert kidnapping, secret offshore torture sites, and the undisputed evidence that the official 9/11 story is a big lie.

Wilbur N. Rhodes  
Kittery, ME

Wilbur:

*We are shocked that your last paragraph left out the Bush administration's lies about Iraq, recently inventoried by Carl Lewis and the Center for Public Integrity.*

The Editor

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### Jump Start the Economy !?

[An Open Letter to George W. Bush]

Dear George:

Even though you don't really read the e-mail sent to you, barring a few selected friends, I can help you with your quest for a magic bullet, to jump start the economy.

You, with agreement of Congress, have provided tax breaks to big corporations & high earning individuals, with the belief and intent, that if they get breaks, they will spend some of that on supplying jobs for those on the lower end of the economic scale.

You, by pressuring Congress, could supply a jump start to those at the bottom, faster than the trickle-down theory allows, by working on Congress to repeal the 16th amendment (text already written by Ron Paul, as H.J.Res. 23) and seeking the repeal of the Federal Reserve Sys-

tem as the sole large supplier of inflation, which increases the volume of money, while also reducing the value of that same "money," to the point where the dollar, now, is worth approx \$.02, as compared with itself in 1913, and regardless of the comparison with other inflation backed "monies, of other national printing.

Or, you can run with these negative "income" returns to individuals, which will have a less than timely effect, to help jump start the economy before the November election.

Howard L. Wilson  
Andover, NH

Howard:

*Another assault on the Federal Reserve. We love the way some of these ideas never die. To really give the economy a boost, we say take the cap off the payroll tax exemption, and make hedge fund managers pay their 7.5 percent, all the way up into the billions.*

The Editor

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### Health Care

To the Editor:

The President's assertion that the Children's Health Care Bill moves our health care system in the wrong direction is in my opinion wrong-headed and unconscionable. This current Republican administration, Bush, and Republicans in Congress as well as these Republican controlled courts have used tactics that are in my opinion unethical and just down right lunacy. The obnoxious assertion by Bush and his backers among others that the Children's Health Care Program Bill would be a step toward federalization of health care and steer the program away from its

core purpose of providing insurance for poor children and toward covering health care for the middle-class families is in itself in my opinion discriminatory and hateful. It seems to me that the President's rejection of the current Children's Health Care Bill shows that Bush and his backers do not care about the welfare of poor children or for that matter the hard-working and patriotic Americans who can't afford or access the health care system. It is preposterous that taxes and the federalizing of health care should stand in the way of creating a system of health care that would include not just children, but all Americans citizens.

William Alford Perry  
West Blocton, AL

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### It's All in the Haberdashery

To the Editor:

The red and blue jerseys have gotten us into the mess that we are in as a country. Any jersey that gets elected will be hampered by the political considerations of the color of their jersey. In my estimation it will take a "citizens" man to change the direction that America is headed. A "citizens" man will carry a big stick that will be the persuader. So I say vote for Tom Milligan; check out what he believes <http://tommilligan.com>

Matt Rogers  
Maiden, NC

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### Pray for America

To the Editor:

I know this may sound very foolish, but the Bible does say where two or three come together in my name...Here is my prayer request...This country has an urgent need today.

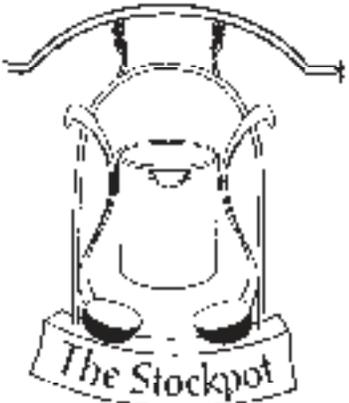
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The election is just around the corner and there are so many yahoos running for president that it isn't funny. We need to pray for God's guidance in our voting. I have been talking to this gentleman who will be running on an Independent ticket. Folks laugh when you say Independent...but please take a minute to look at this web site...I thought that you would be interested in it: Along with Mr. Millican's strong beliefs on God he also has very strong issues on Pro-Life, Immigration, Fuel, American Jobs and Fair Taxes. Please if you get a chance check out his web site and then let me know if you think him to be a good candidate to fill the shoes of the President of the United States. <http://tommillican.com>. We need your prayers and contributions would be very helpful. Thank you and have a blessed day. For general questions or interviews please send an email to [info@tommillican.com](mailto:info@tommillican.com)

Rev. Sidney Goodson  
Lincolnton, NC

He's Disturbed

To the Editor:

It is very disturbing that Fox News uses its power to pick who it want to be President. I have heard nothing but negative comments from their news channel about Ron Paul. Also the blocking of Ron Paul from the final debate in New Hampshire is a direct attack on the people of this state to not make an intelligent decision. I would encourage every new organization in the state to let FOX News know what we think.

Bill Nicholas  
Nashua, NH

The Economy's the Thing

To the Editor:

It finally hit home that the most consistent buyers in the U.S. economy are the middle class, a fact seemingly out of touch with the current administration, along with a host of Wall Street prognosticators whose livelihood depends on a robust Dow Jones, a measure of business GDP, devoid of individual growth and sustenance.

When asked in an early 2007 press conference what his opinions were of the economy, President Bush responded, "I don't know, you need to ask an economist." I'll assume there is an economist on staff, but Bush went on to say "I got a B in Econ 101, but I get A's now in Tax Cuts," a befuddling statement since tax cutting is a portion of economic structure.

Like President Reagan, Bush has managed to take a surplus budget and balloon it into a 10 trillion dollar deficit through massive tax cuts, further irritating because it was done during wartime, which underscores that certain factions of society not only do not serve in the military, they also don't bear any financial sacrifice.

Quite the opposite! As with the Reagan years, a small fraction of the US economy, around 5%, are receiving 95% of the economic benefits. Our jobs are being outsourced to foreign countries as big business takes advantage of the \$1 an hour labor, and

U.S. wages have been suppressed through this global competition as the middle class standard of living is further dumbed down, surviving via credit witnessed by our negative .5% savings rate.

Unlike the Reagan years, the middle class is getting no "trickle down," the extortion theory of keeping the peasants calm. Yet like those years, which ended in the Black Monday of October 1987, the next administration will inherit a Rubik's cube scenario of fixing the economy and healing the deficit. It will be like placing a boxer in the ring with both arms in casts.

The wealthy don't care about the national checking account's overdraft because they are removed from its effects, and the remedies. They are so far up life's totem pole they no longer need government services other than to let the proletariat fight to protect their interests, and they have enough tax loopholes in place so they pay far less than they should, regardless of the propaganda of their "raw contributions."

With such a negative appraisal of the economy that George Bush admittedly doesn't understand except for the tax cutting portion, how did we survive to date, and even prosper, if only for the business environment?

Since we no longer manufacture in this country, having shifted jobs to foreign lands, how about an \$11 trillion real estate economy, something that increased not in raw production

value, but in a false perception of the ability to afford new homes and existing inventories thanks to a no holds barred loan shark mentality of lending money. This strategy, which still hasn't seen the surface, will now lead to a prolonged recession until the next fraudulent economy is created to camouflage the effects of more tax cuts.

There is only one thing that the bourgeois did not count on when applying the "cut off your nose to spite your face" economic mentality. What if the middle class can no longer spend?

This is the result of the economic stimulus play, which is catching the conscience and attention of the President, and those who consistently declare the economy to be doing great, pointing to paintings of the sun while redirecting focus from workers inability to pay for increased health coverage, tuition costs and contributory pension plans, along with rising oil prices.

The global economy will now experience blowback, since all those laborers created by NAFTA, all those jobs in third world countries, employ workers who could never afford American goods on their \$1 an hour pay.

In desiring a tax rebate (return of your tax dollars) for all those workers under \$125,000 a year, President Bush has finally admitted he has to put money in the hands of the middle class, the people who spend money the fastest, and who in volume dic-



tate the health of the economy. These were the people ignored in the Bush tax cuts, and the stimulus package has now revealed the failings in the President's economic vision (the B student from Yale).

We now have to wait for the balance of the sub-primes to play out to their shock date, but the fear is we will have no other economic "scheme," no junk bonds, no dot-coms, to assuage the Republicans next round of Ponzi-scheme tax cut requests. The electorate's hope is that the next administration will not forgo the middle class again.

David DiBello  
Lakewood, NJ

David:

The middle class got some "trickle down" during the Reagan years? Haven't you seen the graphs? The vast bulk of the middle class hasn't had a raise since the 70's, after taking inflation into account. The reason people have new cars and nicer houses is that most households now have two or more wage-earners.

The Editor

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**Voter Destroys Presidential Primary Ballot At the Polls**

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Like many other citizens over the last months I have been in a bit of a dilemma about who to vote for. Actually, my problem has been a bit more difficult as I have been trying to decide whether to vote at all.

My belief that our system has been so badly corrupted that no vote really counts has affected me deeply. If my candidate won he would probably be ineffectual as President because of the power and resistance of the multi-national military/industrial complex. If that person were perceived as a real threat to the established system there is a good chance he would be assassinated somewhere along the way. Examples of that are the recent killing of Benazir Bhutto in

Pakistan, the 1973 slaying of democratically elected Chilean President Salvador Allende, presumably with American involvement, and closer to home, Martin Luther King, Jr, and Bobby Kennedy. But even before the final votes are tallied there is a good chance that the election will have a preordained outcome. This is no idle fantasy. There has been plenty of ballot tampering in American elections including the last Presidential election where votes in Ohio and especially Florida were highly suspect.

Finally, what I could do came to me in a dream last night. I decided that I would go to the polls, get a ballot, and destroy it. I would announce outside the polling place that I believe the process is a sham and rip my ballot up.

I told my wife, Linda, my intentions this morning and she did not agree with my assessment. We went through all of the arguments for and against



An unrepentant Paul Pat Morse, on the steps of the Barrington Middle School, holding his destroyed presidential primary ballot.

such an action and even though we still disagreed on what I was going to do she agreed to support my decision and take pictures of the action.

I was a bit apprehensive as we approached the polls. Linda was a little worried that I might be arrested. But I felt there was little chance of that as it was, in my mind, an act of free political speech. I had originally planned to burn my ballot but reconsidered and decided that tearing it up would be just as satisfac-

tory and effective. I went into the polling place at Barrington Middle School in Barrington, NH and received my ballot from the clerk. I went into the polling booth and wrote "sham" across the ballot and then walked back outside to the top of the stairs. Linda was down below with the camera and took a couple of pictures as I made an announcement and ripped up my ballot.

As we walked down the stairs and headed to the parking lot a woman holding a sign said, "Gee,

John Edwards sure could have used that vote."

Linda replied, "For what?"

As we drove out of the parking lot I actually felt a great relief and satisfaction at what had happened. I had done my duty as a citizen and gone to the polls but I had not capitulated to a farce. Make no mistake, the show will go on but I will continue to follow my own dreams. Maybe I'll have another one tonight.

*(In the interests of full disclosure the writer of this article is also the subject.)*

NATIONAL

**Witness for Torture:  
400 March, 80 Arrested  
in Washington DC**

[www.witness torture.org](http://www.witness torture.org)

January 11, 2008 - Dozens of activists organized by Witness Against Torture delivered a message to the U.S. Supreme Court demanding the shut-down of the U.S. prison at Guantánamo and justice for those detained there. About 40 people were arrested inside the Court building and another 40 on the steps. All 80 have been released, but many were denied food and water for most of the 30-some hours they were detained. The arrests followed a solemn march from the National Mall of 400 persons that included a procession of activists dressed like the Guantánamo prisoners in orange jumpsuits and black hoods - part of an International Day of Action that was endorsed by over 100 groups and that included 83 events around the world.

**School of the Americas Vigil**  
[la.indymedia.org/news](http://la.indymedia.org/news)  
January 12, 2008 - The sto-

ry of the School of the Americas, or School of the Assassins is a disturbing tale of such organized and planned terrorism, one would never believe it was real. Every year in Fort Benning, Georgia the people protest. This year we brought it to LA.

The brutality caused by the School of the Americas is very much real. It is so real that several speakers at the vigil were victims of torture at the hands of SOA graduates. We carried crosses bearing names of those who were lost in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Colombia, among others. Hector Aristizabal, a speaker at the vigil, held a cross bearing the name of his own brother who was brutally tortured and murdered in Colombia. It was so real, it was scary. And this story, though it did take place in Latin America, was completely caused by, funded by, and organized by the U.S. government. We funded these murders, rapes, tortures. We are terrorists.

The passionate efforts to close the School of the Americas (SOA) down included a yearly mass protest in November at its current location in Fort Benning, Georgia. (It was originally in Panama.) The school finally closed in 2001 but reopened one month later in the same location with the same staff teaching the same courses, but was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Co-operation (WHISC).

The vigil was a replica of the Fort Benning protest and was held at Los Angeles State Historic Park. It featured speakers Father Roy Bourgeois, Martin Sheen, Cindy Sheehan, Blase Bonpane, Eisha Mason, Fernan-

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do Suarez del Solar, Don White, Lucia Munoz, Dr. Jose Quiroga, Patricia Contreras, Josh Harris, Jim Lafferty, Hector Aristizabal, Maria Guardado, Mario Avila & Frankie Flores and music by Cuauhtemoc Azteca Dancers, El Salvador's Hip Hop Marmota Fu, Ross Altman, Maria Armoudian, Will B. & Dennis Davis.

Several speakers told of their experiences as activists fighting to close the school down, others spoke of their experience as torture victims and survivors of murdered family members. Lucia Muñoz spoke about the aftermath of the SOA for women, most notably the femicide in Guatemala. The speakers urged us to teach about the SOA in classrooms, to go to the yearly protests in Georgia and to call our representatives. After the speeches and music we carried our crosses in a procession march while singers on the stage sang the names the crosses bore, and we held them up and sang "presente."

Once the march ended we placed our crosses down and participated in a "die-in" following a performance depicting "birds of destruction" turning a village into flames. Then puppetistas performed a "return to life celebration" using huge paper mache faces and hands to wake our dead bodies up as an allegory for the uprising that must take place atop the ashes of the brutalized. Then the celebration began and the day's events were over.

### Stop Schools From Supplying Student's Personal Information to the U.S. Military

by Pat Elder

agentforchange@comcast.net

High School Deceptive "Career Exploration Program" provides military recruiters with leads on 600,000 high school students yearly. Act Now to Pro-

tect Privacy of High School Students in Your Community!

Join activists across the country by demanding that local school officials protect the privacy of high school students who take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, (ASVAB). Last year more than 600,000 school children took the ASVAB and all of the results, including personal information, were forwarded to military recruiters. The military refuses to publicly admit the ASVAB is a valuable recruiting tool. Instead, the ASVAB is marketed through schools as a "career exploration program" frequently without mentioning its affiliation with the military.

A little known option exists that allows school officials to preclude test data from winding up in the hands of military recruiters. To access the template for you to use to create a letter to send to your local school officials, visit the following link:

<http://miami.indymedia.org/news/2008/01/10218.php>

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Japanese Whalers Hold Sea Shepherd Activists Hostage

[perth.indymedia.org](http://perth.indymedia.org)  
[www.seashepherd.org](http://www.seashepherd.org)

The illegal Japanese whaling operations have made demands for the release of two Sea Shepherd crew being held hostage onboard a Japanese whaling vessel. The whalers said they will return the hostages in return for Sea Shepherd agreeing to no longer

interfere with their whaling operations. But the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society says the whalers are acting like a "terrorist organization..."

"Here they are taking hostages and making demands. Our policy is that we don't respond to terrorist demands. The activities of the Japanese whaling fleet are illegal under international conservation law... The Japanese are poachers and should be treated in the same manner as elephant or tiger poachers," said Captain Paul Watson. Sea Shepherd says it will not negotiate with poachers. Australian Benjamin Potts and British man Giles Lane, from the Sea Shepherd ship *Steve Irwin*, were detained after they boarded the whaling ship yesterday.

"The Institute for Cetacean Research contacted us and said that there was a condition on us getting the men back and that condition was that we would refrain from harassing and interfering with their whaling operations," said Mr Watson.

The Australian Government says it is too early to say if either party acted illegally and the Australian Federal Police are investigating the incident. The Japanese whalers branded the men pirates, saying they acted illegally and threw acid on the deck of the whaling ship. Sea Shepherd says the pair were assaulted and then tied to railings and a radar mast.

**Whaling Ban:** Meanwhile, an international law expert says Japanese whaling could be halted

within a month. The court yesterday upheld a complaint by the Humane Society International, and ordered the Japanese whaling company be restrained from killing, injuring, taking or interfering with whales in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in Antarctica. A spokesman for Japan's Fisheries Agency has dismissed the ruling.

### Activists Held Hostage for Two Days by Whalers in Whale Sanctuary

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

During the early hours of January 15th, two crew members of the Sea Shepherd vessel, *Steve Irwin*, were taken hostage by the Japanese harpoon vessel *Yushin Maru No. 2*, which is now nominally owned by the Japanese government through the "Institute for Cetacean Research" (ICR). The incident occurred in the area of 60 Degrees South and 78 Degrees East about 2500 miles southwest of Fremantle, Western Australia and 2800 miles southeast of Cape Town, South Africa. Benjamin Potts and Giles Lane boarded the vessel to deliver a letter to the Japanese captain stating that the whalers were in violation of international conservation law by targeting endangered species in an established whale sanctuary and in violation of a global moratorium on commercial whaling. They also notified the captain that Australia had just passed a court ruling barring Japanese whalers from

the Australian Antarctic Economic Exclusion Zone.

The hostages were released from the *Yushin Maru No. 2* and transferred to the Australian Customs vessel *Oceanic Viking* on January 17th. The two men were then transferred to the Sea Shepherd ship *Steve Irwin* where they resumed chasing the Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Oceans. Both men reported that although they were roughed up when they first boarded the whaling ship, that they were treated well during their time onboard. The only injury was a bruised wrist suffered by Giles Lane.

"Although we appreciate the concern that people have expressed for our welfare, it is important to remember that this is not about us," said Giles Lane. "It's about stopping this cruel and illegal whale hunt. The treatment that we received was trivial in comparison to the suffering that the whales experience at the hands of the Japanese whalers. They may have been rough with us but at least we were not harpooned, electrocuted and mutilated. This is not about us, it's about the whales."

Since January 15th, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's ship *Steve Irwin* has been in full pursuit of five vessels of the Japanese whaling fleet, including the Japanese supply vessel *Oriental Bluebird*, and they say that they will continue to pursue illegal Japanese whaling activities for as long as possible.

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## THE GOOD NEWS: A SEACOAST CITIZENS CALENDAR

**Annual Maine  
War Tax Resisters Workshop**  
Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
(SNOW DATE: Sunday, January 27,  
Same Time and Place)  
Peace and Justice Center of Eastern  
Maine, Bangor, ME

On the Agenda: "Whats, Whys, Hows of WTR" for those new to resistance or interested in starting; Counseling/supporting current resisters; Planning for Tax Day for April 15 and before actions, promoting the national war tax boycott and Don't Buy Bush's War campaigns. Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine (170 Park St., up hill from Bangor City Hall, Library, and U-U Church). Potluck Lunch, Bring Food to Share. For more information: Larry Dansinger, Maine WTR Resource Center at (207) 525-7776; rosc@psouth.net <mailto:rosc@psouth.net>

**MLK Spiritual Celebration:  
Soul and Spirit of Democracy**  
Sunday, January 27, 4 p.m.

**St George's Episcopal Church, Durham**  
An inter-faith celebration that affirms, supports and highlights the spiritual foundation that Martin Luther King, Jr. brought to his work and life. This gathering includes song, drumming, Chautauqua presentations, poetry, dance, a pledge for action and more. Part of the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration: Holler if You Hear Me: Race, Culture, and Democracy. For more information call (603) 862-3290 or see [www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk\\_celebration.html](http://www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk_celebration.html).

**Anticipating Climate Change Impacts  
in Southern New Hampshire**  
January 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Memorial Union Building Theatre I  
UNH Campus, Durham

This seminar will provide an overview of the anticipated consequences of climate change in Southern New Hampshire and how these changes may affect local water and resource management. Dr. Cameron Wake will explain how global changes

in atmospheric carbon dioxide translate to local changes in temperature and precipitation. He will also discuss several scenarios for carbon loading and the benefits of reducing carbon emissions. Dr. Larry Ward will describe how climate change affects sea level, including assessments of how coastlines and salt marshes are being altered by sea-level change. Mr. Michael Simpson will discuss the impact that projected changes in precipitation patterns and storm frequency may have on local land-use management decisions. His research investigates how well current water conveyance infrastructure will accommodate changing precipitation patterns. He will report out on current research in the Keene, NH watershed, with the findings having applicability to many communities across the northern New England Region. There will be time for questions with all three presenters. The evening promises to be a thoughtful discussion of a topic of great concern. Come early to sign in, review handouts, and meet others interested in this topic. The Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is sponsoring this seminar with logistical support from the University of New Hampshire. For more information, contact [Steve@great-bay.org](mailto:Steve@great-bay.org)

**Panel: The Rap on Democracy:  
Culture, Power, and Social Change**  
Tuesday, January 29, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
UNH Memorial Union Building  
(MUB) Strafford Room, Durham

Examining the radical implications of King's legacy for American democracy today. Moderated by Reginal Wilburn, with panelists Michael Eric Dyson; Harvard Sitkoff, UNH Professor of History; Jackie Weatherspoon, NH Legislator; Cait Vaughan, UNH Senior, member of Women's Union. Part of the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration: Holler if You Hear Me: Race, Culture, and Democracy. For more information call (603) 862-3290 or see [www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk\\_celebration\\_ed-panel.html](http://www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk_celebration_ed-panel.html)

**Commemorative Address by  
Michael Eric Dyson:  
"Dr. King for the 21st Century"**  
Tuesday, January 29, 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC)  
Johnson Theatre at UNH, Durham  
Michael Eric Dyson, social analyst, hip-hop intellectual, ordained minister, a two time NAACP Image Award winner, and Georgetown University professor. This event also features African drumming and dance; a spoken word presentation and a Step performance. Reception and book signing follows. Part of the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration: Holler if You Hear Me: Race, Culture, and Democracy. For more information call (603) 862-3290 or see [www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk\\_celebration.html](http://www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk_celebration.html).

**"Act Now" ~ A Campus Activism Fair**  
Thursday, January 31, 12 - 3 p.m.  
UNH Memorial Union Building  
(MUB) Granite State Room, Durham

In support of local refugee and immigrant populations, building on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the fair seeks to raise awareness of the global plight of refugee and immigrant populations and provide student and community activists service opportunities to support these populations. Fair will feature personal stories from refugees, representatives from resettlement organizations. Part of the 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration: Holler if You Hear Me: Race, Culture, and Democracy. For more information call (603) 862-3290 or see [www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk\\_celebration.html](http://www.unh.edu/diversity/mlk_celebration.html).

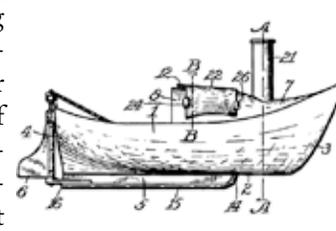
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**The 14th Annual  
Changing Maine Presents:  
"Talking Openly About Diversity,  
Oppression & Racism in Maine"**  
Sat., February 9, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Pine Tree State Arboretum  
153 Hospital St., Augusta, ME

Presented by Cultivating Multicultural Alliances (CMA) of Maine and New England Developed by a Social Worker in Maine, CMA is a Whole-istic Approach to Multiculturalism Based on Alliances, Equity, Reciprocity and the Elimination of Racism & Tribalism. "Diversity is nothing new, but equity & multiculturalism are." To register or for more info contact Larry Dansinger, (207) 525-7776 or [rosc@psouth.net](mailto:rosc@psouth.net). \*\$25 suggested (but any donation is welcome, consider sponsoring a slot for another to attend). Changing Maine is sponsored by ROSC (Resources for Organizing and Social Change).



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**Book Discussion:**  
**Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School At A Time**  
 by Greg Mortenson.

**Monday February 11, 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**  
**(or Tuesday, February 12, 1 - 2:24 p.m.)**  
**Portsmouth City Library, Portsmouth**

On a 1993 expedition to climb K2 in honor of his sister Christa, who had died of epilepsy at 23, Mortenson stumbled upon a remote mountain village in Pakistan. Out of gratitude for the villagers' assistance when he was lost and near death, he vowed to build a school for the children who were scratching lessons in the dirt. Raised by his missionary parents in Tanzania, Mortenson was used to dealing with exotic cultures and developing nations. Still, he faced daunting challenges of raising funds, death threats from enraged mullahs, separation from his family, and a kidnapping to eventually build 55 schools

in Taliban territory. Award-winning journalist Relin recounts the slow and arduous task Mortenson set for himself, a one-man mission aimed particularly at bringing education to young girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Readers interested in a fresh perspective on the cultures and development efforts of Central Asia will love this incredible story of a humanitarian endeavor. Books are available at the library for members. For more information, contact Sherry Evans at (603) 427-1540.

**Black History Month**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m.**  
**Franklin Pierce College, Pierce Hall, Rindge, NH**

Joe Rogers joins us during Black History month to celebrate and commemorate the life and teaching of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. invoking Rev. King's spirit through recitation and remembrance. He challenges us in our time and place to take hold of the Dream Rev. King lived and died for, assuring us that the Dream

is Alive! Please invite your congregations and your friends! This event is one you do not want to miss and is brought to you by the Black Student Alliance, the Valakis Lecture Series and Student Activities/Interfaith Campus Ministries of Franklin Pierce University. You can learn more about the program at www.dreamalive.org/ Contact Bill Beardslee, Assistant Director of Interfaith Campus Ministries and Club Support at (603) 899-4188 or by email: beardsleeb@fpc.edu.

**"Whats, Whys, Hows of War Tax Resisters"**  
**Wed., February 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Meg Perry Center (Peace Action/Foglight office)**  
**644 Congress Street, Portland, ME**  
 Annual Southern Maine Workshop-Maine War Tax Resisters (WTR) and WTR Supporters for those new to resis-

**Calendar**  
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**THE GOOD NEWS CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

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SEACOAST PEACE VIGILS

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**Portsmouth**

Fridays, 5 - 6 p.m.: Market Square, Seacoast Peace Response. The vigil is a presence in opposition to U.S. bombing and warfare and to any further expansion of military retaliation. Doug Bogen, (603) 430-9565 dbogen@cleanwater.org or Macy Morse, (603) 433-4119 macy-morse@aol.com.

**Exeter**

Thursdays, 5 - 6 p.m.: Town Hall on the corner of Water and Front Streets (near the Bandstand). Please bring your signs, candles and hopeful spirits. Peggi McCarthy aquaho@juno.com

**Rochester**

Fridays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Silent peace vigil in front of the Parson Main statue on Main Street. Sponsored by the Department of Peace group and the Farmington Progressive Group. Assemble in the municipal parking lot behind Slim's Tex Mex restaurant. Pat Frisella frisella@world-path.net.

**MAINE**

**Kennebunk**

Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 12 noon, at the Unitarian Church's peace pole, Main St. (Route 1, at the intersection with Route 35), Kennebunk, ME. For more informa-

tion contact Katherine Mendez at katherinemendez@peoplepc.com or phone (207) 985-2099.

Sundays, Noon - 1p.m., Bridges for Peace vigils are held at the same time on bridges throughout Maine, as well as several locations in Maryland. For the listing of locations see the Bridges for Peace website www.peacebridges.org or call (207) 563-8902.

Sundays, Noon - 1 p.m., at the Peace Pole by the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church. Carol Spalding at (207) 641-8663 or hcspalding@gwi.net.

**Wells**

Sundays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.: Ocean View Cemetery on Rte. 1 across from the Junior High School. Betty Williams, (207) 646-5772. The vigil now includes men wearing black arm bands.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Andover**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 7 - 8 p.m.; Saturdays 10:45 a.m. - Noon: Merrimack Valley People for Peace at Old Town Hall, Main Street. Lour Bernieri at (978) 475-6847 or e-mail Don Abbott at bdabbott@comcast.net.

Tuesday mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.: Entrance to Raytheon, Rte. 133, just off Rte. I-93. Raytheon Peacemakers Vigil, Arthur Brien, (978) 686-4418.

Sundays, Noon - 1 p.m.: Shawsheen Square Peace Witness, corner of Rt. 28 and Rt. 133. Allan Sifferlen at aps268@sbra.com.

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## PROGRAM NOTES

## Coming Soon: A Few Changes

We are pleased to announce that our next issue (Volume 252, No. 10) will arrive on schedule (Friday, February 8) at all the usual places. But, we would like to alert our readers that there will be a few changes. We are still working out some of the details, so we won't elaborate further on the specifics. Besides—surprises are exciting.

These changes will dramatically accelerate the paper's delivery to subscribers, improve the odds of its survival, and make it far more of a threat to the status quo.

Few things come without some price; in this case, it is a steep one: for the indefinite future, we'll be doing without the work of some excellent writers. If there were a way to make these coming changes, without paying this cost, we would take it. We cannot take this step without thanking them all most profusely.

Astute readers (all of our readers are astute, of course) will guess from the above paragraph that the paper will be smaller for a while. How much smaller, and for how long, remains to be seen. Given the present state of the economy, anyone making hard predictions runs the risk of making a fool of himself. What with today's gyrating market, the deranged economic theories that prevail, and the commercial media's stupefying credulity, we may be back to bartering pelts for firewood soon.

The fundamental reason for

these changes is to allow this venerable institution to achieve a higher degree of organization. Those who best understand this paper's existing level of organization might say that that's setting the bar awfully low. We would be hard pressed to argue. All the more reason why we should take that aspect of the operation more seriously.

There can be no change without risk. The possibility exists that after making these changes, the paper will not—exist, that is. That is our worst-case scenario. But that has been the case since the paper first fell into this editor's hands almost nineteen years

ago. Given the myriad uncertainties built into our lives by our all-knowing and ever-loving Intelligent Designer, this paper has always been in a race to achieve a higher

level of organization before the next cheeseburger or slice of bacon smites him, and renders him even less serviceable than he is now. Given his notoriously poor organizational skills, the odds have never been good, nor have they been improving over time. Some kind of change is necessary if there is to be a long-term future for this paper—best to make it now, rather than be forced to improvise under less-controlled conditions.

Finally, one great advantage will come immediately from this change: we will qualify for First Class treatment from the U.S. Postal Service.

See you in a fortnight.



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## FAVORITES

## Preserving The "Portsmouth Moment"

by J. Dennis Robinson

Historic events in Portsmouth are few and far between these days. So when the Port City makes international news, it is our civic duty to hype that event into the history books. I am speaking, of course, about "The Portsmouth Moment" in which presidential candidate Hillary Clinton expressed a moment of emotion at Café Espresso. Newspapers around the world covered the story and pundits debated *ad nauseam* whether the incident was responsible for Clinton's win in the New Hampshire Primary the next day. If Clinton wins the Democratic nomination or becomes president, Portsmouth will be enshrined as the place it all began. If she loses, people will say Hillary never should have cried in Portsmouth. Either way, we win.

So without further ado, I hereby suggest that all patriotic Americans chip in to buy a brass plaque to be mounted outside the now-historic Café Espresso. The minute I finish this column, I will send restaurant owner Dave Hadwen a check for \$10 to start the ball rolling. Steven Fowle, editor and publisher of the *New Hampshire Gazette*, has agreed to send \$20. I called David to ask if he liked the idea. He loved it. A serious all-weather plaque with raised letters can cost \$1,000, so we need your dough. I suggest something like this:

CAFÉ ESPRESSO  
Site of the Historic  
"PORTSMOUTH  
MOMENT"

*On this spot on January 7, 2008, Senator Hillary Clinton almost cried while running for president of the United States. Clinton "teared up" with emotion in response to a question by Marianne Pernold-Young, then won the New Hampshire Primary the next day. The event was blown way out of proportion by media pundits.*



Portsmouth's famed Café Espresso.

History, I have learned, is what you make it. Reporters have already compared "The Portsmouth Moment" to Edmund Muskie emoting over the infamous "Canuck Letter" or Howard Dean's scream in 2004. Both events were largely manufactured by the press, but then so was Plymouth Rock. The more you repeat the story, the more real it seems. Think about that, the next time you're reading the somber inscription on some ancient greenish monument. Creating a plaque ensures that historians, like me, will chew over the event for centuries to come.

Only 15 women and two men were invited to the breakfast chat early on the morning of January 7. But there were 40 or 50 reporters and camera people there to document it. The local Portsmouth daily, unfortunately, left Café Espresso early for another assignment and missed the crucial moment. But it didn't last long.

"She was Hillary Clinton the woman for six or seven seconds," Marianne told me on the phone recently, "then she caught herself and went back to being Hillary the politician."

Marianne found herself inundated by press from CNN to BBC to media in her home country of Austria. Returning home after the rally at Café Espresso, she found three televi-

sion reporters with satellite feed trucks camped on her front lawn. The press especially enjoyed her candid revelation that "the woman who made Hillary cry" actually voted for Barack Obama in the primary. She didn't really make Hillary cry, but history likes to round off the hard edges of the truth.

"A lot of the media think I'm a plant," she says wryly. "I'm not a plant! But if I were—would I tell anybody?"

Marianne was once a beltway insider herself. She was a White House photographer during the Jimmy Carter Administration. These days she is a fine art photographer. I have many of her photos on my web site and one on my office wall. In fact, I first learned about "The Portsmouth Moment" when a reporter from the *London Guardian* contacted me to help her find Marianne. But Marianne was so swamped by requests for e-mail interviews, that she turned off the "Contact" button on her own web site.

"It was wild and it was fun," Marianne says, as the press inquiries continue to pour in weeks after the event. But the really interesting part of the story is how one silly little question and one tiny little response could set off such a cascade of reaction. If nothing else, "The Portsmouth Moment" is an historic example of how silly we all are.

And so that we do not forget, send your nondeductible contribution to The Portsmouth Moment Plaque, c/o Café Espresso, 738 Islington St, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Let's make fun of history, before it makes fun of us.

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## THE VINTAGE NEWS

## IN MEMORIAM

## "Better old news, than new lies."

**More Morphine in Maine**

It is stated by the *Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph*, that the use of opium has enormously increased in Maine since the enforcement of laws restricting the sale of liquors. A manufacturing chemist, whose business is said to be among the largest of its kind in the country, is reported as having stated that more morphine is sold in Maine, in proportion to population, than in any other state in the union.

That may be true; but before pinning one's faith to it very firmly it would be well to have some further evidence on the subject.

1878

**Sailors' Lively Sendoff**

The *U.S.S. Kearsarge* paid off her crew and went out of commission on Tuesday. A number of the men, whose time had not expired, were taken to Boston by rail to be put on the receiving ship there; and they made things lively about the depot while waiting for the train, the presence of the police being required to prevent disturbance.

**Forty Would Have Sufficed**

A case of extremely severe corporal punishment in school is agitating the people of North Middleborough, Mass., where a boy seven years old was recently ferruled more than seventy blows for scratching a match in school. The next day his hands were black and blue, and he could not use them.

**A Courageous Explanation**

His wife caught him with his arms around the hired girl's neck, but his courage even in this trying extremity never forsook him. "I suspected some one of stealing the whiskey or the preserves, Jane, for some time, and you know the breath would have told it if she was the guilty party."

**A Parsimonious Rejoinder**

A spendthrift, who wasted nearly all his patrimony, seeing an acquaintance in a coat not of the newest cut, told him he thought it had been his great-grandfather's coat. "So it was," said the gentleman; "and I have also my great-grandfather's land, which is more than you can say."

**It Was Well Enough Before**

The high wind of Thursday night blew a chimney from the house of Mr. John Kinnear of Newcastle, and lodged it in the well. The owner thinks the chimney was well enough before.

**A Singular Accident**

A singular accident recently happened to Mrs. C.C. Tracy of

**Music Hall to Open**

The coming event in Portsmouth is the opening of the new Music Hall, which competent judges have said to be the handsomest theatre in New England outside of Boston. Governor Prescott has signified his intention of being present on the opening night, on which occasion Hon. W.H.Y. Hackett will deliver an address, and Thayer and Tompkin's company of Boston will present the beautiful domestic comedy *Caste* and the farce *John Wopps*. The scenery will all be new and beautiful, and Harlow's orchestra will furnish appropriate music.

Thursday, January 24, 1878

Northampton. As she was descending the stairs, a ring on her right hand caught the gas fixtures on the side of the stair railing, and swung her out into the hall, where she hung for several minutes by one finger.

**A New Editorial Function**

The editor of an Iowa paper offers to send his photograph to any woman teacher who will send him the news from her township, and another Iowa editor advises the teachers to take up the offer, as the pictures will do to scare bad school boys with.

Thursday, January 17, 1878

**A Swindle—And A Sacrilege**

Charles Henry Moulton, who recently surrendered himself in London for extradition to this country on a charge of forgery, is said to be a most accomplished scoundrel, who by making use of religion as a cloak succeeded in swindling people in Hartford out of about \$75,000.

**Police Court**

Wednesday, Jan. 16th; Batchelder, Judge—Wm. Hennessey, drunk, \$9.90.

Friday, Jan. 18th; Batchelder, Judge—Jenny M. Parks, alias pretty much all the names there are, was before the Court for drunkenness; adjudged guilty, and fined \$3, costs \$6.90.

Monday, Jan. 21st; Batchelder, Judge—William Hennessey, drunk, fine and costs \$9.90. (We are tired of having this record set up [in type] every time William gets drunk, and shall keep [the type] standing in the future.)

**Style in Kennebunk**

Kennebunk, Maine, boasts a house which is painted from foundation to roof with alternate bands of red, white and blue, about one foot in width; at each corner of the house is a huge "Union Jack" about seven feet wide, and the chimneys are also painted with the national colors and studded with stars. The barn is painted in similar style.

**Athenæum Appointment**

Mr. Robert E. Rich has been appointed permanent Librarian of the Portsmouth Athenæum.

**A Hazard of the Profession**

Louis Meacham, sporting edi-

**New Hampshire's Vietnam War Dead**

On the back page, in our Tidal Guide, are 9 symbols in the shape of Vietnam, signifying the New Hampshire men lost there on these dates:

January 28

Michael E. Brady, 21, SP4, Army, Newport, 1967

January 29

Frank N. Badolati, 32, Sgt., Army, Goffstown, 1966  
William R. Douillette, 18, PFC, USMC, Concord, 1969  
Karl D. Porter, 20, SP4, Army, Manchester, 1972

February 3

Orin L. Dyer, Jr., 38, WO, Army, Rumney, 1968  
John W. McGuire, 24, PFC, Army, Derry, 1968

February 4

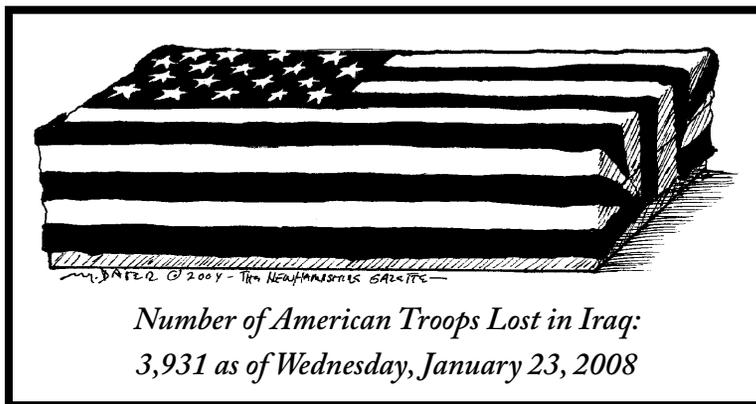
Lawrence N. Dubia, 35, Sgt., USMC, Tilton, 1970

February 5

Leon N. Doucet, 21, Cpl., USMC, Manchester, 1967

February 9

Ronald N. Keller, 19, HM3, Navy, Exeter, 1968



Number of American Troops Lost in Iraq:  
3,931 as of Wednesday, January 23, 2008

tor of the *Chicago Tribune*, the son of the late Hon. James Meacham of Vermont, and formerly connected with the *Rutland Herald*, was cowhided and narrowly escaped being shot by a swindling intelligence office man whom he had exposed in the *Tribune*.

**Let Sleeping Jurors Lie**

A long report of a trial in San Francisco contains this parenthesis: "At this point in the proceedings it was noticed that one of the jurors was asleep, but no one took the trouble to awaken him."

**New York Justice**

Some time since a man named James Rose was shot in the street in New York, and a notorious rough and Tammany politician named Martin Geogheghan was found close by with a smoking pistol in his hand. A coroner's jury has just brought in a verdict that Rose was shot "by some person unknown," and the assassin has been discharged. Geogheghan "swings too many votes" for the democracy to be punished for such a trifle as cold-blooded murder, in New York.

**Life in Lead City**

Lead City, three miles from Deadwood, was taken possession

of on Wednesday by a mob of 150 roughs, who called a town meeting of their own, upset all the existing laws and made a set to suit themselves, "jumped" all the streets, yelled and fired pistols, and in other ways made themselves objectionable. The citizens in the evening commenced to arm and organize for protection.

**A 19th Century Sredzienski**

Warm as the weather is and has been for the season, the present seems hardly the time of year for going in swimming, but Horace Jenkins of Kittery, a youth of about seventeen years, tried it on Tuesday and seemed rather to like it. He was digging clams on Pumpkin Island, early in the forenoon, and was so intent on his work that he failed to notice that the rising tide had floated his boat off, until she was some two hundred yards away, and rapidly going further. Without wasting any time he stripped himself, swam to the boat and climbed in amid the applause of a lot of folks on the Kittery shore, went back to the island, dressed himself, and carried off his mess of clams in triumph.

Thursday, January 24, 1878

## ADMIRAL FOWLE'S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

Portsmouth is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River. Depending on which tour boat captain you believe, it's the second, the third, or the fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country.

The Piscataqua's remarkable current is caused by the tide which, in

turn is caused by the moon. The other major player is a vast sunken valley, about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon drags roughly seventeen billion gallons of salt water from the ocean, up the river, into Great Bay. (If the moon ever stopped moving that water for us, it could be replaced with 2,125,000

tanker trucks.)

The moon's meddling creates a roving hydraulic conflict as incoming sea and outgoing river collide. The skirmish line moves from the mouth of the river, past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on

towards Great Bay. This spectacle can best be seen when the chart below shows the tide rising. A good place to watch is the little deck near the sterns of the tugboats, off Ceres Street. Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the salt water that just fought its way upstream goes back to rejoin the

ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. A good place to observe this is from Bow Street, up by St. John's church. Look up the river, from one of the little parking lots between the buildings. (Don't try to drive or park there, that won't work.) You'll see a red buoy, at the upstream end

of Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. That buoy weighs several tons, is nine feet wide, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork! The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. Often when the river rests, its tugboats and drawbridges work their hardest. Ships com-

ing in heavily laden with coal, oil, and salt generally do so at high tide, for maximum clearance under their keels. When they leave empty, riding high in the water, they tend to go at low tide, for maximum clearance under Memorial Bridge.

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Sunday, January 27	Monday, January 28	Tuesday, January 29	Wednesday, January 30	Thursday, January 31	Friday, February 1	Saturday, February 2
<p><b>2000</b>—In Nashua, George W. Bush tells an audience “I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family.”</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Gorbachev announces the new policy of <i>glasnost</i>.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The Vietnam War ends with the signing of a peace treaty in Paris.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—G. Gordon Liddy presents to Attorney General John Mitchell a plan to disrupt the Democratic Convention with “mugging squads, kidnapping teams, and prostitutes.”</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Fire in <i>Apollo</i> capsule kills three astronauts.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Martin Luther King's home is bombed for the second time.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—The U.S. starts breaking in a new nuclear weapon test site in Nevada.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—John Logie Baird demonstrates the first television.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—R.I.P. Nellie Bly.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—Paterson, N.J. silk workers strike.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—Supreme Court upholds railroad official's right to fire worker for belonging to a union.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—Edison patents the incandescent lamp.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—225 Shoshone are massacred near Great Salt Lake.</p> <p><b>1832</b>—Charles Dodgson, writer and photographer, is born.</p> <p><b>1756</b>—Mozart's birthday.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—Ex-U.S. weapons inspector David Kay tells the Senate pre-war WMD intelligence was “almost all wrong.”</p> <p><b>2003</b>—During his State of the Union Address, George W. Bush cites misidentified aluminum tubes, non-existent viruses, fictitious alliances, and imaginary uranium as justifications for war.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—The space shuttle <i>Challenger</i>, launched under dubious conditions to give R. Reagan an applause line in his State of the Union speech, explodes, killing NH teacher Christa McAuliffe.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—An off shore oil well blows out five miles off Santa Barbara.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Called a “crypto-Nazi” on live TV by Gore Vidal, William F. Buckley, Jr. calls Vidal a “queer.”</p> <p><b>1958</b>—In Nebraska, Charles Starkweather, 17, and Carol Fugate, 14, kill their 8th through 10th (out of 11) victims.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—RIP Wm. Butler Yeats.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—Thrill-killer makes an unwanted sexual advance to a fellow-prisoner and is murdered, prompting reporter Ed Lahey to write this lede for the <i>Chicago Daily News</i>: “Richard Loeb, who was a master of the English language, today ended a sentence with a proposition.”</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—“I am mind-ful not only of preserving executive powers for myself,” says George W. Bush, “but for predecessors as well.”</p> <p><b>2000</b>—Campaigning for president in Concord, NH, George W. Bush asks, “Will the high-ways on the Internet become more few?”</p> <p><b>1967</b>—LBJ's pal Bobby Baker is convicted of income tax evasion, theft, and conspiracy to defraud the government.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Kubrick's <i>Dr. Strangelove</i> premiers.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Zepplins bomb Paris.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—William Claude Dukenfield is born in Philadelphia.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—In Utah, 400 Bannock and Shoshone Indians are massacred in four hours.</p> <p><b>1856</b>—An attack on Seattle by 1,000 Nisqually and Yakama Indians is repulsed by ships in the harbor.</p> <p><b>1834</b>—Striking workers on the Chesapeake Canal riot after their strike is met with violence. President Jackson initiates an American tradition by calling out Federal troops.</p> <p><b>1820</b>—King George III dies in Windsor Castle, insane.</p> <p><b>1737</b>—Birth of Thomas Paine, Thetford, England; present whereabouts, unknown.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—A U.S. official reports that \$9,000,000,000 is, well ... sort of ... missing ... in Iraq.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush is named Director of Central Intelligence.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Nixon employees James McCord and G. Gordon Liddy are found guilty of burglary.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—“Bloody Sunday” in Northern Ireland: British soldiers gun down 14 Catholic civil-rights marchers.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—To preserve democracy, a new military junta takes over in South Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—A deeply religious Hindu person kills Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany.</p> <p><b>1835</b>—Richard Lawrence fires two pistols at President Jackson. Both misfire.</p> <p><b>1798</b>—On the floor of the House, Rep. Matthew Lyon (R-VT) insults Rep. Roger Griswold (Federalist-CT). Griswold responds by calling Lyon a coward. Lyon retaliates by spitting in Griswold's face.</p> <p><b>1661</b>—Oliver Cromwell, already dead more than two years, is posthumously executed and decapitated. His head goes unburied for 300 years.</p> <p><b>1649</b>—Oliver Cromwell and the Roundheads decapitate King Charles I.</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—“There's no such thing as legacies,” says George W. Bush to a group of leading Catholics, “at least, there is a legacy, but I'll never see it.”</p> <p><b>1971</b>—In Detroit, Vietnam Veterans Against the War begin the Winter Soldier hearings, testifying against U.S. policies in Vietnam. Few listen.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The Tet Offensive demonstrates that R.S. McNamara has learned nothing in five years.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—“The war in Vietnam is going well and will succeed,” says Robert Strange McNamara, U.S. Secretary of Defense.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—At a U.S. air field in North Africa, a B-47 crashes on takeoff and burns for seven hours. Luckily the armed nuke on board doesn't go off.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Truman orders the construction of the first H-bomb.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—The U.S. Army executes Pvt. Eddie Slovic for desertion.</p> <p><b>1915</b>—Germany becomes the first civilized nation to employ poison gas in warfare.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—William Goebel is sworn in as Governor of Kentucky while lying on his back, having been shot by an assassin the day before. Three days later he dies.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—The U.S. Government orders all Native Americans to move to reservations or be declared hostile.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Canada OK's same-sex marriage; world does not end.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Janet Jackson bares a nipple on TV; world nearly ends.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The space shuttle <i>Columbia</i> disintegrates over Texas.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Richard Nixon meets for twenty minutes with The Rev. Sun Myung Moon.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Indiana governor Matthew E. Welsh declares The Kingsmen's song “Louie Louie,” which everyone else finds incomprehensible, to be obscene.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Fleetwood Linley, the last living person to have looked upon the face of the dead Abraham Lincoln, dies aged 75.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Civil rights sit-ins begin in Greensboro, North Carolina.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—An inevitable confluence: the first telecast of an atomic explosion.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—Col. Billy Mitchell, the only American officer who understands the potential of aircraft in warfare, is court-martialed for criticizing his “superiors.”</p> <p><b>1923</b>—In Japan, most of Tokyo and all of Yokohama are destroyed by an earthquake.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—The first armored car is introduced.</p> <p><b>1902</b>—Birth of Langston Hughes, Joplin, Missouri.</p> <p><b>1884</b>—The first volumes of the <i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> are published.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—George W. Bush reluctantly OK's an investigation of intelligence failures.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—In Dublin, Irish Catholics irate over “Bloody Sunday” burn the British Embassy.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Australians burn conscription papers in Sydney.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—350 American troops are assigned to “reclaim U.S. military equipment in Vietnam.”</p> <p><b>1952</b>—Winnie Ruth Judd, the “trunk murderess,” escapes from Arizona State Insane Hospital. For the 5th time.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Frederick R. Law, a steeplejack, makes a successful parachute jump from the Statue of Liberty's torch.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—The first close-up in motion picture history is filmed at the Edison studio in West Orange, New Jersey, immortalizing a photogenic sneeze.</p> <p><b>1882</b>—Birth of James Joyce.</p> <p><b>1870</b>—The “Cardiff Giant,” hyped for months as a petrified, ten-foot-tall human, is revealed to be a tobaccocon's hoax.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo legalizes the American seizure of 525,000 square miles of Mexico.</p> <p><b>1709</b>—Alexander Selkirk, the inspiration for Daniel Defoe's <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>, is rescued after four years on a desert island 400 miles west of Chile.</p>
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<p><b>2006</b>—Donald Rumsfeld likens Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez to Adolph Hitler, inspiring Venezuela's VP to compare the U.S. with the Third Reich.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—In Iowa, a plane crash kills Buddy Holly, “The Big Bopper,” and Richie Valens.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—In Memphis, the Sun recording studio somehow simultaneously contains Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—J. Fred Muggs, a bad-tempered chimpanzee from Cameroon, becomes the first non-human primate to appear regularly on a television show.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Four U.S. Navy chaplains aboard the U.S. Army transport <i>Dorchester</i> drown after giving their life jackets to others.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—The Arkansas state legislature passes a motion to pray for the soul of newspaperman H.L. Mencken after he calls the state “the apex of moronia.”</p> <p><b>1916</b>—In Zurich, Hugo Ball opens Cafe Voltaire, hotbed of dadaism.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—The Federal Income Tax becomes law.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Franz Reichelt, an Austrian tailor, tests his experimental parachute/overcoat from the Eiffel Tower. It turns out to be fatally flawed.</p>	<p><b>1987</b>—RIP Liberate.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Lockheed Aircraft admits paying \$22 million in bribes to sell its product.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—William Randolph Hearst's granddaughter Patty, 19, is kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Neal Cassady, ur-beat, dies alongside railroad tracks in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—In New York, John Giola dances the Charleston for 22 hours and 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—Rosa Parks is born in Tuskegee, Alabama.</p> <p><b>1899</b>—Philippine revolt against U.S. rule begins.</p> <p><b>1894</b>—Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, dies broke.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—Birth of Bill Hayward, legendary Wobbly.</p> <p><b>1861</b>—Delegates from six southern states meet in Montgomery, Alabama to form the Confederate States of America.</p> <p><b>1822</b>—Emancipated American blacks settle in Liberia.</p> <p><b>1819</b>—Birth of Norton I, self-proclaimed First Emperor of the U.S. and Protector of All Mexico.</p> <p><b>1789</b>—George Washington is unanimously elected President by the Electoral College.</p> <p><b>1783</b>—Britain formally declares an end to hostilities with the American states.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—A man in a pub in Wales vows to cut off his own testicles if Wales beats England in a rugby match. They do. He does.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Secretary of State Colin Powell tells the UN that Saddam Hussein's Iraq is bristling with WMDs.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—New Hampshire's own Alan Shepard lands on the moon.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—The Navy makes its second attempt to launch a Vanguard rocket. Oops.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—A B-47 bomber collides with a jet fighter off the coast of Georgia, and jettisons an H-bomb. It's still lost.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Bob Marley is born, Spanish Town, Jamaica.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—Roosevelt attempts to “pack” the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1934</b>—Birth of Hank Aaron.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Stephen W. Thompson becomes the first American pilot to down an enemy aircraft.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—William Burroughs is born in St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p><b>1897</b>—Marcel Proust meets critic Jean Lorrain for a pistol duel at 3:00 p.m.—the earliest hour decent people are up and about.</p> <p><b>1861</b>—Samuel Goodale patents the peep show machine.</p> <p><b>1830</b>—The <i>New York Daily Sentinel</i>, the first daily labor paper, begins publication.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—George W. Bush tells the American people that Saddam Hussein's Iraq is bristling with WMDs.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—The northeastern U.S. is clobbered by a huge blizzard; 29 die, 10,000 are homeless.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Leonard Peltier is arrested because ... because ... well, he's just arrested, that's all.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—New Hampshire's own Alan Shepherd employs a nine iron to knock a golf ball into a crater on the moon.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Highest sea wave (nontsunami) on record is recorded: 110 feet, during a Pacific hurricane.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—A shipyard strike kicks off a General Strike in Seattle. Workers control city for a week. Crime drops dramatically. Union bureaucrats intervene to end it.</p> <p><b>1910</b>—Triangle Shirtwaist strike ends, workers accept arbitration.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—Birth of Edward Lansdale, spook.</p> <p><b>1843</b>—The first minstrel show is performed, at the Bowery Amphitheatre, in New York.</p> <p><b>1756</b>—Aaron Burr, the first Vice President to shoot a man, is born in Newark, NJ.</p> <p><b>1557</b>—In Cambridge, England, Martin Bucer and Paulus Phagius are burned at the stake, their having been dead and buried for years notwithstanding.</p>	<p><b>1994</b>—Conservative journalist and member of Parliament Stephen Milligan is found dead of auto-erotic asphyxiation.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The IRA attacks 10 Downing St. with mortars.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—“It became necessary to destroy [the Vietnamese village of Ben Tre] in order to save it,” USAF Major Chester Brown tells reporter Peter Arnett. Same day: a 5th Special Forces camp at Lang Vei is overrun by North Vietnamese in Soviet tanks.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—U.S. recognizes Emperor Bao Dai's government of Vietnam, putting us at odds with the Soviets and Ho Chi Minh.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-WI) claims the State Dept. is full of Commies.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—First Negro History Week observed.</p> <p><b>1891</b>—Great Blizzard of 1891 begins.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—First anarchist journal, Proudhon's <i>Le Representant du Peuple</i>, appears.</p> <p><b>1821</b>—John Davis becomes first person known to set foot on Antarctica.</p> <p><b>1817</b>—Birth of Frederick Douglass.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—The last, and most destructive, of the three big New Madrid, Mo. earthquakes causes the Mississippi to briefly reverse direction.</p>	<p><b>1971</b>—Operation Lam Son 719, a U.S.-supported ARVN incursion into Laos, begins. It ends in disaster three weeks later.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—The U.S. Military Assistance Command for Vietnam (MACV) is formed in Saigon.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The House Un-American Activities Committee recommends prison camps for Japanese-Americans.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—James Dean is born.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Nevada becomes the first state to kill someone with a gas chamber: Gee Jon, a hit man for the Hop Sing Tong.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—Birth of Chester F. Carlson, inventor of Xerox™ process.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—The Japanese make a surprise attack on Port Arthur, Manchuria, beginning the Russo-Japanese War.</p> <p><b>1855</b>—A 100 mile track of strange tracks called “The Devil's Footprints” appear in England.</p> <p><b>1820</b>—William Tecumseh Sherman born.</p> <p><b>1692</b>—A doctor in Salem, Mass. says three teenage girls are under Satan's influence, setting off witch trials.</p> <p><b>1587</b>—For conspiring against Elizabeth I, Mary, Queen of Scots, is executed. It takes the drunken executioner three blows of the ax, after the first of which, Mary is said to have said, “Executioner, achieve your work.”</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—The <i>USS Green-ville</i>, while giving thrill-rides to a group of local dignitaries, surfaces under a Japanese fishing boat off Hawaii, killing nine crewmembers.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush denies he ever used the phrase “voodoo economics.” Then NBC tapes the tape.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Satchel Paige becomes the first Negro League player inducted into the Hall of Fame.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The Beatles appear on Ed Sullivan's show.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—“I have here in my hand,” says Sen. Joe McCarthy, “the names of 205 men that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping the policy of the state department.” Years later he admits he held a laundry list.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Birth of Brendan Behan.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Birth of Gypsy Rose Lee.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—First federal legislation prohibiting narcotics (opium).</p> <p><b>1909</b>—Birth of Carmen Miranda.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—Japanese destroyers launch a sneak attack on Russian ships at Port Arthur.</p> <p><b>1861</b>—Jefferson Davis is elected President of Confederate States of America.</p>
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