

## GI SPECIAL 3D52:



EXIT STRATEGY

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# *Sometimes Dreams Come True #1: U.S. Troops Draw Up Own Exit Strategy*

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[Thanks to a whole shitload of people who sent this one in. Phil Gaspar writes: Satire or the God's honest truth? You be the judge.]

**BAGHDAD**—Citing the Bush Administration's ongoing refusal to provide a timetable for withdrawal, the U.S. troops stationed in Iraq have devised their own exit strategy.

**"My marines are the best-trained, best-equipped, most homesick fighting force in the world," said Staff Sgt. Cornelius Woods. "Just give us the order, and we will commandeer every available vehicle to execute a flanking maneuver on the airstrips of Mosul. By this time tomorrow, we will have retaken our positions at our families' dinner tables in full force."**

**In a striking rebuke of the assertions of the Pentagon and the White House that a swift exit is neither practical nor possible, soldiers of varying rank have outlined a straightforward plan of immediate disengagement, dubbed "Operation Screw This."**

**"We kicked around several withdrawal scenarios in our barracks, but ultimately settled on the idea of getting out of here as soon as possible," said Maj. Brian Garcia, who is on his third tour of duty in Iraq.**

**Supporters of the Iraq war say the reconstruction of politically and economically devastated Iraq will take decades, and the gradual process of departure will begin only after a lengthy occupation.**

**"I'm familiar with the 'years of occupation to facilitate reconstruction' theory," said Army Spc. Megan Beaulieu. "However, virtually every soldier I know, including myself, gives more credence to the successful Dutch and Spanish approach of 'we've done all we can here, let's move out.'"**

**She added: "Apache helicopters could rendezvous with us in Fallujah. If we left our supplies behind, we could be out of here in 15 minutes."**

**"I served in South Korea and Germany," said Capt. Barry Graves of the Maryland National Guard, a Vietnam veteran who at 57 was called back into service last year. "I still carry shrapnel in my leg from Khe Sanh. Is it time to go home yet?"**

**A recent ABC News poll found that the American people are split on the exit strategy. A University of Baghdad survey, however, finds that the exit strategy has the support of approximately 99.3 percent of the Iraqi population.**

**Pfc. Barbara Terland expressed the sentiment of many soldiers and Iraqis. "If the real reason we're here is to let the Iraqis run their own country, I have the perfect solution: my ass on a plane to St. Louis."**

**Inspired by the unilateral policies of the White House, Pfc. David Wareham has concocted a unilateral strategy of his own.**

**"My exit strategy is beautiful in its simplicity," Wareham said. "It involves me personally getting out of here the first chance I get. If I do that, I just might get back to my son, who is a year old and who I have never even met. If that doesn't work, I'll revert to Plan B, which is to retreat into complete insanity."**

**U.S. Army Chief Of Staff Peter J. Schoomaker said he and the commander-in-chief are analyzing the situation and devising the best possible way to get the troops home safely.**

"If the chief of staff is truly interested in ideas about exiting from Iraq," Pfc. Terland said, "I think that it would be a great idea to debate it openly. Why don't we fly home to Washington so we can discuss it together over a cup of coffee?"



Staff Sgt. Cornelius Woods debriefs Pfc. Jack Colin. (Onion)  
[Gee, who could possibly have written this one?]

MORE:

## ***Sometimes Dreams Come True #2:***



**“Over that way, Mr. President....some loonies calling themselves Iraq Combat Veterans For Liberty. They’d like a word with you, sir. Something about wanting to detain the “enemy domestic.” Problem is, there’s about 20,000 of them, they’re armed, and they look really pissed. We tried getting through to DoD command on the secure phone but some idiot said Rumsfeld and the JCS are under arrest. And all your Secret Service personnel seem to have vanished.”** (President George W. Bush with presidential adviser Karen Hughes Photo: Gary Hershorn/Reuter)

**MORE:**

## **Falluja Christmas Carol**

**From: David Honish, Veterans For Peace**

To: GI Special

Sent: December 21, 2005

Subject: Falluja Christmas Carol

The melody is, Pogo's "Deck the Halls with Boston Charlie" {also known as, "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"}.

**"Troops Refuse To Go On Mission"**

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

**It's a Suicide Expedition**

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

**Don we now our body armor**

Fa la la, la la la, la la la --

**Oops, they don't supply us till next summer**

Fa la la la la, la la la la!

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**This is like in "The Caine Mutiny"**

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

**The whole Command comes under scrutiny**

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

**How're we gonna get out of THIS mess**

Fa la la, la la la, la la la?

**Let's bring ALL troops home by Christmas**

Fa la la la la, la la la la!

**Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward this E-MAIL along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, at home and inside the armed services. Send requests to address up top.**

**IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

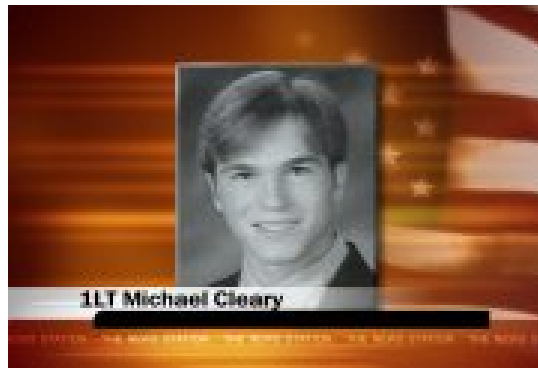
# Baghdad Soldier Killed

December 21, 2005 HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND  
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**BAGHDAD, Iraq — A Task Force Baghdad Soldier was killed south of Baghdad Dec. 19 from a roadside bomb.**

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## Area Soldier Killed



December 21 WNEP

The war in Iraq has claimed the life of another soldier from our area.

First Lieutenant Michael Cleary of Dallas was killed this week. He was with the Army's Third Division. According to his father, Jack, 1 LT Cleary was a platoon leader working at a bomb factory near Samara with his explosives ordnance disposal unit when they were ambushed outside the facility.

Cleary was a 1999 graduate of Dallas High School and was the captain of the tennis and soccer teams. He graduated with honors from Hamilton College in New York state in 2003.

His family was notified of his death Tuesday.

The superintendent of the Dallas School District recalled Michael was an all-American boy who could have done anything he wanted.

"He was a very attentive and polite young man and he also was very loving to his brother and his sisters. He was a protector. He really did some wonderful things for the community and wonderful things at our school and I will never forget him," said Superintendent Frank Galicki.

The news of Cleary's death comes just days before he was scheduled to return home. Galicki also said the young soldier was to get married in February.

**1LT Cleary's death brings to 19 the number of soldiers from our area killed in action in Iraq. The first happened in 2003. Most of the casualties are from the 109th Field Artillery, which has units from the Poconos through the Wilkes-Barre area and out to Williamsport.**

**Soldiers from Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Northumberland, Tioga and Pike Counties have died while fighting in Iraq.**

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## **Hockley Soldier Dies**

Dec. 11, 2005 By ANNE MARIE KILDAY, Houston Chronicle

**HOCKLEY - Christmas cards from Sgt. Michael Taylor arrived at his family's home here at mid-day Wednesday, just hours before the Army notified them that the 23-year old had been killed in combat in Iraq.**

Inside the card to his mother, Taylor wrote: "All I have to say is how much I love you and will be glad to see you in January. I wish you a very merry Christmas."

Stephanie Taylor Tompkins, his mother, was unable to speak about her son's death Saturday evening, as members of his extended and close-knit family gathered to remember the soldier they once called "Little Mikey."

An avid reader of mysteries and thrillers, a devout Christian, and a young father, Taylor had planned to restore a 1969 Chevelle when he got home from the war.

Taylor, who was scheduled to return to this small town south of Tomball, was killed in Balad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his truck.

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## **Texas Marine Killed**

12/21/05 The Associated Press

**BROWNSVILLE, TX:** A U-S Marine from San Benito was killed this week in Iraq.

The family of 20-year-old Lance Corporal Samuel Tapia says Tapia died Sunday after serving four months in Iraq.

Jackelyn Tapia told the Brownsville Herald that her husband joined the Marines 15 months ago.

She says she and her husband married one-and-a-half years ago and have a one-year-old daughter named Samantha.

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# Family Recalls 'Jovial' Soldier Killed In Iraq: "He Was So Close To Going Home. He Was Suppose To Be Safe Down There"



A memorial service was held Thursday in Iraq for victims (from left) Philip A. Dodson Jr., Marcus Futrell and Philip L. Travis. (Curtis Compton/AJC)

December 8, 2005 By KEN SEGIURA and CURTIS COMPTON, AJC

A Gwinnett County man was among three Georgia National Guardsmen who were killed Friday in a truck accident in Iraq.

The Department of Defense has identified the three as Staff Sgt. Philip L. Travis, 41, of Snellville, Spc. Marcus S. Futrell, 20, of Macon and Sgt. Philip A. Dodson Jr., 42, of Forsyth.

The three died Friday at Tallil Air Base of injuries sustained when their truck rolled over.

Travis grew up in Alabama before moving to Atlanta as a teen, his aunt Yvonne Carter said. Travis previously served in the Navy, she said.

"He loved to read. He loved computers," Carter said. "He was a very jovial guy, a very happy-go-lucky guy."

Sgt. Bruce Westbrook, 47, of Atlanta, was a friend of Travis.

"We met in Lawrenceville at the guard unit. He was the cook. He was just a nice fellow. We got to know each other pretty good and went out together to eat lunch," Westbrook said.

“He really cared about his job. We use to say when we got back to Atlanta we were going to go out and laugh about all this. He use to love big knives and had a collection of them.

**“He was so close to going home. He was suppose to be safe down there. I don’t understand it.”**

The three accident victims were assigned to the Headquarters Company of the 148th Support Battalion, a unit of the 48th Brigade, based in Monroe County.

**With more than 2,500 Georgians and nearly 2,000 soldiers from other states, the 48th Brigade represents the largest overseas deployment of the state’s Guard since World War II. Friday’s accident brings the death toll for the unit to 25.**

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## **Two S.D. Soldiers Killed**

December 6, 2005 JONATHAN ELLIS, CORRINE OLSON, Falls Argus Leader

Two South Dakota National Guard soldiers from a Yankton unit were killed and three others were wounded Sunday when their convoy was hit by roadside bombs in Iraq.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Schild, 40, of Tabor and Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Cuka, 27, of Yankton died after two improvised explosive devices blew up near their Humvees in Baghdad, said Gov. Mike Rounds. Their convoy was attacked en route to an Iraqi police station.

Spec. Corey Briest of Yankton, Spec. Allen Kokesh of Yankton and Pvt. Warren Bender of Redfield were wounded. Their conditions were not released.

All of the men were assigned to Battery C, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, stationed in Yankton.

**The two deaths bring the number of service members with South Dakota ties killed in the Iraq War to 15, including five National Guard members.**

**News of the loss has left the Yankton community in shock, Mayor Curt Bernard said.**

**"I believe that the community saw it as something that probably wouldn't happen here, and now it's here," Bernard said.**

Cuka leaves behind his wife, Melissa, and two children, ages 2 and 5.

A graduate of Yankton High School, he worked as a line cook at Yesterday's Cafe along with his future wife while in high school.

Owner Dan Trimble said news of Cuka's death was difficult to take.



"You hear about people dying, but this hits close to home," he said. "It's someone you knew."

Cuka was a hard worker who never said anything bad about anybody else, Trimble said.

"He had a reserved sense of humor," Trimble said. "It was not loud or obnoxious."

Schild was the office manager of Bon Homme Yankton Electric Cooperative. He and his wife, Kay, had two young children.

Co-workers described Schild as a dedicated family man.

"He loved Christmas," said Merlin Goehring, who worked with Schild at the electric cooperative. "He was always looking for new ways to decorate. He always wanted the Christmas tree up before Thanksgiving, and I would tell him, 'You can't light it up until Friday.' "

Ron Koupal, the retired general manager who hired Schild, said he enjoyed football and golf.

"He loved the Minnesota Vikings and the Nebraska Cornhuskers," Koupal said. "On Saturday, all the Cornhusker fans would get together and watch the game, and he was one of them."

Goehring said Schild graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton and became interested in the National Guard.

On Monday, Goehring remembered what Schild had told him when he decided to re-enlist several years ago.

"He said he had never quit anything, and he didn't want to bow out of the Guard, even with the looming events in the Middle East," Goehring said.

Members of the Yankton community said the two men's deaths will hit hard.

"These are old, big, fun-loving, beautiful families that have been in the greater Yankton community for generations," said Bernie Hunhoff, a former state senator and publisher of South Dakota Magazine. Members of the community and the National Guard will meet today to determine what they can do to help, said Guard spokesman Maj. Orson Ward.

The South Dakota National Guard now has more than 160 members serving in Iraq, Ward said. The vast majority are serving with the 147th.

The unit was activated in July and underwent several months of training at Fort Dix, N.J., before being deployed to Iraq in October.

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## **Soldier With NJ Ties Killed:**

# **“He Didn't Go There Because He Wanted To Go” “He Went There Because He Had To Go”**

December 12, 2005 The Star-Ledger

NEWARK, N.J. -- A 101st Airborne Division soldier with close ties to New Jersey was killed by small arms fire Saturday in Taji, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces, the Army said.

Sgt. Clarence L. Floyd Jr., 28, was a cannon crew member assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Campbell, Ky. His mother and stepfather, Valerie and James Kelly, live in Newark.

Floyd, a father of five, was killed in Taji, about 20 miles north of Baghdad. Family members said he was shot in the head by a sniper.

**Floyd joined the Army in October 2003, after holding a succession of minimum-wage jobs in New York City, hoping to be able to better provide for his family, his parents told The Star-Ledger of Newark.**

He was deployed to Iraq at the end of September.

**"He didn't go there because he wanted to go," James Kelly said. "He went there because he had to go. If these kids had jobs and opportunity, they wouldn't even enlist."**

Floyd was born and raised in Harlem. He earned his high school diploma while a member of the Job Corps, a federally administered education and job training program. While in the Job Corps, he assisted in relief operations in North Carolina following Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

He will be buried in Calverton National Cemetery in Suffolk County, N.Y.

Floyd is one of three soldiers with the 101st Airborne killed in Iraq since Friday.

**Counting the three soldiers' deaths, 29 troops from Fort Campbell have been killed since the 101st Airborne returned to Iraq for a second yearlong tour starting in September.**

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**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMPREHENSIBLE  
REASON TO BE IN THIS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK**

**LOCATION AT THIS TIME, EXCEPT THAT A TRAITOR WHO LIVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE, SO HE WILL LOOK GOOD. That is not a good enough reason.**



11.05: A US Marine from Echo Company 2nd Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment at a snap checkpoint in the Zaidon area. (AFP/David Furst)

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## **TROOP NEWS**

### **Morganfield Soldier Injured**

December 21, 2005 Advocate Staff Report

A 19-year-old Morganfield man was among several soldiers injured in a fatal roadside bombing just west of Baghdad on Dec. 11 in Iraq.

SPC Stephen Matthew "Matt" Odom was driving a Humvee while on patrol in Iraq when an explosive device was detonated in the road, his family said through a spokesperson. Odom suffered second degree burns on his face, right side and mid-section, and a hip injury. He was recently released from Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, where he was transported after the injury.

He and his parents are staying at Powless Guest House, which is connected to the hospital, while he is recovering.

Odom is the son of Dennis and Karen Odom of Sturgis and Vicki Odom of Morganfield and is a 2004 graduate of Union County High School. The family spokesperson said he and his parents are expected home around Christmas, and he will be celebrating his 20th birthday here in the county on Dec. 28.

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## **“I Wish That I Could Have Had Someone Tell Me, ‘Hey, Your Recruiter Is Full Of Shit’”**



12.29.05 Rolling Stone

In the TV spots, a burly recruit scales a sheer cliff face, braving death, only to be transformed, upon reaching the top, into a steely-eyed, sword-wielding Marine. But on a crisp day in October, college freshman Dave Airhart staged a stunning reversal of such pro-military images.

The rugged, twenty-four-year-old Marine, a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan, scaled a climbing wall set up by a military recruiter on the campus of Kent State University, only to reveal himself, upon reaching the top, as a determined anti-war activist. The message on the banner he unfurled: "Kent, Ohio for Peace."

Airhart's anti-war drama, taking place on the same campus where National Guardsmen massacred four students at a Vietnam War protest in 1970, became the nation's most-watched struggle over the war.

Enraged by the banner, a military recruiter screamed, "Get the fuck off the tower!" and scrambled up the wall after Airhart, forcing the combat vet to ditch his harness and climb down the steel beams on the back side of the wall. Once on solid ground, the anthropology undergraduate was charged with disorderly conduct and threatened with expulsion.

Battling to keep his peers out of the military may seem an unlikely cause for a man who eagerly enlisted in the Marines at age eighteen. But Airhart has seen the horrors of war up close.

**"I can't imagine many people having a more well rounded perspective of the war on terror than me," he says. Airhart saw friends killed by friendly fire, unarmed civilians shot for no reason and prisoners abused by his fellow Marines at Guantanamo, where he served as a guard.**

**"I was there four months," he says, "and there wasn't a day that there wasn't some sort of prisoner-beating festivity going on."**

After "four miserable years," Airhart received an honorable discharge in 2004. An Akron, Ohio, native, he enrolled at Kent State in large part because of the school's anti-war reputation. On campus, he joined the local branch of the Campus Antiwar Network, a student group with chapters at more than a hundred colleges and universities nationwide.

CAN's strategy is simple: Deny the military fresh recruits, and the Pentagon, already facing a 7,000-troop shortfall, will be unable to sustain the war. Although federal law requires universities to open their campuses to military recruiters in return for student aid, CAN has succeeded in kicking recruiters out of schools from Seattle to New York. In November, the student group scored a major coup when San Francisco passed a ballot measure barring military recruiters from the city's high school and college campuses, a move that inspired Bill O'Reilly to invite Al Qaeda to strike the city.

Airhart has made it his personal mission to protect his classmates from recruiters who distort the truth to seduce them into service.

**"I wish that I could have had someone who had been in the military tell me, 'Hey, your recruiter is full of shit. He gets bonuses for recruiting people, so he'll do whatever it takes to get people to join.' It's like the rock-climbing wall they put up at Kent: what's that have to do with going to war?"**

Airhart himself has received widespread support, including an international petition campaign called "Hands Off Dave." The pressure worked: In November, Kent State did an abrupt about-face, canceling Airhart's disciplinary hearing and dropping all charges against him.

"Dave is drawing attention to the immoral use of fun and games to recruit students," says anti-war leader Cindy Sheehan.

**"My son, Casey, was recruited out of college. His recruiter promised him the sun and moon to enlist. But he delivered only an early grave."**

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## **THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



U.S. Marines escort the casket of U.S. Marine Sgt. David Kreuter to Spring Grove Cemetery, Aug. 20, 2005, in Cincinnati. (AP Photo/David Kohl) Email Photo Print Photo

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## **Either The Army Or The Reporter Is Hiding The Lethal Nature Of This Infection**

**[NOTE WELL: THE CUTE LITTLE ARTICLE HERE FAILS TO TELL YOU THIS DISEASE IS FATAL IF PARASITES ARE NOT ELIMINATED.]**

**[IF PARASITES ARE NOT ELIMINATED, THEY SPREAD TO THE VISCERA, AND KILL.]**

**[THIS CAN TAKE MONTHS, SOMETIMES YEARS. THERE MAY BE NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF SICKNESS UNTIL INTERNAL ORGANS ARE DISEASED.]**

**[ASK ANY CIVILIAN DOCTOR SPECIALIZING IN LEISHMANIASIS.]**

**[CUTANEOUS IS THE FIRST FORM OF THE INFECTION, MEANING IT'S ON THE SKIN.]**

**[VISCERAL IS WHEN THE PARASITE SPREADS TO THE LIVER AND OTHER INTERNAL ORGANS.**

**[UNTREATED VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS IS FATAL, REPEAT FATAL. T]**

Dec. 21, 2005 JAY PRICE, The (Raleigh) News & Observer

RALEIGH - In addition to the combat casualties suffered during a tour of duty in Iraq last year, an N.C. National Guard brigade also had to medevac 13 men back to a U.S. hospital after volleyball games left them vulnerable to one of the Iraq war's most exotic hazards -- an outbreak of skin ulcers that can grow for years.

The victims, all men from the same small unit, contracted cutaneous leishmaniasis, characterized by weeping sores that refuse to heal, said Lt. Col Tim Mauldin, the brigade's top medical officer.

"No matter what you do, it just keeps getting bigger and bigger," he said.

Leishmaniasis is spread by the bite of tiny sandflies, which deposit microscopic parasites that cause the sores. It is endemic along the Iranian border where some of the North Carolina troops served.

Another version of the disease is fatal, but the main dangers for victims of this strain are permanent scarring (the ulcers often occur on the face) and loss of motion if the sores appear over a joint.

**[LYING BULLSHIT: There is one parasite.**

**The only question is whether the infection is limited to the skin, or goes inside the body organs. As long as the parasite is infecting the skin, that can, and does happen.**

**[When that happens, death is inevitable without major medical intervention.**

**[The parasite does not go away on its own. In the visceral form, it burrows into the guts and lives there until it kills, although, like cancer, it may take months or years before it becomes obvious.**

The illness is nicknamed "Baghdad Boil." At the time the guardsmen contracted it last year, the only way to treat it was to fly them back to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for up to three weeks of intravenous treatments with a drug called Pentostam. It is not approved for use in the United States. The Army was able to administer the treatment because it had gotten the drug approved for experimental use.

**[Pentostam is the recommended treatment. If you are refused this medication by some VA asshole, or some active duty asshole, call the nearest newspaper and your Congressperson immediately and point out that that somebody is engaging in the attempted murder of Iraq combat vets, because withholding the treatment is exactly that.]**

The victims were all members of an armor unit based in West Virginia. The unit is permanently attached to the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, based in Clinton, said Spc. Robert Jordan, a Guard spokesman in Raleigh.

None of the victims was immediately available for comment.

**A Guard spokesman in West Virginia said last week he was having trouble locating them.**

All recovered, said Mauldin, the brigade medical officer. **[Really? What is the basis for making that claim? That the skin surface healed? Were the soldiers tested for presence of the parasite in the blood stream? The fact the skin heals means nothing at all if the parasite has moved into internal areas of the body, preparatory to killing the host.]**

He said most of the victims had played volleyball games in a court set up in sand that was infested with the flies. Like the rest of the brigade's soldiers in Iraq, they had used high-powered insect repellent. Apparently, though, they had sweated it off as they played in the searing heat of the Iraqi summer.

It was early in the deployment, and their camp was still crude, so many were also sleeping outdoors without insect nets.

It's possible that other troops and U.S. contractors have the illness and don't know it yet. Symptoms can take months to appear, and in rare cases more than a year.

Because of the disease, federal health officials declared in 2003 that troops who served in Iraq would not be allowed to give blood for a year after returning home. **[Hello? Big clue there? Get it? The parasite can be inside the body, and in the blood stream. If not treated, it can kill. Sorry to keep repeating that, but the word is not getting out.]**

Mauldin said the other soldiers of the brigade had been told to get regular exams at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics once they returned to North Carolina. They have full access to VA treatment after coming home, he said.

The disease can be hard to diagnose, because few U.S. medical professionals have seen it. **[Evidently it's also hard to write a factual newspaper story about. Otherwise why the silly crap about different "strains"?**

Leishmaniasis experts from Walter Reed have traveled to large bases across the country to spread the word about what to look for. Early in the war, they moved from camp to camp in Iraq, raising awareness.

The sores start as little more than bumps. The wounds gradually grow, in some cases to the size of a quarter or even larger. Army doctors reportedly saw one lesion 3 inches in diameter.

Typically, each Guard victim had just one sore, though some soldiers treated for leishmaniasis reportedly have had more than 30. Others developed knobby lesions that looked like tumors.



For the Guard victims, the outbreak could have been worse. **[If the parasite is still present, despite healed skin, there is no way it could possibly get worse. A parasitic infection that kills is about as bad as it gets.]**

More than 800 U.S. service members have contracted the disease since the Iraq War began in early 2003, most of them in Iraq, though some also in Afghanistan.

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **Assorted Resistance Action**

21-12-2005 Al Bawaba & Deutsche Presse-Agentur

**Resistance fighters opened fire in the western part of Baghdad on Wednesday on the car of a senior official in Iraq's Ministry of Agriculture, killing his driver and wounding the minister.**

Sources told Deutsche-Pressre Agentur that Hameed Mohamed Jawad, a general director at the ministry, survived an assassination attempt and was transferred to the hospital while one of his personal guards died.

<p><b>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATION</b></p>
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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**

**Americans Have The Right, And  
The Duty, To Overthrow The  
Government Of The Traitor Bush:  
#1**

19 December 2005 By Bob Burnett, Common Dreams [Excerpt]

*The Declaration of Independence reads, "when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce*

***(citizens) under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government."***

**The Founders of the United States invoked this principle to throw off the rule of King George 3. Now we have the occasion to use it to remove emperor George 43.**

For five years citizens have suffered "a long train of abuses and usurpations" by George W. Bush. This week brought the announcement that he authorized domestic spying on civilians without bothering to obtain court warrants. Bush admitted this, calling the eavesdropping "crucial to our national security." He didn't explain why he deemed it unnecessary to first get a warrant.

**These revelations were the latest in a series of outrages.**

# **Americans Have The Right, And The Duty, To Overthrow The Government Of The Traitor Bush: #2**

21 December 2005 By William Rivers Pitt, Truthout Perspective [Excerpt]

President Bush's assertion of expanded Presidential authority is wrong legally and morally. There is no justification for torture of prisoners or spying on private citizens.

**Two hundred thirty years ago the Founders rejected similar activity, by another George. It was despotism then, it is despotism now. The conduct of the Bush Administration cannot be tolerated.**

**The breaking strain has been reached, and those ideals we hold so dear are indeed in mortal peril.**

**The President of the United States of America has declared himself fully and completely above the law.**

**The Constitution does not matter to him, nor do the Amendments.**

Laws passed to safeguard the American people from intrusive governmental invasion have been cast aside and ignored, simply because George W. Bush finds it meet to do so.

# Americans Have The Right, And The Duty, To Overthrow The Government Of The Traitor Bush: #3

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. —

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —

**That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.**

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

*But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.*

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

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## Or, If That One Doesn't Do It For You, Try This:

“On the other hand, proletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, criticize themselves constantly, interrupt themselves continually in their own course, come back to the apparently accomplished in order to begin it afresh, deride with unmerciful thoroughness the inadequacies, weaknesses and

paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their adversary only in order that he may draw new strength from the earth and rise again, more gigantic, before them, recoil ever and anon from the indefinite prodigiousness of their own aims, until a situation has been created which makes all turning back impossible.

K. Marx  
The Eighteenth Brumaire

**MORE:**

## **Surveillance Judge Resigns To Protest Criminal Acts By The Traitor Bush**

21 December 2005 By Carol D. Leonnig and Dafna Linzer, The Washington Post

**A federal judge has resigned from the court that oversees government surveillance in intelligence cases in protest of President Bush's secret authorization of a domestic spying program, according to two sources.**

U.S. District Judge James Robertson, one of 11 members of the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, sent a letter to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. late Monday notifying him of his resignation without providing an explanation.

**Two associates familiar with his decision said yesterday that Robertson privately expressed deep concern that the warrantless surveillance program authorized by the president in 2001 was legally questionable and may have tainted the FISA court's work.**

Robertson indicated privately to colleagues in recent conversations that he was concerned that information gained from warrantless NSA surveillance could have then been used to obtain FISA warrants. FISA court Presiding Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, who had been briefed on the spying program by the administration, raised the same concern in 2004 and insisted that the Justice Department certify in writing that it was not occurring.

"They just don't know if the product of wiretaps were used for FISA warrants - to kind of cleanse the information," said one source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the classified nature of the FISA warrants. "What I've heard some of the judges say is they feel they've participated in a Potemkin court."

**MORE:**

# The Traitor Bush Also Breaks The U.S. Army Laws Of Land Warfare

December 21, 2005 Professor Francis A. Boyle, GlobalResearch.ca [Excerpt]

**[I]t was a total myth, fraud, lie, and outright propaganda for the Bush Jr. administration to maintain that it was somehow magically transferring "sovereignty" to its puppet Interim Government of Iraq during the summer of 2004.**

**Under the laws of war, sovereignty is never transferred from the defeated sovereign such as Iraq to a belligerent occupant such as the United States. This is made quite clear by paragraph 353 of U.S. Army Field Manual 27-10 (1956): "Belligerent occupation in a foreign war, being based upon the possession of enemy territory, necessarily implies that the sovereignty of the occupied territory is not vested in the occupying power. Occupation is essentially provisional."**

**If there were any doubt about this matter, paragraph 358 of U.S. Army Field Manual 27-10 (1956) makes this legal fact crystal clear:**

## **358. Occupation Does Not Transfer Sovereignty**

Being an incident of war, military occupation confers upon the invading force the means of exercising control for the period of occupation. It does not transfer the sovereignty to the occupant, but simply the authority or power to exercise some of the rights of sovereignty. The exercise of these rights results from the established power of the occupant and from the necessity of maintaining law and order, indispensable both to the inhabitants and the occupying force. . . .

**Therefore, the United States government never had any "sovereignty" in the first place to transfer to its puppet Interim Government of Iraq.**

In Iraq the sovereignty still resides in the hands of the people of Iraq and in the state known as the Republic of Iraq, where it has always been. The legal regime described above will continue so long as the United States remains the belligerent occupant of Iraq.

Only when that U.S. belligerent occupation of Iraq is factually terminated can the people of Iraq have the opportunity to exercise their international legal right of sovereignty by means of free, fair, democratic, and uncoerced elections.

**So as of this writing, the United States and the United Kingdom remain the belligerent occupants of Iraq despite their bogus "transfer" of their non-existent "sovereignty" to their puppet Interim Government of Iraq.**

**Thereunder, the new Iraqi government that will be installed after the self-styled elections of 15 December 2005 will still remain a puppet government according to the laws of war.**

**What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Send to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org). Name, I.D., withheld on request. Replies confidential.**

## **Victory Is Not An Option, And It Never Was: “Pity The Military That Is Ordered To Try”**

December 21, 2005 by William S. Lind, [lewrockwell.com](http://lewrockwell.com) [Excerpt]

In his address to the American people last Sunday evening, President George W. Bush said, "Yet now there are only two options before our country: victory or defeat." As usual, Mr. Bush is wrong.

**Victory is not an option, and it never was.**

The strategic objectives the Bush administration set for this war, a peaceful, democratic Iraq that would be an American ally, a friend of Israel, a source of unlimited oil and of basing rights for large American forces, were never attainable, no matter what we did.

**Strategies invented in Fairyland cannot be implemented in the real world.**

**Pity the military that is ordered to try.**

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION  
BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!**

## **OCCUPATION REPORT**

### **How Bad Is It?**

12.20.05 Luke Baker, Reuters

**Driving anywhere in Baghdad, let alone outside the capital, can require an armored car and an escort. The armor might stop the shrapnel from suicide**

bombs, and the escort might fend off trailing kidnapers. But you never know for sure.

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## **U.S. OCCUPATION RECRUITING DRIVE IN HIGH GEAR; RECRUITING FOR THE ARMED RESISTANCE THAT IS**



A US Marine Lance Corporal foreign fighter searches a bedroom after demanding an Iraqi citizen show his identification card, during a raid in Fallujah. (AFP/Mauricio Lima)

**[Fair is fair. Let's bring 150,000 Iraqis over here to the USA. They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their bedrooms by force against the wishes of the citizens, make them show their papers like in those old World War II movies, root around in their personal possessions, overthrow their government, put a new one in office they like better and call it "sovereign" and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in some prison without any changes being filed against them, or any trial.]**

**[Those Iraqis are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country. What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by George Bush. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]**

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

# Fools Babble About “Censuring” Bush

Dec 21, 2005 Bev Conover, Online Journal Editor & Publisher [Excerpt]

There is no provision in the Constitution of the United States that allows for the censure of a president or vice president.

The Constitution is clear: Article II, Section 4 states, "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Ours is not a parliamentary system in which the prime minister can be called to account by the members or receive a vote of no confidence that causes his or her government to fall.

**So we have to ask whether Congressman John Conyers, who quietly introduced a motion Sunday to censure George W. Bush and Dick Cheney for their crimes, has gone soft in the head?**

Censure is a tool Congress uses to reprimand one of its own, usually for an ethical violation not a prosecutable crime. The member being censured is expected to stand in the well as he or she is shamed and reprimanded by his or her colleagues.

Can you picture Bush and Cheney standing in the House well to be publicly humiliated, especially when there is no constitutional provision for such an action?

**And if somehow Conyers' censure resolution comes to fruition, merely censuring Bush and Cheney for failing to abide by their oaths of office and their mountain of crimes would be another slap in the American people's faces.**

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## Imperial Asshole Cheney Takes A Bullet

December 21, 2005 By Nedra Pickler, Associated Press

**ABOARD AIR FORCE II — Vice President Dick Cheney didn't suffer for lack of comfort on the cavernous cargo plane that he rode into Iraq and Afghanistan this week.**



**The Air Force loaded the plane with the “silver bullet,” a mobile home in the sky strapped down in the middle of the belly.**

The accommodations included sleeping and working quarters that protected him from the noise and cold of the cargo hold during a more than five-hour flight into Baghdad.

**The rest of his traveling party was not so lucky. Cheney’s senior staff and junior aides were assigned to a cramped three rows of seats in front of the bullet, while reporters and Secret Service agents had to sit in jump seats along the side with a view of Cheney’s stainless steel exterior walls.**

Despite the noise and seating conditions on the C-17, Cheney’s staff eventually was able to nod off after days of exhaustive travel. Cheney emerged from his more spacious quarters at one point to pose for a picture standing in front of several rows of his dozing aides.

**The vice president is an iPod fan, and keeping it charged is a priority for his staff.**

Normally that isn’t an issue, even when he’s flying around the world. Air Force II is equipped with outlets in each row of seats.

**But when Dick Cheney was traveling home overnight Wednesday from his diplomatic mission, most of the outlets went on the fritz.**

**Working passengers began lining up their laptops to share the power from a couple of working outlets, particularly the reporters who urgently needed to prepare their articles to transmit during a quick refueling stop in England.**

**But when Cheney said his iPod needed to be recharged, it took precedent above all else and dominated one precious outlet for several hours.**

The vice president’s press staff intervened so a reporter could use the outlet for 15 minutes to charge a dead laptop, but then the digital music device was plugged back in.

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# **BUSH URGES AMERICANS TO SPY ON EACH OTHER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Calls Invasion Of Privacy 'The Gift That Keeps On Giving'**

December 20, 2005 The Borowitz Report

In a special pre-holiday address to the American people, President George W. Bush today said that the upcoming holiday season affords all Americans a unique opportunity to spy on their neighbors, and urged his fellow citizens to do so.

"My fellow Americans, over the holidays many of you will be receiving new camcorders as gifts," President Bush told his national television audience. "Instead of making boring home movies of your children, point the camera at the house next door and see what your neighbors are up to."

Saying that the people next door "might be evildoers," Mr. Bush said that by spying on one's neighbors, "You're going to find out who's naughty or nice."

Coming just days after he defended his own practice of wiretapping phone conversations without a court warrant, Mr. Bush's exhortation to the American people to snoop on one another over the holidays was the latest indication that he intends to ramp up domestic spying in the new year.

"Invasion of privacy is the gift that keeps on giving," the president said.

**Perhaps in an attempt to preempt criticism of his domestic spying program, Mr. Bush added that he was "more than willing" to let the government spy on him.**

**"Go ahead, get a list of every library book I've taken out in the last five years," he said. "You won't find anything."**

**Elsewhere, a new report shows that China now has the fourth largest economy in the world, after the United States, Japan, and Vice President Dick Cheney.**

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## **CLASS WAR REPORTS**

# **Twisted Billionaire Piece Of Shit Bloomberg Declares Class & Race War On NY Transit City Workers**

**December 20, 2005 By George McAnanama, Veterans For Peace**

First Bloomberg has the chutzpah to state the NYC unions like PBA, UFT and UFA act responsibly when they wait 2, 3 or 4 years for a contract? I wonder if we polled their members with that statement what response we would get.

**Today I heard the mayor of NYC state that the TWU (Transport Workers Union Local 100) and in particular President Roger Toussaint were "selfish". This is a billionaire talking to an industrial CIO-type union led by a Trinidadian immigrant?**

**Then further on in the press conference he called TWU "thuggish." This is lowest, most insidious form of racism.**

This is from a man who hid many things under a pile of money at Bloomberg Inc. especially "sexual harassment" cases mysteriously settled just prior to litigation in open court. Just the course of doing business in Bloomberg NYC? Do his stockholders care? Do his workers care?

What is the climate in the City Hall bullpen? Do they get it yet?

**This is a union, TWU, that honors labor history and will take the lead for NYC labor into the 21st century.**

**Now is the time for all NYC labor to come to the defense of TWU, which is defending the labor unions of the early 20th century and their gains now under attack in Washington, Albany, and NYC City Hall.**

The Walmartization of our moral fiber has been ongoing for many years. Wake up sheepeople!

Do a google search of Village Voice and in particular Tom Robbins on Mayor Bloomberg.

**He buried NYC elections under another pile of money twice. First excuse 2001 election, nobody knows my billionaire ass, so he selectively exposed his good side.**

**Then he ran again with the mantra I have to get my word out so if I spend 11 times more than my opponent screw you! He turned much of NYC into Bloomberg prostitutes.**

**Bloomberg gives a shit less about working people. If he cared he would have settled the day care workers contract before a four year wait and properly funded their health care costs.**

**He cries crocodile tears for people making less than TWU, but Bloomberg does little to improve their condition. Many of those workers are entrusted with the care of our youngest citizens and they do a good job but they aren't fairly compensated in the least?**

**This is racism and class warfare at its lowest Darwinian form: survival of the wealthiest and their parasitic coterie.**

If they, the government, engage in 1984 doublespeak, then.... "the truth is really revolutionary" or as Orwell said: "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act."

Wage Peace!  
George McAnanama

PS "If their lips are moving it can't be good for working people?!" McAnanama 2005



Dec. 19, 2005: Transit Workers Union Rally in front of Gov. Pataki's office on the eve of the strike. (Diane G Lent: <http://dianelent.com/twu.html>)

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## Checkmate

Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2005 11:35 PM  
Subject: **Fwd: Castro's 'miracle' cures the poor of blindness**  
From: L

Though you may of course already know of the extraordinary generosity of both Fidel and Hugo already, it certainly is breathtaking!

REPLY:

Oh fuck: Now that I can see, I realize I'm gay, and in jail.

maggie cutler  
crawford & cutler's shackle report

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