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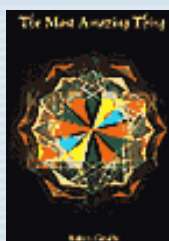


From Crawford, TX to Washington, DC military veterans and parents of soldiers are on "The Bring Them Home Now Tour" protesting the war and they want you to meet them along the way.

Book Reviews

The Most Amazing Thing

By Robert Grudin
Reviewed by Mark Biskeborn



The New American Militarism

By Andrew J. Bacevich
Reviewed by Mark Biskeborn

Commentary: America Implodes

The devastation of Katrina demonstrates that we have come to the end of the tether. The American people have wasted so many resources on comfort, ego, and war that they can no longer afford basic protection against disaster.

By William Marvel

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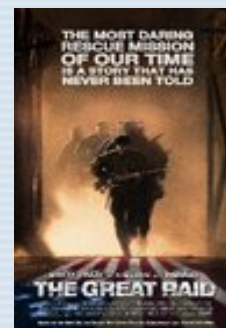
war in Iraq is finally coming home, at least to the people of southeastern Louisiana. The flooding that has all but destroyed New Orleans and the bayou country is virtually a direct result of George W. Bush's whimsical misadventure in the Middle East.

Congress authorized the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project in 1995, and the Army Corps of Engineers invested \$430 million into buttressing weakened levees and building pumping stations, but the Bush administration halted that project in 2003 with another \$250 million worth of work left unfinished. Since then, according to *Editor & Publisher*, Louisiana emergency management officials have been begging the federal government for the rest of that money, without success. The *New Orleans Times-Picayune* published numerous articles over the last year that indicated the funds had been reallocated to homeland security and the war in Iraq—even though the 2004 hurricane season was the worst in many peoples' memory.

Thanks to such bizarre priorities, the United States will now have to sink billions of dollars into Louisiana to bring it back out of the stone age. Despite the hint of cosmic justice that war-related negligence should so devastate a thoroughly "red" state, in the face of such misery that irony lends no comfort to even the

Movie Reviews

The Great Raid Reviewed by Valerie Davison



Cost of Iraq War

US Soliders:
1,880 (29 Aug 05)
--Details
--Count Controversy

US Dollars:
\$192,675,840,886
--Details
--More Than Vietnam

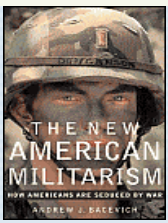
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"Politics gives guys so much power that they tend to behave badly around women. And I hope I never get into that."

-- Bill Clinton

"Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything."

-- Josef Stalin



Spanking the Donkey

By Matt Taibbi

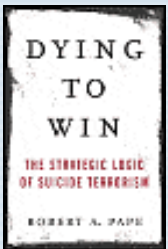
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Dying to Win

By Robert Pape

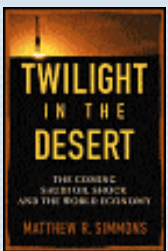
Reviewed by Mark Biskeborn



Twilight in the Desert

By Matthew Simmons

Reviewed by Scott D. O'Reilly



sharpest critics of Bush's war.

There are some victims for whom it is difficult to muster sympathy. Those who owned the beachfront condominiums and mansions that monopolize this nation's coastline recklessly traded security for status, and enough people have wished them washed out to sea that in their case Hurricane Katrina might be viewed as an instrument of popular will. Were it not for natural and artificial riprapping, pretentious estates like the Bush compound at Kennebunkport might have met the same fate long ago.

As usual, though, a great many innocents have suffered along with the deserving. The poor who had no choice but to live in New Orleans or on marginal delta land are now fighting each other for the limited essentials of life. The media may focus on the heartwarming myth that disaster brings out the best in people, suggesting that Southern courtesy has eased the rigors of living without air conditioning, but where food, water, and police are in short supply the refugees prey upon each other like wild beasts.

Somewhere in the chain of gasoline distribution, others are using the disaster to prey upon all of us. Within an hour of the first news that Katrina had destroyed oil-drilling rigs and oil-refining plants in the Gulf of Mexico, gas stations across the country began raising their prices on fuel that they had already bought at much lower prices. Suppliers and refiners are also apparently jacking up prices on the mere rumors of shortages from the storm damage, thereby engaging in the most cynical kind of price gouging. Their greed encourages inflation and risks a nationwide panic, but they have not the slightest fear of prosecution by the oil-friendliest administration in our history.

Cheap fuel has driven the U.S. economy for decades, helping to promote urban and suburban sprawl as well as environmental degradation that may now be irreversible. Had gas hit \$3 a gallon during its last great spike, in 1973, much of that damage might have been avoided, but it would have forced radical changes in our economy. Now, with so many more people habituated to so many more comforts and conveniences, the hangover is going to be much worse.

The Wal-Mart customer is already choosing a tank of gas over plastic junk. Big, shiny gas hogs sit alongside the highway with hand-lettered signs advertising ruinous discounts, as though no one ever warned that this was coming. Except perhaps out West, where they've had the sense to keep the railroads active, the price of everything that has to be transported long distances is going skyward,

"It is really incredible that we are doing so well in the media because I keep telling all of the reporters that I am doing their jobs. I am asking the tough questions of the President that they don't ask."

-- Cindy Sheehan

Get Involved



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By Jim Bush

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By Charles McCullagh

Home Zone

By Jan Barry

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By Lydia Howell

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By Jim Bush

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and the resulting consumer cutbacks are bound to put millions of people out of work.

Some very hard times are coming: perhaps not this fall, or even next year, but in the near future. Thanks to George Bush's overt and implicit invitations, terrorists who now have even greater reason to hate this country will revisit us in memorable fashion, and that will only exacerbate the inevitable recession that gasoline prices impose. The cost of transporting food may make it unaffordable for many, while our water supply is being poisoned by corporate contamination and stolen by bottling companies. As many survivalists have predicted and as some New Orleans neighborhoods have illustrated, those who own the guns will soon determine who eats, drinks, and survives.

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