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## WELCOME TO THE REVOLUTION!

There are a lot of places to get your information these days – now seemingly more than ever. But with only six companies controlling virtually all of the mainstream media we ingest, it's hard for us to discern fiction from fact! That said, GNN is proud to bring you the Guerrilla Deprogrammer – a monthly distillation of news and information mined by the Guerrilla News Network. The Deprogrammer can be downloaded from [www.gnn.tv](http://www.gnn.tv) and is designed to let you have something to print out and distribute to anyone you want to enroll in the information war.

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## NewsWire *Of The Month:*

### A PATRIOT ACT II Primer



**Q:** *Just how much power does the government have to spy on us?*



- \* abolish federal limits on police surveillance of non-criminal organizations and public events (like antiwar activists).
- \* collect DNA from suspected terrorists or any individual whose DNA might assist terror investigations, and add it to a national DNA database.
- \* extend authorization periods for secret wiretaps and Internet surveillance.
- \* secretly detain citizens.

Thanks to the original USA Patriot Act, passed in October 2001, the government already has the right to:

- \* use torture on "suspected terrorists."
- \* execute "suspected terrorists" without trial.
- \* arrest and hold without trial hundreds of "suspected terrorists" while denying them access to legal counsel or even public notification that they have been arrested.
- \* inspect the records of bookstores and public libraries to determine what Americans are reading.
- \* break into homes and tap phones of U.S. citizens without warrants.

Source:  
Center for Public Integrity  
[www.publicintegrity.org](http://www.publicintegrity.org)

### GNN gets to the bottom of Big Brother's latest moves...

In January the Center for Public Integrity obtained a secret draft of a bill written by the staff of Attorney General John Ashcroft. Unknown even to lawmakers, the proposed bill was entitled the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003, and it greatly expanded the government's power to arrest, spy on and deport those they deem enemies of the state. It quickly became known as the Patriot Act II.

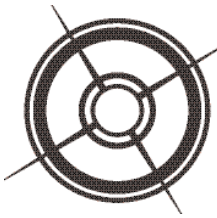
If passed, the bill would give the U.S. government the power, among other things, to:

- \* tap your phone or read your email without court order for 15 days following a congressional authorization of use of force or an attack on the United States.
- \* deport any alien, including green-card holders, convicted of drug possession or an aggravated felony.
- \* access a citizen's credit reports without a subpoena.
- \* ease restrictions on the use of secret evidence.

## TAKE ACTION!

In the words of our favorite UK graffiti sniper, Banksy, "Don't just do something, stand there!"

Kidding aside, support your local ACLU or visit [www.ACLU.org](http://www.ACLU.org) to find out more about what you can do to make your voice heard.



# Guerrilla Of The Month:

## John Brady Kiesling

**March 3, 2003:**

This week's startling resignation by career diplomat John Brady Kiesling, who has served in United States embassies from Tel Aviv to Casablanca to Yerevan, would have been back page news if not for the eloquent and shattering language used in his letter.

Addressed to Colin Powell, it is one of the more surgically damaging attacks levelled against the Bush administration's use of terrorism as "a domestic political tool". All the more so because it comes from an insider. Read on...

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing you to submit my resignation from the Foreign Service of the United States and from my position as Political Counselor in U.S. Embassy, Athens, effective March 7. I do so with a heavy heart. The baggage of my upbringing included a felt obligation to give something back to my country. Service as a U.S. diplomat was a dream job. I was paid to understand foreign languages and cultures, to seek out diplomats, politicians, scholars and journalists, and to persuade them that U.S. interests and theirs fundamentally coincided. My faith in my country and its values was the most powerful weapon in my diplomatic arsenal.

It is inevitable that during twenty years with the State Department I would become more sophisticated and cynical about the narrow and selfish bureaucratic motives that sometimes shaped our policies. Human nature is what it is, and I was rewarded and promoted for understanding human nature. But until this Administration it had been possible to believe that by upholding the policies of my president I was also upholding the interests of the American people and the world. I believe it no longer.

The policies we are now asked to advance are incompatible not only with

American values but also with American interests. Our fervent pursuit of war with Iraq is driving us to squander the international legitimacy that has been America's most potent weapon of both offense and defense since the days of Woodrow Wilson. We have begun to dismantle the largest and most effective web of international relationships the world has ever known. Our current course will bring instability and danger, not security.

The sacrifice of global interests to domestic politics and to bureaucratic self-interest is nothing new, and it is certainly not a uniquely American problem. Still, we have not seen such systematic distortion of intelligence, such systematic manipulation of American opinion, since the war in Vietnam. The September 11 tragedy left us stronger than before, rallying around us a vast international coalition to cooperate for the first time in a systematic way against the threat of terrorism. But rather than take credit for those successes and build on them, this Administration has chosen to make terrorism a domestic political tool, enlisting a scattered and largely defeated Al Qaeda as its bureaucratic ally. We spread disproportionate terror and confusion in the public mind, arbitrarily linking the unrelated problems of terrorism and Iraq. The result, and perhaps the motive, is to justify a vast misallocation of shrinking public wealth to the military and to weaken the safeguards that protect American citizens from the heavy hand of government. September 11 did not do as much damage to the fabric of American society as we seem determined to do to ourselves. Is the Russia of the late Romanovs really our model, a selfish, superstitious empire thrashing toward self-destruction in the name of a doomed status quo?

We should ask ourselves why we have failed to persuade more of the world that a war with Iraq is necessary. We have over the past two years done too much to assert to our world partners that narrow and mercenary U.S. interests override the cherished values of our partners. Even where our aims were not in question, our consistency is at issue. The model of Afghanistan is little comfort to allies wondering on what basis we plan to rebuild the Middle East, and in whose image and interests. Have we indeed become blind, as Russia is blind in Chechnya, as Israel is blind in the Occupied Territories, to our own advice, that overwhelming military power is not the answer to terrorism? After the shambles of post-war Iraq joins the shambles in Grozny and Ramallah, it will be a brave foreigner who forms ranks with Micronesia to follow where we lead.

We have a coalition still, a good



one. The loyalty of many of our friends is impressive, a tribute to American moral capital built up over a century. But our closest allies are persuaded less that war is justified than that it would be perilous to allow the U.S. to drift into complete solipsism. Loyalty should be reciprocal. Why does our President condone the swaggering and contemptuous approach to our friends and allies this Administration is fostering, including among its most senior officials. Has "oderint dum metuant" really become our motto? ["Oderint dum metuant" -- "Let them hate so long as they fear." A favorite saying of Caligula.]

I urge you to listen to America's friends around the world. Even here in Greece, purported hotbed of European anti-Americanism, we have more and closer friends than the American newspaper reader can possibly imagine. Even when they complain about American arrogance, Greeks know that the world is a difficult and dangerous place, and they want a strong international system, with the U.S. and EU in close partnership. When our friends are afraid of us rather than for us, it is time to worry. And now they are afraid. Who will tell them convincingly that the United States is as it was, a beacon of liberty, security, and justice for the planet?

Mr. Secretary, I have enormous respect for your character and ability. You have preserved more international credibility for us than our policy deserves, and salvaged something positive from the excesses of an ideological and self-serving Administration. But your loyalty to the President goes too far. We are straining beyond its limits an international system we built with such toil and treasure, a web of laws, treaties, organizations, and shared values that sets limits on our foes far more effectively than it ever constrained America's ability to defend its interests.

I am resigning because I have tried and failed to reconcile my conscience with my ability to represent the current U.S. Administration. I have confidence that our democratic process is ultimately self-correcting, and hope that in a small way I can contribute from outside to shaping policies that better serve the security and prosperity of the American people and the world we share. -- John Brady Kiesling

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# **Colintel** Of The Month:

Greg Palast, GNN's Guerrilla of the Year for 2001, is back with a new, revised, updated and expanded edition of his best-selling "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy: The Truth About Corporate Cons, Globalization, and High Finance Fraudsters."

The book is an essential primer for anyone who wants to understand how the global economy works in the 21st Century. As Palast writes, "The spiky-haired protestors in the streets of Seattle believe there's some kind of grand conspiracy between the corporate powers, the IMF, the World Bank and an alphabet soup of agencies that work to suck the blood of Bolivians and steal the gold of Tanzania. But the tree huggers are wrong; the details are far more stomach-churning than they even imagine.

He's been called, "the greatest investigative reporter of our time," by Britain's Tribune magazine, but in America, this U.S.-born journalist for BBC Television and the Guardian papers is all but banned from the U.S. airwaves and mainstream press. So Palast is taking the truth straight to the people with a whirlwind North American book tour.

Palast took a break from his hectic tour, which it should be noted is also raising money for independent media outlets like Democracy Now!, to give GNN this exclusive interview:

GNN: A new edition of your book "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" is coming out in the U.S. next week, why is it relevant now?

PALAST: I've MADE it relevant by rewriting the beast top to bottom - my wife thought I'd lost my tiny mind by doing it: it's now close to 400 pages of my latest investigations, up from 200. And it's in



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paperback so it will be easier carrying it around occupied Baghdad.

There's the whole new section on who's cashing in on the war on terror. And there's more on Bush's hindering the investigation, prior to September 11, of the money behind Al Qaeda. That's a story that I put at the top of BBC television news worldwide - but in the U.S. the broadcast was blacked-out. For example, here's something you're not allowed to see on U.S. television: details of a meeting in June 1996 in Paris in which Saudi billionaires agreed to pay off Al Qaeda to get out of Saudi Arabia. Who was in that meeting makes for interesting reading.

There's info written in just weeks



ago on Iraq and the Bomb. How does Bush know so much about Saddam's bomb? Well, according to documents from a defecting Gulf states diplomat, Saudi Arabia slipped \$7 billion to Saddam for his nuclear Tinker Toys - which was just okey-dokey with the Reagan-Bush administration, because at the time Saddam was given the loot, he was Bush's favorite dictator. Don't forget that before the Axis of Evil there was the Unicycle of Evil, Iran. As long as Saddam only slaughtered Iranians, he was Bush's buddy. In other words, we know Saddam has bomb fixings because, via the Saudis, WE GAVE IT TO HIM.

There's a new chapter on Venezuela: Venezuela's the second, hidden front in the war on Iraq. The Bush Administration has been doing it's damned best to overthrow the elected government of Hugo Chavez - whom I interview at length for the book - because Chavez dared to raise royalties on Exxon-Mobil. You simply can't understand Bush geopolitics and the showdown with Iraq unless you look at his oil-poisoned policy in Venezuela.

The opening chapter, on how Katherine Harris stole Florida for the Bushes, is more important than ever - updated with the newest info on how the Bush team is "Floridizing" the nation's voting systems in preparation for 2004.

I should warn you that Katherine Harris complained to my editors at

Harper's Magazine that I am "twisted and maniacal." But she didn't say I was WRONG. In my original report for BBC and the Guardian, I discovered that Harris and Jeb Bush had ordered the removal of 57,000 voters from voter rolls because these people were convicted criminals. It was a crock: 97% - 97%! - had NO criminal record - but they were guilty of voting while Black. At BBC we figure Gore lost 20,000 through this ethnic cleansing of the voter rolls. I reported that on page one of the Guardian in London, but because it was all but ignored in the USA, Jeb Bush of Florida is continuing with new purges ... and the Republicans are taking their Florida purge operation on the road, spreading it to other states. The 2004 race may already be decided - and the vote's just a formality.

There is a bunch of new material on the IMF and World Bank - more documents marked "confidential" from the file cabinets of the masters of the New World Order. Again, I could show these documents on the nightly news in Britain, but in the U.S. - fageddabouddit!

I also have the stories which I could not print in Britain without risking jail time - including the story of Poppy Bush and his gold mining company. Bush's company sued my paper for reporting this story - and they threatened several other reporters and papers trying to follow up on my investigation. Here you can read what Bush benefactors spent a fortune attempting to suppress.

By the way: I don't let the Democrats off the hook, either. This week's threat comes from Mario Cuomo. You remember Mario -- once our liberal hope, now a trivia question.

GNN: In your book you write about the real winners of Gulf War I, who were they? And who stands to gain the most from this war?

PALAST: Poppy Bush told us we were sending our soldiers into the desert to save Kuwait for democracy - remember? I'm still waiting for the election returns.

So who won? After Bush 1 was booted from office, he wrote a letter to the Kuwaiti dictatorship - "royalty" is a bullshit term - and asked them to give Chevron Oil a drilling concession. How could the Kuwaiti oligarchs refuse a request from the President who save their Rolls Royces? So it looks like the winner of the Gulf War was Chevron Oil - and the Bush family. After Bush did his little lobbying fix for the Chevron, the company put over half a million dollars into the Republican Party campaign kitty in time for Bush Junior's run. So you could say that Dubya and Chevron won the war...

Read the rest of the interview @ [GNN.tv](http://GNN.tv).

# Tech Review

## Garmin Rino 120

Whether marching for peace in America or economic justice in Brazil, it pays to know where you...and your friends are. Garmin's new GPS enabled hand held radios make it possible to pinpoint your location within several meters. Assign icons to your buddies and watch them in real time on your screen.

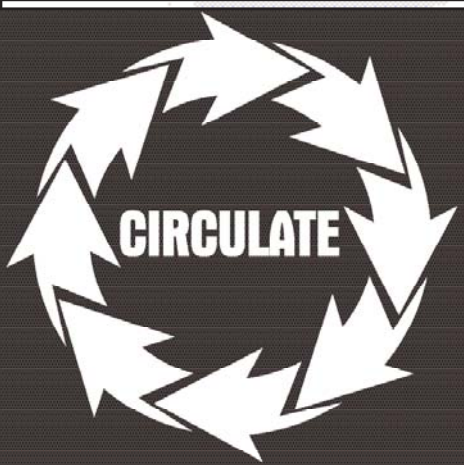
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Application for FCC GRMS License: \$75.00

## Sony Ericsson T300

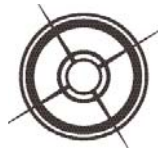
Capturing an image while running from tear gas and the local riot police isn't easy - not to mention keeping your film if you get caught. Behold a new generation of camera phones that allow you to take digital snap shots and transmit them to your email account long before the cops can figure out what happened. The Sony Ericsson T300 is not the most advanced camera phone on the market, but at \$99 from T Mobile, its price is hard to beat. The phone captures up to 30 images at 100 x 80 and features a voice recorder and 500-name address book.

Sony Ericsson T300: \$199 SRP  
\$99 with rebate and service from T-Mobile

# ART of Revolution



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# Spin

Of The Month:

## Weapons of Mass Amnesia

Here's a story that hasn't gotten covered in the U.S. press: As the USA prepares for a war against Iraq, it is being sued by Iran for its previous close relationship to Saddam Hussein. At the UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ), Teheran is accusing the United States of delivering dangerous chemicals and deadly viruses to Baghdad during the 1980s. Reports on the case have appeared in countries including Germany, England, Pakistan and Malaysia. In the United States, Associated Press writer Anthony Deutsch filed a report on the case, but it does not seem to have been picked up by any U.S. newspapers. However, the



National Security Archive, a nonprofit research institute on international affairs, has published a series of declassified U.S. documents detailing the U.S. embrace of Saddam Hussein in the early 1980s, including a photo of Donald Rumsfeld personally shaking Hussein's hand.

See National Security Archive documents at: [www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB82/press.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB82/press.htm)

Spin of the Month comes courtesy of PR Watch ([www.prwatch.org](http://www.prwatch.org))

# BOOK Reviews



**"Dreaming War: Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta," Gore Vidal (Thunder Mouth Press, Nation Books)**

A new paperback compilation by America's most eloquent enemy of the Empire, and defender of the Republic. Vidal dissects the secret history of the 20th Century, from Truman's installation of the National Security State to Bush's coup d'etat to the War on Terror's Greatest Lies. Much of it will be familiar territory for Vidal fans, but for newbies it is as good an introduction as any to the ideas of one of America's most potent polemicists.



**"Kingdom of Fear: Loathsome Secrets of a Star-Crossed Child in the Final Days of the American Century," Hunter S. Thompson (Simon & Schuster)**

Similar themes to the above, but with chapter-heads like, "Jesus Hated Bad Pussy." The Godfather of Gonzo is back with a rambling diary of his current battles, most of which seem to be with the Aspen Sheriff. If only the man who wrote one of the greatest books on American politics ever ("Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72") could focus a little more attention on the decline of the country he loves, and a little less on his traffic violations, maybe a GNN hero would once again be on the vanguard of a burgeoning counter-culture. Still worth a trip through the mind of a drug-addled, but surprisingly sharp iconoclast.



**"Confronting Fear: A History of Terrorism," Isaac Crown (Thunder's Mouth)**

Don't let the 'self-help book' title fool you. This is a priceless text for any

info-warrior interested in the real history of the technique of fighting known as "terrorism." It's chock full of primary sources, including selections from Joseph Conrad, Franz Fanon, the Weather Underground, the Hamas web site, and a famous female Palestinian terrorist. Be warned, you won't find many U.S.-sponsored terrorists. Get over it, the unfiltered info here is invaluable. Don't miss the selection from the banned, founding text of urban insurrection, the "Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla," by assassinated Brazilian rebel Gianfranco Sanguinetti.



**"Iraq Under Siege: The Deadly Impact of Sanctions and War," Edited by Anthony Arnove (South End Press)**

Think the second Gulf War is about to start? Wrong, the first one never ended. For the last decade the people of Iraq have suffered one of the longest and most brutal assaults in modern history. A war of attrition, conducted by a virtual blockade of international goods, and near bi-weekly bombing raids, have decimated that once proud country. Yeah, we know Saddam is an asshole, but just hand this expertly researched and utterly depressing account of life in Iraq under U.S. and UN sanctions to your friends when they try to argue America is out to help the "Iraqi people."