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COVER: Truman greets LBJ upon his arrival in Independence for the signing of the 1965 Medicare Bill. Learn more about this historic friendship when legendary journalist Bill Moyers makes a rare encore appearance on November 1 (page 3).
Photo by Yoichi Okamoto, courtesy of LBJ Library

Whistle Stop



“Every political battle I have I fight with everything I’ve got, and when it’s over I get hold of my opponent and we have a bourbon and branch and say, ‘What can we do for the country?’”

Henry Wallace

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When Harry Truman stood on the stage of his presidential library's auditorium to introduce Lyndon B. Johnson to the crowd gathered for the signing of the 1965 Medicare Bill, he smiled at the enthusiastic audience and said, "I am glad you like the President. I like him too."

LBJ thanked the crowd and returned the favor: "The people of the United States love and voted for Harry Truman, not because he gave them hell, but because he gave them hope." The exchange was not an exercise in polite politics. The two liked each other and were loyal friends. And they liked each other's domestic policies. LBJ credited Truman's unfulfilled **Fair Deal** as influencing his own **Great Society** measures, including the 1964 Civil Rights Act, signed 50 years ago. One LBJ aide, in particular, played a key role in organizing the legislation. We know him today as one of the most thoughtful commentators on public broadcasting; in 1964 he was known as "the young man next to the president," a moniker given by TIME Magazine.

That young man was Bill Moyers, and on November 1 he will make a rare encore appearance at the Truman Library Institute's Howard and Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency in Kansas City (see page 3). At this extraordinary event, former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey will lead a conversation with Moyers about his close association with LBJ, the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, and the intertwined legacies of Presidents Johnson and Truman.

Because this event is certain to sell out, Institute members will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public. Please watch your mail for full details, or be among the first to receive event updates by subscribing to e-news at TrumanLibrary.org.

Special access to signature events like **Moyers on LBJ** is one of many benefits members enjoy throughout the year. It's one way we can thank you for standing with us. Just as LBJ helped fulfill Truman's vision for America, it takes people like you and me, working together, to fulfill President Truman's vision for his presidential library: a center for the study of the presidency where the lessons of history are illuminated – for young people, especially – in order to safeguard the future of our democracy.

In his remarks prior to signing the Medicare Bill, President Johnson referred again to Harry Truman when he said that a country can be known by the quality of the individuals it honors. To paraphrase LBJ, "By honoring Truman, and by carrying forward his dreams, we reaffirm the greatness of America."

Thank you for your continued support.

Alex Burden

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TRU LETTERS

“I have no doubt that many thousands of students are better citizens because of the life-changing educational programs at the Truman Library.”

BRIAN SCHULTZ, Independence (MO) School District

I really like the new member magazine.

It makes those of us who are far away and not able to attend events feel like we are part of the legacy of the President we admire so much. The photographs are great and the ability to scan things with our smart phones is really cool.

With thanks,
Steve Johnson

An open letter to friends of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum:

The Independence School District has developed a strong educational partnership with the Truman Library that I believe would make Harry Truman proud!

Together we have developed an all-new program that introduces third-grade students to leadership and service, as exemplified by the life of Harry Truman. Every high school American History student participates in The White House Decision Center, and many take part in the regional National History Day Contest and Presidential Trivia Contest at the Truman Library.

In addition, this year our American Government students will have the very special opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Still more students will deliver their

own speeches at the Truman Library as part of the Ford's Theater Oratory Project.

No wonder our students frequently report that their experiences at the Truman Library are the most valuable in the school year...or even the defining event of their school career. The White House Decision Center, in particular, incorporates our best understanding of how students develop knowledge, requiring them to be active participants in the learning process. This learning is highly relevant, engaging, challenging and collaborative. The result is deep learning that students never forget.

Our school district, like many others, would struggle to offer these experiences to our students without help. We greatly appreciate the Truman Library Institute's commitment to defraying the cost of student participation. When it comes to educating America's next generation of leaders, their motto is, *The Buck Stops Here!*

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful partner. I have no doubt that many thousands of students are better citizens because of the life-changing educational programs at the Truman Library.

Brian Schultz
Instructional Specialist
Independence (MO) School District

Editor's Note: Opening doors to America's future citizen leaders is at the heart of our mission. Thanks, Brian, and thank you to our donors and members who make these student experiences possible. Your support makes a difference!

It was indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to join Secretary Rumsfeld and David Von Drehle as a panelist during “Inside the West Wing: American Presidents and Their Cabinets.” Senator Kerrey did a remarkable job as the moderator, and I found the discussions concerning our nation's most significant domestic and foreign policies to be quite lively and very interesting. This type of thinking, analysis and decision making is invaluable, and it was very rewarding to hear that you received positive feedback from many of the folks in attendance.

It takes real talent to develop and organize inspirational programs such as these, and I want to commend the Truman Library Institute on the success of these signature events, which are extremely important to the Institute's preservation and continued advancement.

With best personal regards, I am
Sincerely,
William S. Cohen

Editor's Note: Secretary Cohen – the 20th U.S. Secretary of Defense – delivered an inspiring call to action at the seventh annual Howard and Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency. If you missed event highlights, published in the last issue of TRU, digital copies are available upon request.



THE HOWARD AND VIRGINIA BENNETT FORUM ON THE PRESIDENCY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014

MOYERS ON LBJ★

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014
6 p.m., Unity Temple on the Plaza
Kansas City, Missouri

FEATURING BILL MOYERS
WITH SENATOR BOB KERREY

Legendary journalist and former LBJ aide Bill Moyers has rarely spoken about his close association with Lyndon Baines Johnson – until now. Join us for a historic conversation with Bill Moyers and Senator Bob Kerrey at the Eighth Annual Howard and Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency. In a rare encore appearance, Moyers, who inaugurated the Bennett Forum in 2007, returns to Kansas City for a revealing conversation with Kerrey and the live audience.

MEMBER TICKET PRIORITY PERIOD

Truman Library Institute members will be invited to reserve tickets up to 10 days before they go on sale to the general public. To qualify for this benefit, please be certain that your membership is active on or before October 1, 2014.

To check your membership status, call or email Kim Rausch at kim.rausch@nara.gov or 816.268.8237.

SPIES, LIES AND

Exhibition explores real and imagined fears

BY JEFF FOX

Some of the more dark and tense moments in the middle of the 20th century – as well as some of the lighter moments reflected in pop culture – get a deeper look in an original exhibit at the Truman Library.

Plus, there are spy gadgets.

“It’s sinister but fun,” says Truman Library Curator Clay Bauske.

The exhibit, *Spies, Lies and Paranoia: Americans in Fear*, was developed in-house at the Truman Library over the last year and a half, and items have been borrowed from such places as the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

SCARY TIMES

Bauske points out that we tend to look back on the late 1940s and the '50s as relatively calm. “But in fact it was a scary time period,” he said. Consider these events:

- As the peace that followed World War II quickly turned into the Cold War, Eastern Europe fell firmly in line with the Soviet Union. America’s atomic secrets were stolen and fell into the hands of the Soviets, who exploded their first atomic weapon in 1949, abruptly ending America’s brief reign as the world’s only nuclear power. The 1948-49 Berlin airlift, led by the U.S. in response to the Soviet blockade of West Berlin, was part of a tense standoff that, it was feared, could lead to war.
- China fell to the communists in 1949, and a year later American troops were fighting to keep South Korea from falling as well. At places around the world, communism was on the march.
- At home, revelations of spying rattled the country, and many wondered how far it went. Plus, Senator Joseph McCarthy made wild accusations about spying that helped fan an atmosphere of hysteria.
- In 1957, the Soviets launched the first artificial satellite to orbit Earth – raising the idea that they could drop atomic bombs from the heavens.

“Nobody was safe,” Bauske said.

NOBODY’S SAFE

Then there was Roswell. The exhibit covers the period from the end of World War II to about 1960 – basically the Truman and Eisenhower presidencies – which includes the 1947 crash of an unidentified flying object outside Roswell, N.M.

What was that about? That’s a long debate, but it did help spread “the fear that there might be aliens out there bent on invading the Earth, or visiting the Earth,” Bauske said.

A lot of that came out in movies – many with aliens as surrogates for the Soviets or communism generally – so the exhibit includes clips from *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, and *The Thing*.

Among the items on display are a necktie camera and harness used by the Soviet KGB and an ash tray designed to hold a spy camera, used by the East German secret police. Both are on loan from the International Spy Museum. The spy gear also includes four film canisters in which communist-turned-anti-communist Whittaker Chambers concealed the “Pumpkin Papers” used to accuse Alger Hiss of espionage. The exhibit includes a good deal of audio-visual material – comedians Groucho Marx and Bob Hope doing civil defense ads, for instance – and is designed to be highly interactive for visitors.

The exhibit runs through October 26 and is included with regular Museum admission.

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SPIES, LIES AND PARANOIA: AMERICANS IN FEAR

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PARANOIA ★



1 Toychka-58-M Soviet KGB necktie camera

2 Metal ashtray concealment device designed by the Stasi for concealing a Minox III subminiature camera

3 KGB Koritza rollover copy camera system used to photograph documents

4 Russian clandestine pocket-sized non-electronic burst encoder/keyer

5 Film canisters used to conceal the Alger Hiss "Pumpkin Papers"

6 Russian M125-3 MN Fialka cipher machine

7 1944 Smatchet commonly used by British and American special forces during World War II

8 1944 dead drop device used to hide and deliver secret messages

9 Bullova Accutron 24-hour battery powered bomb fuse





THE DIGITAL PRESIDENT ★

Preserving and Digitizing the Truman Library's Archival Collections

Harry Truman said, "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know." Now, a \$150,000 grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation will provide unprecedented access to the crucial chapters of America's history housed at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

"This generous three-year grant will significantly advance our efforts to preserve and share the Truman Library's rich archival holdings with researchers, teachers and students around the world," said Alex Burden, Truman Library Institute executive director.

An extension of the **Preservation and Worldwide Access to the Archival Collections of the Truman Library** project, the next phase of funding will continue the important work already accomplished thanks to support from the Kemper Foundation, including the processing and digitization of more than 3,000 linear feet of papers – placed end to end, that's twice as long as Chicago's Chrysler Building is high!

Now, renewed funding of this project will unlock the lessons of history found in the Robert B. Landry collection (Landry served as the first U.S. Air Force Aide on the White House staff), as well as continue work begun on Truman's Post-

Presidential Papers and the Truman Museum's collection of three-dimensional artifacts.

LIFE AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE

Harry Truman had a very active and productive life after he left the White House. The evidence is in the collection: 728,000 pages document Truman's involvement in national affairs and politics, the creation of his presidential library, the writing of his memoirs, and his voluminous correspondence with figures such as Winston Churchill, Dean Acheson and Eleanor Roosevelt. During the next three years, the "Kemper Access" grant will allow the Truman Library to process the bulk of this collection. It's an important collection that needs to be shared; having a Kemper grant-funded archivist augmenting the Truman Library's team makes this possible. In addition to processing and preserving this collection, historically significant and frequently requested documents will be digitized and made available online.



“We made a long-term commitment to the preservation and digitization of the documents and artifacts at the Truman Library because history matters. Truman’s presidency matters for us, and it matters for our future.”

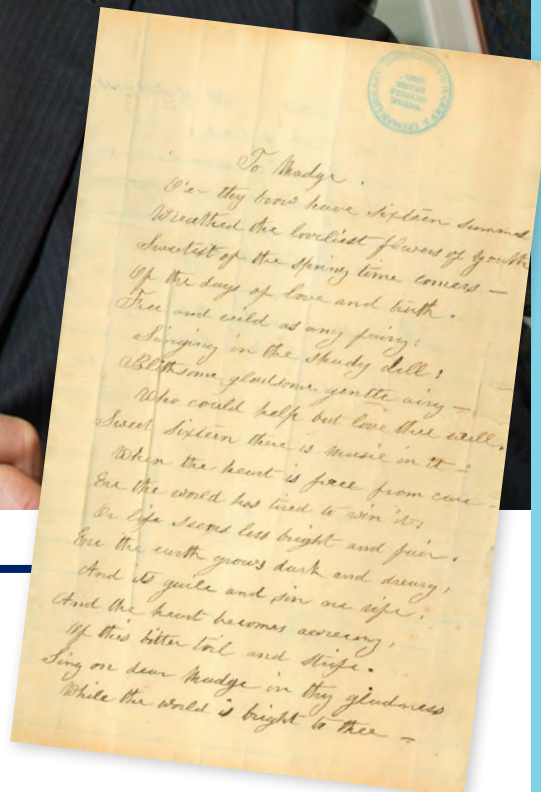
SAMUEL BENNETT
Program Manager
William T. Kemper Foundation,
Commerce Bank, Trustee

AMERICA'S COLLECTION

The “Kemper Access” grant also will open the doors to the Truman Library’s museum collection. John Miller, the grant-funded archives technician who is processing President Truman’s papers, is also photographing and documenting every single artifact in the 33,000-piece collection. Soon, this rarely seen collection will be on view via the Truman Library’s website. Miller endorses the efforts enthusiastically. “We may house the materials,” he said, “but this is America’s collection. It belongs to the public. It is our story.”

TRUMAN'S VISION

And that’s how Harry Truman wanted it. His library, he declared, belonged to the people. He envisioned a presidential archive that allowed citizens of the world to explore the events of his time because of their continuing relevance to the future.



A previously undiscovered poem written by Bess Truman’s great-grandmother in 1878.

Thanks to funding partners like the William T. Kemper Foundation, the Truman Library was the first in the presidential library system to make increased access and digitization a priority.

“The Truman Library’s archival holdings contain key evidence to some of the most important decisions of the 20th century,” said Burden. “Preserving and increasing access to this amazing collection is critically important, and we are deeply grateful to Jonathan Kemper, Sam Bennett and the William T. Kemper Foundation for making it possible.”

TRU ACCESS A \$150,000 grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation will provide unprecedented access to the archival collections at the Truman Library. Previous support for this project from the Kemper Foundation made it possible to reprocess and/or digitize more than 3,000 linear feet of material, including more than 2 million pages from Truman’s White House Official File. In addition, the “Kemper Access” grant helped create an online photo database of nearly 40,000 historic images; made possible the online publishing of more than 40,000 documents, 500 oral histories, and transcripts of nearly 500 of Truman’s most important speeches; and helped preserve previously undiscovered family treasures, like the poem pictured above.



Pictured left to right: Erin Lowe and Hannah Scott

TRU SUCCESS

The Art of History

Truman Library hosts largest-ever regional NHD contest, celebrates national winners

Each year, more than half a million students participate in National History Day (NHD), a rigorous, year-long academic program organized at the regional, state and national levels. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in original papers, websites, exhibits, performances and documentaries.

The Truman Library has coordinated the regional Greater Kansas City NHD contest since 1998, and in 2014 hosted the largest contest yet, with 491 students participating. The Truman Library is more than an event site. Throughout the year, education specialist Mark Adams coaches participating students and teachers, then offers additional intensive training for state and national finalists.

Two of the students nurtured by this rigorous program medaled at the national contest in College Park, Maryland in June. Congratulations to **Erin Lowe** (Pembroke Hill School), who won second in the nation with her Junior Individual Performance, *Where Are Our Rights? The Repatriation of Mexican American Citizens during the Great Depression*; and to **Hannah Scott** (Odessa High School), who placed third in the nation with her Senior Individual Exhibit, *Women of Steel: The Rights and Responsibilities of America's Arsenal for Production*.

LEARN MORE about National History Day. Contact Mark Adams at mark.adams@nara.gov
SCAN the QR code to view our GKC-NHD photo album on Facebook.





“I can think of no better way to honor Truman’s legacy.”

– HARRY S. JONAS, M.D.

(full quote on inside back cover)

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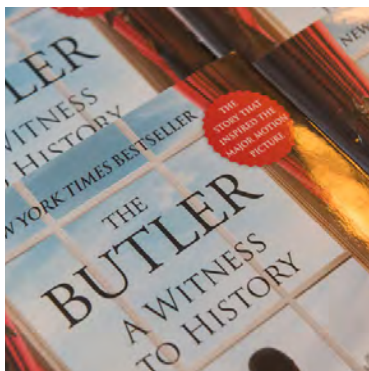
What legacy will you leave?

We invite you to become a member of the Truman Legacy Society, created exclusively to recognize individuals who wish to honor President Truman’s leadership and legacy with a planned estate gift. A planned gift can benefit you as well as the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. Benefits may include guaranteed income for life; a tax deduction this year with retirement income in future years; and the knowledge that you have made a significant contribution that will influence and inspire America’s future generations.

Remembering the Truman Library in your will.

Sample bequest language: I give, devise and bequeath _____ (insert dollar amount, property, or % of estate) to the Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs, or its successor organization, a nonprofit corporation as described in Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, to be used to advance the legacy and presidential library of America’s 33rd president through public programs, interpretative museum exhibits, educational outreach and international research and scholarship.

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2014 Event Breaks Record, Raises \$400,000!

The Truman Library Institute hosted its 15th annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, April 10. The spectacular event attracted 620 attendees and raised a record-breaking \$400,000 in support of Harry Truman's presidential library and legacy.



Acclaimed journalist **Wil Haygood**, author of *The Butler*, captivated the crowd with the riveting and very personal story of Eugene Allen, the White House butler who served eight U.S. presidents, from Truman to Reagan.

Mr. Haygood's remarks were followed by the presentation of the 2014 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award. President Truman's grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, with Truman Library Institute Chairman John Sherman, presented the award to University of Miami President **Dr. Donna E. Shalala**.

In her acceptance remarks, Dr. Shalala – the nation's longest-serving U.S. secretary of health and human services – paid tribute to the nation's 33rd president, one of her personal heroes.



“Do your duty, and
history will do you
justice.”

HARRY S. TRUMAN

ABOVE: Dr. Donna E. Shalala receives the 2014 Harry S. Truman Legacy of Leadership Award

TOP (L. TO R.): Featured guest Wil Haygood; Mike and Lisa Hagedorn with Katie and Clyde Wendel.
BOTTOM (L. TO R.): Betsy Solberg, Brandi Solberg, Wil Haygood, Wit Solberg, Dr. Donna E. Shalala, Rick Solberg, Barbara and Allen Lefko; Independence (MO) Mayor Eileen Weir with Chuck Foudree and Betsy Solberg

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READING LIKE A HISTORIAN★

Innovative new education program challenges future citizens



President Truman hoped that his library would give young people, especially, “a better understanding of the history and the nature of the presidency and the government of the United States.” To fulfill this vision, the education team at the Truman Library – recognized nationally for their achievements – has developed a range of outstanding programs that are grounded in proven pedagogical practices, designed to meet national academic standards, and serve as the standard for our nation’s presidential libraries.

Reading Like a Historian is the newest addition to the education offerings at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum.

Modeled after a program designed by the award-winning Stanford History Education Group, **Reading Like a Historian** is museum-based, Truman-focused and a first-of-its-kind interactive educational experience for third-grade students.

The **Reading Like a Historian** curriculum engages students in historical inquiry. Each lesson revolves around a central historical question and features sets of primary documents modified for groups of students with diverse reading skills and abilities.

This curriculum teaches students how to investigate historical questions by employing reading strategies such as sourcing, contextualizing, corroborating, and close reading.

Instead of memorizing historical facts, students evaluate the trustworthiness of multiple perspectives on Harry Truman’s life and

“Great program! This experience requires students to read and think critically, to speak and write persuasively, and to engage in inquiry and problem solving.”

presidency and then make historical claims based on documentary evidence.

For 18 months, the Truman Library’s education specialist, Mark Adams, worked with Independence educators to develop the rigorous program. Finally, in March 2014, the partners invited a group of experts to test the curriculum: 300 third graders from the Independence School District.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, and this year all 1,200 third-graders from Independence’s elementary schools will participate. After that, **Reading Like a Historian** will become a permanent part of the ongoing educational programs offered at the Truman Library. Ultimately, the rigorous program is expected to serve at least 5,000 students annually.

Already, the Truman Library and Independence School District are thrilled with the results.

“We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful partner,” wrote a district representative in an open letter of thanks (see page 2). “We have no doubt that many thousands of students are better citizens because of the life-changing educational programs at the Truman Library.”

“The Truman Library Institute, with support from our members and partners, is pleased to provide funding for this exciting new program,” said Executive Director Alex Burden. “Our educational mission is clear: to teach students about their hometown president, our nation’s history, the presidency and the importance of civic engagement. The directive comes from President Truman, himself. He was very clear about the purpose of his presidential library, and educating students was at the core of his vision.”



10% for Truman



The Truman Library Institute was honored to be selected by Boulevard Brewing Company as a 10% for KC Charity. Proceeds from the April-June sales of Boulevard's pilsner, KC Pils, helped fund the education and outreach programs at the Truman Library.

To get out the word, we traveled with "Flat Harry" on his 2014 Whistle Stop campaign, visiting some of Truman's favorite sites in and around Kansas City.

At every stop, we were reminded that America is still **Wild About Harry**. From Dixon's Famous Chili to Union Station to the Liberty Memorial, we met friends who remember Citizen Truman, friends who are fans of his world-class museum, and people of all ages who refer to America's 33rd president as "My Hero."

What we heard over and over again is this: "America is grateful to Harry Truman." And we are grateful to Boulevard Brewery, who stepped up to say, "The Beer Stops Here!"

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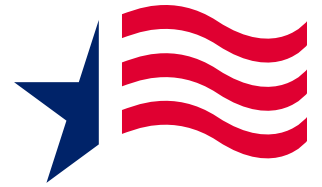
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The Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency

Bill Moyers on LBJ

With Special Guest Bob Kerrey

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MEMBERS: Watch for your priority ticket notification. For additional details, please contact Kim Rausch at kim.rausch@nara.gov or 816.268.8237.

02★

The Honorable Ike Skelton Veterans Day Ceremony

12-5 p.m., Sunday, November 9 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

Commemorate Veterans Day at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum with a patriotic program, 21-gun salute, live patriotic music, personal exhibits, and a reception for veterans and their guests. Co-presented by the Truman Library Institute, the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum and the City of Independence, Missouri.

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03★ **Museum Programs***

The Battle of Independence

11 a.m., Saturday, October 11 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum | MEMBERS FREE

Fought between the Battle of the Little Blue and the Battle of Westport, the 2nd Battle of Independence is often overlooked. Mike Calvert, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, retraces the steps of Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's Confederates and Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton's Federals as they fought in the streets of Independence, Missouri.

Captain Harry in the Great War

11 a.m., Saturday, November 8 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum | MEMBERS FREE

Harry Truman's service in World War I had a lasting impact on his life and political career. To mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the war in 1914, archives specialist Jim Armistead will explore Truman's military career, including his command of Battery D and tour of duty in Europe during World War I.

04★ **Read My Pins: The Madeline Albright Collection**

Exhibition Opening

November 30, 2014 – February 22, 2015 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum | MEMBERS FREE

This traveling exhibition features more than 200 pins, many of which former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wore to communicate a message or a mood during her tenure as a diplomat. The exhibition examines the collection for its historic significance as well as the expressive power of jewelry and its ability to communicate through a style and language of its own.

Pins and Diplomacy: A Conversation with Madeleine Albright

7 p.m., Wednesday, December 3 | Harry S. Truman Library and Museum | MEMBERS FREE

Secretary Albright will give a talk and book signing at the Truman Library. The event is free and open to the public.



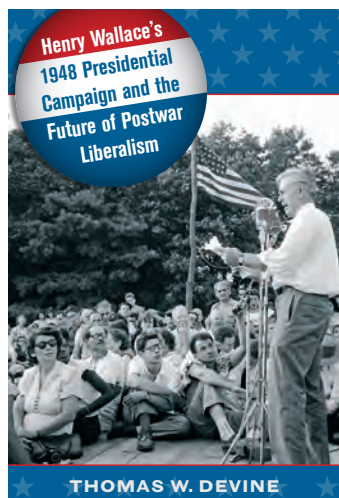
JUST FOR TEACHERS:

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TRU VIEW

Henry Wallace's 1948 bid for the presidency stands as a bold experiment in American third-party politics. Some hail Wallace for challenging the Cold War drift toward "reaction" and "red-baiting." Others depict Wallace as a pawn of the Communist Party. In his award-winning book, historian Thomas W. Devine sheds new light on this debate with an "exhaustively researched and elegantly argued" book that "places the Wallace campaign into a larger context of late 1940s post-Popular Front politics" (*American Historical Review*). In this TRU exclusive, Harry S. Truman Book Award Committee chair Dr. Jeffrey Gall asks the author to tell us more.



Winner, 2014 Harry S. Truman Book Award

JG: What led you to conduct research for and write this book on Henry Wallace and his 1948 presidential campaign?

TD: I was interested in both Cold War policies and the politics of labor and the left, and a study of the Wallace campaign seemed to encompass all of those interests. Beyond that, I didn't find the work done on the campaign to be particularly convincing. During the 1970s, several scholars had hailed him as a prophetic and effective critic of the emerging Cold War consensus, implying that President Wallace would have been preferable to President Truman (a dubious claim that has recently been unearthed and reasserted by Oliver Stone). Others saw Wallace and the Progressives' brand of popular front liberalism as "the road

not taken" in postwar politics, suggesting that they were the "true" heirs to the New Deal who would have led the nation down a more social democratic path. This "missed opportunity" scenario just didn't seem plausible to me. The standard account of the Progressive Party, *Gideon's Army*, by Curtis MacDougall, a journalist who had himself been active in the party, was more than 40 years old and put forward a tendentious interpretation that significantly simplified and distorted various aspects of the campaign (a view of the book I later found out that Wallace himself shared). I thought it was time to take a fresh look at the campaign from a post-Cold War perspective.

JG: Your subtitle refers to the history of Postwar Liberalism – what impact did Wallace's failed bid for president have on postwar politics?

TD: I think it had precisely the opposite effect it intended. Wallace's two major goals were to challenge the emerging Cold War consensus on foreign policy, which he believed was excessively and reflexively anticommunist, and to broaden support for the more "advanced" aspects of the New Deal – more economic planning, significant expansion of the welfare state and more regulation of business. As a result of his candidacy, however, both Cold War critics and the "left wing" of the New Deal

coalition became associated in the public mind with "communism." In fact, criticism of Truman's containment policies waned since many did not wish to be associated with Wallace or the Communists who were supporting him.

JG: Your book highlights the significant role played by the American Communist Party in Wallace's campaign. What was the result?

TD: In deciding to back Wallace so vociferously, the Communist Party signed its own death warrant. The Party severed its ties with organized labor in the CIO, independent liberals, and the left wing of the Democratic party. It's hard to fathom how party leaders did not see how self-destructive they were being, but they believed that their course of action had Moscow's blessing – there's no evidence that it did, by the way – and so they pursued it. The Communist Party's vocal involvement in the campaign insured the Progressive Party would never attract a broad base of followers. Wallace came to see this in later years and resented the Communist Party for ruining his campaign for peace, though at the time he welcomed Communist support.

JG: What impact did the Wallace bid have on the 1948 election overall – did his candidacy help or hurt Truman overall?

TD: I would say it definitely helped Truman. The founding of the third party enabled the Democrats to disown their very unpopular pro-Soviet left wing and welcome more moderate voters – working class ethnics and Catholics in particular – back into the fold. Had the Democrats been saddled with the crowd that ended up voting for Wallace, the Republicans would have attacked them far more vigorously than they did for being "soft" on communism, and, given the political atmosphere at the time, these attacks would have cost the Democrats.

JG: What is Henry Wallace's most significant legacy?

TD: Wallace made more of a mark in agriculture and genetics than he did in politics. He was a symbol of the New Deal for many liberals in the 1930s and 1940s, but his presidential run in 1948, I believe, was a mistake.

Thomas W. Devine is professor of history at California State University, Northridge, and winner of the 2014 Harry S. Truman Book Award, presented on July 30, 2014 by the Truman Library Institute at a public program in Kansas City, Missouri. Jeffrey Gall is professor of history at Truman University and chair of the Harry S. Truman Book Award Committee (2011-2014).

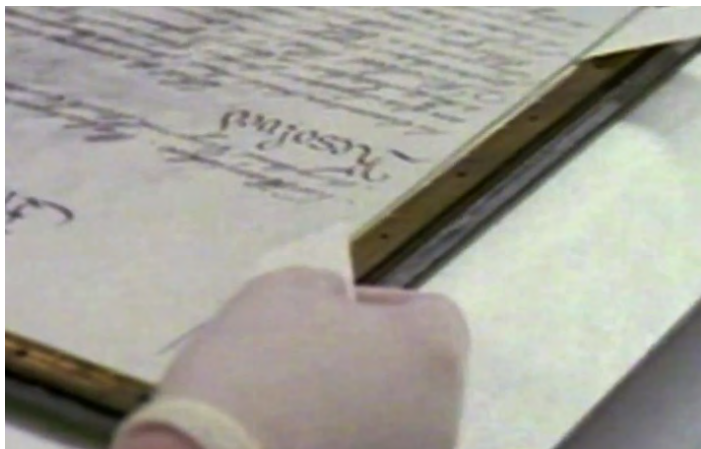
NEWS BRIEFS



Panama Canal Centennial

To mark the centennial anniversary of the Panama Canal's completion, the Truman Library Institute has created and launched an original exhibition highlighting the presidential past of the isthmian passageway. *Moving Mountains: The Panama Canal, Presidential Power and the Dawn of the American Century* draws on the rich history preserved in our nation's presidential archives – including the Truman Library – to share a story which is much broader than the creation of the Panama Canal. It is the story of America itself and the underlying spirit of achievement that has made this nation great. The exhibition is on display at the Truman Forum, located within the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library.

For more information about viewing this exhibition, please contact Kim Rausch at kim.rausch@nara.gov or 816.268.8237.



Named Research Grant

The Truman Library Institute recently received a generous \$50,000 gift from the Hulston Family Foundation to create the John K. Hulston Research Award. The endowed grant, which honors the prominent Springfield, Missouri attorney who first met Truman during his Senate campaign in 1934, will provide \$2,500 to a qualifying scholar on an annual basis in perpetuity. "We were pleased to help create a meaningful legacy gift for John K. Hulston's family," said executive director Alex Burden. "The named research grant pays tribute to the Hulston and Truman family connections while strengthening the Research and Grants program, which is at the heart of the Truman Library Institute's mission." To learn more about named gifts, please call Kim Rausch at 816.268.8237.



Nelson's Lasting Legacy

William C. Nelson (1937-2014) – banker, civic leader and community advocate – will long be remembered for his significant contributions as the Truman Library Institute's chairman (2005-2010). "Bill's passion and perseverance on behalf of Truman's legacy helped transform the Institute," said Alex Burden, executive director. "Like Truman, Bill's great gift was connecting with people," Burden added, noting the amazing array of guest speakers during Nelson's tenure: Doris Kearns Goodwin, Tom Brokaw, Bill Moyers and President Clinton, to name a few. "From the inauguration of programs like the Bennett Forum to the renovation of Truman's Working Office to fundraising successes in excess of \$5 million, Bill's 'buck stops here' leadership created a lasting legacy. He will be deeply missed."

A WORD FROM HARRY

August 31, 1944

Excerpts from Senator Truman's vice-presidential acceptance speech, broadcast from Lamar, Missouri

MR. CHAIRMAN, members of the notification committee and fellow citizens:

I am deeply honored to have been named as the Democratic party's candidate for the Vice-Presidency and accept with humility and a prayer for guidance that I may perform honorably and well whatever tasks are laid before me.

We have long been engaged in a desperate struggle to preserve our liberties and to safeguard the American way of life. Many of our brave citizens have given their lives to win for us the certainty of victory, now assured. Our courageous, well trained and completely equipped soldiers and sailors are beating down the enemy wherever he can be found. Their unequalled valor under the greatest leadership ever given a fighting force guarantees this victory.

[However], the firing of the last shot on the battlefield marks but a beginning. War has taught us that, whether we like it or not, we cannot build a wall of isolation around the United States. Our very existence depends upon the establishment and maintenance of a sound and just peace throughout the world.

If you ask the historian why we failed to bring about a lasting peace after World War I, he will answer: "A partisan struggle for political power." Let us remember the warning of Woodrow Wilson. "Partisan politics," he said, "has no place in the subject we are now obliged to discuss and decide." His wisdom has been proved by the test of time.

Winning the war and concluding the peace are only part of the task facing us during the next four years. We must also re-establish our own domestic economy.

If we devote the same ingenuity to production for peace in America that we have given to the making of engines of destruction, our future will be secure.

We cannot go back, as we tried to do in 1920. We cannot stand still. We must go forward.

The welfare of this nation and its future, as well as the peace of the whole world depends upon [it].

On July 21, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, Senator Harry Truman won in a landslide his party's nomination for vice president. In its cover story, *TIME* Magazine noted, ironically, "What the U.S. has always liked, and usually got, is a Vice President who raises neither fuss nor feathers, who serves his term and then sinks back into comfortable anonymity."

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years since Senator Truman received his party's vice-presidential nomination.



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Truman Legacy Society members plan today so that Truman's legacy can live on tomorrow.

I'd be hard pressed to remember a time when Connie and I were not closely involved with the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. Connie was one of the museum's first docents – trained by Harry Truman himself – and I'm proud to say that my name will permanently be recorded as one of the very first Honorary Fellow members.

For many years, we benefited from the Library's informative programs and exciting exhibitions. Of greater importance, I can honestly say that we helped make those things possible with our annual membership contributions, capital campaign support, and Wild About Harry sponsorships.

Because of the profound respect and admiration Connie and I shared for Harry Truman, I can think of no better way to honor his legacy than by permanently becoming a part of it. As Truman Legacy Society members, our estate gift will help my grandchildren – and their children after that – understand that values, strength in character, and decisive leadership can influence change...in politics and in life.

HARRY S. JONAS, M.D.

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