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This issue of **ROARSHOCK PAGE** celebrates the 224th Year of American Independence. Let's remember what it means to be independent. Live Free or Die.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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 a 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 shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, 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...

[A long list of grievances against Great Britain and George III]

...We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace,

friends. We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions... solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies, are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States... *July 4, 1776*

MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION

July 4th - Fireworks
on this quiet river bending
green birds squeak like
a saw logs sawing
sleep dreams quiet rest.
Sierra breeze
far removed from
Independence Day celebrations
in the valley bellow
only the occasional
airplane overhead.
John O across the creek
"Hey Jimbo! What's happening?!"
Wind builds up and roooaaars!
Sun sparkles, sky is blue
white cloud whispers
Daniel seeks a place for
fireworks show
Mom in red hat
would rather be here
on her birthday
than downtown
in the Independence crowd
fireglow.
And I'd rather be here
than in that throng
sooty streets and sky.
Celebrate! Party time!
Up here the crash
of water over rocks
in the trees birds sing.

-- rededicated to Helga E. Wilson, born
July 4, 1940 in Timisura, Romania. Happy
Birthday mom. I love you.

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.
Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."
-- Barry M. Goldwater, San Francisco, July 16, 1964

MORNING WAVE

hello from port townsend been cloudy and slightly
overcast all week but that is supposed to change soon.
got a chance to go up and take a look up at our camp-
site in the Olympics got in and all our firewood and our
table where just how we left them what a great
feeling to have your own special spot and less then an
hour away
well that is it for now
hope you and yours are doing great
seeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
Dan

THE FIRST ANNUAL/ANIMAL JACK KEROUAC POEM OF NOT-DOING

Imagine a Zen monastery in a forest.
The monestary isn't there.

Imagine a round faced hooka smoking cat
in a football jersey with the number 23
emblazoned on it who sits grinning
on a rather large mushroom and says:
"Yeah, man. I played jazz with Jack Kerouac in 1956!"
The cat isn't there either.

Imagine a green meadow
in which Gary Snyder stands
bending over to examine
some black bear shit
while Jack Kerouac plays
hop-scotch on some lava boulders.
The meadow might possibly be there.

Imagine a vulture crow swooping down
out of a eucalyptus tree
and tearing at a pretender's
hyper-sensitized head attempting
to draw the blood of the wine.
The vulture crow is most definitely there.

Really realize in your mind's eye
a smokey seemy apartment
with sweet wine bottles
falling over chairs
and coughing and confusion
and a picture of a Zen monestary
in a forest hanging off the wall.

The picture is really there, off the wall.

JULY ALMANAC

- 7/4 1776 Declaration of U. S. Independence.
- 1940 Helga Wilson was born in Romania.
- 7/7 1940 Ringo Starr was born.
- 7/8 1970 Beck was born.
- 7/9 1995 Grateful Dead's last concert in Chicago.
- 7/10 1947 Arlo Guthrie was born.
- 7/11 1804 Alexander Hamilton mortally wounded in a
duel with Aaron Burr.
- 1989 Sir Laurence Olivier died.
- 7/14 1789 Bastille Day; the French Revolution began.
- 7/15 1994 Microsoft Corp. promised the U. S. Justice
Dept. it would end predatory practices it
used to corner the software market.
- 7/16 1951 "The Catcher in the Rye." by J.D. Salinger
was published.
- 7/18 1918 Nelson Mandela was born.
- 1921 John Glenn was born.
- 1929 Screamin' Jay Hawkins was born.
- 1937 Hunter S. Thompson was born.
- 7/20 1947 Carlos Santana was born.
- 1969 Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin
became the first men to walk on the moon.
- 7/21 1816 English news service founder Paul Julius
Reuter was born in Hesse, Germany.
- 7/22 1940 Alex Trebek was born.
- 1965 Daniel P. Wilson was born in California.
- 7/24 1895 Robert Graves was born.
- 7/26 1875 Carl Jung was born.

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