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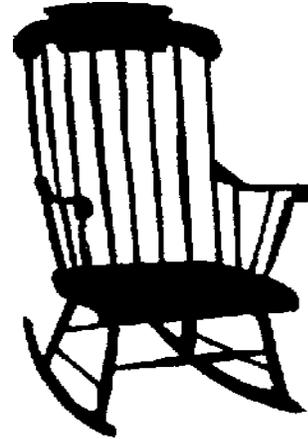
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FROM THE CHAIR

Mary McInroy, University of Iowa

MAGERT's midwinter conference activities went off without a hitch, other than the overly long search for a bottle opener at the Friday night reception. Approximately 30 people enjoyed the reception, and on behalf of MAGERT, I would like to thank our three sponsors for their financial contributions to the reception: ProQuest (Digital Sanborn Maps), Gaylord Brothers, and the Philadelphia Print Shop.

At the reception, the Print Shop's Jane Mebus distributed a bibliography she had put together on maps available at the Print Shop dealing with the "Canadian-U.S. Border in the East: from 1760 to 1860." A small group of us were able to see those and other maps and prints when we took a field trip to the Print Shop on Monday. I'd like to personally thank Jane Mebus for her help in making the "local" aspects of the conference so enjoyable, for allowing us to visit the Philadelphia Print Shop after hours, and for giving us such a good restaurant recommendation for that same evening.



Most meetings were well-attended, and the ones I sat in on were energetic as well as educational. Minutes from these various meetings and discussion groups begin appearing in this issue of *base line* and will continue in following issues.

I'm pleased to announce that John A. Olson, the Maps/GIS Librarian at Syracuse University, will be a new MAGERT representative to the Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC), beginning after the May 2003 CUAC meeting. John will replace Mike Furlough, Director of the Geospatial and Statistical Data Center at the University of Virginia. Mike, the current co-Chair of CUAC, is rotating off the group after three years of hard work and solid representation for MAGERT. Thank you, Mike.

With 2003 midwinter barely behind us, we are finalizing plans for the annual conference in Toronto. Although the MAGERT schedule is unofficial as I write, we once again plan to hold our reception on the Friday evening before conference meetings begin in earnest. Please check *base line* issues for further information on the Toronto conference. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. 

FROM THE EDITOR

Mark Thomas, Duke University

Coming fast on the heels of the ALA Midwinter Meetings in Philadelphia, we don't have a big issue of *base line* for you this month, but we hope we make
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up for it in quality. We have some important reminders regarding travel from the U.S. to Canada for those of you planning on attending the Toronto conference in June and an article on historic map bibliographies available from the Stony Brook website. Then, as always, info on some great new maps. We begin our Philadelphia coverage with minutes from Executive Board I in this issue, and will continue in April with more minutes and photos, as well as in-depth reports in "On the Cataloging/Cataloguing Front."

This spring, be sure to vote in the ALA elections, in particular for your MAGERT officers! 

TRAVEL TIPS

2003 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN TORONTO

If you're a U.S. citizen planning on traveling to Toronto for the joint ALA/CLA Annual Conference in June (the 19th through 25th), ALA has come up with a few travel tips regarding crossing the border. The Association has published these suggestions in several places.

- At the ALA web site is a "General Info" page relating to the Toronto Conference: <http://www.ala.org/events/annual2003/generalinfo.html>
For those of you attended the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia (and took the program home with you), the same information was published on p. 32 of the program.
- Also, more tips were published in last September's *American Libraries*, pp. 8-9. (Hope you weren't too anxious to recycle it!)

Below are some highlights for the convenience of U.S. citizens, but they are neither complete nor authoritative. Refer to the sources above for more details and to pertinent U.S. and Canadian government documentation for official regulations.

Passport: While a passport is not legally required for a U.S. citizen to enter Canada—an official copy of a birth certificate plus a photo I.D. is an alternative for U.S.-born citizens; naturalization certificates plus a photo I.D. for naturalized citizens; and an alien-registration card for permanent residents who are not citizens—a **passport is very highly recommended by ALA** to expedite return to the U.S. For information on obtaining a U.S. passport, see the following web sites: <http://www.usps.com/common/passport/>
http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html
They emphasize the need to apply early.

Goods and Services Tax (GST): Foreign visitors to Canada can apply for a rebate on the seven percent GST paid on accommodation up to 30 nights and on goods purchased in Canada and exported within 60 days. It's best to use official Canadian government rebate forms because commercial services that help you get the rebate will charge a service charge.

Canadian Customs and Revenue
Agency:
<http://www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca/visitors/> or
800-668-4748

Duty-free merchandise: U.S. citizens who have been out of the country at least 48 hours are allowed to bring back US\$400 in merchandise duty-free every 30 days (\$200 for a stay abroad of less than 48 hours). Cuban and Iranian products are prohibited, as well as certain foodstuffs, while U.S.-manufactured products and original handmade crafts and works of art are duty-free. Receipts may be needed.

For specifics on U.S. Customs regulations, call 905-676-2606

Taking personal property into Canada: To eliminate questions regarding where you purchased cameras, computers, and other such equipment, you should have them registered with U.S. Customs before leaving the U.S.

U.S. and Canadian dollars: ALA Registration fees will be U.S. dollars (US\$). If paying cash on-site in the ALA registration area in Toronto with US\$, then US\$ will be returned as change. If paying cash with Canadian dollars (CDN\$), then change will be in CDN\$. Certain conference fees will be quoted in US\$ and change given only in US\$. Hotel rates will be quoted in CDN\$.

Conference mechanics: There will be only one Opening General Session, but two separate President's Programs and separate governance-type meetings for ALA and CLA. "Programs and other

events will be held jointly." There will be a shuttle service, as usual, between conference hotels and the convention center.

Playing it cool at the border: When Canadian Immigration asks you why you're coming to the country, you should say you're coming to attend the joint American Library Association / Canadian Librarian Association Annual Conference. *Under no circumstances should you tell Immigration that you are entering the country to work.*

Questions?: Call ALA Conference Services at 800-545-2433, ext. 3277 or confs@ala.org

Border Incident:

Thanks to Dan Seldin, of Indiana University, for this one: Many years ago the Special Libraries Association held a conference in Toronto. It was at the time of the Patty Hearst kidnaping at the hands of the Symbionese Liberation Army. One librarian (not Dan!) was driving across the border to the conference and was questioned by Canadian Immigration officials:

Official – What is the purpose of your visit to Canada?

Librarian – I'm attending an SLA meeting in Toronto.

Official – Sir, please pull your car over there and step out.

Moral: Don't use initialisms!

Also, this editor can attest to the fact that if you drive across the Canadian border in a 1970 Volkswagen Beetle with Texas plates, do expect delays!



EXECUTIVE BOARD I MINUTES

ALA Midwinter Meetings, Philadelphia

Saturday, January 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

The minutes from the annual conference in Chicago were approved as published in *base line*.

Issues from the Round Table Coordinating Assembly included the selection of two representatives to the committee that will determine the tracks for the 2005 annual conference. Chris Kollen is one of the two representatives from the Round Tables to the committee for the 2004 conference, so MAGERT was not eligible to have a representative on the 2005 committee. The Assembly selected someone from the Round Tables to facilitate the meetings instead of a staff member of ALA.

The Allied Professional Association (APA) of ALA is working on developing voluntary certification programs for individuals who have reached an advanced level of competency in an area of specialization in a library field. The first certification program will be the Certified Public Library Administrator program. More information on the programs can be found on the ALA-APA website (<http://www.ala-apa.org>). The other major focus of the APA is salaries and pay equity. An issue that generated a lot of discussion was the topic of who speaks for ALA. Much of the concern from ALA stems from the fact that it is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (according to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code) and thus it is

restricted legally in what statements it can make. More information is on the SRRT website (<http://libr.org/SRRT/>)

There are several issues for the committees to address during the conference. The Publications Committee will work on updating "Helpful Hints for Small Map Collections" before the annual conference. The Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) is investigating the possibility of changing their discussion groups into interest groups. This could have an impact on the joint Map Cataloging Discussion Group. The Nominating Committee will be finalizing candidates for the positions of vice-chair/chair-elect and secretary. The Education Committee has been considering its next project and may work on a paper on map reference sources for non-map reference librarians. A member of the committee is working on creating a web page that would link to the map collections that have a MAGERT member working there. The GeoTech Committee shared the evaluation comments from their annual program in Atlanta. The committee will use the results to plan for future programs, one of which will be on data acquisition policies and issues. The GeoTech Committee is also doing a survey to determine interest in sharing non-copyrighted geospatial data. Wangyal Shawa has been selected to serve as a representative to the National Research Council's committee that discusses licensing geographic data and

services. The GIS Discussion Group meeting at this conference will start at 9:00 AM and not 8:30 AM, as stated in the program

There was no old business.

New business for this conference include MAGERT's need for a new representative to Cartographic Users Advisory Council to replace Mike Furlough. Volunteers will be solicited at midwinter. There are some questions as to what the future could be for the Small Map Collection Discussion Group. The group has been searching for an identity and focus.

For the annual conference in Toronto it is strongly encouraged that people travel with a passport to expedite returning to the United States. There are plans being developed for a joint reception with the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives.

At the GODORT steering committee, it was announced that their membership is under 900. The membership seems to be running into demographic and reorganization pressures.

The treasurer pro tem reported that he found the Financial Planning Seminar held on Friday by ALA's Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) to be very worthwhile. This session—geared to treasurers and chairs and usually offered at Midwinter meetings—reviews ALA's financial structure and helps to explain and interpret the monthly financial reports received throughout the year by the round tables and divisions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore,
Secretary 

MAP BIBLIOGRAPHIES FROM STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

by David Y. Allen, Stony Brook University

The libraries at Stony Brook University have made available on the Web searchable bibliographies with references to over 5000 maps of New York State and the Northeast. A list of the bibliographies and information on how to search them can be found at: <http://www.sunysb.edu/libmap/bibs.htm>.

I have made these bibliographies available with some hesitation. None of them are in their final form. They were put together over a period of years

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using the bibliographic database management program EndNote. The bibliographies vary considerably in format, as well as in the amount of information presented in individual records, and in the extent to which they adhere to standard cataloging conventions.

To further complicate matters, the software used to search and display the bibliographies on the Web (Reference Web Poster) is considerably less than

perfect. It is erratic in the way it indexes and displays fields that contain unusual characters, and it sports a number of other quirks and glitches.

In spite of all the problems I decided it would be worthwhile to make the bibliographies available to the public. Most of the maps listed in them are uncataloged, and consequently the bibliographies contain much information that is not otherwise easily accessible. In spite of the problems with Reference Web Poster, it does succeed in searching and displaying all records. I get best results by using the options to “search all indexed fields” or “search all non-indexed fields” from the dropdown menu. One nice feature of the program is that it allows you to search the bibliographies individually or as a group. Because the bibliographies vary in structure and content, and list materials in a variety of locations, it is usually best to search them individually after reading the descriptions of what they cover.

A brief description of the content of the bibliographies is contained on the Web page referenced above. Cartographic professionals may be interested in the more detailed description that follows.

The most ambitious and carefully done of the bibliographies is a database of New York State maps, most of which were created before 1830 ([nysmaps.enl](#)). Although incomplete and somewhat uneven, this bibliography does make an effort to describe the maps in detail using conventions derived from standard cataloging practices. It includes extensive notes and descriptive annotations, and pro-

vides subject access through standardized keywords, which are mostly derived from Library of Congress subject headings. The bibliography describes maps held by many libraries, and includes a large number of unique manuscript maps. Multiple holdings are often indicated for printed maps, although the bibliography does not attempt to be a complete union list. Information is also provided about the availability of facsimiles of rare maps, and about books that describe them. Clickable URLs are also included for most maps that can be found on the Internet. The bibliography should be of use to people in states adjacent to New York, since it includes maps that show the borders of New York with other states, and regional maps that include New York State.

The bibliography of early maps of New York State is complemented by a less elaborate bibliography that lists the maps of New York in the Dept. of Special Collections at Stony Brook University (this is [Specmaps.enl](#)). This list is made up primarily of maps published between 1830 and 1940, which constitutes the strongest area of coverage in our historic map collection. Taken together, the two bibliographies provide access to many of the most of the important maps of New York State published from early colonial times to the middle of the twentieth century.

Another bibliography ([Digimaps.enl](#)) is a collection of links to digital images of maps of New York State. This bibliography is a searchable version the popular “New York State Map Pathfinder,” which is the most heavily used part of the Map Collection Web site at Stony

Brook University. As the number of items listed on the New York State Map Pathfinder has increased to several hundred, the addition of a search engine should be welcomed by many.

Finally, the site contains two specialized bibliographies that might form the core of future cooperative projects. One of these is a list of maps found in the publications of the New York State Legislature (Docmaps.enl). Although it omits maps from the many volumes not available at Stony Brook University, it includes more than 2000 maps published in New York State legislative documents prior to 1940. It is hoped that one or more New York State libraries will complete the list by including maps in volumes missing at

Stony Brook. These maps would be good candidates for state-funded preservation or digitization projects.

A similar checklist includes all of the soil maps published prior to 1950 in Stony Brook's nationwide collection of soil surveys (Soils.enl). Although our collection is by no means complete, it includes 1,492 maps. The maps covering New England, New York, and the Middle Atlantic States are being deacidified and encapsulated as part of a state-funded preservation project. Here, too, other libraries might want to consider adding their holdings to the list and participating in grant proposals for cooperative preservation or digitization projects.



WELCOME NEW MAGERT MEMBERS!

Please note an error in the New Member listing in the last issue of *base line* (December 2002). It stated that the persons listed represented new members through July 2002, but actually they represented new members through September 2002. We apologize for any confusion. Please contact the Editor or the Chair of the Membership Committee if you're a new member and aren't mentioned in this column, so we can check our records and correct any error.

MAGERT wishes to extend a welcome to the following new members through November of 2002. We hope their association with us and with map librarianship is long and fruitful, and we welcome them to become actively involved with the Round Table.

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Olympia, WA

NEW BOOKS AND MAPS

Fred Musto, Yale University

New Maps

Iraq Once More

In the October 2002 "New Maps" column I mentioned the scarcity of maps of Iraq. But as expected, interest in that area is peaking and several new maps have recently appeared.

Hungarian publisher GiziMap has issued a new detailed general map of *Iraq* at 1:1.75M, with relief shown by elevation tinting and spot heights, and with good physical feature detail.

Locations of archaeological sites are highlighted, and various categories of roads, with distance points, as well as railways, pipelines, administrative boundaries, etc. are shown. An extensive index of place names is also included on the front of the map. The 28 x 26" map sells for \$8.95 from Omni or Map Link.

The lack of a map of Baghdad has been met by a new item from Swiss publisher Karto Atelier and Omni Resources. *Baghdad & Environs* is two-sided, 36 x 26" sheet with the main 1:25K map of Baghdad and an index on one side. The reverse contains a 1:9K enlargement of the city center, a map of the area around the capital, and inset maps of the "No Fly Zones" and locations of U.S. bases in the region. The urban detail is not great, as few streets are named, but many government buildings are identified as well as a few odd inclusions like night clubs. It's listed for \$11.95 at Omni.

<http://www.omnimap.com> (The detail of the map that's displayed on both the Omni and MapLink web sites identifies the location of "Saddam Hussein's Bunker & Command Headquarters" so I doubt that will be the first place he'll go if bombs start falling.)

ITMB is also promising a new map of Baghdad, due out in February, but they indicate that their map is being developed by Karto Atelier, so it's probably essentially the same as the item from Omni and MapLink. ITMB quickly sold out the first edition of their *Iraq* map and have gone back for a larger second printing. For the 2nd edition, according to their newsletter, they "have updated the map somewhat—but difficult to do with a country like Iraq."

Joe Kerski, who keeps folks on MAPS-L updated with the latest news from USGS, recently announced that NIMA had released an *Iraq Planning Map*. The large (34 x 60") sheet includes a 1:2M map of Iraq and portions of surrounding countries, with eight inset maps on such topics as Holy Sites, Kurdish Region, Power Infrastructure, and the Oil Industry. The stock number given was 114341, and Mr. Kerski indicated a price of \$10, but at the time of this writing I couldn't find this item on the NIMA or USGS web sites, and I don't know if it will be a depository item. However, if you can't wait, it's listed on the East View Cartographic site (with a rather poor illustration) for a pricey \$49.95

<http://www.cartographic.com>.

It's probably worthwhile to acquire maps of some other countries in the region. There's a large U.S. military presence in the tiny nation of Qatar, and an invasion of Iraq would probably come through Kuwait. Geoprojects, a British firm that specializes in maps of the Middle East, has been publishing maps of these countries for years, and has recently issued updated editions. Their double-sided map of *Qatar*, now in its third edition, at 1:270K and 30.5 x 17", includes an indexed map of the capital of Doha. Their 2002 *Kuwait* is done at a 1:500K scale, measures 36 x 35", and has an inset map of Kuwait City and index on the reverse. Both maps retail for \$15.95 from Omni or Map Link.

Yemen

I'm a fan of those neat little maps from the CIA that come as depository items, but I usually don't give them a second thought when we receive a shipment. However I was intrigued by a new map of Yemen, dated 10/02, that just arrived. It's very different in format from the usual CIA product in both size and content. The large 27 x 39" sheet contains a nice 21 x 20" map of Yemen (with a background from satellite imagery); six smaller inset maps showing such things as "Distribution of Ethno-religious Groups and Key Tribal Areas," population density, economic activity, and land use; a "Factoids" box; and a brief timeline of "Important Events from 1959 to Present."

It's not clear if this is a one-shot product or an example of a new style of

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mapping to come. (It may be the latter, since a new map of Turkey also recently arrived—another large, 27 x 39", and very attractive production with several informative inset maps.) At this time the Yemen map wasn't listed on the CIA web site, so no price information was available, but it may be obtainable through NTIS if your library is not a depository. (GeoCenter has it listed on their web site for 29.) Oddly enough, an image of the map is available at LC's American Memory web site under "Map Collections: 1500-2002" <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gnrlmapPlaces02.html#bottom>.

ITMB also has a new map of Yemen, just released in January. The 1:1.4M scale map, done in their usual style, is indexed, includes a glossary of Arabic geographic terms, and sells for \$8.95. About the only other fairly recent and obtainable maps of Yemen are a 1997 issue from Freytag & Berndt, at 1:1.5M on a 27 x 38" sheet, with inset plans for the Sana'a, the capital, and Aden. It's available for \$11.95 from MapLink. And Berndtson & Berndtson published a handy laminated map of the country in 1996. It includes maps of central Yemen at 1:1M, the island of Soqatra at the same scale, South Yemen at 1:2.5M, and larger-scale plans of the cities of Al Hudayah, Sana, and Taizz. It lists for \$9.95 from Omni.

Peru

Getting back to the western hemisphere, Peru is an interesting country that has been the subject of a number of new maps. Lima 2000 is a small local publisher that specializes in

maps of the capital, understandably perhaps since nearly a third of Peru's 27 million population lives in Lima. They have just issued a good tourist map of the city, a 17 x 24" sheet at various scales, and priced at \$9.95. They also offer a recent (2000) and detailed 1:35.7K map of the city on a double-sided 27 x 38" sheet for \$14.95. Both are available from Map Link.

But if it's detail you want, and money is not a concern, you could go for the 1:25K *Lima Metropolitan Map*, a full color shaded relief map on 2 sheets with a separate street index booklet for \$125. And if you wanted the biggest Lima maps on the library block, a four-sheet, 1:17.8K shaded relief version can be had for \$225, or even an eight-sheet, 1:12.5K model, also with shaded relief and available with or without contour lines. "Updated annually" it goes for a mere \$700 for the contoured version or a piddling \$400 without the lines. These prices are from Omni Resources, but you might be able to get a cheaper price by ordering direct from the company.

<http://www.lima2000.com.pe>

ITMB also has a decent map of Lima at a 1:13.5K scale, published in 2001, but it's less detailed (e.g., it doesn't show all the streets) and covers a smaller area than the Lima 2000 maps. More recently, they've issued a *Peru, South* map of the southern part of the country at 1:1.5M, and a *Cuzco Region, Machu Picchu, Peru* map that shows the area around the ancient Inca city at a 1:110K scale. And Lima 2000 has a neat *Camino Inka/Inca Trail* topographic map that covers Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley at 1:50K. Designed for

heavy use, the bilingual map is printed on tear-resistant paper and has tourist information along the bottom, with symbols indicating sites and services along the trail. All of the above maps are available from Omni for \$8.95 each.

Silk Road

The Silk Road, the ancient trade route from the Middle East across Central Asia and into China, has seen a revival of interest in recent years. The countries that the several routes passed through are covered in several excellent new maps from Hungarian publisher GiziMap. *Silk Road Countries* extends from the Caucasus region to India, and includes all of Iraq, the Persian Gulf, Iran, all the Central Asian Republics (except Kazakhstan), Afghanistan, and Pakistan at a 1:3M scale. Relief is shown by elevation tinting and spot heights, terrain features are indicated, as are various categories of roads. Symbols highlight the Silk Route through the region, and a good index is included on the reverse of the 35 x 49" sheet.

GiziMap's *Central Asia* is a similar map at 1:1.75M covering southern Kazakhstan, most of Turkmenistan, and the whole of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Krygystan (your basic "stan" map). Numerous places of interest, religious sites, monuments, etc., are indicated by symbols, and the reverse has an index of localities which includes border areas of the neighboring countries. The Silk Route led to what is now China's Xinjiang province (officially Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region), an area

included in *China Northwest*, a 1:2M map that includes a number of landmarks and curiosities, from the Three Immortal Caves to the Huocheng Tortoise Protection Area, as well as the many branches of the Silk Road. The map bears a suspicious resemblance to the *China Northwest* map that MapLink markets under its own name, so if you have that on hand you can pass on the GiziMap version. All these maps sell for around \$8.95 to \$10.95 from major vendors and are all worth acquiring.

Briefly Noted

If you're one of those who think you just can't have too many world maps, there's a new one out. *The Penguin Map of the World* is a nice 1:35M folded map that opens to 27 x 47". It has clear and colorful cartography and uses a "modified Gall's projection" centered on Greenwich and Africa, so it looks a little different and more politically correct than some other world maps. Last issued in 1996, the main change to this 2002 "New Edition," besides updated political boundaries, is the addition of a "flags of the world" chart at the bottom. It retails for \$10 (\$8 at Amazon.com or B&N).

National Geographic has just added several titles to its "Destination Map" series. Previously published maps focused on the major tourist cities, mainly in the U.S. and Europe, but these new titles range a little farther afield to locations in Africa. *Cairo*, *Tunis*, *Cape Town*, *Johannesburg*, and *Victoria Falls* are all priced at \$8.99.

Historic Urban Plans, producers of those
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wonderful reproductions of city views and maps, has added three new items to their "Souvenir Series." The attractive birds-eye views of *Brooklyn, 1879* (by Currier and Ives), *Aspen, 1893*, and *San Jose, 1875*, are printed in color, and measure about 13 x 19". The maps in the "Souvenir Series" are issued on text-weight paper and are generally smaller in size than the more substantial "Collectors Series." All of the 400 facsimiles in their catalog can be seen on their new web site, although items still have to be ordered by mail. <http://www.historicurbanplans.com>

Fans of mystery writer Tony Hillerman, whose novels are set around the Navaho reservation in the "Four Corners" area of the Southwest, will appreciate the new, 2nd edition, of *Tony Hillerman's Indian Country*. The nicely drawn pictorial map uses appropriate little icons to identify places featured in his fifteen novels. This 2003 version updates the original published in 1998, and includes *Wailing Wind* published in 2002. \$13.50 from Time Traveler Maps, which also produces some other interesting maps of the Southwest <http://www.mapz.com> [Editor's note: this link wasn't working when this issue of *base line* was compiled.]

A Magyar Koztarsasag kozigazgatasi terkepe / Administrative Map of the Republic of Hungary, a 1:555K map published by Cartographia of Budapest in 2002, replaces the 1:500K, 7th edition which was issued in 2000. The 35 x 24" folded map is available from GeoCenter for 12. <http://www.geokatalog.de>

And even though this issue won't arrive in your mailboxes until well after

Valentine's Day, I'd be remiss not to mention *The Love Map*, the latest production from Hedberg Maps. Officially titled *The World of Romance affectionately known as the Love Map*, the publisher's modest blurb perhaps describes it best: "The story of romance—its changes through time and its variations around the globe—is lovingly told in this lushly illustrated giant foldout." The double-sided 26 x 39" sheet is crammed with interesting (to some) information, including a "World of Love" map, a time line on the history of romance, and the "Language of Love." I don't know where this would file in the map collection—maybe under thematic maps—but it's an attention-grabbing piece and at \$9.95 a cheaper gift than a box of candy. You can get a look at <http://www.hedbergmaps.com>.

New Books

***H*istorical Atlas of Canada: Canada's History Illustrated with Original Maps.** Derek Hayes. Vancouver, BC: Douglas & McIntyre; Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2002. 272 p. \$60 (ISBN: 0295982772). Hayes has produced several good atlases in recent years, including *the Historical Atlas of the North Pacific Ocean* (2001), and *the Historical Atlas of the Pacific Northwest* (2000). Both featured a large number of reproductions of historical maps, as does the present work. Unlike most historical atlases, Hayes relies here totally on historic maps, and nary a diagrammatic or computer-generated map appears. As the author claims, this indeed may be the first historical atlas of Canada

"to be published using historical maps rather than modern redrawn ones." And as "a history illustrated with maps rather than a cartobibliography" it succeeds.

Some 87 topics, arranged roughly chronologically from "Saint Brendan and Other Early Navigators," to the "Evolution of Provincial Boundaries," are covered with brief text and generous illustrations. Most topics receive about 2 pages, while a few are much longer, e.g. "Arctic Exploration 1818-1859" at 13 pages, and "The Canadian Pacific Railway" at 10 pages, perhaps reflecting the author's interest, perceived importance, or availability of illustrations. Some topics focus on individual cities and provinces, and a few deal with maps, e.g., "The maps of Peter Pond" or "Native Maps." The reproductions all seem to be well-chosen and clearly reproduced. A nice production and a useful acquisition for any map collection or library history section.

Measuring America: How an Untamed Wilderness Shaped the United States and Fulfilled the Promise of Democracy. Andro Linklater. New York: Walker, 2002. 310 p. \$26 (ISBN: 0802713963).

While a history of surveying in early America might seem a trifle dull topic, this is a very entertaining book that mixes science, history and biography into a fascinating account of how and why America's land was divided the way it was. *Measuring America* is also the tale of the troubled history behind the weights and measuring systems we take for granted today, and of how close we came to adopting the metric

system 200 years ago. Beautifully written, it's an interesting story, engagingly told, that uses the measuring theme as a way to bring in the whole sweep of American (and British and French) history of the time. It's one of those books that entertains as well as informs, and I learned much about such things as Gunter's chain and people like Ferdinand Hassler. While it makes good background reading for map librarians, it belongs in the circulating collection where anyone interested in maps or history will find it terrific reading.

Singapore Street Atlas. Singapore: Periplus Editions, 2002. 305 p \$16.95 (ISBN: 9625939954). Touted by the publisher as the first and only street atlas of Singapore, this handy and well-produced book contains 190 pages of large-scale maps, at 1:7.5K for central Singapore and 1:15K for greater Singapore. The city of Johor Bahru, at the southern tip of Malaysia opposite Singapore, is also covered at 1:15K. The 8 x 10" page size is adequate, the maps are clear and detailed; and little seems to have been omitted. The atlas is very well-indexed, with a 26-page street index for Singapore, and a comprehensive 46-page "Places Index" which lists such things as major buildings, hotels, diplomatic missions, educational institutions, government offices, hospitals, theaters, resorts, residential estates, and private housing, and even such things as homes for the aged and "flyovers" (highway overpasses). Contrary to the publisher's claims, there is an official publication, the *Singapore Street Directory*, published by the Ministry of Law and previously the

Ministry of Culture, which is similar in content and format. The latest edition seems to be the 18th, published in 1995, so it may be defunct. But if you don't have this, the *Street Atlas* would be a good addition to larger collections.

Exhibit Catalogs, Large & Small

La peninsule arabique dans les cartes européennes et anciennes, fin Xve-debut XIXe siecle = The Arabian Peninsula in Old European Maps, from the End of the 15th Century to the Beginning of the 19th Century. Khaled Al Ankary Collection, Exhibition from September 15th to October 28th 2001. Paris: Institut du monde arabe, 2001. 431 p. 60 (ISBN: 284306080X). This is a beautiful catalog of a private collection. Al-Ankary himself seems to have authored most of the book, including a long introduction on the development of European cartography of Arabia. The bulk of the work is a list of some 250 maps, all nicely illustrated in color and accompanied by brief bibliographic and descriptive information. The descriptions (and the introduction) are trilingual, with parallel columns in French, English, and Arabic. Most of the illustrations take up about half of a 9 x 11" page, but are sharply reproduced and clearly readable. The text is not particularly scholarly, but it's the maps themselves that make the book. Many of them are fairly common (relatively speaking), although there are a few unusual and seldom-seen maps included. Not a necessary purchase for most libraries, but a nice tool for the collector.

O tesouro dos mapas: a cartografia na formacao do Brasil = The Treasure of the Maps: Cartographic Images of the Formation of Brazil. Sao Paulo: Instituto Cultural Banco Santos, 2002. 339 p. (ISBN: 8589025012).

Another exhibit catalog that brings new meaning to the term “coffee table book.” The exhibition of over 200 maps from the collection of one Edemar Cid Ferreira, held at the Instituto Cultural Banco Santos in Sao Paulo, which opened in May 2002 and just closed this month. I can’t complain about the size of the illustrations, since they take up most of the 12 x 15” pages and practically overwhelm the reader. Some spectacular items are pictured, testament to the fact that you can still build a great collection if money is no object. The text, in Portuguese and English, is minimal, but the illustrations are spectacular, and include not only maps (and not just of Brazil, since Cid Ferreira cast a very wide net), but also globes and nautical instruments. Like the title above, not an essential purchase, but a wonderful book to thumb through and keep on display (if your table can support its weight).

Florida, the Making of a State: A Cartographic Adventure, January 17 – March 28, 2002. Ed. By James A. Findlay, et al. Ft. Lauderdale, FL: Bienes Center for the Literary Arts, 2002. 94 p., \$20 (ISBN: 0967885841). The Bienes Center, the Special Collections facility at the Broward County Library, has produced a number of nice little catalogs in recent years. Their latest is for an exhibit chronicling the history of the mapping of Florida. About 45 maps were on display, but

only 15 are reproduced, in color, in the catalog. More useful is the text, which includes a 20-page essay by Ralph Ehrenberg on notable maps of Florida, along with briefer essays on historical topics, an exhibition checklist with good citations, and a handy bibliography. Again, not essential, except perhaps for collections with a regional interest in Florida, but certainly more affordable than the two books mentioned above. The entire catalog has been reproduced on the Bienes Center web site, which also has ordering instructions. <http://www.broward.org/bienes.htm>

New Hampshire Mapping

If you’re not a dedicated reader of local history magazines, or a resident of the Granite State, you may have missed the Spring/Summer 2002 issue (vol. 37, no. 1&2) of *Historical New Hampshire*, the journal of the New Hampshire Historical Society, which was devoted to “Mapping and Exploring New Hampshire.” It features articles like “Headquartered at Piscataqua: Samuel Holland’s Coastal and Inland Surveys, 1770-1774,” and “Harvard Astronomer George Phillips Bond and His Role in Mapping the White Mountains, 1852-1876.” If your library doesn’t subscribe, the issue can be purchased for \$9.95 on the NHHS web site. <http://www.nhhistory.org/store>



A Truly Waterproof Map

This item was brought to our attention by Chip Woodward of the Government Printing Office. — ed.

The “New Yorkistan” cover of the *New Yorker*, from last December 10th, has proven so popular that it’s now available as a shower curtain. The cover art, by Maira Kalman and Rick Meyerowitz, is a map of New York City showing neighborhoods labeled with concocted names that either sound vaguely similar to place names recently in the news or are in some way derived from recent hot news. Examples include Khandibar, Botoxia, Pashmina, and Turban Sprawl. (Fans of those great New Yorkers, The Three Stooges, may be uncomfortably reminded of the names of small nations featured in some of their old film shorts.) As they say at the website, it “will give a whole

new meaning to the term ‘bathroom humor’.”

Although at this time it’s currently on backorder, you can order one from the *New Yorker’s* website at <http://cartoonbank.com>.

It’s \$35.00 plus \$10 for shipping and handling. If you’re like me and have sliding glass doors protecting your shower, you can instead get the 18 x 22" lithographic reproduction. Framed for \$275, plus \$25 s/h (“ONLY” \$275 declares the website), or unframed for a mere \$175 (plus \$10 s/h). The shower curtain version certainly fits most budgets a little better, and it should resist coffee stains as well as those plastic hiking maps do, but you’re going to have to break the “fold only once” rule to fit the 72 x 72" curtain into a standard map drawer. 

THE OXFORD SEMINARS IN CARTOGRAPHY Remaining Programme for 2002-2003

The following comes from an announcement posted to MAPS-L on September 16, 2002, by Nick Millea of the Bodleian Library at Oxford. — ed.

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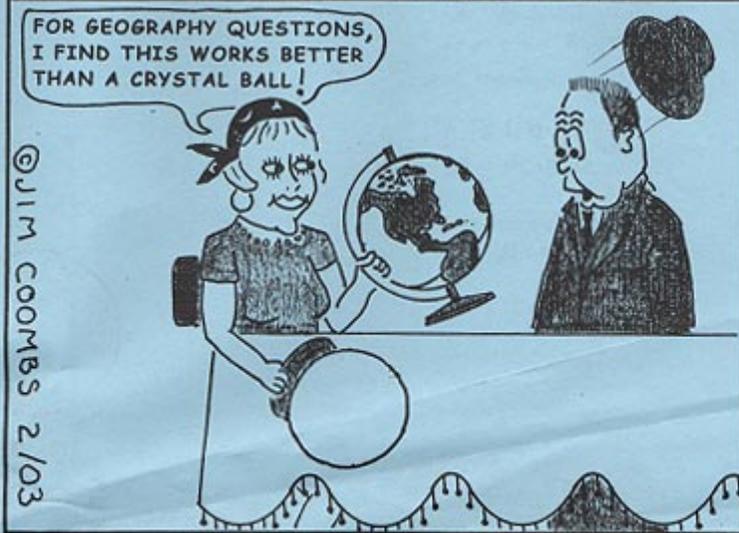
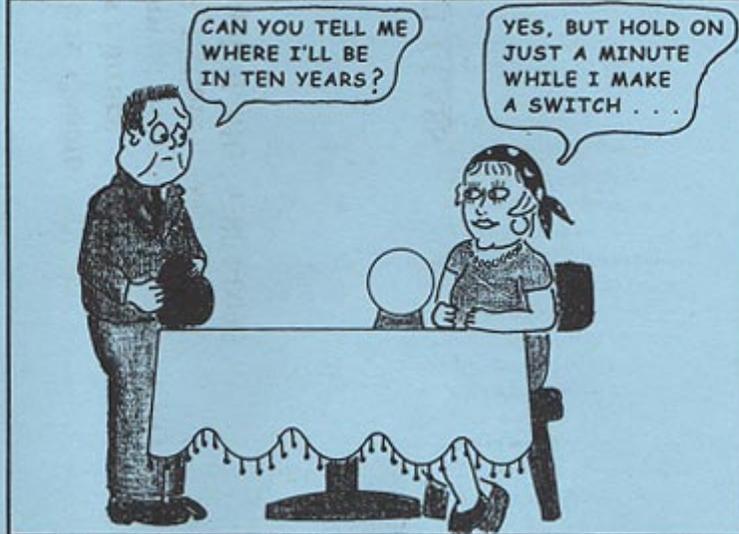
Dr. Christopher Board (International Cartographic Association)

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