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FROM OUR GRADUATES

John Anderson: John Anderson has been resting up a bit at home in Fairfield, CA and in Boston, (Judy's home). John said his home in California was not affected by the recent fires, but his area is subject to earthquakes, floods, fire, and taxation. John and Judy will be leaving in a few months for a Northwest Passage trip from Iceland to Greenland, then south of the North Pole, on to Canada and the Alaska Coast, lastly to Nome. John calls it a path "least traveled." I do hope we will get some postcards from that trip. It is very interesting to travel vicariously with John. John said he looks back on Waco with melancholy eyes. Some of his favorite restaurants while living in Waco were The Toddler House, El Chico, and the Elite Café. John is planning to attend our next reunion—it will be fun to visit with this world traveler in person!

Larry Thomas: "I've been watching crazy prices that teenagers pay for concerts today. Wonder if anyone knows what our parents paid to take us to see Elvis at the HOT Coliseum in 1956."

Regarding Terrell Reagan:

Mickey Lavy: "Thanks for sharing this really good obit of R.T. We were neighbors in 7th grade North Jr. Hi and explored the canyons around our houses. In our neighborhood were Monnig, Dana Sauer, and Carol Adams. We'd get together and look for trouble (fun). Then those two athletes would drift away and I'd need a smoke. Shoulda gone joggin, instead. Terrell was a friend to everyone."

Bev Murphy Wells: "I didn't know Terrell but knew of him. He was quite the adventurer!"

Loved his obit, especially replacing chicken and chocolate for flowers and his grandchildren calling him Bebop! Enjoyed reading about all of his experiences...his penchant for amusement pushed the gauge to an exhilarating life. I admire him for his service to our country and will look into obtaining his book. He really took on life and ended well! Regrets I didn't get his autograph!"

Tim Lasseter Latta: "Terrell's passing is the end of an era. He was absolutely one of a kind. I've never known anyone like him."

SuEllen Golden Wilson: "So sad to hear about our dear, fun friend Terrell's passing. Heaven must have Angels with a smile now that he has joined them."

UPDATES

Janet Hurta, wife of Glenn Hurta, informed me of another famous graduate of ours. Janet has read some of John's books. If any of you are good friends with John Pearce, contact him and have him give us an update about himself. This is on-line about John:



1960 JOHN PEARCE, author

John Pearce is a part-time Parisian but lives quite happily most of the year in Sarasota, FL. He worked as a journalist in Washington and Europe, where he covered economics for the

International Herald Tribune and edited a business magazine. After a business career in Sarasota, he spends his days working on his future books - a sequel he expects to publish later in 2014 and a prequel after that. For several months each year, he and his wife Jan live in Paris, walk its streets, and chase down interesting settings for future books and his blog, JohnPearceAuthor.com. They lived earlier in Frankfurt, Germany, which gave him valuable insights for several of the scenes in his sequel, whose working title is Last Stop: Paris.

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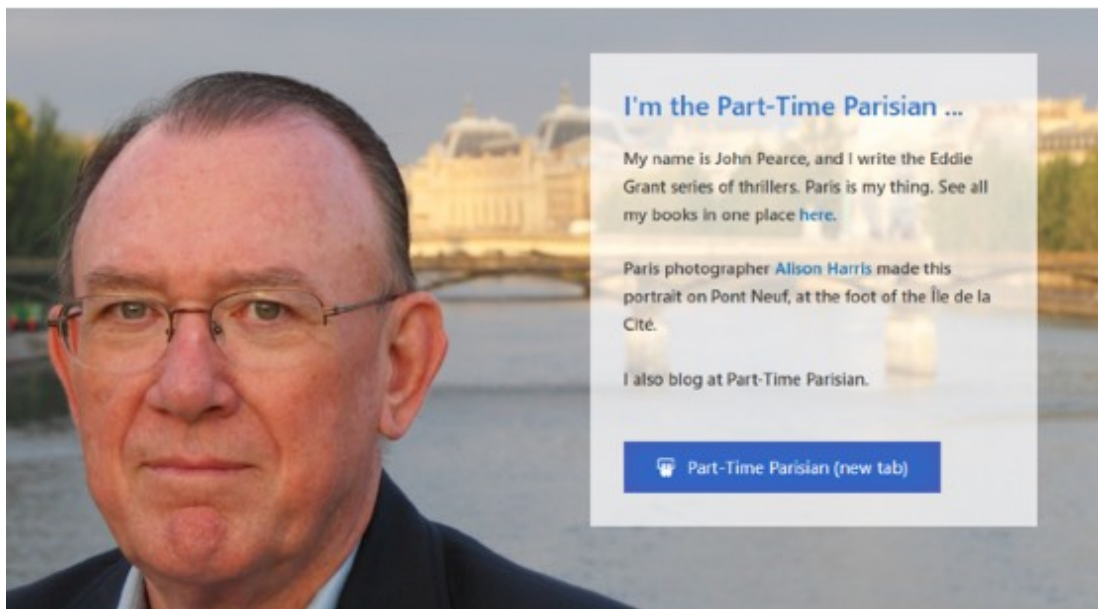
"I've been a serious fan of WWII history for thirty or forty years, since I lived in Frankfurt, where I edited a business magazine and reported for the International Herald Tribune on banking and finance in the German-speaking countries. After a couple of other careers, I live with my wife Jan (also a former journalist, she for The Washington Post) in Sarasota for most of the year, but we reserve a few months each year for Paris, where we especially like the 14th *arrondissement* around métro stations Denfert-Rochereau and Alesia.

I invite you to join my mailing list, which I've dubbed the Eddie Grant Readers Group after my main protagonist, the Franco-American businessman and former U.S. Special Forces officer. He's now married to the beautiful Sorbonne professor Aurélie Cabillaud, who also works as a visiting professor at American Universities, most recently Columbia. You can sign up on the form below. You'll receive a message asking you to confirm your subscription.

You'll receive an email whenever I post a new story to my blog, [Part-Time Parisian](#), or something interesting happens in the world of books and I add something to this site, [John Pearce Books](#).

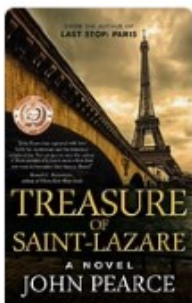
If you have comments or questions you may post to the comments section of the blog article concerned, or you may contact me by email: jmp@PartTimeParisian.com"

– John Pearce Updated July 16, 2018



Treasure of Saint-Lazare

historical mystery



TO ROMANTIC PARIS AND BACK

THE TREACHEROUS QUEST for Raphael's Renaissance masterpiece "Portrait of a Young Man," stolen by the Nazis 74 years ago and still missing.

An old lover, Jen Wetzmueller, brings a cryptic letter to Paris, pulling Eddie Grant reluctantly into a web of intrigue and death he was doing his best to avoid - but giving him a slim chance to find the terrorists who murdered his family. In the process he and Jen rekindle the short but passionate affair they shared twenty years before.

Treasure of Saint-Lazare is a thriller for the Paris lover, especially one who enjoys romantic walks through the city. It has reached #25 on the Kindle historical mystery best-seller list.



Part-Time Parisian comes to Substack

I've been watching long enough. It's time to jump in. I hope you like my posts and my Paris thrillers.



JOHN PEARCE

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After months as a lurker, I finally made the decision to move my blog and books website to Substack. *PartTimeParisian.com* has been on Wordpress a long time—long enough to have accumulated more than 8,000 followers—but recently I've let it languish while I completed my fourth novel and started on the fifth and sixth. Now seemed a good time to pick it up again, but on this new forum.

I intend to make this Substack a forum for comment on current affairs of all sorts, not just my own books. I'll keep you abreast of what's happening with them, but I also have a list of potential blog topics that's growing at an alarming rate.

If you're one of the members of my old mailing list, this Substack list works the same way—you can unsubscribe at any time (although I hope you won't).

My thanks to @WalterRhein for pushing me down this path early this year with his interview and article about my first novel, *Treasure of Saint-Lazare*, the story of one of the most blatant art thefts of World War II, a true mystery that has never been solved. The book caught Walter's eye when he noticed that it had more than 1,000 ratings and reviews on Amazon.

It's the origin story of Eddie Grant and his early days as a college student in Texas, his time as a decorated US Special Forces commander in the First Gulf War, and the subsequent business success in his home town of Paris, which made him a billionaire. And he does odd jobs for the CIA. And he found the love of his life. It's quite romantic.

I was gratified when Readers' Favorite chose *Treasure* as the best historical mystery of its year. It's always available free to KDP Select members, plus paper, hard cover and audio versions. You can find it [here](#).

The Final Heist, a turbocharged story of romance, murder, stolen gold and merciless justice meted out during a running gun battle aboard an old ship crossing the Med, closed out the series last year ([see it here](#)). Since then I've been working on two new books featuring an expanded cast of characters and more contemporary plots (although I suspect I will never get away from World War II entirely, and certainly never from Paris).

In the meantime, my wife Jan and I have been really busy moving from Florida to Washington, DC, where we met and married as young journalists. We both lived near Dupont Circle, and that's where we've returned. It's a different place now and a still more exciting place to live.

I plan to keep the publication title Part-Time Parisian because it's familiar and I haven't thought of a better one, although a writer friend who lives in Paris suggested "Pearce on Paris," which does have a ring. If you have any thoughts or ideas on that, please mention them in comments.

PartTimeParisian is about Paris, where we spend several months most years. A good many of my old posts imported well into Substack, but I still have some pruning and cleaning up to do, mainly of photos, which will happen over the coming days. But to give you a feel for what I blog about, I've updated an old one, which you can find [here](#). It's about crossing the Wall through Checkpoint Charlie on one Veterans Day, and the cultural friction between us and the Vopo border guard, who turned out to be a decent guy.

My Substack is free: For now there's no subscription paywall, although of course that might ultimately change.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Edgar Gatlin |
| 6 | Pam Wilson McCanish
Nancy Guggolz Rogers |
| 17 | Anne Parke Markham |



MY LUCKY DAY *By Larry Thomas*

“After one semester at Baylor, I joined the Army National Guard and went to Fort Ord California.

At age of 19, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and got involved in Columbus Avenue Baptist Church and eventually became a deacon and Sunday School Director.

One Wednesday night while dining in the church dining area, Dean of Men, Travis Dubois asked me if I would like to go back to Baylor. If I was interested to call him. I was surprised to say the least.

This was the same man who woke me up one morning standing over my bed next to a Departing of Public Safety (state trooper) and hauled me off to the McLennan County Jail in January 1961.

I had joined 3 upperclassmen who decided to go Christmas Shopping at the Baylor Bookstore after business hours.

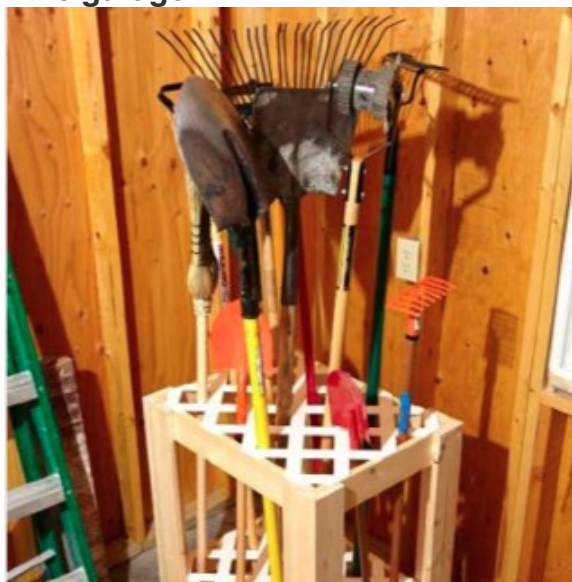
Not only did I get a BBA from Baylor but later spent 10 years employed by the Baylor University Development Office raising money for the school.

Life for me has been about Grace and Second chances.”

A Neat Idea:

Garden/Garage Tool Caddy

Build a caddy to organize garden shovels, hoes and brooms. Casters can be installed so it scoots easily into a corner of the garage.



Remembering the Beatles

By David Dibb



“In Florence, SC, I’m about 4 hours from the Smoky Mountains, America's most visited National Park, and less than 2 hours from Myrtle Beach, another popular international destination for golf (over 60 courses) and family entertainment. They do have a beautiful beach, but it’s packed with high-rise hotels, and many visitors spend more of their time and money at the seafood restaurants and live-entertainment theaters that rival those in Branson, MO.

One of my favorite theaters is Legends in Concert, where musical impersonators put on a very convincing live performance of famous (sometimes dead) singers. I’ve “seen” Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton (an easy impersonation with a blonde wig, an overdone Southern accent, and 2 grapefruit), and, there’s the Blues Brothers, who always bring down the house.

During the off season, you can rent one of those fancy high-rise hotel rooms with a balcony overlooking the Atlantic Ocean for a very reasonable price, but there are not many choices of great stage shows to attend. And that’s where I was around Valentine's Day, with a friend on the top floor of a nice hotel, with a balcony overlooking the ocean, and looking to see what shows were on that evening. It turned out The Beatles were in town at the Legends Theater, for that week only!

The girls in our class of 1960 were 4 years too early to be part of the screaming, fainting, crying Beatles “fandamonium”. They took America by storm when they came in 1964 to sing on the Ed Sullivan Show. Their first blockbuster hit in the US was, “I Wanna Hold your Hand”, and “She Loves You” (yah, yah, yah) was already #1 in Britain. I guess, in 1964, many of our girl classmates were graduating college and/or having babies.

The show in Myrtle Beach was great. They looked, played, sang, and talked like the Beatles. The performance of over 30 songs and 4 costume changes chronicled their hits and lifestyles through the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. The colorful outfits in these photos are from their Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band tour. The John Lennon solo song was “Imagine”, his biggest hit. They got us out dancing in the aisles for “All you Need is Love”. I guess 90% of the audience was over 60, and I guess some of the ladies now in their early 70’s may have once been a screaming fan, reliving the dream.”



1 Some things that everyone had in the 70's and 80's that are now considered a luxury

- 1 local butchers and bakeries
- 2 affordable apartments and rentals
- 3 furniture made from real wood
- 4 affordable air travel
- 5 durable home appliances
- 6 attending a sporting event
- 7 college education
- 8 company-funded retirement packages
- 9 reasonably priced healthcare
- 10 tickets to theme parks
- 11 full-service gas stations
- 12 record stores and book shops
- 13 live concerts

2 Click on this link to see : [The Oldest Tourist Attraction in Every State](#)

PICTURES:

Tom Hafford and wife at their 43-wedding anniversary dinner at Quinta Real Hotel in Huatulco, Mexico. "A quick update: Sold our medical equipment business and retired ten years ago. After living in Granbury area nearly 50 years, we moved to College Station about a half mile from daughter & family (husband and two grandsons.) Now we travel a lot. Spend much of the year in our condo in Huatulco, Mexico"



John and **SuEllen (Golden) Wilson** in Dallas on March 6 at a MD Anderson benefit which featured Taylor Sheridan. \$1.8 million was raised toward the cure for cancer. MD Anderson is one of the largest cancer centers in the world. It has been working to eliminate cancer for more than 7 decades. MD Anderson has been named one of the top two hospitals in cancer care every year since 1990 when U.S. News & World Report began its rankings for "America's Best Hospitals". Probably every one of

us knows someone who has gone to MD Anderson. We are lucky it is in Texas although no one ever wants to be patient but where you want to be if the need is there.

[MD Anderson Cancer Center: Cancer Treatment & Cancer Research Hospital | MD Anderson Cancer Center](#)

Susan Harkness Hill was in Waco for a few days in March to attend a wedding in Cameron. Susan lives in New Mexico and does not get to attend our luncheons, so a few girls (and one guy) met at George's for a short visit and good meal. Those in attendance were Susan Harkness Hill, Linda Phelps McKee, Tommye Ruth Blair Toler, Sherry Robertson Nunn, Bob and Nena Hunt Wallace, and Jeanne Holland Harman. We forgot to have the waitress take a picture of the whole group but the last three to leave took a 'selfie'. Susan is still riding horses!!!



Linda McKee, Jeanne Harman, Susan Hill

HUMOR:



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"Yeah, well, you're not exactly an oil painting yourself first thing in the morning."



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"We'd like a pan that doesn't burn food."



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"YOU'RE JUST LUCKY THE SNOOZE BUTTON DOESN'T HIT BACK."



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**"I'm going to take you off the
nitroglycerin pills."**



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**"He'd just spent \$2,000 having
his tooth capped."**



**"REMEMBER THAT NAGGING FEELING YOU HAD
ABOUT LEAVING THE BATHROOM FAUCET ON?"**

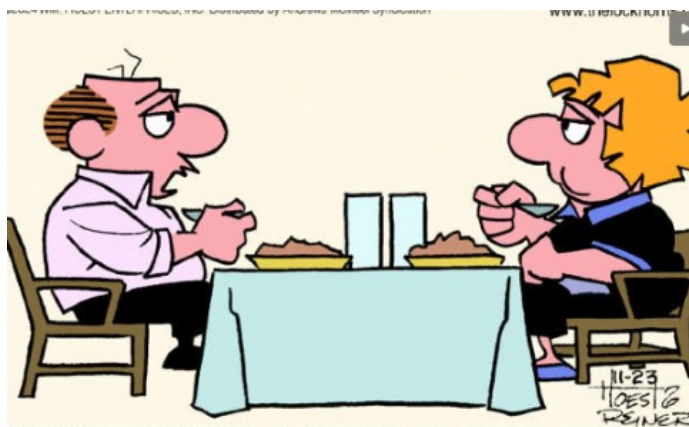


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**"I'm taking you off the vitamins
for a while."**



**"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS,
BUT YOU MADE TOO MUCH OF IT."**



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