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**ACTION SPEAKS! PRESENTS FALL 2011 SEASON:
HOW CAN IT HURT IF IT'S SO MUCH FUN?
CONFLICT & AMUSEMENT IN AMERICA**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 'Action Speaks! Underappreciated Dates that Changed America' announces the Fall 2011 Program Schedule! Beginning October 5 and continuing through October 26, each Wednesday evening, the Café at AS220 will become the center of some spicy civic discourse as host Marc Levitt, joined by a great group of guest panelists, presents a 90 minute live radio-broadcast exploring four important, but underappreciated, dates in 20th century American History.

For Fall 2011, Action Speaks looks at how the border between conflict and amusement is disappearing and what it portends for good TV...are we all embedded?

Join us from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at AS220 on Empire Street for this season's exciting panels!

October 5: 1961 President Eisenhower's Military Industrial Complex Speech.

Did a Fox Guarding the Hen House Get it Right and If So, How?

President Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied forces in Europe during World War 2 warned us, in his 1961 Farewell Speech, of the potential perils for the United States if the military dictates policy and government investment.

October 12: 1972 The Birth of Pong and the Rise of Video Games.

Is This Why We Don't Leave Our Houses Anymore?

Pong introduced America to video games and now there seems to be no turning back.

October 19: 1971 *An American Family*; Our First Reality TV Show.

What's Real, What's Not? Does Anybody Care?

In 1970-71 a camera was rolling in the house of an upper middle class Santa Barbara family. What was revealed was not *Leave it to Beaver*. What was introduced was, well, unreal...or was it?

October 26: 1981 President Reagan Fires Air Traffic Controllers.

A Shot Over the Bow Thirty Years Ago Lands Today in Wisconsin and Elsewhere

President Reagan's firing of the Air Traffic controllers for refusing to return to work, introduced a battle with labor whose echo is still very much a part of our contemporary political discourse.

Action Speaks! is a multi-format live radio broadcast that looks at contemporary issues through the lens of history by using underappreciated dates of the twentieth-century that have changed America. Now in its seventeenth season, Action Speaks is made possible by generous financial and in-kind support from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, AS220, WGBH, RIPBS, and Robinson & Cole, LLP. Action Speaks has been heard on over 250 radio stations across the United States, including WGBH in Boston, our host station. If you can't be at our show's taping, you can listen and download absolutely free from our website ten days following each panel. For more information, or to download or listen online shows from previous seasons, visit: www.ActionSpeaksRadio.org.