

# THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESISTER

MEDIA REVIEW

The Rocky Mountain Resister is a free, radical quarterly zine designed "to promote liberation and sustainable alternatives to oppressive systems, to provide a radical perspective on news and activities in the Rocky Mountain region and beyond, to encourage activity and cooperation between radicals in the Rockies."

The Resister is produced by the Rocky Mountain Resister Collective located in Laramie, Wy. With a circulation of 1,000, the Resister has local correspondents/distribution centers in seven cities--including Grand Junction--throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

The first issue--So long as women are not free the people are not free--put out this fall, focuses on the hegemonic patriarchal system, sexism, and ideas on how these systems/thought patterns may be countered. It features an article on woman's experience in travelling to Juarez, Mexico and other areas on both sides of the border, talking to women and their life in this region. It is an insightful piece and gives us a glimpse of what it is like living on the border of countries and cultures, from a woman's perspective.

Also featured are media reviews, a short introduction to anarchist feminism, resources and links, and a directory of radical connections throughout the Rocky Mountain region including, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming. Locally, you can pick up a copy of the Resister at the Confluence Collective @ 1450 Elm, or check out [www.rockymountainresister.org](http://www.rockymountainresister.org).

**Rocky Mountain Resister**

**SO LONG AS WOMEN ARE NOT FREE THE PEOPLE ARE NOT FREE**

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# State of Disunion

LEGAL HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE in China: \$.31

APPROXIMATE NATIONAL AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE for Wal-Mart Employees: \$8

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE at 15 Chinese factories making products to be sold in Wal-Mart stores: \$.23

DATE OF first Whirl-Mart in Troy, New York: 04.01.01

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF native inhabitants on Hispaniola before the arrival of Columbus: 11,000,000

AVERAGE ANNUAL COMPENSATION for Wal-Mart CEO, Lee Scott 2000-2003: \$23,000,000

WAL-MART'S RANK among China's biggest export markets if Wal-Mart were its own nation: 5

AVERAGE NUMBER of hours worked per week by employees in those 15 factories: 73

NUMBER OF countries where Whirl-Marts have taken place: 7

NUMBER OF native inhabitants on Hispaniola (present-day Haiti and Dominican Republic) in 1555: 0

## CALL TO ACTION

The Red Pill is looking for volunteers: graphic designers, writers, poets, cartoonists, artists, and photographers are needed. Get your work published now. Help distribute The Red Pill in your community, church, and school: contact us at [editor@gjredpill.org](mailto:editor@gjredpill.org). You can also do your part to keep us in print by donating time, paper, film, copies, and of course, money (it doesn't print itself).



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GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

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NO PEACE

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## ONE ARRESTED AND TWELVE DETAINED IN GRAND JUNCTION FIRST WHIRL★MART ACTION



**D**on Saturday, December 3rd, the Grand Junction Fair Trade Alliance organized an event designed to raise awareness of Wal-Mart's negative trade practices, including sweatshop labor, as well as their low wages and union busting practices. Whirl-Mart is a ritual resistance practiced internationally in protest of unconscious consumption.

Donning T-shirts with "Whirl-Mart" spray painted on them, a group of 17 walked into Wal-Mart and wheeled around empty carts in a single file line. There was an overwhelming amount of employees around, some working, some just standing. "They were on us like that," said Whirl-Mart participant, Laurel Hara. As the line was approached by Wal-Mart employees--some being plain clothed, with no indication that they were an employee--the participants would break up and 'browse' throughout the store, only to reform the line in a different area. One by one, the activists were led out of the store. Some activists were pursued more than others and it took about 45 minutes to get everyone out of the store.

The police showed up as everyone was heading back to their cars. One activist was arrested for misdemeanor trespassing and 12 of the 17 were detained for over half an hour in near-freezing weather. The arrested activist approached the police to report assault by two Wal-Mart employees as he was leaving the store--he was released from custody later that evening. According Andrew Lynn, the originator of the 'Whirl-Mart' meme, hundreds of 'Whirl-Mart' actions have taken place all over the world, and this is the first arrest in its history.

All in all, the participants felt the action was a success. As to the reaction of the onlookers, many looked a little confused, a few asked questions, and still others were amused. "It really put a smile on my face to see a sympathetic smile from a few Wal-Mart employees." Activist, Connie Murillo said. "We did it to raise awareness to the fact that low prices doesn't mean it is for the good of everyone. We wanted to spark questions and thought. I think we did that."

## OUR SHARED REALITY

-STEVEN FERGUSON-



Children are the future  
The future is malnourished  
The future is overfed  
The future is indigent  
The future is affluent  
Violence and hate  
War and tyranny  
Brainwashing  
Religion and nation states  
Empires and hegemony

This is the future we are giving  
This is the past and the present  
Instill this and it persists

Power and wealth  
Malevolence  
Oppression and poverty  
Masters and slaves

99% vs. 1%  
With these numbers the future has hope

The shackles are now in the mind  
The whip replaced by debt  
Freedom is still a virtue  
Slavery is still the policy  
Masters await your day  
It will come

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## A DAMN GOOD GOOGLEBOMB

Google search of the word, 'Failure' or the phrase, 'Miserable Failure,' brings up some very interesting results. The official White House biography of George W. Bush comes up as the first result. This web-based, well coordinated prank is known as googlebombing. Googlebombing can occur because the 'google algorithm' that determines a site's popularity is determined in large part by links provided by other sites. In this way, a small number of webmasters linking to Bush's biography using the word 'failure' have been able to monkey with the results. The same search nets michaelmoore.com as the second result listed. Other political googlebombs include, a search for 'waffles' brings up Kerry's campaign website, a search for 'purge princess' brings up Kathrine Harris's election blog, and a search for 'liar' used to bring up Tony Blair's official website. What other fun can we have? •

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failure

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### Every Sunday • 6PM

Weekly Vegan Dinner. We'll cook the main dish. Please bring a vegan side dish, dessert, or drink. Dinner starts around 6:30PM. *The Confluence Collective (1450 Elm)*.



### Every Wednesday • 6PM

Grand Junction Fair Trade Alliance meets at *The Confluence Collective (1450 Elm)*, to work for community solutions to Free Trade, both internationally and locally.



## THE FRONT LINES

**N**ovember 16th - Mesa State Student Center, Grand Junction, Co; I arrived at the student center at 10:00 am and met with members of MSC A Voice of Reason. So that we would be a noticeable detraction to the recruitment effort, we set up two booths down from the Army and Navy. We had a plethora of pamphlets, and DVDs playing that covered various aspects of the military and the war effort. In fact, there were three individuals, including myself, with prior military experience engaged in the counter-recruitment efforts. I saw bewildered looks on the recruiters' faces when they noticed our presence; however, they quickly got used to the idea of counter-recruiters. Both the Army and Navy recruiters came over to look at the information we had. For the most part, they were respectful of us and us of them. The recruiters had a few comments to say, but nothing confrontational or threatening. The day started off with a slow rumble, but by the 11:00am to 1:00pm lunch rush we were charged in frantic activism.

We received decent coverage from both Local News 11 and from The Daily Sentinel. Three different members of MSC A Voice of Reason were interviewed. The headlines in the Daily Sentinel made me wonder about the integrity of the journalism they employed. The headline read "Counter-recruiters on campus; Army, Navy recruiters unfazed by protesters." You continue to read the article and nowhere is that headline supported or discredited. It was obvious that when we arrived the recruiters were unprepared for our presence. Interestingly, the Army recruiters who were scheduled for a recruitment booth on the 5th of December withdrew their request; when asked about their presence on campus and why they withdrew, the Army Recruiters refused to answer any of the Red Pill's questions.

Many students would stop and speak with the recruiters and take free paraphernalia. I observed more personnel interaction with us; at one point, we even had to make more printouts. The quick thumbs up from students passing by gave us a boost of adrenaline. The thanks we received from passerbys, were more than enough encouragement. To these people MSC A Voice of Reason would like to thank you. We also heard many stories of tragedy from those who had loved ones engaged in battle, or themselves were on the front lines. Granted, some students were just hot headed and eager to show their blind nationalism mistaking it for bold patriotism. We were there, in the spirit of democracy, to ensure that both perspectives of the issue at hand were represented. Overall, our interaction with the student body was a pleasant affair, even with those who wished to accuse and argue with us. •

### Thursday, December 15, 2005 • 6PM

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays will be hosting a holiday party. Call 242-8965 for more info.

## RED PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

**R**ecently, Grand Junction High School's football team, the Tigers, sold t-shirts with a blatantly racist design on it, mocking their rivals, the Montrose Indians. In itself, many indigenous people find the idea of being a human mascot to be dehumanizing in subtle and persuasive ways. However, the GJHS shirt was substantially prejudiced and profoundly offensive.

The back of the shirt showed a tiger character, dressed in full conquistador gear. Beaten and driven on the ground in front of the Tiger is a Native American. The tiger has its foot on the Native's head. The caption reads, "Oh, what fools these Indians be." The concerns of an indigenous person should be painfully obvious by now.

The conquistadors literally invaded the region of Latin America. For a couple of centuries, they robbed, raped, tortured and enslaved hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women, and children. Considering how many tribes were practically terminated, it is appropriate to refer to this activity as genocide.

The image of the fallen and defeated Native American on the shirt conjures up images of the genocide visited upon the Indigenous people of the Americas by many of our ancestors. Most Americans rarely think of our slaughter of Native Americans; most Native Americans rarely go one day forgetting it.

One of Grand Junction's founding fathers was a man named Walter Walker. The Daily Sentinel was founded by him. Walker Field is named after him. Walter Walker was also an officer in the local Ku Klux Klan.

Therefore, institutional racism has a long notorious history in Grand Junction. The viciously racist GJHS t-shirt indicates we have a long ways to go. You can help this issue today simply by calling the principal at GJHS, Kevin Schott, at 254-6900. Tell him what you think about our high school distributing racist material to our children. Ask for some cultural diversity training that can help reduce the chance of future ugly incidents. •



### Tuesday, January 31, 2006 • 7:30PM

MSC A Voice of Reason's Documentaries for Change Film Series Vol. 2 will be screening "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices" at the *Saccomanno Lecture Hall*.