

GRAND JUNCTION COMMUNITY GARDEN



Play in the dirt, chomp on some veggies, and build some community this spring at The Confluence Collective Community Garden!

The new community garden space is 8/10 of a healthy, luscious acre in town. It has 2 ponds, a 20x20 medicinal & cooking herb garden, fruit trees, shade trees, a fire circle, and plenty of room to romp & play.

Collective members & community folks are working hard to prepare the ground for planting. Although the garden's been worked organically for 15 years, the last time it functioned as a community garden was 10 years ago. It's time to rebuild this piece of earth and our connections to it. The Collective expects to feed about 30 families this year from the garden, including low-income and shelterless families.

Garden workdays are every Saturday at 1pm. Stay tuned as we work to establish weekday open hours, a women's garden day, men's garden day, fire circles, and other events! Contact gjGarden@riseup.net for more info, or stop by the Confluence Collective at 1450 Elm Avenue.



State of Disunion

NUMBER OF MONTHS
Roger Williams worked as a market analyst for Halliburton and as the western states coordinator for National Vanguard: 18

NUMBER OF MARCHERS
in GJ's largest Klan rally: 800

DATE OF that Klan Rally: 9/17/1924

PERCENT OF FEDERAL R&D MONIES that go to renewable energy: 11

PERCENT OF FEDERAL R&D MONIES that go to nuclear: 59

NUMBER OF DAYS it took the US to launch an investigation into Janet Jackson's nipple: 1

NUMBER OF MONTHS it took the US to launch an investigation into 9/11: 5

PERCENT OF AMERICAN CHILDREN who are malnourished in utero: 25

NUMBER OF AMERICANS in prison: 1,500,000

PERCENT OF US PRISONERS incarcerated on non-violent drug charges: 55

CALL TO ACTION

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GREEN PAINT AND GALE NORTON

As a native of Colorado, my nightmare—a state with nothing, but ski slopes and gas wells may be a little closer to reality than many realize. Gale Norton, The Secretary of the Interior, recently paid a visit to the Grand Valley to speak to members of the energy community at the Energy Expo 2006. While gas, oil, and uranium industry officials clapped and cheered, a cold ball of unease grew within the stomachs of the two Red Pill reporters who crashed the convention and later the press conference. Overall, both of us walked away with a sense of uncertainty over the future of Colorado, and the nation's insatiable craving for energy.

While Gale Norton spoke about the President's wish to push alternative energy and ease this country's addiction to oil, in the context of her speech, it seemed that the administration may be using green paint to fool the public and push the gas and oil industries' agenda in the state to a new level. According to Mrs. Norton, the only land available to be drilled and exploited by the oil and gas industries is 'multi-use' land. The majority of Colorado's BLM and Forest Service land is designated as 'multi-use,' meaning that all BLM lands, National Forests, sensitive areas (such as the Roan Plateau), and roadless areas are officially opened for drilling. To put it into perspective, over 229 million acres of western lands are open to drilling and oil shale development—which is larger than the combined area of Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

While Mrs. Norton applauded the efforts of geothermal, bio-diesel, and solar energy activists and companies, the only strategy she expanded upon in detail was the use of Biomass with coal to supplement the country's oil dependency. "Because we have millions upon millions of acres of forested land, as does the Forest Service and Department of Agriculture," and "there are facilities today that are burning wood chips along with coal to produce electricity," and "we anticipate much more of this taking place in the future." These are several lines used by The Secretary of the Interior that sent chills of fear racing down my spine.

So with large swaths of public land already being exploited by energy corporations, now the forests have been opened to the same logging

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companies that have reduced America's old growth forests to less than one percent of their former territory. Does this help to ease the country's dependency on foreign oil? Well no, what The Secretary of the Interior failed to expand upon is the actual limited amount of energy available in Colorado and other western states. From 1989 until 2003, oil and gas companies have only produced enough oil to last 53 days and natural gas 221 days. So the west is stripped bare, and the total energy output wouldn't even satisfy America's energy needs for one year. While the Secretary patted gas and oil men on the head and threatened our nation's remaining forests, she failed to address the one and only issue that may be able to decrease America's dependency on foreign oil, conservation. Alternative energy, oil and gas drilling, and 'wood chipping' our forest to create energy can only carry us so far. What needs to be addressed is America's greed for energy and consumption. We can plunder the west and invade dozens of countries, but that won't solve our problems as long as we refuse to

conserve and decrease our use of energy.

So with 25,000 wells in the state and thousands of more slated for drilling, some of which are going to destroy the watershed on the Grand Mesa, which in turn will threaten an entire valley's water supply, when are we going to stand up and say, "The benefit isn't worth the cost!" One departing comment by The Secretary that stuck in this reporter's mind, showed that the government isn't serious about alternative energy and conservation, "Obviously we have a long ways to go with renewables, they are a very small part of our current energy usage and an increase in renewables is still not there," Norton said, in response to the Red Pill questions, "but we hope that will change."

So the government can give out billions in subsidies to companies that only want to plunder our state and leave. Then why can't those same billions go towards alternative energy and conservation? Those companies are the ones posting record profits and "we the people" are paying for it with our land, money and future. •

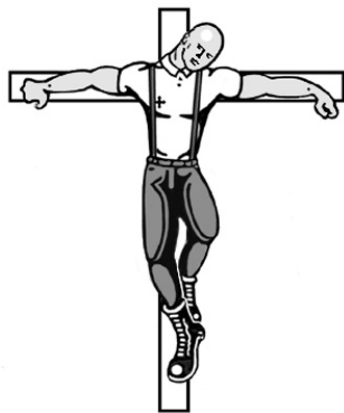
KKK, SKINHEADS, & JUNCTION'S RACIST LEGACY

IMPRESSIVE, SILENT PARADE OF HUNDREDS OF ROBED KLANSMEN PASSED THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CITY'S BUSINESS DISTRICT Spectacular Yet Silent and Orderly March of White Robed Figures Created Tremendous Sensation Through City; Streets Thronged With Interested Observers of Unique Parade Staged Shortly After Nine O'Clock Last Night; Climaxed Afternoon Meeting At Armory At Which Charter was Delivered to Mesa County Klansmen"

Headline and Sub-headline of the Aug. 18th, 1924
The Daily Sentinel

Grand Junction's racist legacy can be traced back to one man, Walter Walker, who was not only the editor of The Daily Sentinel (hence the glowing headline quoted above), but also the man who is attributed with bringing the KKK to town. Walter Walker, the namesake for Walker Field Airport, had his eye set on being the Exalted Cyclops of the Grand Junction Klavern (local klan). After Walker lost his bid to lead the KKK in Grand Junction, he became an outspoken critic of the group. Walker was eventually assaulted by the KKK for his anti-klan editorials condemning the group.

During the mid-1920s, a Klan upsurge took Colorado by storm. Denver, Boulder, Canon City, Ft. Collins, Pueblo, Montrose, and Grand Junction all had very active Klans. The 1924 elections saw



The Crucified Skinhead, popularized by Junction racist, Shane Wood

the Klan at its political height with a Klan Governor, Clarence Morley, a Klan controlled State House, and locally, Junction's City Council was run by a Klan majority.

At its zenith, the Klan could boast a membership of about 1200 people locally, to put this in context, the population of Mesa County at the time was 9,000 in GJ, and another 9,000 in

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A RADICAL'S GUIDE TO A 'CULTURE OF LIFE'

The term, "A Culture Of Life," gets bandied around quite a bit these days, but only in an extremely limited context. Summed up, a certain group will steadfastly parrot that "A Culture Of Life" means no abortions...Period. This gross oversimplification of "what is life" is both mindless and soulless.

If, as some would say, life begins when the sperm fertilizes an egg, we can all concede that it certainly doesn't end at birth. How well does our American "Culture Of Life" treat our newborn population? By comparing ourselves to the rest of the civilized world, we can clearly state that we don't treat them worth a damn.

Starting with pregnancy, almost one out of every four babies is malnourished in utero, due to having a malnourished mother. Many will not receive prenatal care. Too many of our children already have two major strikes against them, even before they draw their first breath. This shows up most shamefully in our third world level infant mortality rate.

When a baby draws in its first breath, how pure is the air s/he takes in? Clean air is a necessity for all, especially newborns. Shouldn't companies that flagrantly pollute the air be held accountable for their negative impact on our "Culture Of Life?" The same is no less true for those who damage and disease our drinking water supplies. Under our present "Culture Of Life" administration, both air and water have grown more foul.

A black baby born today stands a one in four chance of being incarcerated at least once in his/her lifetime. Hispanic babies have similarly grim odds, and white babies' futures are surprisingly vulnerable; We imprison more people, and at a higher rate, than any other country in the world. We can do better.

Speaking of prison, isn't it one of the utmost of hypocrisies for anyone who professes to support "A Culture Of Life" to support the death penalty? Here is the illogic; it is wrong to kill, so killers must be killed. Except, of course, for those who kill for the state, of which there are many. This is the most obscene affront to anyone who is genuinely striving for a radical culture of life; war.

If pro-life means that human embryos are sacred, then it certainly means that innocent children are no less sacred. How, then, do we justify the murder of at least tens of thousands of children in Iraq? Death from cruise missiles or depleted uranium shells used by U.S. forces is most decidedly not part of any true "Culture

Of Life."

Lastly, birth control needs to be inexpensive and available, none of this "abstinence only" nonsense. There is an outdated americana expression that points out the folly and hypocrisy of "abstinence only" programs; "It was a shotgun wedding." This meant that if a young, unmarried couple had sex and got pregnant, then the young man was forcefully marched to the wedding altar at gunpoint, HAVING to get married. Abstinence did not work for our Grandmothers and Grandfathers, why would it work today?

So, there it is, from birth to death, and everything in between. If we are indeed to cultivate and maintain a true culture of life, we have an awful lot of work to do. It will take more than tired judgmental phrases such as, "Culture Of Life," piously regurgitated every time a woman justifiably defends her uterus. •

STOP



MAD COWBOY DISEASE

GET INVOLVED!

The following are the submission deadlines for upcoming Red Pill issues: March 14 Iraq War Issue, April 10 420 Issue, April 24 May Day Issue, and May 10 Regular Issue.

April 25-May 1, 2006

International TV Turn-off Week.
Tune out, and tune in to the world around you.

40 Days of Lent (March 1-April 9)

The Foundation for Cultural Exchange Presents: The \$2 Challenge. Half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day, can you? For more info and to participate, contact: Anna (970) 433-2897.

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).



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arrest him under suspicion of being a terrorist (without just cause or a warrant of course). Don't wait; if you call now, ADVISE can be yours for the low, low, price of 50 Million USD – not only that, we will throw in a free copy of Neo-conservative Warmonger 101 for FREE.

Seriously, I am afraid to say that ADVISE is real, and it is based on data-mining technology. What this means in plain English is that ADVISE is a program that sifts through the massive data available through the Internet and data the government and collects and weaves them together. Data mining is currently used in less obtrusive ways, like a store database that brings attention to the fact that, a lot of people who buy ball point pens regularly, also tend to by chocolate chip cookies. Most notable use of data-

mining is by credit card companies to detect fraud and stolen credit cards. ADVISE is indeed a lofty goal; essentially, the purpose is to scour the Internet and cross link different bits of information about people that is inadvertently left on the Internet, like residue, and try to determine their possible motives of criminal activity. However, many experts in the field of data analysis and information technologies have doubts, “We just don't know enough about this technology, how it works, or what it is used for,” says Marcia Hofmann of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington. Why then, is the government spending 50 million of our tax paying dollars on this technology? I dare to suggest that it is not engaged in a war on terror, but that it is engaged in a war against its own citizens. •

FUN LIBERATION FRONT: COMMUNIQUE NUMBER ONE

Here is the fun liberation front communiqué #1
Welcome to the struggle to reclaim the fun of life!

Fun is being held hostage-tied up and chained between money and laws, we find at every corner there is someone telling us no, someone saying, “You can't do that here.” They say if you don't have the money, if you don't have the permit, if you don't have the looks, you can't have fun here.

We are the secret underground of laughter and joy, bringing fun to all spaces public. We raise our fist at the state, water gun in hand.

We are armed with balloons and pies, sand boxes and tea sets. We claim the streets, the parks, and the fountains for the sake of smiles. Our imagination is unstoppable, our joy irresistible, and our laughter contagious.

We are impossible to stop, for we are everyone and we are no one. We emerge from the shadows to laugh and to play, to create a space where joy is free, laughter is bountiful, and fun is never ending. When play time is done, we retreat back into anonymity.

So grab your friends and lovers. Set a play date. Takeover the park for a water fight (pick up the balloons!), have a tug-o-war in the intersection, have a food fight in the mall. Play flashlight tag when the park is closed. Have tea with your stuffed animals on the bridge.

As the FLF grows and plays, fun will be held hostage no more.

Join us as we reclaim the most public of public spaces for fun and excitement! 6:00pm Friday, March 24th, on Fifth and Main, will be a pillow fight. BYOP! •



Saturday, March 25, 2006 • 2:00pm

A Voice of Reason will be organizing an antiwar rally commemorating the third anniversary of America's War in Iraq. For more info contact: Karen 243-7049.
Lincon Park

Friday, April 7, 2006 • 7pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary's Social Justice Film Series will be screening "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the
Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Center.
790 26-1/2 Road.

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the outlying farmland. Meaning roughly 1 out of every 18 Mesa County residents was a Klansman. Starting in 1925, the KKK had their own local daily newspaper. Grand Junction's police force was controlled by the KKK. The Daily Sentinel, on July 23, 1925, had a front page news story about a young man who was denied a job on the police force because he refused to join the KKK. Twelve days later, The Daily Sentinel ran a story about a 'Mexican' bootlegger who was killed by the GJPD. The story quoted an unnamed Klansman as saying, “It was only a damned Mexican.” From 1924-1927 the KKK dominated local and state politics, but then, quickly faded into obscurity.

At the Martin Luther King's Day march in Denver in 1992, a Grand Junction skinhead organized the first 'nationalist skinhead' protest. According to skinheadz.com, Shane Wood lashed himself to a life-sized crucifix to signify, “the persecution of the working man and oppression of the Nationalist cause.” Wood's protest gave birth to the most popular skinhead insignia of all time, the 'Crucified Skinhead.'

In 2003, a white-supremacist group, called the National Alliance, tied anti-immigration flyers to bricks and threw them into driveways all over Grand Junction and Clifton. The flyers promoted a “white civilization.” Sgt. John Cooper from the Mesa County Sheriff's Department was quoted, in The Daily Sentinel dated October 27, 2003, saying “This is the single boldest episode I know of.”

The National Alliance became the National Vanguard after a split between National Alliance leadership, and during the 2005 fall semester, National Vanguard placed anti-immigration flyers

up all over the Mesa State campus. These flyers referred to hispanics as 'parasites' and 'criminals.'

National Vanguard flyers appeared in Downtown Grand Junction this last January. The flyers featured a picture of a young white girl, and the headline, “Missing: A Future For White Children.”

The best example of modern racism in Grand Junction comes from Fruita. Fruita, for decades, was a 'Sundown Town,' meaning that all African Americans and Hispanics had to be indoors before night fall. Angelina Weimann, a 13-year-old, whose mother is white and her father is black, was subjected to numerous racial slurs and violence. On December 5, 2005, another student at the Fruita Middle School told Weimann, “I'm going to hang you from a tree.” At this, Angelina's mom pulled her out of public school, fearing for her daughter's well being.

The last modern example of Grand Junction racism comes again from the Mesa County Valley School District 51. Central High School, in the build up to the big game against the Montrose Indians, printed shirts showing a Tiger (Central's mascot) in full conquistador regalia, standing with his foot on the back of a beaten and bloodied Indian (Montrose's mascot.) The shirt read, “Oh what fools, those Indians be.” It might not sound that bad, but what if the shirt read, “Oh what fools, those jews be,” and it featured a Tiger wearing an SS uniform, standing on an emancedated jew? Would that be offensive?

Many may think that the days of racism have passed, but as you can see, we have a long way to go.

BIG BROTHER TECHNOLOGY

The latest in Big Brother Technology is coming to a government near you and it is called, ADVISE (Analysis Dissemination Visualization Insight and Semantic Enhancements). Advise has been under development by Homeland Security for a few years now, and is designed to weed out those pesky terrorists with one fatal swoop of the Internet and government databases. Just imagine the possibilities of this little wonder. With a few mouse clicks, a government can spy on its citizens in a way not thought possible until now. They can probe into shopping habits and see what we buy from Amazon.com and other e-commerce websites, the government can have a record of people's blog posts, comments on message boards, what email groups they belong to, what websites they frequent often, who they have been emailing, and much more. Not only that, but this information is gathered from the Internet and then cross referenced with things like driver history, criminal background, social security, government benefits, tax records, phone numbers, where they

have lived, thumb prints, occupation information . . . the possibilities are limitless.

Why do we need ADVISE you might ask? ADVISE will allow the government to identify those left-wing and liberal dissenters and protesters that can be a thorn in the side of any wanna-be dictator. The government finds John Doe has visited one anarchist related site in six months, he posts regularly on a message board for progressive democrats, and not only that, he has said some nasty things about said government on his activist blog, and they find he has purchased the entire discography of Black Flag from Amazon.com. If this is not enough, they will have a record of email transactions with his best friend who is an independent journalist in Iraq. This guy sounds like trouble, oh wait, what is this? He has unpaid parking tickets, he is collecting food stamps and he has been brought up on charges of Marijuana possession. OK that's it! Send out the secret police to

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Tuesday, March 21, 2006 • 7pm

MSC Grand Junction Alternative Media's Documentaries for Change Film Series will be screening
“Battleground: 21 Days on the Empire's Edge”
at the Saccomanno Lecture Hall.

Friday, March 24, 2006 • 6:00pm

FLF sponsored Pillow Fight
BYOP!
corners of Fifth & Main Street