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line of these two laws is that we will treat your citizens fairly if you treat ours fairly. Since Bush is fairly untouchable in his emperor-like throne room, he has no fears about being captured and being abused in another country's dungeons, but what about those men and women who may have been captured doing his bidding out in the world?

So, according to the War Crimes Act, the Constitution, and the legally binding Geneva conventions, Bush is a war criminal. We don't allow bank robbers to rewrite laws that would make it legal for them and only them to rob banks. So why is the American public allowing him to rewrite the War Crimes Act and Constitution in a way that would make torturing and degrading humans legal for him and only him?

Just last week U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor found the NSA spying program initiated by the Bush regime to be illegal and as she said in her ruling, "There are no hereditary kings in America and no powers not created by the Constitution." So why is Bush still allowed to detain, maim, torture and kill whoever he wishes to? He is not a king no matter how bad he wants to be and it is time he realizes that American laws apply to all Americans, period.

ALL YOU CRAZY TRAIN KIDS-  
# (TILL NEXT YEAR)  
DRY RIVER

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ATTENDED THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLECTIVE RETREAT '06 -

OUT TO THOSE WHO

SHOUT

IN THE US, OUR \*

# State of Disunion

NUMBER OF WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS who have family serving in the 'war on terror':

0

MINIMUM NUMBER OF IRAQI CHILDREN found in U.S. prisons by the Red Cross:

107

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HATE GROUPS nationally 2000-05:

33

NUMBER OF HOMELESS CHILDREN enrolled in Colorado schools during 2004:

8,111

PERCENT OF CONNECTICUT VOTERS that disapproved of the decision to invade Iraq:

78

## CALL TO ACTION

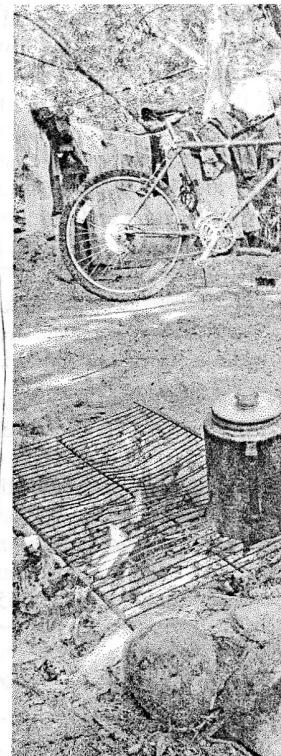
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## ON THE RIVER



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editor's note: names and exact locations  
have been changed to protect people's security.

"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." ~Don Helder Camara

Deep in the thickets of tamarisk and Russian olive that line the banks of the Colorado and Gunnison rivers, dozens of Grand Junction's homeless and dispossessed people have setup numerous camps.

"He who works the land, owns the land," said Jerry as he showed me his hidden garden. Peppers, corn, squash, potatoes, and onion grew out of the sandy soil on the banks of the Colorado River. Jerry, who has been living 'on the river' for almost two years, hauls all the water for his garden by hand from the Colorado River. "We're not lazy. We're not bums. We don't mind hard work," Jerry said.

Bev Lampley, with Catholic Outreach, said that they have seen a steady increase in the homeless population in the Grand Valley. Catholic Outreach's soup kitchen, which serves lunch for about 200 people, five days a week, has seen more and more families with kids. Bev said that school District 51 estimates that it serves 450-500 homeless students. "We're seeing more and more desperation," Lampley said. In addition to homeless kids and families, there are as many as 400 single homeless people living mostly in the city, according to Lampley. The problem is that there are a total of only 77 beds in the summer, and 136 beds in the winter in area homeless shelters. "We're turning people away daily."

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Homeless camps along the river basins in the Grand Junction area, take many forms. From a sleeping bag and poncho, to corrugated tin shacks, and everything in between. Some are littered with trash, others are exceptionally well kept.

Over the years, the City of Grand Junction has conducted mass-evictions of homeless camps along the river. Until recently, this included throwing away all the squatters' personal property.

Some camps are home to those who live there. "This isn't camp. This is home," Puma corrected me soon after I arrived at his camp. Puma has been living in the river basin in Grand Junction for 7 years. His girlfriend, Debbie, has been on the river for almost 5 years.

"This is our life. It's simple and quiet," Debbie said, as we spent the morning smoking cigarettes and drinking beer.

Spring run-off is a tense time for those living on a number of islands in the middle of the Colorado River. The crossings become dangerous. "Last winter, I saw Steve White go down the river. They never found him," Puma said. According to Puma, Steve White was not the first nor will he be the last person

to die living on the river. According to Lampley, there were about 20 known local homeless deaths in 2005. The night after The Red Pill camped on the river, Puma had his jaw broken by a stranger with an axe handle.

Debbie and Puma's camp consisted of an A-frame made of tamarisk covered with an old wall-tent canvass. A tent was set up underneath the back portion of the A-frame. Three chairs were set up in the vestibule. They had a kitchen table with utensils and flatware, in front of a pantry made out of two metal poles and six-plastic milk crates. A small fire ring was used for heating, cooking, and burning trash. "We have to haul all of our water in on our backs," Puma said. Logistically, someone from camp has to make a 'town run' everyday.

Currently, the Grand Valley Coalition for the Homeless is looking for volunteers to help in a 'Point-in-Time' survey on the evening of the 28th and 29th of August to canvass the town to try to get a better estimate of Grand Junction's homeless population. Training will be held on August 24th & 25th at 1pm. For more info call Bev Lampley at 241-3658



Every Sunday • 7PM

Weekly Vegan Dinner. We'll cook the main dish. Please bring a vegan side dish, dessert, or drink. Dinner starts around 7:00PM. The Confluence Collective (1450 Elm).



Every Monday • 5PM

Grand Junction's peace group, A Voice of Reason meets to discuss and act on issues surrounding the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

1450 Elm Avenue



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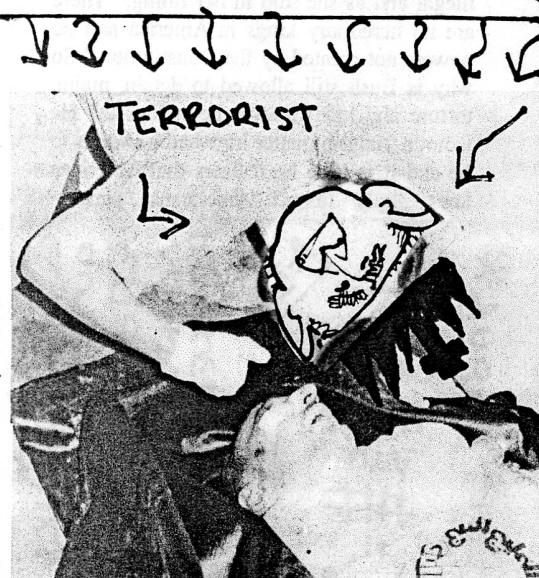


the speakers, but added, "that's their right."

The WCJFI's protest was able to hijack much of media attention at Tancredo's endorsement rally.

After the rally, Scott Tipton was over heard saying, "You know your doing something right if you have protesters."

Reports have since surfaced that the podium used for the rally was actually property of Mesa State College. Which seems to violate Title I Article 45 Section 117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Hallen, in reference to the use of Mesa State's podium said, "I apologize formally for this misunderstanding," and that "sometimes stuff like this happens."



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# THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN: NO MORE WAR

Does anybody remember the "peace dividend?" This was the massive amount of money we were going to save on weapons after the collapse of the Soviet Union officially ended the Cold War. We all underestimated the power of the self-perpetuating military industrial complex. Islam simply became the new communism. The teams have changed, but the corrupt bloodsport payroll just keeps rolling along.

There are signs that the times they are a 'changin'. Barely 30% of America fully supports the War in Iraq; most Americans want us to bring our troops back home alive. Take a look at the recent Democratic Party Senate race in Connecticut between Ned Lamont and D.I.N.O. (Democratic In Name Only), Joe Lieberman. Lamont is staunchly antiwar, Lieberman is a war hawk. Lieberman got voted out by a large margin. Many are saying Connecticut is sending a message to the body politic; get us out of Iraq!

Infamous gadfly, Newt Gingrich labeled the voters of Connecticut insurgents, beyond traitors, "They just want to run and hide" says the thrice divorced, Vietnam draft dodger. How 'bout a nice hot cup of "shut the hell up, chicken hawk," Newt, the people have spoken and they don't like what you or people of your ilk are saying.

Yes, Gingrich called Lamont voters "a dangerous insurgency." How bad do things have to be for honest, responsible voters to be called the enemy? George Bush got elected (in theory) because he said he was a uniter not a divider. It's been a long time since

America has been as split as it is now, and the now discredited neo-conservatives insist on fanning the flames of divisiveness even more. Their main tactics have been divide and conquer, but there are signs that even this is failing. People are flat out getting tired of the rich whiny boys and all their bullshit.

Unfortunately, now that the neo-cons are cornered, they're at their most dangerous. It is not difficult to imagine them coming up with some pretext to attack Syria or Iran, broadening our wars in the Middle East, fanning the flames of senseless greedy violence. The unfortunate truth is that they really have served to make our country less safe from terrorism. It's not hard to imagine, more new young terrorists being born on the streets of Beirut or Fallujah everyday. Switzerland and Canada seem to do just fine, without anyone flying planes into their buildings or blowing up their trains. There is a lesson to be learned here.

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The hot new buzzword is "Islamofascists." Isn't there something ironic about the Bush team calling anyone a Fascist? They, who are in bed with Halliburton and Exxon and other big businesses that really run the country behind the scenes. Who spy on the American people like no administration ever. Who have set new (lower) standards for corruption and cronyism. Substitute the term, "Christian Fascist" and you have a good idea of what this administration is about.

The tide may be slowly turning with regards to the illegitimate neo-conservative coup. The voters of Connecticut have sounded the alarm for antiwar Americans by voting for an antiwar Senator, Ned Lamont. Let us all pay close attention in this November's election to how different candidates weigh in on War and Foreign policy. It may not be too late to change things for the better with the electoral process.

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Environmental Assessment is available at [http://www.doi.gov/uraniumleasing/uranium\\_leasing.html](http://www.doi.gov/uraniumleasing/uranium_leasing/uranium_leasing.html)  
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Comments can be made by email: [comments@doe.gov](mailto:comments@doe.gov) or by mail: Department of Energy, 2507 Bldg 4 RD Grand Junction, CO 81503.

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growth in hate groups over a five year period—from 602 in 2000 to 803 in 2005" (Ibid.).

In fact, the immigrant has always faced difficult obstacles to success in our country, but we have traditionally prided ourselves on our immigrant make-up. It goes without saying that all of us except our Ute neighbors are products of immigration. Ben Franklin would have supported my people being put back on the boat. Apparently in his old age, Ben mellowed and stopped opposing Germans in Philadelphia. If you wish to know more about racism in the U.S. and how to stop it go to [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org).



END OCCUPATION  
OF IRAQ NOW

## PROTESTERS STEAL TANCREDO'S THUNDER

On Thursday, August 10th, Western Colorado Justice for Immigrants activists showed up to protest U.S. Congressman Tom Tancredo's (R) endorsement rally for local Republican Candidate for U.S. Congress, Scott Tipton. Carrying large yellow banners calling for 'justice for immigrants,' the activists took up position on the steps of the old county court house behind the speaker's podium.

Tancredo is known for his harsh stance on the immigration issue. He advocates

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building a wall for the entire length of the border. "It has worked in that area," Tancredo said in reference to the border fence in the San Diego area. Tancredo has become one of the loudest and angriest voices in the House on the immigration debate. He was quoted by MSNBC as saying immigrants are "a scourge that threatens the very future of our nation."

In Grand Junction, Tancredo attacked Tipton's opponent, John Salazar, for supporting amnesty for the 11-20 million economic refugees living in this country. "We need help on the issue of immigration, and Salazar is not with us," Tancredo said, endorsing Tipton as the tough on immigration candidate.

Thursday, August 31 • 7PM

An Evening with Three-time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee: Kathy Kelly "Courage & Hope in a Violent World: A Gospel Perspective"  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
790 26 1/2 Road

Saturday, September 9 • 8:00AM

Club 20 Debates, debates for Colorado candidates in November's election. First debate at 9:00AM and will be continuing throughout the day. Registration required, for more info call: 242-3264  
Two Rivers Convention Center, GJ

Monday, September 11 • 6:30PM

Writers of Whit and Whimsy  
Open mic poetry night  
Coffee Muggers 642 Main Street

Wednesday, September 13 • 7:30PM

Grand Junction Alternative Media's Documentary Series #3 presents, "Fidel," another look at a controversial figure.  
Sacconianno Lecture Hall, Mesa State College

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About half of the 30 people in attendance were protesters, who lightly heckled the speakers; calling out “Justice for Immigrants” and other slogans.

Tom Acker, a spanish professor at Mesa State College, said that he was at the rally to “make sure that our perspective is represented as well as his.” According to Acker, Justice for Immigrants supports comprehensive

human immigration reform, which includes a path to citizenship, the Dream Act (which allows children of immigrants with irregular paperwork to attend colleges), and regulation that keeps families together.

Dirk Hallen, Scott Tipton’s campaign manager said, the protesters showed “a lack of respect” for holding their banners behind



## JAIL THE WAR CRIMINAL

In a true democracy, the law would apply to each and every individual. It would apply the same to the men and women living beneath an overpass and those living in million dollar mansions. Murder would be murder and a war crime would be a war crime, period. Unfortunately, the spoiled child of American aristocrats currently residing in the White House disagrees with this simple societal contract and is trying to raise himself above the laws that govern the majority of our lives.

Since 2004, the Bush regime has been under constant attack for the illegalities encompassing its detainment of civilians from all corners of the globe in Guantanamo Bay and secret prisons elsewhere in the world. A federal judge and the Supreme court have found the administration’s actions to

BLOODSHED



## THE MAINSTREAMING OF NATIVIST RACISM

Vanderbilt University political science professor Carol Swain says: “Not thinking deeply about our immigration policies we have created the conditions for long-term racial unrest” (The Nation 8/28-9/4/06).

What do Lou Dobbs, Chris Simcox, Phil Valentine, Lou Sheldon and Benjamin Franklin all have in common?

They have all called the immigrants arriving on American soil “dangerous” “with alien customs” “unwilling to assimilate.” Ben Franklin was talking about the German immigrants arriving in his beloved Philadelphia of Liberty Bell fame. Now the boogey men that we are being manipulated to fear by CNN’s Lou Dobbs and his guests are the Latino immigrants.

With the exception of Franklin, the others are all players in a well-oiled propaganda machine plugged into the neo-conservative fundraiser Diener Consultants run by Phillip Sheldon, son of anti-gay crusader Lou Sheldon, himself founder of Traditional Values Coalition. According to watchdog blogger David Neiwert of Orcinus, “the modus operandi with Sheldon’s operations is consistently the same. He panders to far-right interests, obtains their membership lists, and then funnels them to other, mostly mainstream, right-wing interests. His clients include the Republican National Committee. So, that is how extremist fear mongering and hatred becomes standard fare for American households.

Chris Simcox is the founder of the Minutemen movement. He is a former actor, turned make-believe gun-fighter and currently is being courted by neoconservative fundraisers. Initially he was a fringe element on the American political scene. However, that was before he was taken under the wing of the Diener Consultants. Like a dangerous narcotic, this racist discourse was injected into the American political

scene: On April 19, 2006, Simcox appeared on Fox’s “news” program Hannity & Colmes where he ordered the president: “Declare a state of emergency and deploy the National Guard and military reserves, or by Memorial Day weekend, we’re going to break ground and we’re going to start helping landowners to build a double-layer security fence along their properties” (“Locked and Loaded” The Nation 8/28-9/4/06). On May 15th, Bush ordered 6,000 National Guard troops to the border. Coincidence?

Lou Dobbs used to be just another paunchy white talking head. Now he is the mouth piece and stage for white supremacist tirades: “Dobbs’ show has become the pipeline for nativists and nationalists to move their views from the margins into the mainstream” (Dave Burghart director of the Center for New Community). “Many of the most hard-core anti-immigrant activists have appeared on his program—people like Joe McCutchen, one-time member of the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC), the largest white nationalist organization in the country. He appears on the program without any attempt by Dobbs to expose his involvement with those organizations” (The Nation 8/28-9/4/06). Dobbs has frequent guests with racist pedigrees, which he neglects to identify as such. This omission is dangerous, because the unwitting viewer assumes that he is watching news, when in fact he is being exposed to dangerous white-supremacist brainwashing.

The real culprit in all this, of course is not Lou Dobbs, rather the CNN Corporation, which is realizing huge profits by airing this divisive, hateful programming. Why is this dangerous? Because of this type of programming, “hate groups think they’ve found an issue with racial overtones and a real resonance with the American public, and they are exploiting it as effectively as they can” Southern Poverty Law Center Report “Immigration Fervor fuels racist extremism” (Vol. 36, Num. 2, June 2006). According to the director of the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Intelligence Project, “there is a 33%

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