

SOME CURES FOR THE TEXT BOOK BLUES

C textbooks cost a lot of money and this is nothing new. The textbook industry is a racket and we, the students, are the ones getting screwed. Well, we here at The Red Pill have compiled a number of ways for you to get free or cheaper text books next semester.

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Believe it or not, most text books that professors assign are already on the shelves in the school library; be the first to check it out and you could save a wad of cash.

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Abbie Hoffman, in his counterculture masterpiece, *Steal This Book*, suggested that: "If you need books for a course, write to the publisher claiming you are a lecturer at some school and are considering using their book for your course. They will always send you free books." The text book companies are always sending professors books to consider for their classes, because if a professor chooses their book they know all the students will have to buy it. I would go a little further than Hoffman and suggest the next time the college sends you a letter, photo copy the letter with a blank piece of paper over the body; the xerox should leave you with a perfect copy of your college's letterhead, which should cinch up this little scam.

If you have a trustfund, scholarship, or rich uncle that reimburses you for your textbooks, buy a few extra books—copy your original receipt, and send the copy to the appropriate party—and then return the extra books with the receipt for a little pocket cash. •

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State of Disunion

PERCENT OF INCREASE IN COST of textbook production since 1998:
5.4

PERCENT INCREASE IN COLORADO POPULATION from 1980-2003:
59

NUMBER OF BLACK MALES PER 100,000 in prison in South Africa in 1993 (during apartheid):
851

POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES:
301,823,495

PERCENT OF PUBLIC that forms opinions about crimes based on what they see or hear in the news:
82

PERCENT OF INCREASE IN THE PRICES OF TEXTBOOKS that publishers set since 1998:
35.1

PERCENT INCREASE IN COLORADO PRISON POPULATION from 1980-2003:
528

NUMBER OF BLACK MALES PER 100,000 in Prison in the U.S. in 2004:
4,919

NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES:
2,264,513

AMOUNT OF PUBLIC DOLLARS spent on the criminal justice system:
153,000,000,000

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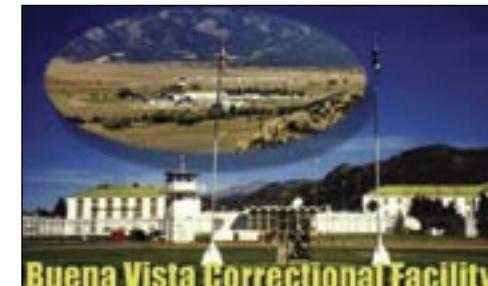
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GANG VIOLENCE ROCKS BUENA VISTA PRISON

Gone of Colorado's largest prisons, Buena Vista Correctional Facility, has been rocked by gang violence. The 1,218 bed facility has been on lock down since a major assault took place on April 29th in east unit. The violence, between two hispanic street gangs, the Nortenos and the Surenos, resurfaced again on May 6th. A third incident, a stabbing, may have occurred in the south unit, but Alison Morgan, the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) spokesperson, denied that a stabbing or any incident had taken place in south unit. Posted on the CDOC's website, however, was an announcement that read, "There will be normal visiting at Buena Vista Correction Facility *except* for those Offenders housed in the South Unit."

An anonymous inmate inside of Buena Vista wrote to The Red Pill about the situation:

"It's been real fucked up as of late around here. On Sunday the 29th of April there was a gang war in the unit I'm in. I'm pretty sure one guy was killed! ...The Surenos and Nortenos got into it. There was 12 or 15 guys involved, and by the time it was over one Sureno was laid out on the floor, not breathing and blood coming out of his mouth and ear. It has been an on going situation ever since. We have been on lock down since that Sunday. We still come



Buena Vista Correctional Facility

out for chow and showers. There have been 5 or 6 other incidents. Just the other day there was a stabbing in south unit and someone was jumped in the chow hall. Things are cool for a day or two and then something goes down again. The Cops went through a bunch of cells and found approximately 10 shanks [prison knives]! This is the worst place I've ever been. Well at least I get out soon (if I live that long)."

Morgan said that the inmate assaulted on the 29th is still in the hospital, and that his injuries were not life threatening.

Morgan also confirmed that "non-lethal Stinger rounds," which consist of small rubberized pellets, were used to regain control during the May 6th incident, which took place in the chow hall. Morgan added that, "staff responded quickly, professionally, and decisively."

Morgan also confirmed that the Buena Vista prison is on 'modified lock down' which is standard procedure after a major assault.

"It is a challenge to manage the inmate populations, and it is a challenge to limit gang activity inside the prison system."

The Chaffee County District Attorney told The Red Pill that he was aware of the incident, and that charges are expected to be filed, but was unable to comment any further. •

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BURNING DESERT COLLECTIVE: THE FIRE IS ALIVE



Jire is alive. It has to breathe, or it will die. It will have to eat or it will starve. When you follow its trail, it seems to think. And seeing it in the hands of The Burning Fire Desert Collective, it's obvious that fire loves to dance.

The Grand Valley is full of talented and artistic people, and the Burning Desert Fire Collective is rapidly searing itself into the local collective consciousness. "We are ambassadors of the flame which burns in everyone," says group spokesperson, Abbie Moore. "We consider ourselves muses." This is easy to feel when you watch the collective perform, especially some place dark. You smell the flame, it whirs and whooshes by the dancer, paints lines of light, adding a primeval ambience to the show.

The group has used fire creatively, alone and in teams, with batons and flaming jump-ropes, but its fundamental unit is the dancer and the poi. The

poi is a little steel basket at the end of a chain that contains the burning wick and is spun.

The Burning Desert Fire Collective bases much of its style on the Maori of New Zealand. Therefore, there is a strong spiritual bent to their actions. To the average person, the rush of the ember and the sound of the whoosh is just pretty damn cool.

An exciting collaboration is taking place at this time. Members of Burning Fire Collective are working with members of the valley's Tribal Fusion Belly Dancers. The early results point to something exciting coming in the not-so-distant future. Artists are reversing roles with other artists and magic is happening. Keep an eye out for Burning Desert Collective; you will not be disappointed. For more information on the troupe, including upcoming performances, check out their website at: www.burningdesert.com •

ASG DEBATES RED PILL

From the minutes of the May 3rd Mesa State Associated Student Government meeting.

Holan: Everyone is up in arms about the red pill. Has anyone seen it what are your feelings about it. I am just asking what you think about. President Robinson: The red pill is always an interesting read, but it does fall under free speech and so we need to

respect that. They were trying to enlighten people about stuff. Hendershot: Can they just hand [the] thing out or leave them lying around. President Robinson: I don't know the exact policy but it is nothing we haven't seen before. And we as a body can't really take a stand on it. Mates: I have actually heard from the people who publish it that this is huge in Iraq. •

Every Friday • Noon

A Voice of Reason holds a lunch hour peace vigil to end the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At the intersection of 12th and North.

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. Call 245-3720 for more info and meeting place

SIT-IN AT SALAZAR'S

Jn April 16th, tax day, local peace group, A Voice of Reason, staged a sit-in at Senator Ken Salazar's (D) Grand Junction office to demand "that our tax dollars be spent only toward: withdrawal, humanitarian reconstruction of Iraqi infrastructures, reparations for the Iraqi people, and support for the troops and veterans in the form of rehabilitation and re-integration."

Salazar has stopped short of supporting a withdrawal from, or defunding of the war in Iraq.

During the hour-long sit-in, 13 people sat on the floor in Salazar's office and read the names of the U.S. troops that have died in Iraq. Thirty-five people rallied at the street level in solidarity. After the sit-in was over, a breakaway group of high school and college-aged protesters marched up and down Main St. in a small, but feisty procession. •



DEATH BY COP:

Athaniel Jones, 41, was inadvertently caught in the police video one hot Cincinnati night. Disoriented, surrounded by cops, he suffered 40 blows from nightsticks, pepper spray, tasers, and was hog-tied by handcuffs. His last audible words were "mother...mother." The autopsy showed no drugs in his system that night. The medical examiner put down the cause of death as "excited delirium," a condition not recognized by the American Medical Association or the American Psychiatric Association.

Almost literally, every single death from "excited delirium" involves cops, tasers, and pepper spray. Dr. Vincent Demad of Bexar, Texas calls it, "an overdose of adrenaline." It's often the very act of resisting that sends people prone to "excited delirium" over the top. Cops dehumanize

the victims, often completely innocent, by accusing the victims of having "superhuman" strength. Other signs indicated are bizarre behavior, paranoia, panic, and the aforementioned unexpected strength.

Both the ACLU and the NAACP reject any designation such as "excited delirium." They cite Warren S. Pitz, chief medical examiner, in the state of Michigan, "For psychiatrists, this condition is exceedingly rare. Suddenly, it's showing up in medical examiners' reports, but police are always involved."

No cop has ever been convicted on an "excited delirium" case in the U.S. Dawn Edwards, of the Ella Baker Civil Rights Group, said that people are dying at the hands of police, and "ultimately, it's cops responsibility to keep someone alive when the police have them in custody." •

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THE CRIMINAL CIA

"The CIA [is] committing crimes against humanity with de facto impunity and Congressional sanctioning."
Into The Buzzsaw

The Central Intelligence Agency, or CIA, has officially been in existence since 1947 when President Truman enacted the National Security Act, but it is actually descended from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) created during World War II. Its primary role is to acquire and analyze information about foreign governments, corporations, and individuals, and relay the intelligence to the United States government. It also serves as a propaganda and public relations apparatus, and it disseminates information, both true and false. The CIA also regularly engages in covert operations carried out on foreign soil to influence the political and/or economic system of the country.

But what goes on inside the CIA itself? A document, recently uncovered by researcher Michael Ravnitzky, lists the closed internal investigations that the CIA Inspector General conducted between 1997 and 2004. Although much – if not most – of this 56-page document is censored, it still lends an interesting insight into the CIA's criminal activities, controversies, and scandals that seemed to occur on an almost daily basis. It should be noted that this is just a list of completed investigations, and does not indicate whether guilt was established or not.

Some of the most common and mundane investigations include: time and attendance misuse or fraud; theft of government property, including monies; misuse of credit cards, computers, or other government property; frequent flyer or voucher abuse or fraud; violation of patents; questionable or fraudulent accounting or accounting discrepancies; retaliation for reports of abuses and complaints; bribery, illegal gratuity, false statements; false reporting on applications; conflict of interest; a half censored statement involving a bingo game; abuse of position or power; telephone abuse; contract irregularities; alcohol consumption; questionable conduct; plagiarism; privacy violations, breach of confidentiality or misuse of private information; unauthorized dissemination of information; questionable relationships within the CIA, either from employee to employee, employee to contractor, or supervisor to subordinate, etc.; embezzlement; poor management; nepotism; impersonation of a CIA agent or misuse of CIA identification; extortion; failure to pay official debts because of non-sufficient funds; violation of export laws; misuse of the Agency logo; inappropriate behavior; unclassified network intrusion (hackers - x2); favoritism when awarding contracts; insider trading.

Some of the more serious investigations include: lack of action to a security threat (x1); lying to or misleading congress (x3); improper disposal or destruction of classified information (x6); mishandling of classified information (x4, including leaks x2);

interference with local government (x1); violation of law/regulations/policies (x6, one incident involving human rights); failure to report violations (x1); participation in abusive interrogation (x1); sexual harassment or impropriety (x2); pornography (x11, including child pornography x8); receipt and/or shipping of weapons (x3, including an AK-47 x1); illegal activities (x1); drug trafficking (x2); fabrication of background investigations (x2); missing weapons (x2, including hand grenades); obstruction of justice (x2); omission of facts from official reports (x1); privacy act violations (x3); alleged politicization (x2); pedophile (x1); unlawful raid on premises (x1); concealment of terrorist related information (x1).

The document also refers to such things as the CIA involvement in Honduras in the 1980s, experimentation on the brain, biological experiments in Vietnam, the CIA-CONTRA cocaine connection, Iran-Contra, dumping hazardous materials into the Potomac River at CIA headquarters, bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, a deadly force incident in Iraq, and wrongful death of a former CIA officer. •



A PDF of the document can be found @ http://www.thememoryhole.org/cia-cia-ig_investigations.htm.

JFK'S ASSASSIN'S DEATHBED CONFESSION

Long time CIA assassin E. Howard Hunt, long thought to be part of the conspiracy to murder JFK, and famous as one of the Watergate burglars, made a number of death bed confessions in which he reveals the plotters within our government who conspired to kill JFK. Check-Out the Rolling Stones magazine's story, "Last Confessions of E. Howard Hunt." A 5-minute audio clip of Hunt's confession can be found at: <http://prisonplanet.com/audio/300407jfktape.mp3>

BLACKWATER: AN AMERICAN MERCENARY IN IRAQ

Hat do you think of when you hear of private contractors in Iraq? Chances are you don't think of elite armed mercenaries providing essential services and security, but that is one of the realities of our occupation. Blackwater USA is a name you may not have heard of, but should, for it is a prime example of improper privatization of crucial security functions in Iraq.

According to its website, Blackwater USA is a professional military, law enforcement, security and peacekeeping firm capable of training, equipping and deploying public safety and military professionals, creating ground and aviation operations and logistics support packages, and more. The company describes itself as "The most responsive, cost-effective means of affecting the strategic balance in support of security and peace, and freedom and democracy everywhere."

Blackwater was founded by one Erik Prince, a former Navy SEAL and intern under the first Bush Administration, from a family with a history of contributing to the GOP. After 9/11 and the declaration of the "War on Terror," the firm's range of tasks expanded dramatically to include bodyguarding and aerial surveillance for the Departments of State and Defense, and U.S. intelligence agencies. In 2003, while Paul Bremer was the American ambassador to Iraq, Blackwater undertook guarding him for an eleven-month period, for a bill of \$21 million. In today's occupied Iraq, Blackwater has come to play a significant role, providing field snipers, translators, and interrogators in addition to security for VIPs and the U.S. civilian workforce that finds itself in the middle of an unstable country racked by violence. Performing such high-priority duties, a Blackwater employee may earn as much as \$60,000 a month, far more than a

member of the Army or Marines.

Even a well-paid company like Blackwater is not above the problems present in a hostile occupied zone. After the company got a contract to do security for convoys delivering kitchen supplies to army bases, the notorious "Fallujah Four" incident occurred, in which four Blackwater employees on such an operation were ambushed and killed and their charred bodies were hung from a bridge. The mothers of the four are currently suing the company to release details of their sons' deaths, and are claiming that inadequate preparation and equipment contributed to the incident.

Blackwater claims it is not responsible for the deaths because the four were part of the "total force" operating in Iraq and the deaths were the result of the overall security situation there, for which the U.S. presence as a whole is responsible. This assimilation of a private company as a legitimate part of the U.S. occupying force is unsavory to be sure, but it is backed up by the policy of the government departments concerned. The 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review envisions more use of such contractors as integral parts of the "total force" in the future, while the previous QDR, released before 9/11, didn't even mention the idea.

In any case, the presence of war-profiteering companies like Blackwater USA, which is one of several such companies to receive contracts with the U.S. military during the "War on Terror," continues. In Iraq, there are currently 100,000 employees of such companies, and their role shows no sign of diminishing until the troops are withdrawn. Last year, the security contract for protecting the U.S. Embassy in Iraq, America's largest foreign embassy, was awarded to, you guessed it, Blackwater USA! •



Monday, June 4th • 6pm

A Voice of Reason will be sponsoring a pot-luck dinner to bring together the area progressive groups in finding common goals that will supplement local work.

Riverside Park, Grand Junction

June 6-8th

G-8 meeting protest
Heiligendamm, Germany

The Red Pill will see you there in the streets

KNOX COUNTY JAIL RAG

—Poetry—

by Quinten Collier

The inept have sickness
So you can abuse your health-
Pose your bronze Adonis atop the

gates of the plague
While their ragged Prometheus
smears the ivory pillars with
his fingerprints.

A man who's been ruined for your pleasure will disdain
your Cadillac
out of envy.
But he is aware of this
And that's where the rage comes from.

There's no need to worry about the boy
Whose face is a pock marked putty mask,
Whose eyes are unable to articulate any emotion or
science,
Only starvation,
Whose mind is enveloped in the disguise of the
criminal
Our laws have imposed upon him,
Even as he gathers his fellow inmates around a plastic
chess table
Like a king calling his noblemen to court.
The wine: deluded juice.

The crystal goblets: styrofoam cups.
This is a king who must obey his guards commands,
For that's where the serenity comes from: compliance.
Not tangible serenity,
Like an inheritance from the family,
But the symbolic and otherwise worthless kind,
Like a diploma or a degree.

Believe me, everybody knows the rich have problems,
They're quite vocal in expressing them and have the
money
To buy an audience.
They say, 'I've seen things.'
Of course they have, vicariously.
Yet the ones who say this have yet to transcend to the
asphodel depths,
To strip themselves of color and drain their
luminescence,
Drop into the increase spiritual division between them
And the men they call wicked,
These men who've depleted themselves with their
addictions

To the ecstacies of shame and fear
So wealth could convince those who possess it
That the world is lush rolling hills
christened with

purple sunlight,
Happily free of murderers, rapists and thieves.

Imbalance would reign over harmony
Without Judas' chimerical kiss,
There would be no atonement,
No absolution of sins
For all the good christians.

Listen!
Stop shaking your head!!
I'm not condoning evil,
I'm saying it breaks my heart
To hear a human beings hands hit steal bars,
No matter their motives,
No matter their societal disregard.
We owe those we've imprisoned our full attention and
tenderness,
For without what we deem to be their failure and their
hatefulness,
We would be deprived of what we flaunt as mercy and
forgiveness.

The butterfly hyibernates to reenter the world as a
worm.

What about the gaunt, violet eyed boy, balding
With a scraggly beard, twenty something,
Voice like ponderous granite slabs.
His religion is the needle that dreams of him.
A stout block wall divides us,
Four foot high, easily surmountable,
A bible rests ontop, unites us, mocks us.
God is faceless: the crisp turning of pages.
Compact fiber matress pounds a metal cot;
Heavy footfalls like blackholes of sound;
Polycarbonate glass compresses the frost into sweat.
Yellow blood stains beneath the steps,
Immutable, the shape of shoe tread;
Rorschach of crimson motion;
Stray dots of scarlett paint from the ghost assailants
brush;
A lingering masterpiece of comas;
A pantomime illumination of the final danger;
Calamity and horror birthing disjointed shapes
In an orgiastic, ghastly tango;
Certain thrusts and irrevoably shredded veins blush
the canvas.

Convicts: Lucifer's voice resonating in Adams
marrow.
The Greek pantheon burst from the mind penetentiary
and in turn
Enslaved time.

D e s p a i r
sanctifies;
Sentimentality disconnects
the fanatic from the logic
of the present
So it must be ignored:
Fix or No Fix is Now or Now.
"Guilt is irremediable, so abuse it until you've
convinced yourself
That you love it": Addicts credo.
When a junky destroys themself they obliterate their
world
And escape the judgement of its occupants.
Wounds heal and strength confounds them,
Memories forget themselves,

To smother the bereft with love no longer.
Love pains the unfortunate as it does their lover,
Giver or receiver.
Citizens of the Free White World say,
"Criminals speak to say the opposite.
Those hollow dregs of our humanity ask only to
released into a cell,
Beaten, raped until they bleed; they desire only to
die
From natural violence."
Yet every time this happens a vacancy on the street
lingers,
A dark spot on the crystal blue eyes of indifference;
The pupils of a young officer,
Breath fermenting into gasoline,
Fore finger skin tobacco stained;
He married a girl out of pity,
She apologizes with sexual antics and perversions;
He keeps her in a worm jar.
When the sergeant performed the ceremony
He handcuffed the officer and his bride together
Then briskly recited their rights.

What have I seen that I should be condemned for
seeing?
What have you done that I should be condemned to
repeat?
I just ask to be able to forgive you
And for you to forgive us,
The refuse and the
degenerates
Who created
your lives