

THE FUTURE GENERATION:

THE ZINE-BOOK FOR SUB CULTURE
PARENTS, KIDS, FRIENDS AND
OTHERS

—BOOK REVIEW—

The Future Generation, written by China Martens and published in 2007 by Atomic Book Company, is a must-read for parents and others interested in radical parenting. This 238-page book is a cross between a book and a zine, featuring the best of China's parenting zine started in 1990 of the same name. It reads like a chronological book of her life with her daughter, while keeping the look and feel of her zine.

Recognizing the lack of support in the radical community for parents, China started the zine in an effort to offer support and open communication to anarchist and punk rock parents. The Future Generation covers a range of subjects, including family and personal history, social and cultural critique, violence, and public schooling. For sixteen years she continued the zine, offering personal experience, social and political commentary, and her own struggles and triumphs in raising a child outside the mainstream or traditional forms of parenting.

In reading this book, one gets the feeling of watching her daughter grow from a child to a rebellious teenager to a mature young adult, and all the while, as a young parent, China is growing with her. China's insight into raising an individual and treating the child as such, offers an alternative to many who have grown up in an authoritarian household, but would like to do it differently than their parents. You can get your copy at AK Press: <http://www.akpress.org>.



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State of Disunion

NUMBER OF TASER
RELATED DEATHS
in 2005:
61

NUMBER OF U.S.
POLICE AGENCIES
that employ Tasers:
11,000

NUMBER OF
DOLLARS
David Bowie donated
to the Jena 6 Defense
Committee:
10,000

NUMBER
PROTESTERS
at the September 20th
Free the Jena 6 protest:
20,000

NUMBER OF TAX
DOLLARS
wasted in the War in
Iraq:
454,580,000,000

NUMBER OF U.S.
SOLIDERS
killed in Iraq:
3800

NUMBER OF
U.S. SOLIDERS
who have committed
suicide in Iraq:
122

NUMBER OF
MYSpace FRIENDS
that Hillary Clinton has:
56,243

NUMBER OF
MYSpace FRIENDS
that Ron Paul has:
64,323

PERCENT OF TOTAL
ENERGY
used by residential
housing:
48

* Sources for the State of Disunion can be found at
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RON PAUL (OUR FAVORITE REPUBLICAN) CENSORED



Ron Paul is generally considered by the mainstream media as a "second-tier candidate" in his bid for the Republican party's presidential nomination, but a number of indicators point to him as the Republican to beat.

Recently, Ron Paul has won the Alabama, New Hampshire, and Maryland Straw Polls without so much as a peep out of the mainstream press. Paul also placed third in the Texas Straw Poll, despite reports that Ron Paul supporters were not allowed into the straw poll, video showing this can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDnWT4gCJSE>

When Mitt Romney won the Iowa Straw Poll, it was covered by all the media, and trumped as proof that Romney is the Republican front-runner. Some evidence has come to light showing that Ron Paul was cheated in the Iowa Straw Poll. Vote In Sunshine Coalition, an exit polling group, conducted exit polls at the Iowa Straw Poll and found that Ron Paul actually won the contest with a plurality of 32.8%.

Ron Paul stands in contrast to many of his fellow Republicans. Paul favors immediate withdrawal from the war in Iraq, and unlike many of the Democrats in the race, he actually voted against going to war back in 2002. Paul also has opposed civil liberty-destroying legislation such as the Real ID Act, USA PATRIOT Act, and the Military Commissions Act. He truly believes in smaller

government and has stated that he would eliminate the IRS by executive order in his first week in office.

A recent study released by USAElectionpolls.com found, in a study of the mainstream papers and TV news, that Mitt Romney was mentioned 13,000 times in the media and Ron Paul was only mentioned 248 times. The study found that Fox News was the most unfair, mentioning Romney 50 times more than Ron Paul.

Other signs point to Ron Paul's growing internet and grassroots support, which has been dubbed the "Ron Paul Revolution." A website called www.ClickZ.com, which analyzes web traffic to presidential candidates' websites, found that Ron Paul's websites receive 45.38% of all internet traffic going to candidate websites. Compare this with 13.93% for Mitt Romney and 24.14% for Hillary Clinton.

Ron Paul has also raised more money than most of his Republican competitors, almost 3 million dollars already, which was comprised almost entirely from individual donors.

Presidential races are as popular with gamblers as Super Bowls. Both Vegas and online bookmakers keep odds on the candidates. Recently, sportsbook.com changed Ron Paul's odds of winning the presidency from 200 to 1, to 15 to 1 making him the most favored Republican candidate.*

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RACE, JUSTICE, AND THE JENA 6

An estimated 15,000-20,000 people, including Rev. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, gathered in the small town of Jena, Louisiana on Thursday, September 20th, to protest what many see as racial prejudice and injustice in the enforcement of the law against six black youths--Bryant Purvis, Carwin Jones, Theo Shaw, Robert Bailly Jr., Mychal Bell, and one unidentified minor. The young men were originally charged with conspiracy and second-degree attempted murder of a fellow classmate, Justin Baker. The charge of attempted second-degree murder requires the use of a deadly weapon. It was argued that their shoes were used as deadly weapons. The six black teens and Baker were involved in a school yard fight on December 4, 2006, in which Baker suffered minor injuries after he reportedly used racial taunts against the group now known as the Jena 6. The bonds for the six teens ranged from \$70,000-\$138,000, a difficult sum to come up with for just about anyone.

Of the six, Mychal Bell, age 16 at the time of the incident, has been the only one to stand trial. He was convicted, as an adult, of two felonies: aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery by an all white jury and testified against by all white witnesses. In fact, the court appointed public defender didn't even call any witnesses to speak on Bell's behalf. Bell has been in jail since his arrest in December 2006, with his bond set at \$90,000. He faces 22 years in prison and was to be sentenced on the 20th. His sentencing was postponed due to appeals that say he should have been tried as a juvenile.

The fight on December 4 was a culmination of racially charged incidents beginning in the fall of 2006. At that time, a black student, Kenneth Purvis, asked school officials at Jena High School if he could sit under a particular tree, nicknamed 'the White Tree,' where traditionally, only whites gathered. School officials said he could sit anywhere he liked, so the next day he and his cousin Bryant Purvis sat under the 'white tree.' In response to black students sitting under the tree, the next day, three nooses hung from the White Tree, sparking a firestorm of racial tension in this southern town of 3000.

Many of the town's black citizens were outraged by the incident in which the three white students responsible for hanging the nooses were given a three day suspension, instead of expulsion as suggested by the principal. They saw it as a hate crime and a threat, whereas others, including many of the school board members, viewed it as a harmless teenage prank and not that big of a deal. Obviously the ideas



and images associated with lynching are not laughing matters for black folks in the south.

Other incidents followed. Just days before the school fight in December, a white student, Justin Sloan attacked a group of black students on their way to an mostly-white party. Sloan got off with simple battery, a misdemeanor. In another incident, a white male pulled a 12-gauge shot gun on two black students at a local gas station. The students wrestled the gun away and ran, later being charged with theft, aggravated battery, and disturbing the peace, while the man brandishing the gun was not charged.

As of Friday, September 21st, Bell was still not allowed to be released from jail. Many people across the nation and the world see the treatment of the whole matter as unfair and unjust, pointing out the harshness of the sentences and enforcement of the law against the black youth involved in these incidents, and the officials' leniency in dealing with the white students.

Some Jena residents do not agree with the point of view of the family members of the Jena 6 or the protesters coming to rally in solidarity. They do not feel that there is racism in their town and they also feel that everything was blown out of proportion.

In 2007, racism is alive and well, not just in Jena, not just in the south, but across the United States. Back in Jena, the White Tree has since been cut down, but the feelings of tension and injustice remain.

To learn more or to donate to the Jena 6 Defense Committee, visit: <http://www.freethejena6.org>, or mail to: Jena 6 Defense Committee P.O. Box 2798 Jena, LA 71342. •

GRAND JUNCTION 9/11 TRUTH WEBSITE DEBUT

When logging into www.911TruthGroups.org/GrandJunction, you can quickly become aware of the many oddities and curiosities surrounding the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The simplicity of the website is designed to exponentially expand your knowledge on the information espoused by "The 9/11 Truth Movement." You'll find links to over 20 of the 30 plus online viewable 9/11 Truth documentaries and a listing of some of the 20 plus books available on the topic. For those desiring a lower internet profile, contact information for local free documentary rentals and to obtain free documentaries for research and distribution is provided, as well as a link to the local 9/11 Truth Meetup.com group.

By informing the public that segments of our government were obviously complicit in the attacks, the truth movement's agenda of creating a new impartial investigation will be fulfilled. This process is grassroots, requiring you to become informed and then realizing it is in your best long term interest to inform others, with emphasis on informing those who serve to protect us; i.e. military, police, civil servants, first responders, etc. After all, it is said, "Tyranny will arrive at your doorstep in a

uniform." You have the power to affect change, please enable yourself. If you forget the website address, just google: 9/11 Grand Junction.

Presently, if you address your elected officials on this issue, you may get the response I get, and that is: we know all about this, we've seen the videos (people send them to us), we don't know what to do, we are hoping people will amass and bring security back to our country.

Before you simply dismiss the 9/11 Truth Movement, please consider visiting www.PatriotsQuestion911.com for a listing of high profile people supporting a new investigation. Consider the query, why did it take 441 days after 9/11 for the 9/11 Commission to strike the gavel and open the investigation, especially when you juxtapose this with the fact that Janet Jackson's garment malfunction was congressionally investigated within the first week of the incident. There are so many similar and more pressing questions. On a truly global scale, the enormous efforts of many people is realized via volumes of high quality evidence, all readily available through Grand Junction's new website. Please visit often. And spread the international logo "9/11." •

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principles of permaculture. Natural building incorporates oneself and one's home into the ecosystem and local community. Speaker Matt Myhrman stressed the importance of community in natural building, like an Amish barn raising, communities/families/friends come together to build houses and structures. Another presenter, architect Kelly Lerner, showed slides of her work in China and Mongolia, building straw bale houses, schools, and clinics.

Another highlight was the cantankerous, master craftsman from Denmark, Flemming Abrahamsson, who lamented that if he lived at our latitude he would design entirely passive solar heated houses that need no energy to heat or cool. "This is not possible at 56 degrees of latitude," Abrahamsson said.

Natural building is cheaper than conventional lumber/brick/steel buildings to construct, repair, and fuel. Why would we build in any other way? •

Check out some of the great internet sources on natural building:

www.thelaststraw.org
www.architecure2030.org
www.strawbale.com



Laura Bartels leads Straw Bale 101

Monday, October 1st • 5:30PM

Local peace group, A Voice of Reason meets every two weeks to organize for an end to the War in Iraq. To find out where or for more info call 245-3720

Saturday, October 6th

Join grassroots activists and Native Americans in the streets to protest and stop the celebration of genocidal Christopher Columbus.

Denver, CO. Checkout: www.transformcolumbusday.org

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RADICAL HIP-HOP 101



The soundtrack to the anti-capitalist movement has evolved over the years, providing a creative outlet for our frustrations and victories as anarchists and as activists. Choices within radical music, though, have almost always been limited to screaming white men (punk music), or whiney white men (folk music). And while I truly appreciate the place of these two very special genres within radical communities and cultures, I've never been a fan of either. So I began looking for something else and found a new, growing genre: radical hip-hop.

When I first started listening, all I could find was the occasional mainstream song that was about something just a little

bit better than thug life, bitches and ho's, and bling. Old school Public Enemy, NWA, and others offered politically conscious hip-hop, but it was frustrating finding songs that appealed to both my radical and musical selves.

Over the past eight or nine years, a new generation of MCs and DJs has been coming of age with material that hits on the struggles and solutions of the global justice movement while inspiring the ideas behind it. Yet while this genre is growing, most people don't know where to look to find new radical hip-hop, or have time to invest in looking for it. So here's a look into the world of radical hip-hop and where to find it.

Blue Scholars- bluescholars.com
 Immortal Technique- immortal-technique.com
 Gabriel Teodros- gabrielteodros.com
 Diabolic- myspace.com.diabolicfoulplay
 Questlove- okayplayer.com (many a great acts here)
 Dead Prez- deadprez.com
 Akbar- myspace.com/akbar
 Division X- righteousmusicmedia.com/division.htm
 C-Rayz-Walz- crayzwalz.com
 La Bruja- labrujamusic.com
 Medusa- myspace.com/medusa
 Sista Hailstorm- myspace.com/sistahailstorm
 Wise Intelligent (from Poor Righteous Teachers) intelligentmuzik.com
 Akir- viperrecords.com (imm tech's label)
 Abyssinian Creole- abcreole.com (coming soon)
 The Coup- thecoupmusic.com
 Welfare Poets- welfarepoets.com
 Seeds of Wisdom (Africa MOVE kids) onamove.com
 Trends- itakks.com
 Warclub- warclubmusic.com
 Fine Arts Militia- finartsmilitia.com
 Pharoahe Monch- pharoahe-monch.com
 Prince Po- myspace.com/princeponastyhabitsent

Conscious Hip Hop clearinghouses:
 AWOL Magazine- awol.objector.org
 Massline Media- masslinemedia.com

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

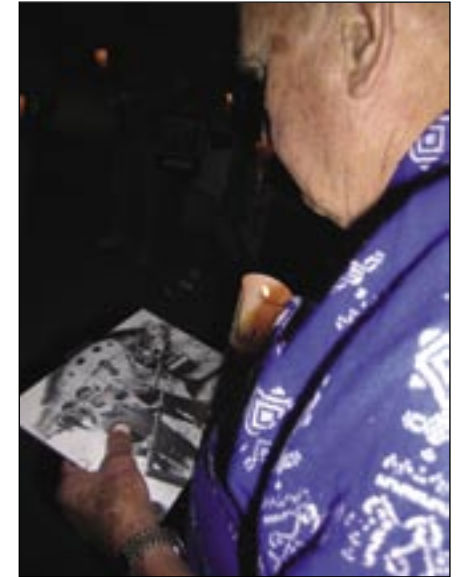
The war in Iraq has exacted an enormous human cost. Close to 4000 American soldiers have lost their lives; at least 1000 contractors (i.e. mercenaries) have died; and tens of thousands more have been seriously wounded. Some estimates of the Iraqi dead are as high as 1.2 million.

At the old county court house in downtown Grand Junction, as day faded so slowly into night on September 20th, A Voice of Reason, one of the local anti-war groups, held a candle light vigil in memory of all those who have lost their lives in this bloody and unnecessary war. Local activist, Eric Niederkruger, addressed the group and said the way to end this war is the same as every social movement, from abolition to GLBT liberation: "It's all about 'power to the people.'"

Another local activist and Vietnam veteran, Joe Hayes, spoke passionately about his experience at the large anti-war protest and civil disobedience that took place on September 15 in Washington D.C. Hayes was arrested for "going over the wall" at the Capitol with at least 160 other people, many of whom were vets, according to Hayes. After 14 hours in custody, Hayes was released and given a one-hundred-dollar ticket which he "may or may not pay."

At the end of the event, there was a moment of silence held to remember all of the victims of this illegal war. During this time, all this reporter thought about was the unpopularity of this war, but how few people actually do anything to end it. Ask yourself, "What have

I done to stop this war?" If you don't like the answer you get, then get involved. Protest, petition, sit-in, speak out, heckle politicians, tag anti-war messages, email the President, refuse to pay taxes. Stand up and let's end this war.



NATURAL BUILDING: STRAW BALE AND BEYOND

Straw bale and natural building are nothing new, but with peak oil and global warming becoming more apparent, there has never been a better time to go green. As a species, we are on a "collision course with biophysical reality," said Judy Knox in her keynote speech at the Colorado Straw Bale Association's 6th annual conference held last weekend in Durango. A theme at the conference was that our current way of living is unsustainable, specifically in terms of our home.

When most of us think about wasting energy, the image of a gas sucking H2 comes to mind, but in reality, individual residential homes comprise 48% of all energy output, while transportation and industry make up the other 52%. This means that the most drastic energy savings to be had are in green building and energy efficient homes.

Natural building emphasises using local, sustainable, and/or recycled material in

construction of buildings. Passive solar is also a big part of natural building, and with proper design, orientation, and materials, it is possible to keep a building "Warm in the winter, cool in the summer," without having to use any energy other than the sun, said Kelly Lerner.

The conference featured hands-on workshops in: Straw bale 101, Masonry Rocket Stove, Adobe Floors, Earth Plaster and Natural Paint, All Things Lime, and others.

The conference could not have picked a better venue than the Smiley Community Building which is 100 percent powered by the sun.

Natural building is about fundamentally changing the way we live and organize our lives. Natural building incorporates themes of turning waste into resources through rain water catchment, composting toilets, and grey-water systems. Natural building also applies

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Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30th-31st

Camp Wellstone Activism Training will be held here in Grand Junction with tracks for candidates, organizers, and campaign managers.

For more in call Mark at (970) 256-7650

November, 16-18th

Thousands will gather at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia to protest and participate in non-violent direct action to close the School of the Americas. If you don't know what the SOA is or are interested in attending check out: www.soaw.org

Sunday, October 7th • 1:30PM

Grand Valley Interfaith Network is sponsoring the 21st annual CropWalk fundraiser that supports local charities fighting hunger.

1st United Methodist Church 5th St. and White Ave.

Do You Have an Event?

Do you need to get the word out?

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ELECTRIFYING FREE SPEECH



In September 17th, Andrew Meyer, a 21-year-old Journalism student at Florida State University, was tackled, tased and charged with a felony for asking Sen. John Kerry a series of questions relating to voter-fraud in the 2004 election, impeachment of Bush, and Kerry's membership in the Yale secret-society, Skull and Bones. Videos of the incident from many different angles show officers moving in to escort Meyer out of the auditorium right after his mic was cut. Check out: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bVa6jn4rpE> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J10pbT_Z5F4

"A crowd began to form and yell at us. Some were yelling, let him go, he didn't do anything [sic]. I pulled my taser, turned off the safety, dropped the cartridge, put it against his left chest and pulled the trigger," said Officer Pablo De Jesus in the police report. In the videos, Meyer is on the ground with six police officers on him and he can be heard saying, "Don't Tase me, bro" ("Don't Tase Me, Bro" T-Shirts are already for sale on the web.), right before 50,000 volts of electricity was sent through his body.

In the police report, officers state that Meyer was "kicking, punching, and elbowing," officers. Video shows Meyer resisting an illegal arrest, struggling to get free, but he clearly doesn't

punch, kick or elbow any of the officers. Meyer has been charged with felony resisting arrest.

The Florida State University Campus has been rocked by student protest in support of Meyer and against the campus administration, student government, and the campus police.

Tasers are often called non-lethal weaponry, but would be better described as less-than-lethal, because Tasar-related fatalities are far from rare. "Despite a lack of independent research on TASER safety, police officers are using these weapons as a routine force tool—rather than as a weapon of last resort," said Dr. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, in

an Amnesty International report which has estimated that at least 152 people have died in Tasar-related incidents since 2001 in the U.S.

Was Meyer acting like a bit of an ass? Yes, but the First amendment was designed to protect such asses. Speaking in public is a bit of a risk in free societies, as it should be, politics is not a clean sport. Heckling, arguing, and certainly hard questioning are par for the course. Kerry, to his credit, answered Meyer's questions while he was being manhandled and arrested.

1.2 MILLION DEAD

It's official, George Bush's lies and his personal war in Iraq have now killed nearly twice as many Iraqis as Saddam Hussein ever did. Between August 12th and 19th, 2007, the British polling agency, Opinion Research Business (ORB) conducted 1,720 face-to-face interviews in fifteen of Iraq's provinces and the results were everything but the recent load of bullshit that General Patraeus dumped onto the lap of Congress.

In 2005, the census conducted in Iraq found a total of 4,050,597 households within the country. In October 2006, the respected British medical journal, The Lancet, had found the total of Iraqi civilians killed in the war to be around 654,965 people. Now with the more in-depth polling conducted by ORB, the number has hit an astronomical number of 1,220,580 since the invasion began in 2003. The polling agency was even able to break the numbers down by region, with the capital of Baghdad being the hardest hit with one out of two households losing a family member to violence.

The polling company also questioned the interviewee's on how their family members had died, 48% were killed by a gunshot, 20% from car bombs, 9% from bombs dropped by American planes, and 12% from accidents or blasts from unexploded shells or mines, with the rest dying from lack of services, resulting from the destruction of infrastructure during Shock and Awe.

Hasn't Iraq suffered enough? With a UNICEF investigation finding 500,000 Iraqi children dying from the decade of sanctions before the war, now the total from the war itself has topped one million. Why should we still be involved in a war that was started with lies for the sheer profit of the defense industry and oil corporations? We shouldn't. Gen. Patraeus needs to stand up and tell the truth! Too many soldiers have died, thousands of contractors have died, and 1,220,580 Iraqi civilians have died. It's time for this war to stop!

To see the full report please go to: <http://www.opinion.co.uk/Documents/TABLES.pdf>



Saturday, October 13th • 6pm

Western Colorado Congress's 27th annual Meeting. Guest Speakers include Govoner Bill Ritter, and Denis Hayes, one of the organizers for the first Earth Day. Speakers will begin at 6pm. For tickets and more information call

Pam @ (970) 249-1978

DoubleTree Hotel 743 Horizon Dr.

Friday, October 26th • 7PM

The Planet Earth and 4 Directions Gallery will be holding the annual Dark Show. Artists can enter art in the gallery show for \$7 up until Wednesday, October 24. The Dark Show is a costume party and features; live music and a DJ, fire dancers

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