

BAPTISED BY THE BLUE LIGHT

One day in my ill-begotten youth, I altered my consciousness, then went out for a stroll in my neighborhood. It was on an otherwise darkened street that I first noticed a peculiar phenomenon. Up and down each and every block, people were bathing in blue light in their living rooms. People were literally awash in the glow of television, and from the darkened streets, they looked mesmerized. They looked like they were caught in an extraterrestrial tractor beam!

The television and accompanying entertainment center is one of the most expensive of peoples' possessions, often second only to their car. Many rooms in homes are oriented so that all the furniture points directly towards a T.V. set. After working and sleeping, watching TV is the most time consuming activity of the average American. Twenty-five percent of our waking hours are spent watching T.V.

Most of us have seen some of the basic data that is disconcerting about television. A child will witness 16,000 murders by the age of 18, and will watch upwards of 50,000 commercials. Corporations pay huge fees for thirty seconds of prime time airplay, and they damn well expect results.

There is also the alienation that results from the very activity, or rather inactivity, of watching television. Even for groups watching it together, it is by nature an isolating experience. We as a people need less of that. We need more face-to-face community-building time. Television watching is counterproductive and puts us smack in bed with some of the globe's wealthiest and most vile players.

Take the money you spend on cable T.V. (about \$30/month) and invest it in something that makes 10% interest for ten years and you have roughly ten thousand dollars in your pocket. If we instead look at this as a fee for services, we sure look like sellouts, to the likes of Rupert Murdoch, General Electric, et al. we sure look like sellouts.

In the struggle to smash the state, we likely have to make some sort of "deal with the devil." We must find ways to turn T.V. against itself. Perhaps by becoming the media ourselves, we can limit ourselves to one hour of viewing for every hour of T.V. we produce!

In the meantime, National Turn Off Your T.V. Week is April 24-30. If we have been watching commercial television, this is a good gut-check time. Can I easily forgo a week without T.V.? Have I been consumerist? Am I involved with social activities? Be careful not to underestimate the potential of T.V. Why do you think they call it programming?

Be prepared this month to unplug the drug.

BE THE MEDIA!

State of Disunion

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MINUTES the TV is on per day in American homes: 460

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS American children spend in school per year: 900

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS American children spend watching TV per year: 1023

NUMBER OF US SOLDIERS killed in the war in Iraq: 3270

NUMBER OF US SOLDIERS killed in the war in Afghanistan: 376

NUMBER OF PEOPLE killed in Hitler's holocaust: 11,000,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NAZI SCIENTISTS covertly brought to the US after WWII: 700

NUMBER OF IRANIAN DIPLOMATS detained by US forces in Iraq: 5

ISSUE NUMBER of this Red Pill: 44

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DOLLARS illegal immigrants contribute to the US economy: 800,000,000,000

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DAHLIA WASFI M.D. SPEAKS IN GJ



On Saturday, March 31, the Mesa State Campus received a much needed jolt of energy. The display of over 3,200 crosses, one for each and every American casualty, was installed on the lawn in front of the new dorms,

filling a formerly empty space with art and sorrow.

This was also the date and place that speaker, Dahlia Wasfi, M.D. was to address the public and tell her stories about the Iraq War and how it has affected her and family.

Dahlia was born and partially raised in Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Her family left Iraq in 1977. Eventually, working her way through school, Dahlia graduated as an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. She went back to Basra, Iraq for a visit in March 2006, spending three months in the war ravaged country.

Dahlia's father, a Moslem, met and married a refugee European Jew. They traveled greatly before settling back in Iraq. Dahlia said jokingly, "This insured someone would be angry about something somewhere at sometime."

When Dahlia returned to the states in 2003, America was gearing up for war. "It frightened me **"DAHLIA" ON PAGE THREE**

THE XEROXED REVOLUTION

Independent publishers came together for the second annual Denver Zinefest on March 24th. The event brought together over 60 vendors and zine publishers, and "well over a thousand [people] attended," said organizer Stevyn Prothero, owner of Boulder's Iron Feather bookstore. The number of both vendors/publishers and attendees doubled over last years zinefest.

A zine (pronounced like magazine with out the maga) is a "homemade publication," said Prothero. Zines are usually xeroxed labors of love; some are radically political, some are zany underground comics, some are DIY (Do It Yourself) guides, and others are 'perzines, a published journal or diary.

Workshops at the Zine Fest included Bookbinding 101, Queer Zine Round-table, Unconventional Artistic Process, Book Your Own Zine Tour, Documentary Video Seminar, and Lessons Learned Running an Underground Xeroxed Newspaper, presented by The Red Pill.

Though many zinesters sell zines for \$1-3 dollars, most only break even or worse. Zine subculture is not about money. The Denver Zinefest was "free to attend and free to vend," said Prothero.



Next year the Denver Zinefest is planning on getting bigger and better, including more workshops.

Prothero, whose zine *Iron Feather Journal* just celebrated 20 years in print gave this advice to aspiring publishers and zinesters: "It's not as hard as you think. Any dream you have is possible."

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GJ STILL SAYS NO TO WAR: FOUR YEARS AND COUNTING

Over one hundred people marched down North Ave. to demand an end to the war in Iraq on March 25th. The loud and passionate march was organized by local peace group, A Voice of Reason, and was met with enthusiastic honks and shouts of support.

Local band Tree Climber warmed up the gathering crowd at Lincoln Park where a display of 3226 crosses bore the names, hometowns, and ages of every soldier that has been killed in Iraq.

The protestors shouted slogans such as "hey hey, ho ho, George Bush has got to go," "No More War" and "hey double-u what you say, how many kids did you kill today?"

The march was

dedicated to progressive columnist Molly Ivins who, in her last column before she lost her bout with cancer, said, "We need people in the streets, banging pots and pans and demanding, 'Stop it, now!'" As they marched, people banged pots, pans, and drums in her memory.

Large numbers of high-school-aged activists came out and gave the march a spirited feel.

Following the march, which headed down North Ave to 7th St. and back to Lincoln Park, there was a short rally featuring local high school activist, Richard Crespino, Pitkin County Commissioner Rachel Richards, and Vietnam veteran and the curator of the cross display, Skip Edwards.

"This war is not going to end itself. We need to be in the streets until the troops come home," said Mallory Rice, one of the organizers of the event. •



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

Every Friday and Saturday • Noon

A Voice of Reason holds lunch hour peace vigils to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
At the intersection of 12th and North.

NASA AND THE NAZIS: A BRIEF INTRO TO OPERATION PAPER CLIP



Operation Paperclip, or Operation Overcast or Project Paperclip as it is also known, was the secret US program after World War II that allowed the extrication of Nazi scientists specializing in medicine, aerodynamics and rocketry, chemical weapons and chemical reaction technology to the United States. This intensive project sponsored by the War Department's Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA) that brought these Nazi scientists and their families to the US without State Department review or approval, also aimed at gathering as much Nazi equipment and technology as possible for study and restoration, to obtain German patents, and to keep the expertise of German scientists and their equipment from the Soviets, which often meant destroying it. Most of the scientists, nearly five of the almost seven hundred imported under Operation Paperclip, were assigned to White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Huntsville, Alabama, to work on guided missile and ballistic missile technology, which in turn led to the foundation of NASA and the US ICBM program. Some of the major contributing Nazi scientists that were allowed to continue work in the United States for either the US government or major aeronautical corporations are:



Wernher von Braun, a professed Nazi and member of the SS who worked on the American ICBM program before joining NASA where he served as Director, he is generally regarded as the father of the US space program.

Arthur Rudolf, who was operations director of the Mittelwerk factory at the Dora-Nordhausen concentration camps where 20,000 workers died from beatings, hangings, and starvation, worked for the Army and NASA where he managed the development of several important systems including the Pershing missile and the Saturn V moon rocket.



Kurt Blome, who administered experimental plague vaccines to concentration camp prisoners and upon his acquittal at Nuremberg, was hired by the U.S. Army Chemical Corps to work on chemical warfare (his file never mentions Nuremberg).

Krafft Arnold Ehrlicke, who after leaving the US government installation in White Sands, MN, worked at Bell Aircraft and then for Convair where

he designed the D-1 Centaur (a high energy, upper-stage booster that used liquid hydrogen and oxygen as fuel) and, together with von Braun, was the chief advisor for North America on the Space Shuttle.



Walter Schreiber worked in the Air Force School of Medicine until it was exposed that he had assigned doctors to experiment on concentration camp prisoners and had made funds available for such experimentation.

Hubertus Strughold, the head of Nazi Germany's Air Force Institute for Aviation Medicine, was made the director of the Department of Space Medicine at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base



in Texas (now the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base) and was eventually linked by the Nuremberg trials to medical experiments in which inmates from Dachau concentration camp were tortured and killed by being immersed in water, placed in air pressure chambers, forced to drink sea water and exposed to freezing temperatures.

A myriad of other scientists and doctors helped to develop and conduct research for NASA, the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), other governmental organizations, and aeronautical companies that have contributed to the American war machine and the technology that is capable of murdering millions and ending civilization as we know it.

By 1955, most of these men's files were "cleansed" of Nazi references and many had been made US citizens, despite their involvement with and membership to the Nazi party, which automatically disqualifies them. If the Nazis were so wicked and vile, why would our country secretly and diligently employ them to develop the same "evil" technologies that made the enemy immoral to the point of being criminal? And what does that make us? (A side note: The cost of these "intellectual reparations" to Germany has been estimated around \$10 billion.) •

George Washington University's National Security Archive has hundreds of original OSS and CIA documents relating to Operation Paperclip PDFed at the web address below:
www.gwu.edu/~NSArchive/NSAEBB/NSAEBB146/Index

RED PILL LOCATIONS

You can pick up your copy of The Red Pill at the following locations: Planet 9, Heart of the Dragon, Third World Imports, Spekulationz, Planet Earth, Kleen Sting, Colorado Java, Himalayan Feeling, Contemporary Glass Works, Change Skateboards, Coffee Muggers, Triple Play Records.

Download the Red Pill at: <http://colorado.indymedia.org>.

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DON'T GO!

There is a quite profound antiwar animation called, "Don't Go," floating around the web. Don't Go is quite a popular and powerful statement urging soldiers to "don't go" to Viet Nam, which is when it was written. At that time, it was a zine read over underground radio stations, with the Doors' song, "The End" playing in the background.

It was the brainstorm of Wulf Zendik, an American visionary who lived from 1929-1979. He came up with such concepts as "creavolution" and ecolibrium. He founded Zendik Farm as an intentional community, wherein people could attain their higher selves. The farm is still open and thriving. I caught up with resident and artist, "Rev," the man responsible for turning the zine into an animation, over e-mail. Here is some of what he said.

Rev and Kyro collaborated on the animation during the run up to our present Iraq War. Rev animated pictures his friend Kyro drew. He added the haunting live images of real war, narrated the short film, and played drums on the mesmerizing music near the end, a song called "marching soon" by Wulf's widow Arols' Zendik band. Over e-mail, Rev and I chatted briefly.

The Red Pill (TRP): How big is this thing?

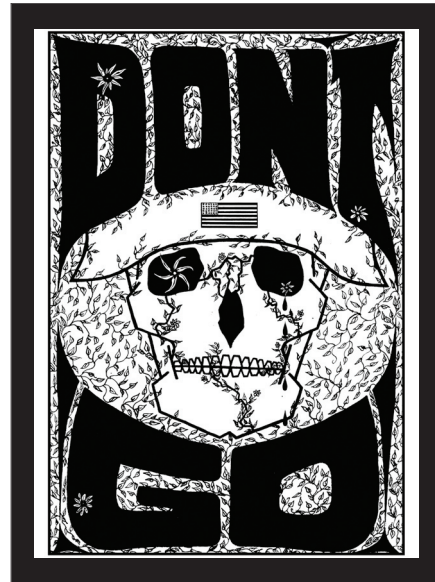
Rev: So far, "Don't Go" has been translated into 5 languages.

TRP: How 1/2 years later, what is your reaction to the piece?

Rev: It still chokes me up. I hold back tears.

TRP: How would you like your work to be used?

Rev: I'd like recruiters and recruits to sit in a room together and watch it before anyone signs the dotted line.



TRP: What is your goal with this piece?

Rev: Simply put, perhaps a bit naively, I just want it so that young people don't go to war.

The animated message is timeless, especially for young americans. It can be seen at www.zendik.org/Don't_Go/dontgo.html, or just google, "Zendik Don't Go."

"SURFING" FROM FIFTH PAGE

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"fair and balanced coverage of this entire crisis..."

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"...need to be hung for treason..."

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"...curfew at nine pm. ..."

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"...suspension of habeas corpus..."

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"...more than six hundred arrests in Seattle alone..."

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Update: Josh Wolf Freed

Video-blogger, Josh Wolf, has been freed after nearly 8 months in Federal custody for refusing to testify against his sources. Josh did give the authorities the video they requested, but as part of the deal Josh didn't have to testify. See TRP Vol. 5 No. 3.

Our Favorite New Word: Gas Trash

Noun. Low class people who have moved to Western Colorado to work in the natural gas fields.
Origin: Rifle, Colorado

TODAY WE MARCH: TOMORROW WE BOYCOTT

Many organizations gathered for the sixth annual Cesar Chavez celebration on March 24th, in Denver at St. Cajetan's Center on the Auraria Campus. The celebration began with a nondenominational service. A Christian woman spoke first and said that Cesar Chavez was comparable to Jesus, she said Jesus' last words were "follow me," and we should all continue to follow Cesar Chavez. An Apache man spoke and attributed colonized thinking for the problems of today. Finally, a man speaking Spanish with an English translator said, "We didn't cross the borders, the borders crossed us."

Suddenly, a ceremony with drums and ethnic clothing broke out on stage. With lots of energy in the air the march began. People exited the church to find a few hundred people waiting in the rain to march. The march, from Auraria campus to West High School, was in support of the passing of comprehensive immigration reform.

This event kicked off a week-long, statewide, boycott, starting March 25th through April 1st. During the boycott, no one was to make any economic transactions and everyone was to take all their money out of the bank and only leave the minimum. Emily Parkey, spokesperson for Colorado Immigration Reform Coalition (CIRC), told *The Longmont FIY*, "A majority of the participants haven't bought anything this week and haven't wired money (to their countries of origin). Our allies say it's been hard not to

have their coffees or go to the store, but harder still for immigrants who aren't sending their weekly money home to support their families."

Many groups came together to organize and participate in this event, including CIRC, Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Committee of Denver, Movimient Estudiantil Chivano de Aztlan (MEChA), and Coloradans of Immigrant Rights.

The human rights of immigrants are moving forward with the help of citizen activists, all help is greatly appreciated.



"DAHLIA" FROM FIRST PAGE

how quickly people turned into war hawks and called for the destruction of an entire people; my people.

She got involved in some of the pre-invasion marches and actions, but it was after the bombs and missiles started falling that she devoted herself to peace work.

Dahlia remembers life under Saddam all too well. "It was oppressive." Still, even with Saddam captured and executed, there were the lies about there being no WMDs. The entire basis for the killing of her countrymen was entirely based on lies. "This is a nightmare scenario I'm trying to deal with here."

The prejudice reached deep into her professional life, despite the fact that all physicians take the Hippocratic Oath. "I don't want to operate on any Middle Eastern people," one attending physician said. "We should blow up the country of each of the hijackers," said another. Dahlia devoted herself to working on bringing peace to her familiar ancestral home.

Her presentation style was smart and aesthetic. She sat in a chair, at a slight angle to the audience and showed slides behind her. The video presentation alone was overwhelming, showing a dignified people living in horrific circumstances. Some of the footage from the Arab press, included a clip showing a decapitated infant was overwhelming. "Remember," she reminded the crowd, "the Arab audience sees images like this nightly."

Digging deep, Dr. Wasfi was able to explain corporate involvement and a political group called the Project for a New American Century. Courageously, she connected the entire evening with an overall pattern of oppression against the Arab world by not only America, but showing the Israeli influence as well.

Wasfi ended the evening on an upbeat note. She answered every question the now sympathetic crowd had. "There are so many things you can be doing to stop the war and we need to be doing them all."

Monday, April 16th • 12 NOON
A Voice of Reason will be holding a Tax Day Protest Sit-Ins at our local Congressmen, and Senators offices.
For more information call: 245-3720

April 20th • 420 All Day
Safety meeting!
Spark one up.

IS IRAN NEXT?

Remember back in the fall of 2002 during the leadup to war in Iraq? With Afghanistan apparently secured, Bush Administration officials spent the months before the invasion professing their intimate knowledge of Iraq's arsenal of WMDs and its location. Even when U.N. weapons inspectors reported that their efforts in early 2003 turned up nothing, it was not good enough for the President. Having relentlessly bombarded Americans with false details about the threat posed by Saddam Hussein and exploiting their fear and anger by painting him as an ally of terrorists and warning of a "smoking gun that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud," he ordered the U.S.'s most ruthless military action to date. And although it is hard to guess this secretive administration's plans, one has to consider that it could be happening again.

Recently, we saw a string of very questionable accusations flung at Iran by the President and others. "There is solid evidence," a State Department official told us on January 24, "that Iranian agents are involved with groups in Iraq and are being sent there by the Iranian government." Bush tried to elaborate for reporters on February 15: "What we do know is that the Quds force was instrumental in providing these deadly IEDs to networks inside of Iraq. We know that. And we also know that the Quds force is a part of the Iranian government. That's a known." He admitted he didn't "know" whether top Iranian leadership was ordering this, but went on to say, "Either they knew or didn't know, and what matters is, is that they're there. What's worse, that the government knew or that the government didn't know?" This doesn't sound like convincing material, but he throws the blame anyway.

These vague accusations are disturbingly similar to the constant fearmongering that went on before the invasion of Iraq, when we were bombarded with claims of satellite imagery showing prohibited biological weapons labs, and statements attempting to paint Saddam

Hussein as an ally of terrorists. When taken together with the inflammatory approach Washington has used to hinder Iran's pursuit of nuclear technology, this paints a potentially dark picture of the administration's intentions. Then of course there is the recent U.S. buildup of its forces in the area, with the "troop surge" Bush touted in his State of the Union, as if it was a revolutionary way of approaching a problem, and the deployment of a second carrier strike group, led by the USS John Stennis, to join the USS Dwight Eisenhower in the region.

It might be alarmist to jump to the conclusion that the Bush Administration is planning a strike on Iran. After all, the troops are already stretched thinly by their current engagements, and any attempt to invade or bomb Iran, which is nearly four times the size of Iraq, would surely be

an unthinkable addition to the military's burden and a potentially devastating blow to the security of the whole region. But it's difficult to say whether or not they are capable of such a move, in light of their past behavior.

Recently representatives from the U.S., Iran, Syria, and other Middle Eastern countries met at a conference in Baghdad to discuss security in the country. However, the U.S. and Iran's participation involved mostly finger-pointing, with each blaming the other for the current unrest and Iran's envoy describing U.S. accusations as a cover for their own failures. Another meeting was proposed for April, but it remains to be seen whether this new diplomatic contact will have any meaningful effect.

Whatever the administration's real intentions, its accusatory language and parading of military force on Iran's doorstep promotes the possibility of armed conflict, whether initiated by a premeditated strike or an accidental skirmish. Clearly, this standoff is something Congress and the American people must watch closely, as a U.S.-Iran confrontation is something the world could not afford. •



CHANNEL SURFING

Making up, you find that your mouth is dry and that you have to take a piss. You sit up in bed and squint at the sunlight pouring into your room from between the slats of the venetian blinds. You groan slightly as you stand up and stretch. Time to head for the bathroom. After relieving your bladder you make your way to the kitchen. "I have a couple hours before I have to be at work," you think as you pour yourself that first cup of coffee. You take your coffee into the living room, plop down on the couch and turn on the television to see if anything important or interesting is going on out in the great big world.

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"Today President Bush announced that he has used his executive powers to declare a state of emergency. 'We have intelligence that a large scale terrorist attack on America is imminent. As the President it is my duty to the American people to ensure that the people remain safe from the threat of terrorism, by whatever means necessary'..."

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"...and until the end of this period of emergency all law enforcement officers are to be absorbed into the Department of Homeland Security. National Guardsmen and Reservists are hereby activated and to report immediately to their local police stations for further instructions..."

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"The President has suspended the House of Representatives and Senate for the duration of the emergency. Senators and Congressmen will be held in an undisclosed location for a short period for debriefing. 'The conspiracy against the American people has penetrated the highest levels of the American government. During this emergency the American people will have to expect a small level of inconvenience until everything gets sorted out, which we assure you will be relatively soon'..."

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"...last night the President signed into legislation the National Identification Act, which goes into effect immediately. All citizens have until April 30th to report to their local Department of Motor Vehicles locations to be fitted with an RFID. 'It's really a quick and painless procedure. It's a non-intrusive procedure which consists of nothing more than a quick shot to the arm. In effect the whole thing takes less than a second. After a minute or two you won't even know that you had it'..."

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"...all young men between the ages of 17 and 26 are hereby required to report to their local Office of Homeland Security to determine eligibility for Citizen Service..."

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"The Boy Scouts; America's young defense against the forces of terrorism..."

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"...VP Cheney said: 'given the broad range of the conspiracy against the American public and its infiltrations into the highest levels of government the 2008 presidential elections will be delayed indefinitely until we can be sure that all politicians are innocent of the crimes that they have been accused of. As soon as everything is cleared up the democratic process that this country knows and loves will be restored to a state of perfection heretofore unachieved'..."

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"...we go now live to the Oval Office where President Bush is about to speak..." "It is with a heavy heart that I take this responsibility unto myself. I am a lover of democracy and freedom, but in order to remain free we must purge the cancer of terrorist ideals from America. I only accept this responsibility out of love for my country and its people. As a people we must be steadfast and remain courageous in the face of our enemies here at home who have been co-opted and have long emboldened our enemies..."

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"...it has been discovered that the conspiracy goes all the way to the top of the leadership of the Democratic party, who have been working with the governments of North Korea, Venezuela, and Cuba, among others, to stage a political coup in America that aims to drastically alter our very way of life. These traitors to the American people and their foreign co-conspirators will be punished. We must feel pity for our fellow Americans who were duped into this scheme against their fellow countrymen, but justice must prevail..."

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"...including Hillary Clinton, Howard Dean, Barack Obama, and Al Gore to name just a few among the foreign-influenced Americans who have been arrested. They all have freely confessed to their crimes and volunteered information pointing to a vast terrorist conspiracy..."

"SURFING" ON PAGE SIX

Thursday, April 26th • 7:30PM
Grand Junction Alternative Media will be screening *Sir, No Sir*, a documentary about the G.I. resistance that ended the war in Vietnam.
Saccomanno Lecture Hall @ MSC Science Building.

April 24th-30th • All Day
National Turn of Your TV Week.

Unplug the Drug!

Monday, April 30th • 5:30PM
Grand Junction Alternative Media is hosting a round-table discussion "Beyond Tampons: Alternatives to Corporate Feminine Hygiene."
Krey-Ziegel Room in the MSC Student Center

Monday, April 30th • 7:00PM
A Voice of Reason is proud to present Dr. Bob Bowman's Patriot Tour which seeks to take back this country from those who've hijacked it.
Moss Performing Arts Recital Hall @ MSC Campus