

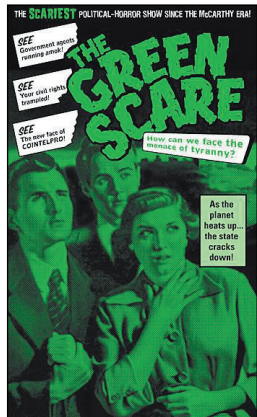
SCARE BY DEE ALLEN —POETRY—

Those who love the sanctity of all life
Are a threat to society
Those who see that
Gaia's burning up & all her children's
feeling the heat
Are too dangerous to know
Those who hate the
Recurring animal sacrifice at the farms &
labs
Are treasonous
Those who feel that
The nations of animals have the same rights
as us
Should be hated
Those who care enough for nature
To strike blows to the deathdealers
& painmakers' strongholds
Are terrorists
Those who dare enough to save animals
Feeding the instruments of their pain to the
flames
Should be captured
Those who stand before
Great tribunals defenceless
And answer their questions with refusal
Have no respect for the law-----

Give them contempt!
Lock them up!

[This planet could use more like these.
Then Gaia could be spared
Of being damaged goods-----

Awakened from sleep
Fifty years long,
The Red Scare rises again
And its newest shade is green.]



To support victims of the green scare, go to ecoprisoners.org or for more info go to greenisthenewred.org or search for ELF, ALF, E!F! and more!

Download this rad image at eberhardt-press.com

State of Disunion

NUMBER OF US CASUALTIES in Afghanistan in 2008: 155	NUMBER OF DEATHS in the southern desert border regions since 1994: 5,000
NUMBER OF US CASUALTIES in Afghanistan in 2009 so far: 281	NUMBER OF TENURED PROFESSORS Mesa State College fired this month: at least 1
NUMBER OF MESA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MISCONDUCT CASES that resulted in resignation or termination of officers: 8	NUMBER OF MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS conducted by the GJPD over the past 17 months: 26
NUMBER OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS the GJPD recieved in the past 17 months: 99	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS members of TRP filed that were not on the list: 2
NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS in the Grand Valley accused of crimes against women in the past month: at least 3	NUMBER OF DEATHS on the streets of GJ last year: 16

* Sources for the State of Disunion can be found at www.gjredpill.org

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SKATEBOARDING IN GRAND JUNCTION CRIMINALIZED, POLICE SELECTIVELY ENFORCE

The popularity of skating is on the rise, and it is the only form of transportation for many people. But is it even legal? The fog is clearing around the issue of skateboarding in Grand Junction, and, as the sun peaks through, repression rears its ugly head. Skateboarding is pretty much illegal in Grand Junction. Almost everywhere. "Skateboarding prohibited" and "skateboarding in the street" are crimes. G.J. activists have seen a rise in their share of justice for skateboarding crimes over the past year. By rise, we mean 2 fold, plus, for some.

Last spring, a "skateboarding prohibited" ticket was issued to Richard Crespin on Main Street. It resulted in a \$50 fine. Last June, multiple skating tickets were issued. Many resulted in confiscation of property (including skateboards), ten days in jail and almost \$1100 in fines for skate crimes and trumpedupchargesof "disregarding police." Repression is on the rise.

In early June, tickets were issued to three participants in G.J.'s local Critical Mass Community Bike/Skate Ride. The 'criminals' were charged with disregarding police and skating in the street. One arrestee never showed to court, Chris Dallas received ten days in jail suspended for one year and over \$600 in fines, and Steve Kilcrease received ten days in jail and \$1100 in fines. Their property was confiscated, including skateboards of all three arrestees, and a black

flag (which was non present on the property report, let alone returned to its owner).

The court gave Chris and Steve the same consequences as resisting arrest for the charge of disregarding police (ten days, Steve's \$1000 fine). The arrestees, however, were compliant with the police. They provided the GJPD with the required identification information and used their right to remain silent.

Later in June, two G.J. activists again were charged with "skateboarding prohibited." GJPD officers arrested Chris Dallas and Richard Crespin.

Skates were confiscated and fines increased to \$100.

Harassment of this particular group continued after the tickets were issued. Some of the group encountered the GJ Impact Team (officers on bikes), including Officers Kennedy (notoriously known harasser of the homeless) and Rojo. The officers approached the group (who were on bikes because their skates were taken), saying something like,

"Look, if it isn't our favorite skaters."

Harassment did not cease in the court room for defendant Steve Kilcrease. The court proceeding was not recorded, as most are at the municipal level. Officers Rojo and Dole, arresting officers for Critical Mass, provided ample information on one of the arrestees past interactions with the GJPD. While on the stand, the police mentioned that Steve was wearing shoes in a past interaction

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with "fuck the police" written on them. Steve's past criminal history was discussed. However the judge would not hear past behavior of the police toward the arrestees (stolen solidarity flag, harassment). The judge also told Steve that he was inciting a riot on Main Street, a clear falsity to a Critical Mass participant. Steve was not given the standard 24 hours to turn himself in to serve jail time because the judge didn't think he would turn himself in. He never expected to go to jail, but was taken straight there after court. The judge was also frightened about his questionable use of the first amendment. Why were these GJ



activists treated so poorly in our so-called Justice System?

The situation the GJPD created when skates were finally returned to their 'owners' is best described as a cluster-fuck. The clearly labeled skates were returned to the wrong people time and again. And the black flag was never returned.

The GJPD are targeting local skaters, especially skaters who are associated with alternative politics. Steve told TRP he has been skating since he was eight years old in Grand Junction, in the street or elsewhere, and he never had interactions with police until he started hanging out with folks from a collective house in town: enter alternative politics. There are multiple Critical Mass organizations in town, but this is the only one that has been targeted. "It comes down to... associations," said Chris. Anyone who looks differently or involves themselves with alternative politics, or anyone who asserts their rights when dealing with the GJPD are targeted groups.

What should you do if you are charged with skating? Well, plead not guilty, demand a jury trial, and do not quit skating. "[The arrest] slowed me down, but it didn't stop me," said Chris reassuringly. Steve said, "It just seems like such a small thing to slow you down from doing something that you love, or that you need to do to get around." So, you can attend City Council meetings to express your disgust with the criminalization of skating and the targeted arrests by the GJPD. Write letters, tell your friends, and plead not guilty. Steve's advice is, "Skate or die!"

Who's Next?



Former GJPD
officer Crooks



Former GJPD
officer Coyne



Your guess is as
good as mine.

LET THEM EAT CAKE FROM WILL WRITE FOR FOOD BY SEAN MCNEAL

Let them eat cake. So said Marie Antoinette, right before the starving peasants of France separated her head from the rest of her overdressed personage.

Today in a park in Grand Junction, Colorado, I witnessed hundreds of homeless people lining up to eat cake.

It was good cake, It was chocolate cake with fancy frosting.

I ate two pieces. There was other food as well.

There are no starving peasants in America, but there are hundreds of people lined up to eat cake.

Neither the Dauphine of France, the Government of the United States, nor the City of Grand Junction provided the afore mentioned cake.

It was provided by a group of Christians, presumably because man does not live by bread alone.

The police in America are fighting a war on poverty.

John Gotti and Carlos Escobar are both in Prison.

John Dillenger is Dead.

So, with crime out of the way the police are now free to pursue their real purpose; defending Capitalism and maintaining the status quo.

Unlike mamby pamby liberals, the police are attacking poverty at its source. Namely poor people.

Just as all right thinking Americans know that the banking crisis was caused by illegal immigration and the collapse of the car industry was the result of same-sex marriage.

So, do they also know, that the way to eliminate poverty is to criminalize the poor.

This has been proven by our war on drugs—imprison drug users and you eliminate drug use. This policy has been so successful, that it only makes sense to use this proven strategy in our war on poverty.

"The law prohibits both the rich and the poor from sleeping under bridges, therefore the law is just." This is a line from a French satire written before the French Revolution. Its intention was to shame the rich into treating the poor fairly.

When humor didn't work, the poor started cutting off heads.

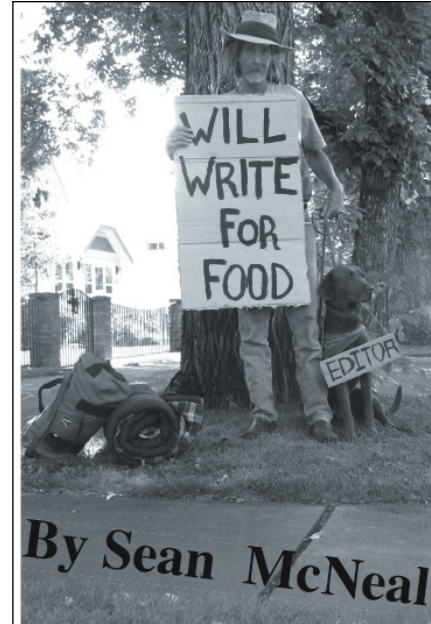
Just something to think about.

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Sean McNeal is a fifty-year-old traveling troubadour of old. He has traversed the country many times since being uprooted from his adopted home of New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. Trading stories for what ever kindness people are willing to show, McNeal has made his way into the heart of the real America. Will

Write For Food is the first collection of McNeal's writing. His prose is simple and straight forward and yet layered with meaning, puns, and a wry wit. His is an unique street-level perspective, of America in the first decade of the 21st Century, which makes this collection a must read.

You can get your copy of Will Write For food from Confluence Books, 749 suite (A) Rood Ave. Grand Junction, CO 81501, or order it on our website www.gjredpill.org.



FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH VARIETY SHOW TO BENEFIT CONFLUENCE BOOKS

Push your Luck! Join us for homegrown music, poetry, and film, with a political bent, as well as readings from zines on topics including parenting, reproductive rights and homelessness. Help support Grand Junction's only

alternative media collective and have an educational and entertaining evening to boot.

Planet Earth and Four Directions Gallery
524 Colorado Ave. Grand Junction.
7-9pm on Friday the 13th of November.

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over 5,000 people in the desert since 1994.

Each individual has their own story, their story of struggle. One organizer shared her story to the crowd of about 80 at the rally. She and her family rejoined her father in the US in 2001. When she was a senior in high school, her eyes were opened to the injustice immigrants face in this country ever day. Nadia wanted to go to university, but was faced with criticism and harassment at school, and roadblocks and obstacles along the road.

"An immigrant, seeking higher education?" was the reaction of many. With support from her community, Nadia was able to go to university and overcome these obstacles.

Nadia reminds us that there are countless stories of this constant struggle, and that we must unite ourselves if we want to see change. It's time to come out of the shadows.

"This injustice has to stop," said Daniel.

To contact these rad organizers, email Daniel at bkdan05@yahoo.com or call him or call at (970)985-8791.



YOUTH SAY IT'S TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

We are all immigrants in some sense, especially if you are of the white majority. It's time to show some solidarity and get active in your community.

In early October, a youth-organized immigration reform march swept our little city. The march, followed by a rally at Sherwood Park, was organized by young immigration activists in accordance with the presentation of comprehensive immigration reform legislation.

That's right. Young folks are organizing demonstrations in G.J.

The spirited marchers included young and old, entire families, solo flyers, activists and immigrants, in solidarity for much needed reform. "No one! No one! No one is illegal!" and "¿Que queremos? ¡Reforma

migratoria! ¿Cuándo? ¡Ahora!" were chanted to passing motorists and standerbys.

TRP talked to organizer Daniel Talavera. Daniel's inspiration for organizing is hearing all the stories of struggle; torn families, unimaginable sacrifice, standing on the brink of death. Daniel says it is more than just a border. He couldn't be more right.

The US spent over \$35 billion on border patrol and ICE since 1994. This massive rise on the militarization of the border has created no solutions and many problems. Over the next 20-25 years, the US could spend up to \$49 billion on the wall alone. The wall has only made it more dangerous for people to cross the fictitious line in ever-increasing treacherous territory—the desert. We've lost

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ACTIVIST CALENDAR

Every Tuesday • 1:30PM

Housing First! No More Deaths! meets to devise creative grassroots solutions to homelessness, and prevent homeless related deaths.
Whitman Park

Wednesday, December 2nd • 5PM

Drinking Liberally gets together to drink and talk politics the first Wednesday of the month.
Kannah Creek Brewery, Grand Junction

EVERY SATURDAY • 10:30AM

Get Involved in Confluence Media
*For more info: 245-3720
743 Rood Ave Suite (A)*

February 10th-15th • 2010

Convergence against the Winter Olympics
*Vancouver, British Columbia
www.no2010.com*

EVERY SATURDAY • 4:00PM

Solidarity Not Charity meets at Whitman Park to serve free food for free people.
For more info: 245-3720

Friday, November 13th • 7pm-9th

Confluence Books and the Red Pill Friday the Thirteenth Variety Show. Music, poetry, literature, and film with a political bent, local artist. An entertaining night.
*524 Colorado Ave. Planet Earth Gallery.
245-3720 or 256-9630 for more info.*

HOUSING FIRST! NO MORE DEATHS! NEEDS YOUR HELP SETTING UP A MASH UNIT

The Mobile Alternative Shelter for the Homeless unit is going to be a 18'x52' military tent. The group has found land, is working with the city for permitting, and needs your help to keep people from dying this winter. Check out www.housingfirstnomoredeaths.org or email us at nomoredeathsgrandjunction@riseup.net. or come to a meeting.

RED PILL LOCATIONS

You can pick up your copy of The Red Pill at the following locations: Planet 9, Planet Earth, The Hot Tomato, Kleen Sting, Colorado Java, Contemporary Glass Works, Orr's Trading Post, Coffee Muggers, Triple Play Records, Dream Child Entertainment.

Download the Red Pill at: <http://www.giredpill.org>

Become our friend on myspace.com @ http://www.myspace.com/gjam_theredpill

TIME TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL

I remember watching the first intifada on TV in the 80s. I was moved by the bravery of Palestinians dashing in front of tanks to throw concrete chunks at invading Israeli tanks. This is actually a good lesson in the military balance of power in the whole mess. Israel has tanks, cannon, attack helicopters, fighter planes and bombers, as well as an entire naval fleet, including submarines. The Palestinians have rocks and home-made bombs and rockets.

At the President's first press conference, good ol' reporter Helen Thomas threw a fast ball at Obama. "While we speculate about whether Iran will be able to develop a crude nuclear weapon in the next ten years, what can you tell us about any middle eastern country that already has an arsenal of nukes?" she asked. Obama looked like he saw a ghost, then quickly regrouped and deftly proceeded to speak without addressing the question at hand.

Israeli nuclear engineer at whistle blower, Mordecai Vanunu disclosed that Israel not only possesses nuclear weapons, they have a secret heavy breeder reactor facility in the desert near Dimona. The correct answer to Thomas' question is that not only is Israel the ONLY Middle Eastern country to possess nuclear weapons, they are a nuclear powerhouse. This open secret is amazing to those who have experience with Israeli public relations juggernaut.

By the way, you may be wondering where the Palestinians are able to get their hands so readily around concrete chunks to throw. The answer is ugly; nearly every block in Gaza and the West Bank has several homes that were torn down by Israeli Army soldiers driving big American-made bulldozers in a little something Israel calls collective punishment, that is, destroying the houses of a convitgo (stonethrower's mother).

Still the Palestinians live, breath and try to fight back. Even though Israel is stealing their water. Even though Israel is building a huge security wall that dwarves the Berlin Wall at its peak. The situation is pretty bleak day to day for Palestinians. What is there for the average American to do?

For starters, educate yourself. Read Mearscheiner and Walt's "The Israeli Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy." Then google "Mordecai Vanunu." This will open more than enough informational windows to get started.

Started with what you may ask? Why, with the economic boycott of Israel. It worked in the South Africa divestiture of the 70s and 80s and would likely work as well as a nonviolent weapon against Israel.

It's time to boycott Israeli goods. Go to www.inminds.co.uk/boycottisrael.php. They have the latest updates on how the campaign

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DEMAND PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OVERSIGHT OF THE GRAND JUNCTION POLICE

The Police here in Grand Junction have for a long time been able to do whatever they want with little or no oversight by the community. Skateboarders, Latinos, poor people, and political activists have long known that the police have grudges they settle with force or through the justice system.

Recent arrests and firings of two GJPD officers for beating a woman and raping a woman, Courtney Crooks and Glenn Coyne, respectively, are just the tip of the iceberg.

Former Police Chief Bill Gardner resigned this fall, because of another case that was successfully kept off the pages of the newspapers. It involved nine GJPD officers beating a woman in her own house, and then charging her with felony assault on an officer, she threatened to sue the PD and an agreement was reached, which dropped the charges. The victim is still too traumatized she just wants to put it behind her, but we as citizens need to know what happened in that incident.

The GJPD is notoriously secretive and non-transparent. Multiple open records requests have been denied, or simply ignored. The process for people to make complaints about the department is not open or accessible.

No hotline, No form, No advocate outside of the Police Department. To make a complaint you have to go to the station and into a locked corridor and into a locked room and make a complaint to an uniformed officer.

The Police also have a long history of selectively enforcing petty laws against the poor and homeless of this town. Smoking in the Park Tickets are only issued to homeless people. Forty-nine percent of 'walking-violations' are issued to homeless people. While houseless people represent maybe two percent of the city's population.

Latino and Immigrant Rights organizations have long noticed a trend of racial profiling in a way that violates the rights of Latinos, here in the Grand Valley.

This past July, the homeless activist group, Housing First! No More Deaths! exposed two undercover police that had infiltrated their organization, disguised as homeless people. The harassment has continued. At the end of September, GJPD, arrested an organizer for the organization at a public meeting for a petty warrant, in a calculated act of political intimidation to the others at the meeting.

The GJPD, is also trigger happy when it comes to the use of Tasers. Tasing people for noncompliance or while running away, when its intended use was for self-defense short of a firearm. Documents requested relating to the PD's use of Tasers have been ignored.

Only public hearings about the GJPD will provide a true picture of how the police are interacting with our community. And only citizen oversight will keep the organization honest and just. Contact these people. Demand citizen oversight and public hearings.

Contact City Council - (970) 244-1504, tinad@gjcity.org.

Contact the Chief of Police -

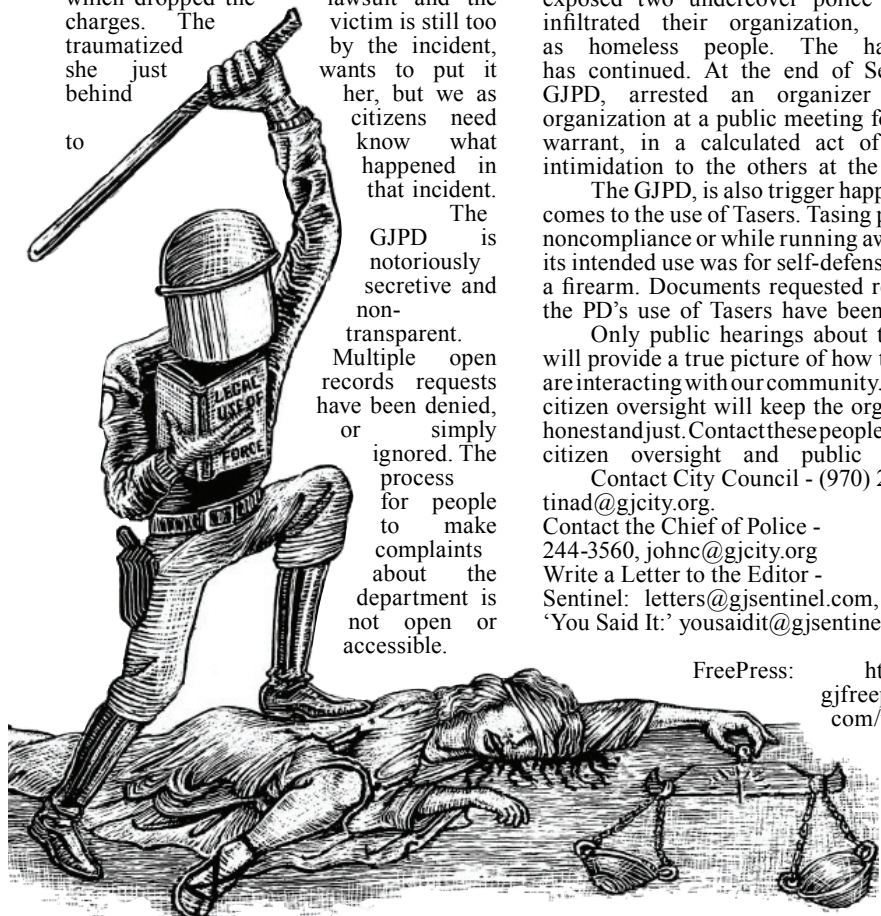
244-3560, johnc@gjcity.org

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GRAND JUNCTION POLICE'S SPANISH PHRASE BOOK

EDITOR'S NOTE—This document recently fell in our laps. It's the Spanish-English phrase book for Grand Junction's finest. Notice there is nothing about rights translated. It's also insightful on how the police view their interactions with the community both hispanic and otherwise—no hello, no how are you?, no do you need help.

Be quiet—Silencio
Come with me—Ven conmigo
Do you feel okay—Se siente bien?
Do you have any—Tiene usted alguna
Do you have identification—Tiene identificación
Do you need a doctor—Necesita un medico
Do you speak english—Habla Ingles
Drugs—Droga
Guns—Pistolas
Have you been drinking—Ha estado bebiendo
Have you taken any drugs—Ha tomado alguna droga
How many drinks have you had—Cuantas bebidas ha tenido usted
How old are you—Cuando anos tienes
I don't understand—No entiendo
Knife—Cuchillo, Navaja
Listen to me—Escuchame
Please—Por favor
Relax, Calm down—Relajese, Calmate
Show me—Muestrame
Speak slowly—Hable despacio
Thank you—Gracias
Weapons—Armas
What is your date of birth—Cual es su fecha de nacimiento
What is your name—Como te llamas
When did this happen—Cuando ocurrio esto
Where are the—Donde estan los
Where are you from—De donde eres
Where are you going—Adonde vas
Where do you live—Donde vives

Where do you work—Donde trabajas
Where do you come from—De donde vienes
Who did this—Quien hizo esto
Who is this—Quien es este
Who owns this—A quien pertenece este
Write down what happened—Anoto lo que sucedio
Can I see your—Puedo ver su
Driving License—Licencia de conducir/
manejar
Get out of the car—Sel del auto
Proof of insurance—Prueba de seguro

Vehicle registration—Matricula de vehiculo
Do it now—Hagalo ahora
Don't move—no se mueva
Drop the weapon—Suelta el arma
Get back—Haste por atras
Get on your knees—En sus rodillas
Give me your hand—Dame tu mano
Interlock your fingers—intertraba de los dedos
Keep your hands where I can see them—Mantenga las manos donde pueda verias
Left—Izquierdo
Lie down on your stomach—Acuestese sobre el estomago
Palms together—Palma de la mano juntos
Put your hands behind your back—Ponga sus manos detras de su espalda
Put your hands up—Ponga sus manos arriba
Right—Derecho
Sit up—Dentarse
Stand up—Levante
Stay there—Permanezca alli
Stop—Parar
Stop resisting—Deja de resistir
Thumbs upwards—Pulgares hacia arriba
Turn around—Dar la vuelta
You are going to jail—Vas a ir a la carcel
You are under arrest—Usted esta arrestado
You have a warrant—Usted tiene una orden para su arresto •

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is going (yes, it's already underway). Make sure to read the clear concise FAQ section.

Who to boycott? Just for starters AOL, Time-Warner, Coca-Cola, Caterpillar, Disney, Estee Lauder, L'oreal, and many more than can be listed here. Some individual brands to avoid are Banana Republic, Calvin Klein, Kleenex and Libby's. Boycotts are almost perfect for American

government stepping in to do something to help the Palestinians. They believe we're wrapped around their pinkies. What they are terrified of is a shift in economic power, losing their markets.

Check your conscience to see if you want to act in support of Palestinian society. If your answer is yes, consider the boycott carefully. Creative nonviolence brought down South African apartheid. And it can likewise help to liberate the Palestinian people. •