

FORECLOSURES WAY WAY UP IN MESA COUNTY

all Street and the Banksters in our government and their talking heads in the mainstream press keep talking about jobless recovery. But there can be no recovery in a society where the working class can't make ends meet. Who's going to buy all their shit and rent their over-priced vacant properties?

This depression is cycling ever downward. Mesa County now has the highest unemployment rate in the state. The Wednesday January 13th edition of the Daily Sentinel, in the Legal Notices section, 170 properties in Mesa County that are currently in foreclosure were listed. This is more than triple the number of foreclosures listed one year ago.

In the same issue of the Daily Sentinel, there were only 27 job listings. Those lucky enough to have jobs, deal with cut hours and limit advancement opportunities. The prosperity experienced by the Baby Boomers will be but a far away dream for our generations. Loyalty to a company will only get your retirement fund looted and you laid-off, as companies seek cheaper labor abroad.

Economic recovery is a far way off, and its going to get a lot worse before it gets better. Look around. Everywhere there are vacant retail spaces and boarded up houses, people living in tents or vehicles, families choosing between healthcare and food, veterans choosing between medication and rent, waiters with masters' degrees.

We are a generation robbed by the generations that proceeded us and we are going to pay the interest on their mistakes and greed with our poverty.

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State of Disunion

NUMBER OF SECRET
ICE FACILITIES
exposed around the
country:
186

NUMBER OF
FORECLOSURES
listed in the Jan 13
Daily Sentinel:
170

NUMBER OF US
CASUALTIES
in Afghanistan in 2009:
316

NUMBER OF US
CASUALTIES
in Afghanistan in 2002:
49

NUMBER OF
PROTESTERS
killed by Afghan
intelligence officers in
a riot against US troops
desecrating a Koran
and defiling women in
southern Afghanistan:
at least 8

EST. NUMBER OF
PEOPLE DISPLACED
by the 2008 Olympics
in Beijing:
1.5 million

DAYS OF
RESISTANCE
against the 2010
Olympics in Vancouver:
2/10/10-2/15/10

BILLIONS OF
DOLLARS
in the 2010 Defense
Department Budget:
660

BILLIONS OF
DOLLARS
Obama asked for
additional emergency
war funding:
33

NUMBER OF CIA
EMPLOYEES
recently killed by
a double agent in
Afghanistan:
7

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SECRET ICE DETENTION CENTERS IN GRAND JUNCTION AND ELSEWHERE IN COLORADO

Jin the January 4th edition of The Nation there is a story profiling the existence of 186 Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) Sub-Stations where people are "Disappeared."

From the Nation, "...According to Aaron Tarin, an immigration attorney in Salt Lake City, "Whenever I have a client in a subfield office, it makes me nervous. Their procedures are lax. You've got these senior agents who have all the authority in the world because they're out in the middle of nowhere. You've got rogue agents doing whatever they want. Most of the buildings are unmarked; the vehicles they drive are unmarked." Like other attorneys, Tarin was extremely frustrated by ICE not releasing its phone numbers. He gave as an example a US citizen in Salt Lake City who hired him because her husband, in the process of applying for a green card, was being held at a subfield office in Colorado. By the time Tarin tracked down the location of the facility that was holding the husband when he had called his wife, the man had been moved to another subfield office. "I had to become a little sleuth," Tarin said, describing the hours he and a paralegal spent on the phone, the numerous false leads, unanswered phones and unreturned messages until the husband, who had been picked up for driving without a license or

insurance, was found in **Grand Junction, Colorado**, held on a \$20,000 bond, \$10,000 for each infraction. "I argued with the guy, 'This is absurd! Whose policy is this?'" Tarin said the agent's response was, "That's just our policy here."

Here are known substations in our region:

Denver, CO 720-873-2899 12445 E. Caley Avenue, Centennial, CO 80111
Loveland, CO 970-593-6477 350 E. 7th Street, Suite 13, Loveland, CO 80538
Aurora, CO 303-361-0723 11901 E. 30th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80010
Grand Junction, CO 970-241-3791 571 S. Commercial Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81505
Pueblo, CO 719-948-2915 32920 Walt Bassett, Pueblo, CO 81001
Cheyenne, WY 307-772-2040 308 W. 21st Street, Room 105, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Check these out too
National List of Detention Centers
[http://www.jacquelinestevens.org/
ICEFieldSubfield0909.PDF](http://www.jacquelinestevens.org/ICEFieldSubfield0909.PDF)

The Nation Article.
[http://www.thenation.com/
doc/20100104/stevens](http://www.thenation.com/doc/20100104/stevens)



PANHANDLING, PARKS, AND GENTRIFICATION: CRIMINALIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS IN GRAND JUNCTION

In late June of 2009, the City of Grand Junction stepped up its continued criminalization of the homeless by trying to pass two "emergency" ordinances targeted at 'flyin' a sign.' The city tried to sneak these measures through as emergency ordinances; they had to pass unanimously, but could by-pass the normal process. The city released the text of the ordinances the Friday before Country Jam, the area's largest annual event, and held the hearing the following Monday.

The homeless community, and many from the broader community, came to the City Council meeting to oppose the bill. The crowd was well over one hundred people strong. Even the ACLU sent an opinion letter opposing the ordinances. Both bills were struck down, but were sent back to committee for heavy revision.

The revised bill banned "soliciting in medians," but also prohibited anyone being in a median for any reason. This measure was eventually put into law on October 2nd. The first arrest was made 22 days later. John Martinez was 'flyin' a sign' at a place known as the 'wedge,' at the intersection of First Street and Grand Avenue. The 'wedge' is also known as Colorado West Park. But how is a park a median?

Sometime in October, the park sign, picnic bench and trash can were removed and the park became a median. Poof, overnight, gone. The City Manager's office told TRP that changing a park to a median "would have to be something City Council decided." Yet, no mention of changing Colorado West Park to a median are in the Council's minutes.

Granted the park was never much of a park, considering it was jammed in an 5-way intersection. It was probably first listed as a park to create an exaggerated community-image in order to get businesses to relocate to Grand Junction.



The star is the location of Colorado West Park/Median

When TRP talked to the Parks and Rec department they tossed us around the phone network like a hot potato, but we got some interesting information.

"Council must of designated it as a median," said Parks and Rec employee Ron Felps. "It's still part of our regular maintenance."

"I have very little information," said Parks and Rec employee Mike Vendegna. He did say that the sign, picnic table and trash can were removed from the park just in the last couple of weeks. "It was never truly a park," said Vendegna. He directed us to the City Clerk and Recorder's office for information on who decided to change the park's designation, but the City Clerk never returned our repeated phone calls.

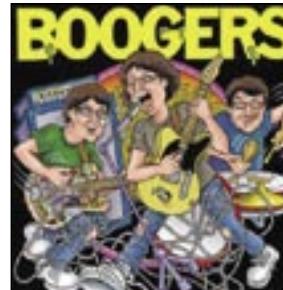
"There wasn't any authorization," said City of Grand Junction Public Relations person Sam Rainguet. Rainguet said that after the City passed the 'median ordinance' the city looked at certain parks to see if they were parks or medians. Rainguet said that Colorado West Park was never actually designated as a park, and so no official re-designation was needed. When pressed about who ordered the sign, picnic table and trash can removed, Rainguet said "I don't know," and promised to get back with the answer, which she never did.

There are other parks in town that aren't really parks and are more like a median, but they still remain parks. The main reason is that people don't panhandle at those parks.

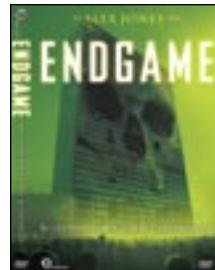
It's vindictive. The ordinance lost, then they came back with a watered down ordinance that banned people from being in medians, and then they get rid of an entire city park just to keep a few people from 'flyin' a sign' on one corner. This is just a little battle in a war the city has been waging to push the poor and homeless out of sight and out of the city.

THE BOOGERS —MUSIC REVIEW—

Hey kids! Get ready to rock out with your blocks out! The Boogers are here! Their debut album, Road to Rock, was the 2009 National Parenting Publications Award GOLD Winner. It features fast and fun twists on children's favorites, such as Mary had a



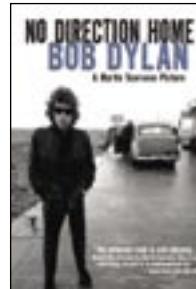
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of constitutional rights through the introduction of supranationalistic monetary systems and intergovernmentalism, is a must see for anyone interested in combating globalism and destroying the hierarchies that see us as nothing more than subservient proles.

•No Direction Home

Not only does Martin Scorsese succeed at creating one of the most spellbinding depictions of the man who is arguably the greatest living American songwriter, he also gives the viewer unmatched portraits of the depression-era folk musicians that so deeply influenced Bob Dylan and the 1960s. After watching this film you may feel like you've just been gifted with all the beauty that exists in the USA.



•Breaking the Spell

This documentary about the 1999 WTO convergence in Seattle is the second film on Crimethinc's excellent Guerilla Film Series, Volume 1, which includes, along with five short films, two other awesome feature length docs: Pickaxe, about the Cascadia Free State, and The Miami Model, about the 2003 FTAA protests. The entire collection is inimitable

Little Lamb and the Wheels on the Bus, as well as original work, including Eat Your Vegetables and I Don't Need to be Worried.

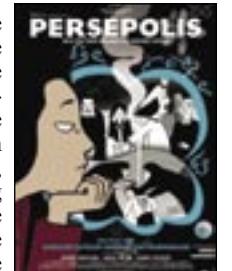
Inspired by the Ramones, The Boogers aim to introduce punk rock music to kids in a family friendly way. The Boogers were created by developmental psychologist and musician Paul Crowe (aka Crusty Booger), and entertain children and adults with fun music that isn't lame.

My favorite? Their version of The Big Rock Candy Mountain. Peanut Butter and Jelly gets two thumbs up from my two year old son. Check out <http://www.meet-the-boogers.com/index.html> for more about this refreshing, inspiring band.

for anyone with a desire to understand the tactics of contemporary resistance.

•Persepolis

Based upon the graphic novel of the same name by Marjane Satrapi, who co-wrote co-directs the animated feature with Vincent Paronnaud, this enchanting coming-of-age tale not only charts the personal growth of the charming protagonist as she searches for her identity through disparate ideologies and ideals, it gives the viewer a glimpse into Iran during the last few decades that many of us would never have otherwise had access to. This is one of those flicks that evaluates the differences between us in order to better display the qualities we all, as humans, share.



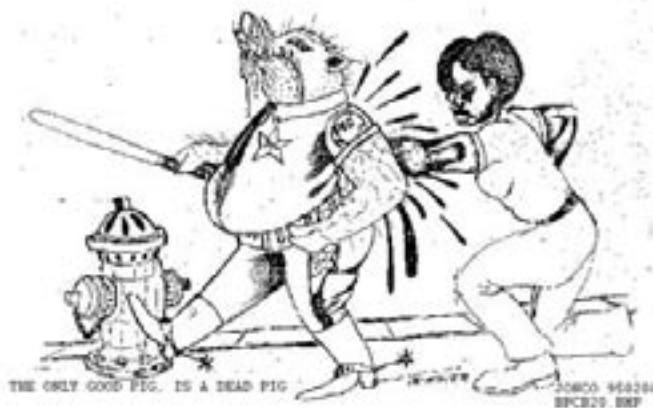
•The Weather Underground

Chronicling the exploits of one of the most effective radical groups of the sixties and seventies, The Weather Underground (originally The Weathermen, taken from Bob Dylan's "Subterranean Homesick Blues") Sam Green and Bill Siegel's doc is as thrilling and inspiring as it is informative. If you want to see what a life time of dedication to the betterment of the human race looks like, turn off that bullshit about Barack Obama (who underwent a political crisis for affiliating with former member Bill Ayers) and check out some folks who were willing to not only talk the talk, but do what politicians seem incapable of, that is, walk the walk. •

COINTELPRO: BLACK PANTHER COLORING BOOK

The FBI's COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program) has a dark and sordid history spanning three decades and four presidential administrations (1956-1971). It was a covert program of domestic terrorism and state sanctioned oppression against popular movements in the United States. Tactics ranged from illegal wire tapping to the assassination of Freddy Hampton, a member of the Black Panthers. The FBI under COINTELPRO sent Martin Luther King Jr. death threats, sabotaged the Socialist Workers Party, used their influence to terminate "communist" professors from universities, infiltrated and disrupted student groups, undermined the civil rights movement, incited gang warfare and many other nefarious and illegal activities. To the right is a page from

a coloring book purportedly from the Black Panthers but actually created by the FBI in order to delegitimize the Black Nationalist organization. The coloring book was mass mailed throughout the United States and especially to white communities. For brief overview on the history of COINTELPRO read the report presented by Paul Wolf to the U.N. High Commissioner of Human Rights: <http://www.icdc.com/~paulwolf/coinelpro/coinwear3.htm>



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, February 3rd • 5PM

Drinking Liberally gets together to drink and talk politics the first Wednesday of the month.

Kannah Creek Brewery, Grand Junction

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY • 1:30PM

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TOP TEN WINTER WATCH LIST

Winter can be bleak. With cold weather, gray skies, and seasonal depression, it's often a hard time for many folks to find inspiration or motivation to pursue the things that seemed so natural and exciting during the warmer months. But winter is also a great time to regather and edify yourself, to solidify your ideas and develop plans for pursuing them, to go into your cave only to reemerge in the spring wiser and more competent. Here are ten films to explore during the months of frost that will hopefully assist you in this:

•Zeitgeist

In this film, producer/writer/director/ everythingelse Peter Joseph displays the ways in which religion, politics, and money have been used to control human kind for, oh, say, the last few millennia. I find the first part in which Joseph reveals the astrological and mythological correlations that have arisen between most of the world's major religions throughout the ages to be exceptionally informative, to the point of making the majority of belief systems based on hierarchical empire's of magical immortal deities even more laughable than they already are.

•Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media

This film is not only a great introduction to the person many have called the most important intellectual of the 20th century, it is also an in depth look into the governmental policies that have shaped our world. Noam Chomsky's knowledge is beyond categorization, and

directors Mark Achbar and Peter Wintonick do a fabulous job of presenting a man who's search for truth and conscience have lead him from linguistics (he's the prof. emeritus in this field at MIT) to syndicalist anarchism (which he outspokenly supports).

•Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price

Director Robert Greenwald exposes how Wal-Mart, the biggest corporation in the world, destroys local economies, contaminates local land, screws it's employees in the United States, and uses slave labor in third world countries to build and assemble most of its products, all the while convincing the consumer of the benevolence of those at the helm, because,



after all, they're only trying to save you money. Fuck Mike Duke, H. Lee Scott, S. Robson Walton, Sam Walton and every other vampire at the top of this totem pole of toilet paper and disposable electronics for taking advantage of the poor across the globe while

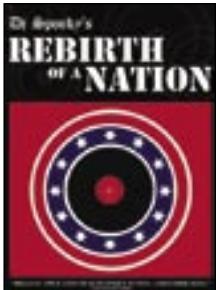
touting themselves as some sort of benevolent, family oriented supply store that just happened to become the largest economy in the world!

•The Devil Came on Horseback

This heartbreakng documentary takes the viewer through the six month long journey of US military observer Brian Steidle in Darfur, Sudan, as he watches government hired thugs, the Janjaweed, torture and destroy village after village of civilians. It then follows him as he returns home to be greeted by glad-hand politicians and angry Sudanese attaches accusing him of having made the whole thing up. The tragedy here is not only the genocide being carried out against a people by it's own government, but, as with Rwanda, the apathetic response of those countries with the means to stop it.

•DJ Spooky's Rebirth of a Nation

DJ Spooky remixes D.W. Griffith's Birth of a Nation- the first film to be screened at the White House- and in doing so unveils what the 1915 silent film really is: the grandest piece of white supremacist propaganda ever produced. This is what schools should be doing with their text books.



•Endgame: Blueprint for Global Enslavement

The ever truculent Alex Jones reveals the Bilderberg Group, an exclusive, uber-elite amalgam of the world's wealthiest pigs who meet in secret under nearly impenetrable security to set the world agenda. This terrifying film, in which Jones explains the annihilation

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March for No More Deaths On The Streets of Grand Junction



On Sunday December 20th, 2009 Housing First! No More Deaths! marched for no more deaths on the streets of Grand Junction, from Whitman to Hawthorne park, to the Coalition for the Homeless' annual memorial for those who have lost their lives on the streets in our city. HF!NMD! says we should be sad and angry, and there is no more time to ignore the issue, or simply police it away. Housed and homeless folks marched to remember their friends who have lost their lives on the streets.

Housing First! No More Deaths! took 5th Street by storm, carrying crosses with the names of loved ones who have lost their lives on the streets of Grand Junction.

WAR IS PEACE: OBAMA SENDS MORE TROOPS TO AFGHANISTAN

Jin just one year, the Obama administration has ushered in a gross expansion of war efforts. Obama, the new recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, is now sending 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, nearly tripling the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. His increased commitments in 2009 total 47,000 troops. What goes totally unmentioned is the immense increase of privatized troops under the current administration. As a result of the advancing deployment of 30,000 troops, there may be as many as 56,000 private contractors.

The Defense budget is higher than it has ever been in US history, with an estimated \$639 billion this year, and a record \$708 billion for 2011. So, too, the private military force is the largest it has ever been, with 69% of the Department of Defense workforce comprised of private contractors.

While there were promises of withdrawal during the campaign, soon after his inauguration Obama made it clear he would be removing only combat troops from Iraq, likely leaving all other forces behind and replacing combat troops with U.S. trained Iraqi forces. The removal of troops continues to only proceed rhetorically

through the use of "security", or "peace keeping" troops rather than combat forces.

Obama, the supposed incarnate of peace, also continues Bush-era practices of rendition, which allows for transportation of terrorism suspects to countries who practice torture and abuse. Obama is an avid proponent of big business policies, including the development of the predator drone, or unmanned aerial vehicles, and its use in attacks in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen. The CIA's covert war in Pakistan is an overt use of drone attacks, with a rising civilian death toll. In the first six months of his Presidency, Obama ordered more drone attacks than Bush ordered in the three years before that.

Finally, during his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech Obama said, "There will be times when nations - acting individually or in concert - will find the use of force not only necessary but morally justified". While Obama justifies war morally, we have seen no tangible improvement on conditions; no peace. Gitmo and other prisons are still open, we are losing troops in both our wars, and the Bush-era torture practices are still in place.

GJ ACTIVISTS SAY NO TO OBAMA TROOP SURGE



We've given him a Nobel Peace Prize, We've given him our anti-war vote, We've given him a chance to create peace. No Change. Same Game. After Obama declared a surge of 30K troops in Afghanistan, GJ activists felt like it was time to show we do not support wars, whether they are lead by liberals or conservatives. The sign on the left says "Jobs not War." Just something to think about.