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## Wild Roots Feral Futures



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We are looking for folks of all sorts to join us and help facilitate workshops, conflict resolution and management, direct action and medic trainings, wild food walks, and much more! We will be focusing on many things, including but by no means limited to anarchist theory and praxis, unpacking privilege, decolonization, rewilding, ancestral skills, indigenous solidarity, forest defense, security culture, civil disobedience, hand to hand combat, survival

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# State Of Disunion

EST. NUMBER OF  
SQUARE MILES

the BP oil spill covers: 2,000

NUMBER OF  
PROTESTERS KILLED  
in recent riots against tax  
raises and spending cuts:

3

NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
who die every day due  
to interactions with law  
enforcement:

4-6

PERCENTAGE OF  
ARREST-RELATED  
DEATHS

due to homicide by law  
enforcement:

55

EST. NUMBER OF  
SLAVES

captured from Africa  
between the  
19th century:

12 million

NUMBER OF BANKS  
set afire in recent  
Greece riots:

1

EST. NUMBER OF  
GALLONS  
of BP oil spilling into  
the Gulf per day:

200,000

EST. NUMBER OF  
GALLONS  
of BP oil could be  
leaked each day:

2 million

EST. NUMBER OF  
DEATHS  
in Marange diamond  
fields by Zimbabwean  
military:

200

EST. NUMBER OF  
SLAVES  
in the world today:

27 million

\* Sources for the State of Disunion can be found at [www.gjredpill.org](http://www.gjredpill.org)

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## HARASSED AND MANHANDLED: GJPD AND THE HOMELESS

In an all too common incident, three homeless people were contacted by the Grand Junction Police Department for nothing more than being in a park frequented by homeless people.

Officer Winch approached Julie and Johnny Martinez, and engaged the two in small talk about an incident from the day before in the park. Officer Winch then asked to see a water bottle that Julie had. She gave it to him. He smelled it and "got pissed" saying "You lied to me," said Julie. Officer Winch then said that he wanted to see what was in Julie's backpack. She refused, and according to Julie and Martinez, Officer Winch yanked the backpack from Julie and began searching. "That's when he cuffed me," Julie said. They had Julie in cuffs for over half an hour for a drinking in public violation.

When Julie's partner, Lumber Jack, came back to the park, he headed to the public bathrooms where now two officers and a sergeant were talking to Julie and Martinez. "I told them I just needed to go to the bathroom," Lumber said. Once next to Julie and Martinez "I told them they have no right to search her backpack. That's when they grabbed me and took me to the ground," Lumber said. His arm was turning more and more purple, as we spoke shortly after the incident.

"He was so verbally aggressive," said Julie. "I asked for a female officer to search me, but he searched me anyway," she added.

After a little over half-an-hour, all three people were released all with blue tickets; Julie for drinking in the park, Lumber Jack for crossing a street while intoxicated, and Johnny Martinez for interfering with an officer (for refusing



Photos of Steven Lee "Lumber Jack" Ball's bruises.

to leave while his friends were being manhandled, cuffed, and ticketed.)

"I told them 'I won't show up to court anyway,'" said Lumber. Martinez described the pile of petty tickets he gets from the GJPD, on an almost daily basis, as "thick as an encyclopedia."

These tickets, which are common in the houseless community, result in either an arrest warrant for failure to appear, or a fine for hundreds of dollars. The fine almost inevitably goes unpaid (for obvious reasons), and goes to collections. Eventually, an arrest warrant is issued. These tickets are often for things related to the basics of life; trespassing tickets for sleeping; indecent exposure for relieving themselves; drinking or smoking in the park because they have nowhere else to smoke and drink. These tickets keep people houseless by ruining people's credit and straddling them with huge debts. They also cost the taxpayers millions in a broken criminal justice system.

Sergeant Kevin Imbriaco was on scene. Let him know that harassing and manhandling the homeless is not acceptable: (970) 683-3399.

## WHO'S LYING?

**A**uthorities have recently cleared the two officers involved in the recent police shooting, at the Timbers Motel, on February 28th, of any wrong doing. They found that lethal force was justified. Yet many questions still remain unanswered. Statements made by numerous officials about the case contradict. It appears that someone is lying.

At about 2pm on February 28th, Grand Junction Police Officers Isaac Gallegos and Allen Kwiatkowski responded to a domestic dispute call at the Timbers Motel. After talking to Nancy Ingram, officers went to the room to arrest Brent Ingram on misdemeanor warrants, a few minutes later Brent Ingram lay dead with two bullets in his chest.

Serious questions started to be asked when, on March 2nd, a Daily Sentinel article quoted Nancy Ingram as saying "...the officers then dragged her husband's body to the doorway and removed his clothing. 'Even the underwear, his privates and everything were showing,' she said."

The next day, March 3rd, about a dozen people protested outside of the police department, questioning the use of force and tampering with a crime scene by moving Ingram's body. In response, GJPD Chief Camper told Channel 8 & 11 news that accusations about officers moving the body were false and based on rumor.

Another eyewitness, who was staying at the Timber's motel at the time, and wishes to remain anonymous, heard police shouting at Ingram to drop it and then heard the gunshots. At this point the witness went outside of his/her room and witnessed officers dragging Ingram's body to the doorway of the motel room. The witness reported that he/she told investigators the same thing.

Who's lying? Chief Camper or Nancy Ingram and other eyewitnesses?

A letter dated March 23rd from Mesa County District Attorney Pete Hautzinger to Grand Junction Police Chief John Camper, cleared officers of any wrong doing and found that lethal force was justified. In the letter, Hautzinger says that Ingram was charging officers with a knife and therefore lethal force



GJPD Chief John Camper

was justified. Hautzinger uses the location of Ingram's body, in the doorway of the motel room, as evidence that he was charging the officers. After being shot "...Mr. Ingram fell face down in the entryway, winding up exactly where Officer Kwiatkowski had been standing." Earlier in the letter Hautzinger placed Officer Kwiatkowski "near the door of the room while Officer Gallegos entered, went in between the beds and began to check under the beds."

Mesa County Deputy Coroner and forensic pathologist, Dr. Robert Kurtzman, performed the autopsy on Ingram, and told the Daily Sentinel in an article from March 24th that "a dying Brent Ingram was dragged by police or medical personnel to the doorway of a North Avenue motel room in an effort to provide easier access for emergency responders... Until they know he's dead, they have to make every effort to preserve his life," Kurtzman said as quoted by the Sentinel. He also told the Sentinel that "events surrounding the treatment of Ingram's body were explained to him by law enforcement." Kurtzman was quoted as saying, "The most important thing for me is: are the patterns of injuries consistent with the reported circumstances, and they are in this case."

Did Ingram fall into the doorway? Or was he dragged? Which was it?

Kurtzman is getting us closer to the truth, but even his statements are a little inconsistent and certainly don't match Hautzinger's conclusions on where the body lay. The idea that officers dragged the body to "provide easier access" for first responders or in an "effort to preserve his life," is bullshit. First off, it's far easier for first responders to get a person onto a gurney in the middle of a room rather than the middle of a doorway. Secondly, if someone is seriously injured as Ingram was, with a bullet in his spine, that last thing that anyone should do is move that person.

So who's lying? Camper? Hautzinger? Kurtzman? Nancy Ingram and other eyewitnesses? We as a community need to know, but unfortunately we are unlikely to ever get real answers.

## MYTHMAKERS & LAWBREAKERS: ANARCHIST WRITERS ON FICTION —BOOK REVIEW—

**W**hy the fuck are you wasting your time doing something that doesn't help 'The Cause'?"

"Fiction is just self-serving escapist crap. We need Action and Self-Sacrifice."

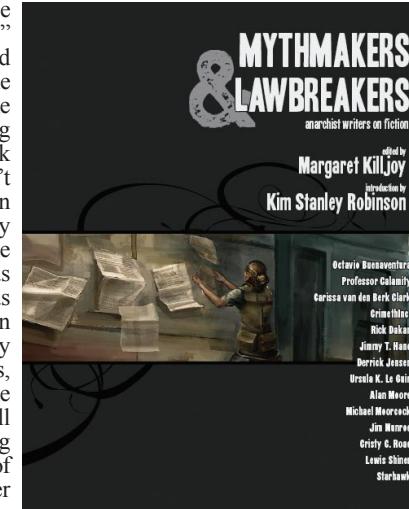
"If you live your life to the fullest and take the time to study your own experiences, you shouldn't have time to read other people's made up stories."

"The situation is too urgent not to be studying the 'Facts'."

First off, I would like to say, from the perspective of someone who grew up reading and writing fiction: Fuck 'The Cause' if it doesn't allow me to explore life in the ways presented only through fiction. Fuck the 'Facts'. Few things are as flawed and ephemeral as 'Facts', which more often than not have the tendency to themselves be fictions, and when this isn't the case, the 'Facts' are still incapable of presenting the complete reality of any situation, no matter how much they purport to do so. This is their danger-- people approach most genres of 'non-fiction' believing that all agendas have been eschewed and they're receiving an "objective" or "scientific" explanation, when, in fact (haha pun), all they can be receiving is a view of reality filtered through the flawed human mind.

The World is Flat. Remember that 'Fact'? And as for Theory--how many times do I need to be told, "The planet is fucked," "Womyn are equal with men," "Respect people's sexuality," "Our society is inherently racist," "Rich people, politicians, and the governments they concoct suck," "The big media works for these sucky governments,"?

All of this said, you can imagine how happy I was when a friend hit me up with a copy of *Mythmakers & Lawbreakers: Anarchist Writers On Fiction*, a collection of interviews conducted and edited by SteamPunk Magazine founder Margaret Killjoy and published by AK Press. The book does a great job of covering not only luminaries like Ursula K. Le Guin (whose book *The Dispossessed* is mentioned by at least three other interviewees), Alan



Moore (*V for Vendetta*, duh), Derrick Jensen, in superbly truculent, confrontational form, and Arch New Age Eco-Anarchist and sybil Starhawk, but also up and comers like Geek Mafia Don Rick Dakan (I apologize in advance for the tasteless reference to the Italian mob patriarchy, but it was irresistible), genre blending anti-authors CrimethInc., badass Bad Habits writer and illustrator Cristy C.

Road, and more obscure folk like Octavio Buenaventura and Jimmy T. Hand. Every person interviewed adds a new, occasionally completely different perspective on the benefits and detriments of anarchist fiction. Many of the authors speak about the stagnation of modern fiction, expounding on the negative cultural effects of having banal, boring-ass middle class white professor types writing about banal, boring-ass middle class professor types. Jump into the poetry pool for a second if you want to see the vitality of language unforgivably suffocated by these imperialized academic sock garter enthusiasts! Big ups to Michael Moorcock for ripping on that stuffy suburbanite pedestrian John Updike—I tried once long ago to read *The Centaur* then decided I'd rather not plaster a piece of my heart over with dead words and Harvard educated Elmer's glue.

Anyways, Margaret Killjoy rocks a question that's been bugging me for a long time, uncovering some great wisdom from some very cool people in the process, and tops it all off with three fatty appendices regarding the anarchist fictionists of yore, those who were almost anarchists, and works that contain depictions of anarchism or anarchy, and not just the flattering ones.

So what precisely is the question put forth? I think it would have to be something along the lines of: "In this better world we're trying to build, is there any room for fiction?" If you haven't figured out the answer yet on your own, or would just like something to read outside of your regular niche, get your grubby, chain oil stained paws on a copy of this book and think about it for a while.

## "URANIUM" FROM PAGE THREE

this mill environmentally sound, but every other uranium mill that has ever gone into production has ended up as an Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site. To make things worse, the mill is to be situated forty feet above an aquifer and not one, but two active faults that have had more than 4,000 recorded seismic events since 1991, according to documents filed by Energy Fuels with the state.

Five years ago, when I infiltrated the Uranium Expo, the biggest player in uranium in the southwest was Cotter Corporation a subsidiary of General Atomic. At that time, Cotter had four mines in operation in Western Colorado and a mill in Canon City Colorado. Due to fluctuations in the price of uranium and pressure in the form of lawsuits from environmental groups, the mill ceased operations in 2006. Between the years of 1999-2006, Cotter was found guilty of 90 different environmental and toxic waste violations, and the mill has been listed as a Superfund site for over 22 years with little to no clean-up taking place. Cotter announced last year plans for a \$200 million dollar refurbishment and plans to begin milling again by 2014. Cotter has sold most of its Colorado holdings and is instead focusing

on its Mt. Taylor mine, in Northern New Mexico. The Diné, the Acoma, Laguna and Zuni pueblos, and the Hopi peoples consider Mt. Taylor a sacred place, and it was listed on the New Mexican State Register of Cultural Properties in June of 2009. But the protection of the mountain as a sacred site starts at 8000 feet in elevation, and Cotter's mine is just below that cut off. If Cotter is able to get their mill operational again, the ore will come from this sacred mountain.

There are two other mills that could potentially, reopen and begin processing ore again if the price of uranium rises: one in Wyoming, owned by Rio Tinto, and another in Utah, owned by Uranium One Utah, Inc. These two mills are not actively trying to reopen, but are waiting like vultures for the price of uranium to rise to the point of profitability.

This new nuclear boom can be stopped if we can organize widespread grassroots resistance to the mills and keep this ore where it belongs: in the ground.

*This story originally appeared in the March/April edition of The Earth First! Journal. It was written by a long-time Red Pill Contributor that was working with the EFJ at the time.*

# 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, Grand Junction

### Wednesday, June 2nd • 7PM

Housing First! No More Deaths! will be hosting a lecture on the Criminalization of homelessness by author and activist Dr. Randall Amster.

UUCGV, 1022 Grand Ave., Grand Junction

### EVERY TUESDAY & SATURDAY • 5:00PM

Solidarity Not Charity meets at Whitman Park to serve free food for free people.

For more info: 245-3720

### EVERY SUNDAY • 12pm

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### Wednesday, June 2nd • 2pm

Housing First! No More Deaths! will be holding a "Take Back the Wedge Picnic." Free Food, Music and Speakers on the criminalization of the homeless.

Colorado West Park, 1st and Grand, Grand Junction

### June 22nd-26th

The US Social Forum. Brings diverse activists from many issues together for a week of workshops, networking, film, and much more.

Detroit, Michigan

[www.ussf2010.org](http://www.ussf2010.org)

### June 19th-26th

Wild Roots Feral Futures is a primitivist retreat, gathering, conference etc. From civil disobedience, to wild foods, and many other survival/primitive skills.

San Juan Mountains

[feralfutures.blogspot.com](http://feralfutures.blogspot.com)

# THE COMING URANIUM BOOM

I remember a feeling of foreboding and a sense of coming doom as I entered the Uranium Expo held in Grand Junction, Colorado almost five years ago. My name badge had a false name and said that I was an investor. Throughout the expo there were dozens of companies with slick booths and glossy literature. Many of the companies had recently formed and had begun buying mineral rights and old uranium mines throughout the American Southwest. The organizers touted the riches that were sure to come as uranium prices continued to rise.

While the uranium mining boom, that many speculated would be coming, hasn't quite manifested itself, they continue to push on. From 2004 until today, many mines have opened and closed as the price of uranium fluctuated between \$43.50 to \$140 per pound. Mines have traded hands. Many have been readied to go into production, but currently sit waiting for higher prices and, more importantly, a mill to process the ore.

Currently, there is only one uranium mill in operation in the entire United States. The mill is owned and run by Denison Mines and is located just outside of the small town of Blanding, Utah. The mill has been running at a limited capacity. Until recently, it was mostly processing nuclear waste from the US and Canada, but, at the end of December, Denison Mines started pulling ore out of its Arizona 1 mine, just north of the Grand Canyon. This is the first uranium mining activity in Arizona in more than 20 years. The company plans on reopening as many as five additional mines in the Arizona Strip geological formation—

all near the north rim of the Grand Canyon. The Denison mill currently has a monopoly on U.S. produced yellow-cake uranium ore, and is not eager to mill other company's ore.

This bottleneck in the supply-chain has kept the full effects of the 'Third Uranium Boom' to a minimal. However, if the mining



Cotter Corp's Canon City Uranium Mill.

is toxic to all living things.

Energy Fuels Inc., a Canadian company, is leading the charge with their proposed Pinon Ridge Mill, in the little-known but amazingly beautiful Paradox Valley, Colorado. The mill is well on its way to

being permitted to break ground. If this happens, inactive uranium mines in Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico will start pulling the toxic ore out of the ground, in earnest, for the first time in decades.

"If the proposed mill in Paradox Valley is approved and constructed, the Division anticipates a surge of mine permitting and exploration activities," states a Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety report on uranium mining, from 2009.

Energy Fuels owns at least 40 uranium mines that would jump into production.

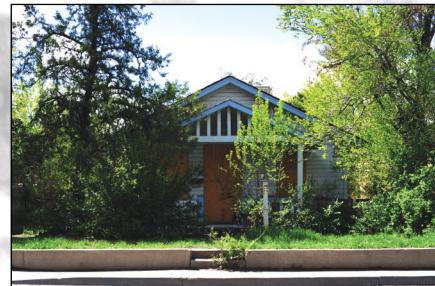
The proposed mill is claiming that new technological advancements would make



Protestor from 2005 outside the clean up of the former town of Uravan.

# POVERTY IN THE GRAND VALLEY

—PHOTO ESSAY—



## EPISTLE

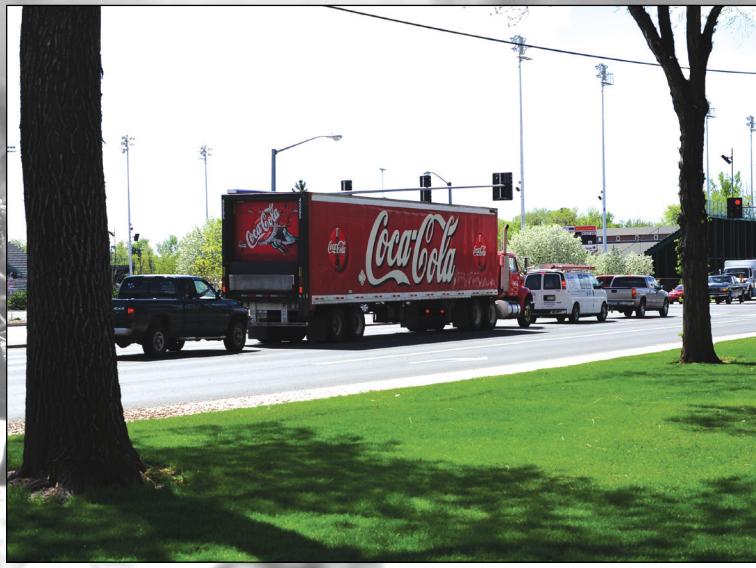
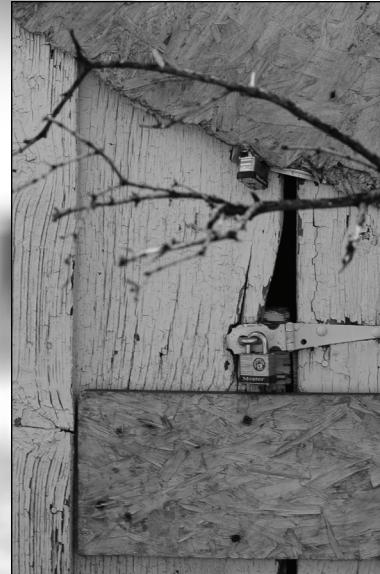
—POETRY—

BY QUINTEN COLLIER

'There is no honor amongst thieves.'

That is true,  
For a thief is someone who has much but takes more.

I am not a thief:  
I am poor.



## SHELTER

—POETRY—

BY DEE ALLEN

Master locks on steel chains  
Boards on windows & doors  
An old building's interior is bare  
Down to the stairs & floors

Neighborhood eyesore  
So much, it brings tears  
This domicile sat unused  
For untold years

Eemptier than a tomb  
While a sickened man sleeps outside  
The cold, hard sidewalk against his back—  
His last abide

Lone cadaver on concrete,  
This classist system's target  
Because a single-minded landlord  
Kept this building off the market

That could provide shelter  
For indigent, landless masses  
Instead, it provides shelter  
For a wealthy skinflint's taxes

In hard economic times,  
There's landless folks for sure  
That building's chained & boarded up—  
Nothing that boltcutters & crowbars can't cure.

[For Colin Ward--1924-2010.]

