

MAMAPHILES #4

Mamaphiles #4 : Raising Hell is the latest issue by zinester parents who collaborate on the Mamaphiles Project. This 118 page bound zine includes seasoned contributors from past Mamaphiles issues and those new to the project (Check out Mamaphiles: #1 'Birth,' #2 'Cutting the Cord,' and #3 'Coming Home').

The writers (and artists) interpreted what Raising Hell meant to them in regards to parenting. Many topics were explored including: collective living, protesting with children, abuse, detention at an Israeli airport in Tel Aviv, and poetry, just to name a few. Raising Hell inspires you, uplifts you, drops you. Parts are heartbreaking and sad, but all of it is thought-provoking.

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DOCTRINE BY DEE ALLEN

From the oldest living generation
To the youngest
It is taught.
Passed down.
Like a hereditary disease.
Mind-killing
Heart-infesting pathogen
Which in turn
Infects sentences, whole conversations
So much in dominates voice & emotion.
If your not Christian,
You are the enemy.
If your not Black,
Your the enemy.
The door stays closed
If you have the wrong colour.
Anyone who doesn't
Look like you shouldn't be trusted.
Especially if they
Have blue eyes & and fair skin.
The other name for "opponent"
Is White in most my family.

Yesterday's victims
Are todays carriers
Of race hate.
Their doctrine, ethnic self-defence.
Like a hereditary disease
Passed down
It is taught
To the youngest
From the oldest living generation.♦

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"I AM BEING RAPED AGAIN"

*H*ow can I be a rape 'survivor' if I have to continue to go through the motions over and over? I am being Raped Again!! How many times should I have to go through this? I haven't survived shit! I am still suffering! If I refuse to do this procedure, I will be written up... This refusal would cost me the apartment program and my 8-year-old son would not be able to stay the night with me ever again."

—letter from inmate in DWCF

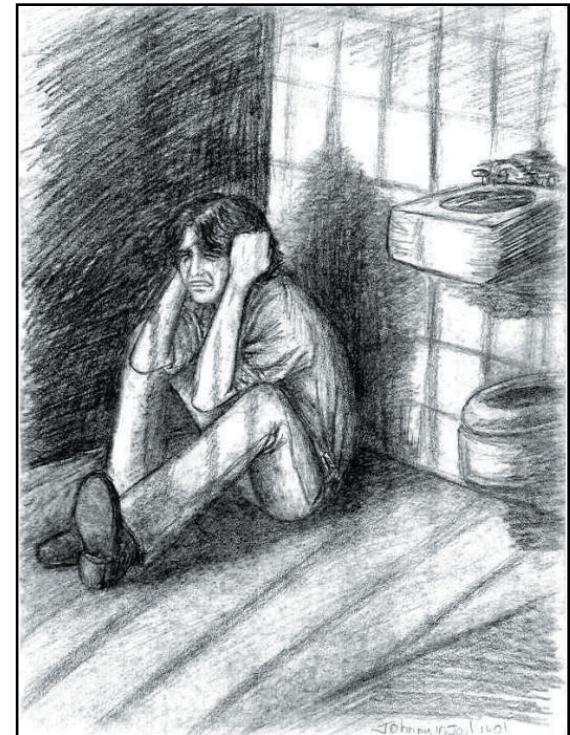
In January of 2010, the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF) implemented a new search procedure called the 'labia lift.' The following is a description given by an inmate that entails what the strip search includes:

"To strip naked, show the inside of your mouth, shake out your hair, lift your breasts, feet and fat rolls, turn away from the officer, grab and spread your butt cheeks, bend over and cough hard enough to flex, then relax the muscles inside your vagina has been the "norm" and expected strip search... Female inmates are now to spread the labia, lift the hood and expose the clitoris. This step has been labeled the "labia lift." The inmate may be asked to do this while bending over after she has coughed, or to turn around and lift one leg onto a chair to be able to "widen" herself more, or to sit (on a toilet or a chair NAKED) and spread herself or to stand up and move her feet apart, leaning her shoulders

back and then spread her labia."

If the strip search wasn't humiliating enough, adding the labia lift has caused more emotional stress for many inmates—especially those with past sexual abuse and trauma. Twelve inmates wrote letters to press explaining the labia lift in an effort to put pressure on the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) to stop this type of search. The inmates are aware of the necessity of strip searches in prison, however

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TOP 5 SHITTIEST GRAND JUNCTION LAWS

#5 "Keeping Disorderly House" 9.04.120

"It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly keep any disorderly house, which term is defined as any structure and/or adjoining property or both which is used, owned, kept or controlled by such person within this City upon or within which any drinking of alcohol by a person under the age of 21, quarrelling, fighting or riotous or disorderly conduct is permitted, allowed, occasioned, encouraged or suffered."

This law is overly vague, and is used to target young people especially college students. One cranky neighbor and anyone can end up being charged with this one.



#4 "Drinking of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Ways" 12.16.100

"It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or drink any malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors in the City, in or on any public street, road, highway, park or public way which is either publicly or privately owned and used by the public..."

Another vague law, this one is used to target houseless people. The kicker is that mere possession of alcohol in public is illegal. How does a person without a car get a twelve pack home from the liquor store, without breaking the law?

#3 "Throwing Stones, Other Missiles" 9.04.060

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any stone or other missile upon or at any building, whether occupied or unoccupied, or at any motor vehicle, awning or other public or private property in a manner to injure such property, or upon or at any person whomsoever.

Snowball fights—Illegal; Water

balloons—illegal; a pick-up football game in the park—quite possibly illegal.

#2 "Camping Without a Permit" 12.08.140(b)(7)

"No person shall camp, park a motor vehicle, trailer or camper on riverfront lands or trails, with the intention or for the purpose of camping, unless such is by the authority of a camping permit issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Grand Junction. Possession of a valid camping permit shall authorize the use of the riverfront lands and trails subject to the terms and conditions imposed thereon by the Director or his designee.

Doesn't seem that unreasonable, until you realize that the Parks and Recreation Department does not issue permits for camping on the riverfront. This is a double bind. How can you be charged with camping without a permit when camping permits do not exist? This one obviously targets people without houses that are forced to live anywhere they can.

#1 "Public meetings and parades" 9.04.160

"It shall be unlawful to hold any outdoor meeting on public property to which the general public is invited or permitted to attend, addressed by one or more speakers, or conduct a procession or parade, unless a permit for such event has been issued by the City."

If the right to peacefully assemble is guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution, why do people need to ask permission to assemble? Luckily, the City of Grand Junction doesn't enforce this code. Numerous local groups from the anti-war group A Voice of Reason to Housing First! No More Deaths! have often and willfully violated this law and the police have never made it an issue. The danger exists though that this law can be used in the future to suppress the people's first amendment rights.

TOP TEN

America no longer cares about the Bill of Rights—the first ten Amendments to the Constitution. The majority of the American public no longer cares about their rights in the same way or the same order that they have in the past. The order of the amendments is part of the problem. These amendments have remained static for over 200 years. This is no longer the American way, not in this 21st century. Tradition is dead, stability is stagnation and stagnation, in a consumer driven nation, is death. Popular as it may be, the first amendment is no longer number one.

Despite fears on the left of a monopoly of corporate control of the mass media and fears on the right that liberal Democrats will attempt to muzzle Rush, Hannity, O'Riley and all the other far right yap dogs of the airways. Despite this partisan posturing, despite the plethora of bloggers, tweeters and texters, gridlocked on the information highway.

The American public has become ambivalent on the first amendment. With thirty percent resentful of the amendments prohibition of the establishment of religion, and thirty percent resentful of the amendment's protection of the right to free exercise thereof, the remaining 40 percent are apathetically agnostic in regards to establishment or free exercise. Among these are the uninterested and the under informed who do not read books, newspapers or periodicals that do not parrot their preconceived opinions. The first amendment has definitely dropped a few places in the polls.

The right to bear arms is moving up the charts with a bullet.

The third amendment is the Bill of Rights' red headed step child. Most people couldn't tell you what it says and for good reason. It has never become necessary to enforce, and if the troops are ever quartered in private homes, whether in time of peace or war, this amendment will become moot. The Republic will have fallen and judicial writs are no match for modern military fire power, thus the acendancy of the second amendment.

It is a sad fact that the fourth amendment, like the football program at Syracuse, has fallen out of the top ten entirely. The right to watch NFL home games on TV, even if the game is not a sell out, or the liberty to make a right turn on red, are more important to the

average citizen than the right of the people to be secure in their person, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Joe Six-pack, Joe the Plumber, Joe Blow and all the other average Joes believe if someone has nothing to hide they shouldn't mind police rifling through their belongings. They believe this as it pertains to others, the homeless, the poor, foreigners, Muslims, radicals, etc. They (the Joes) believe this amendment, as well as the fifth, protects terrorists and child molesters. They believe this because for most of them the chance of this right being violated are slim. Now, let the police start searching them, randomly stopping their cars, indiscriminately tapping their phones, and the fourth amendment would become a much more popular amendment.

More people have voted for an American Idol than have voted for President of these United States. Because of this, I propose instead of a Bill of Rights we institute "America's Top 40 Amendments©" This would work similar to the way the rankings in college football are designed. Certain amendments would not be allowed to fall below the top 20 (the 13th for instance), in the same way Notre Dame retains its ranking despite poor performance. This proposal would encourage participation in the democratic process. People could root for their favorite right, vote online for the sexiest freedom, bet on the next week's top three amendments, even buy t-shirts jackets and caps "Go-VI Amendment- Speedy Trials Rock!" Like the college bowl system, this plan might require some adjustments.

If this plan becomes popular, and I believe it will (more people watch sports on ESPN than watch Congress on CNN), this blending of civics and popular culture could be expanded. I'm thinking of a reality TV show from Guantanamo where competitors try to get voted off the island. Just some random thought from an American Idol.



From Sean McNeil's latest collection of stories "Change is Gonna Come" available from Confluence Media Collective.

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adding the labia lift as a standard part of the search, without suspicions of smuggling anything, has caused PTSD symptoms in many women who are sexual abuse survivors. Because the strip search is required for all visitations (including attorneys), many women have refused visitation in an effort to avoid being searched. It's a hard decision to make because they want to stay in contact with their families, and having family support while in prison lessens the rate of recidivism, but many can't go through this search without having flashbacks of their sexual attacks and attackers.

In addition to the scant media attention this issue has gotten (see Boulder Weekly July 15, 2010, Denver News May 24, 2010

and various blogs), change.org has a petition requesting this procedure no longer be used and on August 23th, the ACLU wrote a letter to Ari Zavaras, executive director of the DOC, asking the DOC to halt these types of searches. There has yet to be a response from Zavaras regarding their request.

For more information, to read ACLU's letter, or to sign the petition, visit the links below.

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URANIUM MINING AND ME

E SUPPORT THE PINION RIDGE URANIUM MILL, was posted outside the grocery store and just about every other business in Nucla, Colorado last time I visited.

These are a few of the things that I know about uranium mining. Capitalism. Profits, big profits. Higher quality of life. "My dad has work." Economic booms. Jobs. Higher population. Less poverty. A stronger community.

Toxicity. Lung cancer. Damaged aquifers. Rivers running red or yellow, not blue, green and brown. Lower quality of life. "My dad has cancer." Economic busts. Loss of local farms. Loss of life. Loss of earth.

The former list I learned from my hometown of Nucla, Colorado, the latter from my college education and involvement in radical movements. To stand at a town-hall-style hearing and speak out against the destruction of our mother is not an easy task for a former local. They say insanity is trying the same thing over and over while expecting different results. But the community which produced me and my former ideologies is participating in just that. Mine, mill, then move on, jobless and desperate.

About four years ago, I interviewed the museum curator in Naturita, Colorado. I was doing a media project for school on the coming uranium boom, and had an 'in' being from Nucla. The woman, middle aged, sweet, and sympathetic to my concerns, was well aware of the toxic nature of uranium mining. She told me she has lost family members from exposure to radon. She told me that Uravan was home to her at one time. She told me that the river would run different colors, red, orange and yellow, and the kids, in the now ghost town, would swim in it without a thought of danger or toxicity.

During this same project, I also interviewed the owner of a few small uranium mines in the area. He was in his fifties, graying, and spoke with confidence. He claimed that people just didn't know the dangers back then, during the last boom. He named a few of his friends that he lost to uranium mining, friends that my dad (who accompanied me on the interview) also knew. But he was confident that the environmental regulations and other regulations were more than safe now-a-days. And boy, did it cost him a lot of money to comply with new standards.

My father worked in uranium mines before he had kids. I attempt to talk to him about it but he says only minimally what he did. When applying for a job when I was in middle school, my dad was almost not

hired because he has poor and weak lungs.

This is an attempt to describe the ideology of the rural area of Nucla, Naturita and Paradox. I mentioned the Uranium Compensation fund to my dad, and he expressed that he is too strong to ask for help. He's ashamed to ask for help from anyone, even if they wronged him in the past.

My point is that they know. The locals know the dangers. Anyone over the age of forty in Nucla/Naturita/Paradox knows or knows of someone who died due to their occupation in uranium. But they also know the extreme poverty the rural area experiences everyday. They know that there are members of their community who do not know how they are going to feed their children tomorrow night. They know that the small community they love and will never leave could become the next Uravan—nonexistent. And this scares them.

They "hate Telluride." They fear intellectualism, and groups like the Sheep Mountain Alliance. They fear any threat to their way of life, to their well being. Any attack on the mill is viewed as an attack on the community's quality of life—as an attack on their very existence.

Some view the Colorado Environmental Coalition and the Sheep Mountain Alliance as a threat. Some even view the locals (land owners and organic farmers) in Paradox Valley organizing against the mill as a threat. They view anyone who is thinking twice about a uranium mill in Paradox Valley as backward thinking and threatening.

"Almost everyone here was here when uranium mining was happening, and when the industry went away, the jobs went away. The response from citizens has been favorable. People definitely know what's proposed. It's the subject everywhere you go on the streets around here," former mayor Roxy Allex was quoted as saying.

So how do we stand against something that almost everyone in the community at hand supports one hundred and fifty percent? How do we show that we do not wish to hurt people, we wish people would stop hurting our earth? We need to act on this issue. We need to show the locals how the uranium industry creates a lower quality of life, not a higher quality. The industry causes an impoverished existence during the busts, and the lives of so many lost loved ones. We need to find sustainable solutions to rural poverty, avoiding "boom & bust" industries. We need to support existing sustainable industries in the region like organic farming. But most of all, we must put our earth first and stop this mill.

TROOPERS FACE CHARGES FOR SHOOTING UNARMED MAN IN HIS HOME

Two Colorado State Troops have been indicted by a Grand Jury for the July 20th shooting of Jason Kemp in his own home, as officers were forcing entry into his house. The two troopers Gene Lawyer and Kirk Firkko have been charged with less than would be normal for

breaking into a person's home and shooting them. Lawyer's most serious charge in 2nd Degree Assault, not 1st Degree Burglary or 2nd Degree Murder or even manslaughter.

Let's hope they get the max and a message of accountability is sent to law enforcement throughout the Valley. •

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Leaking barrels of chemicals, open bags of clearly marked toxic chemicals eroding in the elements, vats of chemicals without lids, clearly discolored soil, and half a pallet of unidentified chemical severely weathered. Sodium Nitrite, Isopropyl Alcohol, amongst other un-or-undertested chemicals related to the natural gas industry sit and rot at a long abandoned property just south of the tracks on 9th Street near downtown Grand Junction, and also very close to the Colorado River. Dates on some containers have a shipping date of 2006.

Who's responsible? The property is owned by Homer Brothers LLC, a front company that took over the property from ConocoPhillips in December of 2007. Homer Brothers is owned by Darin Homer, owner of a chain of ConocoPhillips convenience

stores across Wyoming, under the name Homax. Homer's Wyoming holdings have had numerous environmental and hazardous waste violations.

The activists who took these photos have tried to pass them on to many in the local media and have reported the violations to the appropriate state and local agencies. Nothing. They have given them to the Red Pill as a last resort to get the information out.

