

Behind the rhetoric of both parties, they support policies that would churn Jesus' stomach. The war, the death-penalty, the rich poor gap, capitalism, globalization, ecological degradation, and poverty would sadden the Son of God. But if Jesus had to choose the lesser evil, he'd probably vote for Nader and throw his vote away.

	Bush	Kerry	Nader
"Thou shall not kill" Ex. 20:15	Bombed Iraq and Afghanistan.	Volunteered to fight in Vietnam.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
"Therefore, each of you must put off falsehoods and speak truthfully...for we are all members of one body. Eph 4:25		WMD (enough said)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lied about receiving help from the Bush campaign during the 2000 presidential campaign.
"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:24	Networth \$8,837,079-\$21,936,000	Networth \$163,626,399	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
"There should be no poor among you." Det. 15:14	Supports outsourcing American jobs overseas.	Supports NAFTA and supports "Welfare to Work" programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Draft in 2005?

Thirty-one years ago, as Vietnam was waning, the last draftee entered the US army. In Vietnam, 1.8 million men were drafted, which pales in comparison with the 10 million men drafted during WWII. How many men will be drafted during the "War on Terror"? Will it be you? Your brother? Your husband? Your child?

During this election year, talk of a military draft is poison, and the federal government has denied over and over again that they are not going to re-institute the draft. Maybe, if the White House keeps repeating it, the troop shortage will go away. During the last year, the military has issued a long series of "stop-loss" orders to prevent soldiers in the field in Iraq and Afghanistan from discharging or retiring. These "stop-loss" orders are a finger in the dyke, which Bush hopes will suffice until election season is over. An estimated 40,000 troops have been affected—forced to stay in the combat zone for up to fifteen months after their discharge date. Ironically, on these soldiers' paychecks,

their discharge date is somewhere around 2030, the computers way of saying, "who the fuck knows." The conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have relied heavily on National Guardsmen and reserves, and in a recent opinion poll published in the Pentagon-funded newspaper, *Stars and Stripes*, 49% said they are not going to re-enlist.

Yesterday (March 20th), two more soldiers died in Afghanistan, illustrating that Iraq is not the only war being fought, and our troops are spread too thin. Thousands are stationed in South Korea, Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Japan, Germany, and hundreds of thousands stuck in Iraq, battling an insurgency that will likely never die completely.

In November of last year, the Pentagon posted a call for volunteers to fill vacancies in local draft boards, on its Defend America website. The posting fueled speculation that the government might be gearing up for a military draft, especially since it was posted on the Pentagon's "War on Terror" website. The posting was quickly removed, and the Pentagon denied that a draft is in the works.

The draft would look radically different toady than it did during the Vietnam War. First off, there is no blanket college deferment. Students can only put off military service until the end of the current semester, or until the end of the academic year if the student is a senior. The only ways out of military service is to be a conscientious objector, a minister/divinity student, or if being drafted would pose a hardship to the draftee's family. Local draft boards act as an appeals court, deciding who goes to war and who doesn't. There are 2,000 local draft boards nationwide that have been in place since 1980, when president Carter re-instituted the Selective Service in response to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. But before the draft can be instituted both the President and Congress have to sign off on it, and after that the Selective Service has 193 days to deliver the first batch of inductees.

Are you among the 14.7 million men registered with Selective Service? Are you ready to be trained to kill, and have an M-16 shoved into your hands? Not me. "Oh, Canada, our home and native land..."

Get Involved!

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****4608, a hacker's support group, meets the 1st and 15th of every month at Borders bookstore cafe at 7:00pm.**

****The White Council meets every Monday @ sunset in the MSC quad.**

If you have an event, protest, or meeting let us know, and we'll get the word out-FREE.

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Pro-peace protesters march down North Avenue, G.J. 03/20/04

Truth: The 1st Casualty of This War

March 20th marked the one year anniversary of the beginning of the bombing of Iraq. All around the world, over a million people marched in protest of this imperialistic war. Grand Junction hosted its own protest in Lincoln Park. About a hundred people showed to support a pro-peace agenda as well as show support for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and sorrow for the over five hundred and eighty soldiers dead, and the over 10,000 Iraqi civilians dead.

The speakers were very inspirational and ranged from Vietnam veterans, Politicians (Art Goodtimes of San Miguel county), ministers, and those citizens who actually cared enough to attempt to find out why America is hated across the world. Those hours in the park felt like ritual to me, the air was heavy with energy of love and a need for peace. There were chocolate chip cookies, and petitions asking our senators to censure Bush, voter registration forms were also made available.

Granted, Grand Junction's hundred people pales in comparison to New York's protests, which gathered about 100,000 people, the most of any protest in the country. This worldwide protest was the largest since February 2003, although, not as many turned out for this day, as the protests before the war started.

Throughout this year, I, as well as many others have asked: Are we any safer now? I would have to say no, many people do. Following the recent attacks in Spain, conservative Prime Minister Jose Maria Azner was ousted. Many people believe the attacks happened because of the government's support of the Iraq War. Spain's new Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero; pledged to pull their troops out of Iraq, claiming the war was a disaster.

So have we achieved what we were supposed to do in Iraq? True, we've got Saddam Hussein, but what about the WMD's? Where is the "bulletproof" evidence, as suggested by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, that links Hussein with Al-Qaeda? Speaking of Rumsfeld, of the documented 237 misleading statements made by Bush and Co. compiled at the request of Representative Henry A. Waxman, the following has to be my top favorite: "We know where they [WMDs] are. They are in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad, and east, west, south, and north, somewhat" (03/30/03). Kind of vague isn't it? I'll say one thing, if they were up his ass he'd know where they are. Reports have shown that as soon as three weeks after the war began, we knew there were no WMD's, so why do we still have soldiers fighting, and people dying?

The lies made by the Bush administration are stacking up quickly, one can go to any Barnes and Noble, or Borders bookstore and find stacks of books, disclosing the lies of this administration, and these are only the lies people have found out about.

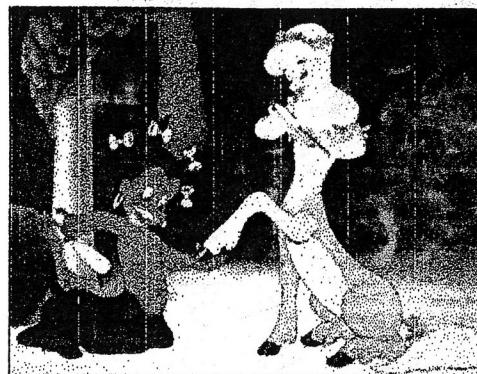
What is it going to take to have this government held accountable for their actions? They do not work by the Will of the people. Thousands have died in our name, thousands more have been injured, maimed--unable to walk. Why has Bush censored the media from airing pictures of the flag-covered coffins of our dead soldiers coming home? Is this free press? Speaking of the media, why haven't they done more to question this administration and it's actions? The war they brought us was an illusion. We didn't see real war on T.V., war involves death, hurt, stress, and trauma. We saw what was supposed to be a "clean war", but is there such a thing as clean war? How long can Bush and Co. stand to the pressure coming down locally and globally? His numbers are below 50%, he is stonewalling three congressional investigations, and many soldiers have lost faith in the legitimacy of the war.

Bush continues propagandize the events of 9/11 in his election campaign, sparking resentment among many including those personally affected by those events. Granted, it was a monumental day for America, and changed us forever, the world mourned with us for our loss. But one year ago, our government turned it's back on our allies, to go it alone.

Can we risk another four years of Bush and Co. supported by their corporate-fat-cat-backscratches running our country, and censoring what we see and hear in the media? How many more "crusades" must we get involved in, in the name of Freedom and Democracy? It seems contradictory that one country can force another into democracy. But that's what we are trying to do in Iraq.

Last year when I began going to the pro-peace rallies held in downtown Junction, I was surprised at the amount of elderly attending, and a little disappointed at the amount of young folks who didn't show up. Saturday was no different. I want to keep encouraging the younger generation though. I

too, was (and still am) cynical and apathetic about the system, however, in order for the system to work, one must participate. Let's vote Bush out, for the security of not just our nation, but the whole world.



Sunflower: The Lost Character of Fantasia

The above is a screenshot of the 1940 version of Fantasia. In the 1960 re-release, and all subsequent releases, Sunflower, the black female centaur tending to the blond white centaur, was cut from the movie. Why did they choose to remove her? She may have been removed in response to the growing civil rights movement. Her character is based on racial stereotypes in league with Buckwheat, and Amos n' Andy. At first her scenes were just cut, in later versions, they were cropped so she was no longer in the shot. Disney has denied she ever existed in the film, however, along with the above picture; two production drawings of her exist as well. (Source: thememoryhole.com).

The State of Disunion

# of US soldiers killed in Iraq as of 03/22:	583
Daily average of soldiers wounded in Iraq:	9.2
# of total coalition forces killed in Iraq:	684
# of dead Iraqi civilians:	8776-10,625
# of soldiers deployed overseas:	350,000
# of total military personnel:	500,000
Percentage change in G.I. Joe sales between '01-'02: +46	
Percentage change in the US Army desertion rate since '99:	+36
# of governmental jobs created since 2000:	721,000
# of private sector jobs lost since 2000:	3,132,000
Daily wage paid to Honduran coalition forces in Iraq:	\$5

The Amendment that Never was

The power of the federal government to tax its citizen's income is derived from the 16th amendment to the U.S. constitution. The 16th amendment was supposedly ratified in 1913, and for ninety-one years, the IRS has been screwing us—unconstitutionally. The truth is, the amendment was never ratified.

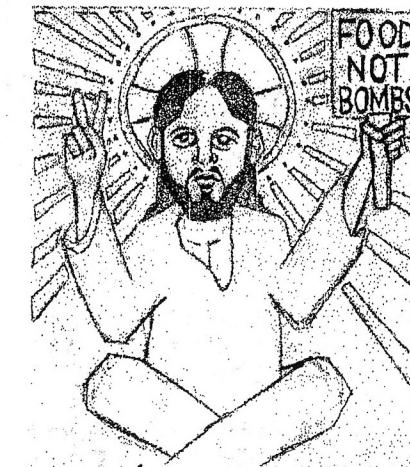
The only confirmation of the amendment was when then Secretary of State, Philander Chase Knox, on February 25, 1913 stated, the amendment was "in effect" and that 38 states ratified the amendment. He did not formally say that the law had been legally ratified.

The ratification process is rather strict; three-fourths of the states must ratify the exact amendment sent to them by the congress, no changes in capitalization, wording, or even punctuation.

In 1984, William J. Benson, a former criminal investigator for the Illinois Department of Revenue, did something no one else had done since the amendment was "ratified" in 1913—he spent a year traveling to all forty-eight states to examine all of the original documents pertaining to the amendment. What he found is American political hearsay, but well documented hearsay.

Officially, Kentucky ratified the sixteenth amendment, but Benson found that the state House of Representatives passed the bill, but the Senate did not. In Oklahoma, the state passed a version with radically different wording. Six states didn't have the Governor sign the bill into law. Twenty-two states changed spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. In all, Benson discovered that not a single state legally ratified the law.

Benson has published his findings in two mammoth volumes containing all of the original documents, called The Law That Never Was. For more info or to order the book, check out www.thelawthatneverwas.com.



Who Would Jesus Vote For?

In the recent 'gay marriage' debate, Republicans quoted heavily from the Bible to support their position, blurring further the line between Church and State. President Bush claims that he can converse with the All Mighty, draws much of his support from the "Religious Right," and claims to be a born again Christian, but if Jesus were alive today would he vote for Mr. Bush? Would he vote at all?