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“Revolution is simply the culminating point of Evolution”



Alligator Alcatraz just before it started housing immigration arrestees like Roberto Rojas.

One Man’s Journey Through the ICE Detention System

By Tom Acker

Roberto Rojas, a Colombian citizen, entered the U.S. from Mexico three years ago. He requested asylum then. Robert has a Social Security number and a work permit, but he decided not to pursue his asylum case after paying a Florida attorney \$5,700. The attorney kept adding fees but never resolved his case. He had an appointment scheduled with USCIS for 2027.

For three years, he has been working in various occupations in Florida.

In early December 2025, he was sent a notice by Homeland Security Investigations to attend an ICE check-in in Orlando, FL. He was told not to bring his cell phone.

Because of the worrisome way

that he was seeing ICE enforcement, Roberto decided to return voluntarily to Colombia. He purchased his ticket at the end of November to fly back before he went to the ICE check-in.

At the ICE office, he was received by a polite ICE official and then ushered into an adjoining smaller office to have his fingerprints taken. At that point, Roberto observed a stark change in the demeanor of the official. He became rude. There were four large white agents in the small room. They shackled him hand and foot. Into that smaller room came a Guatemalan father with his 18-year-old son, Cubans, both of whom had asylum cases pending. In all, they detained 25-30 persons that day. All signed that they wanted to self-deport.

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“What’s Your Favorite Position?”

By Mary Magdalene

Editor’s Note: While we were laying out this edition of The Revolutionist this bill that would have legalized prostitution in Colorado died. The issue of course remains and we hope to see more decriminalization efforts in the future.

This question gets asked the world over in text threads, private messages, and in personal conversations. My emphatic response is “My favorite position is decriminalization!” Senate Bill 97, if passed, will repeal the criminal offenses of prostitution, soliciting and patronizing a prostitute, and keeping a place of prostitution. This bill is sponsored by Senators Nick Hinrichsen and Lisa Cutter and State Representatives Lorena Garcia and Rebekah Stewart. And I am excited!

I believe the research is clear; criminalization of sex work increases the risks of violence experienced by sex workers (SWs). These risks are further increased depending upon racial, social, sexual, and gender identities. Criminalization contributes to stigma, conceptions of morality, and the “whorearchy,” the hierarchy among sex workers based upon the type of sex work performed. Criminalization removes an SWs full consent. This is because consent is threefold: It requires that a person can choose who, when, and where. Choosing these three is challenging at best and near impossible at worst under criminalization. This is because when SW is criminalized, it is pushed underground and the agency over who, when, and where becomes blurred.

I am not a legal scholar, but the summary looks really promising to me,

replacing prostitution with consensual commercial sexual activity. This distinction of consensual commercial sexual activity is important, as agency and autonomy are deeply implied. It makes clear that pandering — essentially forcing or coercing a person to engage in commercial sexual activity — remains criminalized. I also value that this bill does not allow for cities, counties, or municipalities to maintain criminalization based upon their moralistic whims.

I do take issue with the use and description of pimping/pimp, as this word reinforces systemic racism and is both gendered and classist. Better terms exist for describing the controlling and parasitic nature of a person or persons who financially benefit from a person selling consensual sex. Think exploiter.

The definition provided in the bill — “Any person who knowingly lives on or is supported or maintained in whole or in part by money...” — does not clearly establish active management or coercive control that is associated with a “pimp” and is vague enough that it could include anyone who is financially supported by the income of a sex worker. It’s my opinion that the use of this word and its provided definition contribute to existing stigma, racist tropes, and issues with safety that I feel the bill is actively seeking to address.

Black Sex Workers of Colorado and Denver Slut Walk have been calling for letters of support, and DSW specifically has held informational Zoom meetings. These are solid sex worker-led, mutual aid organizations that have been speaking up, supporting SWs directly and fighting hard for policy change.



Photo Courtesy of Denver Slut-Walk.

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Paonia

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At the same time, the Department of War announced that the U.S. military has launched boots-on-the-ground operations in Ecuador against the cartels.

The New York Times let slip that the Department of War is currently engaged in a naval blockade of Cuba — an act of war — in an attempt to starve the nation of fuel. Cuba has done nothing to us. Lack of fuel is now causing widespread power outages. Food and medical supplies are running short. Additionally, a group of American-based Cuban expats attempted a military invasion of the island on Feb. 25. Four were killed by Cuban forces and another six taken into custody after opening fire on a Cuban vessel.

Shelter closes, opens camping loophole

At the end of February, the Homeward Bound's North Avenue Emergency Shelter closed its doors for the final time. The shelter served a massive 14-county region and was the largest shelter between Denver and Salt Lake City and had been open since 1998. Where will these people go? The closure of the shelter makes Grand Junction's camping ban on city property unenforceable. City ordinance 12.04.080 (d) clearly voids the law's enforceability if "there is no available overnight shelter." The city has made clear that they would enforce other laws to keep people from camping in the park. Luckily, folks at Solidarity Not Charity also saw the loophole this created and researched a number of unused City of GJ-owned parcels that seem to be legal to camp on now that the only shelter has officially closed.

Kelloff correction

After our last issue, the Alex Kelloff campaign reached out. We had a sit-down conversation with Kelloff last week. Kelloff worked at Booz Allen Hamilton, but before the company became indistinguishable from the NSA, and Kelloff stressed that his Wall Street experience wasn't in the service of billionaires but rather pensions. Kelloff had a decidedly "businesses-first" type of thinking about the economy. He thinks balancing the budget is about cutting "entitlements," not cutting bloated military, intelligence, and police state budgets; not cutting corporate subsidies; and not taxing the rich. We are hoping to

have a more in-depth Q and A with Kelloff in the near future so voters know what kind representative they will be forced to vote for in November.

Western Colorado begins to DeFlock

Flock Safety and their controversial surveillance cameras has become a bigger issue locally and across the region. Folks in Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, and Montrose have begun forcing transparency with CORA requests for documents, and DeFlock Durango activists hosted a town hall on Feb 23 and are pressing local governments for restrictions on their use, data collection, and sharing. Even the local TV stations in GJ and a country music station have begun covering the issue that was first covered in Western Colorado by *The Revolutionist*. See our "Get Involved" section in the back for contact info for DeFlock Mesa County.

Colorado River talks fail

On Valentine's day, the seven states that make up the Colorado River Compact again failed to reach an agreement on Colorado River usage. Additionally, the Bureau of Reclamation released five dire scenarios for managing the river this season. Without an agreement within the compact states or an act of congress, they will proceed with the "basic coordination alternative," which projects that Lake Powell will hit the dead pool line by fall. This may trigger a "run of the river" operation in which reservoirs in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming will have to release more water and will likely lead to litigation.

ICE illegally targets courthouses in Western Colorado

On Feb. 17, 20, and 24, ICE made arrests in or around or followed victims from the Mesa County Justice Center on 125 N. Spruce St. In Glenwood Springs on February 26, a man was followed from inside his hearing at the Glenwood Springs Courthouse and taken in the parking lot. This is concerning because Colorado law forbids civil enforcement in and around courthouses, and in addition, in the Glenwood Springs case, the 9th Judicial District has already issued an administrative order reminding ICE that agents would face contempt of court charges if they continued to target their courthouses.

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Twenty-five percent appeared for ICE check-in, 75 percent were detained in ICE raids.

Afterwards, eight detainees were placed on a bus and driven to "Carcel 33" ("Jail 33"), the Federal Detention Center (FDC) in Miami Dade County. "Between 12 and 1 AM, they made us remove our clothes and strip-searched us. We were given disposable prison suits to wear and sandals. For three days, we were shuttled between the ICE facility and the FDC in Miami Dade." said Roberto

Robert signed that he would not fight his case.

They were loaded into a van and told they were going to the airport — all passengers signed "to the airport," acknowledging their understanding of the destination. Their shackles were locked to the floor of the bus. Five additional individuals were picked up on the way, and two hours later, they arrived at Alligator Alcatraz in the middle of the Everglades.

In Alcatraz, there is no natural light but rather a bright artificial light constantly on. The air-conditioning is fouled by the constantly running generators and causes many to become ill. Detainees are made to wear disposable uniforms which they were frequently ordered to remove and throw away. They are housed in large tents. Within the tents are chain-linked fence separations. Within each of these are 16 bunk beds, 32 people, and three toilets. There is no privacy. According to Roberto, there are 3 square meters in the toilet area. He calculated there were a total of 156

inmates in the pavilion that housed his chain-linked fenced-in parcel. There are two telephones between 32 people, which causes frequent quarrels.

Detainees' routine starts with a 4 a.m. wake-up by the guards before they are moved to the dining area. Ninety percent of the guards are Afro-American non-Spanish speakers. Guards are intentionally loud and rude with the inmates. Inmates are forced to keep their gaze down. There is no television nor any commissary to buy anything. Prisoners are counted five times daily.

The detainees' diet for breakfast is bread, eggs from powder, yellow cheese, pancakes, and Tang. At night, they are typically served rice, a vegetable, and some protein (breaded chicken). Prisoners are given five minutes to eat. One Cuban refused to eat as fast as the guards demanded. The guard grabbed him and when five inmates protested, they were punished by being sent to the "hole" for several days, where they are sleep deprived. Its function is to break you.

When someone became desperately mentally ill, as some detainees suffered from drug addiction or alcoholism, they were taken to the doctor. Depressed inmates are moved to a different containment area. One Brazilian faked being crazy. He was drugged and constantly slept after that. Another individual was drugged with pills and later committed suicide with a bedsheet under questionable circumstances.

Roberto was held 90 days without charges. Because this is a private facility,



Roberto Rojas. Courtesy photo.

The Aspen Bubble:

How a liberal think tank sheltered Epstein's patrons while Colorado victims were left in the cold

By Robyn McBurny

The elite are not sorry. They are not embarrassed. And they are certainly not interested in justice. The recent cascade of documents from the Jeffrey Epstein archives—specifically the millions of files dumped by the Justice Department in December and January—was meant to be a pressure valve. Throw the public a few redacted names, let them gawk at the depravity of a dead pedophile, and declare the matter closed. But for those of us willing to read between the redacted lines, the documents tell a different story: a story of how the ruling class circled the wagons and how liberal institutions built to manage "benevolent" capitalism continue to harbor the enablers of a monster.

Nowhere is this contradiction more obscene than in the mountains of

rural Colorado, where the prestigious Aspen Institute—a citadel of liberal philanthropy and global governance—maintains ties to the Epstein network that should sicken every working-class person in this country. While at least one alleged victim of his trafficking ring was found living in a tent nearby, the parasitic millionaire and billionaire classes who facilitated Epstein's ascent kept their trustee titles and full access to power.

According to a recent review of the files by *The Denver Post*, at least two of Epstein's victims had direct ties to Colorado. One woman was identified by the FBI while living in a tent near Durango, unable to access housing because she refused to abandon her dog. While Epstein paid for ski lessons in Aspen, this survivor—one of the

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Call to action: evict ICE

Never underestimate the power of solid research. Activists in Glenwood Springs have launched a campaign to evict their local ICE Field Office at 100 Midland Ave., Suite 210. Their lease with outta-state landlords in Florida is up in March, and a CORA request shows that when it was first established in 2004, it was quietly issued a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) permit that exempted the facility from zoning that wouldn't permit a holding facility. The TCO expired in 2005, and "the city simply looked the other way for twenty years," said Ashley Stahl in a public comment to the Glenwood City Council, which caught the city with their pants down. Citizens have issued a call to action, which includes letters to the editor, contacting city council members, and filing complaints with the fire inspector and zoning enforcement. Check out their call to action here: [Community Defense Alert | Linktree](#)

ICE propaganda is not new
On Feb. 17, @ICEDenver posted a photo of Juan Carlos Membreno Portillo, claiming that he was arrested in Grand Junction the day before and that Portillo was a wanted member of El Salvadorian grand MS-13. The next day, Voces Unidas published an article after speaking with Portillo's wife and setting the record straight. Portillo was arrested in Glenwood Springs, has no tattoos, let alone MS-13 gang tattoos, and is a valued employee and friend. Then all three local TV stations ran unverified regime propaganda that could have been debunked via a simple google search. The Revolutionist then put the TV stations on blast, and it became state-wide media. <https://coloradomedia.substack.com/>

Protest pushes Palantir outta Denver
After months of sustained protest, Palantir has announced it's relocating from Denver to Miami. Palantir is the Orwellian AI tech giant whose

technology specializes in servicing the "kill chain" and can be seen destroying people's lives from Gaza to Minneapolis.

DHS make list of ICE critics

Independent journalist Ken Klipperstine has relentlessly covered the Department of Homeland Security and reports that DHS, despite denials, is making lists of American citizens critical of ICE. Some of the databases go by codenames like Bluekey, Grapevine, Hummingbird, Reaper, Sandcastle, Sienna, Slipstream, and Sparta. Additionally, DHS has served warrants to big tech giants like Google and Facebook demanding information about users that have posted anti-ICE or anti-regime materials online. Last month, a video made the rounds online of a masked federal agent threatening a Maine observer who was filming them. "We have a nice little database, and now you're considered a domestic terrorist," the agent said menacingly.

Taxpayers footing bill of Opportunity Caucus ethics complaint
Colorado taxpayers are paying \$250 an hour for a lawyer to represent the corporate/billionaire-aligned Democrat "Opportunity Caucus" in an ethics violation stemming from a dark money-funded retreat in Vail last year.

WAR WAR WAR

On Feb. 28, Israel and the U.S. launched an attack on the sovereign nation of Iran on flimsy pretext. Iranian state media is confirming that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in strikes. Iranian retaliatory strikes have hit Israeli and U.S. targets across the region. Shia loyalists in Iraq have attacked the U.S.-controlled Green Zone in Baghdad. Iran has hit a major refinery and effectively closed the strait of Hormuz, leading to massive spikes in oil and gasoline.



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CYANOTYPES from Page ELEVEN

anotype is one of the earliest photographic processes. It uses sunlight and iron-based chemicals to create deep blue images. The process is simple and physical. It captures light, time, and the direct presence of objects placed on the surface.

Unlike many printmaking techniques, cyanotype does not require a press or specialized studio. You coat paper or fabric with a light sensitive solution, place objects or stencils on top, and expose the surface to sunlight. After rinsing with water, the exposed areas turn blue while the covered areas remain light. The finished print often shows brush marks, textures, and subtle variations that make each piece feel immediate and personal.

Cyanotype is also affordable. The chemicals are inexpensive, sunlight is free, and no darkroom is needed. Because the process is accessible, clear instructions are widely available online. Anyone can learn it and begin experimenting right away.

Basic Cyanotype Directions

Cyanotype requires very little equipment. The two chemicals used, ferric ammonium citrate and potassium ferricya-

nide, are typically sold together and are easy to find at art supply stores or online. Mix equal parts of each solution, but only what you plan to use immediately. Work in dim light to prevent early exposure.

Brush the mixed solution evenly onto paper or fabric. Let it dry completely in a dark space. Once dry, arrange objects, stencils, or transparent images on the surface. Flat objects create the sharpest results. If needed, place a sheet of glass or acrylic on top to hold everything in place.

Expose the piece to direct sunlight or a UV light source. Depending on the strength of the light, exposure usually takes between five and twenty minutes. The exposed areas will shift to a muted gray-green color. After exposure, rinse the print in cool water until it stops releasing excess color. As it dries, the image will deepen into its final blue.

Cyanotype encourages experimentation. Overlap shapes. Layer text. Let brushstrokes remain visible. Try different papers or fabrics. Because the materials are affordable and the process is simple, you can experiment freely and develop your own visual language.

Make prints. Share them. Let them speak.


GarCo Sheriff Lou Vallario Served

On Feb. 27, Garfield County Sheriff Lou Vallario was served with a cease and desist letter by Towards Justice, alleging that Vallario has been willfully violating Colorado law by cooperating with ICE, by holding and arresting people for immigration violations and by sharing information with ICE.

“Sheriff Lou Vallerio has shown a shocking disrespect for state law. For someone who’s taken an oath to uphold those laws, his statements and conduct are deeply troubling. Sheriff Valerio and other law enforcement across the state seeking to collaborate with ICE must know that they are not above the law.” said David Seligman, Executive Director of Towards Justice, and candidate for Colorado’s Attorney General.

The Rev’s journalism was footnoted in the cease and desist letter, and we have been investigating Vallario for over a year. A lengthy Rev expose is expected to drop in the next couple days.

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countless throwaway lives the system preys upon—was left to freeze in a tent, the real face of Epstein’s role in Colorado.

But while victims struggled for survival, the elite protectors of the Aspen aesthetic faced no such hardship. The documents reaffirm the deep Colorado roots of the Epstein enterprise. Court records cited in the *Denver Post* article confirm Epstein traveled to Aspen frequently; a July 2004 flight from Aspen to Palm Beach is listed as evidence in a grand jury indictment regarding the abuse of 13 girls. The names on that flight? Redacted, of course. The powerful must be shielded from scrutiny.

Most critically, the files drag the Aspen Institute back into the light—and the picture is damning. Robert Hurst, a former board member of the Aspen Music Festival and a member of the executive committee of The Aspen Institute, is listed in Epstein’s infamous black book. While the corporate media is quick to add the caveat that “connection doesn’t imply criminality,” we must ask: What does it imply? It implies a social and professional network so tight that the line between philanthropist and felon evaporates.

The Aspen estate where Epstein laid his head was not just a building — it was a home belonging to Stephen Susman, a legendary Texas trial lawyer, and his wife, Ellen Susman.

Court records and witness testimony have long pointed to this sprawling mountain retreat as a regular landing pad for Epstein, and newly examined documents confirm that as recently as 2011 — three years after Epstein’s initial conviction for soliciting a minor — he was still a guest at the Susman residence. Steve Susman has since passed, but his wife, Ellen, remains very much active in the ex-act same social circuits that provided Epstein with legitimacy.

When Epstein flew into Aspen in August 2016, he was entering a town swimming with Aspen Strategy Group members (such as Condoleezza Rice, Richard Burt, and Michael Morell) attending conferences, private dinners, and fundraisers. The question is not who didn’t know Epstein but why an entire class of power brokers colluded to look the other way for decades.

Recent document drops have now clarified what many suspected: The close confidant of Epstein identified by initials TJP is



Robert Hurst, Aspen Institute Executive Committee member and Epstein associate.



Tom Pritzker with close ties to the Aspen Institute, Aspen Ideas Festival, Aspen Security Forum, and an Epstein associate.

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Tom Pritzker, the billionaire heir to the Hyatt hotel fortune and a man whose family literally runs the Aspen Institute. Pritzker, 75, maintained "regular contact" with Jeffrey Epstein for many years — including the period after Epstein's 2008 conviction for sex crimes. In a statement released as recently as February 16, 2026 — just days ago — Pritzker was forced to admit to exercising "terrible judgment" in maintaining his association with Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. "There is no excuse for failing to distance myself sooner," he groveled, expressing "deep sorrow" for the pain inflicted on the victims.

But here's the kicker: While Pritzker was meeting with a convicted sex trafficker in Aspen, his wife, Margot Pritzker, served — and continues to serve — as the chair of the Aspen Institute Board of Trustees. Tom Pritzker himself is a member of the Aspen Strategy Group, the elite foreign policy forum whose members shape U.S. imperial policy from the comfort of Colorado ski resorts. The Pritzker name is not just attached to the Institute; it runs the Institute. The same Institute that kept Leslie Wexner as a lifetime trustee. The same Institute whose members hosted Epstein at the Susman house. The same Institute whose leadership now claims to be shocked — shocked! — to find gambling going on in this establishment.

Pritzker's resignation as Hyatt

chairman came only after the latest document release exposed him, not as a matter of principle. He kept his titles. He kept his access. And he kept his wife's chairmanship of the very institution that provided Epstein's social legitimacy. This is not a failure of judgment; it is a feature of class solidarity.

And then there's Mark Hoplamazian. The current CEO and newly appointed Chairman of Hyatt — who assumed Pritzker's role the very same day Pritzker stepped down — met with Epstein at least once, in what the files suggest was likely an introduction facilitated by Tom Pritzker himself. File EFTA02133761.pdf



Leslie Wexner, Victoria's Secret's founder and long-time Aspen Resident. Wexner's position as a 'Lifetime Trustee' at the Aspen Institute was quietly scrubbed from their website.

documents this meeting, placing Hoplamazian within Epstein's orbit through his mentor. Hoplamazian now runs the company Pritzker built, inheriting not just a hotel empire but the ethical questions that come with it. We cannot prove the exact nature of their introduction, but we can be certain that Tom Pritzker led Hoplamazian into a room with Jeffrey Epstein. Was it a brief handshake, or something more? The files offer no further detail, but the silence from Hyatt's new chairman is deafening.

Another glaring example is Leslie Wexner, the billionaire founder of L Brands (Victoria's Secret) and the man who essentially created Jeffrey Epstein. Epstein served as Wexner's money manager, held his power of attorney, and lived in his homes. Wexner has claimed he was "embarrassed" and cut ties in 2007. Wexner was formerly

Blueprints of Resistance: Printmaking and Cyanotype



Photo Courtesy of Matilda Engaged.

By Matilda Engaged

When democracy is under pressure, speaking out matters. But protest is not always simple. It takes time, energy, and often money. Even making signs or printed materials can become a barrier. Cyanotype offers a practical, affordable way for people to create and share their own protest imagery without relying on commercial printers or expensive equipment.

Printmaking has always been connected to political change because it allows images to be reproduced and shared widely. Before social media, television, and even widespread literacy, printed images were one of the fastest ways to spread ideas. A powerful image could be posted in public spaces, passed from hand to hand, or reprinted in newspapers. It helped people understand what was happening and decide how they felt about it.

During the American Revolution, printmakers used engravings and woodcuts to challenge British rule. Paul Revere's engraving of the Boston Massacre and Benjamin Franklin's "Join, or Die" cartoon did more than record events. They shaped

public opinion. The images were clear and emotional, and they were easy to reproduce. Political ideas became something people could see.

Printmaking continued to play that role in the 20th century. In Germany after World War I, artists used prints to show the physical and emotional damage caused by war and nationalism. Instead of heroic scenes, they focused on injury, grief, and everyday suffering. In China and Mexico, artists created prints that responded to poverty, labor struggles, and foreign control. These works were often made quickly and cheaply so they could reach working people, not just gallery audiences.

What makes printmaking powerful is not only what it shows but how it functions. Prints can be produced outside official institutions and shared widely. Making something by hand and creating multiple copies becomes a way to push back against centralized control. The process itself carries meaning.

Cyanotype belongs in this tradition. Invented in 1842 by John Herschel and later popularized by Anna Atkins, cy-

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Roberto surmised that the prison's purpose is to rack up unnecessary expenses to generate income for the corporation by waste, shuffling detainees from cell to cell, from prison to prison.

On December 28, Roberto was placed on one of three buses, among 180 others, to drive 1.5 hours from Alcatraz to MIA to Jacksonville then to TX where they picked up 40 more individuals and then continued on to Louisiana.

The facility in LA is different, more professional. The staff are largely women. Detainees have access to phones, a commissary. Some request appointments for pursuing their cases. The rooms are larger; they have access to TV, sodas. Every three days they can take showers versus in Alcatraz where one would go five days without bathing. They have access to fields to play soccer. Their clothing is changed repeatedly and thrown away, not washed. They have access to computers to communicate with their families.

In LA, the detainees are separated: Latinos, Africans, detainees from Slavic countries, Muslims.

One day, they called Roberto along with 50 other Colombians and 20 Brazilians to board buses. They drove them to the airport and boarded them on a Boeing aircraft. One hundred and eighty Colombians were chained at the waist, wrists, and ankles. They had their Colombian IDs confiscated as well as their passports.

Roberto's sister called the Colombian Embassy and was told that the embassy could not help Roberto. Cubans were flown to Belize but then returned to the U.S. and resent to Alcatraz. They cannot be returned to Cuba.

Roberto is in Colombia again and trying to put his life together again. He thinks about those he left behind, especially those who are being held while their families are outside and unable to see each other or help one another. He recently heard that some had their attorneys petition for Habeas Corpus with some effect. It all seems surreal.



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listed as a "lifetime trustee," though that page is now gone from the Aspen Institute's Website, and no official statement distancing AI from Wexner could be found.

Let that sink in. A man whose "protege" was a convicted sex trafficker, a man named in multiple lawsuits regarding the enabling of abuse, was still afforded the honorific "lifetime trustee" by an organization that claims to foster "inclusive, nonpartisan" dialogue. Another since-scrubbed name on the lifetime trustee list? Henry Kissinger, whose policies historian Greg Grandin, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, estimated may have led to the deaths of up to 4 million people.

The message is clear: In Aspen, if you have enough money, you can survive any scandal.

The Aspen Institute is not an anomaly; it is the rule. It represents the merger of corporate power, intelligence agencies, and "philanthropy" that manages the empire. Its boardrooms are where the policies that create homelessness are workshopped, while the actual homeless — like Epstein's victim in Durango — are ignored.

We should be full of rage. The documents show that the system worked exactly as designed. It protected the wealthy patrons of Aspen and abandoned the poor women they exploited. It is time to name these institutions as accessories. It is time to demand that the Aspen Institute strip abusers of their titles and access immediately — not quietly but publicly, as a repudiation of the elite pedophile network. And if they refuse, we must understand them for what they are: a country club for the ruling class, built on the bones of the working class.

There is no justice in their courts. There is no morality in their institutes. There is only power. And it is ours to take.

Voices of Resistance: Introducing the Grand Valley Justice Choir

By tahirih bochmann

The Revolutionist was recently able to sit down with Amanda Jackman of Three Sisters Theatre Co. and discuss the upcoming debut of the Grand Valley Justice Choir.

A new channel for voices of resistance in the Grand Valley is in the works thanks to Three Sisters Theatre Co. Members of Three Sisters performed protest music at the No Kings protest in October 2025, and since then, local groups like Indivisible "have been clamoring for some kind of musical release" according to Amanda Jackman, one of the founding members of Three Sisters Theatre Co., and Three Sisters is more than happy to give it to them. "It will allow us to get out there and use our voices," Jackman said, "and it'll grow our community."

The Three Sisters community is certainly growing fast, due in large part to the outspoken and inclusive nature of the group. Three Sisters is peopled by a diverse range of gender, racial, and sexual identities, young and old alike. Their website states their intent: "[t]hrough powerful performances and community activism [to] spark conversation, open hearts, and inspire change." Three Sisters will be expanding on this vision with the debut of the Grand Valley Justice Choir later this month.

"Music has always been the powerhouse of a protest," Jackman said, and Three Sisters plans to bring their power to protests across the Grand Valley. Over 50 people have already submitted interest forms for the choir, and Jackman noted that though Three Sisters is generally a

space reserved for those with lived female experience, the choir is open to anyone and everyone. Jackman also emphasized that no prior choral experience is required. An experienced choral director and certified music teacher, Jackman first directed a choir in 2009 and taught middle school choir for many years afterward. "Every single person, everyone, can learn," Jackman said. "I want everyone to know that they're safe with me. I'm not going to judge them. I'm going to lift them up."

Current plans are for the Justice Choir to meet twice a month at the Unitarian Universalist Church with long-term plans to meet weekly. Three Sisters intends to begin as a choir that learns "simple music to share on the streets, at marches, to drown out the haters," and eventually "to blossom into a full chorus that sings protest music for events and/or

for a concert or event ourselves!" The group will be singing everything from classic '60s protest music to contemporary show tunes, classic spirituals and music composed specifically to protest the Trump administration. "We've had a mission to be involved politically and to be loud about it," Jackman said. "We have no desire to be quiet in this time."

Interested community members are welcome to reach out with questions via email at threesisterstheatreco@gmail.com. Specific meeting times will be posted on Three Sisters's website at threesisterstheatreco.com.



Some Grand Junction Women From History You Should Know

By People's History of the Grand Valley

Grand Junction has a rich feminist history. In 1893, Colorado became the first to state to vote to give women the right to vote, Mesa County passed the amendment by the largest margin in the state. Photo of a suffragist rally on Main St. Grand Junction, Circa the late 1910s.



In 1895, **Elizabeth Taylor** and her husband started Utah's first Black newspaper. In 1904, she organized the Western Federation of Colored Women, including a chapter in GJ. After her husband died, she continued to run the paper before moving to Grand Junction to serve as the Minister at the Handy Chaple. She served during the rise of the KKK in the 1920s. Her sons, and her granddaughter, Josephin Dickey, were also leaders in the GJ Black Community.



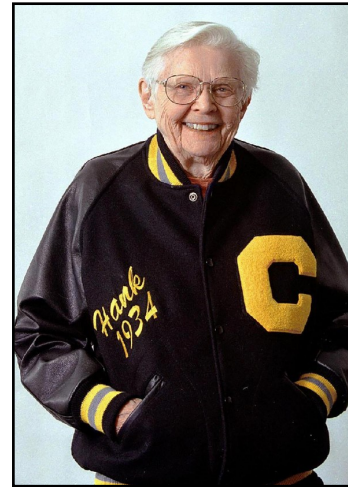
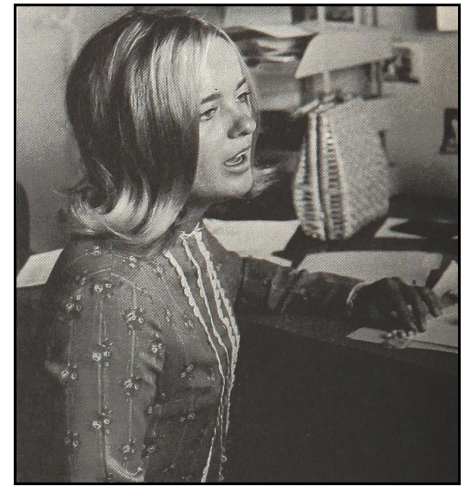
Emma Rainey was a student at the Teller Indian School, when her acting and singing voice garnered attention and she was transferred to the Carlisle Indian School, the flagship of the Indian boarding school system. She graduated with an vocation education in sewing and laundry, but Rainey had other ideas. After graduation, she went on to be the first American Indian star of a national vaudeville show, and later appeared in early Hollywood westerns. She died young of the Spanish Flu near her home in Idaho.



Grand Junction, like any frontier town, had a bustling red-light district. Two of its most well-known madams were **Jean Harris** and **Nell Page**. Nell, also known as 'Broken Jaw' after she was shot in the face in a Leadville brothel. Nell would later be canonized in Dalton Trumbo's novel *Eclipse*, as Stumpy Telsa, the only decent person in the whole town. Nell and Jean contributed generously to community projects and charities.

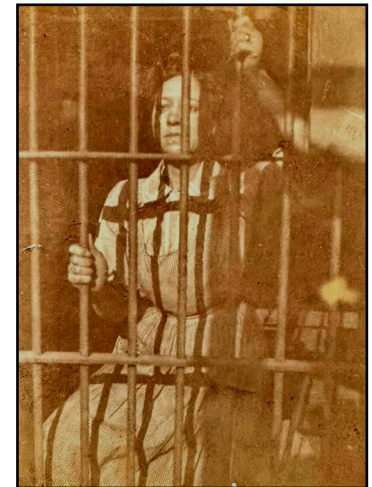


In 1968, **Mary Burns** took a stand against the Vietnam War. A Marine at the time, Mary was court-martialed for refusing to wear her uniform or perform work that aided the war effort in Vietnam. Her case made national news and was one of the first cases of soldiers refusing orders as a means of resisting the Vietnam War. She was issued a small fine, confined to barracks, and quietly discharged. Local letters to the editor called her a traitor. We call her a hero.



For many decades, **Henrietta Hays** was Grand Junction's most visible feminist. After a chance elevator ride with Gloria Steinem in NYC, Hays came back to GJ and helped form a local chapter of the National Organization of Women. For their efforts, they had a burning cross placed in the yard of the house where they were having a meeting. Later, from the late 1980s to the 2010s, Hays wrote a liberal feminist column for the *Daily Sentinel*. In a 2014 column, when she was one hundred years old, she wrote, "When I was born, my mother could not vote, nor own property. It was not until six years later, in 1920, that Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment."

There are too many women in history that get left behind. Women who have nothing written about their lives and struggles. Little will be written about **Edna Ainsworth**, who was just seventeen years old when she died in an attempted home abortion in 1920. Few will remember **Silver Tip Bess**, a rough-riding hard-drinking cowgirl that was known to fight as hard and as dirty as any man just as the 1906 GJPD. Some women are lost in the shadows of their husbands, like **Agnes Shores**, whose famous husband has sucked all the air out of the room. She was a writer, poet and artist in her own right. Despite her husband working as the lead railroad cop, she was feeding the hobos, "The moment they alighted at the tank, or freight station they started uptown to hunt the backdoor where the charity of Agnes Shores flowed out spontaneously to all who asked." Risk takers like **Pearl Harless** and **Marie Ford**, who, at great personal risk, provided reproductive health care to the women of the Grand Valley long before abortion was legalized, will likely remain obscure and forgotten, but we will **say their names!**



Unknown women, Mesa County Jail, 1908,