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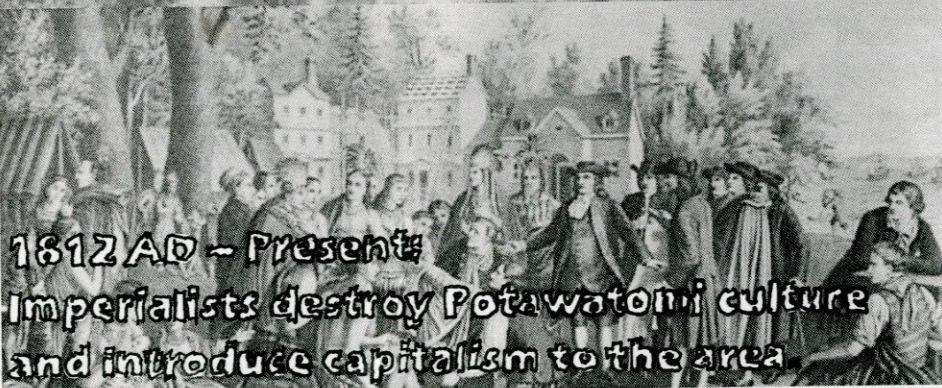




# A People's History of Kalamazoo!

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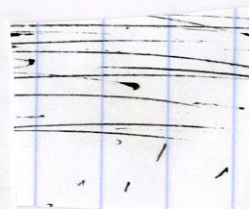
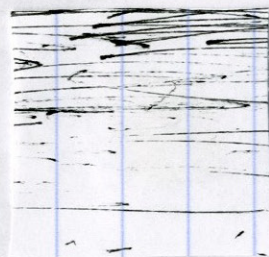
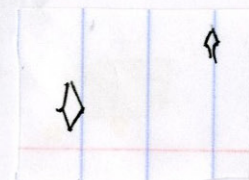
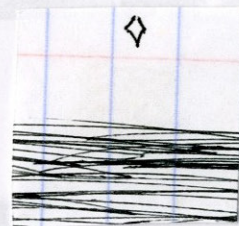
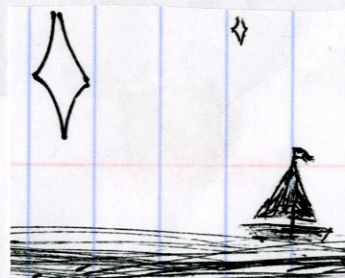
**Kalamazoo and its inhabitants exist in harmony with the world and each other.**



**1812 AD - Present:**  
**Imperialists destroy Potawatomi culture and introduce capitalism to the area.**

**2012 AD:**

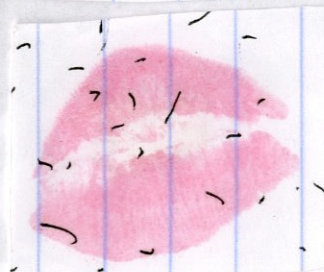
**Kalamazoo becomes a parking lot, college kids watch TV in tomb-like dorms, and freedom is distributed in paper bills.**



"Reveal yourself," we whisper when we mean to say,

"Refuse us the moonburnt body." Remain vast and wild

and unknown...





### A Mischief Which Wasn't

I don't trust anybody who can't leave a fingerprint in the place where lenses should be in this empty frame. I don't trust my own feelings, they often leave me stranded at the bus stop with my hands in my pockets and humiliation in my gut. They're always bossing me about and getting me in trouble. Alone in my room with my coffee cup I wonder what I should've been working on in my night workshop upstairs, what mischief I should've been carving, what it might've looked like. Now it travels along in the flat land with all the things that should have happened but never did, where there's only one kind of tree to rest under and its branches are too frail to climb. And this mischief I should've carved is having a conversation with a pleasant rain that never fell and a phone number I never got and the World Peace that never came, and they're devising a plot to get back to the real world in my head. They read books about the fifth dimension and try to find a wormhole out of that place and into the stone veracity of time where I am leaving barbeques too early and sleeping till five and obeying the law. It's one of those days. I want to take all those things that should have happened out of that terrible place of non-existence, I want to spread them like peanut butter over my sandwich world and give it to the President to eat, I want to discuss in detail with him what exactly made this peanut butter better than all the other peanut butters. Then I want to have dandelion wine and a fire in the country and an orgy. I, too, am trying to get that mischief back here, preparing a doorway in the future where it can walk into its own real shape and size and I can shake hands with it, admire its true form. My desire, my apathy, the north wind, the south wind, all swirling like a tornado around my body, understanding what they can about each other.

## Ways to make your town more weird/rad/magnificent

- plant some veggies/herbs in an empty lot.
- Ride your bike really fast and make goofy noises.
- Chalk or paint visible things.
- Help your friends with their kids so they can have some mental health time (it takes a village...)
- put on spontaneous music performances
- Celebrate interdependence & strengthen your gift culture with frequent "Buy Nothing Days" - when you need something, ask a friend
- Give away prized/sentimental possessions - leaves space in your heart for new (giving) loves and it shares joy.
- Eat more cookies
- Talk about things that freak you out.
- Read zines & trade them like grown up pokemon cards.
- Radical circus!
- Organize a tool share.
- Take matters into your own hands
- Establish a radically sober and free work space.
- Stand up for what you believe in.
- Naked Bike Ride

Where in your life are you most alive? ← do that!



# "Why Fight"

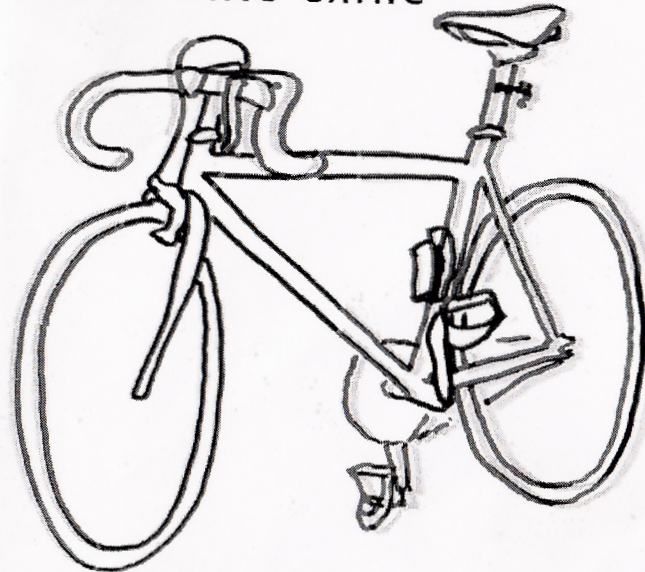
By, Jacques "Ja" Robertson

Sometimes I wonder if it's worth it  
If it's worth the countless hours spent  
Traveling, writing, yelling, screaming and chanting  
If it's worth the money spent and hours spent  
Congregating plotting and planning for a way to break  
the one %  
Or if they have won, if they have shot us in the head  
with their gun called money  
Bitch slapped us with their hands full of greed  
An overpowered us with their body of government  
An as I sit here seriously contemplating what I have said  
The answer is yes  
Yes, it's worth it  
Because the minute we become complicate is the minute I will  
Personally remove myself from this Earth because life just won't  
Be worth living anymore  
So yes maybe the small movements we make today, tomorrow  
And the next won't really add up until we're dead and gone  
I'm ok with that  
I'm ok with my kid's kids being the beneficiary of my life's  
work  
I'm ok with the world being a little bit better at my life's expense  
Because at the end of the day this is why we fight  
This is why we protest  
And this is why we write  
This is why we wake up in the morning  
And go to sleep at night

T.O.A.D. exists to empower  
the Kalamazoo community by  
encouraging independence thro-  
ugh mobility. We will start  
you on the path to bicycle  
maintenance proficiency.

Reduce your dependence on  
expensive, environment degra-  
ding vehicles. Move yourself.

## TOAD bike clinic



Bring your bike to  
TOAD House and we'll  
teach you how to fix  
it! The TOAD bicycle  
cooperative's new free  
bike clinic is teaching-  
oriented—we want  
everyone to know  
how to take care of  
their own bike.  
Whether you're having  
a major problem or  
just want to know  
how to keep your bike  
in top shape, bring it  
over and we'll show  
you how!

Mondays 4-7, starting  
May 21st

TOAD house is at the end of Hoffman Court

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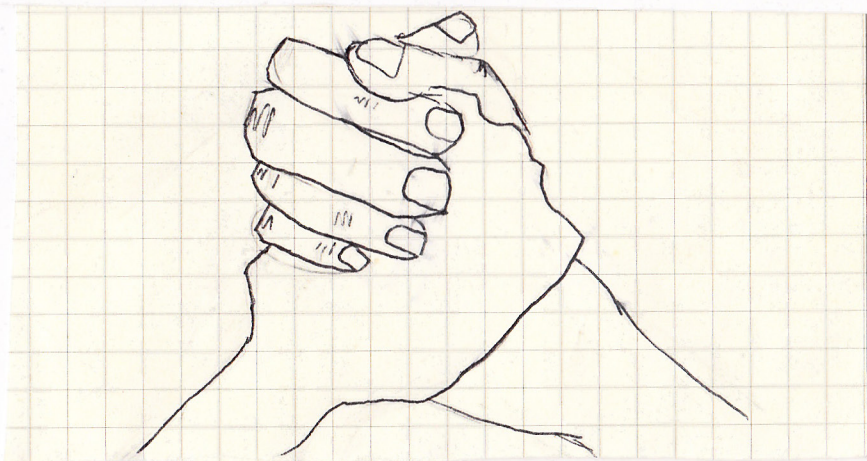


fully indoctrinated in the system. Granted, there are many cops that want to serve/protect the public and provide for their families, maintain the peace as best they can; but are not even aware that they are being screwed over- badly.

To think critically in a consumer-culture provides for one hell of a struggle. Think of how much better the world could be if we were able to hold the things we care most deeply about at the front of our minds every day.

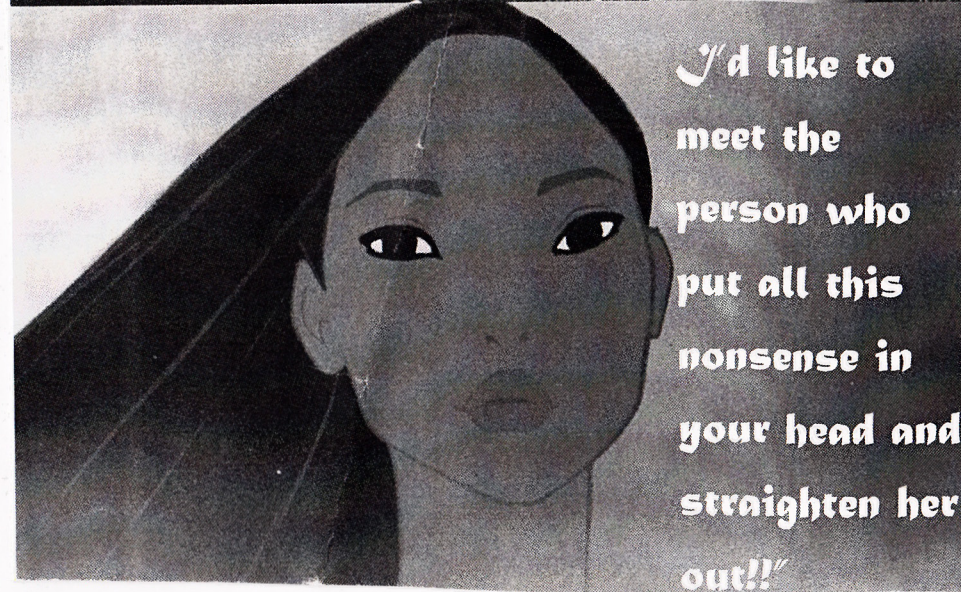
Can we really empathize w/ power hungry masters of industry & their militant police that oppress us & exploit the planet we live on? They are struggling to live fulfilled lives (or were at one point) as we are. They want to be loved, appreciated, understood & accepted; it is sad that they have traded so much of their lives & self-determination to fit in. Try to get a cop to look you in the eye and you'll probably see a sad dis-enfranchised cog in a rusty machine. They are victims of the system, as well as poor choice. Thanks to their positions maintaining the status quo, they are more oppressed than many of us.

Many of our lives are examples of wild liberation, unintentionally. Alternatives thrive on the fringes of monoculture/ partisan bullshit. The cogs that are heavily indoctrinated and invested in the system will require force, we will risk much as we decolonize and liberate the world. We will nurse the wounded and rub each others shoulders at the end of the day. In spaces we liberate we will dance and celebrate, feast on the food we grow and forage. We shall tell heroic stories of our brothers & sisters, and write giddy, fearless, open source plans for the future.



Because we understand that Rome wasn't built in a day  
And its demise wasn't either  
So we fight for you, me and the possibility  
Of our kids kids being free  
Fight On!

**"Kid, you're too young to know anything about the complexities of capitalism, militarism or imperialism!"**



**I'd like to meet the person who put all this nonsense in your head and straighten her out!!**



## Corruption Exposed at Local Elementary School

### Principal Accused of Rigging Democratic Election

Every year, the fifth grade class of a Kalamazoo county public elementary school holds a democratic election to decide the color of their class t-shirts. The colors offered this year were orange, gray, green, and safety green: an ugly, despicable yellowish color that is hardly a green at all. However, the safety green ended up winning the election. The results of the election were not released.

Later, fifth grade students conducted loose surveys and found that few students liked, or voted for, the color. With the support of a few teachers, the group demanded that the principal release the election results publicly with this anonymous letter:

(Principal),

My friends and I would like to know what the percentage of the (school's name) shirts is. We did a pole of my class and we would like to know the percentage of who voted for what. We also had an idea that Fifth grade could do a news paper that had scores of the track and field meet and comics. Thank you,

~ Students of Fifth grade

Another local school also suspiciously had the same color shirts at their track and field meet, which suggests that the color was on sale and cheap for both schools to buy.

It remains to be known whether or not the election was indeed as falsified as those in modern-day Russia, but the ongoing investigation itself did empower the fifth graders involved and gave them real-world experience in questioning authority, grassroots organizing, and cultivating a culture of resistance as they head this year to their next indoctrination camp: middle school.

I'm not talking about reacting brutally to brutal oppression. I'm talking about highly focused re-seizure of authority..We have biological rights that extend beyond the bullet points laid out under the capitalistic regime. These are rights to determine our own lives based on human values, not monetary symbols. We have a choice; but, because as the sign at the Chapel Hill, NC freedom march declared: "under capitalism, we are all at gun point."

What should this re-seizure of authority look like? I imagine the first step should be reclaiming the commons (just listen to the outrage of birds these days- their homes have either been privatized or cut down). We need space to feel safe where our skills can be applied to better our lives and those of the people we love. We need to build forums to talk about our actions and how they will impact future generations. We must operate with consent in mind. Minority libraries, circuses, free stores, and craft circles! We have a right and obligation to invest our intellectual and physical energy into creating and innovating methods for life, instead of armaments for destruction. Our lives are not commodities at the disposal of industrial investors or tax collecting gov't. Serfs, slaves, peasants and factory workers have been making claims like this throughout history.

According to modern gods of empiricism & science; our fight is more imminent than historic liberation fronts. The ground we stand on is volatile. As we struggle to tend the roses that go w/ our bread, we fight for many species, and the planet itself. Let's shout in the streets and expand our network of affinity groups!

When overthrowing the machine, we'll remember to interact with adversaries & different people with respect and integrity. Cops & corporate fat cats are oppressed by the systems they themselves maintain. In worst case scenarios, their passions and interests sizzle on the back burner as they beat themselves up, as they have less time for things they love(d). They are instead committed to someone else's rat-race for mortgage payments and power. Their passions probably got distilled to spectator sports and fine dining. Obviously this is a generalization, but they are responsible for allowing themselves to be so



There is a positive correlation among species with a large brain to body ratio. These animals tend to have a higher intelligence and more flexibility. Crows, for instance, spend about 2 yrs raising their youngins!!! Then, the little ones help rear other young birds. Species of crows score the highest on the avian IQ scale, and are able to make and use tools. These feathery freinds do have a highly stratified pecking order, which is established through air jousting. So, although they have well developed empathy and cooperation, relatively, it is arcjaic compared to human potentia,

Humans have the longest childhoods and are the most capable to cooperate and collaborate; so we must teach our kids to empathize with all life and to defend freedom. By strengthening free culture and gift economies, I suspect greed and possessiveness will decrease exponentially. We must instill discipline and hardwork in the kids of revolution, but when we enable them to do things they truely care about- this comes naturally. Teaching children in a liberated community is like watering strong sprouts; nothing intrinsic needs to be compromised about them.

In our current world, the education process is crappy for lots of reasons, but I think a main one is that we rob our kids of their self-determination and spontaneity. By strongly echoing revolution among our children, we will be uplifting their true nature.

Competition and domination do nothing to better the world, in fact these actions sap us of our unity and anhilates eco-systems. It is through empathy (the ability toleave your shoes and step into others), through recognizing vulnerability, the common ground shared by all, that we flourish.

Capitalism depends on, and perpetuates, scarcity. In the grand scheme of individual lives on Earth, this makes sense- we have a finite amount of time here. A positive response to this is to fight for a liberated, inspired, and cooperative world. Confining systems need to be scrapped. Prescribed cycles of life that dom'rserveus need to be re-structured. It sucks to sayso, but in order to realize liberation, there will be violence.



The back of the school's t-shirt





DIT Kalamazoo is a loose collective of individuals focused on providing venues and promotion for local and touring musicians. House shows are our primary focus, particularly for bands that might otherwise have difficulty booking in Kalamazoo. DIT stands for "Do It Together", and we try to promote a sense of safety and community at our events.

DIT Kalamazoo is by no means intended to be some kind of exclusive cool kid club. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in the fight. Together we can continue to make this city a place we're proud to call home. We hold open meetings at 210 Allen Blvd every Sunday evening at 5pm. Feel free to attend if your interested in: booking, promoting, flyering, writing, playing shows, running a house venue or other DO IT TOGETHER type activities.

# Empathic Insurrection

Empathy is the newest buzzword falling from ivory towers, think tanks, and laboratories from Princeton to Oxford. The general consensus of these pocket-protected intellectuals is what anarchists, punks, romantics, aesthetes, environmentalists, Yippies, hippies, and spiritually minded folk have been rioting, rhyming, painting, om-shantaing, and occupying for all along. We need to take care of each other and our home planet first and foremost.

Jeremy Rifkin would be pissed if he saw his name in this publication, but whatever. Even though he is a capitalist, he wrote a really long book called The Empathic Civilization. The ideas are summed up well in an RSA animation. Rifkin shows that humans and other creatures with well developed frontal cortexes are soft wired for empathy (the ability to feel for another's plight and share in another's excitement). Rifkin traces the development of empathic identification from blood ties to tribal affiliation to religious ties. The newest empathic border that people identify with is that of the nation state. Like all man surveyed boundaries, the nation state relies on the citizen's belief in the entity, or it ceases to exist. Rifkin is confident that, as communication and inter-connection grow, technology will enable people to stretch their empathic ties to include all denizens of earth; as well as earth itself.

Extending empathy is a psychological practice that can educate those who are integrated into the systems of competition and domination. It offers an alternative to the pain and disappointment brought on by competition. It helps to remember and focus on why we struggle to live a liberated life. For me, it's to escape from oppressive traditions and to emerge into a more understanding, sensible, and beautiful world. This cannot be done without others.



# KNEX

The Kalamazoo Neighbor Exchange (KNEX) TimeBank provides a safe place for members to exchange their time, skills, and talents with one another. This expands access to additional resources at little or no cost; increasing wealth and building community.

## A Short History: Then and Now

In 1827, a Cincinnati man named Josiah Warren opened the first Time Store where goods could be purchased at cost plus an equal exchange of labor from the customer and the storekeeper. This cost principal stopped all haggling and promoted mutual respect and confidence in place of sharp dealing and distrust. Josiah Warren is also considered to be the first American anarchist.

The Kalamazoo Neighbor Exchange TimeBank values all work equally and is measured by the time you spend doing the task. Our first year we stayed small, about 15 of us, exchanging gardening, rides, community work, cooking, painting, you name it! Since January 2012, we've grown to 35 members and new members are added each month. Our plan is to have members from every neighborhood in the Township of Kalamazoo and eventually to include all of the county.

KNEX holds monthly potlucks and orientations. Learn more at [k-nex.org](http://k-nex.org)!

# DIT Kalamazoo

## JUNE

• 2012 •

- 6/1 - Parasitic Twins, Shitlist, Sex Bunker, Brown Cow @ Village Castle 9pm
- 6/2 - Swords of Zapan, Coma Nova, Edgar Cayce, Forget the times @ Victory House 9pm
- 6/2 - Batcave, Astro Bats, Sista Mista @ Louie's 9pm 18+ \$5
- 6/8 - Timeshares, Bike Tuff, Natural Disaster @ Fat Guy house 8pm
- 6/9 - The Reptilian, Jewls, Bandera, Animal Faces @ The Anthill 9pm
- 6/10 - Living + Wrestling, Seventeen again, Life in Vacuum, Rise into Ruin @ M. House 9pm
- 6/12 - High Dive, Temples + TBA @ Victory House 9pm
- 6/12 - Hive Lords, Terror Daktus, Coma Nova, + TBA @ Village Castle 9pm
- 6/15 - Dgr/dwn, Protected Left @ the Anthill 9pm
- 6/21 - Forget the times, the new diet, MEGA sky fish + 1 TBA @ The Globe FREE SHOW
- 6/23 - To Fear the Wolf + 3 TBA @ Village Castle 9pm
- 6/26 - Ramshackle Glory, Lincoln County War, Sor Tim Tapper and the Terribles @ M. House 9pm
- 6/29 - MIII, itto, Seventeen again, George Costanza, Great American Witchhunt @ Victory House 9pm

DONATE TO TOURING BANDS!  
RESPECT THE HOUSES!  
[www.ditkalamazoo.com](http://www.ditkalamazoo.com) for more info!



MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
-CHICAGO, IL

While you scream at empty buildings surrounded by smiling police, we are infiltrating your march; and smuggling our supplies in from behind the police lines. The end of your march marks the beginning of our rebellion... or so we thought.

The "Black Hurricane Collective" issued a bold call to infiltrate the big permitted NATO protest in order to break-away and advance for a direct and confrontational march. Two smaller groups in black clad moved patiently down the permitted route. Numbers started to grow, yellow t-shirts turned into black hoodies. 3/4's the way through the permitted march the two groups rushed together forming a bloc; and meaner police, with more equipment, arrived almost instantly. The bloc arrived at the permits end, rallied numbers, and made their attempt to break free.

After about a block and a half of dis-organized efforts to form lines, the anarchists were headed off by one line of police; spreading only half-way across the road. Members of the main-stream media covered the other half of the road. The slanting formation the police were forming are typically used to redirect a crowds movement away from a place of interest, not to halt a march.

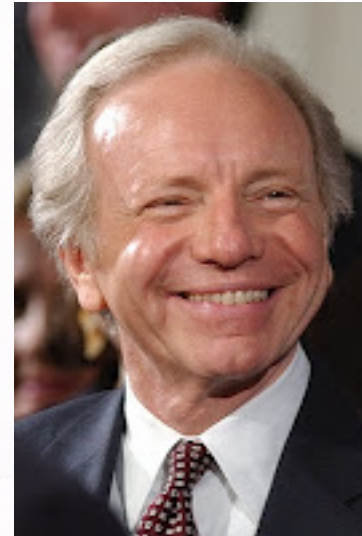
"Mic check" "MIC CHECK!"

A light skinned shirtless male has the unwarranted floor.

"The police are in front of us, therefore we should go backwards!"

With little reprisal, the bloc regressed; headed back to the barricade-lined permitted march (and two platoons of police), the confrontational anarchists forfeited their only opportunity to to break-off as a black bloc and take the streets. And the police repression followed.

Now, instead of a single line in front of the bloc, they became surrounded and the number of police grew at an intimidating rate. Some of those in black clad chose to "de-bloc" as to bide their time and remain active later in the day, and others chose to stay and hold their ground.



Afroyim v. Rusk- "once vested by birth or naturalization, may not be taken away... without (the citizens) assent: 'In our country, the people are sovereign and Government cannot sever its relationship to the people by taking away their citizenship!'"

Vance v. Terrazas (1980)- "in the final analysis, expatriation depends upon the will of the citizen rather than on the will of Congress and its assessment of his conduct"

This bill has only been introduced at this point in time, it has not yet come to a vote. There were 40,000 new laws in 2011. If we educate each other, write our congressman, and teach our brothers and sisters; there is time to stop this attack on liberty!

"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."



## A War On Liberty

This January, Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT, most recently noted for sponsoring s.2038 "the Stock Act" and then opening the floor questioning the language) and Congressman Charles Dent (R-PA) both introduced legislation to empower the federal government to dispossess citizens of their citizenship and send them into stateless exile. Introduced as S.1698 in the senate and as H.R. 3166 in the House of Representatives, the Enemy Expatriation Act is expressly designed to "add engaging or supporting hostilities against the United States to the list of acts for which United States nationals would lose their nationality."

S. 1698 and H.R. 3166 make it appear that any citizen "engaging in, or purposefully and materially supporting hostilities against the United States" would lose his/her citizenship.

To give some perspective, let's look where we are now. Six out of seven current acts require renunciation of citizenship, or "an unmistakably demonstrating act for another country." These new bills would change to a newly minted offense, the commission or possible intent to renounce citizenship, on suspicion. Under current law there must be a criminal act; this again would fall into suspicion. This law means that government need only to prove by "preponderance of the evidence" that a person "engaged in, or purposefully and materially support(ed) hostilities against the United States."

Hostilities- "any conflict subject to the laws of war."

So, potentially with this law, someone protesting NATO (who is a Muslim) could be in jeopardy of being charged with committing an expatriating act set forth in these two bills.

With our tails between our legs, we found an impetuous determination to liberate the streets.

After an unsuccessful attempt to orchestrate a break-off march in the 90<sup>th</sup> Chicago heat, there was a sense of defeat amongst the radical elements of the protests. As the sun moved across the sky, and the temperature dropped, an impromptu march quickly gained one-thousand participants. Snaking through Chicago's corporate shopping epicenter; the march picked up speed and momentum as more and more people joined in.

The forces of control scrambled in efforts to contain the bitter masses, who were now running to intersections as to head off any attempt to quell their keen impulses.

After a notable display of the peoples ability to take spontaneous, effective action; an occupation was underway.

The occupation endured threats of the infamous "L-RAD", as the state began to show it's true face. No one dared to cross the lines as the agents of repression, brandishing their batons, hungered for and excuse to retaliate against the band of dissidents. The occupiers took note of the intimidation tactics and quickly became an organized gathering. With recon of the surrounding streets, strictly pertaining to police activity, the steady occupation rose to return to a vibrant march and reclaimed the streets.

Evading hyper-aggressive control methods, the rebellious horde maneuvered through various obstacles and marched onward to occupy the front lawn of a Cook County jail.

This act of spontaneous combustion did not come without pain and sacrifice from its participants as many suffered the might of the baton, and the confinements of a police state.

-ANNE R. KIST-





## Whole Foods booze cruise

Love is a clean cut bank teller.

Love is a bloodied hand in a factory in China.

Love is a film by Steven Spielberg.

No it's not, that's what they want you to think.

I can trounce around in bourgie used car lots  
or photograph a cop beating the shit out of a homeless man  
as long as I'm on the sidewalk.

But that's it.

Life is convincing yourself your leaflets  
are changing the world  
(because they actually are)  
while you're on the phone with collections.

Whole Foods booze cruise amniotic sack  
keg-tap dickslap heavy metal buttcrack  
uptight lite brite piggy in the sticks  
cotton gin Rin Tin Tin mass grave Netflix

This one time I was on a bunch of drugs and I decided I didn't want to do drugs anymore. Then I met this really pretty girl but my hair was all messed up and she must have thought I was a dork. Anyway, I felt like a real geek so I went home and made no-bakes. And then I had a total ego meltdown in Remus, Michigan.



Some Sundays I sit on rooftops  
topping my sundaes with chopped nuts  
and I keep hearing about this starving child in Africa.  
Are you familiar?

Twice weekly my stomach  
tells me something's off.  
I tumble in a dogma teepee and  
build straw huts.  
Like stacked cans that are always  
being taken away.

It's like when you're operating a hand jack  
and this really cracked out old dude  
gives you a funny look  
and you get distracted  
and beefaroni flies everywhere.  
Was that love?

We plot world takeover in threes  
discuss proletarian revolution in a Ford Focus  
wallow in coffee shops  
with Ron Paul nerds.  
Sometimes I want to tell someone to read a book.

## "Chutes and Ladders"

**Tell me the violent acquisition of land for profit and private use  
creates no chaos for those who once shared the land for common  
good. Tell me I can choose who is to write the law for all to obey,  
but prohibit me from choosing which laws I find relevant, or which  
laws serve to better, or worsen, my condition. Tell me now that I can  
climb a ladder to own this land, write these laws, earn that profit; but  
discard me when I choose to look around and not up. Marginalize me  
for walking forward instead of sticking my head into the ass of the  
person one-step higher than myself on the "ladder of success."**

**Arrest me when I break a step or shake the ladder, as it may  
jeopardize the luxuries of a few on the top.**

**Celebrate them when this situation becomes so unstable it  
jeopardizes the well-being of everyone on the ground level. Blame us  
for the grand collapse, for the ladder will surely rot when we refuse  
to maintain the base. Blame us for the grand collapse when we no  
longer hold the base sturdy, because we began to look around and  
ignored a thousand asses attempting to tell us how to live and exist  
on the ground level.**

**Seek our council when you fall; as your stuff and things may be  
rendered**

*useless.*

**After all, ladders make excellent**

*firewood.*

**We will keep you warm.**



## WIKILEAKS AND FREE SPEECH

I would like to make an argument for free speech on behalf of Wikileaks, a not-for-profit that has spurred global revolution. I think the argument is timeless and something nearly everyone can agree on, if they're willing to think. Free speech should be absolute. According to the first amendment to the constitution of the United States,

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Don't get me wrong. Constitutionally I am a strict deconstructionist, in that the constitution, the Federalist Papers, and many other early national documents were created to protect the wealth and power of the moneyed elite, and their dominion over women, slaves, and the poor. (If not as a stated purpose, at least in effect.) I also reject the notion of nationalism as divisive and destructive of human solidarity. But even tea-partiers can agree that the constitution should take precedence over the laws.

However, our government's (global!) suppression of speech, they claim, is protected by what? Ah, yes. The Espionage Act of 1917. An act used to round up socialists, anarchists, and other political dissidents who were trying to feed poor people during World War I. Hyperbole, yes. But true nevertheless.

One of these dissidents was Charles Shenk, who sent out 15,000 leaflets supporting opposition to the draft. The leaflets said things like, "Do not submit to intimidation", "Assert your rights", "If you do not assert and support your rights, you are helping to deny or disparage rights which it is the solemn duty of all citizens and residents of the United States to retain," and so on. He opposed the draft, saying that forced servitude was illegal according to the thirteenth amendment (which made slavery illegal). Right on, Charles Shenk! Although maybe cool it with the citizenry talk.

So the feds basically came up with the idea, over time, that free speech was not protected when it presented "clear and present



On Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Brent Betterly (24) Jared Chase (27) and Brian Church (20) were arrested and charged with possession of an explosive or incendiary device, conspiracy to commit terrorism and providing material support to terrorism. This all stems from a harassing traffic stop the activists caught on tape, and released the video- embarrassing the officers who had pulled them over. The material support is said to be a home beer brewing operation in the apartment where the three men were staying with other out of town activists. According to the (trustworthy) Chicago Police Department the three accused activists intended to firebomb multiple police stations, Obamas campaign HQ, and Rahm Emmanuel's home. Needless to say, the mainstream media has been playing their role perpetuating a mass fear of the old "bomb throwing anarchist" mentality. They are currently being held in a Cook County Jail's hospital wing, for observation purposes; which, according to attorney Michael Deutsch, is causing "severe psychological damage" to his client Brian Church. The NATO 3, each being held on \$1.5 million bond, are expected to appear in court on June, 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who met and got to know these three suspects have nothing but nice things to say about them to the press, and that they travelled to Chicago to protest peacefully.



Jared

Brent

Brian



Since this didn't occur, Pinkney flooded the streets. He relayed to me that the march was a success, the most influential day being Saturday; marchers were encouraged to wear black to represent the land stolen from the citizens and used as a tool against them. This land will essentially be what raises their property taxes and puts them in a position to have to move. Does this process sound familiar? It should.

This protest was peaceful (for the most part) but there was an altercation on May 25<sup>th</sup> when the protestors were denied access to the (public) sidewalk and had to be escorted out of the surrounding area by police that resulted in Pinkney losing all respect for Benton Harbor's chief of police Roger Lang. Pinkney plans to file a suit.

Even though this protest was a success, much more work has to be done to keep the wicked Whirlpool Company from devouring what is left of this beautiful city. But, this was a great start!



danger." Apparently free speech constitutes clear and present danger. To feds and capitalists. I would tend to agree. This was the legal precedent which served as the first concrete, contemporary stifling of free speech, known as *Shenk vs. United States*.

(For early examples see the Alien and Sedition Acts and Madison's Federalist Paper 10. Written rather disingenuously under the pseudonym "Publius" - the public, Federalist Paper 10 describes how the federal government must protect the minority (i.e. capitalist) class from the wishes of the majority. This is a historical argument taken up by Howard Zinn in his *People's History of the United States*.)

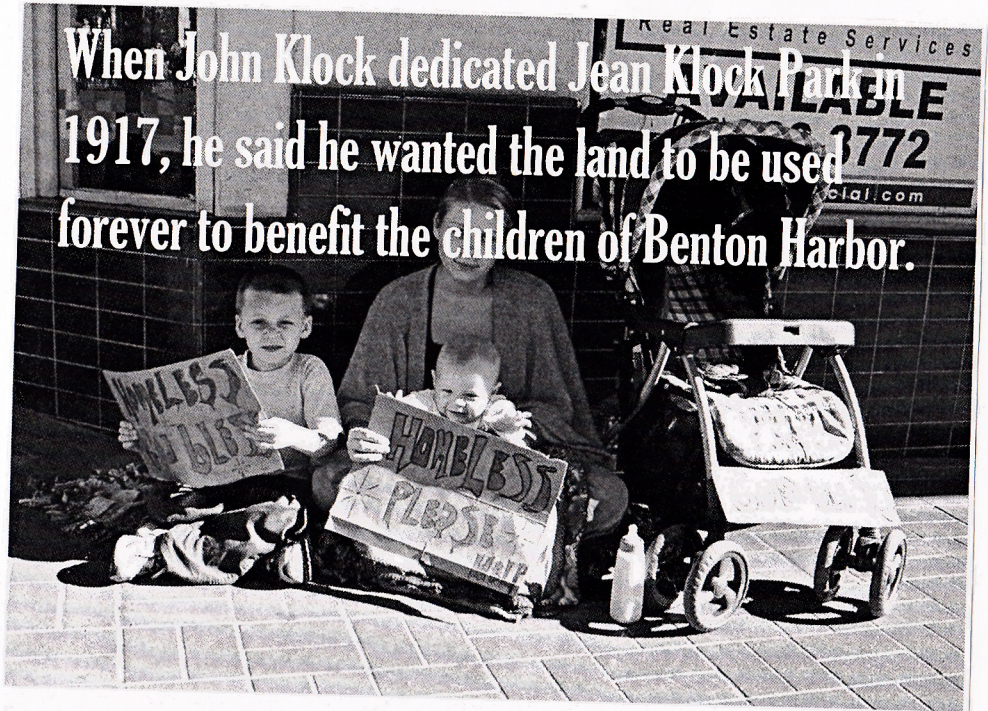
In 1969 *Brandenburg vs. Ohio* effectively raised the protection of free speech to "imminent lawless action," although "enemy combatants" are still held to the original (1919) interpretation of the Espionage Act. Interestingly, Noam Chomsky points out that the act can only be invoked when it concerns the "national defense." Since all the wars we now fight are aggressive foreign wars, the Espionage Act really shouldn't be applied to any information concerning our foreign military presence to begin with, meaning they should revert to *Brandenburg vs. Ohio* in their legal analysis.

Clearly the first amendment has never been properly defended by the courts. Like many historical developments, the truth of its sentiment is validated insofar as speech is protected. We haven't been doing the footwork, and this has to change.

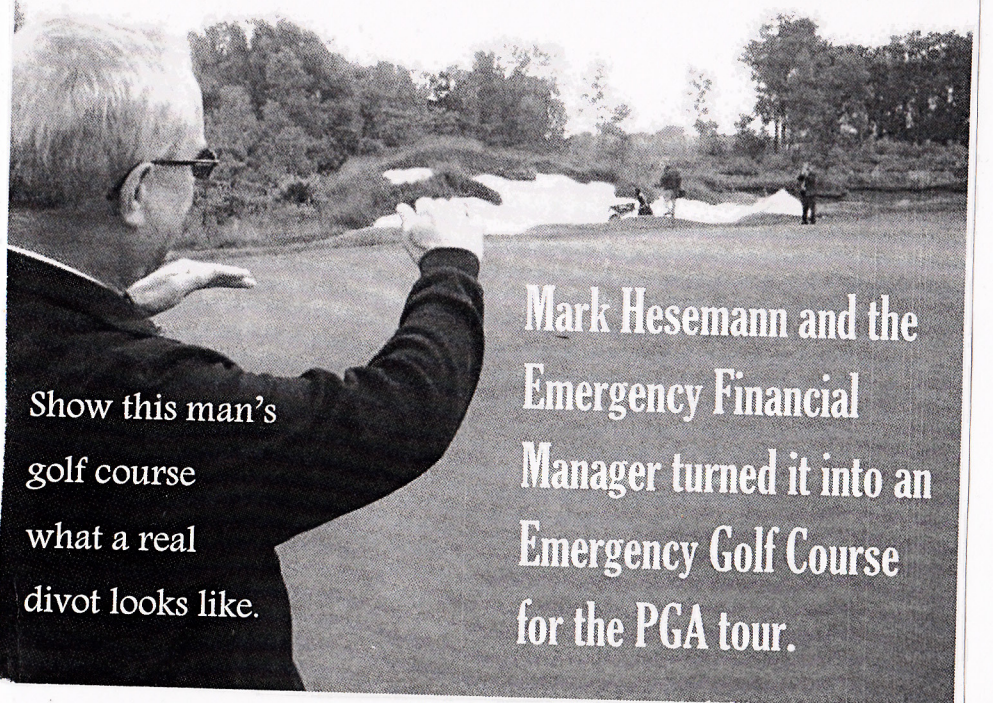
A bit of rare factual information about Wikileaks:

Wikileaks is an anti-secrecy website which calls itself a not-for-profit organization. Since its inception, Wikileaks has released various diplomatic and governmental information about the illicit affairs of government and corporate entities, from the Iraq War Logs, to the Global Intelligence Files, to the Afghan War Diary and leaks about the detainees (still) being held at Guantanamo Bay. Wikileaks produced *Collateral Murder*, a short film which documents the firsthand account of a gunner spraying a crowd of supposed insurgents, all of whom were presumably innocent, one of whom was a journalist carrying a





When John Klock dedicated Jean Klock Park in 1917, he said he wanted the land to be used forever to benefit the children of Benton Harbor.



Show this man's golf course what a real divot looks like.

Mark Hesemann and the Emergency Financial Manager turned it into an Emergency Golf Course for the PGA tour.



PGA, Not Ok!!!

By, Jacquis "Ja" Robertson

On May 27<sup>th</sup> my comrade and I walked the streets of Benton Harbor and found a plethora of upper class white individuals and police and I couldn't help but laugh, because we knew that the throng of police was due to my friend Rev. Freddie Pinkney. It was his rebel insurrection that marched, ran, and sailed around Benton Shores. This caused so much ruckus that it reached big news ports like MSNBC and CNN. This all could have simply been avoided if the PGA tour/ Whirlpool complied with Pinkney's (and the citizens of Benton Harbor's) demands, which were the following...

- (1) Transfer 25% of the 2012 Senior PGA profits to the citizens of Benton Harbor as partial rightful compensation for stolen land and water and for the purpose of meeting budget deficits and building affordable housing for the people of Benton Harbor.
- (2) Distribute the attached press kit to all 2012 Senior PGA participants. We call on each of them to hear the grievances of the people of Benton Harbor and either withdraw from the tournament or show their support for the demonstration planned for May 23-27, Occupy the PGA.
- 3) Acknowledge in an announcement at the Senior PGA event that the people of Benton Harbor have been exploited in numerous ways, detailed in the attached information, including the theft of public park land for private profit and the complete undermining of democratic structures by the installation of an Emergency Financial Manager.

camera. The film was taken from the Apache helicopter in Iraq as it sprayed.

Wikileaks has projected the cause of anti-secrecy and open governance to a new level. It is a company that has studiously stood up for free speech, for freedom of the press, and against censorship. For that, we applaud. Above and beyond, Wikileaks has had a direct effect on both the Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street, one movement fighting illegitimate governments and the other the illegitimate influence of corporations in the public sphere. From Tunisia to Kalamazoo we have seen up close and with pornographic severity the diabolical interests of corporations like Lockheed Martin, Stratfor, Dow Chemical, and the major banks. The morally bankrupt maneuvering of State Department officials and presidents.

The reason I embark with you upon this parade of death and destruction is not for shock purposes. Free speech exists inasmuch as we protect it. A company called Wikileaks is fighting for your speech, the only way that has ever mattered: by speaking truth to power, so righteously, with such indignation and reckless abandon that governments and corporations had to silence them. Now this is no Stalinist gulag, I understand. We use soft power in our national adolescence. What once was a concentration camp is a tightening of purse strings, an economic blockade, a trumped up charge. But if you don't stand up for their speech, you've just damned an entire crowd of less radical activists and intellectuals, and who's next? It could be your mom, your neighbor. Probably not your boss. More than likely it would be me. I won't tell you to vote for anyone. I won't tell you to write your senator. Occupy your internet connection. Follow the news. (This is not something you'll find on your television.) Use your body. Tell your friends. Shout your hopes and dreams into the wind until no politician, big boss, or police officer can deny the tenacity of our movement and the ferocity with which we refuse to submit!

Occupy! Liberate! Decolonize!

Resist! Rebel! Revolt!





May Day 1971