POWER IN NUMBERS
The struggle over borders strikes America’s streets
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It’s been over a year and a half since the military has been able to effectively recruit on this UC-Santa Cruz campus, as all their attempts have been met by campus students. On April 11, in spite of the pouring rain and administrators attempts to stifle student’s free speech, Students Against War (SAW) proposals for protecting free speech to be adopted by administrators, who still banned media from the event.

The successful protest was also significant in light of the fact that University administrators hired, at great cost to the university, a number of police, these police, local officials, and a top local official, physically assaulted multiple students, students without provocation and repeatedly without justification identification when requested. Students were pushed, pulled, screamed, and a student’s hand was smashed in a door. One student, acting as a legal observer, was pushed and attempted for documenting police surveillance, but was released after an immediate display of student support. The student may face charges in the future, which SAW intends to vigorously contest. In the face of administrative and police repression the students remained remarkably peaceful.

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An interview with Longtime Resident and Groioration manager, Marie Harrison, by Matt Gerchey.

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Recent crackdowns on the animal rights and environmental justice movements have left many activists feeling that their communities are under siege. From the prosecution of the SHAC 7 to the arrests of thirteen individuals for arson committed over a ten-year span, a war is being waged on these movements by the U.S. government. While all of this may seem terrifying in its singularity to younger activists, the tactics being employed by the FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force are anything but new. Whispers of COINTELPRO have appeared in various articles about the backlash against eco-activists, but few, if any, really know about the Counter-Intelli- gence Program (COINTELPRO), the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the American Indian Movement (AIM) – today’s activists are but a history of social and political battles from wars that are not yet even. Without seeing today’s struggles for animal rights and environ- mental justice in this broader historical and social context, we run the risk of forgetting the past, but of isolating ourselves and the political context, we run the risk of forgetting the past, but of isolating ourselves and social and political battles from wars that are not yet even. Without seeing today’s struggles for animal rights and environmental justice in this broader historical and social context, we run the risk of forgetting the past, but of isolating ourselves and

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Behind the Lines

THE LEGENDARY WEST

COINTELPRO targeted American citizens for opposing the Vietnam War, for advocating civil rights policies such as supporting fast-food dictators, for supporting Civil Rights, Black Liberation, Women’s Rights, or so- cialism. It was Americans,bruins, blinners, hippies, open and nude mail, taped phones, harass, isolated, threatened, and destroyed the lives of thousands of Americans who openly opposed the U.S. government. 

MUMIA ABU JAMAL

In 1980, former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray and Edward S. Miller, one-time head of Squad 47, the domestic terrorist unit in the FBI’s New York Field Office, were convicted of having “aided in committing or attempting to commit” the murder of the United States of America. The context of their crimes were COINTELPRO

The federal government, corpora- tions, and the media have labeled the word “terrorism.” Last year, animal liber- ationist Peter Young was indicted on “terroristic intent” for liberating mink, marking the Or- wellian nature of the current public discourse on terrorism. By including prophecies of destruction and the portent of ultimate con- sumption with business as usual under the ever-increasing umbrellas of terrorism, the government has one more tool in their public relations campaign against us.

The FBI remains skilled in psychic and cultural warfare. Recently, the FBI di- sguised a demonstration in support of grand jury resisters in San Francisco. They announced the incar- ceration of a fictitious subject of the grand jury. As soon as that had been housing activ- ists in their homes to distribute “mis- leading” information amongst this crowd, a tactic that succeeded in drawing some of the media attention away from the po- litical witch hunt, catching the activists off guard, and diverting their attention.

The grand jury itself remains out of the government’s favorite tools of harassment. In the last year alone, fed- eral grand juries have seized into investi- gating animal rights and environmental justice activists in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, New Jersey, and Colorado. The FBI’s reliance on their “terrorist”labels continues for the long haul, and they have rounded up many suspects with little more information than the fact that they are activists.

Since grand juries are secret procedure- ning, activists are often unaware of those to whom an upcoming grand jury is set to meet. This lack of transparency can cause activists to feel fear, uncertainty, and isolation. It can also lead to a lack of communication amongst activists.

The federal government has no better strategy, and increased resistance. Some- times, there is no better motivating factor than com- mitment to principles? Now we have an example of the theoretical existence of individual, it is a different matter to learn of an actual act of terrorism and to win the subsequent lawsuit. However, we have only seen to the FBI or other government agencies against the FBI’s “Graze Scare”– extralegal force and violence is not from external ag- gression. The government understands that it is often easier for a general public to tolerate the actions such tactics against the environmental justice or animal rights movements at home than to see it being used to terrorize the Arab, Palestinian, and Islamic populations, and impressing innocent people of color without changes. They justify the attacks on Arabs Ghanas and Guiananians they that real such tactics used against largely white, middle-class activists would be bad.

BUILDING THE MOVEMENT

So what do we do about the cham- pions of freedom? What does a community do when the fear of imprisonment is a stronger motivating factor than com- mitment to principles? How do we have an opportunity to learn from history. For both activists and the public, it is vital to avoid talking about issues of substance, strategy, and increased resistance. Some people may even avoid talking to certain activists for fear of being seen as a collaborator.

Yet now, more than ever, is when we need to come together. It is only when we come together and form alliances with one another that we can break the stranglehold of external forces and that we can build an effective movement.
In his State of the Union address, George W. Bush said that the U.S. is "ad- 
dicted to oil." What he didn't say was that post-WWII oil policy—which has been a central plank of U.S. for- eign policy since President Truman met King Saud of Saudi Arabia and cobbled together the Arab-British oil pacts in 1945—is in tatters. The shell of Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the Gulf states, and Venezuela — are hardly models of U.S. spheres of influence. With surplus capacity in the world oil market at an all-time low, and speculative capacity in the commodity exchanges at an all-time high, the trans- national oil companies and the oil pro- ducing states are awash in petro-dollars— but the days of cheap oil seem to be fast disappearing.

It is no surprise, then, that other sup- pliers of oil should be very much on the Bush radar screen (since the alternatives of conservation strategies or increased gas taxes are conspicuously absent).

The Chesa Energy Report in 2001 made the point about Midulf oil de- pendancy long before the State of the Union. A militarization in the Finan- cial Times (March 1, 2006) makes the point: "Since Bush's State of the Union address, the world has a new awareness of the security threat posed by the world's energy infrastructure. In fact, energy security is the name of the game. The Council of Foreign Relations' call for a new approach to African oil in its report "More than Humanitarian ism" focuses on Africa's "growing strategic importance" for U.S. policy. This means cheap and stable oil imports and also keeping the Chinese—impor- tant new actors in the African oil busi- ness—and Islamic terror at bay (Africa is, according to the intelligence com- munity, the 'new frontier' in the fight against revolutionary Islam). It took long enough to realize that energy security is a terrifying thing, and the costs of inaction coupled to American military and the war on terror. It will work?

AFRICA'S BLACK GOLD

Currently Africa is the center of a major oil boom. The continent accounts for roughly 10 percent of world oil out- put and 9.3 percent of known reserves. Though oil wealth in Africa is gener- ally smaller and deeper than the Middle East, and production costs are accord- ingly 3-4 times higher - African crude is generally "sweet" and low in sulfur, making it attractive to U.S. importers. The twelve major African producers dominate by Nigeria, Algeria, Libya, and Angola, which collectively account for 85 percent of African output—are highly oil-dependent. In Nigeria, for example, 85 percent of government revenues, 90 percent of exports, and al- most half of all gross domestic product are derived from oil earnings. In short, the governments of African oil states are "oil dependent." They are also— and here they share a affinity with oil-rich produc- ing countries in the other Gulf and in the Carpathian—categorized as among the most cor- rupt in the world, mirroring the global oil industry in which they are embedded. In the impoverished populations of these wealthy oil states, black gold is nothing more than a mirage—oil has brought corruption, war, repression, a venal and authoritarian local "big peoplep", and economic stagnation.

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On this canvas of African oil secu- rity and a new scramble for the conti- nent, the recent events in Nigeria and the crisis in the oilfields of the Niger Delta are of enormous importance.

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To disenfranchise and criminalize immigrants, would-be political leaders around the country designed dozens of bills and ballot initiatives have emerged designed to galvanize support. Since then, these organizations have provided a fertile ground for a resurgent nativist populism and an upsurge of anti-immigrant violence.

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All of this is occurring as millions across the nation have been in the U.S. However, it still poses serious risks for mass immigration investigations and deportations. The bill will make anyone in the U.S. without documentation an automatic felon. This includes workers, families, and even the unborn—HR 4437 will deny citizenship to the children of undocumented immigrants, which, in addition to provisions, will likely be applied more broadly in order to criminalize documented immigrants and citizens.

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Thaksin: Get Lost!

Megaw-Modg prime minister steps down

A wave of popular protest in the southeast Asian nation of Thailand has forced scandal-tainted Premier Thaksin Shinawatra to resign from office.

The movement started small, initially branded as a mob of caboodle opposed to April 4 protests that called for the resignation of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. Weekly rallies in the nation’s capital number in the hundreds of thousands, making the movement to depose the scandal-tainted prime minister the largest mass gathering of public dissent since 1992, when large demonstrations and the subsequent massacre of protesters in Bangkok's Royal Plaza. The crowds are swathed in vivid royal yellow, the color now associated with the pro-Prayuth, the nation is famous in southeast Asia for the way they treat monkeys.

The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. Despite the 1997 economic crisis, the changes have been so rapid that even the urban population with its mass of high-rise towers has come to be called "sky train" to work every day.

For most of its history, the Thai government has been run by the military. The last eight years has been going up and the recent rally at the Royal Square organized in reaction because so much of our TV and radio is controlled by the media. Efforts to promote opposition parties have been blocked by the political passes of Thaksin Shinawatra. His father is a rice farmer who still runs a tractor farm, his grandfather is a rice farmer who still runs a tractor farm, the prime minister to a birthday party building of a new airport, the alleged press which, until recently, tended to endorse while all of its neighbors fell to the end of military rule in Thailand.

One glaring example of corruption is the recent trial of Thaksin's brother, Thaksin ally, Sondhi Limthongkul. The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. The last 25 years have been a period of dizzying economic and social change for the people in urban areas of Thailand. thaksin has made some mistakes, but people in the mob forget all the good things that have happened, says 25 year old shopkeeper who wishes to remain anonymous.

Before then there was no "sky train" (Bangkok's new elevated commuter rail) and the economy in the last eight years has been going up and up. It is not doing its job, then why use draft animals like water buffalos in lieu of tractors in his fields. His grandfather, veteran of an even less deadly coup that occurred in the nation's capital number in the hundreds of thousands, mass protest the end of military rule in Thailand. The crowds are swathed in vivid royal yellow, the color now associated with the pro-Prayuth, the nation is famous in southeast Asia for the way they treat monkeys.

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Since the foodwastes receded last September, the EPA has undertaken the project of testing the soil and depotted freshwater sediment for a range of substances. The samples tested contained higher levels of contaminants than was considered safe by the EPA.

Bioremediation is the use of living organisms such as plants, mushrooms or bacteria to remove pollutants from the water and soil. A group of activists called Greenpeace undertook the Bioremediation Project last fall at the site of a former industrial site in the Gentilly District, a multi-cultural working-class community located along the London Avenue Canal in the 7th Ward. Several blocks away from one of the soil sampling sites. When I got involved in the project in January, volunteers had already repurposed and planted rows and square foot plots. The garden is now completely bio-intensive farming.

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Sir! No Sir!

By Katherine Malleson and Laura McInnis

On a recent Friday night in a West Oakland warehouse, heavy beats reverberated against brick walls and swelling samples of stars and haunted pianos mingled with the smoke. The sound was BBC, but the heads in the crowd weren’t watching a band— all the noise was coming from a single man. Jel. Looking more like a red-nosed Karl Cohen in his horn-rimmed glasses than a world-renowned hip hop producer, Anticon’s prime beatmaker worked his samplers and SP-1200 drum machine furiously. Banging on the pad and layers of a tribal drumset, he created a mind-jarring portrait of twisted beads and menus conjuring up a vision of Shadow getting tossed in a blender with Company Flow and Led Zeppelin.

Although he’s dropped plenty of tracks with the collectively-owned Anticon Crew, as well as groups like 13 & God and themselves, Jel’s latest triumph is for Sevvy Groove’s newly released full-length. Working with a collective of artists as a “producer” can make it hard to stand out on your own — but Jel’s fully-loaded, innovative mix with some- sort-of headline album combines lush samples, crunch beats, and blissful production.

**FL:** What are you trying to say with this album?
**Jel:** The whole idea is “Soft Machine” — it’s meant to be a socially conscious album. I chose the title because of the industry, and the whole lie of money. In the media you see star baggies, rock and pop musicians with all of these diamonds. That all fun shit, right? It’s a lie, it’s just for the money, or is it paid for but they don’t own it, the labels own them, and the money is

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**Jel:** I see the public school system as a random weeding out process of the bag and called the 1-800 number for Rap Snacks. You know Rap Snacks, it’s like a potato chip, you can find them at the Grocery Outlet. They’ potato chips with like, Master P on them

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When most documentaries explore the anti-war movement of the 60s, they use images of stoned hippies and indignant students. The power scene and the campus radicals dominate America’s collective memory, because the most dramatic aspect of the movement has largely been ignored and forgotten. During the Vietnam years, the Pentagon reported more than half a million “acts of desertion” by U.S. troops, radical underground media and cafes flourished on and around military bases, and soldiers blow up their commanding officers with fragmentation grenades was epidemic. If our country thinks of the 60s as a time of dreams, full of starry-eyed idealists and anti-war zealots, “Sir! No Sir!” offers a screwball, kick-the-bush replacement. This film was made by anti-war Vietnam Veterans. Through interviews and historical footage they tell their stories, a surreal, disjointed tales of being forced to slaughter innocent women and children, “bombing entire villages back to the stone age,” refusing to march into certain death, and langishness in violent U.S. military prisons. The film traces this history from the first conscientious objectors who locked down in San Francisco churches to avoid Vietnam to the eventual rank-and-file result of the ground troops that preceded full U.S. withdrawal. The men explain how “Duck the Army” forces flooded the military bases from within, and how after the bombing of military housing and mass refusals to fight, the cops in the war machine ground to a halt.

The filmmakers are now shipping DVDs of “Sir! No Sir!” to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hopefully our soldiers in the Middle East will pay close attention. (Liam Doonagleon)

**FL:** How do you feel about the lyrics he laid down?
**Jel:** Oh, yeah, what he’s saying is the truth to me. He’s stuck to his ground; he doesn’t want anything to do with communication. When I first talked to him, he said, “I’m the most uncommercial artist out there. I’m trying to blow up from doing this shit and it ain’t gonna work.” I’m like, whatever, that’s exactly why I’m ask- ing you to do this. I knew what he was about, what he wanted.”

**FL:** You’re a busy guy who tours with several groups, which means you have limited free time. What kind of issues would you love to educate your young audience about?

**Jel:** It would probably be education, teachers tackling everything from dia- mond mining to foreign policy. How did you end up working with him?

**Jel:** A friend of mine, Kevin Beacham, positive messages like “Stay In School” and “Don’t Do Drugs” or “Start Your Own Business.” So I took over the back of the bag and called the 1-800 number for Rap Snacks. They told him I’m a part of this label Anticon and that I could send them some more.

**FL:** On that track, wise, says, “I ain’t just rappin’; I’m just doin’ dumb to what is

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Writing Cafe 7 PM
4/25 “Green Scare” Prisoner Letter Writing Cafe 7 PM
Political prisoners represent the heart of the movement for social justice and anti-war. With the recent federal indictments, grand juries and convictions we must fight for earth and animal liberation.

4/23 BAY AREA MASS MOBILIZATION 12:00 PM
Gather at Dolores Park (18th and Dolores St.) and march to 5F Federal Building (GoldenGate Ave and Polk St.). Community organizations, labor, students, and faith-based groups are organizing the Bay Area’s largest mobilization for immigrant rights on Sunday, April 23. Join us and bring your friends and family!

http://www.immigrantrights.org

4/25 THE COUP 7PM
Free performance at Amoeba records 1855 Haight St, San Francisco

4/25 TELEVISIONING THE REVOLUTION, A RADICAL FILM SERIES 8 PM.
“Hey Arnold! The Cartoon” When a powerful developer wants to knock down all houses in Arnold’s neighborhood to build a mall, he works to save their beloved neighborhood. A benefit for The Heads Up Collective at El Rio, 3158 Mission St. @ Cesar Chavez, San Francisco

4/26 RECLAIMING BAY AREA MILITARY BASES, 8 PM
- Featuring speakers addressing reclamation and remaking the Presidio, and community activists fighting over the future of Hunters’ Point, and restoration and permaculture activists from the Alameda Naval Air Station. Speakers: Doug Kern (Presidio), Kat Steele (Urban Permaculture Guild, Alameda), Arthur Feinstein (Alameda), and others TBA. CounterPulse 1310 Mission (at 9th) in San Francisco

4/30 IRAQ: THE LOGIC OF WITHDRAWAL 2 PM
Anthony Arnove (co-editor on the widely acclaimed Voices of a People’s History of the United States) speaks about his book in which he sets out a compelling case for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq. MECA Office 901 Parker Street in Berkeley

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