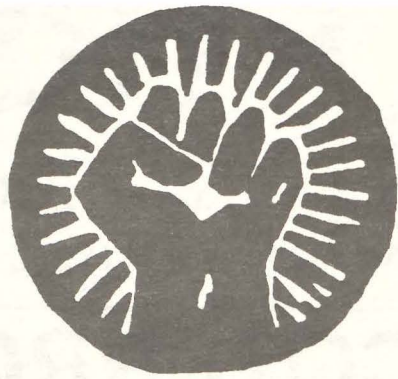




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ACTIVISTS MURDERED

THREE SLAIN IN COLUMBIA HELPING U'WA FIGHT OCCIDENTAL

BY CECELIA RODRIGUEZ

There is a cassette of music I just bought and on it, it says, "All over this world, this Indian way is hard." Today these words mark my heart with great pain.

I just received word that Ingrid Washinawatok, a North American Menominee Indian who served on the board of the Indigenous Woman's Network, who had a big, bright smile and was always laughing and who also cried easily at the many tragedies suffered by Indian people, was found dead today

somewhere in Colombia. She had been kidnapped.

I have no word yet about how or where or when she died. Only the word of her death and the silent shaking I feel inside. Profuse, hot, quick tears and sobs, because crying is beyond you, when death is so much your friend. You turn suddenly and death is there looking at you, reminding you that she is always with you, always with your people. It is a shadow, a breeze, a gift sometimes from the constant doubt that causes you to hesitate. "Don't hesitate, do it right," she says, "because your life is not forever."

And so death is a teacher about what life should be.

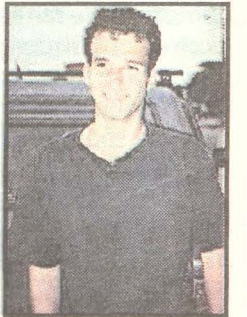
And so in this numbness all I can do is write. I can write and ask the same questions I asked after I was raped. I can write and ask the same questions I did after Acteal. Why? When will it end? How many more must die?

In these days when my body is wracked with exhaustion in the struggle to explain to people why they must act, the question is one which each day demands an answer. An answer buried under the tons of paper of the insane foreign policy of this country which sanctions plunder, displacement, impoverishment and "genocide."

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Ingrid



Terry



Lahe'ena'e

photos courtesy RAN

BOMBERS TARGET FOREST GUARDIANS



Bomb squad officers carefully extract a lethal pipe bomb from the Forest Guardians' mailbox.

BY CHARLOTTE TALBERTH, NATIONAL FOREST PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

On March 19, the outreach coordinator for Forest Guardians, Mike Cherin, discovered a pipe bomb in the mailbox at the group's Santa Fe office. According to police, an explosion would have killed anyone within several hundred feet, but thanks to a rare wet snow the fuse went out before detonation.

Three days later, Forest Guardians received a letter with a target and crosshairs drawn over the group's name and the message, "M.M. was here. See ya later." M.M. stands for the Minutemen, the same group that claimed responsibility for a shotgun blast that shattered windows at the Santa Fe office of Animal Protection of New Mexico late last year. A report by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety called the Minutemen, "... an extreme right-wing private army developed in the 1960s to carry out guerrilla warfare and fight communism. The group was known to stockpile weapons and plan bank robberies and bombings..."

Do we know exactly who tried to bomb Forest Guardians? Not yet, but by examining some of the dynamics going on between the counties movement, wise-use, land grant activism and the environmental movement, we believe we can gain a clearer understanding of the context.

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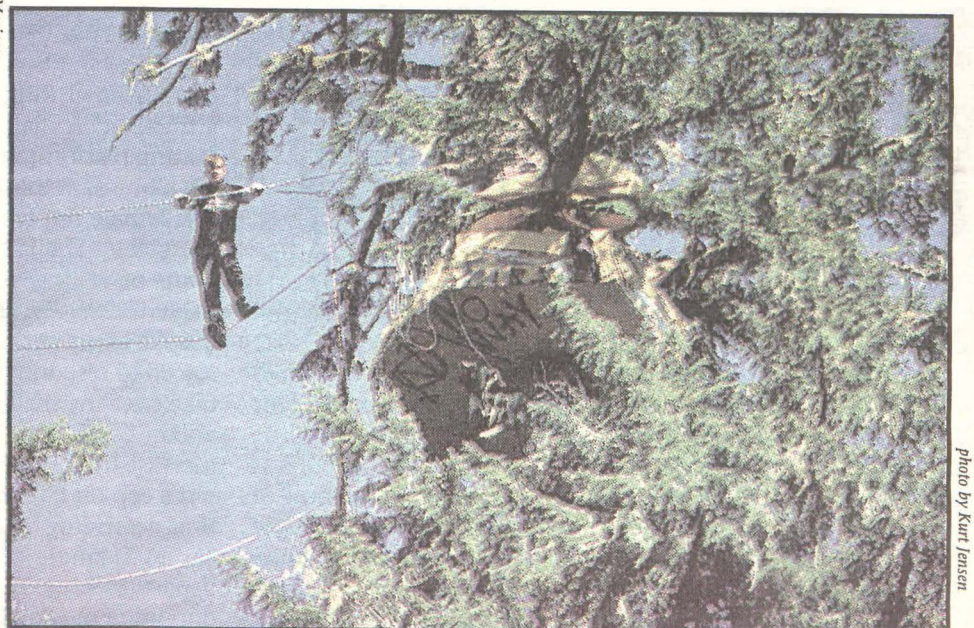
RED CLOUD THUNDER

ONE YEAR IN THE TREES

BY SUMAK AND EWOKS OF RED CLOUD THUNDER

In the green, swaying tree-tops in one of the Northwest's many old-growth timber sales, a non-violent community of imaginative resisters, passionate travelers, pissed-off punks, elfish children and determined defenders of Earth has formed. They have overcome cultural gaps that would normally keep them at a distance through the pursuit of a common goal—healthy and wild ecosystems for all. Together the Red Cloud Thunder activists call for a halt to the destruction of rare old-growth rainforests from the tops of the 500-year-old moss-draped fir and hemlock trees they now call home.

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The moral highground, 200 feet above the Forest Service and timber goons in the lush canopy of Fall Creek.

photo by Kurt Jansen

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COMBATting ECOTERRORISM

"It is always the oppressor, not the oppressed who dictates the form of struggle..."

—NELSON MANDELA

The day I arrived in Oregon after my imprisonment, the US Coast Guard and Navy were desperately attempting to sink the *New Carissa*, the multinational-owned freighter ran aground on the Oregon coast while on a run to load wood chips for export to Asia from the timber port of Coos Bay. The ship spilled over 100,000 gallons of crude oil and, at last count, more than 1,200 birds and other wildlife have died in the heart of the endangered snowy plover's breeding ground.

If the Coast Guard and Navy were sincere about preventing such acts of ecoterrorism, they wouldn't wait until timber and oil industry ships ran aground to blow them up. The weapons of mass ecological destruction would be decommissioned *before* committing further acts of ecoterrorism. While many were outraged about the *New Carrissa*, unheard were the accusations of ecoterrorism that are today a normal response when environmentalists are forced to use direct action to expose and hinder corporate destruction of America's last wild places.

Earth First!ers unequivocally agree that the real ecoterrorists are those engaged in legally sanctioned actions that destroy and murder indigenous people, wildlife and the homeland that all depend on for survival. The Earth First! movement, however remains committed to waging a nonviolent campaign against ecoterrorism while the media establishment, special interest groups and law enforcement agencies busily spin lies to hide their own violent deeds. We are left risking life and freedom in actions placing biodiversity before profit. Meanwhile, corporate forces reap the benefits of a legal system that defends their interests with "anti-terrorist" legislation and federal grand juries intentionally used to harass legal activists while increasingly repressive police agencies use *obsessive* force against nonviolent activists.

Kill or threaten to kill an environmentalist here or abroad, hold irreplaceable wilderness hostage for millions in ransom payments, and the system looks the other way. But cause damage to the destructive property of a politically powerful corporation, and suddenly, our morality is called into question by those with real blood on their hands. In light of this we are increasingly forced to determine our path of resistance not only by our adherence to biocentric and nonviolent principles, but also through the appropriate application of tactics and strategies best suited to our individual campaigns.

Earth First!ers are the real anti-terrorists. We should continue to use non-cooperation and refuse to renounce illegal, nonviolent intervention to prevent terrorism until governments and corporations renounce violent attacks on all Earth's innocents. We need to force governments to restore representative democracy (remember, we environmentalists are the silenced majority), rather than cater to corporate interests who supercede democratically achieved environmental victories with global trade agreements that prioritize economy over ecology. If federal law enforcement agencies really want to prevent terrorism, we have plenty of information to assist them in bringing true criminals to justice.

Until then responsible citizens, agencies and organizations should take full advantage of the waves created by EF!, ELF, ALF and other earth defenders to publicize our cause. Earth First!ers and other environmentalists must recognize the effectiveness of a cohesive long-term strategy that directs our collective energy toward common goals—without the divisiveness that presents the public a perception of a movement that is afraid or unwilling to acknowledge the legitimacy of direct action.

By taking unabashed responsibility for even those anti-terrorist actions that some of us are first uncomfortable with, we can begin to represent our resistance as unified, and, while diverse in tactics, unbreakable and united in its defense of biodiversity. No struggle can survive without a diversification of tactics in response to a changing atmosphere of repression. EF! must accept rather than fear this to avoid expending time and energy in a recurring debate that prevents our movement from taking its place in history as the spearhead of the radical environmental movement. There is no comfort with what we are forced to endure—the court battles, harassment, imprisonment, threats and actual violence, including death. But we must remember that what we strive for requires sacrifice. We gain nothing by criticizing and condemning those attempting to break free from societal servitude by striking back at Earth-destroying forces.

Remember, the real terrorists are those with six-figure salaries reaped from our human, animal and earth relations. We are the last line of environmental defense, and we must endeavor to become the kind of peaceful warriors we hear about in myths and legends, who drew their power from Earth. We all have it within us. Let's accept the challenge and be courageous enough to unleash it.

—ROD

In Memoriam

"He was like the North Star," a friend says. "He held up the sky over northern Wisconsin and the people followed him."

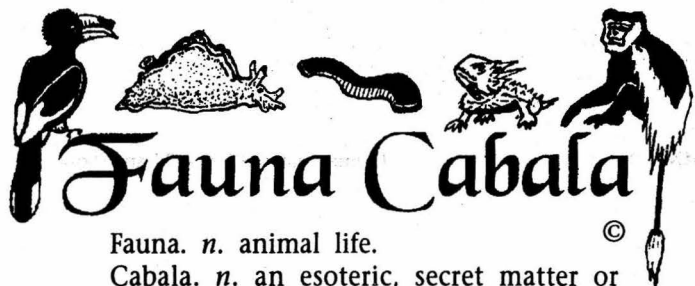
Walt Bresette, an Anishinaabe activist, died on February 21 of a heart attack. A member of the Loon Clan, the 51-year-old Red Cliff Chippewa defended treaty rights and fought to prevent mining across northern Wisconsin. He was a co-founder of many groups including the Witness for Nonviolence, Midwest Treaty Network, Anishinaabe Nijiji, and Wisconsin Greens. An elegant writer, Walt Bresette wrote *Walleye Warriors: An Effective Alliance Against Racism and for the Earth* with Rick Whaley.

At a meeting in Tampa, Florida, during the 1980s, Walt received the war club belonging to the Sauk leader Black Hawk who, more than 150 years ago, fought the US Army trying to move him and his people from their homeland. Walt Bresette carried Black Hawk's war club to ceremonies, mining protests, schools and churches until his recent death.

—JOHN PECK

BY FAITH WALKER

them from visiting others. So they yell. And females find it attractive. A male waits on the raft he crafted that is his mating platform, yelling increasingly frantically when he is left alone or as the female gets closer to another harem male. The female responds by abandoning her visit and flying to the yell. She is particularly persuaded by long yells and bouts of yelling, of which only the heaviest males are capable. Because males are, by this hullabaloo, signaling that they're alone yet ready to receive a clutch, females may be forced to respond; yells attract intruding females who try to take over the male. They also attract predators, such as the Shikra hawk. Despite this risk, males benefit because they increase their share in paternity of the next clutch, and they put a cap on harem size by causing the female to spend her time defending them from other females. These lily trotters are an example of only rarely evolved sex-role reversal, a departure from the polygynous mating systems that predominate in Kingdom Animalia.



Fauna. *n.* animal life.

Cabala. *n.* an esoteric, secret matter or mysterious art.

Male Bronze-winged Jacanas (*Metopidius indicus*) are straddling lily pads with wings and necks outstretched, yelling. This Indian bird species, which uses exceedingly long toes to scuttle across the floating vegetation of ponds, swamps and lagoons, is polyandrous. A female defends a territory overlapping those of up to four males, who constitute her harem. She lays multiple clutches per breeding season, copulating with all males before laying each, and leaves incubation and chick care to her males.

Because females are 60 percent heavier, males cannot prevent

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THE URBANIZATION OF EARTH FIRST! NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT

BY BOB GREENBERG

The Minnehaha Free State symbolizes a necessary turn off from the forest road Earth First! has been following for nearly two decades. Grandma Earth is not dying. She is being murdered, and, as Utah Phillips says, the men and women who are murdering her have names and addresses. These are the same people who are exploiting the working poor for profit in the cities, and our struggles are made one through common enemies: the multinational corporations who exploit all life and the rich that own them.

Earth First! must be present on the prairie, in the desert and at the ends of lonely, frozen forest roads to physically stop the destruction. But by also reaching out to the disenfranchised in the city, we can build strong relationships that are critical to organizing a mass movement. While many of us have been victims of state-sponsored brutality and oppression in the forests, residents of cities are often the victims of this same brutality and oppression. Poverty has been criminalized in the city just as efforts are being made to systematically criminalize activities in the forests that save Grandma Earth from the profit-crazed ruling class. From Idaho, where it is quite literally illegal to be an Earth Firster, to the North Coast of California where nonviolent protesters in Congressman Frank Riggs' office had pepper spray applied directly to their eyes, we have the chance to make links between these issues, to bring on a revolution, to set people's wills free and release the grip the State has on everyone's life.

As the year 2000 approaches, each and every one of us needs to think about organizing for this opportunity to destroy the corporate-capitalist hold on power and dream of replacing it with our vision of eco-anarchism, community self-determination, playfulness and industrial collapse. The triumph of creative nonviolence over state-sponsored terrorism would bring freedom of choice and balance to communities once again. There are lessons to be learned from the history of the Black Panthers, MOVE, the American Indian Movement (AIM) and even the White Panther Party. Although each of these movements is unique, understanding their goals and tactics will help us develop useful models

for ecologically-oriented urban campaigns.

Minneapolis has one of the largest urban American Indian populations in the United States, yet federal money goes mostly to the reservations leaving very little assistance granted to the urban Native Americans who are up against systemic discrimination, poverty, police oppression and are struggling to simply survive. In response to this state of affairs, AIM in Minneapolis has created a support network to help the urban American Indian population maintain its culture. AIM works to provide housing, education, social services, security patrol, recreation, job training and placement. They have realized these services are necessary for strengthening a sense of community. AIM helps people on the fringe of society who have been murdered, coerced, or misled into assimilation to realize the power we all wield when we join together towards a common goal. AIM understands it is necessary to make sure people are fed, housed, spiritually inspired, educated, entertained and their culture maintained.

AIM has been vigilant in addressing the issues that define the community, such as spiritual and cultural rediscovery, celebration and ceremony, repatriation of land and the return of human remains and artifacts. The lesson is that people are more likely to be motivated to action if their basic needs are met.

For the first time in an urban area, Earth Firsters in the US have created an ongoing land occupation that works towards realizing these shared goals. The Minnehaha Free State meets people's basic needs, is culturally diverse and provides hope. We have established a sovereign

nation that operates by consensus and have built cross-cultural alliances that have energized and activated many people. Artists and activists from all over the country have visited our community, including Mitch Walking Elk, Robert Hoyt, Casey Neill, ThunderNation, Dennis Banks and Whiteship of Peace from Japan. Free Staters have supported peace activist actions, publicly denounced the bombing of Iraq, supported Mumia, joined protests against police brutality, spoken out at hearings to save the buffalo and participated in Critical Mass bike blockades. We are supporting other struggles and being supported in return.

The powers-that-be could not allow the Minnehaha Free State to survive because of the rebellion, hope, and imagination it inspired; so last December 600 cops raided it, torturing people for acting as if they were in a free country. They tried

our spirits because we were a living symbol to the larger community of the alternative to the homogenized, neatly over-packaged, corporate, consumer culture that is destroying the Earth. We forced them to take the mask of democracy off and expose the face of fascism that truly rules here.

Our experience in Minneapolis has led us to believe it would be wise for all of us to create communities and develop infrastructures that will meet the basic

"If we organize effectively enough we can build the mass movement necessary to incite cultural revolution, de-industrialization, radical redistribution of wealth and peace."

needs of a culture of creative resistance in city neighborhoods throughout the nation. If we build geographically concentrated communities of people who share a common vision, we stand a greater chance of sustaining ourselves through certain state oppression, potential starvation and potentially violent chaos. If we are surrounded by people we love and trust in land-based communities within the city, we will be much more able to respond to the changing conditions of the world. We will be prepared, rather than left reeling and reacting to crisis.

We can join squatters in reclaiming homes to provide housing. We can work with Food not Bombs on their turf, as they have always supported our forests actions. Guerrilla gardeners should reclaim empty city lots, creating beauty and food. Anarcho-punks, artists and radical theatre troops can provide entertainment, supplying not only bread but circuses as well. It is important for our movement to be able to provide for our basic needs if we want to build a brighter future. If we organize effectively and densely enough we can build the mass movement necessary to incite cultural revolution, de-industrialization, radical redistribution of wealth and hopefully bring about peace.

Urban organizing, in conjunction with forest activism, may be Grandma Earth's best bet for survival and our best bet for destroying the control the capitalist patriarchy has over the web of life. We have both the opportunity and the imperative to build these communities. Only with the nurturing and support that true communities like the Minnehaha Free State have to offer will our movement thrive as a source of inspiration and a wellspring of active resistance.



DEAR S#IT FER BRAINZ!

Dear EF!

Answer: A vacation.

Question: What do the yokels in my area of the country call sitting on the front porch with a 6-pack and a bug zapper?

They also get their kicks by running over turtles in the road. But I've got an idea that should curb their penchant for turtle-cakes. Shape mud in the form of a turtle and fill it with large nails. When it dries, disguise it with black, brown and green spray paint. Then place it in the road on the yellow line within 100 feet of a four way stop. That way, no one will be going too fast, and only the jerks wanting to kill a turtle will have to change a tire.

Sincerely,

—MARK LYNCH

Greetings, extend her thanx to all at Earth First! for the support they have continued to give to the Green Belt Movement. We at GBM are grateful to you and thank you for raising awareness of our struggle with the Karura Forest in the *Journal* for Earth First! (Sometimes I feel that one exclamation point is not enough) :-). Thank you.

—MUTA, GREEN BELT MOVEMENT,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

Ted Kaczynski to John Zerzan
November 29, 1998
Dear (John),

Yes; send me a copy of your new book.

Concerning EF!, my suggestion is that the real revolutionaries among them should with-

draw from the existing EF! and form their own movement, which would exclude mere reformers, liberals, leftists, etc. who are afraid of "alienating the middle class." (Imagine how the war against Hitler would have turned out if Allied soldiers had been afraid of "alienating the Nazis.") Such a splinter EF! movement might start small, but I have a feeling that it would grow pretty rapidly.

I suggest that one of the biggest mistakes modern American revolutionaries make is that, in the name of "tolerance," they let anyone and everyone of a vaguely rebellious disposition join their movements. The result is that they get diluted, or even swamped, by large numbers of make-believe revolution-

aries for whom rebellion is only a game. Even if it sounds "intolerant," revolutionaries must form a movement that is exclusive to the extent that it incorporates none but real revolutionaries. Only in this way can the movement have cohesion and the capacity for vigorous action.

Feel free to pass this note on to the editor of the *EF! Journal*. She can publish it if she likes.

Best regards,

—TED KACZYNSKI
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Dear SFB,

Great to see the "open letter on political division within EF!" I agree with the 75 at the organiz-

ers conference. Those who think that non-violence is always attainable are watching too much tele-tubbie! There's some bad people afoot who will do bad things to you as it is their only means of expression. Are you ready for them? Have you seen the Klan in action when they know the police will not intervene? Seen the video of the Greensboro massacre? We've got some ultra right-wing red necks round these parts who won't hesitate to dish out abuse as the rapture is imminent anyhow! Don't be anyone's punching bag, friends. Ramona Africa stated that accepting violence to one's person is a form of condoning it. She's right!

—FREEBIRD IN N.C.

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Green Steal

Should EF! Work with the Steel Union?

BAD IDEA

BY JOHN ZERZAN

In recent months some Earth First!ers have assisted the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) in their strike against the Maxxam corporation. Maxxam and its boss, Charles Hurwitz, have been the enemy in the EF! attempt to save redwoods in the Northern California Headwaters campaign.

Now there is growing talk of an anti-Maxxam, pro-environment alliance between EF! and the steelworkers union. A USWA organizer proposed such a partnership in March at the Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, Oregon, to enthusiastic applause.

I think such a development would be a serious step backward, not a way forward for the radical environmental movement, consider the following aspects:

•Industrialism

Industrial civilization is a disaster for the natural world. The health of the United Steelworkers of America is more steelworkers, more steel mills. Kind of obvious.

•Unionism

The USWA is out to "topple Maxxam!" Baloney. It has never toppled anything and never will. As most workers (and even most leftists) realize, unions are police agents, in place largely to control workers. Each union local is the property of an international union, and dissident activity goes nowhere for that reason. If a local starts to get out of line, the international puts it into receivership, i.e. takes it over. Meanwhile, the USWA gets free pickets and other EF! support. What does the environment get?

•Reformism

Unions are pillars of industrial society. Any strategy that depends on and strengthens unions further cements the dominant, oppressive order. An "environmental" policy that issues from an EF!/USWA partnership would be very tame and limited, more likely on the order of current Environmental Protection Agency orientation, and would tend to limit radical efforts.

•Absence of Autonomy

Ties to bureaucratic organized labor constitute a much more mediated, officialized direction than EF! has previously stood for. How about directly communicating with workers rather than agreements with their union agents? It would be harder, but going against the grain always is.

So very unsurprising that the main push to link up with the United Steelworkers of America comes from Northern California, that hotbed of model citizen "activism." The tame, reformist outlook of these folks counsels others to get behind this projected development, to be "practical." I think abolishing the whole devouring, ruinous system is the "practical" thing to do! Let's go forward with what needs to be done, not backward into the embrace of what has so obviously failed nature and added to the domestication of humans.

GOOD IDEA

BY MIKAL JAKUBAL

The *Journal* staff asked me to reply to John Zerzan's comments since I have been involved in the enviro/labor effort with the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) since the beginning. While it will be clear that I differ with John on most of his points, I nevertheless find it useful that someone has begun this discussion. I'm less concerned here with proving a point than with offering perspective. My views are based on my own experience and observations, and I encourage continued critical discussion.

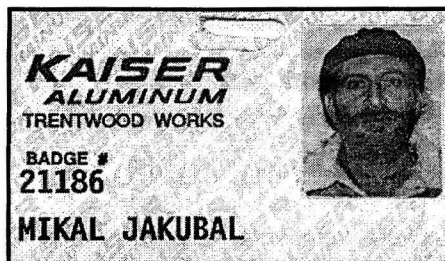
Last October, forest activists from Humboldt County, CA, contacted the USWA (who also work in aluminum), and went to the struck Kaiser Aluminum (a Maxxam subsidiary) plants. Connections made on these trips sparked several actions, including the dramatic Kaiser ore-ship blockade at the Port of Tacoma (see *EF!* Feb-March 1999) and an anti-Maxxam rally in Scotia, CA with 150 steelworkers. There have been ongoing joint enviro/labor actions around the country since then, and the movement is rapidly growing.

As for John's comments, there is no "Earth First!/USWA alliance;" it is better understood as a labor/environmental

collaboration. And such collaboration is not merely "proposed"—it has been alive and kicking since October. This has helped open communication between enviros and working-class people in other industries. One point that most of us have emphasized from the beginning is that steelworkers don't have to become environmentalists, and we don't have to become unionists.

Point 1. The USWA does not build smelters, they just advocate for those who work them. If the USWA ever holds a "Build More Smelters Now!" rally, you won't find me or many EF!ers there. I am not personally as concerned with the "health of the USWA" as with the health of the individual human beings whom I've met and the concerns they have. Guess what? Most of us want the same things: Home, family, meaningful livelihood, community, health—basic stuff. Both John and I have economic situations that allow us freedom and spare time to be activists. You won't get very far telling someone with a family and house payments that industrialism is a disaster so they should just quit and make their living publishing radical books for the anarcho-primitivist micro-ghetto.

Point 2. It has been argued that the reason that many industrialists invited unions in to organize their plants was to guarantee employee discipline and prevent things like anarcho-syndicalism and wildcat strikes. So? This is not about "unions," but about people and opening lines of communication and



Deep-cover Earth Agent, Jakubal scabbed for days inside aluminum plants, sowing seeds he hopes will help environmentalists and workers overthrow Maxxam.

action between us. Enviro don't have to become cheerleaders for unionism anymore than the other way around. Anyone wondering about how workers feel about the union should go ask them personally.

Our joint actions have been fun, educational and beneficial for both sides. And there have been as many "pro-environment" actions as "pro-strike" ones. Being realistic, these actions have mostly served to boost mutual morale

and provide opportunities to open discussion about more strategically significant future collaboration.

Point 3. Most EF! activism is already basically reformist, aimed more at a change in corporate or government policy than revolution per se. Either way, our strategy does not depend on unions any more than it depends on the Sierra Club. It does depend on broadening our radical outreach, education and communication efforts to the broadest possible audience. What we seek is direct, unmediated communication with individual human beings about matters of mutual concern. We've been able to do this with the steelworkers. In the case of Pacific Lumber employees, unionization would finally allow this communication to take place by removing the fear of being unemployed and homeless simply for talking with their neighbors.

No radical efforts will be limited by broadening the movement. Individual EF!ers and autonomous EF! groups can always choose their priorities for themselves. The steelworkers would never let EF! dictate how to run the Kaiser strike so why would anyone think that EF!ers would let the USWA officials direct the forest campaigns? Both sides should proceed with openness and a friendly skepticism.

Point 4. We should go to union halls, hang out at picket lines, go to bars with them, party together. That, in fact, is exactly what we've been doing.

The reason that the "main push to link up with the United Steelworkers comes from Northern California" is that both of us are fighting a common enemy—Maxxam—and this gave us a simple and logical point around which to begin communication [Ed. note: A great deal of steelworker outreach is also being organized in Washington state]. Nearly all activist groups have "outreach to the labor movement" on their agendas but don't know how to go about it. We finally opened the door.

I know that John has had some (apparently bad) experiences with unions in the past. Perhaps he and others could share their insights with newer activists. That would go further than blanket dismissals and absolutist statements. If nothing more comes out of this whole eco/labor effort than a little more human communication and some new perspectives, it will have been worth it.

For more information, contact Rob Lalicker of the USWA Local 7945 in Tacoma, WA at (253) 272-4748; www.uswa.org.

Wolves & Poodles

A wolf barking up the right tree to *Wall Street Journal* reporter Bob Ortega for breaking out of the pack of the running dogs of the counter-revolution and deftly exposing the checkered past and present of our incredibly inept, but still annoying, arch-nemesis Barry Clausen. His March 2, *WSJ* profile, "To Barry Clausen, the Woods are Full of Eco-Terrorists," hit all the high points:



Clausen's shadowy drug connections with the Feds, cozy relationship with the timber giants that fund him and the outrageous ways Clausen manipulates the media into helping him accomplish his life's mission of jerking around Earth First!

An aging, but still raging, silver granny wolf to shotgun-wielding Hildegard von Waldenburg, 79, who confronted workers cutting down trees near her Nassau, New York property. An AP story said she told the fellers, "If you don't stop cutting my trees, I shoot you!" Whoa, Hildegard, that's not very nonviolent!

A defiant wolf whose spirit remains unbroken to British animal liberation warrior Keith Mann who was recently released after four years in prison for criminal damage to meat vehicles, attempted incitement, possession of explosive materials, attempted arson and escaping from police custody. We're overjoyed to have you back in our pack!

A two-faced poodle that only gives lip-service to supporting biodiversity to the Smithsonian Institution for petitioning the Feds for an exemption to the Endangered Species Act so it could import the carcass of a rare Central Asian bighorn sheep killed by infamous Texas trophy hunter Kenneth Behring. To thank them, the blood-thirsty aristocrat and former Seattle Seahawks owner, donated \$20 million to the venerable Institution a few weeks later.

A neurotic poodle rearing its ugly head again to mad scientist Dr. Reinhold Rasmussen, who has been making headlines by touting his theory that trees cause pollution. Rasmussen first made the kooky "killer trees" argument about the deleterious effects of natural hydrocarbons released by trees while acting as an advisor to foolish former-president Ronald Reagan. Fortunately, once again botanists have been quick to dismiss Rasmussen's claims.

A clean-shaven poodle with cultural co-optation on its mind to *Mademoiselle*. In its April-issue feature story about the radical womyn who attended the 1998 Ruckus Womyn's Action Camp in Austin, Texas, the magazine's photo editors underhandedly airbrushed away the golden locks that naturally adorn the armpits of one of the radical womyn, evidently so as not to offend their Nair-addicted readership.



HEADWATERS DEAL

BY KAREN PICKETT

Seven minutes short of the March 1 midnight deadline, government agencies and Pacific Lumber/Maxxam signed the Headwaters forest deal. What really happened? What does it mean, and what do we—who have been fighting for the ancient redwoods, salmon and other wildlife—do now?

This has been a hostage situation since day one, with corporate raider Charles Hurwitz sitting in the driver's seat. As a long-time Headwaters activist said in reaction to passage of the deal, "Now that we've paid the ransom and freed the hostages, it's time to go after the kidnappers." This deal rewards Hurwitz handsomely for his crimes against the people and communities of California, against his own shareholders and crimes against nature.

The Headwaters forest campaign has been raging for 12 years. For over two years, the Headwaters deal process has been very politically charged and has had a number of agency officials and elected representatives with tremendous vested interest in it. That vested interest fueled the drive to finally consummate a deal that left those negotiating on the government side vulnerable to the demands of Charles Hurwitz, CEO of Maxxam, who stood to benefit most. The negotiation process was skewed from the beginning as the only ones at the table were officials from the Department of the Interior, politicians such as Dianne Feinstein, top level US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff and other government reps negotiating with PL/Maxxam corporados. Those who fought for Headwaters from the beginning were not at the table. Nor were the scientists.

The deal in a nutshell

As diverse as the forest biology is, as multi-faceted as the campaign has become, so was the deal which carried a number of tenants, all of which needed to be approved for it to be finalized. Once the dust settled, this is what the deal gave us in a nutshell:

- Transfer of 10,000 acres of redwood forestland to public hands. This includes the 3,000-acre Headwaters Grove, Elkhead Springs Grove and surrounding buffers. The purchase of Owl Creek Grove, and acreage in Grizzly Creek was authorized separately and is being negotiated based on appraisals of the land (about half of the 10,000 acres is old growth). Providing for this acquisition is an expenditure of nearly half a billion taxpayer dollars. According to a '95 Department of Justice evaluation, that's nearly 20 times the fair market value.

Charles Hurwitz paid \$900 million for the whole company in 1985 when it was rich in assets and old-growth forests. You do the arithmetic.

- A habitat conservation plan (HCP)/sustained yield plan (SYP). This 50-year management plan for the rest of PL's 210,000 acres is essentially an application for permission to kill endangered species and destroy habitat protected under law. Rather than assuring full compliance with the embattled federal Endangered Species Act, the plan provides bucketloads of loopholes through catchy provisions like "watershed analysis" and "adaptive management" processes. All of these plans are subject to a "no surprises" clause that allows changes in only one direction—weakening the protection that full enforcement of state and federal laws would otherwise provide.

- A contract with the state of California. This provides protection for nearly 8,000 acres of potential marbled murrelet habitat for the 50-year life of the HCP. However, less than half of those acres are actually viable habitat because the bird is old-growth dependent, and only 1,446 acres are old growth and 2,700 are residual. The contract also provides penalties for illegal logging by PL/Maxxam, for which they have become infamous. Logging in off-limits wildlife habitat now brings a \$1,000 fine plus 150 percent of the stumpage value of each tree. For murrelet nesting trees, the penalties are a \$3,000 fine plus 250 percent stumpage value.

What's wrong with the deal?

We got ancient forest lands out of Maxxam's hands and into the public's. That is good right? It makes sense to pause

and breathe a sigh of relief for the ancient groves that will never see the sharp side of Hurwitz's chain saws. And perhaps a shorter sigh can be breathed for the other old-growth groves—Allen Creek, Shaw Creek, Bell Lawrence and the other remnant and residual tracts of forest that are designated off-limits for the 50-year life of the HCP. But it is crucial to realize that only 10 percent of Headwaters forest is permanently protected. This is not enough to save its endangered species or a viable, ancient redwood ecosystem.

Many areas are still vulnerable, including 9,000 acres of ancient and residual old-growth Douglas fir in the Mattole and Bear River watersheds. Luna, the tree that Julia Butterfly sits in, is not in a protected area. More than 8,000 acres of residual ancient forest will not even be surveyed for endangered species before being put on the chopping block and neither will 460 acres of ancient redwood forest, much of it known to be occupied by murrelets.

The "Hole in the Headwaters," a 750-acre approved logging plan within the boundaries of the preserve on the South Fork of the Elk River, one of the five best coho spawning streams in California remains unprotected, as does the site where David "Gypsy" Chain was killed. This area has been protected by a continuous vigil and treesits since his death on September 17.

The precedents this deal sets are dangerous on all counts! You can bet that Louisiana Pacific, Georgia Pacific, Weyerhaeuser, Simpson, Plum Creek, Boise Cascade and other timber giants were paying close attention to this deal, watching how far the agencies could be pushed. The most visible and publicly scrutinized HCP process to date has left them licking their chops at the high price commanded for public acquisition of habitat.

There is no doubt the coho got screwed by this deal. Salmon habitat is so severely degraded and depleted that survival, much less recovery of the Northern California coho, is certainly not assured. Under the law, incidental take permits, central to the HCP, cannot threaten the survival and recovery of endangered wildlife, but this one does. But as longtime frontline forest activist Judi Bari said when this deal was first proposed two years ago, "We need to save what we can now, and fight like hell for the rest."

How do we fight like hell for the rest?

- Support the legal challenges that the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) is mounting. It will be costly and tough, and we all need to support their efforts in whatever way we can. Send donations for legal challenges to EPIC, POB 397, Garberville, CA 95542.

- Debt for Nature Swap: The Office of Thrift and Supervision and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, arms of the US Treasury, have outstanding claims against Hurwitz and Maxxam stemming from his crashing of his Savings and Loan in Texas that cost taxpayers \$1.6 billion to bail out. If satisfaction of the debt were translated into assets other than cash (i.e., redwood forestland owned by the debtor Hurwitz), this debt for nature swap could go a long way in achieving fuller protection for Headwaters. Write to Chair, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th St. NW, Washington DC, 20429 and to the Office of Thrift and Supervision, 1700 G St. NW, Washington DC, 20552.

- Real protection for the now designated "Headwaters Preserve" will include an Environmental Impact Statement process and public hearings, which are expected to commence in early summer. Headwaters Grove has been opened to the public without any environmental assessment of the impact of trampling in this pristine wilderness. It is under Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction in the interim, and the first thing the agencies did was install a public toilet. We don't want a Headwaters Disneyland!

- Support frontline activists like Julia Butterfly who remains 180-feet up defending the trees unprotected by the deal, as does Nate Madsen tree sitting up in the Freshwater watershed, as are sitters in Grizzly Creek. It is not time to unplug yet. Contact Northcoast EF! at POB 28, Arcata, CA 95518; (707) 825-6598.

Stay in touch with the Headwaters hotline for updates at (510) 835-6303. For more information contact the Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702; bach@igc.org.



At the HCP hearings in Oakland, CA, in November

Photo by Geoff Bugbee

Frontlines

Sacking Circus Gatti

Five members of Eugene, OR, Animal Defense League locked down to Circus Gatti's main ring on March 23. The activists were the first ever to disrupt Circus Gatti, which the US Department of Agriculture has cited for failure to provide proper care and exercise for its animal performers, as well as neglect and abuse. The activists locked together on top of a tarp, which the police and enraged animal trainers used to drag them out. In response, the circus protesters declared, "We are sick of fucking taking this abuse toward the Earth and its inhabitants and it matters little to us whether we have to endure threats of violence or even acts of violence... direct action speaks louder than words!" The activists were charged with criminal trespass, cited and released.

Jean-Free GE Action

On February 25, a group of artists and activists calling themselves FabRAGE (Fabulous Resistance Against Genetic Engineering) disrupted a Monsanto presentation on genetically engineered (GE) bollgard cotton at the "Field to Fashion" conference sponsored by Levi in San Francisco, California. "We'd rather go naked than wear genetically modified cotton!" shouted Biogrrl, a fashion diva at the event, as a half dozen "activists" charged through the room and stripped off their biohazglam gowns, chanting: "We don't want it, won't buy it and won't wear it!" An eight-page FabRAGE booklet attacking bollgard cotton and Monsanto had been distributed throughout the conference during the lunch break. Monsanto representatives appeared apoplectic and defensive in the face of the action. "We want to address some of the concerns raised in these booklets," whined the reps.

Citing the recently published studies by Rowett Research that found GE potatoes had damaged the kidneys, thymus, spleen, gut and immune systems of laboratory rats after only 10 days of feeding trials, the activists explained: "There is a revolving door between the FDA, the Clinton administration and Monsanto. We are not fooled by their advertising campaigns or by the complicity of the Clinton administration in covering up the dangers of genetically engineered foods and products or by the US media blackout on US resistance to GE products."

FabRAGE is a project of Artists for Responsible Genetics and can be found at www.artactivist.com/artists.

Derailing Lincoln Pulp

Protesting the continued poisoning of the Penobscot River Valley by Lincoln Pulp and Paper Co. (LPP), activists from around New England barricaded the railroad line between Holtra Chem Corporation and LPP, preventing the movement of chlorine and other poisons to the riverfront factory in Lincoln, Maine. "Lincoln Pulp and Paper likes to pretend that they're a clean and Earth-friendly paper mill," said Jim Freeman of Native Forest Network, "but the dozens of chemical tank cars that travel there from Holtra Chem and General Alum and Chemical Corp. prove that is pure make believe."

Holtra Chem continues to be one of the biggest mercury dischargers in Maine. The plant manufactures chlorine, caustic soda, hydrochloric acid, and chloropicrin for use in the pulp and paper industry. No trains came that day, but the activists say that they will continue their campaign until LPP goes totally chlorine free (TCF). No arrests were made and the blockade ended peacefully.

GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY BEAT SEALS BLOODY

275,000 harp seals to be clubbed to death in Canada

BY PATRICIA GRAY AND ROD CORONADO

Canada's resumption of its seal war began this year when an estimated 300,000 harp seals were spotted off Prince Edward Island (PEI). Thirty sealing vessels advanced into the area of the herds, opening a national park area to hunting. But the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) says that, "there is a misnomer that there is a protected area around PEI where the seals cannot be hunted. Some people actually want to call it a sanctuary." Canada's harp seal hunt is the largest marine mammal slaughter in the world and just the latest in an ecological war of genocidal proportions waged against seals for over 200 years.

On March 19, the killing fleet was in place. A Canadian Coast Guard ship sailed from the Magdalen Islands breaking ice for a small fleet of sealing vessels. By afternoon they were five miles off PEI's North Shore according to Pat Gray, a resident documenting the slaughter. The seals were on moving ice four miles offshore in PEI National Park. Fisheries Minister David Anderson has set this year's quota at 275,000 seals though it is estimated that tens of thousands more die after being wounded. DFO acknowledged that hundreds of carcasses washed up on PEI shores last year, stating that they didn't reflect "any great increase in the number of seals who perish each year. It wasn't anything extravagant." DFO says the hunt area is subdivided into administrative areas, and any one area can be closed down. This is not to protect seals but to prevent the public from witnessing the slaughter. "We try to maintain a five-to-seven mile distance so it's not visible on shore," said DFO. Photographic evidence shows seals are repeatedly clubbed and not killed with a single blow.

On March 21, Gray wrote, "I had been told that seal pups were spotted along the western shore of the island. I was surprised to see the remains of a seal hunt offshore—carcasses of seal pups left on the ice and blood everywhere. I spotted a fishing boat with four people on board slowly working its way through the ice, stopping now and then to allow a sealer to jump onto an ice pan and drag pelts onboard. There were Coast Guard helicopters in the area buzzing back and forth, setting down on the ice and taking off again to somewhere between PEI and New Brunswick."

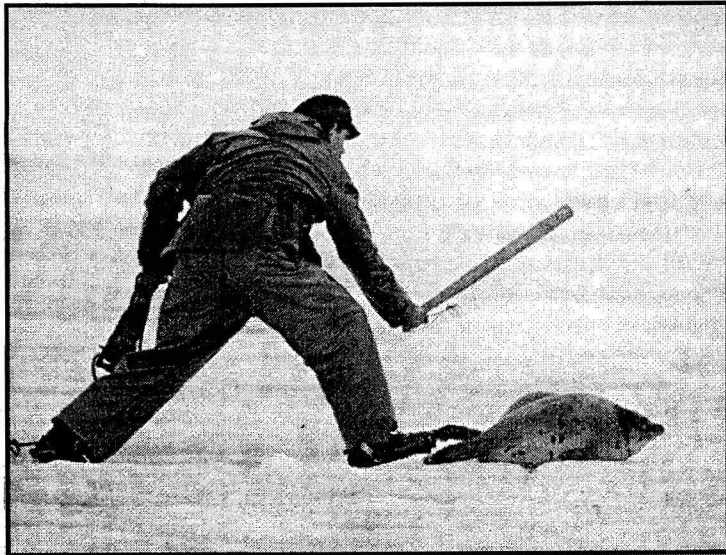
The Canadian government—in an attempt to prevent photographic documentation of the slaughter—requires journalists to go through a criminal background check. They also cannot get closer than 25 meters from a sealer, are restricted to a five-mile radius of a fixed point and must update DFO about their whereabouts.

International media complain the government is infringing on the freedom of the press to report on the atrocities that take place on the ice. On March 24, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) confirmed that sealers attacked members of International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and journalists observing the hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The group obtained permits and landed in an area designated by the DFO next to a Coast Guard helicopter. The Coast Guard helicopter left the group to observe the blood and seal carcasses all over the ice unescorted. Two sealers approached on a snowmobile, picking up pelts while waving and beckoning to other sealers a short distance away. The observers, sensing there may be trouble, walked back to their helicopter. Suddenly, both observers were hit and one was grabbed from the back, his video camera torn from his hands, the camera and film destroyed. A club was placed under his chin, pushing his head back, and seal blood was

smeared on both their faces. A helicopter with RCMP officers landed shortly afterwards and questioned the sealers before releasing them.

On March 22, two international reporters were arrested and forced to march to a Coast Guard vessel for allegedly failing to maintain a 25-meter distance from sealers. An observer and member of the British Parliament stated, "There is international concern over the Canadian seal hunt, and observers from different countries are therefore in everyone's interest. Since arriving last weekend I have witnessed hassle and obstruction of those seeking to witness the hunt. This will only heighten concerns that there are practices happening that the authorities would prefer we did not see." A spokesperson for IFAW also said, "There is clearly a campaign of harassment by sealers, aided and abetted by the Canadian government against citizens and visitors who have a legal right to witness this open-air hunt. Each year sealers head to the ice

and openly violate Marine Mammal Regulations and the Canadian Criminal Code. It is clear that this government is unable to properly regulate the hunt, and it is clearer still



Harp seals brutally slaughtered for pelts and penises

that the DFO would rather coerce and intimidate journalists than have the reality of the hunt continue to be seen by Canadians."

On March 26, Gray reported from the air,

"Against a black sea far below are tiny dark shapes lying scattered in a pristine world. Absorbing the warmth of early spring sunshine, seal pups huddle in their ice cradles around cracks of open water between ice flows. The helicopter flies further north. Below the horizon a faint grey wisp of smoke rises from the blood red hull of the Canadian Coast Guard ship, *Sir William Alexander*, as it breaks through thick pans of ice. Dwarfed and following close behind are four sealing vessels. Ten more sealing vessels can be seen scattered along the lead just opened by another Coast Guard ship. In the midst of this convoy of death, a sealing helicopter sets down on the ice. Snowmobiles towing sleds loaded with bloodied pelts work their way toward the aircraft. The scene is grizzly with strings of bloodied snow crisscrossing to form crimson trails over the ice and black skinned carcasses are everywhere. This is not a hunt; this a systematic slaughter. While these pups lie at the ruthlessness of clubs, the rest of this battle against nature is waged with all the trappings of modern technology; helicopters, ATVs and snowmobiles gird this event, but a more primitive killing method prevails. Sealers use a "Hakapik," a club with a hook at one end, to gore and repeatedly plunge deep into the young seals' skulls.

A Canadian Coast Guard helicopter appears. An RCMP officer on board motions to get away. A voice crackles over the radio, "Too close, too close!" Flying further west, sealers can be seen moving on the ice. Small boats are scattered, and everywhere there are trails of blood and still black forms. Six more sealing

vessels face into the ice as a Coast Guard helicopter hovers above, monitoring the brutality of three sealers. Two snowmobiles towing pelts move in the direction of the vessels. A Coast Guard helicopter appears and the official inside motions us to leave this zone. What terror lurks beyond the barrier Department of Fisheries and Oceans has erected? If this way of life is valid then why would the institutions charged with protecting it hide it from the world? Where is the pride that motivates these people to continue with their traditions? Canada seems likely to go to any length to prevent the world from discovering blood on its ice. The Canadian government has effectively closed the sealing area to observers and imposed an Iron Curtain around it in an attempt to hide the truth."

A primary excuse to justify the slaughter is that seals threaten local fisheries. But the government ignores reports that harp seals feed on non-commercial fish that prey on commercial fish, and nursing seals fast while in Canadian waters. In 1998, a petition by 97 Society for Marine Mammalogy biologists stated, "All scientific efforts to find an effect of seal predations on Canadian groundfish stocks have failed to show any impact. Overfishing remains the only scientifically demonstrated problem."

The ecological balance between seals and fish demonstrates why prior to commercial exploitation, tens of millions of seals coexisted with what once was some of the world's most abundant fish populations. A French settler in 1760, after seeing harp seals pass in their annual migration near Newfoundland, said, "they filled the sea from shore to horizon for ten days

and nights!" Meanwhile, private experts say it's only a matter of time before either the bankruptcy of fishing companies or the extinction of their quarry arrives. An American delegate to a February meeting of the world's fishing nations stated that, "globally, the problem of overcapacity in the world's fleet is probably the single greatest threat to the world's fish resources. Within the next decade or so, if we do not take steps to address the problem of overcapacity, then the demand for wild fish stocks is going to exceed the supply." Some experts say this has already

happened suggesting that fish are being caught faster than they can reproduce. Until the collapse comes, harp seals and other marine wildlife will continue to be scapegoated.

In addition to the seal's fur, penises are being marketed as aphrodisiacs and sold in Asian herb shops worldwide for as much as \$200. Newfoundland's Fisheries Minister has been promoting seal products in China, Thailand, Japan and Korea and recently told a reporter, "If we do our marketing right and get into these countries, in five, ten years down the road sealing could be worth at least \$100 million a year. The Chinese are looking for new products, new meat, new species of animals such as seals and other marine mammals." Echoing this is Roger Simon, DFO resource manager in PEI who on April 5 said, "With the increase in seals and prices, the sealing industry is on a comeback."

A missionary explorer once used the newborn harp seal to explain Bible stories to the indigenous people of the North. The "lamb of God" was translated to "kotik" or baby seal. That was then, this is now. On Prince Edward Island Pat Gray voices dismay at this year's slaughter, "This is a crime against nature—these seals do not belong to Canada; these seals are migratory animals. They belong to the world." After over 30 years of protests, letter writing, boycotts and direct action, the killing still continues. If the combined efforts of the animal welfare, animal rights and conservation movements cannot stop the Canadian seal slaughter, what hope is there for the rest of the natural world?



Slaughtered in the name of seafood.

photos by Patricia Gray

MURDER, GENOCIDE AND PETROL IN COLUMBIA

BY SHANNON WRIGHT AND STEVE KRETZMANN

"We are seeking an explanation for this 'progress' that goes against life. We are demanding that this kind of progress stop, that oil exploitation in the heart of the Earth is halted, that the deliberate bleeding of the Earth stop."

—STATEMENT OF THE U'WA PEOPLE, AUGUST 8, 1998

We were in Oregon at the Environmental Law Conference to address the connection between oil and human rights violations when we got the news that Ingrid Washinawatok, Lahe'ena'e Gay and Terence Freitas had been murdered in Colombia. We never imagined our friend Terry would become the latest victim of petro-violence. Terry led an international campaign in support of the U'wa, an indigenous Colombian group of 5,000 opposed to Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum's plans to drill for oil on their ancestral lands. Justice for our friend requires an examination of Colombia's cycle of violence and of the role that oil projects play in that ongoing cycle.

Our national thirst for oil comes at a high price. Colombia has the worst human rights record of any country in the Americas. In 1994, the US cut off financial assistance to the Colombian military over human rights concerns. A concerted lobbying effort, led in part by the oil industry, succeeded in early 1997 in restoring then drastically increasing US military aid.

Colombia is the fourth-largest and fastest-growing exporter of oil in South America. Under pressure from the United States and international financial institutions, the Colombian government has turned to increasing oil production as a way to pay its debts. The US imports some 260,000 barrels of oil a day from Colombia, making it the top consumer of Colombian oil. For the peoples of Colom-

bia living in oil regions, however, this has brought only pollution and conflict.

Oil and violence are inextricably linked in Colombia. Occidental's Cano Limon pipeline, just north of the U'wa people's territory, has been attacked by guerrillas more than 500 times in its 12 years of existence, spilling some 1.7 million barrels of crude oil into the soil and rivers. The Colombian government has militarized oil production and pipeline zones. In the process they persecute the local populations that they assume are helping guerrillas. Arauca, where our friends were killed, is a major oil-producing region, and has one of the highest documented rates of human rights abuses in Colombia.

In April 1992, Occidental was granted an exploration permit to much of traditional U'wa territory. The company be-



U'wa man drinks from leaf cup.



A traditional Rotarbaria house

by the threat of guerrilla violence and increasing militarization of the region. By opposing the oil project, the U'wa are exercising their right to protect their people and land and to avoid turning their homeland into a magnet for violence. The U'wa have declared if their rights are not respected and this project proceeds, they as a people will commit suicide. If their land and their culture is to die, they are determined to die with it.

The risk in pursuing this project is clear. Occidental's former business partner, Shell, pulled out of the deal last year, saying it did not want "another Nigeria." A few months earlier, the Organization of American States (OAS) and a team from Harvard University recommended "an immediate and unconditional suspension" of oil activity on U'wa lands. Occidental, however, is still pressing forward with plans to drill on the U'wa lands, further endangering the communities in the region.

Despite the fact that oil is not the only cause of Colombia's strife, ongoing investment in these war-torn regions by oil companies plays a central role. Two years ago, the OAS' InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights recognized oil companies as responsible for the human rights violations, including the environmental and cultural destruction, their activities bring to indigenous lands in Latin America. Oil companies argue that their "constructive engagement" in countries like Colombia is a force for peace, but they adopt no measures to back up these words.

Peace in Colombia cannot be achieved simply by diplomatic overtures. For the U'wa, this peace will only come with the cancellation of the oil project slated on their land, which, in the words of Terry Freitas, "hangs over them like a shadow of death."

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lieves the field holds approximately 1.5 billion barrels of oil, slightly less than what the US consumes in three months. Since the beginning, the project has been plagued

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On one of the first trips I made to Washington DC, an American Indian woman brought up the word "genocide" to describe the situation of the Zapatistas. And a severe criticism was embedded in the hushed room of a roomful of bureaucrats, Indian representatives and press. "Don't you think you're exaggerating using that word, genocide... it is such a dramatic word." What is wrong with a society that cannot acknowledge the brutality which is supposed to be ignored, because the victims of it, Indians, are invisible?

And I remember Ingrid's bright round eyes and the way they would fill with tears when she would hear the stories over and over again, when she would tap that well of sorrow which she knew so well as an American Indian. And I know somehow that at the moment of her death, she had no regrets about the way she had lived her life. In the hope that if this voice screamed loud enough, somehow this would make it stop.

And now I also imagine the pundits at the State Department are running through the official halls trying to figure out what "spin" they will put on Ingrid's death. "How will we explain the death of three Americans? A tragic accident, a travesty, a dramatic exposure of the need to continue to fund the Drug War. Ignore the oil companies and their plunder. Ignore the exploitive trade agreements which deny farmers their livelihood. Ignore the crumbling national governments which melt under the weight of the International Monetary Fund. Ignore the corrupt police and army forces. Ignore the burgeoning social movements which erupt everywhere in search of hope, in search of something better than this devastation. This is the Third World, the neoliberal pundits say, and the Third World will be saved soon..."

And Ingrid's death joins the list of the thousands who have died giving witness to something that is terribly wrong with humanity today—this obscene imbalance that imbues a few with more wealth than they can ever use in their entire lives and condemns the large majority to nothing but a march, a protest, a hunger strike, a land occupation, a gun, a hardened, wrinkled hand bunched together in a fist.

Forgive me if in my sorrow I am rhetorical and all over the place. This was my way of giving voice to the pain of her loss. Of honoring her life. Of marking her death.

I send to Ingrid's family and her loved ones all our consuelo, our hugs, our handshakes. We say to you that we honor Ingrid's life and mourn her death. From the Zapatistas who knew Ingrid, even though they never met her, who dreamed her dreams, who touched her heart, who know that in her death she will live forever, we salute Ingrid. Her hope remains untarnished. Her death now becomes another of the calluses which cushion our feet as we continue this long walk to freedom. We will endure, Ingrid. We will win.

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EXTRACTION BAN IN ECUADOR PARKS

BY PRATAP CHATTERJEE

Ecuadoran President Jamil Mahaud banned oil drilling, mining, logging and colonization in two major Ecuadorean national parks which lent a degree of protection to some 10,000 peoples from the Huaorani, Tagaeri and Taromenare tribes. Mahaud issued a decree on February 1 pledging to protect Cuyabeno-Imuya and Yasuni National Parks in eastern Ecuador, near the borders of Peru and Colombia. The parks total 2.7 million acres. Presidential decree gives these two national parks protection while Mahaud is in office.

Organizations are now working to push this decree into Congressional law to ensure the area's permanent protection. Meanwhile, conflict between communities and oil corporations continues throughout other parts of Ecuador with Atlantic Richfield Corporation, Occidental and Texaco—all of whom are US-based oil multinationals—making the news in the last few weeks. The day after Mahaud issued this decree in Ecuador, representatives from indigenous Ecuadorian communities were in a New York federal court before US District Judge Jed Rakoff to testify in a \$1 billion class action lawsuit being filed by the communities against Texaco. The case has gone back and forth in courts with a judge ruling in 1994 that communities could sue in the US.

The judge who made that decision died shortly afterward and Rakoff, who took over the case, subsequently ruled that the Ecuadorean government had to join the suit for it to be heard in the US. An appeals court has since ordered Rakoff to make up his mind whether the case should be heard in the US or in Ecuador. The indigenous communities are arguing that the case should be heard in US courts because they say that government of Ecuador is too dependent on oil revenues, and its courts have no experience with these kinds of lawsuits. Cristobal Bonifaz, lawyer for the communities remarks, "This is an incredible catastrophe—they contaminated the land, they contaminated the rivers, they killed the fish and created a medical condition that is going to get worse in the years to come."

On February 1, Ecuadoran troops removed a group of some 300 people who had occupied an oil installation owned by Atlantic Richfield Corporation for a day near the town of Puyo in the Amazonian province of Pastaza. Locals from Pastaza descended on the camp to demand that Ecuador's government spend \$4 million in investments needed to complete a road to the town. The protest forced the company to cease work temporarily. "Despite an agreement with the army, the 300 protesters were brutally removed," said Romulo Jurado, Secretary General of Puyo. Meanwhile, Occidental was forced to back down last month from its attempt to enforce an illegal agreement it made with a few Secoya leaders from one village who gave the company permission to drill for oil in the eastern corner of Ecuador. This temporary reprieve was won by the threat of legal action in Ecuador and lobbying at Occidental's US headquarters by the Institute for Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, the Secoya Indigenous Organization of Ecuador and Friends of the Amazon Secoya.

Tripods Busted-up; Horse Butte Bison Trap Built

New facility sends 45 buffalo off to slaughter

BY TWO JAILBIRDS

On March 18 the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) stepped up its intimidation tactics against demonstrators protesting the slaughter of America's last wild, free-roaming buffalo. More than 20 law enforcement officers from the DOL, the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, the US Forest Service, and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks arrived at the tripod that blocked the DOL from building a new buffalo capture facility.

The two-month blockade incited a legal dispute between the DOL and the Forest Service over which agency should bear the liability for removing the structure and protesters. Deciding that killing dozens of buffalo on their winter range was more important than the liability issues, the DOL signed the permit and two days later moved in with force.

With their excess of law enforcement, the cooperating agencies were able to remove the ground support person. As plowing of the road and removal of several slash piles began, members of the Buffalo Field Campaign gathered forces in support of the sitter to protest the actions against the buffalo. Numerous protesters filtered through the trees, gathering together in a presence of power encircling the scene. As the sitter began to sing the words to a Neil Young song, "It's gonna take a lot of love to change the way things are," silence came over the area. Several hours later, at about 3:00 p.m., she was removed with a cherry picker and arrested for obstructing a "peace" officer and resisting arrest.

Adding insult to injury, later that day, four campaign volunteers walked alongside four buffalo as several DOL agents remained on the road. When the agents saw the buffalo approaching they blocked the road with their snowmobiles refusing to move. The volunteers managed to move the buffalo around them over a 10-foot snowbank.

After walking the buffalo to safety, the volunteers walked past the agents, who tackled one

witness without provocation and handcuffed him. Two others were arrested soon after. A fourth videotaped the incident and was repeatedly assured they would not be arrested. Over an hour later, when the county sheriff arrived, the volunteer was arrested and his radio, video camera and the tape were confiscated. When asked why they were being arrested, the DOL gave no consistent response. Trumped-up charges of negligent endangerment, for supposedly threatening the DOL with buffalo, were filed the next day.



The government-sanctioned kill has murdered 94 wild bison this year.

Wasting little time, the DOL began construction of the new bison trap within the next few days, moving forcefully in their effort to control the wild buffalo as they do livestock. By the third week of March the trap was nearly complete. Set in the area of an active bald eagle nest, the trap's construction required the US Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a biological opinion authorizing a "take" of the nest, which allows the facility to displace the site and render it inactive. However, the take was authorized under the assumption that the trap's construction would be completed when nesting season began on February 1. Construction likely caused even more disturbance to the nest than operation alone, as it involved heavy machinery, a generator and floodlights that illuminate the area at night.

The first major hazing effort at the newly-built Horse Butte capture facility occurred March 31. With the help of numerous law enforcement officers once

again, the DOL closed off the area and hazed 29 buffalo into the trap; 18 were shipped to slaughter the next morning. Two more volunteers were arrested for obstruction when one locked herself to a cattle guard on the road and another attempted to lock the gates of the Duck Creek facility.

Activists were able to document on video two separate permit violations, including snowmobile hazing in a zone 1 restricted area within one-quarter mile of a nest site, as well as hazing activities within one quarter mile of open water on the Madison River before 10:00 a.m. Copies of the videotape of the violations were submitted to both the Forest Service and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, resulting in a warning against the DOL. The permit, however, will not be revoked unless more violations occur.

A white candle salvaged from the ruins of the blockade will be lit as part of an altar for the buffalo sacrificed this year in the name of cattle and disease. The candle will burn for the 94 buffalo killed by the DOL and for the hope and efforts of all those involved in the struggle for the Yellowstone buffalo.

Please support the Bison Legal Defense Fund and help us stay out of jail and in the field where the buffalo need us. Send non-tax-deductible donations to the Bison Legal Defense Fund at the address below. Join us in saving the last free-roaming buffalo from the DOL and get free food and cabin lodging at the same time. Contact the Buffalo Field Campaign (formerly Buffalo Nations) at POB 957, West Yellowstone, MT 59758; (406)646-0070; 646-0071 (fax); buffalo@wildrockies.org; www.wildrockies.org/buffalo.

Ed. note: On April 14 the DOL captured 71 bison in the newly-built Horse Butte capture facility. Forty-five were sent to slaughter; four more died in the facility, and two of the 22 bison released died of gore wounds from their confinement. During this buffalo capture there were multiple arrests of campaign volunteers. Many of the arrests were on trumped-up charges.

Zachary Taylor Gets a Personal Parade

CROSS-COUNTRY CARAVAN GREETES THE EARTH PILLAGER

Environmental activists from Ancient Forest Rescue (AFR) have been living in the community of San Luis since June 1996. In that time a unique bond has formed between Hispanic farmers and ranchers, Chicano activists and Anglo environmental activists working to stop the brutal logging on the Taylor Ranch, locally known as La Sierra.

Zachary Taylor of New Bern, North Carolina, owns the timber deeds to 77,500 acres of forests in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Southern Colorado. Heavily mechanized logging is threatening the entire watershed of the Rio de la Culebra, which is the irrigation source for 178 small family farms. Taylor is an absentee landlord who refuses to acknowledge the devastating consequences the logging is having on the people of San Luis. In an historic and unprecedented event, 18 local residents along with environmental activists from San Luis and across the country took their long struggle with the Taylor family to his hometown during the first week of March.

During the visit, San Luis locals had the opportunity to tell their story of struggle against a timber baron at a press conference which aired multiple times on the nightly news. A candlelight vigil was held one evening in downtown New Bern to promote the return of environmental and social justice to San Luis. The culminating event of the week was a parade through downtown New Bern lauding a way of life and vilifying the threat against it. About 40 members of Ancient Forest Rescue, students, farmers and community members representing Costilla County (population about 3,000) wielded banners, carried signs and chanted. Three people

puppeteered a 15-foot-tall cardboard cut-out in Taylor's likeness with money in one hand and a chainsaw in another.

Volunteers from AFR have brought lawyers from the Western Environmental Law Center and the Costilla County commissioners together to try and do something about Taylor's blatant disregard for the newly enacted county land use codes. The Costilla County commissioners recently filed a cutting-edge lawsuit to force the owners of the vast

Taylor Ranch and two commercial timber companies to stop destroying local water resources and the environment as they have been logging in violation of local land use regulations. This case demonstrates that local governments of rural western communities are increasingly willing to exercise their powers to adopt and enforce land use laws for the protection of environmental and community values. In addition, because environmental attorneys are representing rather than resisting local government, the Costilla County case represents a major turning point in the relationship between the environmental movement and local western populations that generally have been skeptical of the movement.

—ANCIENT FOREST RESCUE

BARATARIAN EF! Fights Yuppie Golf Course Developers

Developers in Louisiana are proposing to destroy 250 acres of the Baratarian wetlands south of New Orleans in order to build a \$20 million tournament-level golf course. In March, backers of the Players Club of Fairview filed for two permits so they can convert another wildspace into a virtual moonscaped yuppie Disneyland. Backers of this ill-planned proposal are the Marrero Land and Improvement Association, led by Buck Barkley; Louisiana Demo-rat legislator, John "The Con" Alario (also the head of the House Appropriations Committee); and the Professional Golf Association.

What's at stake? Louisiana was once covered by millions of acres of wetlands, including fresh water marshes, bottom land swamps and vast coastline of saltwater marshes. It was once home to a vast array of plant, animal and insect

species. This is no longer the case. Louisiana has lost more than half of its wetlands within the last 50 years and gone too are many of its original inhabitants.

The tournament golf course at Fairview poses a bigger threat to the local bioregion than the loss of two hundred acres of wetlands. The proposed site is near several wilderness parks, the Bayou Segnette and Cataouatche Bayou, which empties into the pristine Cataouatche Lake. Pesticides will run off from the golf course and threaten most of the Baratarian ecosystem. Baratarian EF!ers are going to take our campaign to the front doors of the corporate despoilers and let them know that they're going to face some stiff opposition if they plan to continue this absurd project.

For the Earth!

—LOUISIANA EF!

PENNSYLVANIA ACTIVISTS SPIED ON

FOREST SERVICE WORKS OVERTIME MONITORING CITIZENS

BY JIM KLEISSLER

While the Federal Bureau of Investigation is famous for keeping tabs on citizens who participate in political change activities, what you might not expect is that your local forest management agency may very well be keeping tabs, too.

A recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, filed by the Allegheny Defense Project (ADP) and Heartwood, resulted in the disclosure of approximately 50 pages of materials and three photographs related to the monitoring of forest activists in the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania by the US Forest Service (USFS). Twenty more documents were withheld under claims of various FOIA exemptions.

The released documents show that the USFS public affairs director in Warren, PA Mary Hosmer, believes activist Mark Goldberg, "... has it in for commercial activities such as logging, export agriculture, cattle ranching, mining and oil exploration" and she refers to Goldberg as a "professional protester." Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Steven S. Burd sends weekly memos on the activities and associations of the ADP to the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Warren County Pennsylvania State Police Barracks. Some of the more interesting excerpts from Burr's communiqués follow:

April 3, 1998: "There have been no observations or reports of any "visitors" to either job site. Timber contractors are making regular visits to the sites to check on equipment and have not reported any problems to date. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Timber Sale Administration staff continue to make random visits to the sites."

April 7, 1998: "Two dates to take note of for increased possibility of 'protest' activity; 1) April 9-15. Easter Break at Clarion University, 2) May 15-17.

Sierra Club based in Erie is planning a weekend at the Minister Creek area."

May 31, 1998: "Those interested in taking direct protest action on the Allegheny National Forest have obviously gone beyond the original Allegheny Defense Project group. (The next three lines are blacked out.) The weekend prior to the demonstration at the Warren Office a SEAC planning/policy meeting was apparently held at Clarion University. This was more likely a strategy and planning session for the activities on the 20th."

June 24, 1998: "Today I learned that James Kleissler, one of the principals of the Allegheny Defense Project, just attended a five-day workshop sponsored by the Ruckus Society. The Ruckus Society is an organization based in Montana that trains people in environmental activism and civil disobedience. My guess is that this means he is planning to move his organization to the next level."

September 17, 1998: "The ADP has scheduled a "Fall Defender's Gathering" for September 18, 19 and 20th. A copy of this [gathering] schedule is attached for your information... The Forest Service has advised the contractors of the planned ADP activity. At this time we have no information that the group intends to purposely disrupt any logging or protest at any location... Although at this time we have no information that anything is planned, it is always a possibility that there will be some sort of counter demonstration or gathering. We will keep you advised of any potential problems that may require action by your agencies."

An odd attachment included copies of a police report on a civil disobedience action in the Wayne National Forest in Ohio from November of 1996. In

the report, three activists have asterisks next to their names and are identified as "main players."

More specific information about ADP in particular is contained in a document marked, "Confidential, not intended for FOIA release, internal use only, Minister Watershed Project." The papers include the following excerpts: "Twelve people were again at the Rocky Grove Timber Sale site. [LEO Robert] Crawford responded to the site and spoke to a group... The group did tell Crawford that they were from ADP, and several in the group did make comments regarding how terrible it was that the trees were being cut... the two principles of the organization are Jim Kleissler and Susan Curry... [who] as individuals, as well as ADP as an organization, have a history of appealing virtually every timber sale project proposed on the Allegheny National Forest for the last five years... The ADP has now been joined and is being supported by numerous individuals and organizations "supporting their cause." These groups include some who have a history of practicing and supporting acts of civil disobedience and criminal vandalism on National Forests throughout the Country. These groups include: Sierra Club, Earth First, Buckeye Forest Council, Heartwood... The Allegheny National Forest Supervisor has the authority to close portions of the National Forest to public use for the protection of health and safety if he feels it is necessary..." (The next 23 lines of the memo are blacked out.)

We know this is just the tip of the iceberg and there is more information on forest activists in the Forest Service files. For more information contact the Allegheny Defense Project, POB 245, Clarion, PA 16214; (814) 764-5763; 764-5779 fax; adp@envirolink.org; www.enviroweb.org/adp/.

Eagle Creek 5 Indicted

FIGHT FOR THE ROADLESS AREA CONTINUES

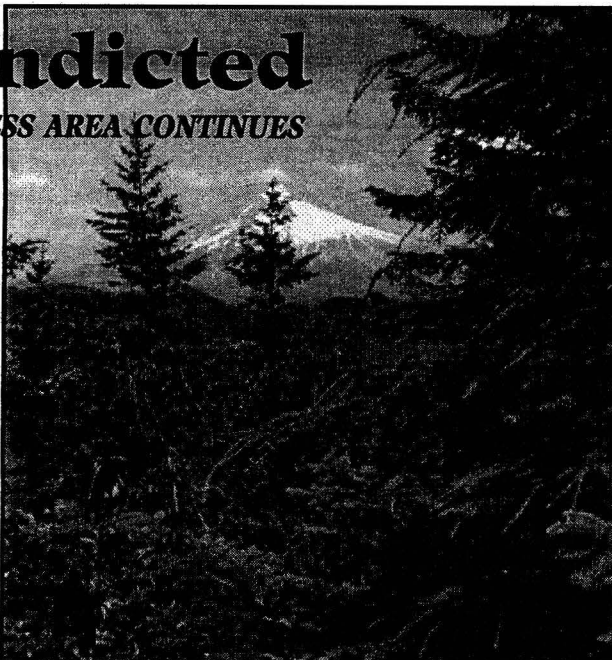
BY IVAN MALUSKI

Oregon's Mount Hood National Forest is a place of great beauty, old-growth forests, picturesque watersheds and, unfortunately, an out of control logging program. Here, the US Forest Service's willingness to break the law for timber companies is a habit. In the Eagle timber sales southeast of Portland, the beautiful Old Baldy trail, 800 acres of unprotected wilderness and a municipal watershed for over 175,000, are threatened. Last summer the US Forest Service ignored its own rules at Eagle by logging out of season at the Salmon Huckleberry roadless area and without conducting wildlife surveys.

The fight over Eagle has spanned a few years. Eight protesters were arrested in 1998 stopping the logging at Eagle (see *EF!* August-September 1998). In addition, hundreds of individuals have hiked, camped and rallied for its preservation. On April 1, 1999, nearly 40 people gathered at the Regional Headquarters of the Forest Service in Portland and made news by turning over petitions signed by over 1,000 people opposed to the Eagle sales. They gave Regional Forest Supervisor Bob Williams the "Golden Stump" award for 1999 for his leading role in carrying out the destructive Northwest Forest Plan.

Meanwhile, law enforcement is cracking down on forest activists as they prepare for the logging season at Eagle. In early February, warrants were issued for five of last summer's protesters, and they were soon after charged with one felony and two misdemeanors apiece. The activists are now being prosecuted for felony destruction of government property exceeding \$500 (\$578 to be exact) for minimal road damage that occurred during last June's blockade. If found guilty, they could face as many as five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. The trial is set for June 1, the day logging is "legally" supposed to resume at Eagle.

Mount Hood is no stranger to protesters. Massive civil disobedience to save native forests and sacred sites on Enola Hill in 1995 resulted not only in a six-month federal sentence for one activist but also the



The Old Baldy trail looking at Mount Hood, slated to be obliterated announcement of a five-year moratorium on logging in the highly visible Zig Zag Ranger District. Before the moratorium began, the Forest Service pushed through several last-minute sales threatening the Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Fifty protesters, but no bidders, showed up for the Salmonberry sale auction and the destructive Abbott Salmon sale on the PCT was shut down by an appeal. But this couldn't stop the USFS who sold portions of Abbott Salmon with some of the rules relaxed. "No trace" logging along the PCT in wolverine habitat occurred months before the start of the logging season.

It is clear that as environmental laws are broken, protesters that are willing to put themselves on the line are being slammed by an oppressive legal system. No place is safe right now, and logging of the remaining 800 acres of native forest and unprotected wilderness at Eagle could begin again at any time.

The Cascadia Forest Alliance in Portland is leading hikes to the various Mount Hood sales, organizing direct action and also supporting efforts for the Eagle Creek 5. Please contact the group at POB 4946, Portland, OR 97208; (503) 241-4879 if you can help.

'BAMA FORESTS LOCKED UP

Alabama forest activists won a major victory on February 12 when the State of Alabama suspended timber sales on all four of its national forests as a result of "irregularities" found in the timber sale program for the Shoal Creek Ranger District in the Talladega National Forest. According to Wild Alabama's executive director Lamar Marshall, "This shutdown vindicates the many years of hard work we have done surveying, watching and litigating over destructive and illegal Forest Service practices. We may have been a lone voice howling in the wilderness once, but now, everyone knows we were right about something being very wrong with how the Forest Service manages our public lands in Alabama."

The Regional Forester's office in Atlanta acknowledged that this action is due in part to the years of work and litigation done by Wild Alabama and WildLaw over illegal timber sales. Other contributing factors were a recent Inspector General's report documenting violations of federal laws in virtually every National Forest timber sale they examined in Virginia and Mississippi, and inside reports from courageous Forest Service employees who confirmed the agency's gross noncompliance with environmental regulations.

WildLaw, Wild Alabama and the Alabama Wilderness Alliance have worked on protecting the national forests in Alabama since the mid-1980s. Since then, we have caught (and proven successfully in court and in administrative appeals) the Forest Service failing to consider the cumulative impacts of their timber sales, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act; failing to protect endangered, rare species and migratory birds; violating the National Historic Preservation Act by not protecting historic Native American sites on the Bankhead National Forest; and using up to 19 times the legal limit of herbicides on the national forests and converting native forests into pine plantations. Since 1995, legal work by the groups has halted timber sales on more than 55,000 acres of public lands in Alabama.

WHY2K!?!

National Guard mobilizations, urban military exercises, suspicious financial transactions, serious talk of nuclear meltdown, failure of essential, modern-life sustaining water, energy and transportation systems, food hoarding and an uneasy tension building among more and more people everyday who are waking up to... Y2K. Yes, Y2K.

With the hope of provoking a strategic discussion of the meaning of Y2K, we cranked out the question below and posed it to people across the movement. Vivid, shocking and inspiring responses were still coming in as we took this issue of the *Earth First! Journal* to print. We present seven of those responses here. Next issue we would like to feature more opinions, but want to focus on *Action Plans*. Please submit your practical thoughts and wildest dreams to us in 300-500 words ASAP! Here is the question we posed:

Reports of the looming threat of the year 2000 (Y2K) computer crash center on inevitable failures within society's technologically-reliant infrastructure. Little mention is ever made of any potential benefit or improvement presented by widespread recognition of our precarious dependency on modern technology. Mainstream attention to the Millennium Bug instead focuses on how Western society might insulate itself from industrial collapse rather than viewing it as an opportunity to create a less vulnerable, ecologically and socially harmonious society.

In what ways can we seize the opportunity of the Y2K computer crash to liberate the Earth and ourselves from the repression of modern technology and transform global capitalism to create an ecologically and socially just world?

LUDDITE FANTASY

BY KIRKPATRICK SALE

As a Luddite, I can only relish the whole Y2K brouhaha. I have no idea what's going to happen, of course, but it's wonderful to see the technological culture spending upwards of \$100 billion to try and avert its own machine-made disasters, having no way of really knowing if they can do it. It's wonderful to see the culture that has all along assured us that nothing can go wrong is actually in turmoil because they know full well that this time things really can go wrong, and they're not sure they know how to fix them.

Along with the absurd push to wire every fifth-grader, and the recurring global financial crises caused by 24-hour megabyte wheeler-dealing, Y2K offers the best example around of ways to get people to start thinking about the broad, encompassing dangers of our technological embrace.

Jacques Ellul, the French philosopher in whose name a new society of techno-critics has just begun, once put the problem this way. Think of technology not as a set of machines but as a culture, as the philosophy and mindset and worldview that goes with the machines, as a *milieu*. Then one must assess the impact—not of one particular invention or tool, but the effect of all of them together; not just individual tasks, but how they all combine to alter society in psychological, economic, political, environmental, cultural and perceptual ways. The problem now is that the high-tech milieu is so powerful and all-encompassing in the modern world that it is taking over, radically changing, and, in effect, destroying both the social and natural milieus.

That is the way we Luddites might view the millennium. We would like people to understand the multiple downsides of all the hardware that surrounds their lives. We would like people to reckon the costs this technological rampage is ringing up, costs that are quite obviously creating serious economic dislocation and inequality, social and political tensions world-

wide, and environmental crises everywhere. They must begin thinking about how to withdraw themselves, at least as much as possible, from this juggernaut, how to order their lives so as not to be in a steady thrall to machinery and how to wake the world up to the peril we face.

For that, Y2K is at least handy. People are already beginning to see that serious dislocations are possible and even the experts are not so sure they know how to avoid them. When January 1, 2000 comes and the disasters accumulate—as they certainly will, no matter how much time and money the technophiles spend—I trust that even more people will come to have second thoughts about letting their lives be turned over to computer chips and living in the milieu those chips demand.

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LOVE IS THE ANSWER

BY JULIA "BUTTERFLY" HILL

Most humans operate in a crisis mentality. We require drastic problems or the threat of them to motivate us to take action. Ultimately, I believe the potential crisis of Y2K provides fertile soil from which some wonderful possibilities can grow.

Society as it exists today is a false reality—an illusionary house with all the amenities, but built on a foundation of extraction which must result in its eventual crumbling. Our work must encourage that crumbling at a rate that will supercede the complete destruction of the environment's life-giving systems. What will survive this crash and grow from its fertile ashes are those people who have placed their roots back in the Earth, from which all life grows. With this is mind, where do we find the practical applications to implement this process?

First, we must take personal responsibility for all things. We must find ways to make our ideals and actions meet on all levels. If we occupy the forests, we must find ways to do it more sustainably. We can grow sprouts

and other vegetables that do well in our particular climate. We must use "alternatives" in everything that we do. We must come together to reclaim areas. We must build sustainable, free-from-any-attachment-to-society, intentional, solution-oriented communities of activism.

I feel that we can utilize things like computers to undermine the infrastructure of our corporate-dominated society, but we must be careful and not cross the line into dependency. Everyone I know that gets too caught up in technological energy loses their deep sense of connection to the Earth and becomes imbalanced. Ultimately, we need to get technology out of our lives.

You want to find a way to free society from the technological stranglehold? Get rid of your computer. Get rid of your car. Get rid of your stereo. You get the picture. It's a bit hypocritical to say that we want to free society from technology while continuing to use it daily. The absolute best way to lead is by example. We must practice what we preach.

Humans are guided by value systems. We place values on things that destroy life. Ultimately, I believe the answer lies in love—coming from a place where we are for something instead of always focusing on what we are against. Let us envision what it is we want and begin living that every moment of every day.

As a movement, we need to find ways to come together even more. I believe we need a global network to bring in and disseminate information. We also need a "Civil Rights movement" for the environment. We need to converge on the White House and various governmental places, all of us, with bipods, tripods, lockdowns, marches, street theater, whatever it is that we do, taking it to the people who are controlling our lives and controlling the technology that controls our lives. Then, take that energy and momentum and network back to our own fights and use that to empower ourselves. We need to continuously converge at major strategic strongholds. We need to "dump the tea back in the harbor." It is time for a revolution of consciousness.

Julia "Butterfly" Hill has boldly occupied an ancient redwood in Northern California for over 16 months (and counting), confronting millions of people with the challenge to defend the Earth.

HOWL TOGETHER OR HANG TOGETHER

BY ZZINNIA

The Wilds and Her creatures ask us to be brave in *Her* hour of need. Seize the opportunity during the "Chaos of 2000" to strike hard with a message of liberation and Gaia self-defense.

Since the government ignores the Endangered Species Act and refuses to implement an emergency program of sustainable living and ecological restoration, extreme action in defense of endangered regions is required.

Ask enlightened Healers. They know the moment arrives soon. Healers understand the inevitability of self-defense and their duty to help keep violence to a minimum. To do that requires they plug in now and that they prepare to defend the goals and even the tactics of the ALF, the ELF and the vanguard of young warriors

who as we speak prepare a new wave of daring direct action strikes. They advise us through deeds, that it's time for many of us to trespass, to make new laws, to cross the lines of power and cross our own lines of fear and apathy. A time that couldn't be better (though maybe a bit late) to launch a coordinated and persistent attack against the Agents of Ecocide.

The call to action will be heard and an upwelling of support and collaboration will begin. The end of our domination and repression by global capitalism and its technology starts as soon as enough of us light up the fires of Love and torch the symbols and mechanics of Greed.

People need to promote openly and/or secretly: a purpose, plan and targets.

Purpose: Ensure protection of endangered ecosystems, bring down dangerous corporations, defend our survival plan and recruit warriors who will adopt targets from the Emergency Hit-List. Send out a loud message and stop the destruction of each community's ability to survive the coming collapse without further ecological calamity.

Survival Plans: If the smoke clears from 2000, it will not be impossible to care for communities, refugees and the land. Basic needs can be met in most areas. Everything will have to be shared and food production will be the priority. If the community is strong and their defense vigilant, then there will be no need for fighting or damaging the environment. Cooperation will replace competition and people will find their groups to live and work with. Community celebrations and live entertainment will complement our work to renew each other and Nature.

Emergency Hit List: Roads, bridges, dams and equipment which threaten watersheds; industries with a history of pollution; corporate buildings and



communications; almost anything goes, except be careful of and respect all life. Consider the impacts of all your actions. Support the warriors and may they listen to the voice of caution and modest restraint. Give us the courage to change what we can. The patience to accept what cannot be changed, and the *Weapons* to get the job done.

Zzinnia is a longtime activist, poet and a "nutty" prophet.

REVOLUTION EMERGES

BY ERNEST CALLENBACH

To be frank, I'm doubtful that the celebrated Y2K problem will lead in Ecotopian directions. For one thing, technological society is astonishingly resilient when it has to be, i.e. whenever money-making is threatened. But more importantly, serious and durable change doesn't happen randomly or suddenly. It's planned, organized and worked for over a long period of time. There are really no "revolutions"; what seem to be revolutionary changes are always the products of gradual shifts in economic and power relationships.

Human agency counts, however. To use a depressing example, the current ideological drift toward the right and ever-accelerating environmental destruction have been striven for by a whole generation of amply financed right-wingers. Over the long run, though, many subterranean trends will push us in Ecotopian directions for mere survival. If we wish society to move toward Ecotopian sustainability with some grace, it will come only through the patient, massive mobilizing of people, not through some temporary concatenation of circumstances.

The only real long-term good I can envision coming out of the Y2K situation is that it is leading a fair number of people to reconsider their technophilia—their belief that technology can save us. Some of them may come to understand that it is ecology, not technology, which is the real foundation of human life.

Beyond Y2K, of course, lie many other challenges to the brave new technological era. Bioengineering is likely to produce unforeseen problems that will make Y2K seem trivial. Population and consumption driven stress will multiply. Phone numbers will have to become much longer and will be more error prone. License plates, Social Security numbers and other identification systems will go through painful expansions. Date-sensitive programming problems will also turn up in the Global Positioning System and other technological interconnections.

But these are all just details—gears and bolts in the technological juggernaut. What's really going on is more profound; in the grip of a lunatic economic dogma, we are destroying the biological substrate that human populations depend on. Moreover, we're creating explosive tensions within human societies by systematically destroying both informal (family and community) and governmental security nets. We're expecting ourselves and others to live as if *Homo economicus* were more than a mad fantasy.

But fundamentally we are anthropoid mammals, with both the potential and limitations of our species. We like to play and joke, to hang around together, to work intermittently and cooperatively, to sing, dance, make music and make love. We also can be murderous, irresponsible and greedy. At some point, we must realize that our fundamental task is to reorganize society so that we can live not like machines for profit-making, but like Ecotopians. Y2K may prove some small help in this, but it's not really a long term inspiration for the kind of changes we need.

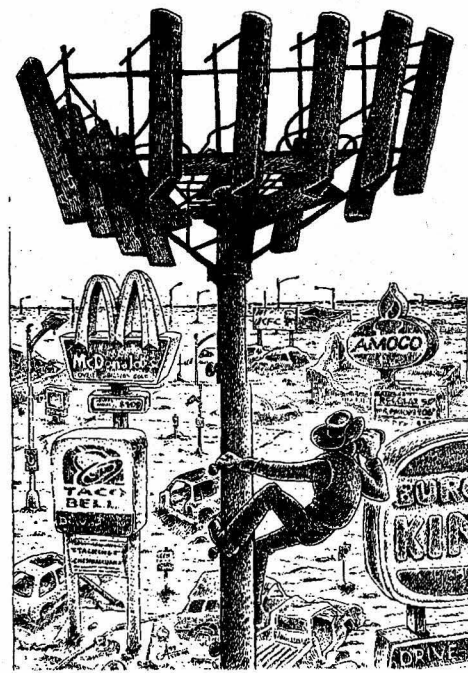
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QUESTION TECHNOLOGY AND LIVE SIMPLY

BY KAREN COULTER

The assumption that Y2K is a crisis is pathetic and revolting when you consider the far more horrific circumstances of the world's last remaining indigenous peoples and the great diversity of other species vanishing daily from the Earth because we are using all these unnecessary and wasteful technologies that US citizens now fear losing. When I was growing up there were no personal computers, videos, fax machines, copiers or microwave ovens. I was not deprived. Only 50 years ago, there were no jets, global commercial air travel, television, clothes dryers, electric typewriters, freeways, suburbs, shopping malls, artificial organs and chemical pesticides. We don't need these things.

We need to free our minds from the corporate colonization telling us we need all these things to be happy. We need to redefine "property" to exclude the buying and selling of the commons—land, air, water, wildlife and space—and need to re-assert peoples' control over societal institutions, in-



cluding corporations and instill a biocentric ethic in all communities.

I've been much happier since I gave up electricity in my home, including electric lights, automatic hot water, computers, central heating, refrigeration, TV, fax, etc... I'm now much better prepared for Y2K. I grow and gather some of my own food, make herbal medicines, enjoy the sounds birds and coyotes as my music, spend more time with friends and family with a clearer head. Some things—like giving up motor vehicles and developing comprehensive barter systems and mutual aid networks—are easier to do in cities. It's not just a "back to the land" argument.

Over-population is a big problem, but overconsumption and inequity in the distribution of essentials is even worse in terms of actual and potential repercussions. Their correction is also easier to implement and involves real democracy rather than fascism. In cities where there is wasted space and opportunities, let's use Y2K to tear up side streets and plant community gardens and spread the word about the sanity of sharing, rather than fighting over, scarce resources. This will help avoid mob strife on the streets when Y2K hits.

All of these subjects are relevant to community survival when the electronic infrastructure collapses ending dependency on the corporate elite. We should

be taking the floor on these issues now rather than letting the "panic and buy-my-high-tech-survival-food" rhetoric dominate public thought. Panic, helplessness and selfishness (the consumer mentality) are not conducive to peace, social equity or ecological integrity. The way to end neoliberalism and neo-colonialism is to act on the local level with bioregional and international solidarity. It's time to get to know our neighbors and seek consensus on the way out of this mess. The transnational corporations set up this doomed system; the internet won't be there to bail us out—it never was.

Karen Coulter is a no compromise activist working on ending corporate dominance.

TED IS RIGHT

BY JOHN ZERZAN

People won't see Y2K as an opportunity without understanding more about technology than they get from mass media. What is it, at base? Where is it taking us? How does this movement work?

Already there is a growing sense that the "promise" of a high-tech world is a false one. That instead of empowering and connecting us, for example, the computerization of society is disempowering and infantilizing us and is a big factor in the growing isolation or separation of people.

In addition to providing news about all the latest assaults on nature, we need to provide more analysis, more of the reasons we say "actualize industrial collapse."

As Horkheimer and Adorno put it, "technological rationale is the rationale of domestication itself." Fifty years later it's all the more clear the technicizing of life works to erase value, meaning, accountability. Resting on the foundations of division of labor and domestication, it estranges us even further from the natural world and each other. Y2K is the first major sign that this juggernaut is not invincible, just as the turbulence in global capital exposes that system as less than secure.

In fact, of course, technology and capital are not distinct and never were. Technology itself is not at all a neutral tool. Rather, it is the embodiment of capital, its latest incarnation, expressing its basic, alienated priorities. "*Industrial Society and Its Future*," the so-called Unabomber Manifesto, shows persuasively how technology rules out freedom and fulfillment, techno-capital must expand or die. This imperialism is the reason the biosphere is similarly doomed unless the whole megamachine, all its categories and dynamics, is destroyed.

Folks feel that everyday life is increasingly barren and texture-less, that this emptiness is taking over. Postmodern nihilism or cynicism is the cultural expression of the enlarging of the Dead Zone of technology. "Its all fucked, so who cares."

Y2K will be an opening if people see what is going on and that there is a response. The only valid, authentic, inspiring response is the call to erase the whole strangling ensemble before it completes its trajectory of destroying the individual, society and the wild. As the situationists said, "A society that has abolished adventure makes the only adventure the abolition of that society."

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THE TIME HAS COME

BY STINGING NETTLE

In January of the year 2000, aliens will not land, Christ will not come and the US government will not collapse. One more thing that I know for sure—LA will not be peaceful. Everything else is uncertain. But if there's enough social upheaval in this country, the paper-thin illusion of the American Dream may finally be torn apart.

The American Dream has long been a nightmare for the homeless, the working poor and the 1.7 million in jails and prisons. It's been a 500-year reign of terror for indigenous peoples and native plants and animals. Yet the US loudly proclaims itself to be the pinnacle of democracy and justice. It spins a mythos that the corporate-run marketplace delivers happiness, prosperity and freedom to all. This is the ideology of capitalism, and ideology is more important than armies in maintaining empires. There's been no competing vision since the end of the Cold War.

Being at the center of the Capitalist Empire, the US voraciously gobbles up resources from around the world, decimating local cultures and ecosystems. Its chief export is Hollywood films, the propaganda of the empire. By selling the American Dream to the neo-colonies, it seeks to create consumers in emerging markets. It seeks to justify the US as the world's policeman and world's premier energy and resource glutton.

So here comes the Millennium Bug, poised to hit the US harder than any other nation because we have immersed ourselves in a technological nest of computers and embedded chips. The corporate oligarchy is too entrenched in this country to suddenly vanish. But if significant social turmoil erupts, the rest of the world will see that this system hasn't made people happy or free. The happy face painted on American fascism will be washed away. With the myths debunked, alternative visions can gain ground in the distant lands of the empire where people still have intact families and communities.

As this unparalleled opportunity approaches, EFlers seem unable to think in terms larger than their solar panels, garden plots and food stashes. Y2K discussions rarely encompass geopolitics or biocentrism. They revert to egocentrism: the me-first survival mentality of most Americans. Or they settle for anthropocentrism: "I gotta help out my neighbors down the street whom I've never talked to." That's all very nice. That's what a good liberal would do. But it's far from taking a radical approach.

This is a time for situationist pranks to hype the chaos and no-holds-barred monkeywrenching. Corporations and technology are the enemies of the Earth, so why wouldn't you hit them while they're down? This may be dangerous if the National Guard is mobilized. But in 1936 thousands of anarchists traveled to Spain with just the clothes on their backs, risking their lives to fight fascism. Isn't today's corporate techno-fascism far more insidious? Where are all the eco-anarchists willing to do battle? We are in the heart of the empire, and we have a responsibility to the rest of the planet.

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McLIBEL APPEAL

MORE McAGONY FOR THE FAST FOOD GIANT

The verdict in the long-awaited McLibel appeal case was handed down March 31 by the Royal Courts of Justice in the UK. The court ruled it was fair to say that McDonald's employees worldwide "do badly in terms of pay and conditions" and it was true that "if one eats enough McDonald's food, one's diet may well become high in fat... with the very real risk of heart disease."

As a result of their further findings against the corporation, the three Lord Justices reduced Mr. Justice Bell's award to McDonald's. No sanctions have been taken against the company, despite these findings. The appeal case began on January 12, 1999. Helen Steel and Dave Morris represented themselves and challenged the use of libel laws as a form of mass censorship. They argued for overturning the original verdict against them in the controversial case brought by the McDonald's Corporation.

Despite the strong arguments made by the defendants, the court has failed to provide any real protection for the public's right to scrutinize and criticize companies whose business practices may affect people's lives, health and

environment. The court rejected the contention by the McLibel 2 that multinational corporations be prevented from filing suit for libel over public interest issues, but acknowledged "that may be seen as an argument of some substance."

As a local TV station said at the end of the original trial, the case will go down as "the biggest Corporate PR disaster in history." McDonald's aim of suppressing the "What's Wrong With McDonald's?" leaflets spectacularly backfired.

Information on the case is available from the McLibel Support Campaign, 5 Caledonian Road, London, N1 9DX, UK Tel/Fax 0171 713 1269; mclibel@globalnet.co.uk; www.mcspotlight.org.

Dave Briars, an organizer in the McLibel campaign who was instrumental in spreading the word about this issue and so many others, died recently from colon cancer. We send our thoughts and love and respect to all his family and friends who will miss him so dearly.

KIWIS SAB SPUDS

In the early hours of March 11, a dozen people jumped a fence at the Crop and Food Research Centre, just outside of Christchurch, New Zealand. Within minutes, they uprooted an experimental, genetically-modified potato crop, ruining a \$200,000 research project that involved combining potato genes with genetic material from toads and silkworms to make the potatoes rot-resistant. This major act of environmental sabotage has prompted scientists and politicians from all over New Zealand to call for a high-level inquiry into genetically modified organisms.

The timing of the action, claimed by the Wild Greens, a direct action youth faction of the Green Party, occurred just as opposition to genetically-modified

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food was mounting in New Zealand. Even the Prime Minister, Jenny Shipley, announced she was in favor of labeling GM food, the day after the government called labeling "costly and unworkable."

The most common reaction from environmental group leaders was an attitude of cautious support of the sabotage. The predictable exception was Greenpeace NZ. One anti-GE activist commented, "These corporate scum [Greenpeace], posing as environmental activists put out a media release condemning the attack, presumably on the grounds that a media stunt by a bunch of yuppies in silly costumes is a more effective way of attracting donations."

Most of the media were quick to use the word "eco-terrorism" to describe the act of uprooting some potatoes. Meanwhile, security has been stepped up at Ruakura Agricultural Research Station (the biggest vivisection lab in the southern hemisphere where genetically modified cows are bred) and other crop research labs around the country. Police are investigating the incident, but at the time of this printing no arrests have been made.

LET THE WILD RIVERS RUN FREE!

FIFTY-FIVE EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN TWENTY COUNTRIES ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

BY ALETA BROWN

On March 14, the International Day of Action Against Dams and for Rivers, Water and Life, hundreds of people marched through the streets of Baguio City in the Philippines carrying banners and streamers and shouting in protest, "Ayashi!" the indigenous word for "No!" to the San Roque Dam Project. They finished the day with an ecumenical service where one of the workers said, "Let us not allow them to imprison our waters in a dam. Let it flow to the countryside and lowlands and let it benefit all creatures of this Earth."

In Columbia, a group produced a documentary film called, "In Between Thirst and Water," and hosted a community forum. The group stated, "We would like to be part of the global efforts where flowing is what is constant and where dams can not have the deadly effect of stillness."

On the second annual day of action, 55 events took place in 20 countries. Demonstrations, marches and rallies were held in India, Thailand, Taiwan, Brazil and Spain. Adults and children cleaned rivers and planted trees in Japan and Slovakia; forums and press conferences were held in Costa Rica, the US and elsewhere; and people met at their rivers to celebrate, dance, and share poetry, ideas and strategies to protect our precious rivers.

Residents of Beaumont, New Zealand, organized a community picnic and kayak trip to celebrate the fact that their river, the Clutha, is still flowing free despite attempts since 1965 to dam it. South Africa's Cape Town was dotted with blue crosses signifying rivers that have become polluted, diverted, or that

no longer exist. On the banks of the Liesbeek River, a river blessing was performed and Liane Greeff of the Environmental Monitoring Group said, "We chose the Liesbeek for the ceremony because its degraded state reflects the poor state of most of Cape Town's urban rivers—the Lotus, the Kuils and the Elsieskraal."

In California, groups including International Rivers Network, Friends of the River, the Sierra Club and several fishing organizations held a "Free the

try as one that is higher than 15 meters). The reservoirs created by these dams cover an area the size of California. Tens of millions of people have been moved to make way for dams, and those displaced people are almost never fairly compensated and rarely experience an improved quality of life.

Earlier in this century, dams were looked upon as symbols of progress and prosperity. As the century turns, however, we have learned that dams can uproot people and cultures, severely deplete fish

populations, destroy ancient archaeological sites, drown great swaths of the world's best farmland and forests, and adversely affect both biologic and geologic life downstream.

But there is clearly a change in how the world views large

dams. The independent World Commission on Dams is in the process of assessing the effectiveness and destructiveness of dams. Although major dams have often been built with impunity in the past, several countries have aborted projects mid-way through construction because the benefits were uncertain and the costs enormous. Furthermore, in the US there is a growing movement to take existing dams down.

For more information, contact International Rivers Network, 1847 Berkeley Way Berkeley, CA 94703; (510) 848-1155; 848-1008 fax; irn@irn.org; www.irn.org.

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...IN SPAIN

...IN THAILAND

...IN JAPAN

Water Relay." Water impounded behind the Nimbus Dam on the American River was hand-carried by kayak, bicycle, sailboat and commercial crab boat to the San Francisco Bay. A celebration and press conference was held at Fisherman's Wharf where the escorted water was freed into the bay to symbolize the need for more freshwater flows in California rivers.

The world's rivers are now obstructed by more than 40,000 large dams (defined by the dam indus-

WAGING FOR THE ROSPUDA



Photo courtesy Workshop for All Beings

"...the Earth First! contact group in Poland is mounting a large-scale campaign to protect the Rospuda wetlands..."

In the northeastern region of Poland, the Via Baltica is the main route for freight trucks traveling between Poland and the Baltic countries. The Via Baltica runs northeast from Warsaw through the center of the Polish city of Augustow (population 30,000). To reduce the number of large vehicles in the city center, local authorities recently designed a bypass around Augustow for the Via Baltica. Even though there were several choices, the authorities decided on a route that will cut through the Rospuda wetlands.

The bypass will destroy this nationally and internationally valuable wetland area, a gem in this region of largely untrammled wetlands, lakes, rivers, valleys and parks with sparse human population. This region of Poland is widely referred to as

the green lungs of Europe. It is an area of low urbanization, sparkling clean air and protected areas that are home to a multitude of wildlife and plant species. Augustow authorities plan to begin construction this summer.

The ECONET project has declared Rospuda a site of international ecological significance. Scientists assign the same ecological value to the Rospuda wetlands as those of nearby Biebrza National Park, the largest national park in Poland. Also nearby is Bialowieza National Park, the Polish park that holds the last wild, primeval forest and the last European bison on the continent. The large mammals now inhabiting the Rospuda wetlands include elk, deer, foxes, wild boar, beavers and otters. Bird species that will be driven from Rospuda by the bypass are the northern hobby, buzzard, bittern, crane, black stork, crane and snipe. If road building takes place, the Rospuda wetlands will be drained, eradicating the musk orchid. This flower is found only in Poland, the Rospuda wetlands and a handful of locations in other European countries.

There are viable alternatives to the destructive bypass. For Polish activists, the Rospuda wetlands are not to be compromised. In fact, prior and in contradiction to the plans for the bypass, there was a plan to establish a Rospuda wetlands nature reserve. Another road option is only three kilometers

longer than what is currently planned, and is more environmentally benign because of the location. This option was rejected because planners said its expense would be outrageous. Another option is to build a short bridge (250-300 meters) that would span a small portion of the area. The decision made by local authorities can still be changed because of the diversified planning that takes place at different levels of local and national government.

Workshop for All Beings, the Earth First! contact group in Poland, is mounting a large-scale campaign to protect the Rospuda wetlands and prevent the destructive road building. Please help us protect these valuable wetlands! Direct action is not out of the question and may be implemented this summer, if need be.

We are requesting your assistance in the simple form of letters of protest. International input to our campaign adds much credibility, diversity and further highlights the spread of international awareness and protest to the destructive road building. Send it to Mr. Jan Szyszko, Polish Minister of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry, Wawelska 52/54, 00-922 Warsaw, Poland; fax (48)-22-825-3326.

The Workshop for All Beings would appreciate receiving a copy of your letter for our campaign records. Contact us at POB 40, 43-304 Bielsko-Biala 4, Poland, (48)-33-8183153 tel/fax, wapienica@pnrwi.most.org.pl.

—WORKSHOP FOR ALL BEINGS Ń BIELSKO-BIALA

SLOVAKIANS SLAG OLYMPIC SKI PLAN

BY MĀRIA HUDĀKOVĀ

Slovakia's WOLF Forest Protection Movement organized a protest in the High Tatras National Park during the opening day of the World Winter Universiade. The January demonstration targeted clearcut logging in two Slovak national parks that have been planned under the pretense of our candidacy for hosting the Winter Games in 2006.

Activists distributed leaflets declaring, "Forests for Life, Not for Death" and called for saving forests from Olympic bulldozers and stressed the importance of forests. On the opening day, Olympic organizers were quiet when they saw a Slovak leaflet, but when they noticed that an English version was being distributed as well, they started to talk about "international shame."

The opening ceremony "started" with WOLF's protest. We placed our banners (English and Slovak) on a hillside that had to be passed by everyone that hurried to the opening including government officials. To prevent the officials from seeing the protest, organizers placed two larger vehicles to obscure the view of the

protesters as the official delegation walked to the opening. An entire entourage of policemen, secret police and railroad security watched us carefully. They couldn't do anything else as this was only a quiet protest; however, there were drums to catch people's attention.

When visitors were settled, activists appeared between the landing runs of two ski-jump towers. The police were carefully watching while the most active group climbed up to the ski-jump towers and displayed the digital logo. They created the slogan, "Forest for Life," and after a while it changed it to, "Not for Death!" The logo continued "flashing" for about ten minutes while visitors were taking photographs. Afterwards, at the request of the officials, activists rolled up the cloth pieces of the logo and left. The "official" ceremony then started. Some people said the rest of the ceremony was not as impressive as our opening.

The rising sun at the opening day of the Winter Universiade exposed the situation in the sub-Tatras region, as stickers and posters saying, "Save Slovak Forests from Olympic Bulldozers," were posted everywhere. Officials were



Photo courtesy WOLF Forest Protection Movement

At the opening ceremony, WOLF placed banners (English and Slovak) on the hillside with the message "Forest for Life", and after a while changed it to "Not for Death!"

curious as to who did this, but we just shrugged our shoulders. We hoped the sleep-deprived appearance of some activists would not give us away. It had been a long night.

You can help protect Slovak native forest by purchasing a symbolic tree. Each tree costs US \$30. The total price for the reserve currently being purchased

is US \$78,000. So far US \$30,500 has been raised. Send checks payable to the Rainforest Information Center and mail them to the Earth Trust Foundation, 20110 Rockport Way, Malibu, CA.

For more information contact the WOLF Forest Protection Movement, c.d. 27, 082 13 Tulcik, Slovakia; +421 91 7789488 tel/fax; wolf@vadium.sk.

GUATEMALAN MILITARY BACKS OIL TAKEOVER IN MAYA BIOSPHERE

If oil companies are allowed to explore for oil in the 1.5 million hectare Maya Biosphere Reserve, one of Guatemala's last remaining intact rainforests in the country will be destroyed. "In a few years, the oil companies could destroy the forest that we're counting on to feed our families," said a woman from the community of Uaxactun.

The Maya Biosphere Reserve is an important biological corridor linking Guatemala to Mexico and is home to crocodiles, dermatemys turtles, jaguars, tapirs and red macaws. In addition, some 10,000 Mayan archaeological sites are located in the area. The Guatemalan government opened up the re-

serve in mid-July 1998 for new oil exploration without prior knowledge or consent from the communities living in the area.

The government is planning to set up military camps in the region on the pretext of combating drug trafficking and illegal immigration, even though the region is 50 miles from the Guatemala-Mexico border. This move by the military violates the spirit and the letter of the 1996 Peace Accords, which required the army to reduce its role in the country and to concentrate on protecting Guatemala's external borders.

The companies drilling for oil in this region

include: Basic Resources, a subsidiary of Union Pacific of the United States, Compania General de Combustibles of Argentina, Natural Gas Petroleum and Gas Ramrod of Canada and Petrolera del Atlantico of Guatemala.

Send letters of protest to Jack Messman, CEO, Union Pacific Resources, 777 Main Street Ft. Worth, TX 76102, fax (817) 321-7566.

For more information about ongoing activities to protect the Maya Biosphere Reserve, contact the World Rainforest Movement, wrm@chasque.apc.org or wrm@gn.apc.org.

—WORLD RAINFOREST MOVEMENT

SHADOW ECOLOGIES: AN INTERVIEW WITH CARL ANTHONY

BY ERROL SCHWEIZER

Carl Anthony is the director of the Urban Habitat Program and the former president of the Earth Island Institute. The Urban Habitat program, founded in 1989 as a part of Earth Island, promotes and develops multicultural environmental activism in the San Francisco Bay Area. Over 100 community-based organizations work with Urban Habitat on issues such as anti-sprawl campaigns, inner-city reinvestment, urban transportation, toxics, brownfield cleanups, military base conversion, and multicultural environmental education. Now independent of Earth Island, the Urban Habitat Program's Carl Anthony recently spoke to the *Earth First! Journal*.

EF!J: How do environmental issues manifest themselves in urban communities, especially low-income and communities of color?

CA: Well, of course it depends on how you define the environment. The dictionary definition is "the environment is the sum total of the influences that affect the survival of an organism or a community of organisms." Obviously, we are talking about the natural world—the rivers and the trees, watersheds and stuff like that. We also talk about our human communities, the low-income communities that are most burdened by environmental issues, with toxic waste dumps in their neighborhoods and outmoded housing that is vulnerable to lead poisoning, but also freeways that have broken up their communities, leading to problems of congestion, air quality, traffic accidents. So in many ways, low-income communities are an indicator of the health of the whole urban region.

EF!J: How do you organize around these issues in urban areas?

CA: We try to work with the people who are working on narrow issues to find the common threads to other people who are working on narrow issues. It's really important to build bridges between single issues and the larger frameworks.

EF!J: Have you seen a convergence between environmental groups that work mostly on preservation issues and those that are environmental justice groups?

CA: Well, actually there is a long common history that is not acknowledged. The way the traditional environmentalists frame the story of the environmental movement is not complete. The way it is typically framed is here was this wonderful John Muir-type that got into a fight with a Prussian forester about what to do with Yosemite or Hetch-Hetchy. This is an important story, but it is not the whole story.

Basically the conservation movement arose at the end of the closing of the frontier. That represented the theft of the land of native people as well as the extension of the metropolitan development across the whole country. And at the same time there was also the powerful segregationist impulse that was rampant in the country at the time, based on white supremacy and Manifest Destiny. The conservation movement arose in an area that many people thought of as safe for white supremacy, which was the Pacific Northwest.

So we take issue with the story. And the story creates the sense of separate movements. Henry David Thoreau opposed the Mexican-American War. He wrote his famous essay on civil disobedience in jail opposing this war. That essay inspired Tolstoy, Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Frederick Law Olmstead, the founder of the national park idea, wrote three best-selling books about the ecology of the south and slavery. Karl Shultz, who was Secretary of the Interior during the reconstruction era, was a German immigrant who rallied German communities in support of the Black people against slavery... and was one of the

first people to raise the cry about protecting the vast American forests. People, made these figures one-dimensional and dealt with conservation as if it were unconnected to these social issues.

The same thing happened in the 1960s. The Civil Rights movement had a big impact on the environmental movement of the 1970s and the 1980s. The arguments around animal rights were all based on the abolition of slavery. And all of the non-violence techniques used by Earth First! and Greenpeace are actually a direct descendent of the struggles of... the Civil Rights movement. Even the phrase "No Compromise in Defense of Mother Earth" comes down directly from the abolitionist struggle, "No Compromise in the Struggle Against Slavery."

When Earth Day 1970 came along, it was the end of a decade where a lot of people felt very uncomfortable about the social struggles. It was very convenient to shift the focus to a safer political ground, which was the environmental movement. And during the 1970s and 1980s the environmental movement organizations distanced themselves from social issues. In the 1990s when the people of color movements

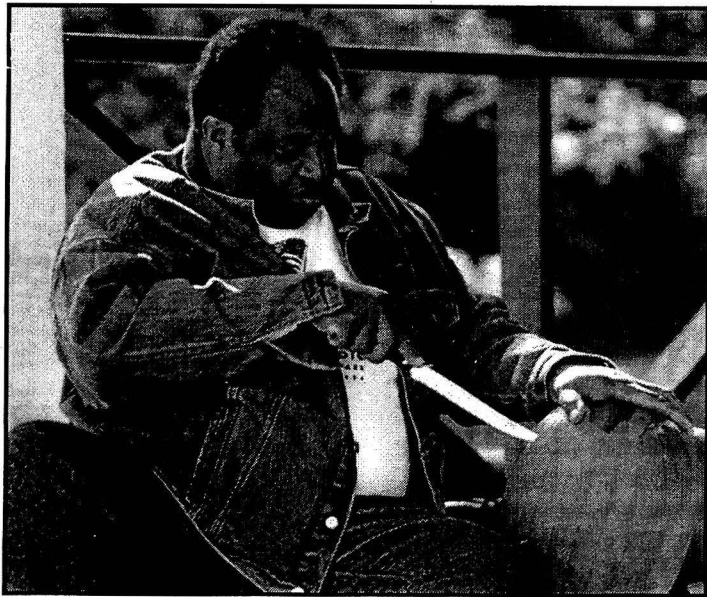


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began to get national attention, it became very clear that the apocalypse that the environmental movement was talking about was already happening in communities of color.

EF!J: Where do you find this history? These ideas have not been represented by deep ecologists, social ecologists and eco-socialists that I have come across.

CA: People write history because they have a certain set of intentions. It's shocking to me... that the African American community has the longest, most continuous relationship with the land of any group in North America but the Native Americans, and their experience is totally invisible. What kind of environmental movement is that? But it has to be said that at the beginning of the 1960s, nobody gave a shit about endangered species. We have to be grateful to the environmental movement because they brought up a set of issues that we never would have thought of without them. I think these are a key to the transformations of our struggles for social justice. The environmental movement and the social justice movement are just tributaries of a much larger dynamic, and we have to bring it back together again.

EF!J: How is the Urban Habitat Program realizing this history by what they do? How can other groups do so as well?

CA: We are fortunate in a way, being located in the Bay Area. We have not only a high level of awareness in the culture of this region about environmental issues, we also have an incredible diversity of population. It is important is to link neighborhood struggles to a vision of the metropolitan region. We can also look at issues of the watershed... 17 rivers that come down and empty into the bay. In a practical sense we see the notion of the Bay area— with 6.5 million

people, 100 jurisdictions and nine counties—as a kind of a cohesive human settlement exerting pressure on the ecosystem.

In terms of the whole pattern of globalization, the metropolitan region offers a framework for really addressing issues of globalization. For example, the questions of where the food comes from and where the water comes from, and questions of how toxics get handled at the metropolitan scale. As cities grow, they create huge environmental disparities. I call them *shadow ecologies*; they're externalities in terms of uprooting land-based peoples and a whole variety of things.

EF!J: What are the tactics and strategies you support, from legal to...

CA: Direct action and all that stuff. *We need to make all of these strategies effective.* We support... every form of resistance that anybody can come up with.

EF!J: What do you think of the labels "anthropocentric" versus "biocentric?" Do you think this dichotomy is appropriate?

CA: Well, the whole concept of being biocentric is very creative, well intended and useful to get people to understand their empathy with the larger natural world. But logically it is also incoherent because people are a part of nature; fish have societies and so do horses, so do ants. Nature is also a part of people. But I think also the worst part is that these concepts of being biocentric are either deliberately or unintentionally misused to hide reactionary and racist politics. I mean, Hitler loved animals. So fucking what! So you are making this big deal about how great the Fatherland is and you love the animals, but you are killing six million people! What kind of ethics is that?

But I would argue that the opposition is not between biocentric and anthropocentric. I would say it is between biocentric and *technocentric*. It is either the tendency to root one's hope and faith in the future in technology versus grounding it in the natural world.

EF!J: A lot of people of my generation have a very fatalistic attitude about social change. How can we change that?

CA: When I was 23 (I am 60 now) I was in New York, and I ran into all these people that started the sit-ins. They were living in a time, a culture that is very similar to the way things are now, especially in the South, where people said "you can't do anything about this." Martin Luther King JR., when he was a church pastor leading the Montgomery bus boycott, he was 26. All of these people, like Che Guevara and Fidel Castro, were quite young.

It's important to link the very local... with the larger understanding that we are on a journey, that we are the end product of four billion years of life on the planet. I think that young people can get that. We see enough young people involved around here to give us a sense of hope for the future.

I think it is hard to organize. You have to be critical, you can't take anything for granted. You have to learn to trust yourself. And as you get older, there is a kind of humility that comes. I think about my ancestors that were in those holes at the bottoms of those ships and I think well, if I am about to despair, how would I compare myself with them? I get a lot of personal strength knowing that whatever they did, it made it possible for me to be here and I owe it to the future generations to do whatever is necessary for them to be there. I think we are hypnotized by so much access to media and information that it is kind of hard to hear your own soul.

The main thing [is]... the honoring of the natural world, the honoring of our communities, the creation of some sense of hope. The overload of materialism and sexism and racism has created such a sense of dimness in people, that somehow this is so fucking big that we will never get over it. My sense is that however big it is, the universe is bigger and we are in tune with that, and we have the potential for hope.

CULTIVATING RESISTANCE IN NYC

BY ROSE TENDER

Spring in New York City. Throughout the city, community gardens and oases of green space spring back to life after a gray winter. More than 750 gardens in the city promote safety, beauty and opportunities for people of all ages to freely interact with nature. Developed by dedicated people who refuse to tolerate waste-strewn, abandoned lots in their communities, gardens provide indispensable green space in the midst of a sea of concrete and skyscrapers. Sweets scents, fresh food and brilliant colors soothe senses inundated with garbage, steel and pollution. And this year, gardeners are also cultivating a movement to truly revitalize the health of New York City.

For over 20 years, community gardens have flourished in New York City under the caring hand of city residents and an agency known as Green Thumb. However, the city did not grant gardens permanent protection. Last May, gardeners and garden advocates were appalled when Mayor Rudolph Giuliani ordered the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD—otherwise known as Housing Prevention and Destruction) to place an emergency hold on all community gardens and put them on the auction block.

Giuliani's representative announced that the garden sites would be sold only to develop low-income housing. People found this unacceptable knowing that the 14,000 abandoned lots in NYC could be utilized both

Gardens! Coalition, a grassroots group of gardeners and their supporters, brought puppets, color and life to the drab, regimented hearings.

The administration made no effort to respond to the people so the More Gardens! Coalition felt that more direct statements needed to be made. At the third hearing, the coalition brought songbooks with an adapted version of "Solidarity Forever" and distributed them. Several hours into the hearing, the room erupted into song, causing the hearing to adjourn for ten minutes.

By the fourth and final hearing, the More Gardens! Coalition decided it was time to adhere to the old mantra, "Direct action gets the goods." Because Mayor Giuliani, who had yet to attend a single hearing, has ultimate authority over the sale of city-owned property, we decided that if he would not show up to listen to the people, we would hold a sit-in on the steps of City Hall. After we arrived at the hearing in the morning on February 24, the mayor did not show; he was in Washington DC, politicking to begin his upcoming campaign for Senate. Energy filled the room as we all waited until the moment we would take the steps of City Hall, which had been closed to the public for over a year. As we made our move, we were pushed back inside the building as iron gates swung shut, denying us access to the steps. Twenty-five activists sat down and immediately began chanting, "More Gardens, More Democracy," and refused to leave until the mayor came. People from the hearing, media, elected officials and police gathered

around us. Many joined us chanting and singing, even as we were carried out one by one to police vans waiting outside.

Thirty were arrested and held overnight. The activists continued chanting, singing and educating others about gardens while in

jail. The next day we returned to City Hall fresh from our arraignments to testify in support of beneficial legislation for community gardens and held a press conference.

Despite widespread public support for community gardens and vast positive mainstream media coverage, the administration has scheduled the

Reclaim the Gardens!

On Sunday April 11, Reclaim the Streets NYC blockaded a street in the Lower East Side to protest the 119 community gardens that are scheduled to be auctioned to developers in May. Despite the rain, over 500 gathered at *El Jardin del Paradiso* and marched to Avenue A. Two tripods were erected as a Critical Mass of cyclists held off the onslaught of baffled cab drivers. A pullcart PA and the People's Hungry Marching Band kicked out the jams and platters appeared under tripods as we celebrated the birth of our newest community garden. Police barricades were recycled as see-saws; giant spring flowers and other vegetable humanoids danced off the drizzle. When the tripod sitters and six other people were arrested, a diehard group marched across town to continue the party in front of the police station, dancing until the eight protestors were released.

—RECLAIM THE STREETS NYC

auction for May 13, when 126 gardens will be sold to the highest bidder. Cherry Tree Garden, which is on the auction block, sits in a triangle amidst a highway, a bus parking lot and a densely populated housing project. The fragrant flowers and trees provide refuge in an area saturated with garbage, fumes and cars. Yet, if it is bought and developed, the use of the area will serve only to further contribute to the density, noise and pollution of an already overburdened area.

It appears that the city doesn't understand that community gardens provide countless benefits. In a city where asthma rates are exploding, garbage is piling so high it must be shipped elsewhere and the ratio of open space to residents is dimly low, community gardens begin to provide remedies where bureaucracies have failed to implement strategic solutions. What is more, a recent study showed 95 percent of gardens that are destroyed are left as garbage-strewn lots.

The More Gardens! Coalition is working on all fronts—direct action, legislative, judicial and educational. We are calling for widespread civil disobedience if the legal means fail to adequately reflect the will of the people. Gardening is hard enough when plants have to contend with pollution. We don't need bulldozers and auction blocks as well.

To support the MG!C, contact us at (212) 330-6851 or e-mail Moregardens3@hotmail.com



The More Gardens! Coalition at the steps of City Hall

for low-income housing and open space. The plan to auction the gardens this May is a flagrant demonstration of the administration's disregard for the hard work and commitment of city residents. Public hearings began in January and thousands of citizens gave heartfelt testimony, including senior citizens and public school children. Members of the recently formed More

Project Harmony—An Endangered Oasis

BY CYNTHIA NIBBELINK WORLEY

I'm looking through my window at the Joseph Daniel Wilson Community Garden in Harlem, New York City. About 16 years ago Mr. Wilson (my downstairs neighbor at the time) and I had a serious talk about the horrible lot across the street, full of garbage, rats, drugs and prostitution. Mr. Wilson was already in his nineties. I knew nothing about city government or its agencies. But I didn't want to pass this horror every day. So, why not a garden? Mr. Wilson had a backyard garden; he loved horticulture and homeopathy, and, while skeptical, he agreed to the garden idea.

Shortly thereafter we founded *Project Harmony, Inc.*—a grassroots community—development organization. Both myself and my husband recognized the crying need for programs that would "clean up" lives in such a way that the overwhelming dependence on welfare would be lessened; we saw that our urban environment needed programs which would strengthen lives individually and collectively, raise self-esteem and people's sense of personal autonomy. Mr. Wilson planted the first morning glories, transplants from his tiny backyard garden. My husband Haja worked tirelessly with the youth, planting trees, vegetables, flowers, shrubs. Haja supervised mural paintings—portraits of Malcolm X, Winnie Mandela and Bob Marley. For the first planting the youths went from stoop to stoop, asking each person to put one plant in the ground.

Presently, women, men and youth of Project Harmony make hundreds of jars of jellies and preserves each year, as well as herbal vinegars and oils, salsa, relishes, scented oils, potpourri and a variety of crafts. Project Harmony's

dream is that this "Harmony Institute" will produce an abundant harvest of human lives conscious of their own value, the value of all people and conscious of the value of this Earth from which we come and to which we return. The survival of all of us depends upon the survival of the Earth; this is a challenge we must face together.

Now the Joseph Daniel Wilson Garden is threatened by Mayor Giuliani's bulldozers. This administration has decided to take the city's community gardens and build "middle-income" housing—townhouses and condos—at the expense of low-income, hardworking people. Giuliani wants to erase all that we've done. We're not Disney, we're not The Gap, we're not making a big enough splash.

It is the ancient law of "eminent domain" that allows a government to take private property for public use. The Giuliani Administration has called upon this law to take both private and public properties—notably the gardens—to sell to mega stores and big developers. Rich private owners, it is argued, will increase the tax base, thus giving "the public" better schools and services. But who will be around to enjoy the "better services" when there is no air to breathe? Will the rich private owners vacate their properties again, fleeing to the gardens of Copenhagen or Florence, once more leaving the poor to manage crumbling buildings in a toxic sea of brick and mortar?

The Giuliani administration's destruction of community gardens is unconstitutional; it is domestic violence, it is heartbreaking, it is rape. Destruction of community gardens is destruction of community. This destruction of community is one of the first steps towards totalitarianism. That is why we must resist and save our gardens.



Round River Rendezvous

SAN JUAN MTNS., COLORADO, JUNE 21-28, 1999

The 1999 Round River Rendezvous will be held in the high country of the southern San Juan mountains, just north of the Colorado/New Mexico border and a bit east of the continental divide. The site is in the San Juan National Forest north of Highway 17, which runs through two 10,000-foot passes between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado. The Rendezvous begins June 21—the day before Summer Solstice—and winds up on the full moon, June 28. Feel free to come early to help set up or linger to help restore the site and to help with the San Luis and Vail campaigns through the summer.

The area

Persistent rumors of survivor Grizz in these majestic mountains keep this the wildest heart of the Southern Rockies. In the sweeping green valleys below, in towns like San Luis, Antonito and Chama, cultures that predate US colonization still resist assimilation into industrial capitalism. Chicano and environmental activists from around the country have put aside their differences and united to protect the area's endangered forests.

Local campaign

Help Culebra EF! stop the largest logging operation in the US, which is systematically destroying one of the last and most significant habitat corridors in the Southern Rockies. Also at stake are a generations-old, sustainable Chicano farming community and several threatened and endangered species. With recent developments in our campaign, we now have legal support in our cause and may have our first opportunity to win a temporary injunction. It is crucial for us as a movement to stand in solidarity with *la gente* (the people) of San Luis, so that this area can be saved.

10,000-plus feet

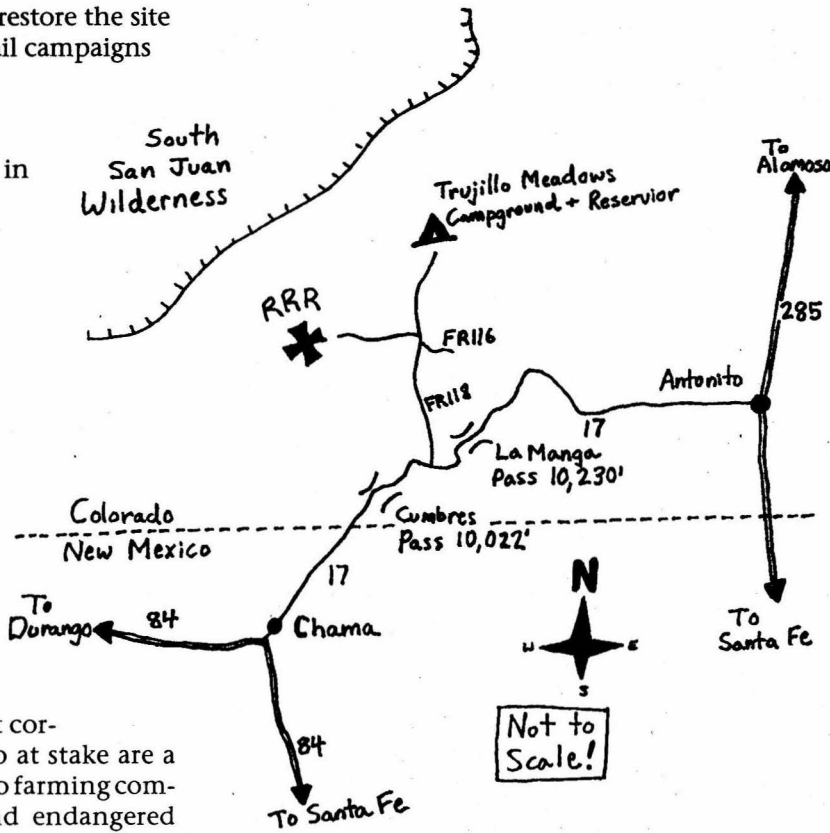
The Rendezvous will be near the Great Divide at over 10,000 feet. Altitude sickness, thin air, intense rays from the sun, and cold weather (possible snow!) are a few things to prepare for. So protect yourself from altitude sickness. Precautions include: staying hydrated, avoiding alcohol, gradually acclimating yourself to higher altitudes and hiking 1000-feet higher than your campsite to help your body adjust.

Yes, bears!

We will be in bear country. Be prepared to hang your food out of bears' reach. Bring 30-plus feet of rope and stuffsacks to hold all your food, toothpaste and anything else that might smell good to a bear.

No dogs!

Please find your dog a caretaker before you come to the RRR. If you bring a dog, you and your dog will stay in the non-optional dog camp near the parking area. People who bring dogs will also be asked to help in the dog jail. Any dog not under their owner's control will go directly to dog jail. Repeat violators will be asked to leave.



self to the place when you arrive and know what not to disturb. Pack out every scrap you pack in!

Doing your part

Take care of yourself and your friends. Bring \$25 to help defray costs of the Rendezvous. Everyone is also expected to do a security shift, help with latrines, and generally help the Rendezvous happen.

Alcohol

We encourage moderation to facilitate a more cohesive, coherent and productive Rendezvous. Many of us will drink, but remember, being shit-faced is not a license to be inconsiderate to others. No beer will be provided.

Directions

From Durango, CO: Take Highway 160 east to Pagosa Springs. In Pagosa Springs, take 84 east and south to Chama, NM. In Chama, take Highway 17 east about 20 miles. After Cumbres Pass, look for FR118 on the left to Trujillo Meadows. After a mile and a half, follow signs to the left. (Last stop for tofu: Durango Natural Foods, 575 E. 8th Ave; (970) 247-8129.)

From Santa Fe, NM: Take St. Francis Dr. (84/285) north. At Espanola, take 84/285 west and north, then stay on 84 through Abiquiu and Tierra Amarilla to Chama. From Chama, follow Highway 17 east about 20 miles. After Cumbres Pass, look for FR118 on the left to Trujillo Meadows. After a mile and a half, follow signs to the left. (Last stop for tofu in Santa Fe: Wild Oats (2 stores) or The Market Place, 627 West Alameda; (505) 984-2852.)

From Alamosa, CO: Go south on Highway 285 towards Antonito, CO. In Antonito, take Highway 17 west about 25 miles. After La Manga Pass, look for FR118 on the right to Trujillo Meadows. After a mile and a half, follow signs to the left. (Last stop for tofu in Alamosa: Valley Food Co-op, 7565 US Highway 160 (719) 589-5727.)

Call us before leaving for the rendezvous! Things can always change with the weather. Contact the organizing committee at POB 3412, Tucson, AZ 85722; (520) 620-1839.

Self-sufficiency

Bring what you need to survive. A communal kitchen has not been organized. Bring: food for 7-10 days, hat and sunscreen (very important at high elevations), stuff to hang your food, bug protection, adequate protection from the elements, raingear, tent, cold-weather clothes, sleeping gear, TP, shovels and other useful tools and \$25 to defray costs.

Water

Carry your own water bottle and don't share containers. There is a campground with drinking water about three miles away from the site (bring large water containers). A creek, waterfall and lake are within walking distance.

Fires

The Southwest is *dry* this year. We will have a limited number of fire circles. No other fires will be allowed! It will be extremely important to be cautious with cook stoves, cigarettes and anything else that produces considerable heat.

Workshops

There will be plenty of workshops this year, as always. Some things to watch out for: Y2K preparedness and getting back to basics, local campaigns and issues, action how-tos. We're striving for an orderly flow of presentations rather than a free-for-all. Please help by letting the RRR committee know the subject, length and requirements of your workshop *asap*. Call the number below.

Shitters

There will be slit latrines (no plastic portapotties). Please don't shit anywhere else. Please bring your own TP, and observe the basics of latrine etiquette: use ash or lime to cover your poop—do not fill the trench with dirt—and wash yer paws.

Be nice to the site!

This place and its inhabitants will have to deal with your impact long after you've gone back to the pavement. Sensitize your-

19 Rendezvous Later

- 1981 Moab, Utah
- 1982 Little Granite Creek, Wyoming
- 1983 Kalmiopsis, Oregon
- 1984 Heron, Montana
- 1985 Uncompaghre, Colorado
- 1986 North Fork of the Big Lost River, Idaho
- 1987 North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Arizona
- 1988 Kettle Range, Washington
- 1989 Jemez Range, New Mexico
- 1990 Gravelly Range, Montana
- 1991 Green Mountains, Vermont
- 1992 San Juans, Colorado
- 1993 Mount Graham, Arizona
- 1994 Katuáh, Cherokee National Forest, North Carolina/Tennessee
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- 1997 Wolf River, Wisconsin
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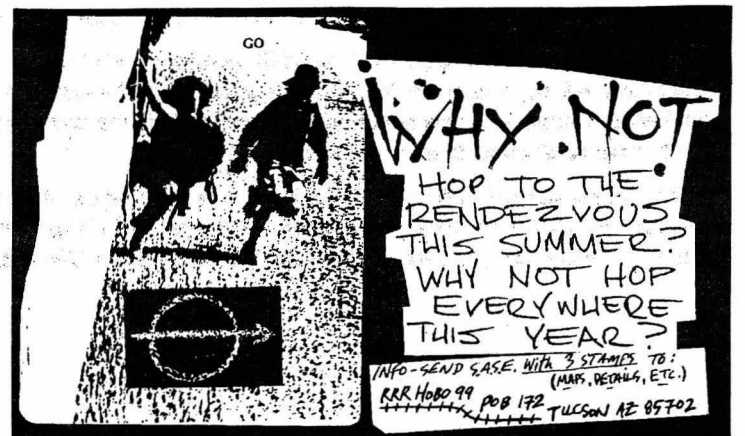
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Alaska 10 Years After Exxon Valdez

BP's CONSPIRACY UNCOVERED



Photo courtesy Alaska Public Campaigns

Critical Mass Anchorage takes to the streets 10 years after the Exxon Valdez spill; get on your bikes!

BY GREGORY PALAST

The tenth anniversary of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill on March 24 was commemorated by the solemn retelling of lies. The official story is, "Drunken Skipper Hits Reef." Don't believe it.

The captain, Joe Hazelwood, was below decks, sleeping off his bender. The man left at the helm, the third mate, would never have hit Bligh Reef had the ship's radar been operational. The complex Raycas system costs a lot to operate so frugal Exxon management left it broken and useless for the entire year before the grounding.

There's more to the story you've never been told.

Just 10 months before the spill, the six oil companies that own Alaska's oil held a secret, top-level meeting in Arizona where Theo Polasek, their chief of Valdez operations, warned that it was "not possible" to contain an oil spill in the center of Prince William Sound—exactly where the *Exxon Valdez* grounded. Polasek needed millions of dollars for spill containment equipment. The law required it. The companies promised it to regulators. Then at the meeting, they vetoed it.

Smaller spills before the Exxon disaster could have alerted government watchdogs that the port's oil-spill containment system was rotting. But according to Erlene Blake, the oil group's lab technician, management routinely ordered her to change test results to eliminate "oil-in-water" readings. The procedure was simple, Blake says. She was told to dump out oily water and refill test tubes from a bucket of cleansed sea water that they called,

"the miracle barrel."

A confidential letter dated April 1984, four full years before the big spill, written by Captain James Woodle (then the oil group's Valdez port commander), warned management that due to a reduction in workers, age of equipment, limited training and lack of personnel, they seriously doubted that a medium or large size oil spill could be contained and cleaned up effectively.

According to Woodle, there was a spill at Valdez before the Exxon collision, though not nearly as large. When he prepared to report it to the government, his supervisor forced him to take back the notice, with the Orwellian command, "You made a mistake. This was not an oil spill."

The fable of the Drunken Skipper has served the oil industry well. It transforms the most destructive oil spill in history into a tale of human frailty—a terrible, but one-time accident. But broken radar, missing equipment, phantom spill personnel, faked tests—the profit-mad disregard of law—made the spill disaster not an accident but an inevitability.

The canard of the alcoholic captain has also provided effective camouflage for the party most responsible for the destruction in Alaska: British Petroleum (BP).

Alaska's oil is BP oil. The company owns and controls a majority of the Alaska Pipeline system, the consortium called Alyeska. Exxon is a junior partner, and four others are just along for the ride. Captain Woodle, Technician Blake and Vice-President Polasek all worked for BP's Alyeska.

But we now know that BP's London

headquarters learned of the alleged falsification of reports to the US government years before the spill. In September 1984, independent oil shipper Charles Hamel of Washington DC, shaken by evidence he received from Alyeska employees, hopped the first available Concorde at his own expense to warn BP executives in London about the frauds in the Valdez labs.

Furthermore, Captain Woodle swears he personally delivered his damning list of missing equipment and personnel (a violation of code) directly into the hands of BP's Alaska chief, George Nelson. It became a matter of corporate self-preservation for BP that Woodle's letter, Hamel's London trip and many other warnings of the deteriorating containment system never saw the light of day.

Alyeska showed Woodle a file of his marital infidelities (all bogus), then offered him pay-outs on condition that he leave the state within days and promise never to return.

As for Hamel, the oil shipping broker, BP in London thanked him, then secretly launched a campaign to hound him out of the industry. They hired a CIA expert who wiretapped Hamel's phone lines, smuggled microphones into his home, intercepted his mail and tried to entrap him with young women. The industrial espionage caper was personally ordered and controlled by BP executive James Hermiller, President of Alyeska. A US federal judge told Alyeska this conduct was "reminiscent of Nazi Germany."

BP's inglorious role in the Alaskan oil game began in 1969 when the oil group bought the most valuable real estate in all Alaska, the Valdez oil terminal land, from the Chugach natives. Alyeska paid one dollar.

Although a US Supreme Court Justice explained to the natives the worth of their claim on this land, their own lawyer, the state's most powerful legislator, advised them not to press for payment. Within months of signing away the natives' rights to Alyeska, he became Alyeska's lawyer.

When the pipeline opened in 1974, law required Alyeska to maintain round-the-clock oil spill response teams. As part of the come-on to get hold of the

Chugach's Valdez property, Alyeska hired the natives for this emergency work. They practiced leaping out of helicopters into icy water, learning to surround leaking boats with rubber barriers. But natives soon found they were assigned to cover up spills not clean them up. Their foreman David Decker told me he was expected to report an oil spill as two gallons when *two thousand* gallons had spilled!

Alyeska kept the natives at the terminal for two years—long enough to help break the dock workers union then, quietly, fired them all. To deflect inquisitive inspectors, Alyeska created sham teams, listing names of oil terminal workers who did not have the foggiest idea how to use spill equipment, which, in any event, was missing, broken or existed only on paper.

When the *Exxon Valdez* ran aground, there was no native spill crew, only chaos.

Yet, Alyeska was able to settle all claims for only two percent of the acknowledged damage—roughly a \$50-million payout that was fully covered by an insurance fund. A jury ordered Exxon to pay \$5 billion, though the petroleum giant continues to stall payment. (The only lesson BP learned from the oil spill catastrophe must be to *keep your name off the ship.*)

I often return to Prince William Sound and get news from the native villages. At Chenega, they are preparing to spend another summer scrubbing rocks. Last year, they pulled 20 tons of sludge off their beaches. At Nanwalek village, the state again declared the clams inedible, poisoned by persistent hydrocarbons. Salmon carry abscesses and tumors, the herring never returned and the sea lion rookery at Montague Island remains silent and empty.

But despite what my eyes see, I must have it wrong, because right here in an Exxon brochure it says, "The water is clean and plant, animal and sea life are healthy and abundant."

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Slick Actions at the Seattle Oil Spill Conference

BY BUCKWHEAT

Almost exactly 10 years after the *Exxon Valdez* disaster, a group of fishermen, scientists, and environmentalists from Prince William Sound and beyond headed down to the 1999 Oil Spill Conference in Seattle. Calling themselves the Alaskan Truth Squad, they came to expose the reality of oil spills and the industry's lies to the public. They illuminated truths such as Prince William Sound has not recovered from the 1989 oil spill, Exxon has yet to pay on its lawsuit, and ecosystems and fishing communities still suffer. They said Prince William Sound can not take another spill and neither can the western shorelines.

The *Exxon Valdez* oil spill was one of the biggest human-made disasters in history. Forty-thousand tons of crude oil covered 10,000 square miles of the once-pristine Prince William Sound. This caused billions in damages to fishing communities and native villages, threatening their subsistence lifestyle in the sound. The death toll includes an estimated 250,000 seabirds, 300 harbor seals, 2,800 sea otters, 250 bald eagles, 22 killer whales, almost the entire herring population and many more species. Of the species surveyed, only two have recovered in the last ten years.

Every oil spill conference put on by big industry needs a celebrity speaker. This year, conference organizers hoped Ted Danson would make them look good. They

didn't count on the Truth Squad holding a press conference with Ted before hand. After hearing the testimony of Alaskan scientists, natives and fishermen, what else could Ted do but ream the oil industry in his keynote address? It's not often you can hear a pin drop in a crowd of hundreds of people, but, after Ted's opening day speech addressing the slick oil industry, you could. Befuddled oil execs were stunned speechless. Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) announced he plans to oppose the Exxon/Mobil merger until Exxon pays its \$5 billion judgment. Also opposing the merger were many environmental groups and the city of Cordova, AK.

On March 9, day two of the conference, citizens from Alaska, Oregon, Washington and California took out two Greenpeace Zodiacs and a banner reading, "Big Oil, Big Lies, the Exxon Disaster Continues," to an on-water oil spill clean-up demonstration. As the tide came in over the net-like oil clean-up device, demonstrating why oil recovery doesn't work, many took to the water and the dock with signs demanding prevention as hundreds of people watched.

"What the hell is that?" asked conference goers on the final day, browsing the latest in oil spill technology in the demonstration product advertising room. They were referring to the fish covered with oily rocks taken from the Prince William Sound only a week earlier that a well dressed woman was serving on an appetizer tray. Also on the tray was a flier about the myths and realities of oil spills. "I felt I needed to bring home the reality that, unlike what has been said here, an oil spill is not a minor accident, but a catastrophe that will maybe never heal... I've seen the oil on the water, the sound has not recovered," said a Truth Squad member.

The next oil spill conference will be in Tampa, Florida in 2001. See you there.

GLOBALIZATION

BY KAREN COULTER

Challenging corporate governance over the Earth is key to achieving our goals in almost every issue problem we face—from poverty, racism and sexism to unprecedented worldwide forest destruction and species extinction. For instance, poverty, racism and sexism are institutionalized through corporate-imposed property law and scapegoating by a wealthy elite eager to hide the real source of societal ills. Framing our work within the broader context of ending corporate rule gives us a strategic focus and new targets that address the issues on a systemic level, dismantling the mechanisms of corporate control that continually throw more of the same problems at us. We've been fighting endless brushfires instead of dealing with what fuels the inferno. So that we may more effectively defend the Earth, it is important to recognize the effects that the globalization of finance has on biodiversity.

Corporate globalization violates environmental sustainability by promoting the use of resources beyond the ability of ecosystems to replace them; it promotes consumption and waste of non-renewable resources beyond the pace of development and use of renewable "substitutes" and pollution emissions exceeding the ecosystems' assimilative capacity. Examples of how globalization operates include Taiwan and South Korea as both suffer extreme environmental degradation as a direct consequence of World Bank-imposed policy over the last decades. They have also achieved tremendous rates of economic growth so the World Bank uses the two as models for all Third World nations, despite these "successes" being overshadowed by the domino effect of the related Asian economic crisis.

Creating a global economy means generalizing this destructive process and transforming the great numbers of still largely self-sufficient people in rural areas of less developed countries into unsustainable consumer cultures. Already, the strain of increasing levels of consumption, the adoption of environmentally destructive ways of living and gross disparities in wealth in developing countries is putting people in direct competition with other species.

Defining characteristics of economic globalization include an emphasis on exports, increased transport of goods, greater competition among transnational corporations, deregulation and standards of free trade that fail to incorporate measures to protect ecological integrity. All of these factors increase pressures on ecological stability and biodiversity.

Structural Adjustment requirements imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on countries with development loans include reductions in domestic spending on environmental protection and increased production of cash crops (felling native forests for timber exports or converting wild lands to monoculture agriculture) to pay back the loans and staggering interest rates. The transport of exports creates ridiculous scenarios of high energy use and pollution from shipping goods to countries that often export the same or similar resources produced locally. Examples of this are raw log exports from the US while simultaneously importing wood products from Chile and shipping US apples to Japan while importing New Zealand apples. In 1991, four-billion tons of freight exported through shipping used as much energy as the entire economies of Brazil and Turkey combined.

Immense highway projects are also being constructed across wild and indigenous communal lands in countries like Mexico and Brazil to accommodate increased global trade. The Trans-Amazonian highway is de-

signed to supply Asian markets with more timber and minerals while ripping through one of the most diverse native forests in the tropics, fragmenting habitat and opening up previously inaccessible lands to logging, mining, ranching and settlement. In Brazil, the Hidrovia Project is being promoted to expand and accelerate the transport of goods along the Rio de la Plata. This project would dry out Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, which contains the highest diversity of mammals on Earth.

In the melee of the global economy, countries can't strengthen environmental regulations that increase corporate costs without violating the binding agreements of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). For instance, the Amazon's rubber tappers, who sustainably extract latex from rubber trees scattered throughout intact forests, will have to compete with rubber grown on Asian plantations created by clearing entire tropical forests because tariffs on natural rubber imports are due to be eliminated under multilateral trade agreements. Accordingly, transnational tire corporations such as Michelin and Goodyear, which have plants in Brazil, may challenge rubber tappers' rights to exist as an industry.

To increase competition in the face of unrestricted global trade, corporations increasingly cut costs by drastically reducing the number of their employees. The Valdez oil spill occurred in part because Exxon reduced its supertanker crews by one-third.

Corporate globalization directly stimulates the two leading causes of species extinction: habitat destruction and the introduction of invasive exotic species. Rampant exploitation of the natural world provides unprecedented opportunities for investors to increase their capital return.

What's more, gluts in the world timber markets from unrestricted investment and production cause governments to increase logging subsidies and roll back more regulations in an attempt to maintain competitiveness. A memorable example of this was the 1995 Salvage Rider in the US. Essentially, this was a "Global Competitiveness Restoration Act" for domestic logging corporations that faced decreasing access to forests, increasing regulatory costs and greater competition from cheap imports. The US logging industry wanted unrestricted access to more trees at less cost. The Salvage Rider provided this by suspending all laws applicable to logging on national forests. As a consequence, some of the last remaining roadless areas with large, intact forest habitat went up for bid at below-market cost. This effectively privatized public lands at a highly subsidized price.

Increasing access to overseas timber is also undermining efforts to reduce wood fiber consumption in the US. Paper mills that invested in technology upgrades to produce higher recycled-content products are being undercut by cheap and plentiful supplies of unused pulp.

US logging corporations continue to expand into markets overseas under the favorable protection of international trade consortiums such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Asian Pacific Economic Community (APEC), whose member countries are home to 63 percent of the world's last primary forests. These forests are the target of a sweeping new agenda to increase worldwide consumption of wood products, open up native forests to logging, weaken environmental protections and, incidentally, open the door to invasive species. This disastrous initiative is scheduled to be introduced for negotiation at the WTO's third ministerial meeting in Seattle, Washington, be-

tween November 30 and December 3.

Already, global free trade has proven devastating to forests in Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Chile. The 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) brought Canadian forests under the discipline of binding international trade rules. Deregulation, privatization of public resources, government subsidies and liberalized trade have together given rise to a huge export-driven wood products industry in Canada. Since NAFTA, 15-wood product corporations have set up operations in Mexico, with much of their investments targeting some of North America's largest remaining intact forests. NAFTA also brought about the repeal of Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution, which gave the Mexican people rights to communal land ownership and eliminated Mexican restriction on foreign ownership of property (previously limited to 49 percent). Since 80 percent of Mexico's forests are found on indigenous reserves or communal land holdings, new legal status for private, industrial tree plantations was obtained to protect investors.

International Paper used the Mexican government's attempts to attract foreign capital after the 1994 peso crash to compromise Mexico's laws governing forest exploitation, gaining large federal subsidies and "new flexibility" for the Environment Secretariat to waive protections for biodiversity, soil and water quality. A controversial project in Chile is the proposed investment by the Trillium Corporation in logging hundreds of thousands of acres of rare native forests for chip exports (see *EF!* June-July 1998). Trillium also has a pending investment to log 140,000 acres of lenga forests on the Argentina side of Tierra del Fuego.

Soon after the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian government announced that private interests could legally challenge indigenous land titles, which cover vast forested areas throughout Amazonia. Peracchi, a logging corporation well known for its illegal logging of mahogany on indigenous lands, moved in to claim land forming part of two indigenous reserves in the State of Para, threatening the Apyterewa and Bau people's cultural existence, as well as the forest. Since 1996, Brazil has lured several Asian logging corporations to purchase the logging rights to millions of acres. Champion International recently sold its degraded land in New England and is joining the expansion of logging operations in Brazil and other countries in South America.

What's more, the financial meltdown in Asia—itsself an effect of the globalization of financial markets—will have major effects on how and by whom Indonesia's forests will be controlled. Bailout agreements with the IMF will put Indonesia's forests under more direct control by foreign corporations and market forces.

Bio-invasion of exotic species is another threat to biodiversity from expanded global trade. In the San Francisco Bay and Delta, one of the world's busiest ports for trade activity, at least 21 alien species have successfully implanted themselves. Baykeepers, a group of local biologists, estimate that 85 percent of the species in the bay are exotic. On a broader scale, several tree species have been nearly eliminated in the US after

the introduction of exotic fungi and insects, including the chestnut tree, the Dutch elm, the white pine and the Port Orford cedar. Half of the species listed as endangered in the US are listed, in part, because of invasive species.

This concludes the first part of this compelling two-part special report on the impacts of corporate globalization. Make sure you catch the second part next issue, as Coulter discusses the origins of trade agreements and elaborates on how they enable corporations to circumvent environmental regulations.



LYNX PROTECTION SCAM

BY NICOLE ROSMARINO AND ROD CORONADO

Since February, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDW) has released 12 Canada lynx into the Weminuche Wilderness of the San Juan Mountains, marking the latest development in the battle to save this wildcat from disappearing in the Lower 48. "They're back!" declared a CDW biologist as he opened the first cage; another biologist quietly proclaimed to reporters, "never left..." What the state reintroduction effort hides is a strategy on the part of state and federal agencies to strip away future protection for the lynx under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Lynx experts and biologists from the Colorado and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) believe that a small, remnant lynx population still lives in Colorado, and more than a hundred sightings of lynx and/or tracks have been made in the area slated for destruction by ski resort developer, Vail Associates. Colorado's economic growth-promoting politicians have long feared that ESA protection for the lynx would curtail commercial developments, especially the billion dollar ski industry that is the backbone of Colorado's tourism industry.

With the upcoming court-ordered listing of the lynx under the ESA in July, Colorado has implemented its own lynx reintroduction program with wild-trapped lynx from Canada and Alaska rather than afford full ESA protection to the native cats.

CDW admits its undertaking is intended to avoid federal measures to ensure protection for lynx in Colorado. If the transplanted lynx survive in the San Juans, CDW will proclaim lynx recovery; if they die, Colorado will proclaim that there is no suitable habitat. Either way, Colorado's politicians and ski corporations will be insulated from ESA infringement and can continue with business as usual (i.e. lynx habitat destruction).

The USFWS has resisted listing the lynx for over five years. Had it done its job and responded earlier to the lynx's imperilment without legal pressure from environmentalists, USFWS could have provided desperately needed protection for Colorado's shrinking lynx homelands and safeguarded the prime lynx habitat destroyed by Vail Associates in its CAT III expansion.

Like wolf reintroduction in Yellowstone and the Southwest, state and federal officials will determine the legal listing of not only reintroduced lynx but also surviving populations in Colorado. Should authorities mandate less ESA protection for lynx with a listing as "threatened" as opposed to "endangered," penalties for killing lynx would be less and restrictions on activities that threaten lynx habitat would be circumvented. This would serve commercial interests more than the lynx and diminish the effectiveness of the ESA to protect endangered species and the homelands necessary for their survival.

Even the San Juan lynx reintroduction site is acknowledgment of the continuing threat to lynx habitat in Colorado. While believed to still live near Vail in the White River National Forest, the ongoing habitat destruction by Colorado's ski industry precludes releasing wild-caught lynx there. Instead, the reintroduction is relegated by CDW to the southernmost margins of the lynx's range, 200 miles south of the White River.

State lynx reintroduction programs like Colorado's fraudulent one must be prevented and not serve as a replacement for much-needed protection throughout the lynx's range in the lower 48 states. Also, CDW should not obtain wild lynx from the fur trade, the very interests responsible for the lynx's demise and who profit from their continuing exploitation. At the February release, news footage shows that lynx reintroduced into the San Juans had trapping injuries. Some were visibly lame and four, including two ten-month old kittens, have died from starvation.

Furthermore, the removal of lynx from Canada and Alaska threatens indigenous lynx populations. For the Colorado relocation, 110 lynx will be relocated from British Columbia and Alaska. Lynx populations naturally rise and fall in a ten year cycle along with their principal prey, the snowshoe hare, and it's hard enough for them to survive without the threat of trapping for fur or relocation.

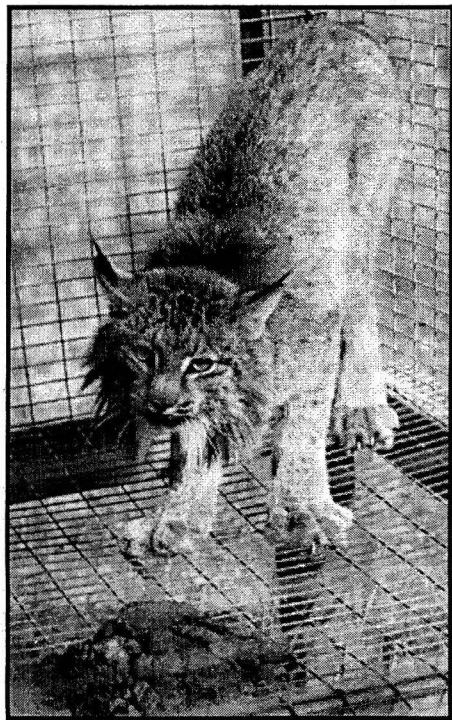
Environmentalists and wildlife advocates should challenge the compromised nature of many endangered species reintroductions. Such projects often provide green cover while the habitat of remnant populations of endangered

wildlife is destroyed. It also fails to address the root cause of species imperilment, including the commercial trade in endangered wildlife.

The decimation of the lynx can be attributed largely to the fur industry. In the 1960s, high demand by the fashion industry for lynx fur drove pelt prices skyward. As a result, the '70s and '80s witnessed lynx over-trapping in the contiguous states with trappers flying into the most remote of homelands in Canada, trapping out entire regions as pelt prices rose to over \$500 each.

The lynx nation's fight for survival does not end in Colorado. With wild lynx populations pillaged and current pelt prices at \$75-\$125, US fur dealers have turned to the fur farm industry to supplement the wild Canadian and Russian lynx fur supply.

One of the largest lynx farms is Fraser Fur Farm in Ronan, MT, located on the Flathead Reservation. In the 70s, Stuart Fraser, a commercial trapper, live-trapped wild lynx from the Mission Mountain Wilderness and began a lynx-breeding operation. With approximately 60 breeding pairs of lynx, Fraser Fur Farm "produces" average litter sizes of three kittens, sometimes with two litters a year.



Life imprisonment on Fraser Fur Farm

Photo by Friends of Animals

Licensed by the US Department of Agriculture, these majestic cats are forced to live in four-foot square wire cages, and wild-caught lynx can be seen pacing their cages in view of the snowy peaks of their former wilderness homelands. On Fraser's farm, in addition to the neurosis and stereotypic behavior all wild animals endure in intensive confinement conditions, lynx (and approximately 150 bobcats) suffer from cut, bleeding and swollen paws caused by steel wire cages and diarrhea, weepy eyes and noses caused by a slaughterhouse by-product diet.

The lynx kittens on Fraser's farm have their fur evaluated; cats whose fur quality is not up to standard are labeled "fur rejects" and sold as exotic pets for \$500. Fraser recommends that lynx sold as pets be declawed, defanged and neutered. According to a survey among owners, 75 percent of lynx and bobcats sold by Fraser Fur Farm are unmanageable and cannot be handled. Those not sold as pets are killed at three to six months and frozen for taxidermy mounts or sold for scrap fur.

The ESA should legally prohibit lynx fur farms in Montana, Utah, Minnesota, Idaho and North Dakota from breeding and trafficking in endangered species. But in July, when USFWS issues its decision on whether lynx in the Lower 48 states will be listed under the ESA as threatened or endangered, it plans an exemption to leave lynx farms in business. Such action encourages commerce domestically while creating an avenue whereby lynx illegally trapped in the US could enter the international fur market.

With as few as 400 wild lynx remaining in the contiguous states, our vision for lynx preservation calls for full federal ESA protection as endangered, no weakened state classification, thorough protection of areas where lynx still survive and complete bans on the commercial breeding of lynx and the trade in lynx pelts. This action is not radical; it simply fulfills the legal measures and protection the ESA intended. USFWS should also negotiate to transfer all captive lynx from fur farm ownership to facilities where reintroduction candidates could be rehabilitated for release into the wild. Those unsuitable for reintroduction should be housed in natural surroundings, similar to Mexican wolves in the USFWS breeding program, to eliminate the need to translocate wild lynx from the wild while also serving as a breeding colony for further reintroduction efforts.

We must demand that USFWS and state wildlife agencies give lynx the full legal protection they deserve as mandated by law and shut down the commercial trade of our lynx relations. The ELF and other groups have brought the lynx's plight to the world's eyes; now let's remind Americans of the need to organize in defense of all animal nations threatened by the fur trade and commercial development. Free the lynx!

Write Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, 2525 Arapahoe #E4-335, Boulder, CO 80302; (303) 449-4422; www.rmad.org.

BARE BONES

Lynx Living in Vail

US Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) biologist Gary Patton says lynx may still populate the controversial Category III 885-acre ski-area expansion near Vail, Colorado. "We think there is a fairly strong possibility that there is lynx in that area," says Patton. In a USFWS conferencing opinion report on the lynx and Category III, Patton wrote that as recent as the early 1990s, trackers and biologists "confirmed" the existence of lynx in the area. "It has driven me crazy both locally and nationally, the fact that everybody just wants to go back to the last physical specimen. Everybody says it was in 1973. They are ignoring the fact that we have experts that confirmed the fact that they have seen tracks." Patton also says no one is actively looking for lynx either.

Vail Resorts says Category III construction in the White River National Forest will resume immediately after July 1, when elk calving season ends. Vail Resorts hopes to have the expansion open to skiers by the 2000-2001 ski season. Two experts have verified the lynx's existence in the Category III area as recently as 1992. Additionally in 1996, photographs of lynx tracks were taken about 20 miles south of Vail. "The evidence of lynx activity discovered must be considered substantial," reads the USFWS report.

Land and Water Trust attorney Ted Zukoski, who represents environmental groups in a lawsuit against the USFS believes Category III threatens the future of the lynx and that USFWS's conservation recommendations also state the same. Like Patton, Zukoski maintains that Category III is lynx habitat, and there is a strong possibility that the animal still roams the region. Fish and Wildlife's Conservation Recommendation states, "The imminent development of Category III, reasonably foreseeable development of private lands and other foreseeable federal actions within the Upper Eagle River Conservation Area will cumulatively threaten landscape connectivity and the maintenance of a viable ecosystem that can sustain populations of wide ranging forest carnivores, including the Canada lynx."

Bat Halts Logging in PA

Logging on the Allegheny National Forest was stopped in April because of a citizen lawsuit filed by the forest protection groups, Allegheny Defense Project (ADP) and Heartwood, Inc. "By temporarily halting the cutting of standing trees, we are honoring our commitment and testimony during the January 1999 court proceedings for the recent litigation," said Allegheny National Forest Supervisor John Palmer. Researchers had documented the endangered Indiana bat, which has been on the decline since its listing in 1967, at 3 locations on Pennsylvania's only national forest. Previously the Forest Service had assumed that the bat was not present.

"The protection of endangered species on the Allegheny is long overdue," said a member of ADP, "The halt of logging today is necessary if we want endangered wildlife to survive to see tomorrow." The US Forest Service has downplayed the significance of the shutdown stating they have the latitude to temporarily suspend commercial timber harvesting operations to avoid damage to natural resources during spring weather. ADP's response is, "Their public statements are a smokescreen to cover up the fact that logging is destroying endangered species habitat and can result in the accidental killing of endangered wildlife."

BARE BONES

Woodworkers Visit Julia

Representatives from Local #713 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners gathered in April to present a care package containing dried fruit, juices, chocolate and other goods to Julia Butterfly Hill. The woodworkers' support comes at a time when collaboration between labor and environmentalists is growing as evidenced by joint organizing between steelworkers and Earth Firsters who both oppose Charles Hurwitz's Maxxam Corporation.

The press statement from the woodworker's union reads: "The brother and sister members of Carpenters Local Union 713, Alameda County, California commend and support the concept and actions of Julia Butterfly in her ongoing effort to preserve old growth forests. We believe, along with Julia Butterfly, that the preservation of a healthy environment is of equal importance to humanity as our own economic well being. We also believe it is true that one is not exclusive of the other, but interdependent, both in the forest and the urban streets. To demonstrate our support we have voted to make a small contribution to her major effort."

OR "Eco-Terrorism" Bill

Senate Bill 653, presented to the Oregon Legislative Committee by Senator Fisher of Roseburg, would make it a crime for unauthorized people to be within a quarter-mile of a timber harvest. "I felt something had to be done to what I consider acts of eco-terrorism. Obviously, the problems we've had with protesting and damage to equipment when they have taken the form of blocking roads is something that needs to be stopped," said Fisher.

The perimeter would include all access roads to a site, effectively eliminating protests and make unlawful presence at a timber operation a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Fisher says, "the intent of the bill is to stop protesters from disrupting legal timber harvests."

Fisher also introduced a bill in the last legislative session that would have held responsible those who have contributed financially to groups performing "eco-terrorism" as well as the protesters themselves.

Fisher said, "I just think that a lot of us are very disgusted with the fact that some people can demonstrate and damage equipment and there's no judgment against them and no follow through. It's just an attempt to try and bring some protection to the equipment and allow people to do their jobs."

WY Sacred Site Suit

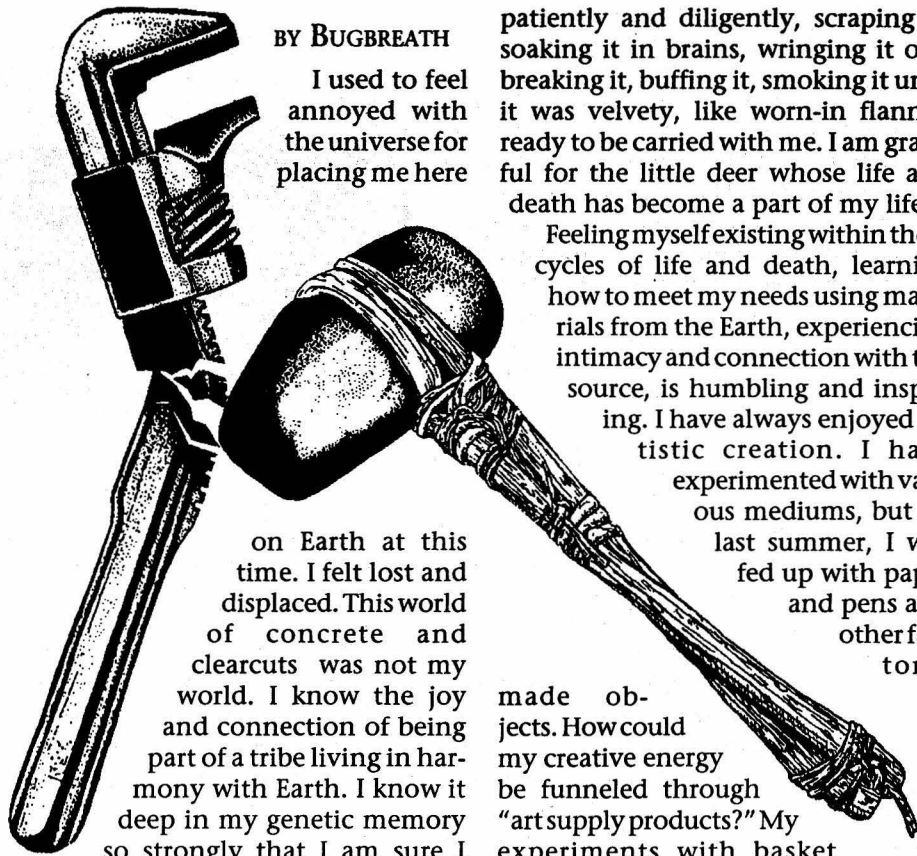
Wyoming Sawmills of Sheridan has gone to court to overturn a 1996 U.S. Forest Service plan for managing the Medicine Wheel atop the Bighorn Mountains, arguing that the plan advances Native American religion at the expense of logging and other long-standing uses of the Bighorn National Forest.

In a lawsuit filed against the Forest Service in federal court last month, Wyoming Sawmills argued that the plan and related agreements "unconstitutionally require the Forest Service to establish and promote Native American religious practices."

The lawsuit says the Forest Service halted one timber sale north of the Medicine Wheel due to Native American religious concerns, although officials said they had actually put the sale on hold due to a moratorium on new forest roads. Wyoming Sawmills is represented by the Mountain States Legal Foundation, the same multiple-use advocacy group fighting a National Park Service effort to limit climbing on Devils Tower in Wyoming in deference to Native American religious concerns.

(AB) ORIGINAL KNOWLEDGE

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BY BUGBREATH

I used to feel annoyed with the universe for placing me here

on Earth at this time. I felt lost and displaced. This world of concrete and clearcuts was not my world. I know the joy and connection of being part of a tribe living in harmony with Earth. I know it deep in my genetic memory so strongly that I am sure I have lived before in a primitive village of forest-ocean people. I long to be free of the linear time trap and to know wholeness again.

But as I learn about the changes happening to the Earth, I understand that it is a great honor to be here at this difficult and exciting time. I know that my soul has chosen to participate in a vast event, the passing of one world into the next, and I pray that spirit will guide me, that I will be open to receive the messages. Sometimes, the way before me becomes clear and I know what I must do.

This was my experience last summer when I knew that somehow, somewhere, I had to go to a primitive skills gathering. A winter of forest activism had left me feeling burned out, as if all the energy had been sucked out of me. I was craving rejuvenation. Before I even made it to the gathering at Wintercount, I challenged myself and expanded my parameters of the possible by departing from veganism and eating a grasshopper toasted on a campfire on the bank of the Verde River in Arizona.

On the first day at Wintercount, I made fire. No matches, no lighter, just wood and friction. I used three different methods—a drill, a bow drill and a fire plow—to transform pure energy into a tiny smoking coal which I then carefully dropped into a tinder bundle and fanned into a fireball. What a rush! Something which had seemed remote and difficult was suddenly at my fingertips. It was not only achievable, but fun!

The next day I began the project that would be my focus: brain-tanning a deer hide. As I looked at the fresh skin spread on the ground with a bit of flesh still attached here and there, I was in awe. I hesitated before touching it. Before it dried, I took it in my hands and started puncturing the edges with a knife so we could stretch it on a frame. For days I persevered

patiently and diligently, scraping it, soaking it in brains, wringing it out, breaking it, buffing it, smoking it until it was velvety, like worn-in flannel, ready to be carried with me. I am grateful for the little deer whose life and death has become a part of my life.

Feeling myself existing within these cycles of life and death, learning how to meet my needs using materials from the Earth, experiencing intimacy and connection with the source, is humbling and inspiring. I have always enjoyed artistic creation. I have

experimented with various mediums, but by last summer, I was fed up with paper and pens and other factory-

made objects. How could my creative energy be funneled through "art supply products?" My experiments with basket

weaving brought a revelation. I could pick up parts of plants and rearrange them to create something new. It was pure—my energy combined with the plants' energy. No blowtorches, electricity or weird processing that steals energy from the Earth. At Wintercount I was exposed to a plethora of new/old mediums. The skills and crafts shared by the generous and knowledgeable instructors go way beyond survival. The potential for artful self-expression is wide open.

Along with hide-tanning, I was able to attend or peruse workshops on pine-needle baskets, fat lamps, shell etching, mineral paints, knapping obsidian blades and other tools, knots and lashing with natural materials, gourd canteens, roadkill, pecking and grinding stones, arrow making, stars and plan-

ets, a bit of desert survival, and a discussion of EoT (end of time). Other classes offered included bow making, pottery (made in a pit fire), cordage, digery doos, rattles and other instruments, finding and collecting water, spoon carving, knife sharpening, plant walks, survival skills and abo travels, felting, beading, yucca sandals, tracking, trapping, moccasins, weaving, aboriginal backpacks, nets, masks, healing, pattern making, sewing, crocheting, atlatls, birchbark baskets, blow darts, acorn cooking and cactus eating.

Wintercount folk provided examples of exquisite, detailed, labor-intensive crafts. More than any particular formula for "how to," a resourcefulness and a new way of viewing the world around me made me a participant instead of a consumer. I am involved in constant transformation. Now a plant stalk is potentially fiber for rope, sap and charcoal are glue, a carcass is a sacred array of useful bones, sinews, skin and meat.

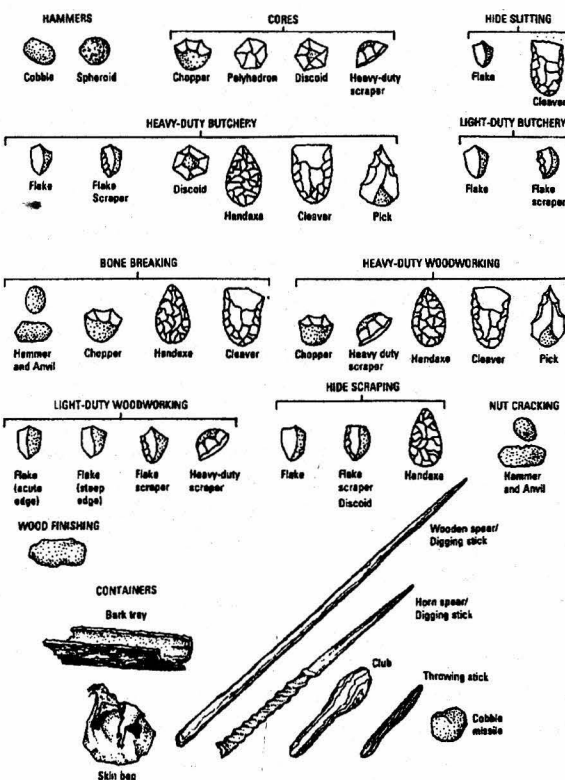
In our travels around Arizona after the gathering, my sweetie and I had an invigorated approach to creating shelter in a variety of environments and weather conditions. One night we filled a stick frame with high-piled dry pine needles and ferns to insulate ourselves from the snow-covered ground. Snuggled in our soft nest, we were actually hot while the ground froze around us.

Primitive skills are about experimentation and experience. They're about getting your hands in the dirt and muck and pulling civilization out by the roots. Did you know you can eat every part of the cattail and make mats and hats and torches from it too? Did you know it's kinder to our mother to eat roadkill venison than a banana which is shipped across the seas to grace your health food store?

As the changes come, survival is dependent upon working with the materials around us. This system of factories and transportation won't cater to our soy-milk-drinkin', polypro-usin' lifestyles much longer. Step by step, we progress down the path toward the glowing vision of harmony with Earth, departing this world of *koyaanisquatsi* as it falls down around us. Let's make the changes in our own lives now while we still have the luxury of a safety net that gives us room to remember the treasures stored in our genetic memory. A wise woman recently told me we need to learn nothing new, we need only remember what we already know.

The Earth Circle Gathering will be held in Grangeville, Idaho, July 26-31, \$125, for information call (406) 685-3222; Earth Knack Gathering Boulder, Colorado, June 18-24; \$225, (406) 685-3222. The Rabbitstick Rendezvous in Rexburg, Idaho, September 12-18, \$225, (208) 359-2400. For more information about upcoming abo skills events (work/trade opportunities are available), contact Hollowtop at (406) 685-3222; www.hollowtop.com.

UP UNTIL ABOUT 8,000 YEARS AGO, EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, WAS LIVING IN THE STONE AGE. THE TOOL KIT BELOW IS WHAT THE AVERAGE PERSON USED TO MAKE A LIVING FOR THE FIRST 2.4 MILLION YEARS OF HUMAN EXISTENCE.



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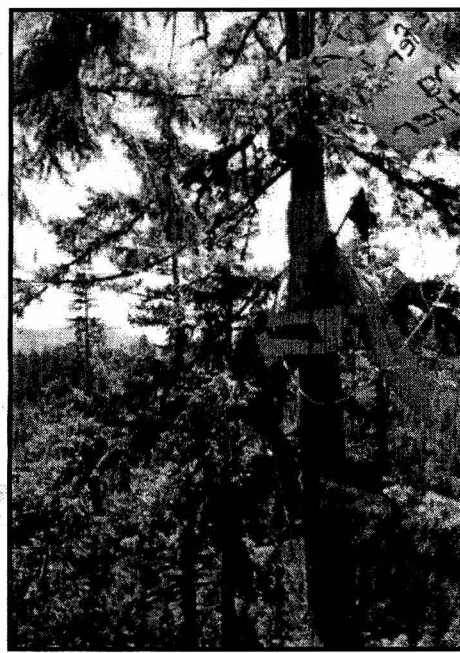
Surrounded by 25-year-old tree farms, the tree-sits now defend the last islands of ancient forest in the watershed above Fall Creek, Oregon. These vital wildlife sanctuaries have survived a century of logging and still harbor the diversity of millions of years of evolution. Due to massive overcutting on public lands, less than one percent of the Northwest's climax stage hemlock forest remains. Although rare due to its low elevation (1200 feet), the US Forest Service (USFS) wants to remove the valuable old-growth timber to "promote an ecology of interior, non-fragmented habitat over time." Formerly designated as critical habitat for spotted owls, the area now lies in the "matrix" of Clinton's Northwest Forest Plan. The matrix is the sacrifice zone for the dying timber beast. This time Zip-O Log Mills of Eugene, Oregon, plan to export the lumber to East Asia where old growth gets the highest price. But there's hope yet...

For the past year, at heights of up to 250 feet, the canopy of the Clark timber sale has been occupied by humans. Why? Since some humans don't value the lives of other species like the tree voles, owls, salamanders, flying squirrels and wolverines who live there too, we appeal to their humanity by placing our bodies in the way of

the destruction. We've endured attacks by "law" enforcement, fierce winds, arctic cold fronts, snow, general chaos and the pull of gravity (a real "law" that can't be broken!).

In relentless hit-and-run raids last fall, paramilitary Forest Service cops confiscated or burned everything left on the ground, forcing us to disband our ground support camp. A major change, but one that helped the campaign mature in many ways. The occupation evolved from a ground-based tree-sit support camp that included various elevated and subterranean road blockades (tunnels, monopods, bipods), to a self-sufficient basecamp in the air. Without the strength and adaptability of our community, any one of these things might have defeated us. Yet, together we are creating this amazing village and today five tree-houses provide shelter for up to 20 ewoks. Each house is equipped with a simple kitchen, a common library that holds dozens of books and tree-sitters are able to regularly visit each other using a network of rope walk-ways.

Meanwhile, the US Forest "Service" tries to slander and discredit activists at every opportunity. The authorities, desperate to divert the public attention from the real issues, have resorted to blatant lying. The local daily paper printed a false police press release regarding a jailed activist, which the USFS



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habitat in the watershed face obliteration, nor that taxpayers lose millions yearly subsidizing logging. Yet, alleged violations of 14-day camping limits draw more attention than two recent government reports condemning the Forest Service for consistently violating environmental laws.

On February 4, a tree-sitter named Frodo spoke eloquently and at length on radio personality Art Bell's national show. His interview prompted enthusiastic responses from supporters from Hawaii to New York City. Art Bell is now organizing a discussion between Frodo and a timber industry representative to be broadcast later this spring. Continuous pressure on Representative Peter Defazio (D-OR) has resulted in his tacit support of the cancellation and buy-back of the Clark timber sale and of ending old-growth clearcutting on public lands. But Defazio claims he can do nothing and logging may begin May 1.

We expect to be a thorn in the side of Zip-O Log Mills and the Forest Service throughout the next logging season and beyond. An active, educational support network links the tree-sits to the community and trains new climbers. If you would like to join us, come as self-sufficient as possible and be prepared for rain through June. For more information contact Red Cloud Thunder/Cascadia Forest Defenders at POB 11122 Eugene, OR (541) 684-2997; redcloud@efn.org; www.efn.org/~redcloud and www.ecoecho.org.

had to retract to avoid a slander suit. The Forest Service's public relations department is in damage control mode, focusing on petty details such as the presence of compost on the ground and litter that occasionally falls out of the trees. USFS spokesperson Patti Rodgers, who visited the site only once, claimed feces were "all over the forest floor." Not true! We bury our shit. Tree-sitters were accused of dropping jugs of urine on officers, but where is their evidence? It is of no concern to Rodgers that 96 acres of the last old-growth



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June 18 Call To Action From The Earth Liberation Front

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The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) is calling on all our underground and top-lander brethren and sistren to join in the June 18 Global Day of Action and carnival in financial districts the world over.

While others work on this day to overtly distract, we have the grand opportunity to covertly act! Remember, no injury to life, only profit! For more information and a listing of planned party sites, check out the June 18 web site at <http://www.gn.apc.org/june18/>.

Finnish Fur Web Auction Shut Down

Not even one hour into the virtual sit-in of the Finnish Fur Sales (FFS) website auction, the FFS web servers stopped accepting the electronic fur purchases and started returning "Network Connection" errors. All connections to the Finnish Fur Sales [www.ffs.fi] website server shut down when more than 1,000 computer users from all over the world converged on the website for an electronic civil disobedience action.

Finland Scores High on Direct Action

A recent report in the eco-revolutionary Finnish zine, *Muutoksen Kevät* # 12, chronicles 737 accounts of sabotage in the pursuit of Earth and animal liberation.

Here are the statistics, by target, for actions from 1993 to 1998: Fur shops and wholesalers—327 (plus 10 to 30 unconfirmed); Fur farms—35; Fur industry fodder mill arson—2; Other

animal liberations—11; Highway construction—49; Hunting—33 (118 hunting towers were also destroyed); McDonald's—70 (plus 5 to 10 unconfirmed); Shell Oil—35, Meat, milk and leather industries—61 (plus to 15 unconfirmed); and Other hits—38.

The ALF Raids University of Minnesota - 116 Liberated

Despite the Animal Enterprises Protection Act, ongoing federal grand juries and the imprisonment of several operatives, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has struck again.

As much of the world celebrated Easter, ALF operatives prepared a raid on two animal research laboratories at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis (UoM). While others commemorated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who took direct action against money-changers and the Roman Empire, the ALF delivered justice and rebirth to vivisectionists and 116 animals destined to die in experiments.

Before the night was over, 48 mice, 36 rats, 27 pigeons and five salamanders were in the arms of rescuers. That morning, animal research terrorists awoke find their animal victims missing and over \$3 million in damage done to computers, research equipment and cages in Elliot Hall and the Lions Research Building.

The ALF communiqué stated, "The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectionists. The UoM tortures 130,000 animals every year with taxpayer money. Medical doctors from around the world denounce vivisection as harmful to humans and animals."

This latest attack on the vivisection industry came on the anniversary of

the ALF's largest lab raid ever. Ten years ago at the University of Arizona in Tucson, 1,231 animals were rescued and two animal research buildings were destroyed by fire.

The UoM raid demonstrates that ALF is still able to penetrate the security cordons that have been set up to hide the horrors of vivisection from the public. Videotapes, computer files and research notebooks from the UoM were seized by the ALF and will be released to the public.

After targeting the UoM, ALF highlighted the fact that none of the rescued animals had even minimal legal protection under the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The pigeons, rats, mice and salamanders that were being tortured are not even considered animals, but are referred to as "non-animals" and over 20 million are killed every year in experiments in the US. The AWA allows these animals to be poisoned, burned, electrocuted and drowned without anesthesia or any humane consideration whatsoever.

Until legal protection is ex-

tended to all sentient beings that we share earth with, ALF raids and rescue missions will continue to be justified by those opposed to the terroristic campaign against animals occurring in the world's laboratories under the guise of science.

The ALF communiqué concludes, "Our hearts go out to our (animal) friends that could not be rescued, their future depends on you. Act now!"



BLAH BLAH BLAH. NEXT TIME, KEEP IT UNDER 300 WORDS, JACK@\$\$!

Dear SFB,

There are things wrong with the movement, everything from bickering to ineffective actions. Of all these, the two I am going to address are two of the worst and are the only ones I know solutions for. The first is the actions. Some of these are quite effective, but more often than not, they are flashy, (sometimes) make front pages and are quickly knocked down. Warner Creek wasn't held together by nails or concrete; it was support that held it together. Of course the location helped, but also it was an ongoing campaign started long before the blockade. In many of the newer actions the feeling has been, "lets go do an action" instead of "lets go find the support we need." The first one is necessary because it provides the flashiness that draws new people in. This does not mean the media work and other less macho elements can be left out. There are other reasons actions don't work, everything from isolation (sometimes you can't get a support base) and police brutality to old tactics. Another big problem is that people are spread too thin. (In the action after the 98 RRR at one point the only people were from Chicago!) There is no simple solution to this problem, and indeed there may be no solution since we are forced to fight an uphill battle. Groups could of course consolidate, but although this could make the individual groups stronger, we could lose many places. The better option would be to join in on the fight for other people's areas when they start getting hit.

The second problem is the lack of new people. The older activist movement seems to be burning out at a phenomenal rate, and I don't seem to see new recruits filling that gap. The biggest problem I think is in our outreach; the words "Earth First!" are great at turning people off but not much else. Instead we need to find things that they are concerned about (i.e., corporations). I think we need to work on people one by one, intensively, developing a friendship, and then when they know you aren't from the Far side tell 'em your views. (Heck, a month spent teaching someone is nothing compared to the work they will do once they get going.) Because of this being unforgivingly brutal and my general tone being "we aren't being very effective," I am more likely than ever of being hit by snowballs. To make sure they aren't slushy, I add this: "We could be more effective."

P.S. I'm 13 years old; you should be thinking of this stuff.

—SASHA COULTER CALLIES

Dear EF! Journal,

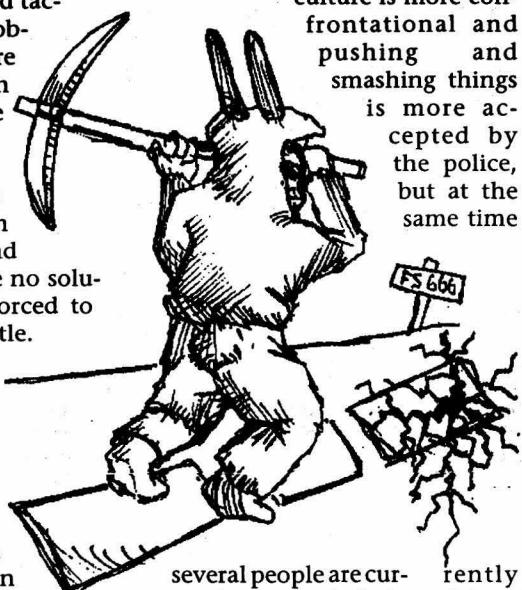
I'm writing in response to Annie Oakley's article about British EF! in the Dec./Jan. issue. The article's main point was that property damage was common in the UK, made the movement so much better, and we should do the same here. I spent four months in En-

gland at many protests, and I broadly agree with the article but parts were misleading or not explained. Property damage is widely used in the UK and is seen as economic sabotage the same as blockades and companies having to hire extra security guards. However, it does remain a topic of discussion, and there are many criticisms of poorly planned or stupid destruction and of times when it was the only form of action while other forms would have been more appropriate.

Although the UK has no First Amendment, the laws are much milder than in the US, for instance, office occupations aren't even illegal. British culture is more confrontational and pushing and smashing things is more accepted by the police, but at the same time

several people are currently in jail convicted of criminal damage. Drugs and alcohol are much more common on protests leading to crazier events. At most environmental protests there are only security guards who have few powers, and even when police are present they seldom carry weapons, and the whole scene is much mellow. Lastly the media as a whole is much better than in the US.

One very important difference in the UK is that EF! is not the environmental direct action movement. EF! is more the intellectual elite of the movement and many EF! people have a decent analysis of society, capitalism, anarchism and other topics relating to environmental destruction. The article said that action camps aren't common; however, this is untrue. As I write this the Chrystal Palace protests site in London has been evicted except for the underground bunkers and hundreds of police surrounding the area. There are many types of actions in the UK but the main one is protests sites where people camp in the path of destruction. Sites provide a place for people to live and organize and a place to fortify since they have to be evicted before the local environment can be destroyed. The final major difference is public support. In the US we deal with a hostile public from logging towns while in the UK the local public is all in favor of preserving green space and works eagerly with direct action



relations." How about door number three? We could phase out *Homo sapiens*, and change our power relations with other species at the same time. These are not mutually exclusive goals, in fact, they go hand in flipper. Rather than writing for *Earth First! Journal*, Jim might be more at home in the "Certain Subgroupings of Humans First, Earth Second! Journal."

—LES U. KNIGHT, EDITOR, *THESE EXIT TIMES*

Dear Journalistas,

Upon reading Jim Page's article in the last issue, "Tying the Knot," I was very disappointed to learn that Paul Watson is again willing to align himself with racists. Even further I was disappointed that, when confronted with this information, Sea Shepherd people would defend the action by calling a said racist, "a political maverick who votes his conscience..." Yes, and the same could be said for Ollie North or David Duke, but I certainly wouldn't align myself with them, regardless of how they felt about a whale. I say "again willing" because Paul has previously aligned himself with eugenicists and neo-nazis when he endorsed the Sierra Club's anti-immigration initiative.

Such limited thinking in campaign planning only serves to hurt the movement in the long run.

In order for the radical environmental movement to be successful in its aim to protect all life on Earth, it is going to have to come together with all left movements for social change — feminist, workers, anti-racist, indigenous and environmental justice to name a few. In order to accomplish this, we must foster a safe environment for people from these other movements to get involved with ours, as well as reach out and become involved in theirs. It will be more difficult to accomplish this if members of our movement promote the objectives of the oppressors (racists, captains of industry, rapists, etc.). This is not about "political correctness;" this is about achieving our objective of overthrowing the Earth-destroying state (which, incidentally, is run by the exact same people who oppress workers, steal land from indigenous peoples and think of women as inferiors).

Besides, it has been documented that Adolph Hitler was an animal lover. But I doubt any of us would have recommended that PETA or ALF join forces with him.

I am sorry that Paul Watson and others at SSCS feel that their actions networking with racist oppressors are defensible and in order with achieving their goals. While they may achieve a short term goal, they set us all back from achieving our overall goals. Win the battle—lose the war. Save a whale—lose the oceans. But I hope that in raising this debate, it will allow others of us to take pause and learn a lesson from this incident about what it means to be truly effective.

—ANNE PETERMANN

activists. While I was in England there were nights where I wore a mask and things fell apart, but as we learn from British activists, we have to understand the difference in the US and proceed carefully so that in the end we are successful.

—TRISTAN ANDERSON

Dear Earth First!

Hello! My name is Garrett Beal. I am 20-years-old and am currently serving a six year prison sentence in Shelby County, Indiana. I'd rather not say exactly why I'm in prison, but I will say that I did not harm anyone or do anything abusive!

For the past 21 months I have sat in my cell and have basically done nothing but waste away! Until I heard an interview on the Art Bell show, discussing a group of people in Eugene, Oregon, who are living 250 feet up in these beautiful trees to stop loggers from cutting them down. I was extremely moved by these peoples love for Mother Earth and decided to start doing something myself!

While I was a free man, I experienced traveling with the Grateful Dead and going to Hemp Fests etc., etc... But even though I was promoting hemp and going to all these different places, I really wasn't in the right state of mind to learn anything!

So, what I want to do from here, is gather as much info as possible to help me understand more about the Earth and what all I can do! I have all the time in the world to get educated, and once I start receiving some information, I can try to educate others. Anyone who is willing to send any letters, pamphlets or whatever else will be greatly appreciated! Do not send anything with staples. Also, I will do my best to respond to all of the mail I receive!

I recently had the good luck of having an *Earth First! Journal*, and I have never seen anything quite like it! I'm still amazed at how far some of you all go to save our Mother! You all have rightfully earned my deepest respect and love! Maybe one day, I too will have an influence on people, like you all on me!

Anyway, I wish the best for everyone out there who is doing their part in the fight to protect our beautiful Earth!

Love,
—GARRET BEAL, 107 W. TAYLOR ST.,
SHELBYVILLE, IN 46176

Dear *Earth First! Journal*,

Jim Page sees two choices: "complete depletion of the human population or an intentional radical shift in our power

Dear Earth First!,

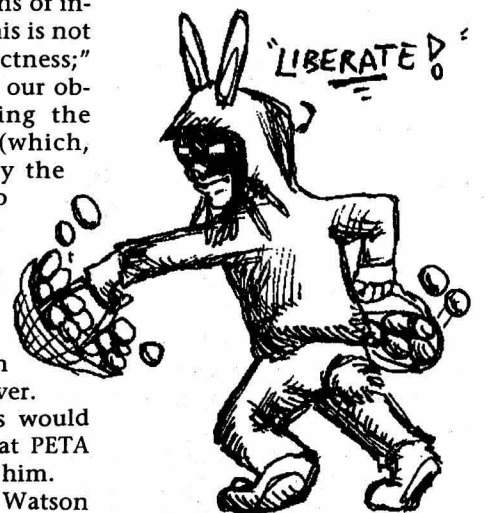
Thanks to the determination and courage of Nigerian protestors, worldwide organizations, and the international media the story is out about Shell. Powerful, money hungry, multinational oil companies support the Nigerian government's brutal military control in order to continue exploiting the environment. The bloody backlash waged against the Nigerian nonviolent protestors has not been ignored. The people will not be snuffed out quietly. Recent public radio programs have been broadcasting about this evolving hostile situation between the Nigerian people and the oil companies. Our call to action has been heard, and protests are now underway against Shell in Santa Cruz. In the March article titled "Nigerian Protestors Killed," I felt like a brief history of Nigerian environmental and human rights abuses was fully needed to inform people about the present situation. The direct connection between the violence against protestors and the exploitation of Nigerian lands should be emphasized. Overall, I felt the article did a good job of summarizing the situation and encouraging action. I think this quote sums it up, "When you buy Shell gas you are pumping the blood of the Nigerian people into your car!"

Thank you,

—CHARMIAN TAYLOR

Dear EF!/SFB/whoever hates Earth Killers and their kind,

I don't care what you do with this letter, print it or whatever, but I would like some advice back on this very sensitive topic. I just don't know how to go about this without fucking shit up violently. I don't like hatred, but this pisses me off. I understand the kinds of love and passion you all put into saving the planet. I'm trying to do the same but am restricted by school and other bullshit. But here's my subject. Every day I witness murder. Murder so devastating that it could destroy our oceans. (I live in Key Largo, FL, and wrote once before.) There are these fudged-up corporations that for some reason love to rip



pristine living coral from the bowels of the sea. They're called "Shell Man," "Shell World" and the like. They sell tons and tons of raped creatures in their stores. Most of the coral is legal to sell by other countries. We are the reef's last chance. Tourists think it is so cute to buy dead "souvenir" corals, crocodile heads, shells, etc., to take home. It makes me puke. I've tried to tell people this, but all kids (and adults) do around here is drink, trip and smoke

ganja. I would like to try and organize a campaign or something to try and slow or stop this deadly process. I (and the corals) need help. Please write back, this is urgent. I love you all for what you do and I would write more but I'm suffering from a pissed off writer's block at the moment. Please print this so more people can become aware of the coral reefs.

Your friend

—TODD BOOST, 114 GUMBO LIMBO DR., KEY LARGO, FL 33037

I recently read a news article about a possible "threat" by Earth First! against vineyards in the Santa Barbara County in response to widespread clearing of oak trees by various wine companies. If this is a real threat—then you must know what you will be up against. Santa Barbara county Sheriffs have three helicopters equipped with FLIR surveillance devices. These devices sense heat and form images as a result of the heat patterns. The systems are manufactured by a company called Inframetrics. Some information is available on the web. These systems have zoom capabilities of up to X84! They have usage of up to five miles! They have improved imaging that can see through smoke, fog and rain (to some degree). The best I can find out from available literature is that if viewing distance is approximately doubled or tripled in poor environmental conditions. Flight time for surveillance helicopters is unknown. Typical missions are three hours—but I swear I have seen them active from sunset to sunrise. I think these refurbished military choppers have additional gas tanks installed for longer missions. So what you have is a helicopter stationed about two miles in the air that has an incredible field of view. How do you defeat these units? —Unknown— I have thought of using an umbrella (with additional IR opaque material draped over the top). Likely a small fan might have to be attached to the umbrella pole that pulls cool air through the umbrella cover. If you do not have this fan, it is likely your breath will heat the umbrella shroud, and your umbrella will heat up and give a valid IR signature. I hope this is all a hoax by the Ag community. Happy hunting.

Ed. note: The US Marine Corps become invisible to FLIR's by wrapping themselves in a wet wool blanket, covering the blanket with adhesive and rolling in dirt and leaves.

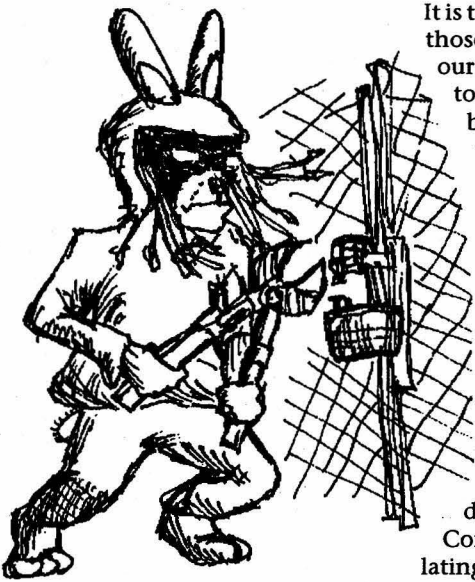
To the Movement,

Is it the actual act of arson towards Vail we, as a movement, are so disturbed by, or is it the end result, the backlash created, the loss of public support, all the hardwork threatened? I think this is a question we all must answer within ourselves. You can't tell me you didn't get chills and crack a small smile when you heard of the fires at Vail and the \$12 million hit they took. \$12 million is a lot of money. True they have more, lots of it, but an economic loss is an economic loss. It serves notice to other corporate slimeballs. The economic loss may be minimal, if noticed at all, but the psychological ramifications might have been effective. They have instilled, within our movement, a

paranoid state of mind why not return the favor. It's the least we could do. Watch out folks! We have the ability to really rock your shit, and we are not afraid to do it!

Though I do question the timing of the act, as well as the targeting of the particular buildings and not the actual equipment being used, I do not question the act in and of itself. Monkeywrenching, for lack of a better word, is valuable when used properly. It is a tool, we as a movement, for some reason have turned our backs towards, effectively eliminating one possible strategy of protection. When an act occurs we tend to run in the other direction, distancing ourselves and isolating those individuals on our own side. Is this the correct thing to do? Should we condemn those whose ultimate goal is identical to our own: a wild Earth? Even if their particular actions are different from our own? I think these are questions the movement needs to think about.

The Vail arson, to many, was an irresponsible and senseless act; however, the ultimate intent, the ultimate goal was not the complete protection of the Two Elks and the lynx, and never will be. If we begin to question the intent of others, we begin to question our own intent within the Earth First! movement. Are we for environmental protection by any means necessary (while continuing to act in a non-violent manner, respecting all lifeforms) to borrow a phrase from Malcolm X, or are we for Earth protection through the acceptable channels provided for us by an establishment we struggle against? This is something we need to come to terms with. As actions like Vail increase, as the struggle continues to evolve,



are we going to evolve with it? Or are we going to remain within our own comfort zone?

—A SMALL VOICE FROM VERMONT

Dear SFB,

I was appalled by the coverage of the Activist Conference. This is a major gathering to discuss very important issues, and the article covering it deserved more than 600 words with about a third about hiking and partying. Regions are encouraged to send only representatives to the Activist Conference and depend then on the *Journal* to find out what happened. Much of the information and discussions that the conference said would be printed in the *Journal* was cut from the article by the editorial staff of the *Journal*. The movement supports the *Journal* in many ways and it isn't unreasonable

to expect that once a year the *Journal* support the movement and dedicate a page or two to inform those who could not attend the Activist conference about what actually transpired. From the article it seems as if the main focus of the conference was hiking and partying, not business and strategy. Unfortunately, this could become reality as more people begin to attend the Activist Conference, based on the report from the *Journal*, looking for a party.

Beyond its lack of scope, what really pissed me off about the article was the reference to Saturday night's fiasco as a "Pagan Debauchery." While there is no doubt that it was debauchery there was nothing pagan about it. A group of drunken college kids would have behaved in the same way. There was nothing spiritual about that cheering, jeering and pure crudeness that was displayed at that fire. While pagans did occasionally cut loose, it was done within the social constraints of the society with a spiritual goal. At our conference the group behaved as ugly Americans with no regard to the other folks, including kids, who call that beach home. I was ashamed of and embarrassed for my tribe. The fact that I was forced to support it because some of the money I paid at both the Rendezvous and Activist Conference was spent by the committee on the four gallons of margaritas that kicked the party off only adds insult to injury.

It is time that we stop enabling those dysfunctional folks in our tribe. Pagan is not a word to be used to excuse any behavior. It is a spirituality with a basis in the Earth and includes many different ways of practicing. The common thread between these is not drunk and stupid but a deep ingrained love and respect for the Earth and all living beings including our community, tribe and ourselves. None of that was present at the Saturday party at the Activist Conference. The war is escalating and it time for us as a movement to get real. Lets stop thinking the oppressors disease is some how cool and start calling drunk and stupid, drunk and stupid. And lets print a comprehensive article of the Activist Conference. I know you have one.

—DELYLA WILSON

Dear fecal material in the cranium,

I'm writing the *Journal* after a discussion with my friend, who recently called and asked why the *Journal* doesn't run personal ads. A letter was suggested, so here it is.

Fact is, the personal ads, including Concerned Singles, don't reach enough of the right type of people, at least, considering the demographic hell people like myself find ourselves in. So one subverts the dominant paradigm, buys some land near wilderness and sets up a homestead. Needless to say, this is not mainstream... and the ads cater to the buy more, have a lot

of stuff, looking for guys/gals with \$\$\$, etc. ad nauseum. So, how about it?

However, if you did have a personals section, here's an approximation of what my ad would look like:

Treehugger seeks woman who belongs among the wildflowers. Sometimes enviro activist seeks partnership with an intelligent, humorous, monogamous female who desires life away from the ratrace.

I am old enough to know better but young enough to still care, blond/blue, thin. Motorcyclist and bicyclist, truthseeking,

writer, ethical vegetarian who is tolerant, always an iconoclast. Live part time on the old homestead in Northern Minnesota, with an occasional black bear in the yard. Mosquitoes are hell in summer (primary on the food chain), and the winters are damn cold (which makes it a good time to travel). Off grid, with solar and wind generated electricity, underground house, garden that needs weeding. I'm cute enough, and you probably are too. More of a "Son of Hayduke" than PC. Still a dreamer despite heartbreak, do you exist? And read the *Journal*!

OK, no hate mail please. Not racist, ageist, specieist, sexist or homophobic—just happen to be white hetero male human.

So keep up the good work. No fucking compromise!

—SMOKEY, Rt. 2 Box 192, CLEARBROOK, MN., 56634, POWELL99@YAHOO.COM

Dear EF! J

Greetings from Southern Oregon! It has always been my opinion that the *EF! journal* would best serve by being a voice for the whole environmental movement. My impression of *EF!* has always been that if you are taking a proactive stance for the Earth, no matter what you are doing, then you *are* *EF!* It was disheartening to find out first hand that the *EF! Journal* has not been as interested in a variety of ideas as they have been with toeing the movement party line. Five times in three years, myself and several others have submitted relevant, articulate criticisms of the existing mentality (fanaticism is a better word) in the movement, only to have the editorial staff censor our viewpoint. The state of the planet is so bad, it is counterproductive to dismiss any tactic without circumstantial review. I know lots of people who gave up on the *Journal* long ago. The fanatical non-violent faction of the movement seemed to have a strangle hold on "the voice" of the movement. Anyone who questioned the sensibility of using civil rights era tactics in the direct action campaigns of the '90s was labeled an advocate of violence.

Sharing ideas and reporting on issues and actions is not, by any means, the same thing as advocating or condoning

violence. Obviously, there are still people who do not understand this, as evidenced by the vicious tirade delivered by the self-appointed King of radical activism, Daryll Cherney (Brigid issue). However, it seems like things are changing for the better. Clearly, the Vail action and David Chain's murder have changed how people look at what we are accomplishing. I am still reading things in *Journal* that I find are out of touch and downright offensive, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I want to be informed on all existing viewpoints. I don't need the *Journal* or "the Elder" Daryl Cherney deciding what I should be reading. Every tool in the box, right?

You are simply documenting viewpoints and tactics that are relevant for informed decision making. Keep it up. Please do not be intimidated by celebrity bullies threatening to pull their support. There is much more at risk than ideas. Disagreeing with tactics is fine. Dismissing them without review, or attempting to censor discussion about them, is unacceptable. Daryll Cherney has obviously deteriorated into a self-aggrandizing, inane, pretentious windbag. Trying to usurp or control the movement is tyrannical and unintelligent.

Thanks again for standing up for objectivity and free-speech and for realizing that the ecological crisis calls for more than democratic concessions. This is what differentiates radicals from liberals, and this is the radical environmental movement, right? At least as many people are inspired by this new approach as are alienated. You have my unconditional support.

In solidarity for the wild,

—CHRISTIAN HUNTER

The pros and cons of the Vail Mountain arson in the Feb-March 99 issue makes me think, where have I heard all this before? The controversy is as old as monkeywrenching itself and I think the best way to deal with it is almost as old.

Many years ago, when the novelty of monkeywrenching was on the wane, and negative reactions on the rise, Dave Forman suggested that monkeywrenchers quit taking credit for their actions. Instead, remain mute and shroud the action in mystery, letting common vandals be suspect.

Remember that monkeywrenching is about economic sabotage and not public outreach. (See *EF! J Dec.-Jan. 99, Annie Oakley Visits UKF!*). In any case, the entire movement is, or should be, about saving the planet, not inflating the ego.

Leave to speculation the identity and motives of wrenchers and allow room to maneuver for other people working out in the open. It does no good to put people like our hero Julia Butterfly Hill into an awkward and difficult situation.

In Her Service,

—LORD TOAD



Bare Bones

NATO Attacks Threaten Yugoslavian Environment

The New Green Party in Belgrade and the president of the Ecological Party from Tirana, Yugoslavia reports that Serbia is one of the greatest sources of underground waters in Europe, and NATO bombing will result in the contamination of the whole surrounding area all the way to the Black Sea. On the first day of the war, Nato hit targets near the municipality of Grocka where the nuclear reactor Vinca a nuclear waste storage facility are situated. Other targeted areas have been the municipality of Pancevo, where a petrol-chemical factory and a factory for artificial fertilizers are situated and the municipality of Baric, which has a complex for chloride production using Bopal technology.

On the second day of bombing, in the Belgrade suburb of Sremcica, a factory producing chemical products and rocket fuel was hit, contaminating the surrounding area. NATO will be using B1 and A10 war planes which are carrying munitions with depleted uranium previously used in Iraq and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Four national parks were also hit, all members of the International Association of National Reserves.

Yugoslavia is among the 13 most biodiverse countries on Earth.

Millions Vote Zapatista

In a March 21 "consultation," 2.4 million Mexicans voted in a unofficial plebiscite organized by the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN). The highest turnout was in the southern states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and in Mexico City. Another 44,000 Mexicans voted outside the country. The voting was done at 8,815 voting places and also involved some 3,418 community assemblies, following indigenous customs of voting after seeking consensus in discussion.

The vote consisted of four questions asking whether the voter agreed with the EZLN position on indigenous rights and the implementation of accords it signed with the government in 1996. More than 95% voted "yes" to the four questions. The number of voters was about double the 1 million votes in the EZLN's last consultation in 1995. A Mexican electoral official described the plebiscite as the rebels "first big effort to break the circle the government has built around them [since 1995] by showing that they still represent a very significant sector of public opinion."

Alexander, one of the 5,000 EZLN "delegates" who spread out across the country to promote the consultation, said Mexican president Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon "has no choice but to listen to us now."

Mexican Wolf Pup Dies

Another setback in the Mexican wolf recovery program came when a motorist found a dead 10 month-old wolf pup about two miles north of the release site near the Arizona-New Mexico border. When last monitored by radio the day before her death, the pup had been traveling with her parents and sister. On April 14, the wolf had been hit by a car. Nine more wolves are expected to be released in the next two months. Five wolves have already been shot, another is missing and no one was charged with the murders. In a recent example of "cowboy biology," New Mexico ranchers went to court in an effort to stop wolf reintroduction. They argued that wolves are just coyote hybrids who take food away from Mexican spotted owls, from which ranchers "derive substantial aesthetic enjoyment."

PIE'EM ALL.

BY AGENT APPLE

San Francisco Judge Ernest Goldsmith thought the draconian six-month sentence dished out to the Cherry Pie 3 (CP3) for pieing Mayor Willie Brown would deter any further pie-litical pressure (see *EF!* J, March-April '99). But in fact, a reaction opposite to what the forces of Law and Order demanded has occurred, and political re-pie-sals have risen with pieing hot intensity throughout the industrial world.

The Biotic Baking Brigade (BBB) has claimed responsibility for 18 of the 35 confirmed pie operations worldwide since Milton Friedman received his tasty comeuppance last fall. In the US, from California to New Hampshire, freedom-loving peoples have reached the conclusion that pie is justice—no matter how you slice it.

On March 5, a communiqué from the BBB-Nor'eastah Irregulars (BBB-NI) announced that Dr. Neal First, geneticist and animal cloner from the University of Wisconsin, was given his just desserts after a lecture at the University of New Hampshire. First had just finished presenting the latest on his "science" when Agent Rusty flung a red-tinged cream pie from the lecture hall doorway straight into Dr. First's placid face, warning all present, "Don't Fuck with Mother Nature!" Moments later, the good doctor was served a second helping of humble pie by two more BBB-NI agents insisting that cloning is no clowning matter. After Agent Creamy Genes (aka Dave Pike) was taken into custody for suspected crimes against science, his accomplice Lemon Soufflé, speaking from an unknown kitchen, warned, "We must free Creamy Genes and all genetic material from the jail cells and test tubes of sourpuss scientists and their donut-eating henchmen!"

In response, the BBB's Ecotopia General Command met in emergency session to plan our next pastry fusillade. An injury to one is an injury to all. After networking with pie militants both in Amerika and abroad, we consensed on the following call for solidarity. The

"Procter & Gamble CEO John Pepper was pelted in Chicago by PETA, the second time he has been peppered with pies in a pastry assault."

following is an excerpt from "Feed the Rich!," the call to action written by members of a Dutch pie brigade:

"Pie actions or comparable direct actions are performed all over the world. In a certain sense we are connected because we aim at the same targets, or 'fight' for the same or comparable reasons. International solidarity is our answer to such an abuse of power. As protest and to draw attention to this crime, we call for a worldwide campaign against local mayors, corporate executives and sellout NGO leaders."

Soon after, the Ecotopia Cell of the BBB swung into action, delivering just desserts in the form of three pies to Chevron CEO Kenneth Derr. Agent 3.14 launched the first gustatory strike, alluding to Chevron's "People Do" ad-campaign by questioning Derr, "Do people really kill Nigerians for oil? People Do!" Then multiple pie-throwers successfully tossed three pies and dis-

appeared without a trace by effecting an appropriate fossil-fuel-free getaway on bikes and foot. Derr was targeted because of Chevron's murder of nonviolent activists in Nigeria and "Operation: No Blood For Oil" was dedicated to those struggling to defend the Earth and their cultures from corporate oil exploitation, and in memory of the six who

lost their lives while opposing Occidental Petroleum's plans to drill on indigenous U'wa land in Columbia.

The next act in the round and creamy revolution occurred when an anonymous pie-slinger targeted Minnesota Governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura. A week later, a communiqué from the Midwest Faction-Coldwater Cell of the BBB claimed responsibility for the entartement of a Minnesota state senator. Agent Pecan asserted, "In response to the backhanded, backroom dealing to stop the protection of Camp Coldwater Spring, a Dakota sacred site, and Minnehaha Park from destruction by the reroute of Highway 55, State Senator Carol Flynn, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, received an entartement because she believes she is upper crust and can decide for the people what tasty morsels of public policy are available to us." Agent Pecan (Bob Greenberg) of the Midwest Faction was charged with fifth-degree assault. His action prompted television footage of the notorious paramilitary police raid on Minnehaha Free State (see *EF!* J February-March '99) to be rebroadcast on local TV for days.

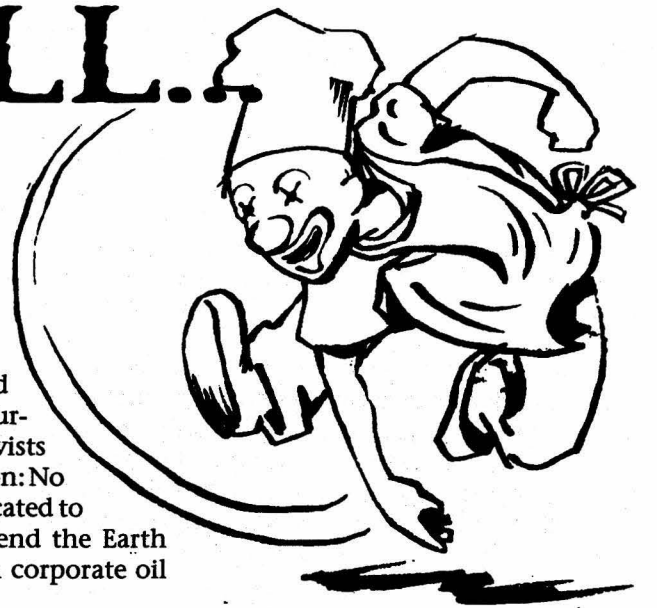
April 8 brought word of yet another Heartland pie toss. The venue was the incredibly scary "Biotechnology and Agriculture" conference being held on the campus of Grinnell College in Iowa. The deliciously deserving target was free market biotechnology advocate

Dennis Avery, who serves as Director of the Center for Global Food Issues.

The Central Iowa Anarchist (CIA) cell of the BBB conducted "Operation: Avery's Savory" as a response to Avery's shameless and flagrant support of biotechnology and industrial factory farming. During the keynote speech, BBB-CIA Agent Carob replaced the bald spot on Avery's head with a delightful vegan and mostly organic (it is Iowa, after all—no Mecca for natural foods) carob/almond/apple sauce pie and then disappeared without a trace.

We have since received numerous brief reports from the frontlines of the current global pastry uprising, including the following special deliveries:

US—Sierra Club employee Charlie Raines received a banana cream pie facial delivery while speaking at a panel on land exchanges at the ELAW conference in Eugene, Oregon. Procter & Gamble CEO John Pepper was pelted in Chicago by PETA, the second time he has been peppered



...& Let God Sort 'Em Out

with pies in a pastry assault.

Spain—The Collectif Autonome Sde Chomeurs pied the Belgian Minister of Labour, while he was in Spain. Carles Campuzano, a member of the Spanish Congress for the Catalan party Convergencia i Unita, was pied twice in January.

Canada—British Columbia's Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh was pied at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC. A few weeks earlier in Manitoba, Hoops Harrison, Executive Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, was struck in the face with three cream pies. The Les Entartistes of Montreal have pied close to a dozen targets, including recent target Roger D. Landry, President of La Presse media syndicate, in a solidarity gesture to the CP3. They've also creamed the mayor and the chief of police in Montreal, as well as federal politicians.

United Kingdom—Our British counterparts attempted to flan the Chairman of British Aerospace, Sir Richard Evans, during a lecture at South London University. Regrettably, security at the event was quite tight and the pie-tosser was unceremoniously ejected from the room. In a testament to the belief that "If at first you don't succeed, pie, pie again," Welsh Action Against Genetics (WAAG) next put its creamy sights on the UK Science Minister, Lord David Sainsbury, while he was at Swansea University.

I shall close this faithful account of the brave actions of militant anarchist bakers everywhere by making a plea for solidarity with those entarteurs who now face state repression for practicing in-your-face politics. Our man Creamy Genes is in need of funds to mount a defense. Dave has consistently been there for many of us and the Earth, now we need to be there for him. Please send letters of support and money to the BBB—Nor'eastah Irregulars, New Hampshire Earth First! at POB 4101 Portsmouth, NH 03802. For more information on the BBB contact the Friends of the BBB—Ecotopia, 3288 21st #92, San Francisco, CA, 94110; bbb_apple@hotmail.com.

"The Pie's the Limit" is a hilarious 28-minute video features a cornucopia of political pie-throwings in San Francisco and beyond, including a brief history of consumable comedy and behind the scenes interviews with underground pie-tossers. To order contact Whispered Media, POB 40130, San Francisco, CA 94140; (415) 789-8484; whisper@energy-net.org.

WHEW!... THE FUSE WENT OUT

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Northern New Mexico is a mountainous, forested region, including roughly one and a half million acres of state, private, and tribal forest lands and three million acres of national forest. Arizona and New Mexico are among the top ten states in terms of number of endangered species, most of which are found in high elevation and riparian forests. Forest Guardians litigates extensively on logging and grazing abuses in these areas, and is the only group in New Mexico that actively supports the national campaign to end logging on public lands (Zero Cut).

According to the Western States Center, a group that monitors hate crimes in the West, "In rural communities, militia organizing has often come on the heels of wise-use county rule campaigns to take over local government and declare authority over federally managed public lands." The attack on Forest Guardians came after a forum was held to discuss a lawsuit the group recently filed that contends the entire federal timber sale program is illegal and should be stopped. The forum was organized by officials of Rio Arriba County. Afterwards, violent threats were made, flamed by unconscionable rhetoric suggesting that the true aim of the Forest Guardians is to dispossess local people of their land.

In a 1994 letter to the editor of the *New York Times*, the commissioners stated that, "Many local villagers do not recognize the jurisdiction of the Forest Service over local lands... lawsuits currently pending by Forest Guardians threaten traditional use of private lands... and threaten to force many off of their inherited lands. Indo-Hispanic villagers view this as an extension of Manifest Destiny; they view Forest Guardians and other outside Anglo environmental organizations as colonizers. The inability of unrecognized indigenous peoples to make their plight known further increases the potential for violence in Rio

Arriba County." But do the county commissioners speak for an angry majority, or are they only a small group that is attempting to provoke anger and hostility by making the most inflammatory claim possible—that environmentalists are out to kick the poor off the land?

The fact is this same sentiment is echoed in the newsletters of wise-use groups such as *La Jicarita*, a "watershed protection coalition" that bills itself as an environmental group. In an open letter signed by locals, loggers and Sierra Club officials the claim is made that court-ordered decisions halting old-growth timber sales "can mean the difference between families being able to maintain their ranches and farms or having to sell out to vacation home owners and join the flow of displaced people into our urban areas."

This rhetoric is so pervasive that not only is the Bureau of Land Management now calling for legally enforceable consideration of "culture and custom" in land management plans, but even groups within the bioregion who call themselves Earth First! are refusing to endorse uncompromising positions such as Zero Cut, citing concerns over small millowners. (Perhaps they should call themselves Small Mill Owners First!)

What the editors of *La Jicarita* chose to ignore were statistics which show that between '90 and '94 (when Mexican spotted owl restrictions on public land took effect) the timber cut from the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests dropped by 88 percent. Yet, according to the US Labor Department for Rio Arriba County, wood products employment actually rose from 127 employees with a \$1.5 million annual payroll in '90, to 225 employees with a \$3.6 million payroll in '94.

Another insidious wise-use idea gaining popularity with a public concerned primarily with human stress reduction is the notion that there are win/win solutions for timber operators and the forests. The line goes that decades of mismanagement of

public lands through logging, grazing and fire suppression have resulted in unhealthy forest growth that is vulnerable to catastrophic fire and must be logged, both to restore forest health and help local economies (win/win).

In reality, there is no proof that logging reduces either the frequency or severity of fires and improves forest health, or that logging provides net economic benefits to communities or the public. There is considerable evidence to the contrary. Implementation of a win/win strategy involves creating "partnerships" among commercial resource extractors, management agencies and selected members of the local public. The claim is made that people at the local level are more likely to come up with solutions. But these local partnerships actually work against democracy by disenfranchising the majority of the population and empowering those with vested extractive commercial interests. Virtually all local, collaborative proposals have, in fact, called for increases in the volume of public lands logging and grazing.

Public lands must be maintained for the public good and all forests have intrinsic ecological value that must be protected. Logging subsidies now in place, exceeding \$1 billion a year, could be redirected to programs that create jobs restoring ecosystems, recovering wildlife populations, reducing consumption, developing alternative fibers and promoting sustainability for private woodlands. Forest Guardians feels it must continue to oppose commercial logging on public lands, no matter how it is packaged, for the simple reason that forests are worth far more ecologically and economically standing and growing where they are than liquidated for short term profit and gain.

Charlotte Talberth is a former board president of Forest Guardians and a founding member of the National Forest Protection Campaign, formerly known as the Zero Cut Campaign.

David Rovics Music Review of "We Just Want the World" and "Pay Day at Coal Creek" BY ANNE ARCKY

David Rovics is one of the few modern activist folksingers writing topical songs in the spirit of the music of the early American radical labor movement. His newest releases come as a pair.

We Just Want the World is an album of originals, some of which revive old folk/melodies with stories of modern heroes and martyrs; and one album of straight revivals, titled "Pay Day at Coal Creek." Like true folk music often does, David's songwriting reflects both his contemporary influences, like Jim Page and Utah Phillips, in addition to historic inspirations like Hazel Dickens and Phil Ochs.

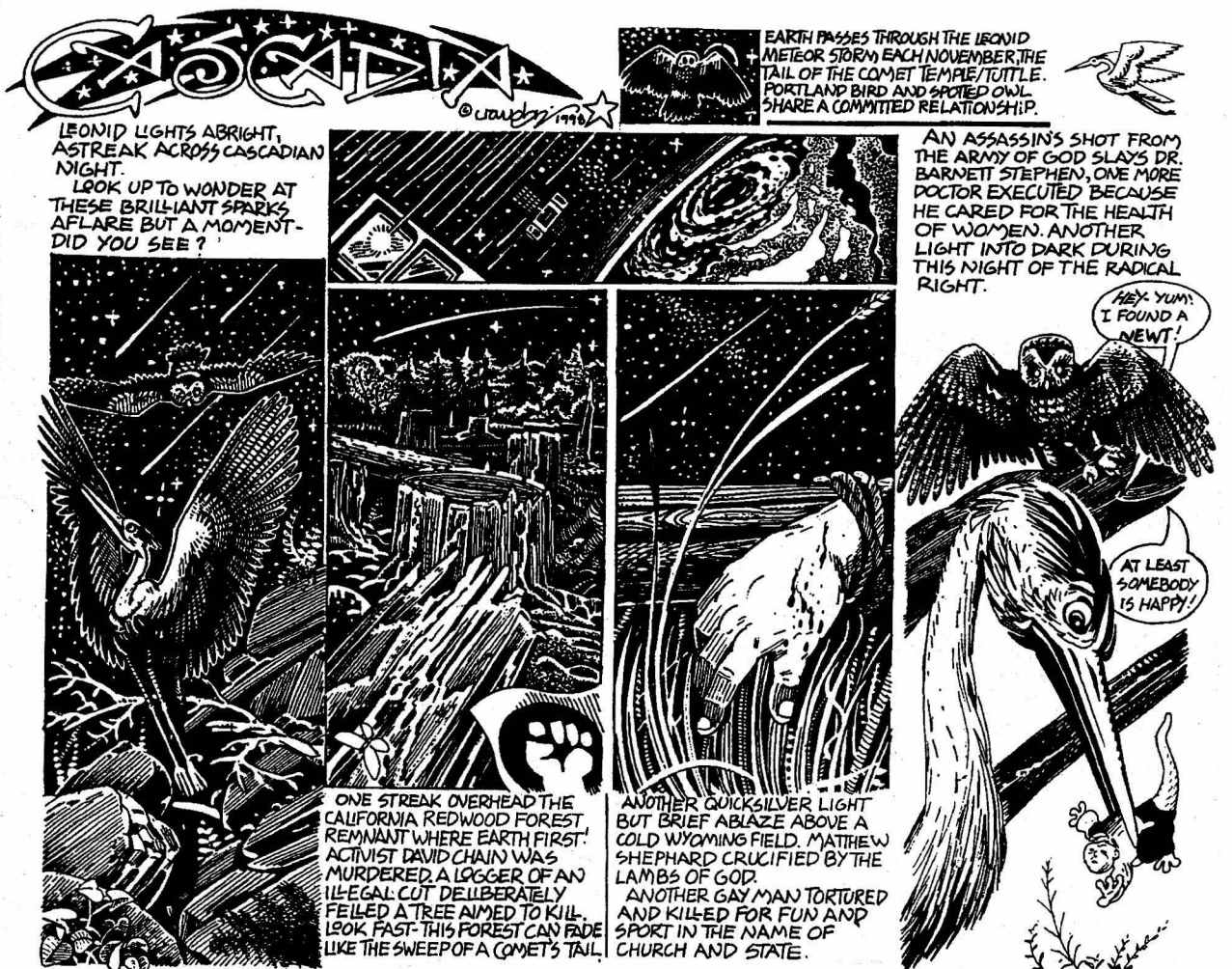
On *Pay Day at Coal Creek*, David has committed himself to honoring the tradition of protest through song. He revives Woody Guthrie's legendary Robin Hood anthem, "Pretty Boy Floyd" and "The Popular Wobbly" by T-Bone Slim, as well as Utah Phillips' more contemporary "Yellow Ribbon" about the Gulf War. Anonymous gems like "the Lowell Factory Girl" and "Spencil Hill," about Irish immigration are also included. The title track, written by the infamous "Anonymous," is a tune about job loss—a topic that David notes is as relevant as ever in this era of downsizing and automation.

We Just Want the World is stocked with original, catchy folk anthems that tell our stories with humor and melancholy. The title track envisions an uncompromising peoples' revolution of values and power. "Boxcar Betty" celebrates an often forgotten IWW organizer and "shero." Paying homage to fallen martyrs of our time are "The Death of David Chain" and "Judi Bari." The opening track, "Minimum Wage Strike" plants a vision of a workers' uprising in the service and fast-food industries, and "Henry Ford was a Fascist" is a cheeky expose of the auto magnate's slave-labor contracting with the Nazis. A clever, ironic humor drives the bluegrass "Parking Lots and Stripmalls." David's workers' history masterpiece, "Glory and Fame" got a fresh re-recording for this album, begging the question of the legacy of working class struggle, "Will I lie forgotten, or arise?" "Contras, Kings and Generals" is a mournful ballad dedicated to the Iraqi people: "Missiles flying in the third world/but fits and starts are everywhere/from the mountains of Chiapas/to the streets of Tompkins Square/Empires fall, this one will too/so here's to the day/when this one is through."

David's music has made its way around many a rally and campfire, from the School of the Amerikkas demo

in Georgia last Fall (for which he wrote an impromptu "line crossing" anthem), to the Minnehaha Free State, for which he wrote a campfire song. From his street performances in the subways of Boston to university history department lecture halls, David has (almost) made a living off a potent political education tool, while documenting historic and current social activist history. Consider spreading our stories by bringing him to your college or local coffeehouse.

Contact David at POB 995, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130; drovics@aol.com; www.davidrovics.com. Send \$15 + \$2 s&h to order his new releases.



SHAKE OFF THE WINTER AND

WILD EARTH: RESISTING ECOCIDE! Activist Gathering, May 7-11

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ASYLUM GATHERING JUNE 11-15

Loosely defined as a free punk/anarchist convergence with a radical environmentalist slant, this year's gathering will take place in the wilds of Cascadia just south of Eugene, OR. Come out (before heading to the Colorado RRR!) for a short week of info/skill sharing, workshops, discourse, networking and a variety of outdoor activities. Contact ANTIPATHY at POB 11703, Eugene, OR 97440; Suspect27@hotmail.com.



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Midwest Rendezvous May 21-23

Come learn new skills, meet friends and have a great time. This rendezvous will be three days of learning, sharing and working together. Come on out and enjoy the fun. Plan to be self-sufficient, and please keep pets at home. For more information please contact North Forest Earth First!, 748 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901; (920) 424-0265; seac@pobox.uwosh.edu.

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BIODEVASTATION 3 MAY 15-20 SEATTLE, WA

Mobilize to resist genetic engineering during the biotech industry's BIO '99 convention in Seattle. There will be a demonstration with theater, speakers and music (including Jim Page) and an organic FNB meal in front of the Convention Center at noon. Come to Seattle for the weekend before to prepare street theater and conspire with direct actionists. Contact Bioengineering Action Network at (541) 302-5020; ban@tao.ca. A teach-in and strategy session will follow. The Edmonds Institute and the Washington Biotechnology Action Council will host this third in a continuing series of gatherings about genetic engineering around the world. The event is free and includes lunch. Contact beb@igc.org; (425) 775-5383; www.bio.org/meetings/future/bio99/bio9914.html.

NUCLEAR ACTION ALERT

Commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Three Mile Island disaster this year with direct action!

•May-July: 23 State radioactive waste cask tour to oppose Mobile Chernobyl and the high-level waste dump at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Contact shundahai@shundahai.org.

•May-July: Bicycle tour from Atlanta to Yucca Mountain, sponsored by EarthChallenge, to oppose Mobile Chernobyl, Yucca Mountain and uranium mining on Native lands. Contact nirsnet@nirs.org.

•Aug. 13-20: Nuclear Free Great Lakes Action Camp, including rallies, actions, workshops, trainings, renewable energy exhibits and fun. Southwest Michigan. Contact neis@forward.net or NIRS.

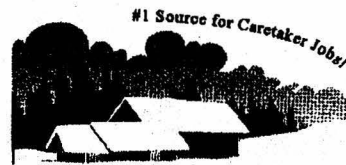
•Aug. 20-28: Nuclear Free Northeast Action Camp in Dummerston, VT. Rally at Brattleboro Commons.

•Aug. 21 Nonviolent direct action at Vermont Yankee, workshops, trainings and lots more. Contact can@shaysnet.com or nirsnet@nirs.org.

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JUNE 18 IT'S GETTING CLOSER

Activists around the world are networking for an international day of action aimed at the heart of the global economy: the financial centers, banking districts and multinational corporate power bases on June 18. This is timed to coincide with the first day of the Group of Seven (G7) Summit, a gathering of the leaders of the richest nation-state in Koln, Germany.

In the spirit of strengthening international networks for equality, freedom and ecological sustainability, we encourage all sympathetic movements and groups to organize their own autonomous protests and actions on June 18. If we cooperate and coordinate we can realize a different world; has it ever been so necessary and so possible? For international planning and discussion, send an email to: listproc@gn.apc.org. Please request Subscribe <J18DISCUSSION> and include your email address.

SPRING INTO ACTION PEOPLE!

Cove/Mallard Spring Action Training Camp May 26-31

Come join us at our beautiful base camp for an action training. Our tentative list of workshops includes: blockade how tos, tree sits, map and compass, field monitoring of timber sales, stream survey techniques, tracking wildlife, edible and medicinal wild plants, nonviolence training, legal realities, base camp and backcountry logistics, and video work for ac-

tions and monitoring. We will also have great free food, late night howls around the camp fire and the company of your favorite wing-nuts. This event will kick off another Summer and Fall of resistance in Otter-Wing. Contact us at POB 8968, Moscow, ID 83843; (208) 882-9755; Cove@Moscow.com. We eat curry lentils and never sleep!

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BAIL OUT AMAZON ACTIVISTS

On Earth Day 1998, seven activists delivered a 23-foot-long bleeding pipeline (complete with three activists locked down inside!) to the lobby of Occidental Petroleum's corporate headquarters in Los Angeles, CA. Across the street two activists rappelled off of a 26-story tower and unfurled a 1,500 square foot banner reading: "Warning to Oxy: Your Colombian Oil Project= Death to the U'wa Indians." Their dramatic action drew worldwide attention to the plight of the U'wa and the Columbian cloud forests. The activists must now pay \$5,600 restitution fines. So, they are shamelessly begging folks to send donations to Amazon Watch/U'wa Fines at 20110 Rockport Way, Malibu, CA 90265. Anything you can send is greatly appreciated. Thanks!



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Anyone interested in protecting and restoring our forests, streams and natural communities in the central hardwoods region, which extends from Appalachia to the Ozarks and from the Great Lakes to the Deep South is invited to this fun-filled information and skills sharing weekend. For more information or to help by co-sponsoring this event, please contact: Heartwood c/o Karen Tuerk, 123 N. Franklin St., Madison, WI 53703; (608) 255-8187; ktuerk@execpc.com.

Indigenous Environmental Network's 10th Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference June 10-13

At the National Indian Youth Leadership Project's "Sacred Camp," located near the Acoma Pueblo and the Laguna Pueblo Indian reservations in New Mexico. This year's theme is *Lle tsoo* (Uraninite) "A Creation Placed at the Foothills of Our Sacred Mountains by Our Holy People." The focus will be on uranium issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and their Tribes. Contact Charlotte Caldwell or Anna Frazier at IEN, Dine' CARE, POB 485, Bemidji, MN 56619; (218) 751-4967; Fax (218) 751-0561; ien@igc.apc.org.

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CHAMP-I-AM AND THE PEOPLE

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"I have such a good deal."

Just let me have trees,
I like green trees and scam;
I'm a real hungry monster,
The name's Champ-I-am.

And, oh, by the way,
I like lots of trees—fast;
'Cause cutting trees slowly
Is a thing of the past.

I need green trees and Scam,
And I need them right quick;
I'll take all you've got,
The thin and the thick.

'Course, I'm a real heavy cuss,
Can't get around much, I guess;
So my heavy log trucks
Will make your roads quite a mess.

And your streams will run muddy,
And flood more in the Spring,
But, why should you care?
That's not such a big thing.

As for fishin' and huntin',
Hey, have no fears;
They'll be back at their peak
In seventy-five years.

But, wait! said the people,
Starting to fuss;
Wait! Wait! Champ-I-Am,
What's in it for us?

Oh, yes, said the monster,
What can I do for you slobs?
Oh, wait, I know,
How 'bout a few jobs?

Nooooooooooo! said the people,
We don't like this at all.
So, tough! Said the monster,
You can't fight city hall.

Oh, we'll see about that,
Said the people out loud;
We'll see what you think,
When we come out in a crowd.

The people together, will speak up
For the trees.
But I am a company, said Champ-I-Am,
I do as I please.

Not any more, said the people,
We've got news for you.
The people united
Can be Company too.

We can watch you and stalk you
And report violations,
With our sisters and brothers
And other relations.

We can bug our inspectors
And point out your flaws;
We can pressure lawmakers
Till we have strong timber laws.

So you see, Champ-I-Am
We're not helpless, not we.
The people united
Will always be free.

(to be continued)

Anthony Lay

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ABE LINCOLN MEETS WALT BRESSETTE OVER EXXON'S DEAD ORE BODY

"In God We Trust"

It was early dawn and it was on the road
With that familiar and now somewhat tarnished profile
Good ol' Abe Lincoln

Yep, there's copper in dem der North Woods!
too bad all that other "stuff" is in the way
...water weeds, swamp lands, blanket asses...
Still—if you hold a coin close enough to your eye, it can blot out the
entire sun
Bottomline blinders for the Exxon as it does its corporate
calisthenics
Grab...Gorge...Growl...AGAIN! Grab...Gorge...Growl...AGAIN!
Grab...Gorge...Growl...AGAIN!

I picked up the cast off penny and placed it in my pocket
Soon enough, though, I could feel it burning a hole
Sulfuric acid oozing down—
burning my leg, poisoning the water, fouling the earth,
searing my soul

Last night I saw another well known weathered face
that of Walt Bresette—Anishinabe activist, Gaia guardian
His voice crescendoing in the campfire
His vision traversing seven generations

Everyone was there in solidarity: old, young, black, white, twig,
feather, fur, shell
Their strength and courage fueling the eternal flames, climbing
into the midsummer starlight, scattering to the four winds

Their home, OUR HOME, would be here long after the bloated
Exxon beast belched its last breath of putrid profit

"Exxon, what's that?"—the great great great great great great
great grandchildren of Walt and Abe will wonder as they frolic in
the North Woods
and corporate paleontologists will scurry to unearth evidence of
the rumored monster—

Where are the bleached bones? Where are the toxic tailings?
and with a little luck and a lot of hard work, they'll find nothing
but a worn copper coin

"E Pluribus Unum"

John E. Peck



TACOMA, WASHINGTON, 1972

Weyerhaeuser World Headquarters
Squats low, layers of terraced concrete
Surrounded by bulldozer-sculpted hills
Gazes through horn-rimmed glasses
Out at the vinyl-lined lake
Where hatchery trout
dream of rivers

Weyerhaeuser World Headquarters
Crouches flat, horizontal, concrete logs piled
in a golf-course meadow
Grins in its plaid suit
Confident from the moon missions
Demands coffee from its pale-lipped secretary
Knows it's invisible.

In Weyerhaeuser World Headquarters
A memory of forest

Ricochets

ricochets,

Falls defeated to the carpeted floor
Scuttles off to hide behind the Xerox machine
And feed there on bits of old memos
From the shredder.

Electricity drawn in
To Weyerhaeuser World Headquarters
Surrenders to coffee-makers

but remembers the river
As the white-painted concrete still knows it was sand
As the square lake remembers
The rain.

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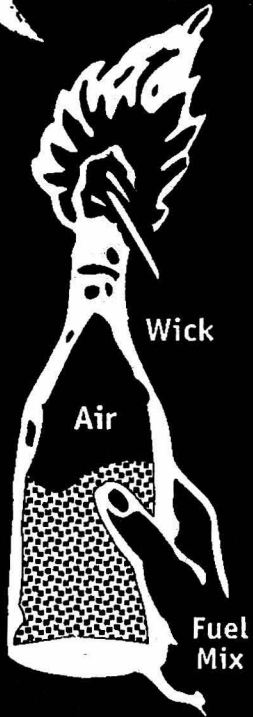
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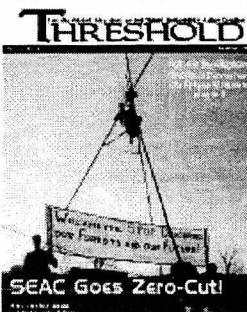
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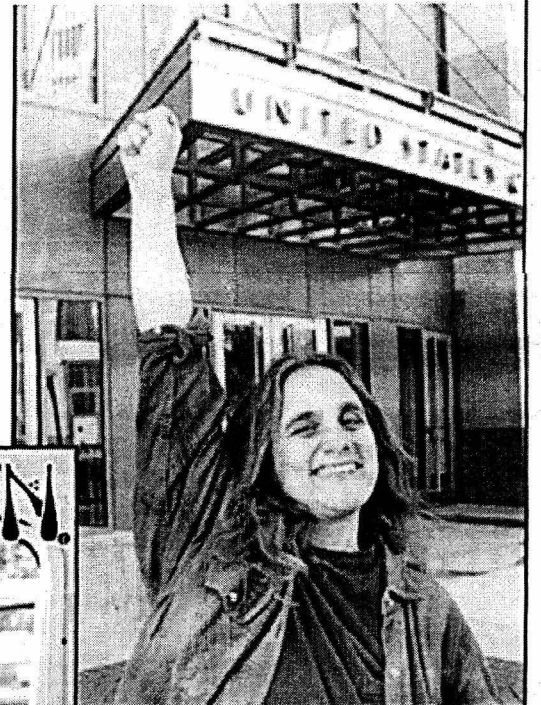
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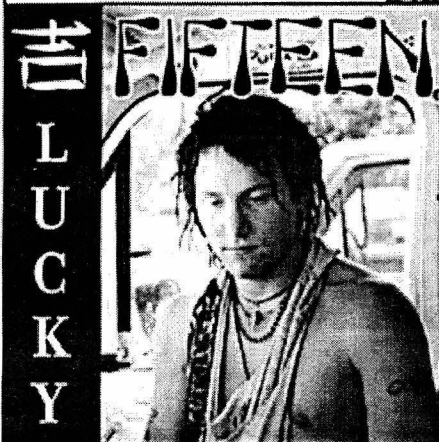
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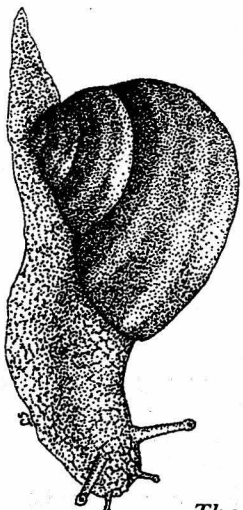
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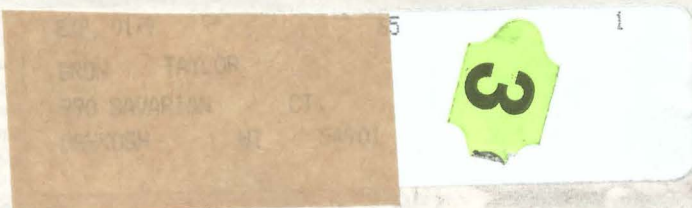
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