



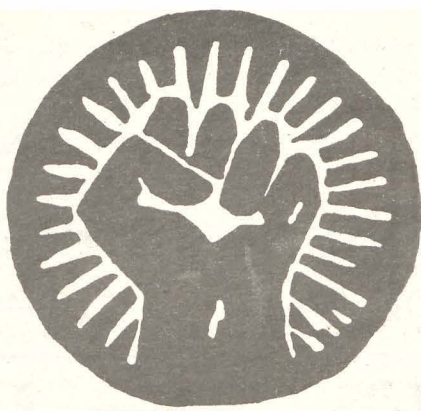
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## LIFE OUT ON A LEDGE A TRIP TO THE CITY AFTER EAGLE CREEK RAID

BY WATCHDOG

"Apparently, these are WTO people who are looking for something to do."

—Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor

At 4 a.m. on Friday, July 7, about 50 federal agents stormed the road blockades at Eagle Creek in Oregon's Mt. Hood National Forest. Armed and camouflaged agents pinned activists to the ground and enforced an unconstitutional closure including several square miles of the timber sale area. Within an hour, only four activists remained—two in suspended roadblocking pods and two in nearby trees.

The freddies then proceeded, through bureaucratic recklessness and frightening ignorance, to endanger the lives of the women in the pods by disabling and moving support lines and, among other things, repeatedly running over an active anchor line with all terrain vehicles. A Forest Service-imposed media blackout attempted to keep this dangerous behavior away from the eyes of the public. Cherry-pickers were able to move in after support lines were disengaged. Two courageous women in the pods remained—nooses around their necks, no harnesses or safety lines, and only pencil-thin ropes between them and the pavement, 50 feet below. Felda, the activist in the pod called Road Ghost was pulled into a cherry-picker basket by the

rope noose around her neck. Pitch, the 17-year old woman in the Low-Rider pod, held off agents alone for three hours, dangling by a U-lock and a single line. After 12 hours of struggle, the Cascadia Forest Alliance (CFA) roadblocks that had protected the Eagle Creek watershed for over a month were no more. The Freddies had won, right?

Wrong. You see, the Forest Service sees the world through an industrial-reductionist-military paradigm which informs its judgment and behavior—from "forest management" to dealing with legitimate citizen protest. Freddies thought they had solved the pesky activist problem by arresting a few people and destroying base camps. These tactics are not only dangerous, they are ineffective. Though we were surprised by their ignorance and recklessness, we had planned for a raid. Their inability to comprehend the power of the people, left them unprepared for what happened next.

Within hours, a crowd gathered at the Region Six Forest Service Headquarters in downtown Portland, Oregon for a rally in support of the road blocking activists and the cancellation of the Eagle Creek timber sales. Calls in support of the activists poured in to the Forest Service, elected officials and bureaucrats within the Department of Agriculture. In the middle of the rally, one inspired activist, Tre, free-climbed the Forest Service building and pronounced that he would not come down until the sales were canceled. Supporters threw a rope to him



Tre is lovin' it on downtown Portland, Oregon, wall.

with which he pulled up basic supplies. He slept that night, unsecured, on a nine-inch-wide ledge 30 feet above the cement entrance to the building.

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### McEducation Corporations versus schools

BY AARON COFFIN

In Missoula, Montana, this past February, the principal of Paxson Elementary School, Joe Stauduhar, was given the "Wal-Mart Principal of the Year" award, an event prominently reported by the local newspaper and TV stations. This award does at least two very insidious things: First, it enhances Wal-Mart's image in the community, countering the negative image of a multinational corporation that relies on sweatshop labor, exploits workers and promotes sprawl. After all, how can the community say no to Wal-Mart's proposed new Missoula mega-complex when they support education? Second, it increases acceptance of corporate involvement in education.

From 1998 through 1999, I worked as a substitute teacher for Missoula County Public Schools. One day in autumn of 1998, I was substituting for a science teacher at Sentinel High School and had been left an educational video to show about thunderstorms. The video wasn't too bad at first, although the narrator looked and sounded a lot like Gene Wilder's character in *Young Frankenstein*. However, I found the final few minutes of the video quite alarming.

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## EF! Gallantly Fights Seirra Pacific's Logzilla

BY PIXILOO

The Sierra Nevada forests are a majestic national treasure, home to countless imperiled plant and animal species. Yet, to the horror of locals in Nevada County, logging trucks roll out by the dozens, daily. For each truckload of trees, imagine also a truckload piled 10 feet high with the carcasses of the Pacific fisher, California red legged frog and California spotted owl. Follow these bloody tracks to the mill 45 minutes outside of Nevada City, California, and you'll find yourself at the slaughterhouse of Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) in the town of Lincoln.

The Pacific Railroad Acts of 1862 and 1864 conditionally granted 40 million acres of public domain for the purpose of raising capital to build and maintain the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads. The 1862 Act required the railroads to dispose of their lands within three years at \$1.25 per acre (i.e. homesteads for the citizenry). But the Supreme Court upheld the railroads "disposing" of the land by mortgaging it to cor-

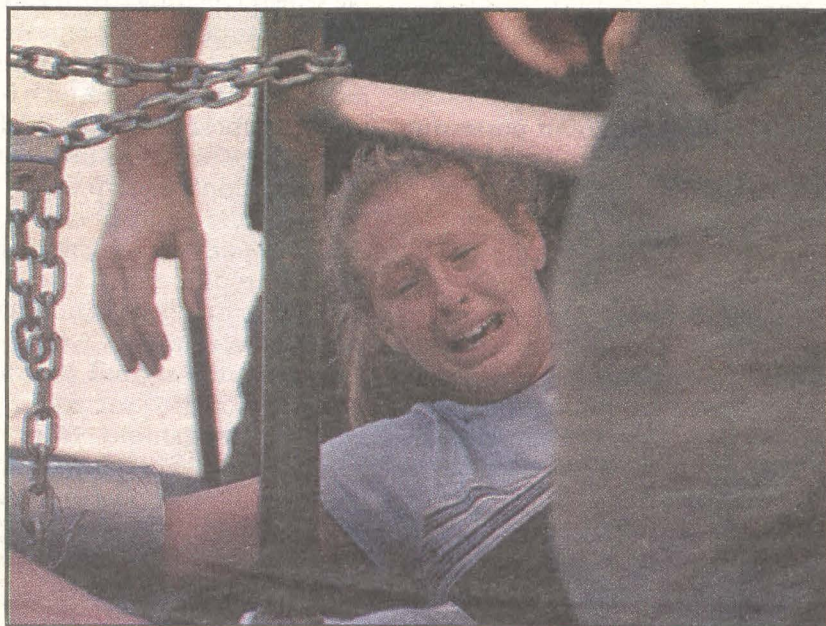
porate affiliates. Central Pacific was merged into Southern Pacific, and by the 1980s most of what remained of California land grants was held by Santa Fe's Southern Pacific Railroad. Several years and shady deals later, SPI emerged. Archie "Red" Emmerson founded a sawmill with his father in 1949, which grew into the demon child SPI in 1969. Over the last several decades, the company quietly hoarded 1.5 million acres of California's timberland, making SPI the second largest private landowner in the US, after Ted Turner. That's

one percent of the state of California. Red plans to log 70 percent of these lands over the next 70 years, mostly through clearcutting.

The checkerboard left in the wake of a clearcut creates isolated islands of habitat, posing serious threats to wildlife which are forced to negotiate the gamut of a fragmented ecosystem. No gentle giant, SPI has been connected with a wide range of threats to California's forests. The company has been cited for timber theft and violations of forest practice rules. SPI was also a primary proponent of the

Quincy Library Group logging plan, which would double logging in northern Sierra National Forests. Red Emmerson was the beneficiary of the Headwaters deal, receiving \$78 million for lands he was logging adjacent to Headwaters. It's not surprising that on July 20, 1999, SPI hosted a fund-raiser for Governor Gray Davis at its headquarters on the same day the Davis Administration announced a new package of logging restrictions.

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Frustrated sheriffs tugged at the women, who screamed in pain—lockdown in Arnold.



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## We Are Here For the Earth!

It was decided at this years Round River Rendezvous to move the *EF! Journal* to Tucson, Arizona, starting with the Beltane 2001 issue. I find a part of the Arizona proposal (printed on pg. 11 of the last issue) disturbing. It stated, "It's time for the *Journal* to be utilized to expand our ranks to include indigenous traditionalists, environmental justice activists and others removed from the type of environmental activists circles Earth First! traditionally draws from. There are many across the world and outside of our privileged society who adhere to EF! principles and only lack the name. These are the people we hope to add to our ranks, in addition to those of us already living in the 'belly of the beast.'"

I've already seen numerous articles in the *Journal* that included input from indigenous traditionalists, environmental justice activists and a wide variety of perspectives. It would be difficult to avoid this, because a rich diversity exists in the movement already, and the *Journal* is simply a reflection of that. On top of that, the fact that anybody can contribute articles or do a short-term editing stint has left plenty of room for variety.

Many EF!ers I've worked with grew up hiking, finding fossils, camping and climbing. Some were raised learning sustainable agriculture or traditional medicine. Others were brought up learning how to survive in the city the hard way. I grew up in the suburbs, surrounded by ticky-tacky houses that all looked just the same. Although we have different skills to share and to learn from each other, this seems immaterial. Whether we're in the streets or in the

woods, we're working together, learning together, fighting together.

"No compromise in defense of mother earth" is not limited to any class or race or background. It is not limited to Pacific West, the United States and England or even to those who know the name "Earth First!" It never has been. It is a sometimes reluctant, sometimes enthusiastic realization that the traditional namby-pamby reformist environmental "actions" just don't cut it. To me, Earth First! represents a passion for wilderness that transcends the boundaries that governments, corporations and society try to impose upon us. Although every movement could use work in overcoming its own forms of oppression, making it a safer space for everybody, this is an ongoing process that need not demand our full attention.

Most environmental issues naturally draw eco-warriors of all varieties, but it seems unnecessary to seek this out. Fight for the Earth and diversity will follow, for the keepers of the wilderness are not as homogenous as some people think. The bond that unites many different types of people as a tribe is this urgency to protect the few wild places we have left by any means we deem necessary.

That's what we put our lives on the line for.

While learning from those of different backgrounds is a nice bonus, it doesn't seem to reflect why Earth First!ers are here. We're here for the oceans. We're here for the mountains. We're here for the forests. We're here for the Earth.

—XXYael



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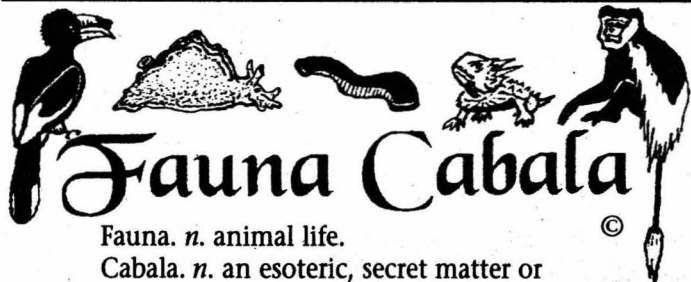
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Fauna. *n.* animal life.

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

### BY FAITH WALKER

21. Individuals are incapable of fertilizing themselves. Instead, two worms will rub vigorously against one another until they are completely sealed in a transparent jelly. Then they freeze, clasped against one another, and take turns releasing sperm and only their very ripest eggs. This romantic event is repeated weekly, usually with the same partner. Thrifty release of eggs and frequent mating means they won't lose much if their partner deserts them before reciprocating eggs. And monogamy enables them to know the history of their partner's egg laying, ensuring that they don't pair up with a dud.

The second group of organisms is coral reef fish of the genus *Seranus*, such as the chalk bass. These fish, the only hermaphroditic vertebrates, pair up in the late afternoon. The first fish prances about in a courtship display and then releases eggs, which are fertilized by the second. Afterward, the second fish does the same. This occurs every day of the year and, like the worm, the fish are serially monogamous. Thus, it seems that both of these hermaphrodites use the same strategy in guarding against cheating: they divide their eggs into small parcels and mate often with the same individual, thereby ensuring they still have eggs left to use in courting even if their partner deserts them.

Hermaphrodites, who have the pleasure of possessing both male and female sex organs, have to worry about cheating. Because sperm are cheaper to make than eggs, reproductive success hinges upon the number of eggs fertilized. The temptation, then, is to fertilize as many partners' eggs as possible while holding on to one's own, using them as a lure for future mates. Two groups of organisms are externally fertilizing hermaphrodites and get around this by employing a tit-for-tat strategy during mating. The first are polychaete worms of the genus *Ophryotrocha*, who live between grains of sand in the North Sea and English Channel. When less than seven segments long they are adolescent males, producing sperm in segments three through six. Once they become about 16 segments in length, they begin to become female as well, eventually producing eggs in segments seven through



# Tactical Decision

## or Why L.A. Will be Significant Enough for You to Come Down From Your Tree for a Week

BY WARCRY

Not that we would ever desert our first line of defense, but once in a while, we have to take the war to the enemy. They don't want to hear our demands. They want us to shut up and consume. In Ancient Rome, there was a slave uprising. As a punishment, the Roman Empire crucified thousands of slaves along the road heading from the uprising all the way to Rome. The message was, don't try it again. Well, here we go, trying it again. Such is the spirit of this evolving, emerging post-WTO movement.

It is our duty as revolutionaries to be effective in this modern slave rebellion. Differing philosophies aside, we must be result driven. Neglecting to recognize the upcoming convergence in Los Angeles as the rare opportunity it is would be a strategic mistake for our movement. Most of our actions happen at the site of the destruction—in defense of what we treasure. Once in a while, we must take the offensive. With the exception of Julia Butterfly, ecodefense activities are generally invisible to the public and decision makers in Washington DC except when the FBI testifies to Congress about "ecoterrorists." The sick slow death we call a government and the liquidation and extinction policies of the corporate parties needs to be confronted on its territory.

The convergence of thousands in a major city on the special and specific occasion of revolution offers us a vehicle to make an impact, to make a statement, become visible and heard. The pressure we exert has a ripple effect. Issues are forced into public and government dialogue. It happens slowly, but change does occur. We can vocalize our rage on camera. Fifteen thousand reporters will be in Los Angeles, California for the Democratic National Convention. The Tiananmen Square uprising took place because the students knew they would have a better chance of survival with the international media present.

Kick ass backwoods campaigns are vital, but are often not enough. We're isolated and fragmented as a movement. The opportunity to come together and be strong—very clearly, should not be overlooked by people who put the Earth First! Put this battle on the front burner. The world will be listening. We have a chance to articulate to the public the various crises we usually face in far smaller numbers.

We're finished begging for attention from an arrogant, condescending and deliberately misleading media. It is the reason fascists get elected. We may never win our democracy back and our government may

crush us, but we will fight this ongoing war in defense of the Earth and the wilderness of the human spirit.

Don't have any illusions about this merry-go-round we call an electoral process. Don't be distracted by the window dressing on the evil empire. Stay on target. And never settle for some bullshit. There are only a few chances in life to register your rage, and place it where it needs to be placed, at the doorstep of those blind to the consequences of their actions, those too willing to compromise it all away.

The Democratic Party has failed to serve the people and the earth adequately. It is beholden to their corporate sponsors. Let's just change the name of our country to *the corporation* and our motto to *all you can eat*. We supposedly fought World War II to keep the fascists at bay but in the last 40 years (despite the '60s) the American public has largely been asleep at the wheel, while the fascists took over right here. Extinction is rampant. Our lives are choked with garbage, both physical and mental. These are the norms of our modern Roman Empire, whether it's the Republicans or Democrats in office.

While Seattle was a surprising uprising, LA will be insanely hostile. LA Mayor Richard J. Riordan has publicly warned against civil disobedience. Are we waiting to see how much authoritarianism we can take? Civil disobedience is an American tradition, and we won't be denied our "inalienable" freedoms. Anarchism is all about inalienable freedoms, as we are born free. We will assert our Constitutional rights to freely assemble and exercise freedom of speech and expression.

Legitimizing our cancerous system by voting for puppet #1 or puppet #2 does not serve us. Given Earth First!'s history of direct action and our commitment to the defense of precious beloved wilderness, old-growth, habitat and beauty, it is our responsibility to confront the failings of our system front and center.

Earth First! activists are particularly well qualified to be the vanguard of this revolution. In Seattle, activists with forest defense backgrounds in direct action civil disobedience and sometimes not so civil disobedience, infused the course of events with a confidence and focus. Other elements like the Black Bloc and the burning barricades (smells like teen spirit) were pivotal in shutting down the WTO. We couldn't have closed the 20th century on a more celebratory note.

The same morons responsible for erasing our landscape permanently are the ones being protected and



photo by Christina Larson

supported by all those police in riot gear. That's why it's so important to kindle and stoke what we're capable of and further clarify the emerging resistance. It's important for everybody and everything we cherish to make this revolution happen. Besides, LA is so polluted, you probably won't even notice the tear gas.

Let's ignore the violent state and go directly for the media. That was a proposal. Seize the media. It's more than a suggestion; it's a viable plan. Media cannot stay away from the protests; it has to cover them. We must have our messages coherent and thought out. What do we want to cover? Keep the heat on. Let them know that it's the people's show now. *Say it loud*, Earth First! motherfuckers. If we sometimes sound angry, it is because we are.

The words *old growth* aren't even mentioned during Congressional debates. What a shame. Thomas Jefferson did say democracy was impossible without a free and open media. I don't think he meant free as in free enterprise, to the highest bidder. I think he meant accessible and representative.

Behind black masks, I see love in every pair of eyes, so much courage and hope. Extraordinarily encouraging times we live in, so live deliberately. History has always had its rebellions. Sometimes they won, sometimes they died trying, but like salmon programmed to swim upstream, we too will swim for our liberty like determined little fish, determined not to go extinct. I know it's difficult in these silted waters, but c'mon people. Whose streets? Whose country? Whose Earth? Whose old growth? We're running out of time.

Anarchism is the hunger for absolute freedom, a wilderness of the spirit, that if allowed, would be conducive to a better society and a better development of the species, rather than this coercive social order that divides us and reduces humans into units for slavery. Anarchism is not new. As long as there has been an imperial order, there has been the hunger for freedom. We must come together and place our rage where it belongs and not swallow it and poison our lives, beaten by this system. The resistance is all of us.

## Dearest Shit For Brains... Try and keep 'em under 300 words

Dear EFL,

Excuse me for writing out of context, but do you remember when you used to publish all those articles on over-population? Well, get over it. It is our destiny! Does it or does it not clearly state in the Bible, Genesis, Verse (whatever): "Be fruitful and multiply." Are we or are we not maggots on a road-kill planet?!

—CORRY E. MASON



Dear SFB,

What if you hung a banner and nobody showed up?

Ruckus (ruk'es) - Noisy confusion, uproar, disturbance, chaos, disorder, lawlessness

The "Bring on the Ruckus" Society is here to say, "when we say bring on the ruckus, we mean a fuckin' ruckus." We don't seek the clean, methodical image of the "empathetic revolution," recently represented through corporate media filters by such professional bureaucracies as The Ruckus Society™, Art and Revolution®, and the Direct Action Network®. We want to abolish the institutions that have imposed a suffocating order on our resistance. We hearken the liberation of desire, and the spontaneous and free-flowing nature of insurrection.

The Ruckus will not be choreographed. It is the hurricane swirling offshore, that no mere mortal can predict or navigate. It is the unpredictability of instinct—the reaction to the meticulous order that dulls our senses and pro-

duces repetition. We will not know the Ruckus until it touches down, shattering the tedious facades of society.

The Ruckus is highly illegal. Our safety must be cast aside, to make way for the marvelous in life—the natural chaos that we were meant to live. The demise of the present order can never come while well-paid "activists" cater to its institutions of propaganda, taking false credit for the bringing on of the Ruckus. Similarly, the Ruckus can not be bought with a tax-deductible donation, and there will be no glossy mailing included when the Ruckus cometh. The Ruckus will not be funded by Ted Turner, or other members of the ruling class. Nonviolence guidelines must be trashed, along with major financial centers around the globe, so that the Ruckus can re-assert itself. Finally, the Ruckus has no poster boy/girl.

We cannot wait for the Ruckus to be unleashed. Only we can break the chains of "civility" that confine the wild nature of the Ruckus.

The time has come to transform the Ruckus from mere metaphor to active, participatory reality.

As the King Mob said in 1968, "there are no limits to our lawlessness... the future belongs to the free spirit of the outlaw."

Fuck the civil, let's get disobedient!

Revoltingly yours,

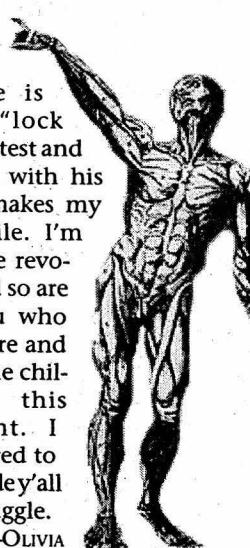
—THE "BRING ON THE RUCKUS" SOCIETY

Dear SFB,

Howdy from Katuah! Thanks to all that helped us make the RRR and action happen. Wasn't that a great rondo? I just wanted to give a great big mama hug to all those who treated me and my son Cedar with respect and kindness. I've never seen that many kids at a rendezvous before. It was awesome. Not once did I hear a breeder joke or overpopulation put down. (And you better not because Mama will let you have it!). Placing a halt on all human reproduction is not going to stop our death culture. Whoever speaks from that platform

speaks from a place of privilege. So let's support the moms and dads in our movement and focus our energies on the real problem, the corporate-capitalist-patriarchal system we live under. Our resistance shouldn't be aimed at each other. We all know who to aim it at. My son had a wonderful time with all the folks that played with him during and after the rendezvous. He is playing "lock down, protest and blockade" with his dolls. It makes my heart smile. I'm raising the revolution and so are all of you who help inspire and educate the children of this movement. I feel honored to stand beside you all in our struggle.

—OLIVIA





# DEFENDING THE ELAHO VALLEY RAINFOREST

Right now as you read this, International Forest Products (InterFor) is on a mad rampage to road build and clearcut right through the heart of the pristine Elaho Valley. Three hours north of Vancouver in British Columbia, Canada, lies the Elaho Valley, a place where 1300-year-old Doug firs stand strong with their roots—huge and alive—holding tight to that rainforest greenery, which riots all around. Whether or not you believe in magic, you'll feel it here as a life-giving and powerful force. These ancient rainforests, like jungles, cannot be replanted. The Elaho is Squamish and Lil'wat ancestral land. The Elaho is crucial grizzly bear habitat and is also home to rare and endangered birds. Following on the heels of the recent discovery of a spotted owl in the Elaho, an Earth First! volunteer has recently discovered a nesting pair of northern goshawk.

The sighting was confirmed by two independent biologists. It is estimated that as few as 10,000 northern goshawk pairs live in Canada, and a sighting in British Columbia is especially rare. A recent Environment Canada study noted, "In British Columbia, the northern goshawk is a rare to uncommon resident and breeder... the Queen Charlotte subspecies is

ranked critically imperiled by the BC Conservation Data Centre, because of the species' rarity." Other bird species identified in the cut blocks include bald eagle, red breasted sapsucker, red-tailed hawk, hermit thrush, Townsend's warbler and rufous and calliope hummingbirds.

Elaho EF! (EEF!) celebrated after the find and vowed to continue the stoppage of logging activity in the Elaho Valley. "We have InterFor on the run," said an unnamed spokesperson. "They can't fall ancient trees north of Lava Creek; we won't let them." EEF! has occupied two cutblocks north of the Lava Creek bridge since June 20. Volunteers have been holding the loggers at bay by refusing to leave. June 20 (first day of the Solstice) was declared the Solstice of Solidarity by groups around the world, and was the first day of action for our forests and communities that will continue throughout the Summer of Solidarity. People are rising up and realizing a sustainable vision that preserves our forests and restores community. We show up for work before the loggers do and stick with them until they leave. Most days they never start their saws. We hide in the bush until the loggers arrive at the spot they intended to cut, and then jump out to say hello. Friends of the Elaho are expecting hundreds of arrests this summer. The occupation is in response to InterFor's May 18 declaration that, "The company is proceeding with logging operations in the developed (roaded) areas north of Lava Creek." The fallers attempting the work are InterFor contractors, JGT Logging.

"The Elaho Valley is not an isolated issue," said Douglas Firston of Friends of the Elaho. "The same corporate devastation of our forests is happening in the Slocan Valley, on Salt Spring Island, in Clayquout, in the whole Great Bear Rainforest, in the Siska Watershed, in Headwaters in California, in Fall Creek in Oregon, in the forests across the world, ecosystems are being destroyed and people are being oppressed."

EEF! and Friends of the Elaho's Lava Creek bridge occupation is at the same location where the camp was located last year when more than 70 InterFor employees and managers assaulted eight individuals and destroyed their peace camp (See *EF!* December-January, 2000). Already this summer, several individuals have received threats from InterFor Road Foreman Pete Bukowsky who threatened, "The situation is explosive up here; if you stop me from working, it'll blow up." InterFor security guards are constantly video-taping hikers, campers and wildcrafters. A

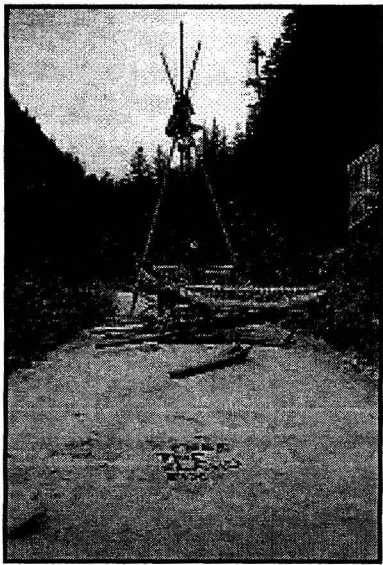
Ministry of Forest and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) trailer has been placed next to the Lava Creek bridge. "It is amazing that the Ministry of Forest and the RCMP come between us and the work zone in a joint camp. Is this the Ministry's response to the citizen concerns about preservation of the Elaho Valley?" asked Jim Trollson.

At least three people have been arrested since the solstice and, if put in jail, will join 71-year old political prisoner Betty Krawczyk, who has been in jail since her May 15 stand for the Elaho Valley. Sixteen-year-old Timothy Dobyn was perched 35 feet up a tripod at Mile 38 of Elaho Mainline Road and effectively halted InterFor's continued heli-logging and roadbuilding in the Elaho Valley until his arrest. Rick McCallion and Reasha Wolfe were arrested for breaking their undertakings that barred them from being in the Elaho Valley. Both individuals were arrested last summer under a court injunction that was overturned this year. Despite this, Rick was arrested while hiking through the forest and Reasha was arrested sitting around the campfire eating. "I think it's a ridiculous show of injustice when two individuals are arrested and put in jail for camping and hiking in the Elaho Valley while InterFor

employees, management and executives are walking around free and profiting from the environmental devastation in this valley," said Jane Murrellet of Friends of the Elaho.

InterFor's injunction to prevent us from interfering with logging was thrown out earlier this year. Without an injunction as a basis to arrest people, the RCMP at first just monitored the situation. By mid-July, however, the police were moving in to arrest forest defenders for mischief and release them. No new charges have been filed.

Last year, forest defense in the upper Elaho relied on treesits to block the roadbuilding crews. Once the road was completed and the cutblocks flagged, we



Tripod blocking Elaho Mainline Road

photo courtesy EEF!



The peace camp continues to stand in the way of InterFor's loggers, stopping the destruction of old-growth rainforest in coastal Canada.

## Northern Goshawks in the Elaho!



photo courtesy EEF!

The hawk exploded out of the treetops and into my face, shrieking like a demon. "Kak! Kak! Kak! Kak! Kak!" I flung myself to the forest floor as she swung back up to the sky, folded her wings and dived at my head again.

Stunned, I lay on my back staring up through binoculars, noting the meter-wide wings, hunched back and sinister grace of the hawk as she tucked her wings and swooped again, screaming at full voice. For nearly 20 minutes, she kept up the attack. I kept close to the ground while trying to scramble up to the logging road and away. Pederson's notes the northern goshawk is "fearless in defense of its nest." Returning to the same area a few days later, I spotted the nest and climbing up the hill, looked down into the nest with binoculars and beheld two chicks peering back. Pretty snow-white downy babies, already bigger than pigeons. The adult goshawk did not attack again, but stood guard nearby.

—ELAHO EF!

shifted to mobile, ground-based teams who know the terrain and the escape routes through the bush. The teams use hand-held radios so the loggers can't just move to another area and keep working. Forest defenders are also playing cat-and-mouse with police and loggers, to great success.

The police are still investigating last year's alleged sabotage—including tree-spiking—in the Elaho Valley. They seem to be using infiltrators and spies in the camps to gather information, as well as sending in disruptive individuals to create confusion.

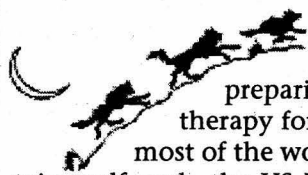
Elaho Earth First! volunteers set up an Info Cafe in the Millennium Grove, an area of 1300-year-old Douglas firs that are some of the oldest in the world. The cafe provides maps, field guides, the *EF! Journal* and other literature, along with discussions about radical direct action. Come visit us, but hurry! Those logging trucks are coming!

The Friends of the Elaho office is up and running and welcomes volunteers. For information, contact Friends of the Elaho, 1895 Commercial Drive, #17, Vancouver, BC V5N 4A6; (604) 255-4145; elaho@tao.ca, or Elaho EF! at earth\_first@ziplip.com.

—ELAHO EF! AND FRIENDS OF THE ELAHO

Editor's note: InterFor was granted another injunction on July 25 to prevent people from interfering with their logging activities. A truck cemented to the ground is blocking the Lava Creek bridge and four treesitters are perched nearby, 20 meters above the ground, lives endangered because police have removed their safety lines. On July 26, fifteen RCMP showed up, arresting one and establishing a camp beside the Friends' camp. RCMP will apparently attempt to starve out the treesitters.

## Experimental Shock Treatments Planned for Montana Wolves



Federal wildlife officials in Montana are preparing to implement shock therapy for wolves. After killing off most of the wolves in the Sheep Mountain wolf pack, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) plans to shock the survivors into submission. USFWS officials have trapped the remaining four wolves and placed them in a pen on Ted Turner's "Flying D Ranch" for a series of experimental shock treatments. Researchers hope to nullify the wolves' natural predatory behavior in order to keep them away from the hordes of livestock flooding their natural range. Scheduled for mid-July through October, the experiments will deliver an electrical shock to the confined

wolves every time they approach a penned calf. This experiment is just the latest machination in the United States Department of Agriculture's war on wildlife, waged in the name of a handful of livestock interests who refuse to accept the cost of doing business in a wild country, whose natural balance has been restored through the reintroduction of this crucial predator.

Please contact the following individuals and demand they stop their cruel control tactics:

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# The OAS/FTAA, Trade Liberalization and the Environment

## Taking it to the Streets at the Organization of American States Meeting in Windsor, Ontario

BY LIN WONG

On June 4, a couple thousand people took to the streets of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to voice their opposition to the Organization of American States (OAS). It was an attempt to make their voices heard at a meeting in which citizens and non-governmental organizations are systematically shut out. The General Assembly, made up of Foreign Ministers of various countries, held its annual meeting.

The OAS was formed in 1948, and is the Western Hemisphere's major political forum for multilateral dialogue and action. The 35 countries of North and South America are members, and each country has one vote. The exception is Cuba, who had its voting rights removed in 1962. Canada joined as a permanent observer in 1972, and became a member in 1990.

The goals of the OAS include: strengthening democracy in the hemisphere; defending and protecting human rights; fighting against drug trafficking; economic integration of the hemisphere; defending and protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. All these goals appear to indicate that governments are making some positive steps, and appear to have been made with good intentions, however, a deeper analysis is needed.

### OAS, trade and the environment

In 1995, the OAS established the Trade Unit specifically to support efforts to expand trade and economic integration in the hemisphere. The Trade Unit is headed by Jose Manuel Salazar, formerly Costa Rica's Foreign Trade Minister. He oversaw the preparatory stages and official launching of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations, which took place at the Second Summit of the Americas in 1998. If the proposed FTAA becomes a reality, it would be the world's largest free trade bloc, with 800-million people and a gross domestic product in excess of \$10.6 trillion.

Despite nice sounding government statements about protecting the environment, trade liberalization has increased deforestation, soil depletion, overfishing and the extraction of minerals, gas and oil. Industries such as mining, oil and gas have threatened ecosystems and native communities. They continue to pollute the air and water with wastes from their production processes, with governments reluctant to apply sanctions for fear of driving away investors. Sweatshops along the Mexico-United States border are notorious polluters, despite agreements during the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement that a major anti-pollution effort would take place.

Agro-export companies throughout the hemisphere use huge amounts of fertilizers and pesticides, which seep into rivers and soils, causing serious health problems for the environment, agricultural workers and consumers.



June 4 marchers encountered a massive police deployment that shut down a section of the city. Canada and five other nations have insisted on the primacy of WTO rules in opposition to proposals from 164 other nations.

Some countries have tripled the use of pesticides in the last four years, and over 80,000 chemical substances are currently sold.

### The decline in rural conditions and food security

In rural areas, millions of small farmers have been displaced by an emphasis on agro-export crops such as fruits, flowers and vegetables. With trade liberalization, many countries have reduced the production of basic grains, since such items can be imported more cheaply from Asia or North America. In Brazil, nearly three-million traditional farmers have been put out of work by declining prices in basic grains following market liberalization in the early 1990s. Mexico's imports of maize from the United States soared in the mid-1990s, causing a disastrous effect on Mexican farmers. Latin America, historically a net food exporter, is now a net food importer. As a result, food security has declined steadily in Latin America over the past 15 years.

Small farmers in Canada and the United States have also been affected, and are now in a crisis situation. A combination of low grain prices, declining government support and increasing corporate control over inputs and distribution has led to the disappearance of some 10 percent of small farmers in the United States between 1994 and 1997. The current trade model clearly does not build sustainability, either in social or environmental terms. Unless it is redirected, liberalized trade and investment will work against social and environmental sustainability, worsening our quality of life.

### Canada's role

Of concern is the fact that the OAS and FTAA are World Trade Organization (WTO)-compliant. The WTO, composed of about 130 countries, deals with the global rules of trade between nations. Its main function is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible.

A fundamental goal of the current international trade regime is to promote

deregulated trade in goods, services and investment through the removal of "barriers" to trade; both tariffs and non-tariff barriers. Standards and regulations, such as those governing pesticides, food safety and environmental protection are frequently seen as non-tariff barriers.

Canada has also used WTO rules to aid in preventing the negotiation of an international treaty with important environmental implications. The Biosafety Protocol was mandated by the Convention on Biological Diversity, signed in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, to establish rules for the international trade of genetically modified organisms. It outlined a precautionary approach to these products, given the dangers to biodiversity. It was explicitly both a trade and environmental treaty. Safety concerns relate to the capacity of these reproducing organisms to disperse, interbreed with local plants, transfer genes to other organisms and interfere with naturally occurring ecosystems. Further concerns arise from the potential of the products, marketed aggressively by large transnational corporations such as Monsanto and Novartis, to replace current agricultural practices resulting in widespread negative social, economic and environmental impacts.

The Canadian position during the negotiations, in common with five other exporter nations, was to oppose the proposals of 164 other nations, and insist on the primacy of WTO rules denying important and environmentally justifiable concerns from the south and the European Union.

### The protest

Huge efforts were put into organizing the protest. Students and labor unions from all over Canada and parts of the US organized in their communities, disseminating pamphlets, holding teach-ins, educating the public about the issues and in particular, working out the logistics to get to Windsor. A critical development that has come from the mass actions in Seattle against the WTO and in Washington DC against the IMF/World Bank is a discussion about race, white

supremacy and organizing strategies to build a multiracial movement opposed to capitalism and free trade. Elizabeth 'Betita' Martinez's widely distributed essay, "Where was the Color in Seattle?" put forward the question: "Why, if free trade has the greatest negative impact on people of color around the world and in the United States, why was the protest against the WTO so overwhelmingly white?" White people have a responsibility to deeply analyze their position within the systems that are in place, namely that of white domination and supremacy. White people have much to learn about organizing from people of color, and should not include people of color on a tokenistic basis; this thinking and action shows the dynamic of white privilege operating.

Two words sum up the city of Windsor on the days of protest:

cops everywhere. Millions of dollars were spent to import cops from Detroit and Toronto. The Ontario Provincial Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police were there. Cops were trained in tear gas use. The efforts to prevent people from shutting down the OAS meetings shut down the city. Three-meter high fences supported by concrete blocks were erected around the Cleary Convention Centre. There were cops in the streets and behind the fences.

On June 4 at 10 a.m., Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Lloyd Axworthy, Secretary General of the OAS Cesar Gavaria and Noam Chomsky spoke at the Capitol Theatre. Apparently they made a brief appearance and spoke for about 10 minutes and then left. Outside the theatre, a group of women were holding onto lines of old clothes with messages written on the clothing—they were "airing the dirty laundry of the OAS."

The march started a few hours later, and the streets were filled with colorful signs, placards and pickets, papier-mâché puppets, spirited chanting and drumming. At the end of the march, down by the river, the crowd gathered for performances and speakers.

Protesters didn't shut down the meetings. About 500 people were turned away at the border and they didn't have the numbers necessary to effect a direct action.

But we did get headlines and front page stories in many daily newspapers throughout the continent, instead of the OAS. Stories in newspapers reported that the police helicopters flying overhead drowned out Lloyd Axworthy's speech inside the convention centre. Because so many cops were brought in and because they had to virtually shut down the city, many protesters thought that they had already won.

Noam Chomsky addressed the protesters in the streets. "The institutions [of capitalism] can be dismantled; it's happened all throughout history." It is of vital importance to remember the past struggles and victories that have occurred, in order to move forward and create the kind of world that we would like to live in.



# US Navy out of Vieques!—An Update—US Navy out of Vieques!

BY ROBERT RABIN

Warm greetings of solidarity from Vieques. Here we present a brief summary of recent events in the struggle for peace. On the weekend of July 1-2 the First International Triathlon for Peace in Vieques was held, with participation of athletes from numerous countries. The event was coordinated by the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques (CRDV) and promoted as an expression of athletic solidarity with the Vieques cause.

During the Saturday night vigil, more than 400 people at Peace and Justice Camp (across the street from the entrance to the US Navy installation of Camp García) protested the Navy's presence and listened

to chemist Dr. Neftalí García, environmental and scientific advisor to the CRDV, speak on the horrible effects of military contamination on the health of our people. Later, a military bus approached the gate from inside Camp García. We sustained a moving picket line for more than half an hour before the Puerto Rico Police brigade (riot

police) crossed the road in formation to help the Navy bus to leave.

On July 3, the Friends of Vieques Collective—a group of Puerto Rican University (UPR) students who maintained a resistance camp for months in the bombing area—presented the documentary *Vieques: Chronicles from Disobedience*. Hundreds of residents of Vieques watched the documentary—a photo narrative on life in the resistance camps and the arrests by Navy and federal agents on May 4. Several singers offered a very special night of art and music.

On July 4, we held a series of activities to denounce the military presence, taking advantage of the Independence Day festivities in the US. At noon, the Vieques Womens Alliance celebration in front of the gate included a drama about the struggle and a human chain symbolizing the unity of the people. Around 1:30 p.m., 16 people who had entered the Navy's restricted zone appeared on the road inside Camp García. The group consisted mainly of law students from UPR, together with representatives of

the Yayí Key Collective and the Peace and Justice Camp. Waiting at the gate were military police who, without the least provocation or justification, sprayed pepper gas at those being arrested and dozens of peaceful protesters in the street. This was a show of force indicative of the brutality and insensibility that characterizes the abuses practiced against the people of Vieques by the US Navy.

An hour after the arrests, military personnel brought the prisoners out in a large bus, but not before the Puerto Rico Riot Police had to clear the street of delegates from the Friends of Vieques Collective, who put their bodies on the line in defense of those arrested. In the process, the police also sprayed people with pepper gas.

We recognize the extraordinary work of the Puerto Rican/Viequense youth in this difficult phase of the struggle and during the past months. The Collective Friends of Vieques, the Horsemen for Peace and the Vieques Youth United are dedicated to the liberation of Vieques. The continuity of this struggle is well guaranteed!

For more information or to send financial support, contact CRDV, POB 1424, Vieques, Puerto Rico 00765; (787) 741-0716 (fax); bieke@coqui.net.

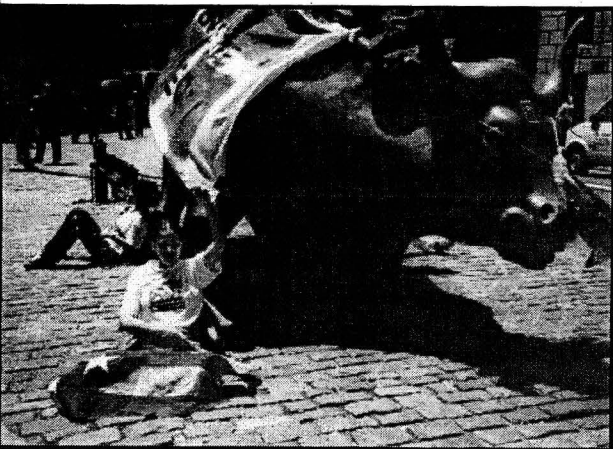


Local kid hurls rocks at navy yard.

## BOWLING GREEN BULL GRABBED BY THE HORNS DURING VIEQUES DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY

BY ESPERANZA VIVA

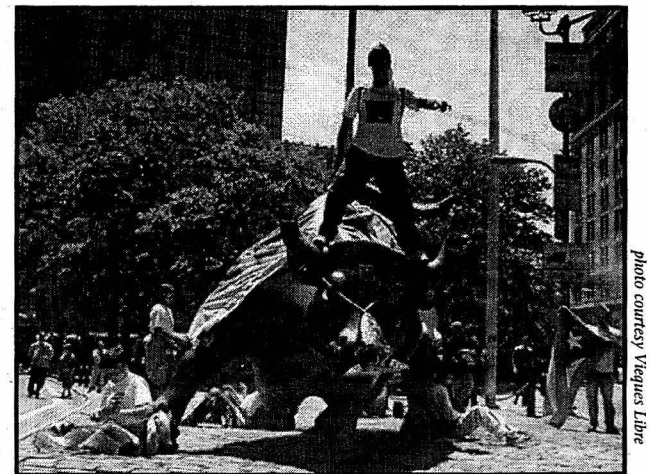
On the morning of June 7, a group of young individuals took a rare walk through the financial district of New York City (NYC). They were not on a tourist hike. Just blocks away from the New York Stock Exchange, under the not-so-watchful eyes of the districts' hired security, three Puerto Rican American spoken-word artists chained themselves to the giant statue of the bull in Bowling Green. "This spot



Luckily, the bull was into the lockdown.

symbolizes capitalism, the stock market, all these companies that fund the military industrial complex, which has made Puerto Rico a military industrial colony for the US for over 100 years," said Hector Luis Rivera of the Welfare Poets. "We are protesting US Military maneuvers that have caused severe environmental pollution, economic underdevelopment and even death... We are protesting the fact that despite proof that there are still Viequenses in civil disobedience within the bombing range, the Navy has bombed and plans to resume bombing." Police were immediately on the scene and tried unsuccessfully to remove supporters from Vieques Libre, NYC Direct Action Network and the Bronx United Gardeners who continued to chant, "US Navy out of Vieques!" and pass out fliers to a crowd of confused tourists and supportive office workers and bike messengers.

"I'm here to demand peace in Vieques, demand that the Navy leave and stop bombing, and stop killing the people. The people are dying of cancer, the Earth is sick, and we're tired of it. We stand in support of Viequenes. *Paz para Vieques!*" said Stacey Toro of Sisters in the Struggle. "The US Navy has been causing mayhem on the people, 60 years of bombs, including depleted uranium bombs, dumped all kinds of chemicals, cyanide, RDX, napalm... The cancer rate on Vieques is 30 percent higher than on the big island," said Rivera.



Toró, toró, toró

## Wolves and Poodles

A gavel-pounding wolf running wild on the shores of Lake Superior to US District Judge James Rosenbaum for fining an anti-environmental lawyer \$5000 for a frivolous lawsuit against the St. Paul, Minnesota based Superior Wilderness Action Network and New Mexico based Forest Guardians. The judge said the lawsuit was arguing that environmentalists who challenge logging operations are influenced by the "religion of deep ecology," and that the Forest Service was being swayed by proponents of the religion.

A spectacle-altering Situationist wolf to Avant-Gardeners of Britain for their May Day actions. On July 6, a crop of marijuana seedlings was identified underneath Winston Churchill's statue in Parliament Square. The clever cultivators invaded the square last May 1 during May Day riots and planted the seeds unnoticed.

A wolf armed with a beeping alarm clock, biting the apathetic public in the ass to a team of University scientists from Chicago, Illinois, and Genoa, Italy,

for making it painfully obvious that science and technology are out of control to the point of absurdity. The team attached an extracted brain of a lamprey to a robot and created what they describe as an "artificial animal." A cyberneticist cheered the work, saying it could allow our brains to be transferred to robots when our bodies die. While we wait for that glorious day, science may allow us to connect mobile phones and other electronics directly to our brains as well.

A digital representation of a wolf in cyberspace to the "webjackers" who kidnapped Nike's homepage for a night. People visiting the site were redirected to a site calling for protesters to converge on the World Economic Forum in Melbourne, Australia this September.

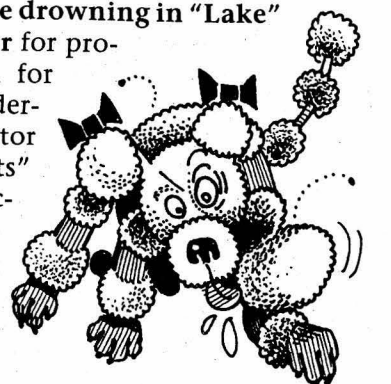


A born-again, reformed Christian poodle with a shiny black briefcase to ex-Earth First!er Christopher Manes. The author of *Green Rage* has changed his radical tune to one of church bells and hymns. In a recent interview, Manes said, "I'm a Christian... Being Catholic means a lot to me." When asked about his radical past, Manes replied, "I was pretty radical back then... But you grow up. I'm an attorney now."

A property-respecting cross-eyed poodle to the Elf Lore Family for suing Craig Rosebraugh for theft of "their" acronym. After recent Earth Liberation Front hits near Bloomington, Indiana, the Elf Lore Family showed up at a forum where Rosebraugh was speaking to issue him the subpoena and hand out literature about their eco-friendly group.

A confused poodle with one eye pecked out by an angry crow to the National Audubon Society for honoring timber giant Weyerhaeuser's management of Cool Springs Environmental Education Forest in North Carolina. The Society declared the forest an Important Bird Area. Apparently, these delusional bird watchers must have overlooked Weyerhaeuser's nationwide practice of clearcutting.

A chemlawn-laden cowpie-covered poodle drowning in "Lake" Powell to the Sierra Club's Toiyabe Chapter for promoting continued grazing in the proposal for Black Rock National Conservation and Wilderness Areas. The Sierra Club supports Senator Richard Bryan's (D-NV) proposal that "protects" the Black Rock Desert. Included in this protection is continued hunting, trapping and fishing, as well as grazing and the upholding of all current mineral rights. Also supporting this misdirected plan are The Wilderness Society and American Lands Alliance.





# Politics and Poison

## The Colombia/US Fumigation Program

BY CHRIS POTHECARY

Jungles and rivers contaminated; animals, birds and fish dead; people with upset stomachs and eye infections; babies born deformed and communities forced into migration; their livelihoods ruined.

These are just some of the effects of the aerial fumigation program being carried out by the Colombian/US government with the aim of eradicating the Colombian coca crop.

Despite millions of dollars, new planes, new helicopters, millions of liters of glyphosate (Roundup) and other herbicides, special US military training camps and satellite photos, the coca fields in the area under cultivation have tripled over the past 10 years.

Why? The simple reason is that in an area where making a living is difficult, coca makes economic sense to the peasants; it is the lifeblood of their economy and guarantees anyone who grows it a steady income. No other crops come close. The market for cocoa, yucca, plantain and other crops is poor. The prices do not justify the labor and the trouble in taking these crops to market. Coca is like a savior to the Colombian peasants as one Colombian campesino puts it. "From Coca we all eat. This is the way the peasant thinks, and it is true, since he who cultivates it can eat, he who processes it can eat, he who buys it can eat, he who orders it to be bought can eat, the policeman who robs it off the peasant so that he can sell it himself can eat. The narco-traffickers and all the politicians involved in it can eat very well, as do the generals, the president and even the gringos who now disguise their interventionist politics of war as a war against drugs."

The fumigation policy fails on every count as it does nothing to change the economic situation that leads people to grow coca in the first place. It only means that the peasants must move deeper into the jungle, cut down more trees and grow more coca. Either that or join the guerrillas.

Earlier this year on a visit to Caqueta in Southern Colombia, local farmers took me to see areas that had been

fumigated some seven months prior. They showed me how immediately after fumigation, the people had pruned the coca bushes down to ground level. With this tactic a large number of the plants had regenerated. Meanwhile, all around were dead trees and vegetation that showed no signs of revival. It was strange to look at what can only be described as a desert in a tropical region naturally abundant with life.

I also helped collect, shell and dry cocoa beans in order to sell them in a town three hours away. The work required to collect 40 kgs of beans, and the price they fetched (less than \$20) illustrates the difficulties that the peasants face if they try to farm legal crops.

It is not difficult to imagine the frustration experienced by these people when they are encouraged to



A desert in the tropical region—a fungicide denuded hillside in Colombia

try alternatives; either the money they are promised does not materialize or the new crops are sprayed and killed. For example, one farmer who spent five years converting to growing rubber trees with one hectare of coca set aside in case the scheme did not work found all his labor wasted when in the fifth year the planes came and destroyed all his rubber trees. He is now growing coca again.

Recent media announcements report that the US is to fund a new experiment with a genetically-altered fungus called *Fusarium* that they say only attacks coca. They plan to unleash this untested biological weapon in the Amazon—one of the Earth's most important and fragile

ecosystems. Meanwhile, no one listens to the voice of the peasants who campaign for the economic and social reforms that would help them create a viable and legal economy. The US anti-drug Czar Barry McCaffery insists on blaming the guerrillas for everything while ignoring the role of the right-wing paramilitaries and the Colombian government. All the different groups in Colombia are involved in the cocaine trade, but anyone who points this out makes themselves a target for the right wing death squads. Human rights organizations have documented plenty of evidence linking these death squads with the Colombian army and the rich elite who run the economy. The fact that fumigation is concentrated only in guerrilla-dominated areas indicates that this policy has far more to do with making sure Colombia is ruled by those groups friendly to the United States interests than eradicating the drug problem.

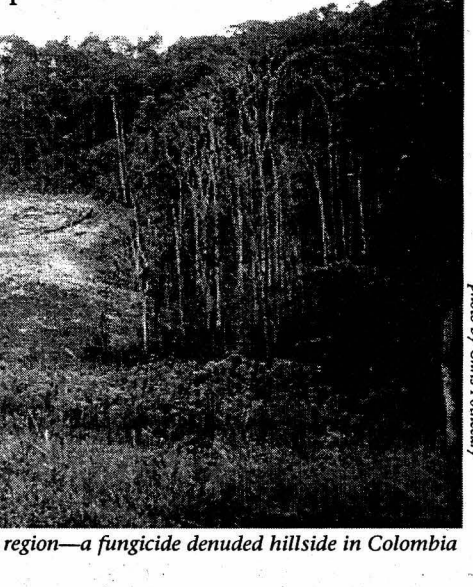


Photo by Chris Potheccary

Now the US government is to give \$1.6 billion in "aid" to Colombia, a large majority of which is to be spent on fumigation planes, helicopters, military hardware and special training bases for the Colombian Army.

One Colombian farmer told me that it appears from his point of view that the gringos are not content to control 90 percent of the drug market; they want the other 10 percent as well. "If the campesino resorts to coca in order to make a living it is illegal, but if a United States company trades in chemicals or weapons, destroying lives and destroying the jungle, it is perfectly legal. What kind of twisted logic is it that results in

more people being killed in the war against drugs than are killed by the drugs themselves?"

A research group from Holland called TNI Drugs and Democracy states in a document called *The Vicious Circle* that "Direct environmental damage of the spraying in terms of chemical pollution of soil and water in fragile ecosystems like the Amazon rainforest and the Andean mountain cloud forests is difficult to estimate." For the people living in the affected areas it is only possible to observe the death of their fish and poultry, the damaged food crops and wild animals dead in the jungle, not to mention diarrhea, nausea, headaches and eye infections.

Many important plants are severely affected by the fumigation. One such example is the Canargucha palm that creates a mini-ecosystem relied upon by many animals and birds for food and water. It is also venerated by the Indigenous people as a tree of life due to its many uses.

It is abundantly clear that fumigation policies only serve to amplify and further intensify division and resentment between the peasants and the government, while at the bottom line, nature, the innocent party in all this and that which is held sacred by the Indigenous peoples of Latin America, is what suffers most.

As one old peasant told a Colombian friend of mine, "Coca will not be finished with war, but the gringo government has always liked war as long as it is not in his country. Everything is just a screen appearance, a drama and as Christ said in the Bible, 'The Devil cannot kill the Devil, only God can get rid of him.'

The people of Colombia need positive solutions, not poison.

English Ecologists Against Fumigation of the Jungle is a group set up in order to give a voice to the people of Caqueta, Colombia, and to raise awareness of the many social and environmental problems they face. We are campaigning for positive solutions that promote life, liberty, justice and respect for Mother Nature. For more information, check out [www.gratisweb.com/campesinoingles](http://www.gratisweb.com/campesinoingles).

*Editor's note: On July 16, the Colombian government announced that it had no intention of testing or using genetically-altered fungus in its aggressive campaign against coca.*

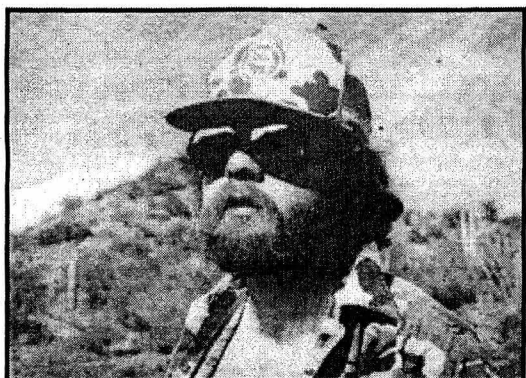
BY DAVE FOREMAN

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It is of course the work that counts. And the work goes on—spectacularly, I might add. The recent actions of the tree climbers in Oregon—Ron, Valerie, Doug Fir, and the rest—represent the best of our species, and the folks involved are deserving of taking a place in any pantheon of heroes and heroines.

A second major Earth First! front has also been opened with the arrest of nine Earth First!ers in Yellowstone National Park. I sense a major commitment to taking a stand in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. If we can't protect Yellowstone as an intact ecosystem, we can't save anything in the lower 48. Other actions—as a partial result of the Round River Rendezvous—are brewing in Montana, Arizona and elsewhere.

Engaging in the dangerous and stressful activity of



Dave Foreman modeling merchandise.



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direct actions can be exhausting. You work your heart out to save a particular tree or piece of ground, and when you "lose," you wonder what it was all for. Was it just a media stunt, an ego trip? Was it a waste because you didn't "succeed" in your immediate goal? I think you have to go beyond that.

One real benefit of engaging in direct action is personal growth, of course. Although important to the individual, this is a minor aspect, I believe. The Brownie Points you chalk up are for you, but your significance pales beside that of the old-growth forest, the grizzly, or the Grand Canyon. Protection of a place is the bottom line. Excessive emphasis on the personal

growth element is *Me First!*, not *Earth First!*

The land is what counts. Despite the trees that have fallen out from under Earth First!ers in Oregon, old growth has become a major statewide issue there. The public has been aroused. Other environmental and outdoor groups are being spurred into action. The Forest Service doubtlessly has pulled back on some of their more egregious plans to dismember the Cathedral Forests. Old growth ecosystems have been—and will be—saved in Oregon because of the tree-climbers, the bulldozer-blockers, the dynamite-sitters.

You've done a good job, friends...

Be sure to get out into a wilderness this summer. But if you're stuck in town for an evening or two, go see two magnificent movies: *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, and *The Emerald Forest*. I'll bet you didn't think there were any commercial motion pictures made from an Earth First! perspective. There are. These two.

To learn more about Earth First! history, order back issues for only \$4 a piece.

The Samhain 2000 edition of the Earth First! Journal will be a special 20-year anniversary issue and will include many then and nows, showcasing some of the best writers and artists the movement has to offer. Watch for it on newsstands in November.



# SONG OF THE LAND

## WEAVING CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY PHILIP M. KLASKY

Outside the elders' home on the reservation, a flock of grackles swoop and hop inside a mulberry tree, chattering in raspy, high-pitched bursts. A merciful breeze drifts through the living room. I place a tape player and small tape recorder on the dining room table and point the microphone toward the elder. Mr. Barrackman takes off his glasses and bends over the table, closing his eyes in concentration. He is wearing a pin striped shirt and an elaborate turquoise and silver belt buckle. At 82 years old, the Mojave Indian elder is one of the few people alive who can still remember the old stories and songs. I set the player in motion and turn on the recorder. The voice of another 82 year old man begins to speak. Slowly, as he absorbs their meaning, Mr. Barrackman translates into English the words of Emmett Van Fleet, the last of the Mojave Creation Song singers. Van Fleet's songs, recorded three decades ago, are accompanied by the slow cadence of a gourd rattle. The richly textured voices of the two elders, as elegant and durable as raw silk, are woven together in a conversation over a bridge through time. As Mr. Barrackman speaks, an epic creation poem emerges.

Heaven. God. Sky. God. Land. House of Night. He finished his house before he died. He is a doctor, a medicine man. Learn to sing. Learn to hear the different songs God gave to them. God calls it the House of Night. Creation songs. He gives the songs to the Northern tribes. He gave them a good dream. He gave them an aching heart. He is not human. He is only a wind.

I stop the tape machines to catch up on my notes. Llewellyn Barrackman, a highly respected elder who has served twice as the chairman of his tribe and decades as their spiritual leader, takes a sip of coffee and leans back in his chair. A year ago, while conducting research into the oral traditions of the Mojave people in order to establish aboriginal land rights, the elder showed me a cache of reel to reel tapes they had been storing for nearly 30 years. The tapes contained the Creation Songs of the Mojave people.

For the last nine years, I have been working with the five lower Colorado River Indian Tribes to stop the proposal for a nuclear waste dump on their sacred lands at Ward Valley, California, a place the Mojave call *Silyaye Ahease*, or the Place of Screwbean Mesquite and Sand. The Mojave's name for themselves is the *Bipa Aha Macav* or Keepers of the River, instructed by their creator to protect the Colorado River. Radioactive wastes from nuclear power reactors buried in shallow unlined trenches above an aquifer and 20 miles from the Colorado River would eventually contaminate this source of water for the five lower Colorado River Indian Tribes and 22-million people in the Southwest and Mexico.

Land tenure, tribal dominion and aboriginal territory are determined by story and song in cultures with oral traditions. The songs of the Mojave people are central to their oral history and are cultural maps with spatial and temporal dimensions. They describe the mythical journeys of the Mojave's spirit mentors while serving as a guide for the ancient traveler through the exacting desert environment with directions to sources of food and water. The songs are part of a 525 song cycle and describe travels along the Colorado River from *Avi Kwa Me* or Spirit Mountain (Mt. Newberry, Nevada) to *Avi Kwahath* or Greasy Mountain (South Mountain, Arizona) investing the natural landscape with multi-layered stories of both the profound and the mundane. The 525 song cycle was sung from sundown to sunrise at the wake and cremation ritual.

Emmett Van Fleet's songs were recorded in 1972 by Guy Tyler, an amateur ethnographer who worked for the American Broadcasting System in

Los Angeles. Tyler traveled out to the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Parker, Arizona on the weekends to record the elder.

With Barrackman's encouragement, I took the reel to reel tapes to the language laboratory at the University of California at Berkeley where they were transcribed onto cassette tapes and onto compact disks for archival purposes. The task of translation had become an exciting journey of discovery. Listening to the voices of the elders recount rituals of death and cremation, it felt as though I had entered into a secret chamber in an ancient tomb.

Story is essential to the identity of a people and becomes a highly developed craft in cultures with oral traditions. Recounting stories and events is a universal practice among peoples, as basic as food



Emmett Van Fleet wearing a painted sweater and headdress.

and shelter. Nested and preserved in the narrative are the mores, art, archetypes, collective knowledge, history, jokes, foibles, social ways, perceptions and relationship with the natural world of a distinct people.

Llewellyn Barrackman explains, "This is our map. We have always lived along the river. This is our area. God put us here to protect our lands. We have been singing these songs since time immemorial. If they try to take away our lands, the government could try to take away our lands again, the songs will tell which are our lands, the songs will protect our land."

Ceremony has played a central role at numerous gatherings at Ward Valley, organized for the purpose of political organizing and spiritual presence. The Mojave, Chemehuevi, Quechan, Cocopah and invited singers, dancers and spiritual leaders from tribes throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico have consecrated the land through ritual and performance.

Last year, during the successful 113 day occupation of Ward Valley by Native Americans and environmental activists, traditional song and dance were performed to assert religious freedoms and to inspire the protesters to stand in defiance of federal orders to vacate the land. Alerted by word of mouth and through Indian as well as activist networks, hundreds of people came to defend the land, provide support for the occupation and bear witness. Federal law enforcement officers set up a command post outside of the

occupied territory with sophisticated surveillance equipment and a fleet of rangers ready to break up the protest. On the eve of the order to vacate, Bird Singers and Dancers began their cycle of songs at sunset. A row of men singing to accompaniment of gourd rattles faced a row of women dancing in full regalia, in shawls and skirts of red and black diamonds. They sang all through the night. As the morning approached, federal officials advanced toward the line of defense. At the entrance to the occupied land, the rangers found the traditional singers and dancers surrounded by elders, old women in their 70s and 80s, protected by their young warriors who were encircled by hundreds of Indians and activists. After some deliberation among themselves, the federal officers retreated, unwilling to try to arrest the elders while they were engaged in ceremony. A few days later the command post was removed, and the government began negotiations with the tribes.

For now, Ward Valley is safe. After years of resistance against great odds, the tide has changed. Through a series of successful court challenges, legislative barriers and scientific and economic analyses, the defense of environmental justice and religious rights for the indigenous peoples of the region and the growth of a potent grass roots movement, decision makers have no recourse but to retreat from plans to bury nuclear wastes at Ward Valley.

Acknowledging the defeat of the Ward Valley dump, California Governor Gray Davis has appointed an Advisory Committee to present him with options for radioactive waste disposal. Since I was appointed to consult with the Scientific Panel advising the Advisory Group, I have attended every meeting and made numerous presentations to the group. Concepts such as intergenerational equity, environmental justice and the precautionary principle were considered foreign to the panel whose membership was dominated by those associated with the nuclear industry and its academic allies. The Bay Area Nuclear Wastes Coalition, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility presented the most far-reaching option calling for a cessation of nuclear power, internalization of waste containment costs, on-site in highly engineered storage facilities, segregation of the waste stream by hazardous life, generator liability and source

reduction. Other environmental groups engaged in the process have supported compromise measures that lead us down the dangerous path of appeasement. The other options to be presented to the governor include disposal in shallow land burial sites and generator immunity to crimes against the future. The public must remain vigilant so that we will not have to fight other shallow landfills in some minority community elsewhere.

I leave the Barrackmans' home as the sun lies low in the western sky on its descent beyond the Paiute Mountains. I am full with the stories within the stories. The songs have had a meditative, almost hypnotic effect on me. Part of the haunting beauty of this desert is the inconceivable age of the land, the course of its rivers through millennia. A metaphor for distant time can be found in the great vistas of unmediated landscape where one can almost see the very curvature of the Earth. As I look toward *Avi Kwa Me*, I hear the abiding rhythm of the rattle and the elders' voices as old as we have known rivers and mountains.

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Photo by Philip M. Klasky



# Atrocity at Medicine Lake Geothermal Mining on Sacred Ground

BY MICHELLE BERDITSHEVSKY WITH PEGGY RISCH

Looking northeast from Mount Shasta, the Medicine Lake Highlands volcano rises out of a sea of blue-green forested hills. Encompassing California's most diverse volcanic fields on the state's largest shield volcano, the area is one of the major sources of water flowing into the Sacramento River. The volcano's caldera was formed when the deep flow of molten magma caused the dome's summit to collapse in late Cenozoic times, creating a 500-foot deep oval crater four by six miles. Later eruptions built a ring of smaller volcanoes around the rim of the basin. The azure waters of Medicine Lake lie embedded in this million-year sculpture of volcanic fury. The landscape's haunting textures comprise lava flows and mountains made of glass-like obsidian, white pumice, dark boulders, silver-green mountain hemlock, tall forests reaching into vast clear skies, home to eagles, goshawks, martens, fishers, rare bats and unknown numbers of sensitive plants, pure lakes and springs.

For 10,000 years, as far back as memory and signs hewn in stone can reach, the Medicine Lake Highlands have been a place of traditional spiritual practice. To Native American tribes known as the Ahjumawi (Pit River), Modoc and Shasta, as well as more distant tribes, the landscape is a living scripture in which higher beings have left messages for the first people of the land. Today, the people continue their prayer, vision quests, healing and subsistence practices in the highlands.

In this remote area there are no freeways, trains, factories, power lines, bright lights. Narrow winding roads take you to places with evocative names like Glass Mountain, Pumice Craters Lava Flow, Yellow Jacket Ice Cave, Red Shale Mountain, Burnt Lava Flow, Painted Pot Crater and Medicine Mountain. Absent is the steady grinding roar of engines that we have become accustomed to. The industrial obsession with resource extraction has not gotten a foothold here and will not if Native American and environmental defenders have their way.

The agency decided to cancel one proposed geothermal industrial "park" in the Medicine Lake Highlands, although it is unfortunately planning to develop the other. Each of the complexes could cover up to eight square miles with power plants, well fields, toxic sump ponds, roads, above-ground steam pipes and transmission lines, all within half a mile southeast and two and a half miles northwest of Medicine Lake. Steam plumes, night lighting, chemical odors, risks of well blowouts and pipeline leakage, and the noise of years of well drilling, construction and operations would intrude into the air and water, the star-paved night sky and the serenity of the landscape.

Glass Mountain on the northeast rim of the caldera is a prime source of high quality obsidian, valued for projectile points and ceremonial uses by tribes as distant as the coastal Yurok. Wild currant, gooseberry and other local plants are used as food; woodwardia is gathered for basketry. Prince's pine and mountain hemlock are used for healing, as is the pure water from lakes and springs. Their association with specific sites give medicinal plants spiritual properties that contribute not only to physical but also spiritual levels of healing.

The highlands are "more than archaeological sites and human remains," says Theodore Martinez, spiritual leader from the Atsuge Band of the Pit River Tribe. "These grounds are still utilized today. If there wasn't anything there, you wouldn't feel anything when you go there, and you would go back with the same sickness you came to heal." The energy under the ground "is tied to everyone of these mountains

around there, tied to Medicine Lake, the springs, the meadows, the plants, the animals. There are things we're talking about that aren't acknowledged as part of our culture. That energy that they want to take, that's a part of the spiritual power living there. The whole Caldera is an energy center, that's why they call it Medicine Lake Highlands."

Developers and bureaucrats have a different vision for the area. Between 1982 and 1988, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) auctioned off leases on 134,000 acres in the Medicine Lake Highlands with practically no public disclosure, based on a "finding of no significant impact" for environmental assessments issued jointly by the BLM for subsurface resources, and by the Forest Service as the surface managing agency.

By 1995, two multinational energy corporations, San Jose-based Calpine and Omaha-based CalEnergy, had acquired holdings in the highlands. By 1997, each company submitted development plans on their respective leases at Fourmile Hill and Telephone Flat. The Bonneville Power Administration, a federal agency which had contracted to buy power from the companies, has promised \$20 million if the projects go online. Proposals for the two power plants, each costing roughly \$100 million to build—with associated wellfields, pipelines and transmission lines—were evaluated in Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) released in 1997 and 1998. Based on the promise of development rights, the two companies have invested millions of dollars on purchasing leases and conducting these studies.

Within weeks of release of the environmental documents, the Native Coalition, homeowners and environmental groups mobilized, combing through documents, attending public meetings, educating the public and over the years submitting extensive written comments to the agencies. Native Americans and other activists protested at the US Forest Service office in Alturas. Martinez performed a traditional prayer ceremony, and posters decried "stop the rape and desecration of our sacred lands." The

Pit River Tribe and the Native Coalition have strengthened their network, developing an informal Native-Bioregional Alliance with the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center. In the past year, the alliance has sent two delegations to Washington DC to educate higher level decision makers on the sacred meaning of this extraordinary landscape.

The geothermal projects are driven by "green energy" subsidies. The California Energy Commission has pledged \$49 million over five years to the two companies, assuming the projects begin operation by January 1, 2002. And on a national scale, the Department of Energy has launched the Geowest Initiative calling for geothermal mining to meet 10 percent of the West's electrical needs by the year 2020. As critics point out, that is support diverted from conservation efforts and cleaner energy alternatives such as solar.

Unlike fossil fuels, geothermal does not produce large quantities of the "criteria pollutants," particularly carbon dioxide, sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides. However, geothermal has its own set of impacts.

Geothermal development taps large underground beds of boiling brine, a hot viscous substance that contains mercury, arsenic, boron, cadmium and other hazardous compounds sitting on top of magma-heated rock. To mine the brine at the highlands, developers would have to drill more than 80 wells during the 45-year life span of the two 49 megawatt plants. Drilling production wells, an arduous 25 to 90 day process, requires boring down 9,000 to 10,000 feet. Miles of above-ground, high-pressured pipelines would carry



Medicine Lake Highlands

photo by Jane English

the 400-degree Fahrenheit water to a power plant. These nine to 10-story power plants would be the tallest buildings in rural Siskiyou County, in the midst of the Modoc and Klamath National Forests.

Inadequately weighed against the loss of Native American culture and irreversible environmental damages, the plans project 19 permanent jobs, an annual revenue of \$1.3 million to Siskiyou County and federal royalty payments totaling \$15 to \$25 million over the first 20 years of the project. Of the 98 megawatts the two companies propose to extract, only 80 megawatts would be left over from running the two plants. That energy—along with the estimated 400 megawatts the projects do not immediately propose to extract—could be better obtained by intelligent energy conservation, the coalition is saying.

In the face of the evidence, and in the face of two multinationals with legal resources, the agencies find themselves between a rock and a hard place: "Construction of the projects would significantly impact an area holding spiritual and cultural significance for regional Native Americans, states a Washington DC-issued Forest Service briefing document. "There is a concern that denial of the projects would be a taking of property rights associated with the geothermal leases."

In July 1999, the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places designated the entire Medicine Lake Caldera—"an interrelated series of locations and natural features"—eligible as a Traditional Cultural District which strengthened the case for protection.

The Keeper, Carol Shull, cited "the historic and continuing value of the area to Native Americans for maintaining their traditional cultural identity." The Forest Service has yet to evaluate important areas outside the caldera, including sites in the Fourmile Hill area. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer have taken strong positions to assure that decision makers adequately consider traditional cultural values. Yet even with the National Register designation, one of the biggest difficulties encountered in the process to protect these sacred lands are cultural differences in how the land and impacts on it are considered. Developers and land managers tend to reduce the land to an object of grids, profit charts and product outputs, juggling quantities so that it seems possible to mitigate impacts.

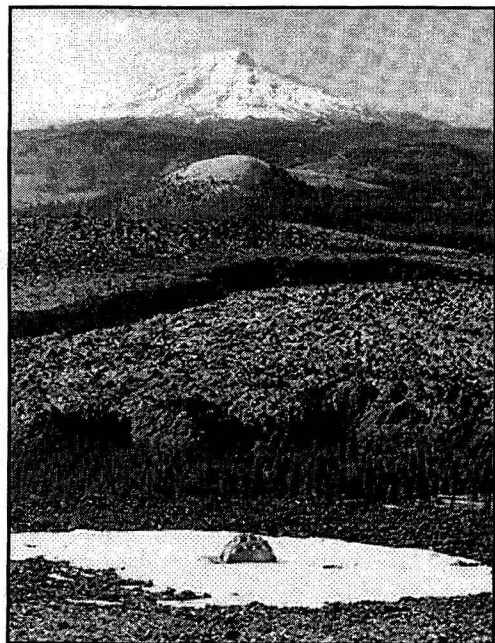
In the words of Jerald Jackson, spiritual leader of the Modoc Tribe, "The Spirit of Creation, just being there with what I call my relatives—sun, wind, trees, rocks, brush, everything that God has created. I'm part of that when I'm out there at that altar, and it continues when I come away from that altar. That water out there, Medicine Lake, is sacred because it's the life blood of Mother Earth. It's also the life blood of the people."

To Native Americans, cultural restoration—ensuring that places and traditional ways vital to cultural survival are preserved—means taking care of the land, listening to the land, the plants and the animals, the wind. As Willard Rhoades, spiritual elder of the Pit River Tribe, has put it: "Working on protection of these places lets you be adopted into the land. This is what allows you to understand."

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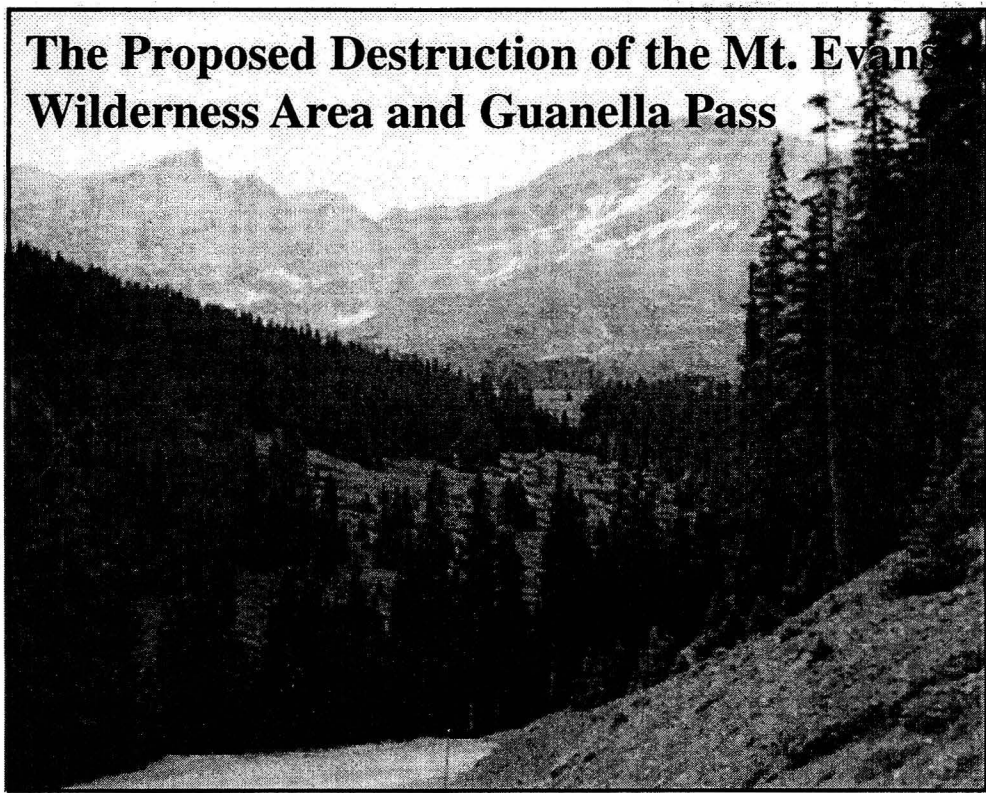


View of Mt. Shasta from the highlands

photo by Jane English



## The Proposed Destruction of the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area and Guanella Pass



Looking into the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area

Guanella Pass runs for 25 miles on the border of the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area in central Colorado. At its south end, the tiny dirt road begins in the village of Grant in Park County and Pike National Forest. It runs north into Clear Creek County and to its alpine summit of 11,600 feet, then it enters Arapaho National Forest and continues down to Georgetown, west of Denver. It is a uniquely beautiful and pristine country road which is mostly unpaved and seldom subjected to county maintenance. It is entirely recreational, with no use in the winter. If visitors are quiet and watchful, they can usually see some of the abundant wildlife including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elk, deer, cougars, bears and even lynx. It has long been a favorite of locals (human and animal) who wish to avoid pavement.

Sadly, the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) has been unable to find enough legitimate projects on which to spend its billions of dollars, so it has

resorted to trying to convert unspoiled mountain roads like Cottonwood and Guanella Passes into highways. And who proposed the Guanella Pass Environmental Impact and Feasibility Statements? M.K. Centennial Engineering Company (subsidiary of the giant construction contracting company Morrison Knudson), front runner to get the whole job for \$40 to \$75 million. The FHA picked them to protect our environment? For the past eight years, Centennial Engineering has been paid millions of dollars to study this project and sell it to the public with misleading reports and fancy dog and pony shows demonstrating how beautiful the road will be when it's fully paved, widened, straightened and manicured.

The truth is that this project will allow much more traffic and higher speeds, according to the Feds' own studies. Incredibly, one of the justifications the FHA is using for this project is additional safety. Obviously, increased pavement leads to increased speeds, and increased speeds lead to increased danger for vehicle occupants, pedestrians and wildlife. Also, according to the Feds' report, the project would increase the volume of traffic over the next 15 years by 225 percent into a "protected" wilderness area that is already "exceeding maximum tolerable usage." However, the Feds say that they won't stop this project for environmental considerations or public opinion; that's the county commissioners' job.

The public meetings and opinion polls have shown that 96 percent of the county commissioners' constituents oppose any reconstruction on the Guanella Pass road. But despite the wishes of the communities involved, despite the effect of eight to 14 years of heavy construction with over 100 heavy dump trucks a day in these small canyons, despite the effects of construction on local families and businesses, and despite forever causing extreme overuse of the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area and ruining the cherished rural character of Guanella Pass, five out of six county commissioners involved won't veto the project. They say, "the issue is too complicated for the public to understand" and "the public must be ignored."

Now the FHA has this project on the fast track so it won't lose its budget or logistical advantages. Then it intends to take our tax money and use it to destroy something we love for financial benefit. It's wrong. Let's not allow it.

The key supporters of the project are Park County Commissioners Cecil Delange and Jerry Solberg, POB 220, Fairplay, CO 80440; (719) 836-9572; and Clear Creek Commissioners Ms. Fabyan Watrous, Ms. JoAnn Sorensen and Mr. Bob Poirot, POB 914, Georgetown, CO 80444; (303) 679-2300.

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## Wetlands, Burial Grounds At Stake in Winnebago Land-grab

BY CHRISTINE GEOVANIS

Blind military veteran Tom Ditzler returned to court on July 17 in his battle to prevent Winnebago County from seizing a large portion of his land for a four-lane highway extension project. Opponents of the land-grab of Ditzler's property, which they assert houses rare wetlands and Indian burial grounds, have vowed to engage in civil disobedience to prevent the county from pushing forward with the project.

Winnebago officials began clearcutting timber on Ditzler's property on July 12, one day before the last scheduled court date in the case, despite a veto of quick-take legislation five days earlier by Illinois Governor Bill Ryan as well as growing local and regional opposition to the county's land seizure. Three protesters were arrested on Ditzler's land the same day, including Ditzler's daughter Christine, and charged with offenses that include throwing mud at officials. The protesters and witnesses flatly deny the charges.

"The county simply refuses to honor the principles of due process in this case," says Jessie Crow, a local organizer of the land protection effort and one of the individuals arrested. "Tragically, we see our elected officials putting the almighty dollar ahead of both basic rights and the environment. Dozens of groups are united in fighting this land grab, and we won't give up."

Winnebago County is seizing the wetlands on Ditzler's property for \$17 million. Ditzler has not been compensated for his land to date, and local opponents say the road could be built much more cheaply—and the wetlands and burial mounds preserved—if the route were changed.

To undercut opposition to the road-building project, county officials have threatened to file lawsuits against critics, including Myles Goddard, an anthropologist and archeologist from Du Page College who has identified Native American burial mounds on the site. The county has produced its own experts who dispute Goddard's assessment of the negative impact of the roadbuilding project on Native American mounds and artifacts.

Other groups that have rallied around the fight to



Habitat for herons or highways for Winnebagos?

preserve the wetlands include members of the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Illinois Conservation Voters, Winnebago County Concerned Citizens and the Chicago Direct Action Network. Supporters have traveled from as far away as Texas to prevent the land seizure, and activists have begun a treesit in one of the oldest oak trees endangered by the clearcutting.

Activists also charge the county with race-baiting. Last week, the *Chicago Tribune* reported county concerns that opposition was driven in part by some local residents' fears that public housing in the region would be expanded in the wake of the roadbuilding project. The area through which the extension would be built currently houses two public housing projects managed by the Winnebago County Public Housing Authority—Concord Commons and the smaller Champion Park complex. Both projects are overwhelmingly African-American and low-income. The county is currently attempting to win funds from HUD's HOPE VI grant program, which places a strong emphasis on demolition, to raze Champion Park and replace it with a "mixed-use" residential development that they say in conjunction with the road project, will help boost economic development in the region. HOPE VI projects are often implemented in combination with business tax credits and other financing incentives to spur commercial development.

The program has been strongly criticized by

affordable housing advocates, who charge that HOPE VI developments typically displace more than half of the low-income residents whose homes are razed through the program, and that it often intensifies land-grabs of valuable real estate by commercial developers.

For-profit commercial developers have begun to show increasing interest in land around the area that houses both Tom Ditzler's Kent Creek property and the Champion Park/Concord Commons projects. Land values in the area are low by local standards and marked by open spaces and undeveloped wetlands, in stark contrast to the rest of Winnebago County, which includes the city of Rockford, Illinois. But lack of a major road corridor through the area has helped to stall commercial and upscale residential development.

County officials also argue that local public housing residents need the road extension to gain access to jobs, health care, education and other basics, arguing that it currently costs public housing residents \$23 by cab to access full-service grocery stores and other amenities. Opponents of the land-grab say the county's professed concern for low-income minority residents' well-being is at best late in coming, and at worst, hypocritical.

"Now the county says only the road can remedy these inequities," Cookson adds. "But Winnebago County has betrayed public housing residents so far. Why should we believe that their vague promises don't veil a larger land-grab that ultimately will benefit commercial developers at the expense of local residents and the environment? We've seen it before in cities like Chicago, in the so-called "mixed-use" redevelopments of housing projects like Henry Horner Homes and Cabrini Green. These are nothing but push-outs of public housing residents—ethnic cleansing, if you will—for the benefit of commercial real estate developers. The likelihood that Winnebago County will promote the same strategy—with devastating consequences for the environment and the people—is very high."

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# Peoria Food Fight over Genetic Engineering

BY JAMES BELL

Red Gate Earth First! made the trip down from Chicago on May 12 to meet up with other anti-biotech activists in Peoria, Illinois. We camped outside of town and enjoyed a beautiful star-filled night around the fire. David Pittman, a local Peoria organizer, came by to give us the latest. He spoke about how we would be joined by irate farmers outside the Peoria Civic Center where the US House of Representatives Agriculture Committee would be taking testimony from farmers about federal farm policy. Only problem was that the farmers weren't invited by the committee! Instead, the 21 individuals inside testifying as farmers were representative of large agribusiness interests. The topic of how biotech foods are destroying the American farmer would most likely not be discussed. We aimed to bring that discussion into the streets and onto television screens and newspapers.

Early May 13, members of Congress were greeted by a cornucopia of about 30 protesters; a walking picket line protesting biotechnology and genetically modified food. Activists were dressed as mutant corn cobs, fish tomatoes and monarch butterflies. Signs read: "The USA is not a democracy it is a corporate dictatorship," "No FrankenFoods!," and "Let me choose the food I buy." The costumes reflected some of the many concerns over genetically engineered (GE) foods.

The *Peoria Journal Star* that morning had a great "above the fold" front page story on the protest, which brought good press coverage. Adding to the surreal nature of the mix of congresspeople, farmers, news media and activists were hundreds of families

attending Bradley University's graduation ceremonies taking place concurrently in the Peoria Civic Center. Some student's mom was videotaping or grandma was taking her granddaughter's graduation photo next to a giant mutant ear of corn!

The protest called for federal hearings that are truly representative of those impacted by federal farm policy, immediate labeling of biotech ingredients in all consumer foods or removal of all biotech foods from the market, and extensive independent research into the safety of this radical new technology.

This important protest came on the heels of the biotech industry's announcement of a multi-million dollar preemptive strike on farmer and environmentalist concerns. "There is no doubt in my mind that we are a clear underdog in this effort. Industry has budgeted \$50-million a year for advertising and tens of millions of dollars more on public relations, lobbying and campaign contributions," states Jim Slama, President of Sustain and publisher of *Conscious Choice Magazine*. Sustain's Rally to Stop Genetically Engineered Foods in late 1999 was the first large-scale protest against genetically engineered foods in the US and received significant national and international media coverage.

The Keep Nature Natural Campaign is a national initiative to flood the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with comments asking for stricter regulation for GE foods. At the heart of the campaign is a legal petition filed by the Center for Food Safety, which demands the establishment of stringent pre-market safety testing regulations and mandatory labeling for GE foods. The Center for Food Safety has ongoing



Bt-cornman knocks out the butterflies in Illinois

lawsuits against both the FDA and Environmental Protection Agency concerning the safety of GE foods. An unprecedented coalition of more than 50 consumer, environmental, scientific, farm and health groups have already signed on to the petition. In addition, Whole Foods Market and Wild Oats, the nation's largest natural food retailers, have signed on to the campaign and will encourage customers to comment to the FDA.

Please write and request that the agency's current policies be changed, and voice support for points in docket #00P-1211\CP1. Write Commissioner Jane Henney, Docket No. 00p-1211\CP1, FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

To download flyers and postcards to encourage the FDA to label GE foods, see [www.keepnatural.org](http://www.keepnatural.org), or [www.foodsafetynow.org](http://www.foodsafetynow.org). For more information, contact Red Gate Earth First!, 3400 West 111th St, #154, Chicago, IL 60655; [friends@enteract.com](mailto:friends@enteract.com).

## Stopping the Hole in Headwaters

BY EYORE, NORTH COAST EF!

The last few months have been something of a roller-coaster ride for the fight to save the "Hole" in the Headwaters, Timber Harvest Plan (THP) 520. It started with a lawsuit filed by Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) and the Sierra Club jointly against both Pacific Lumber (PL) and the California Department of Forestry (CDF), contending that CDF had wrongly filed PL's request for helicopter yarding in the "Hole" as a minor amendment, instead of a major amendment, which would require a public comment period.

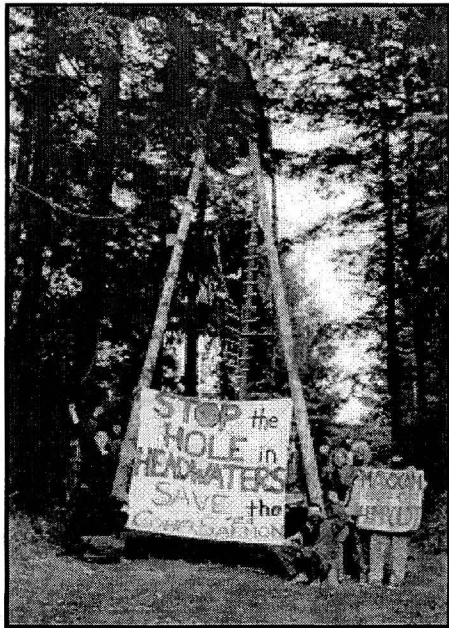
In the hopes of protecting the "Hole" while the lawsuit goes through, North Coast Earth First! (NCEF!) set up a blockade of the only road into the area on June 4. The blockade consisted of a bipod with a lockbox and two monopoles that supported a cargo net. Pacific Lumber volunteered to temporarily hold off logging until the lawsuit. NCEF! decided to maintain the blockade, given PL's duplicitous nature in the past. On June 12, the blockade was raided and torn down by camouflaged Humboldt County Sheriffs and PL Security. PL was able to cut down the bipod sitter's platform and lower him down in spite of the lockbox. The blockade was torn down quickly by PL security, with many of the EFlers' personal possessions getting burned while the Sheriffs watched. Two were arrested that day.

On June 24 we opened an action training camp on Elk River Road, right by the entrance to the Headwaters Preserve, where we received incredible support from the local community, whose water rights to the south fork of the Elk River would be trashed should the "Hole" get logged. The camp was a lot of fun and showed just how far we have come in exposing PL's shoddy forest practices.

On June 28, Judge Quentin Kopp held a hearing on whether to place an official injunction on THP 520 until the issue of the major amendment could be heard. On July 10, he ruled that a temporary restraining order was called for, but only if EPIC/Sierra Club could produce a \$250,000 bond to reimburse PL for lost harvesting time if they won the case. After a great deal of worry and work, the money was produced, with large donations coming from big names such as Bonnie Raitt, Don Henley and James Garner at the zero hour. The camp has been shut down for now, pending the hearing on the major amendment.

If we win, the changes to THP 520 will have to undergo public comment; however, CDF has the ultimate role of deciding whether or not the "Hole" can go through with the new changes, something which would go against what we've seen the Board do in the recent past. The show's not over yet, not by a long shot; we just have a brief intermission for now.

For more information contact NCEF!, 1825 11th St, #4, Arcata, CA 95521; (707)-825-6598; [ncef@humboldt1.com](mailto:ncef@humboldt1.com).



Stop the logging, save the coho salmon!

photo courtesy North Coast EF!

## Ramsey Gulch Treesit Hangs On

Through the combined efforts of many Earth First! activists, concerned local residents and the Canopy Action Network, the Ramsey Gulch treesit that began on June 19 has now evolved into a tree village consisting of several more trees and two more tree-sitting activists. Although a restraining order has recently been issued against all activists who enter San Jose-based Redwood Empire's property, activists were not deterred from delivering fresh supplies of food and water on July 2. The tree village consists of seven trees connected by ropes, and continues to be a necessary tool for protecting the trees and drawing the public's attention to the illegal harvesting methods of Redwood Empire. The logging operations have been moving closer to the treesit, but spirits are high in the tree village.

Blackbird, the first resident to occupy the tree village, has said, "I'm not going to come down until there's some agreement on protecting this area." Ramsey Gulch, located in the Corralitos watershed in southern Santa Cruz County, California, has been heavily impacted by logging since 1850, and the cumulative impact on the land has greatly increased in the last 10 years.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors voted last November to pass special logging ordinances to protect the best interests of local residents, the watershed, the forests and wildlife. The ordinances, which prohibit logging within 50 feet of a stream, are designed to protect not only threatened steelhead habitat but drinking water as well. Redwood Empire's Timber Harvest Plan (THP) for Ramsey Gulch is in willful violation of these ordinances, as trees in streams and along stream banks have been cut, and many fallen redwoods have been left in streams. Although California Forest Practices Rules state that cut trees may not be left in streams for more than 24 hours, these trees have been left in the streams for a week or more. Many more redwoods are marked to be harvested.

Activists are also concerned about the excessively steep terrain of the forest. These types of soils are easily eroded and could lead to landslides if the root systems that hold the hillsides in place are destroyed. One tree faller reportedly walked off the job because of concerns over safety while falling trees on such extreme slopes. Other concerns include the diminishing streamside canopy (reducing it further will raise stream temperatures, which can kill certain fish species) and increased understory growth.

Last year, Roger Burch's Redwood Empire had over 30 violations of the California State Forest Practices Rules with its logging operation in nearby Gamecock Canyon. Most were never mitigated. An anonymous activist with Santa Cruz Earth First! says, "Laws are enforced on trespassers trying to expose logging violations, while Redwood Empire continues to disobey county ordinances that protect timber lands in watersheds." The environmental activists want to see the forest rules enforced consistently, and maintain that more sustainable logging methods must be practiced to ensure healthy forests and ecosystems.

Northern California forest defender Redwood Mary stated, "It is going to take strong local citizen participation to make sure the forests here are not destroyed by destructive logging as they have been in Mendocino County. It is also going to require the support of people from all over to help save our international treasures... the last of the world's redwood forest ecosystems."

Please call and write the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (831) 454-2200; 454-3262 (fax). For more information, contact Santa Cruz Earth First!, POB 344, Santa Cruz, CA 95061; (831) 425-3205. Donations can be made to Plight of the Redwoods, POB 2856, Ft. Bragg, CA, 95437.

—SANTA CRUZ EF!



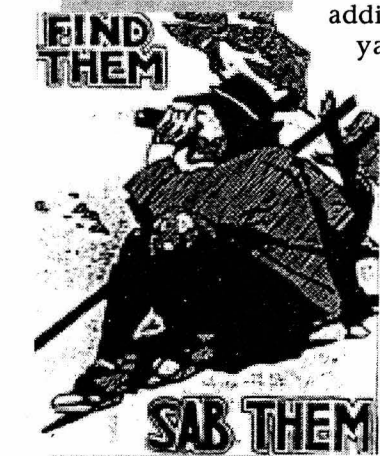
# Take Back the Nights!

*Editor's Note: Welcome to a special enlarged Earth Night News. There have been many actions under the cover of darkness over the last few months. Over 30 anti-genetics actions have happened in the US in the past year. Every night, brave warriors for the Earth sabotage the work of animal torturers, gene manipulators and earth destroyers. In the past two years, these types of actions have increased in number and in damage done. As these types of actions become more effective, police and governmental repression becomes more extensive. Please take time to research your targets. Don't get caught!*

## Earth Liberation

• A group called *Revenge Of The Trees!* torched two logging company offices on May 7. The communiqué follows:

Sunday, May 7, ROTT (Revenge Of The Trees!) set fire to Holbrook Inc., headquartered at 1425 Washington St., Olympia, Washington. ROTT takes credit for gutting this timber company who runs lumber trading operations in Tacoma and Chehalis in addition to the lumber yard at the Port of Olympia. We destroyed computer equipment used to manage Holbrook Inc.'s online venture called eTimber, a logging industry information and commerce site. A small office that Holbrook leases out to another timber company, CITIFOR Inc., was also heavily damaged.



Logging is just one aspect in this capitalistic industrialized system that is destroying all things wild. We will not stop until this whole stinking system rots!

• On June 29, the ELF delivered the following communiqué regarding tree spiking in Indiana:

The Earth Liberation Front would like to make public that we have placed hundreds of spikes in trees in the timber sales that are about to be cut on Crooked Creek Road in Brown County and Buskirk Road in Monroe County. These spikes have been placed both high and low in the trees to prevent the cutting of the trees. The trees are now worthless at the mill and dangerous to cut down. We ask that this action be widely publicized in order to prevent injury to any timber workers who might be working in the area. It is not our intention to cause any harm to anyone. We also hope that this action will discourage companies from buying timber sales in the state forests. This is a warning to all those who want to turn the beings of the earth into cash. We are committed to protecting every last square inch of our forests that remain. Too much has been lost, let the corporations beware, the ELF is everywhere.

• On 20 July, the ELF released the following communiqué:

On behalf of native forests everywhere, we attacked the US Forest Service's North Central Research Station Forest Biotechnology Laboratory in Rhinelander, Wisconsin last night. Over 500 research pine and broadleaf trees and saplings were cut down, ring-barked and trampled. Additionally, ten Forest Service trucks were defaced and calling cards were left behind. Due to an overzealous security guard, we had to make an earlier than anticipated exit.

In Rhinelander, the Forest Service is mapping the DNA of white pine and attempting to genetically engineer them to be resistant to pine rust. Why? To aid industry in creating disease-resistant trees suitable for tree farms that will increase its profits. Despite the obvious threat of genetic pollution by GE trees, these fools, aided by industry financing, plod ahead in the name of science.

Don't get us wrong—this action is against the Forest Service, not just one particular project or research program. What they do on a daily basis is sheer genocide: putting forth the notion that they are 'managing' life, running an asinine timber program that destroys the last of the old growth and mars everything else, cutting deep into roadless areas in Idaho, spraying biocides like Btk in forests in

Eastern Oregon and Washington under the guise of 'pest management', treating wildlife as some numbers on a graph. The list goes on.

On that note, we strongly advise our allies to cease their quibbling with the Forest Service over details of their genocidal plans i.e. roadless policy, promises of no logging on public land etc. The sooner we realize that the Forest Service, like industry, are capitalists driven by an insane desire to make money and control life, the better. Then we can start taking more appropriate action.

As for the feds—we know that you are stepping up the pressure by harassing press officers and other absurdities. What you don't realize is that we are infiltrating your ranks and gathering our own information. We could be that temp worker typing away on your disgusting computer. We could even be your secretary or intern. We are everywhere and nowhere and we are watching. For wildness and an end to industrial society.

## Animal Liberation

• The action described in the following communiqué regarding the release of 613 chickens comes after a May 7 liberation of 240 chickens from Dai-Zen Egg Farm in Burlington, Washington:

With the June 23 premier of Hollywood's new film *Chicken Run*, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) exposed the truth behind egg farms. The ALF is claiming responsibility for the liberation of 613 chickens from Sunny-Cal Eggs in Beaumont, California.

As audiences watched *Chicken Run* for the first time, the ALF took action by breaking into sheds at this modern day concentration camp. We obtained video documentation of the horrendous and inhumane conditions inside this factory farm.

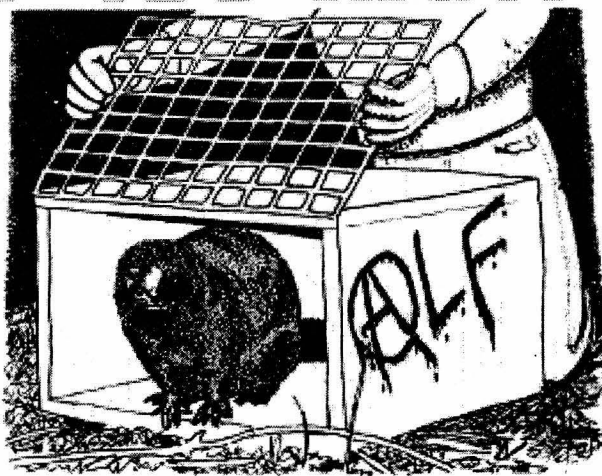
Billions of real live chickens suffer immensely on real battery egg farms every day. Just like those in the movie, each and every one of these chickens has her own personality, the capacity to suffer and a desire to live. And just like the characters in the movie, the owners of such animal concentration camps care about nothing more than profits. To maximize production and profits, four to six birds are crammed into cages barely larger than half a sheet of newspaper.

All 613 chickens were placed in homes and will never spend another day in a cage...

With vegan dog treats and manipulation of gates, we fenced off guard dogs, cut through 5 perimeter fences and entered the massive compound where we carefully loaded the chickens into carriers and delivered them to safety.

Until human beings learn to take responsibility for this earth and all her creatures, it will remain necessary for compassionate individuals to act out the law on behalf of the innocent.

Go vegan.



• On July 2 the ALF set fire to a feed truck at Rose Acre Farm in North Vernon, Indiana, destroying the vehicle and causing damage of over \$100,000. Spray paint left on the site included, "Polluter, animal exploiter, your turn to pay."

• Early in the morning on July 9, the ALF smashed 20 large plate glass windows at a Macy's in Long Island, New York. This comes after many anti-fur actions such as a January 20 action in which the ALF attacked seven Long Island furriers by smashing windows, gluing locks and spray-painting slogans. On

February 27, 29 plate glass windows were smashed at a San Francisco Macy's as well. Following the July 9 action, the ALF released the statement, "Our intent was not to hurt anyone. The ALF has declared an open-ended war on all abusers. We will not let up until all life is free. Abusers beware!"

## Anti-Genetix

• Reclaim the Seeds entered a joint owned federal and university research facility in Albany, California for the second time since a hit in January. Part of the communiqué follows:

May 21, Today, dawn's early light found the resistance gardeners of Reclaim the Seeds cutting into two structures in order to uproot a variety of research crops.

This was our second visit to the USDA's Agricultural Research Service Western Regional Research Center. The USDA operates this facility along with the University of California's Plant Gene Expression Center, whose researchers have found their genetically mutilated corn destroyed on several occasions at other sites as well.

Our work inside a greenhouse and shade enclosure was unfortunately cut short (no pun intended) by a security guard, but, thankfully, it's only just the beginning of the growing season.

After our raid and decontamination of a transgenic wheat experiment in early January, men in suits from the FBI showed up to reconfigure the site's security. They added fencing and gates around the greenhouses inside the property's perimeter, roving video cameras, motion detectors and floodlights. Later that month, the National Institute of Justice and the University of California Police Departments at Berkeley and Davis held a symposium titled: "Ecoterrorism—Safeguarding Research—Techniques & Tools for Protecting Open Space Research Areas and Facilities—A Crime Prevention Training Symposium." Their slogan claimed that, "Domestic crime targeting biotechnology is the emerging anti-technology crime of the new millennium."

Since we had nothing better to do that day, we went and gained a better understanding of how the FBI and other outfits use technology to protect research areas. We decided to take some time and figure out how to circumvent the new setup, and after a great deal of planning found a way back into this monstrous labyrinth. We believe that with enough preparation, luck, and a few tools of the trade, the powers of darkness cannot keep us out of their greenhouses and labs. Ultimately, our fear of a dead planet is greater than our fear of state/corporate repression.

Patents on life, bioimperialism, and the neoliberal agenda; These hallmarks of the USDA, corporations and corporate university research programs lay the foundation for our position: if a facility conducts GE crop research, yet won't disclose the locations to the public, then we must put the precautionary principle in practice and view all its crops as legitimate targets.

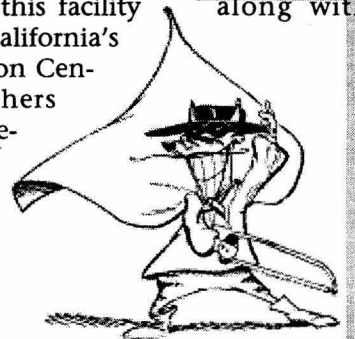
Our actions are motivated not by hatred, but rather a passionate love of life and respect for its incredible diversity.

We will continue.

• On June 4, the Anarchist Golfing Association targeted a seed company and struck up to \$500,000 in damages and destroyed up to 10 years of research. The company, Pure Seed Inc., must absorb the cost because its insurance company only covered seed and seed stock, not experimental plants. A detailed communiqué follows:

Fore! Greetings from the grass seed region of the world. Last night, the Anarchist Golfing Association (AGA) held its first ever nocturnal golfing tournament at Pure Seed Testing (PST) research facilities (7850 S. Zimmerman Road, Canby, Oregon). In just under 16 strokes, the AGA notched up a few birdies and a hole-in-one as we tore up large areas of PST's profit-driven experiments with biodiversity.

Pure Seed Testing is a grass breeder and developer of genetically engineered (GE) grasses with USDA permits for Creeping Bentgrass resistant to the toxic





# FBI Targets Minnehaha Activists

BY EMILY

While it seems almost everyone entertains some real concern of investigation by the feds, we in Minneapolis have recently had the inauspicious opportunity to have FBI Special Agent Stephen Anderson of the Minneapolis Bureau Office walk into our lives to do just that. The intention here is to sketch the situation in general terms, as an update as well as an advisory to those who could find themselves in similar positions.

The circumstances in Minneapolis are an outgrowth of the movement to stop the reroute of Highway 55. They are unique in that the campaign to stop this highway was supported by thousands of people from many communities who came together in a complex and ultimately tight coalition to protect a neighborhood, urban wilderness and sacred sites.

Repressive actions against those working to stop the road project were a constant, but actions taken by the police during a raid of the encampment in December 1998 and during several arrests in the summer of 1999 were particularly violent. On these occasions, several nonviolent protesters were tackled, pepper sprayed at point blank range, beaten while prone and motionless, and denied proper medical attention. The tactics of the Minneapolis Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol were abhorrent and generated major outrage.

The police brutality elicited responses ranging from marches to forums to calls for a Justice Department investigation of local law enforcement. People were searching for some way to hold the cops responsible for violating our family and friends. It has become clear that the letters sent to the Department of Justice

have elicited the most dramatic response.

In June, FBI Special Agent Stephen Anderson began calling on those letter writers saying that he was investigating the allegations of police brutality against the protesters. He has since spoken to several people involved in the resistance to the reroute.

This situation is complicated because the genuine care and concern for our brothers and sisters in struggle has activated the very agency charged with the suppression of domestic dissent from the status quo. While it was never anyone's intent to activate this sort of FBI presence in the community, the Justice Department, unsurprisingly, has delegated the task of investigation to the boys who brought us COINTELPRO.

We don't know if this is a "legitimate" investigation with limited scope or a divide-and-conquer strategy to alienate those who would never talk to the feds from those who seek reform from within the system; an effort to assemble dossiers on local activists or an attempt to determine who will or won't talk to the FBI.

We do know that those who met Anderson have been impressed by his friendliness and casual manner. He reportedly has not pressured interviewees to name names or speak about topics they would rather remain silent on. We also know this is a tremendously serious situation with major consequences.

Taking all this into account, almost all those directly victimized by the police have decided against speaking with Special Agent Anderson. Others have spoken out to the larger community about concerns that the FBI investigation is at best a double-edged sword more likely to cut us off from each other than to separate the bad from the good.

These concerns have been well received by the larger

community of resistance in Minneapolis. It can be difficult for people wanting so deeply for someone to be held accountable to refuse to speak to someone who offers to do something about it, but it is now clear to most that such cooperation carries long-term risks far greater than possible (yet very unlikely) short-term gains.

Educating ourselves and each other has been critical in this matter. Agents are trained to gain our confidence and make us comfortable with their presence. We need to be clear that when the FBI comes to our community our dignity, solidarity, credibility and lives are at stake.

In Minneapolis, as anywhere else, it is vital that everyone knows what to do when an agent knocks. We must all be confident that we don't need to answer that door. We can take an agent's card and tell them we will have our lawyer call. We should have a lawyer present for consultation during any FBI interview should we choose to talk. We can simply say, "I don't talk to the FBI" and walk away.

Above all, we need to discuss these matters before the FBI comes around and we must develop relationships with each other that are stronger than the cop's tactics. This way we can refuse to play the fed's game, remain tight with each other and continue our shared and effective struggle in true solidarity.

*Editor's Note: On the night of July 14, during an anti-biotech conference in Minneapolis, the FBI and DEA violently raided a house where many organizers were staying. Known activists were beaten severely by agents. Check next issue for a full story.*

herbicide glufosinate. These GE grasses are grown (according to company information) for golf courses, putting greens, croquet and athletic fields. The biotech industry usually hides behind the racist aura of 'feeding the Third World,' but as you can see, it is quite obvious that these crops are grown for profit and the pleasure of the rich and have

no social value i.e. better, weed-free putting greens for your local corporate exec. Grass, like industrial culture, is invasive and permeates every aspect of our lives. While the golf trade journals claim that 'golf courses provide suitable habitat for wildlife,' we see them as a destroyer of all things wild.

Just last week, a German researcher released a study that showed that transgenic traits can flow between species; in this case bacteria in the gut of pollinating bees and GE canola. This study wears down the industry propaganda that GE is safe and that these experimental releases of mutated organisms have no harmful ecological impact.

In an 1997 Environmental (Economic?) Assessment prepared for PST, there are arrogant and ignorant statements made that their use of simple five-foot pollen barriers (of cereal rye) would somehow prevent the cross-pollination of transgenic traits from GE trials into the environment. In light of the German experiments and the multitude of cases of genetic pollution worldwide, we find it hard to believe that the pollen in these experiments and others will not jump simplistic rye barriers. Once again, the convenient blinders of the researchers, corporations, the biotech industry and capitalism rear their ugly heads.

The final tally for the night? Two research greenhouses had hundreds of experimental grass pots/flats overturned, stomped and ripped up. Seven research plots of non-native, invasive grass species were pulled up, ID tags/flags were scattered, hundreds of stakes were pulled or rearranged and insightful messages were left behind. PST's sign was modified to read 'GE Seed Testing' as greenhouses cheered us on with slogans like 'PST-Growing GE Grass for The Rich' and 'Nature Bites Back.' Golf balls with circle A's (international anarchist symbol) and the letters AGA embossed on them were scattered on the site along with cute AGA golf figurines



attached 'environmental' assessment.

Golf season is upon us...This is a call to FARMS! For Wild Nature.

- On the weekend of July 8, anti-biotech activists destroyed 75 percent of a six-acre field of genetically modified oilseed rape at Wold End Farm in Chipping Camden, Gloucestershire, England. A week later, another field owned by the same company, Aventis, was destroyed at Wood Farm in Hemel Hempstead. Beginning the night of July 8, Scotland's only full scale farm trial was attacked two nights in a row. Two separate quarter acres of oilseed rape were destroyed at New Craig Farm, near Daviot, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. All four attacks have persuaded some farmers to pull out from the full scale farm trials for fear of further direct actions. Due to the amount of research destroyed, the outcome of the entire full scale farm trial program in England may be wrecked.

- On July 13, the ELF took action against Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories in Long Island, New York. Destroyed were two acres of GMO corn and many greenhouses worth of seedlings. Several trucks were monkeywrenched and anti-biotech messages were spray-painted everywhere. It is estimated that two years of research was ruined.

## DNA tests to identify "rioters"

Partially consumed hamburgers stolen in an attack on a London McDonald's during demonstrations are enabling those involved to be identified. DNA readings from saliva samples are expected to produce several names. More DNA evidence was gathered from blood on broken windows. Everyone arrested in the capital is now required to submit a DNA sample. The fast-growing database has led to hundreds of arrests.

in trashed greenhouses and experimental grass plots.

If there is any doubt in anyone's mind, let us make it clear: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) + Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) = the biotechnology and industrial ag industries + ecological destruction. For laughs and outrage, please see the at-

## Fan The Flames

Contact and safety info for communiqués.

### For Security:

Be sure to read the security section of *Ecodefense*. Check out [security.tao.ca/](http://security.tao.ca/) and [www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/security/physical.html](http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/security/physical.html) for more detailed security strategies, with email and internet tactics. Be extremely careful and do the research on security so you don't get caught! Assume all mail is read by authorities. Use pseudonyms, encryption, etc.

Surf the web anonymously with [www.rewebber.de](http://www.rewebber.de) and [www.anonymizer.com](http://www.anonymizer.com). Be sure to empty the cache and erase the history on your internet browser each time you use it as well. (Most internet browsers have a help function for detailed instruction on how to do this).

### For Anti-Genetix:

Send communiqués to, Genetix Alert Press Office, 787 Ellsworth, Memphis, TN 38111; (901) 438-9907; 458-9907(fax)(call other number before faxing); [genetixalert@tao.ca](mailto:genetixalert@tao.ca).

To read consistently updated information on GE test facilities and fields, as well as action updates, news and movement philosophy, check out [www.primalseeds.org](http://www.primalseeds.org) and [www.tao.ca/~ban](http://www.tao.ca/~ban).

### For Earth Liberation:

Submit communiqués to, North American ELF Press Office, POB 4783, Portland, OR 97208; (503) 478-0902; 478-0903(fax); [elfpress@tao.ca](mailto:elfpress@tao.ca).

### For Animal Liberation:

Send communiqués to, North American ALF Press Office, POB 3673, Courtenay, BC V9N 7P1 Canada; (250) 703-6312; (419) 858-9065 (fax); [naalfpo@tao.ca](mailto:naalfpo@tao.ca).

For loads of animal liberation information and detailed short and long term security advice for underground direct actions check out [www.nocompromise.org](http://www.nocompromise.org).

### Other Earth Night Info:

The above listed press offices are independent pro-direct action organizations who work closely with other above ground earth and animal liberation and anti-genetix groups. The press offices have no knowledge of the person(s) carrying out any underground actions.

For updated and archived direct action news check out the World News Archive of Direct Action Updates: [www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/news/00/index.html](http://www.enviroweb.org/ALFIS/news/00/index.html)

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## BARE BONES

### Killer Algae Invades Southern California

A mutant algae responsible for killing marine life throughout the Mediterranean has now invaded the seas off San Diego. The ocean weed smothers marine plants and animals, and releases a toxin that can destroy the eggs of many smaller species. Divers monitoring the growth of transplanted eel grass discovered the algae on June 12 in a lagoon near the Cabrillo Power Plant I. That plant pledged earlier this year to restore marine habitat off of Carlsbad, California, about 20 miles north of San Diego. Scientists are moving quickly to destroy the algae.

The algae, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, has devastated more than 10,000 acres of Mediterranean seabed off France, Spain, Monaco and Italy. *Caulerpa* drives out most sea life, carpeting the ocean floor and using up oxygen in the water. The algae smothers fisheries and clam beds, and prevents animals from grazing on invertebrates in bottom muds. Corals, sponges and seaweeds are all smothered by its advance. A toxin in the algae can kill the microscopic marine organisms that form the basis for most marine food chains and harms the eggs of marine animals. The algae has also found a foothold in the waters off Sydney, Australia.

Researchers believe the toxic algae was developed as an aquarium plant by biologists at the Stuttgart Zoo aquarium in Germany. Other aquariums adopted the bright green, fern-like plant as a cover for their artificial seabeds as well. The Oceanographic Museum of Monaco apparently dumped some of the algae into the Mediterranean in 1984, where it spread to cover 1,000 acres by 1992 and more than 10,000 acres by 1999.

### Zimbabwe and China—Illegal Ivory for Guns Deal

In an ivory for weapons deal, President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe is said to have received several thousand AK-47 (Kalashnikov) automatic assault rifles from China in exchange for more than eight tons of ivory. China delivered the weapons in May, while the ivory was flown during the same time from Zimbabwe via Libya to China.

At the Convention on International Trade in Wild Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) conference in April in Nairobi, it was decided that no ivory could be sold worldwide. Zimbabwe had applied for permission to sell 10 tons of ivory, but was turned down by the deciding governments from more than 140 nations.

During the conference, the statement by the Zimbabwe delegation, which claimed that there would be no illegal killing of elephants and that the elephant population would be growing, was refuted by the present delegations and experts. Now even Zambia confirms that in the Zambezi Valley the illegal killing of wildlife and especially elephants on the Zimbabwe side of the border has increased tremendously. Already last year, more than 1,000 carcasses of killed elephants were counted.

While Kenya had opted in April for an even stronger protection status for the African elephant, the trade oriented CITES organization had managed to urge Kenya to withdraw that proposal, which would have placed the African elephant under total protection. The renewed ivory smuggling on such a large scale makes it clear that any dealing in ivory will be the end for the African Elephant.

# GUYANA—LAND OF MANY WATERS

BY MALAIKA SCOTT

Guyana, a country on the northeastern coast of South America, bordered by Brazil, Venezuela, Suriname and the Atlantic Ocean, is often considered the last frontier in the Caribbean region. Geographically South American, but historically, socially and culturally Caribbean, this wild land boasts a wealth of jungles, mountains, savannas, lakes, rivers, creeks and waterfalls. Its name is an Amerindian word which means "land of many waters," an apt one, since the country is criss-crossed by hundreds of rivers and creeks. It has no white sandy beaches like its Caribbean sisters, and in order to revel in its natural beauty, one must travel to the interior of the land.

To speak of "our Guyana" is to invoke the principle of national sovereignty, which implies the absolute ownership not only of territory but also of all national resources. But the country is so heavily dependent for economic survival on investment financed from external sources that one wonders whether Guyana has the capacity to fully assert its sovereignty. Each of these economic ventures carries conditions, often implied, which erode national sovereignty if only because of the inability of the society to monitor compliance with the terms of agreements. This particularly is the case in the natural resources sectors. The proposed development of a rocket launching facility here is one such example. The security demands of that type of operation will invade a large area of territory, including the associated air space.

In 1997, reports surfaced indicating that Beal Aerospace Technologies, a North American company, had earlier in the year approached the Guyana government with a proposal that it set up a rocket launch base in the Waini region of the northwest district of Guyana. This was followed by an invitation by the government to Beal in 1999. Since then, concerns have been raised about the nature and impact of the project and the terms and conditions that are being negotiated between the two entities. Now the government of Guyana is intent on closing the deal, but most of the negotiations are still being kept from public scrutiny.



A waterfall in the Guyana jungle.

Undoubtedly, the environmental resources of Guyana have generated considerable interest within the past several years. This is reflected in repeated references to our rich biodiversity and in the number of interests which have converged on our forests, our mountains, our rivers and our savannas.

Other operators who have targeted our biological resources for collection and study hail from biodiversity-poor countries and enjoy *de facto* unrestrained access to all parts of the territory, largely because of inadequate monitoring capacity on the part of national and local regulatory agencies.

In other natural resource sectors, mining and forestry, the picture is equally alarming. There is constant physical degradation of the environment from chemical pollution of soils and waterways. In the Moruka-Waini area, a newly granted concession for companies to log the Guyanese rainforest presents a threat to the area's archaeological resources. Although several archaeological sites have already been identified, parts of the landscape have not been explored. Many existing sites do not have proper legal protection, increasing their encroachment by commercial development. Evidently, this is a situation of double jeopardy, as this area is the proposed location for the rocket launch site. The area has been denounced as a swampland, but one must pause to consider the consequences of systematic destruction of the mangrove forests which provided a first line of defense against the encroachment of the ocean—the retreat of the shoreline by several hundred metres since the start of colonisation.

The government has declared that a signing of the agreement is imminent, but no final date—beyond the end of the month of March—has been identified. The reason for the delay may be partly attributable to the activity of organisations and individuals in raising issues which demand a greater appreciation on the part of the government of the complexities of the deal. Our organisation, Guyana Is First, has used all the media at its disposal in an effort to sensitise the public to aspects of this deal and also to question why it is being negotiated in a manner that shows scant regard for the populace.

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## Kenya's Tropical Coast Threatened by Mining

*I think Tiomin is trying to enslave us again. This area has a history of slavery. My own great grandfather was brought up here as a slave. I would hate to see that in the year 2000 these things are coming back again—because basically that is what it means if Tiomin is allowed to put up that facility there.*

—TED MAJALIWA KOMBO, IN DONGO KUNDU

The coastline of Kenya, from the port of Shimoni to the ancient village of Mambui, is under severe environmental threat from irresponsible mining. The Kenyan coast is a stunning tropical paradise, with 250 miles of palm-fringed beaches, blue lagoons and magnificent coral reefs. Tourism, Kenya's largest industry, depends on this pristine beauty. Many endangered species—including the only bands of colobus monkeys on the east African coast and Kenya's last remaining herds of Sable antelope—depend on the coast's fragile tourist stressed ecosystem.

Conservation International lists Kenya's coastal forest as one of the world's 25 hotspots—places of extraordinary biodiversity that are seriously threatened. A new threat now endangers these forests as well as the coastal waters and agricultural communities of the Digo and Kamba peoples. The company is negotiating an agreement

with the government to strip-mine four coastal sites for titanium, primarily used to make a white pigment for paint, plastic and paper. The first site, 64 square kilometers in Kwale District, will be mined for at least 14 years. It will generate around \$47 million annually, according to a Tiomin news release. All vegetation and physical structures will be removed, and mineral deposits will be exposed to a depth of more than 30 meters.

A coalition of local communities, conservation and human rights organizations called the Coast Mining Rights Forum is energetically protesting the Tiomin titanium mine. They charge that Tiomin violated Kenyan law by negotiating agreements before an independent Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was completed and without the consent of the affected population—around 5,000 people at the Kwale site alone.

In Kwale, indigenous Digo and Kamba plant coconuts, maize, beans, rice and cassava between the coastal forests and dunes. Tiomin says it will relocate these farming families for up to 20 years during the mining operation, then "rehabilitate" the region and let the farmers return—but they have provided no written plan for the relocation nor for the environmental rehabilitation. The agreement commits Tiomin to pay relocated farmers an annual lease equal to a pitiful \$.07 per day, plus a \$150 relocation benefit.

Kenyan scientists warn that it may never be safe for people to live in the area after Tiomin mines it. When community organizations commissioned an independent (EIS) by professors at Kenyatta University, they found "appreciable amounts" of radioactive uranium and thorium in the titanium deposits. Tiomin has offered no plan to monitor radiation, nor appropriate precautions for worker safety and prevention of soil and water contamination.

The Kenyatta University EIS also warns that titanium mining will cause erosion and siltation of rivers and coastal waters, damaging coral reefs and mangrove ecosystems that are already affected by pollution. If Tiomin is allowed to build a major port at Shimoni, the fledgling local eco-tourism industry will lose out to industrialization dominated by a multinational corporation.

Kenya's Coast Mining Rights Forum asks for your help to persuade Kenyan government officials to immediately halt Tiomin Resources' titanium project until specific environmental and social conditions have been met.

Please send a polite letter to Kenya's Minister of the Environment, Dr. Mohammed Isahakia, The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, 6th Floor Maji House, Ngong Road, POB 49720, Nairobi, Kenya.



# The Maroli-Umbergaon Port India Hell-Bent on Development

"This is where it all started!" Shekar told me. "We should go make some salt!"

We were sitting on the beach in the Indian state of Gujarat, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi. In the shade of a young pine forest, thousands of women in colorful saris and men in simple work clothes were gathered, chanting and giving speeches.

Just over one year ago, the government's plan to build a mega-port here in Umbergaon (with the help of NATELCO, an Indian phone company, and UNOCAL) was made known to the local Adivasi villages by a government worker. He was going from hut to hut, cheerfully asking each occupant if they wanted monetary compensation or a piece of resettlement land, since they were about to be kicked out of their homes.

The port is planned at the mouth of the Varoli River, one of the most fertile estuaries in India. The majority of the villagers are illiterate fisherfolk, who fish offshore in small, personally owned boats or harvest fish on foot from the fragile Khazans, rich tidal wetlands along the shore. There are 21 villages within the 10-km radius of the core project area, with a combined population of around 14,000 people.

The Maroli-Umbergaon port is to be an all-weather, multi-cargo mega-port estimated to cost \$300 million. An independent inquiry released by the Indian People's Tribunal on Environment and Human Rights—a group of lawyers, judges and human-rights activists—has criticized the port on several points. The group's concerns include environmental damage to fragile wetlands, lack of disclosure of information, lack of participation of the people in decision-making, pushing forward in

the face of total opposition by the local people, the lack of acceptable resettlement options for those affected by the port, double-standards on environmental regulations and the fact that



May 1 rally against development in Umbergaon.

there is no need for another mega-port on this coast. The group accused the planners of "looting people in the name of development."

The planned port would require dredging the Varoli River Estuary in order to create a deep channel and turning circle for massive tankers. Land will then be "reclaimed" from the sea to create an artificial outer harbor. The entire coastline will be effectively realigned, removing barriers that naturally break wind velocity, including sand-bars, coral reefs and mangroves. This will intensify the effects of cyclones in the area making it less useful as a port.

Perhaps for these reasons, or due to local protests, UNOCAL quietly pulled out of Umbergaon, in order to "focus on other projects in India."

The rally on May 1, when the Tribunal's report was released, only drew about 2,000 participants—mostly Adivasi villagers and predominantly women—from the local fishing villages. Adivasis are the tribal indigenous popu-

lation of India, and have little education or economic power.

"The people are scared to come out," I was told by another activist from Bombay. They expected many more

people at the rally, but police brutality in recent months has had the desired effect of intimidating the locals into submission. The crowning point was on April 8, when former army colonel and two-time war veteran Colonel Patrap Save (pronounced SAH-vey) slipped into a coma while being beaten in police custody. He died on April 20, in the hospital in Bombay. He was from a highly respected local family and the head of the Kinara Bachao Sangharsh Samiti. It was a clearly stated message to the locals: "See, look what we can do to Colonel Save. If we can do this to him, imagine what we can do to you!"

Although the family has the right to obtain the hospital reports, they are being refused. The police involved have faced no punishment or investigation. Welcome to the largest democracy in the world!

After the May 1 rally, a police officer wandered around with a video camera, pointing it in people's faces as if to say, "we know who you are." My presence as a foreigner with a camera was strongly felt, and may have been one of the reasons the police did not become violent this time.

If you are visiting India and want to visit the communities, contact the Kinara Bachao Sangharsh Samiti; kinarabachao@yahoo.com.

Otherwise, you can show your support by writing letters to the President of India Dr. K.R. Narayanan, Rashtrapati, Bhavan, New Delhi or Prime Minister of India Mr. A.B. Vajpayee, South Block, New Delhi 110 004.

## BARE BONES

### Nigeria Fines Shell

A Nigerian court has fined Shell 4bn naira (\$39 million) for an oil spill 30 years ago that contributed directly to the Ogoni uprising against the company which in turn led to the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa and other environmental activists.

A high court in Port Harcourt has ordered that the corporation's Nigerian subsidiary, Shell Petroleum Development Corporation, pay the money directly to the Ejamaa Ebubu community. Shell has lodged an appeal.

Ogoni leaders said the case, which has been in the courts for nine years already, might not be resolved for years. "It may go on for another 10, even 20 years," said a former leader of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni Peoples. "Shell's strategy is to appeal at every turn and draw out the process. The people who were affected will have died before any money is paid." Shell has long disputed the spill, arguing that it had left the area and suspended operations during the 1967-1970 Biafran war. But the community of fishers and farmers said that the war had ended and that the spill occurred from a corroded pipeline which has since been removed. The court accepted this version of events.

Thousands of gallons of oil were spilled on rich agricultural land and the rivers were badly polluted. The oil deeply penetrated the ground and still pollutes the water courses during the rainy season, the community says. Shell said that its efforts to clean up the area were ended in 1993 when opposition by Ogoni activists caused it to suspend its operations in Ogoniland.

### Russia Eliminates Environmental Agency

Russian President Vladimir Putin has eliminated the State Committee for Environmental Protection along with several others including Forestry, Northern Regions, Land Policy, Cinematography and Youth Policy. The Committee for Environmental Protection was responsible for monitoring and analyzing all environmental sectors except those related to nuclear issues. Environmental and forestry functions were transferred to the Ministry on Natural Resources, which licenses development of Russia's oil, natural gas and other mineral deposits. Putin also completed his new Cabinet by appointing as Energy Minister Alexander Gavrin, who has close ties to the country's biggest oil producer.

The decree triggered criticism from leading environmentalists. In an interview with the *Moscow Times*, former committee head Viktor Danilov-Danilyan called Putin's decree "absurd." He called for continued independent monitoring of the environment. But Putin's order does not transfer the environmental experts from the former state Committee to the Ministry, so how the monitoring will be conducted is still unclear. Greenpeace Russia called the decree "a step away from the civilized world." Vladimir Sliviyak of the Moscow-based organization Ecodefense called the move a step towards "de-environmentalization of the state."

Working with environmental issues is not an easy task in Russia. President Putin was director of the Russian Security Police in 1998 and 1999. He is known to share the belief that environmentalists may be working against the best interests of Russia. Many Russian groups and individuals were accused of espionage for their work against radioactive contamination and for nuclear safety in 1999 and 2000. In arresting environmentalists and others, the Russian police have made wide use of the practice of planting drugs on them, human rights activists have said.

## Stop The Itoiz Dam Now!

### Actions in The Netherlands Call for an End to Construction

BY KATA AND FLIP

At 6 a.m., June 20, a group of about 30 people constructed a wall of bricks in the door of the Spanish Embassy in the Hague, the Netherlands in protest against the building of the Itoiz dam in the Basque Country of Spain. This action took place in response to the court case against two women activists who managed to stop the illegal building of the dam for some time in 1998.

On the night of September 21, 1998, two women sabotaged 54 machines used for road building and dam construction. Insisting on being held accountable for their actions, the women gave themselves up freely the next day. Their court case, however, did not take place until May 8 this year.

The Navarran Government has demanded a three-year prison sentence plus payment of large fines for both women. The solidarity action at the Spanish Embassy in The Hague was symbolically demonstrating what it is

like to have an unwanted dam in front of your house. Two protesters climbed the balcony and hung a banner reading "S.O.S. Itoiz!" The activists demanded that the Spanish Ambassador publicly disclose the real reason behind the construction of the Itoiz dam, declared illegal by the Spanish courts for years, and to ask why peaceful protest against illegal projects receive such extreme punishment.

The dam's construction will flood a 35-km-long valley in the Basque Country. Not only is this valley an environmentally sensitive area, it contains nine villages that will all disappear under water. Contrary to Navarran Government statements, the Itoiz Dam will not produce much extra electricity and no serious plans for irrigation exist. The dam has become a prestige project of the Navarran Government and a project riddled with corruption, nepotism and bribery.

Although people have been peacefully protesting against its construction

since 1985, building of the Itoiz dam went ahead in 1994. It was then that the group Solidari@s con Itoiz started a campaign of nonviolent direct action to stop the construction. The best known of these actions took place in 1996 when eight people sawed through cables used to transport cement and other building materials above the dam. After giving themselves up, the activists were seriously beaten and have each received prison sentences of five years. There have been several nonviolent direct actions since then.

The action in front of the Spanish Embassy took place on the heels of the recent Solidari@s con Itoiz Tour of Europe in which the group drew international attention to the struggle against the Itoiz Dam and the severity of the punishments given to their actions.

Stop the Dam, Save the Valley!  
For more information, contact Solidari@s con Itoiz, solidarios@this.zzn.com; www.eusnet.org/partaide/solidarios.



# DINOSAURS, POLAR BEARS AND SIR JOHN BROWNE IN THE STREETS OF CALGARY

BY TOOKER GOMBERG

"You're under arrest. Come with us," the police officer tells me. "Two options: you can ride your bike down to arrest processing, or the second option is to get a car to drive you down there." It seemed the message of our group was getting through! Why use oil when there are sustainable alternatives?

We were in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, at the World Petroleum Congress (WPC) June 11-15, where 3,000 delegates from the world's largest oil and gas companies gathered to compare notes and plot the extraction of the planet's hydrocarbons. Images of Seattle danced in activists' heads, and the End of Oil Action Coalition was born. The goal? To put forward the proposition that more oil meant more trouble, and to urge a quick transition towards renewable, clean energy from the sun and the wind. The petroleum pirates have much to answer for: an environment degraded by oil spills and poisonous fumes, a climate cooking from burning evermore gasoline, and human rights atrocities from slavery in the Sudan to Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others hanged in Nigeria, all for oil. With so much criminal activity unleashed on our fragile planet by this industry, the authorities chose to arrest me.

After parking our bikes inside the police station, (at last—indoor bike parking!), I emptied my pockets, belt and shoes into a small locker, and called a lawyer. My "crime?" Breaking the conditions of a previous release. It was true—I had spoken into a megaphone in front of Suncor Energy's offices a few days prior. In doing so, I broke a condition from a previous arrest prohibiting me from being within 500 metres of any Suncor property. They claimed to have—gasp—caught me on videotape speaking at the scene. They should have nabbed Rick George, CEO of Suncor. His company is strip-mining huge tracts of northern Alberta to extract oily tar sands and then cooking it to extract the oil. Left behind are vast tailings ponds and denuded ecosystems. And Suncor's future plans include more strip mining, this time to extract oil shale in Australia, right next to the Great Barrier Reef heritage park.

Instead, as might be expected, the police and local media welcomed oil execs with open arms, and tried to squelch the "radicals" from discussing sustainable alternatives. At its best, a democratic society would welcome views divergent from the status quo. But the protesters were dubbed "rioters" and treated to incessant, ignorant coverage by much of the corporate media. The *Calgary Sun's* Associate Editor Paul Jackson maintained that The End of Oil Action Coalition was funded, along with the Seattle and DC protesters, by donations from Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and Moammar Gadhafi. Another newspaper piece told how protesters liked to use laser pointers to blind police. Then there was the article that fumed about

protesters "prowling" around the malls like pimps, preying on impressionable teenagers and inviting them to join the counter-petroleum teach-in and the rallies. Words like "riot," "disruption," "tear-gassing," "fires" and "burnings" figured prominently in newspaper reports. But nary a word was mentioned about the billions of dollars spent annually to advertise and sell the car—the main oil user, and one of the most advertised products on the face of the planet. There was hardly a hint of the hubris of the petrol-crackheads gathering to plot our continued addiction to oil.

The top three players in this fossil fuels game of Russian roulette are Exxon/Mobil, BP/Amoco and Shell. Together, the annual revenue of these three companies is greater than the combined Gross National Product of 160 of the world's nations. These are the monsters that roam and devour the Earth, the air and the water. And on a whim they sentence populations to servitude or annihilation.

Given the massive police presence, there was but one thing to do—take back the streets! The Radical Cheerleaders burst onto the scene in fashionable black skirts and red tops, coincidentally the same colour scheme as the bicycle cops. Who would have guessed that the cops would drape themselves in a socialist/anarchist colour combo! "Solar, wind are safe and clean, let's shut down the oil machine! We are here to let you know, the time has come for oil to go!" Not that BP/Amoco was listening. It is proceeding to build the Northstar project, the world's first Arctic offshore oil drilling operation. This while the Arctic is critically impacted by the burning of deadly quantities of oil and gasoline. Arctic ice has shrunk in thickness by 40 percent in just four decades, and the Arctic is warming up at a rate of three to five times faster than the planetary average. As the ice melts the polar bears suffer. They rely on the ice to get out and hunt for seals. With less ice, polar bears are losing weight. They are



"Let's shut down the oil machine!"

suffering from our oil habit.

Smiling and confident, Sir John Browne, CEO of BP/Amoco, waltzed into Calgary and was embraced like a hero. Compare that to the greeting accorded to two articulate critics of the industry who tried to enter from the US. They were put in shackles, strip searched, detained overnight for questioning and finally refused entry. If they were kept out, I figured I would try to get in to the congress. It took some chutzpah, but I

## Red Gate EF! Defends Ole Miss

BY JAMES BELL

The Army Corps of Engineers launched its River of Dreams partnering conference in St. Louis on June 16. About 300 people were expected to attend, including representatives of the barge industry and other river interests. But the Corps didn't expect Mark Twain to show up backed by a cast of giant puppets handmade by Art & Revolution, Red Gate Earth Firsters, and others. It's lunchtime at



Stickin' it to the Army Corps

the conference, and the Army Corps generals and other brass sit eating their lunch at the Regal Riverfront Hotel. Suddenly, lunch sounds cut to silence as the view outside the restaurants' window is obscured by 11-foot-tall corporate giants shuffling by, bobbing faces of Archer Daniels Midland, Cargil and Con-Agra. All heads inside turn and follow, focusing on the giant puppeteers' hands; dangling three Army Corps human puppets from strings. Faint river music filters in, and down the sidewalk Mark Twain speaks into the mic.

"Thank you all very much. I appreciate the opportunity to be standing in front of you fine people today, even if the event that brings us here is one that has given me a particular sense of alarm. The Mississippi River has been around for millions of years before man came along to tamper with it, and it's my assumption that it will be around for millions of years after we're all dead and gone, so the

meddling of the human race probably is no more consequence to the river than ants crawling across the foot of an elephant. But still, for the people, critters and other living things that depend on the river for sustenance and enlightenment, the situation...seemed dire indeed."

The papier-mâché puppets, formed out of old newspapers, attracted the very media that gave them life—namely the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *Quad City Times*. News of the protest

traveled the length of the river. A host of national and regional environmental organizations participated in an early morning press conference, adding substance and rhetoric to the puppets antics.

In the Army Corps' wake lies the fate of the Mississippi River. Creating that wake are giant barge interests, major agribusiness and the Farm Bureau as they

lobby for the expansion of locks and dams on the upper Mississippi. This is a multi-billion dollar taxpayer funded project that a coalition of national and local environmental groups would rather see sunk. Even the Army Corps' own economist, Donald Sweeney, has come out as a whistleblower against this project.

The Army Corps will be holding Corps Partnering Conferences in Absecon, NJ on August 17, Austin, TX on September 7, and in Anchorage, AK on September 15. In October and November there will be Corps hearings on the NAV Study EIS in St. Louis, Quincy, Peoria, Quad Cities, Dubuque, La Crosse and St. Paul. A 60-day comment period on the EIS runs concurrently with the hearings.

Plan your own protest against the Army Corps! To get involved in defending the Mississippi, please contact Sustain; 920 N. Franklin #301; Chicago, IL, 60610; [www.sustain.org](http://www.sustain.org) and [www.riverofdreams.org](http://www.riverofdreams.org)

snuck right in to a media scrum and challenged Sir John on his integrity. He speaks of his company's commitment to solar power, yet BP continues with massive oil expansion plans.

Yet even with the clampdown, 2000 protesters were heard on the streets of Calgary, along with a quartet of dinosaurs. The bicycle-riding Dinosaurs Against Fossil Fuels traveled to Calgary from Vancouver, British Columbia, and put on a captivating performance in their colourful long-tailed dinosaur costumes festooned with cowboy hats. They sung modified old favourites like

"You Can't Get to Heaven (in a limousine, 'cause the Lord don't sell no gasoline)" and chanted "Cars suck, bikes rule and extinction stinks! Using oil is for fossil fools." Others played a modified sort of hockey game in the shadow of the Shell tower. It was Earth against Shell, and by treachery and greed, the Shell team was leading. The Earth team almost succumbed until a sudden infusion of people power turned the tide and brought Shell to its knees. We

made the front pages. We confronted Sir John Browne. We sung our concern and illustrated alternatives with puppets and dinosaurs. And we had a blast.

Are there lessons? Sure. The cops work top down. We're thriving with lateral thinking and cooperative organizing that keeps 'em guessing. We're tapping into tremendous, powerful, subsurface energy, especially youthful energy, and it's ready to boil. When the petrol-heads gather, we'll be there. They can no longer plot and gloat without a challenge. We'll roll out the dinosaurs and the puppets, the songs and the signs. We'll create our own media. We'll organize. We'll build the links between labour, social justice and ecology. Maybe we don't have the power and wealth of 160 nations, but we do have a passion to speak out and articulate a better way. The corporations are in the game for the money; we're playing for our lives, for the air we breath and for the world bequeathed to the future. It's time for the alternatives to oil and gas to grow legs and start walking. Just like we did, for six days in the streets of Calgary.

For information, contact the End of Oil Action Coalition: 403-703-9463; [no\\_oil@tao.ca](mailto:no_oil@tao.ca); [www.tao.ca/~no\\_oil/](http://www.tao.ca/~no_oil/)



# Green



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# Anarchy

**WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PLANET WILL PERISH**

## What is anarchy?

Anarchy comes from the Greek word anachos meaning without government and has nothing to do with chaos. To replace centralized authority, anarchists would like free decentralized communities run on mutual aid (a symbiotic relationship of caring for each other) and voluntary cooperation. Without elite's the community would decide what to do.

Anarchists oppose the state in all its forms seeing it as an obstacle to true freedom and liberty. We oppose national borders as well as nationalism. Free people should have no limits because the ideas of ethnic or cultural superiority are destined to recreate the same injustices we have today. We reject private property and money as tools of social inequality.



## Land and Liberty

Consumer society alienates people from the earth. By controlling the earth's resources, the state controls society. We must end our dependence on the state by taking back the land and living self sufficiently. By establishing our relationship with the earth, we undermine the psychology of domination that's destroying it.

## Revolution on the Periphery

Globalism needs resources from across the planet to survive. Those most exploited by it are those that work the land, only to have their products of their work exported to profit the rich. Individuals and communities have nothing to lose by taking back the land at the expense of the capitalists. Modern life has created many people who see themselves on the edge of society and they too have nothing to gain from the continuation of capitalism. Autonomous, self sufficient communities will be needed and easier to establish as the state loses control of the land around the world.

## Autonomy Now

We must share the skills needed to survive without the state. And we must create a culture of resistance to free us from the state. We can live free from exploitation by boycotting banks, taxes and multi-nationals. We can build an alternative green and black economy and defend ourselves and the earth by taking direct action against the state, labs, developers, industry, exploitation and bigotry.

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## Where we're coming from

In "Green Anarchy," the paper, we hope to reflect and debate the various trends in Green Anarchist philosophy. Though these philosophies often differ, we want to give them airing. Our philosophies are varied and include primitivism, diggers, social ecology, deep ecology, situationism and insurrectionary anarchy.

The primitivists, though they oppose labels and ideological dogma, believe that humanity lived a peaceful anarchic existence for 99% of our history and that civilization or symbolic mediation was our fall from grace, leading to the creation of hierarchy and repression.

Primitivism views technology and civilization as an unnecessary evil and believes humanity would be much happier and healthier outside the modern industrial world.

The diggers, beliefs evolved from the next wave of anarchic visionaries, that of the peasant revolts of the middle ages; from the heretical Free Spirit, the Taborites and other peasant revolts. They also make reference to classic anarchism like Kropotkin's call for self-sufficient land based communes like those of the agriculture collectives in the Spanish Civil War.

For the diggers land and liberty are the rally cry of many of the anarchists' revolts and they wish to continue that tradition. They view the means and the ends of the revolutionary struggle as being the same. This is the struggle for the land.

## This is "Green Anarchy"

The paper is by some folks from Eugene Oregon and elsewhere who want to spread awareness of a green anarchist alternative. We hope to create a new free and green world and culture of resistance against those who are destroying this one.

## Society Sucks

Centralized authority and consumer society are too complex to work without specialization. Specialized division of labor alienates us from each other and creates the hierarchy needed to coordinate production. Hierarchy divides society giving rise to a psychology of domination which creates those who have power and the powerless. The powerless are treated as objects to be exploited. Exploitation on grounds of class, gender, ethnicity, sexual preference or species is intrinsic to mass society. Mass society can't be reformed, it must be replaced.

## Small is Beautiful

Mass society must be replaced with communities small enough for each person in them to be respected as an autonomous individual. In small communities, self determination would replace hierarchy. The psychology of domination would be replaced with one of mutual respect. You can't fight mass with mass. If our means and end are to be consistent, we must organize in networks of autonomous small groups to replace the state.

What is Government? words Pierre Proudhon 1848  
visuals Clifford Harper 1981



WHOEVER LAYS THEIR HAND ON ME



IS A USURPER AND A TYRANT;



I DECLARE THEM TO BE MY ENEMY ...



GOVERNMENT IS SLAVERY.



Social ecologists view the drift of society into cities as one of liberation. They view the modern world as a historic stage ripe for revolution. They want to recreate city states like those of ancient Greece. Public debate would direct progress like the old town meets of New England.

Social ecologists are very much influenced by Murray Bookchin and view technology as a positive thing.

Deep ecologists want to put humanity back into the natural balance and feel humanity should be part of some ecosystems. That the richness and diversity of all life forms have value and humanity is not the center of this diversity.

Deep ecologists believe that human population must be reduced so that nonhuman life can flourish. Deep ecologists do not believe in artificial borders created by governments but bio regional ones.

Situationists believe that capitalism has reduced all experiences to a spectacle. In the spectacle, there are actors and spectators; producers and consumers. The situationists suggest jolting people out of their systemic way of thinking, thereby disrupting the spec-

tacle. In this sense, graffiti, building occupations and well placed fires all become political acts.

The situationists want imagination and creativity to take power, rather than a group of people. They believe in life without dead time and a revolution of everyday life.

Insurrectionary anarchy is more of the classic image of the 19th century anarchists; that of propaganda by deed, direct action and armed resistance to the state.

They have their roots in the tail end of the 19th Century but resurface every now and then with in groups like the Angry Brigade in the UK, the Black Liberation Army in the US, the Bonnot Gang French Anarchist bankrobbers, and that of the philosophies of Alfredo Bonanno's Armed Joy.

We hope to reflect and discuss these different currents in our visions as we're a broad church of ideas and see no opinion as the one true path to liberation. We hope to see a 1000 flowers blossom.

## FOOD NOT LAWNS! Can You Dig It!?!?

The vast expanse of the forever-green American lawn is not only the most resource intensive agricultural crop in the world, but also an obscene icon to our arrogant privilege and total alienation from a life in harmony with nature.

For those of us living in the cities, it is not difficult to see the ways we are disconnected from nature, and the cycles out of which we receive the elements essential to life. This has enormous implications. Agri-culture, taken at the root to mean "culture of the soil," out of which all life springs, is related to all aspects of our cultural life. For example, today most of our foods come to us via established cultural institutions, including erosion of topsoil at a rate of 38 tonnes per acre per year and the polluting and salting of whole watersheds leading to the desertification of once fertile lands and mass species extinction. We are losing diversity both in nature and in our agricultural systems, as represented by a 75% decrease in crop diversity

in the last one hundred years. Besides the "costs" of production, there are a myriad of social implications related to how our "sustenance" reaches our tables: colonialism, war, and the use of food as a weapon through artificially created famines, embargoes, etc. One could go on.

Can we expect the dominant culture of death to provide us with the nourishment we need to overcome and transcend that very same system? A system wherein the same interests that profit from selling us the seeds and chemicals by which we "live" are the same interests that profit by selling us the drugs which compound the physical and spiritual degeneration caused by their "food." All this under the facade of feeding the world, bringing us health, and

increasing our overall standard of living.

Something I once heard Ramona Africa say rings true: "a system so diabolical that it poisons the very food that we need to eat, the very water that we need to drink and the very air that we need to breath, needs to be resisted!" Agriculture, a culture based on the respect for and the care of the living soil, is the only counter balance to the industrial prison in which our world is trapped. We need to regain control of our lives and free ourselves from a dependency on the death machine. To relearn and develop a food (and medicine) supply that is sustainable and

inherently non-violent is the only way we will develop autonomous communities that can serve as a base for our resistance.

All of what I have touched on is of particular relevance to those of us living in the cities. As areas that produce very little or none of what they consume and that do not take responsibility for their waste (unused potential resources, ie., compost, etc.), cities are fully dependent on

the exploitation of land somewhere else and are huge sources of pollution. This does not have to be the case. Cities grew up around the places that people settled. More often than not, people settled these areas because they were prime farmland with fertile soil and good access to fresh water. Today 2,000 acres of land like this is paved over every day. But the point is that under all the asphalt and under all the trash is what was some of the most fertile land in the world. With cautions taken as to the potential for toxins in the soil, there is no reason we can't or should not return the life, fertility and productivity to these urban areas.

I present here a vision of people breaking free of the dying system and using the land close at hand to



CIVILIZATION IS THE PURPOSEFUL SEPARATION OF LIFE: IT IS THE DOMESTICATION OF THE PLANE AND WASTEFUL DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANE

In solidarity with actions against the concert world, the Revolutionary Anti-Civilization Rainbow retribution for the murder, theft and exploitation

In the wake of the growing movement against a string of wake-up calls. We in the US must rise to the rest of the world seriously. We must strip them of the profit made from these abuses.

We speak for those with no voices. We speak for the commons to the foundations of agriculture, no on their own ends. We must focus our assault on the destruction or enslavement of living beings necessary tactic and a form of self defense in the children, workers and all life from the murderous national corporations

Whether it is chaining children to machinery forests, the end result is the same: profit for a few of profit and efficiency over other values is epitome worker becomes merely an appendage of the machine the fruits of the earth become a product. As a environment we are taught to value everything as of the uniqueness, interconnectedness and the same

Civilization, industrial society and even democracy most burning desires for freedom and domestication that we stifle the wildness within ourselves, be obedient

Some believe that we can reform the institutions that we depend upon for our survival. Other institutions". We do not agree. It is the height of after screwing up like we have, that we will know the earth to fit our preferences and accept the balance and harmony with each other, the plant no peace as long as we continue to rip out grass (rivers), cut off her lungs (the forests) and enslave otherwise

So the mission at hand is to destabilize and to build a new society within the shell of the old, "sustainable society." We want to end civilization's rightful place in the ecosystem, in balance, a killing grandma earth with a knife instead of a gun

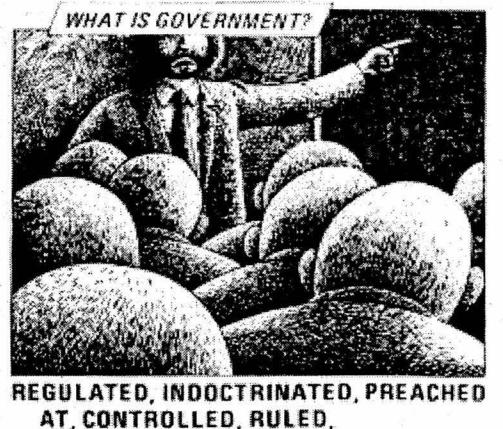
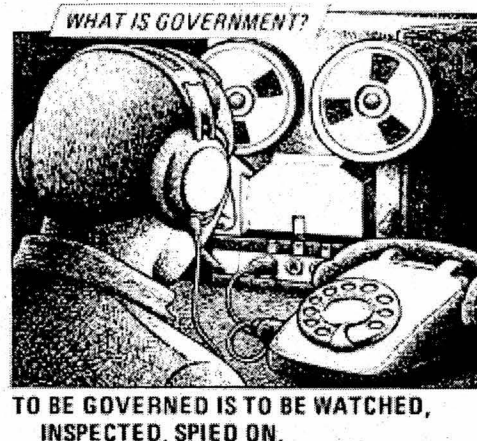
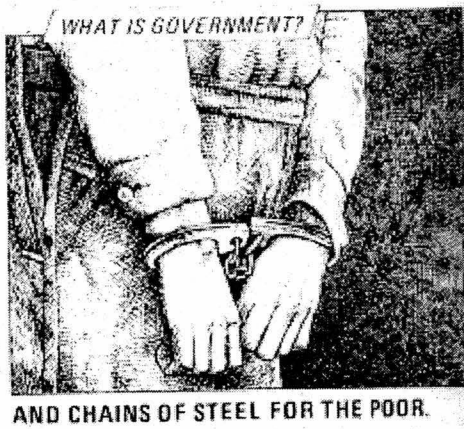
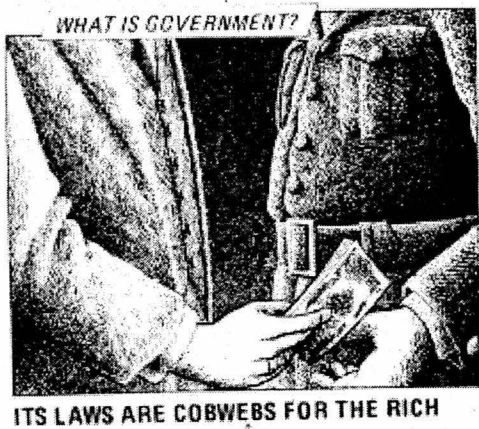
Rights are not something that are given. Poverty will not ask permission to defend the earth and kinder gentler murder. If an attacker sticks a politely ask them to pull it out and when they say pulled out only three inches. There is no victory in We are strong. We are everywhere. We are feared

generate potentially all of their food, fuel and fiber needs and to introduce beauty in the place of urban decay. Gradually we could see the emergence of self-reliant, cooperative communities providing the nourishment, both inner and outer, that we need to take up our vision of a better world.

As this happens in more and more places, the land formerly exploited by chemicals and monoculture, over-grazing and resource extraction can be freed and reenlivened as native plant and wildlife refuges.

Either we take responsibility for living in an ecologically sustainable way or we and the earth will certainly perish. The choice is ours. The techniques are not difficult and can easily be learned from books, the people around you and experimentation. Seeds will grow. We just have to do it. We need food not lawns! Dig it.

—Ryan Vetch





# The population question

RATION OF HUMAN EXISTENCE FROM ALL THE HUMAN SPECIES AND THE WANTON DESTRUCTION OF ALL LIFE IT SUSTAINS.

Concentration and abuse of power all around the globe. The Bloc puts out a call to the streets seeking the liberation of the planet and all its inhabitants.

Against industrial globalization, this is one in a million to the occasion. We must take our obligations and stand up against the abuses committed by the multi-national corporations, and the only way that multi-national corporations, trans-national institutions understand: we must

change our actions.

Property is theft. From the fencing of the land to those industries that destroy life or finance. We believe that property destruction is a war being waged against the environment, and the practices of the "civilized" rich and trans-

national in third-world sweatshops or destroying the lives of the few rich individuals with power. The elevation of the machine, a slave to the clock and wages, and a result of this exploitative and demeaning system according to money and thus we lose a sense of sacredness of things.

**SACRILEGIOUS** Democracy, far from setting us free, stifle our freedom not only the external world, but require obedient and consume.

Systems that enslave us and destroy the planet. We believe that we can create "alternative" systems of how to "fix it." Only when we stop changing the gifts that she gives freely will we live in harmony with its animals and all of creation. There will be no grandma earth's liver (coal), dam her veins and murder her inhabitants (human or

destroy modern civilization. We do not want to, or replace an unsustainable society with a new one: to be wild animals again and take our planet back. Anything short of a rewilding is unacceptable.

Power concedes nothing without demand. We demand its inhabitants. We will not negotiate for a knife six inches in your back, you do not say no, ask to compromise and agree to have it in compromise.

That we will win.

A lot of ecologists see the growing world population as one of real concern. Often they point to the rapidly increasing population in the so called third world as something to be curbed. This is usually done in an equally alarming way, many times with racist and imperialistic tones. This is scapegoating the victims.

European colonization not only led to the genocide of native populations but also to an economic shift. Native cultures, whose lives were more in harmony with their ecosystems, had to deal with the enforcement of the imperialist economy. Perhaps ecologists conveniently overlook this so they don't have to give up any of their privilege and can consume as usual. Perhaps they forget there is no such thing as a green consumer. They are more than happy to blame someone else for the plight of the planet when they should be looking closer to home. For us it's not a question of which form of capitalism but of rather a search for a sustainable system.

If you look at the industrial revolution in Europe when the people were pushed off the land and into cities, the population grew. Why is it a surprise when it happens in the rest of the world? Is it any surprise that Gandhi or the Free Papua Movement oppose industrialism?

The multinationals are pushing people out of their traditional lifestyles. Because of the money the banks so generously give to the dictators to prop-up their economies, the people are forced to grow cash crops to repay the debt. Just for example during the fam-

ines in Ethiopia, created by a civil war, the country exported more food than it reserved in aid! Modern famines are created not by population factors but economic ones. When people go hungry it's not due to lack of food only a lack of justice.

For us it is not a question of how many people live on the earth but how much they consume. When Americans consume a quarter of the world's resources who is really to blame for this ecological crisis? The conquering countries should have learned more about the ecologically sustainable, traditional lives of the peoples whose culture they assimilate. Then we blame the victim for becoming like us. This is hypocrisy at its worst.

Now it's time for us to turn the tide. We can't blame the poor for the mistakes of the rich, we have to offer an escape back to a world we can sustain and not the consumer world that's destroying the earth. We need alternative economies based on sustainable diet and production methods, not the carcinogenic fast food culture and chemical-intensive, genetically modified agribusiness. Our goals and tactics are the same, through the liberation of spaces for autonomous zones we can create gardens to grow food outside the consumer world, creating an alternative economy under the noses of the consumer world.

We must also abolish gender inequalities in order to have true liberation. Women must have a say in their reproductive lives. Contraceptive taboos from religious dogma must end for us to live, free and less impactful lives in harmony with the planet.



## Why work?

No one should ever work.

A very bold statement, but some of us mean it. Very little of the work now done creates the necessities of life, i.e. heat, light, food; we can obtain this easily if we lived in a society on a natural scale. How many of our present hobbies could sustain us, like gardening, but for the hassles of having to work in this modern consumer world. Work is the curse of the modern age the same as pollution, and we can get rid of both. Look at what people do for work. Most just chase paper, making war or consumer toys, or shack shelves that waste lives and destroy the planet; all in the name of progress and development. Humanity benefits not at all and continues the vicious circle of capital. Working to pay for the things society feels are necessary; forces us to work more and more. It is controlling our lives and costing us the earth, literally.

Work demands a hierarchy of technocrats who train you to push buttons and pull levers. This environment is far from the natural world and the labor is dull, repetitive and alienating us still more. Work is often not only bad for the planet but unhealthy for us. Look at the health and ecological problems created by mining, a primary necessity of the modern age.

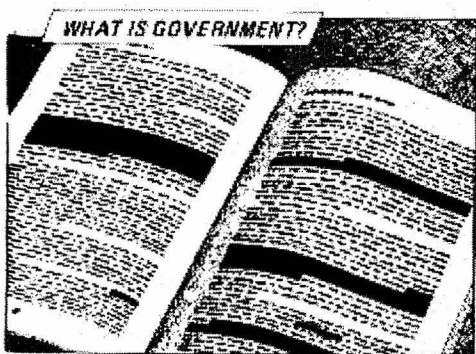
Think of how the abolition of work will benefit peoples' home lives. Despite all the progress made by the women's movement, women still do the most work and receive the least benefit. Luckily the tide is turning against patriarchy; even in Mexico housewives are out on strike, though only for a day.

A Zen proverb says that you can see the whole world by looking at a grain of rice. So if we examine this proverb what will we see? Maybe peasants laboring for a multi-national or huge mono-culture agro business. We will see globalism, as the rice gets shipped around the world needing roads and boats and trucks which all have to be built. The consumerism of the supermarket and the wasteful toxic packaging of the petrochemical industry, Who knows what's been sprayed on

the rice or if some mad scientist has spliced the rice together with fish genes to help a rich seed company corner the market. Do you understand? Do you realize it would have been more sensible to produce rice for yourself - no money no globalism and no work. Why not have a society on a smaller scale? Well it would be good for people and the planet, but bad for business. And capitalism's the only show in town at the moment and its not going to give up without a fight.

We have lost sight of what we need and have become hypnotized by the flashing lights and deafening noise of consumer capitalism. We believe we must work harder to make more. So we can afford to buy more, so we... Get it? This is what technocrats preach from the unions to the business leaders. Its should come as no surprise that the nazis put "work makes you free" over the gates of the death camps. It's time to look for alternatives and escape the rat race for our own good and that of everything else on the earth.

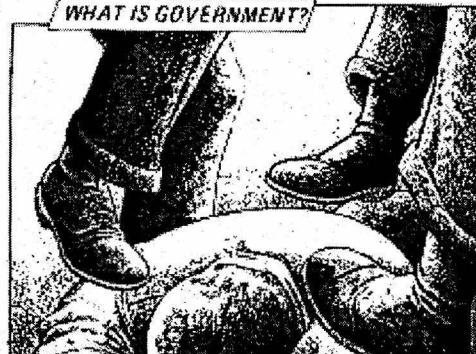
Workers of the world, relax.



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TO BE FINED, HARASSED, VILIFIED,



# Solidarity

In the paper and in our beliefs we hope to help prisoners and others repressed by the state. We publish a list of anarchist and other political prisoners and try to publicize up coming cases in the hope people will help. We hope to be a tool of the global resistance movement, helping people get involved.

As Ali Khalid Abullah has pointed out; Where are the anarchists in the poor non-white neighborhoods, people who have to face repression from the cops on a daily basis?

It is very important that we show solidarity with others. To take our stand shoulder to shoulder with others fighting racism, rape, patriarchy and homophobia. For if we don't turn our words into actions we are anarchists in name only.

If we are to have any chance of abolishing the state, we must reach out to people of color or we will remain in the white suburban ghetto or as bohemian nonconformists. Actions will always speak louder than words.

# Liberate yourself!

We hope to create a movement to overthrow the state. We hope to inspire people to get involved but we can't do it without action; without people spreading our ideas and visions. We plan on doing speaking tours and music events. We will set up Autonomous areas in demonstrations, parks, fields and the forests where we can free ourselves from the mediation of modern capitalism. Our only limits are that of our imaginations. Onwards and Upwards.



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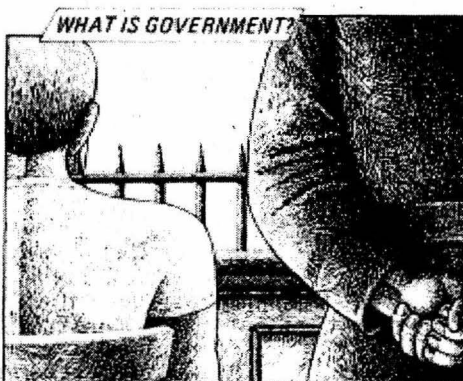
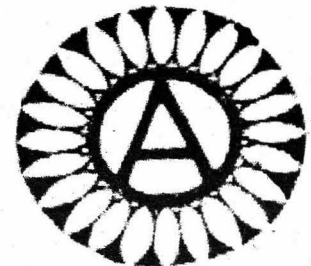
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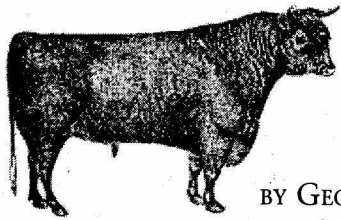


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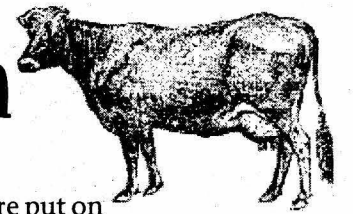


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# Grazing the Grand Tetons into Oblivion



BY GEORGE WUERTHNER

Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) protects some of the most exquisite scenery in the nation. No one would dispute that the sight of the Tetons rising above Jackson Hole is one of the most awe-inspiring sights in the west. But GTNP is also a pivotal pin in the wildlife restoration efforts for the entire Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Antelope spend the summer in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and each fall, migrate up the Gros Ventre River and down the Upper Green, sometimes continuing south nearly to the Colorado border—one of the longest wildlife migrations still occurring in the US. Some of the largest elk herds in the nation pass through the park on their way to and from wintering grounds at the National Elk Refuge and elsewhere in the region. There is also a growing bison herd, in addition to Jackson Hole's having one of the largest moose populations in the west. One researcher says that Jackson Hole has some of the best sage grouse habitat left in Wyoming. The park is also home to increasing numbers of grizzlies and more recently, even a few wolves. To the dismay of many, GTNP just released an Environmental Assessment (EA) that attempts to institutionalize livestock grazing in the park forever.

Much of the park's wildlife value continues to be compromised by livestock production and grazing, significant reduction of water for irrigation (within the park) and the continued killing of predators to benefit livestock. For instance, a grizzly bear was killed by Wildlife Services in the park two summers ago, after it had preyed upon livestock grazing in the park.

When GTNP was established in the 1950s, existing livestock operations were allowed to continue grazing in the park. However, the legislation called for the eventual phasing out of grazing. The permittees could continue grazing for 25 years or until the death of a specific heir, whichever time frame was longer. Of the 29 permits that were grandfathered in 1950, only eight remain—five for cattle and three for horses. Two permittees include the descendants of former Wyoming Senator Hansen as well as another of Jackson's powerful ranching families, the Gill/Porter permittees. Both of these permits were

set to expire due to the recent death of the heirs holding them. However, Wyoming's current Congressional delegation passed legislation requiring the Park Service to continue to allow grazing until a study could be completed on the role of rangeland in maintaining open space in Jackson Hole. Park Superintendent Jack Neckles is particularly fond of ranching as a lifestyle and wants to preserve it in the park.

Presently livestock graze on eight percent of the park where grazing is allowed, or about 24,445 acres. But that figure is deceptive since much of the park consists of extremely steep rocky terrain. The acreage used for livestock takes in the best and most productive wildlife habitat. Moreover, the park spent \$58,000 to manage grazing and collected only \$8,700 in grazing fees. But that is only the tip of the iceberg; no economic value has been assigned to the environmental impacts associated with livestock production, including effects on water quality, endangered species and so forth.

Several alternatives to subdivision have been rejected by these ranchers including the opportunity to graze on other public or private lands outside of the park, as well as the offer to buy up the development rights to the ranches. These were soundly rejected by the families who continue to blackmail the public with threats to subdivide.

One has to put these threats into perspective. Some 97 percent of Teton County is public land. Even if every last acre of private land were developed, there would still be a tremendous amount of undeveloped open space. Two of these ranches are on the edge of Jackson that is already highly modified wildlife habitat. Though their loss to subdivisions might be regrettable, they are not key wildlife corridors or habitat.

Furthermore, the major impact on most of the private land and nearly all of the public land, not only in GTNP but in the surrounding national forests, continues to be livestock grazing. There are many who feel that a few more subdivisions would be worth the slight loss in open space to remove cows from all the remaining private and *all of the public lands*. While the open space study is being completed, GTNP continues to support livestock

grazing in the park.

Last year 900 cows were put on an allotment less than two miles from an occupied wolf den. The alpha male of the pack died shortly after the pups were born, leaving the female alone to raise the young. Despite this obvious potential conflict, the Park Service refused to move the cattle to other grazing lands.

Finally, there are other means of protecting open space in the valley, including obtaining development rights and outright fee acquisition.

In the EA, the agency admits that livestock grazing has the following impacts: destruction of cryptobiotic crusts and riparian vegetation, soil erosion, loss of wetland habitat, reduced soil fertility, increased sedimentation of streams, decreased water flow, increased coliform counts in water, loss of grizzly bear habitat, changes in grizzly behavior, possible lethal impacts on wolves due to control (which the park says it will permit to protect cows), disease transmission to wildlife, displacement of bison, forage competition with elk, decrease in winter range for elk and other wildlife, impacts upon sage grouse habitat and the spread of exotic weeds.

Moreover, GTNP loses a tremendous amount of money each year on its grazing programs, even more than on other public lands since it is investing heavily in attempts to mitigate the negative impacts of cows.

What can you do? Write Superintendent Jack Neckles, Grand Teton NP, POB Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012, and tell him that livestock production in a national park is totally unacceptable. Tell NPS to put native species and particularly endangered species above exotic animals owned by millionaires. Mitigation is not an acceptable response to the problems created by livestock operations. If open space is the issue, NPS has the power to condemn these ranches and buy them out.

Also write your congressional delegation, urging them to get the cows out of GTNP. Send a copy of your letter to the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, POB 1874, Bozeman, Montana 59771; and Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, POB 2728, Jackson, Wyoming 83001, so they can build a case file in support of their position.

## Reforestation in the Gulf of Maine

BY RON HUBER

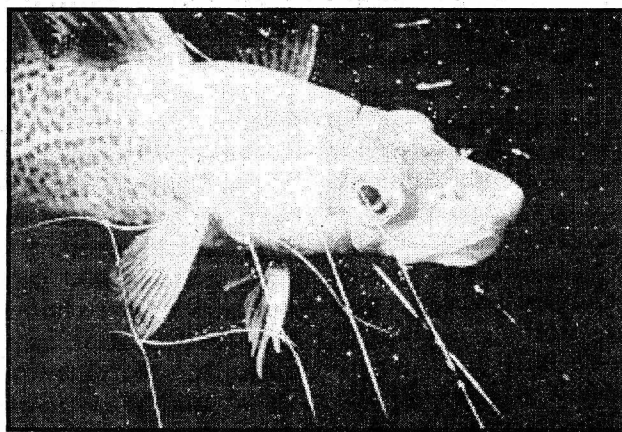
Eco-yuppies are poised to midwife the creation of corporate property rights in the gigantic public lands expanse known as the Gulf of Maine and the Georges Bank Plateau. Fish huggers working to rewrite High Atlantis are keeping a wary eye on them.

This rugged submerged area of towering seamounts, sunken canyons, vast gravelly plateaus, maze-like rocky inshore shelves, glacial moraines and mysterious soft-floored deep basins lying off the coast of New England and Atlantic Canada can support one of the world's greatest wild marine communities. Or it can be divvied up among offshore stripmining, industrial livestock fish operations, oil and gas field development and corporate dredge'n'drag scrape fisheries.

The eco-yuppy plan, promoted by the Washington DC-based Center for Marine Conservation, the New Yorkers Environmental Defense (Fund) and the Boston-based Conservation Law Foundation, would annoint multinational oil, gas, mining, aquaculture and multinational corporate fishing fleets as 'stakeholders' entitled to permanent control over thousands of square miles of the undersea public lands and wildlife of the Gulf of Maine.

Wild, indeed. The Gulf of Maine and the adjacent Massachusetts-sized sunken plateau called Georges Bank have historically hosted the nation's greatest assemblies of such keystone predators as swordfish, Atlantic cod, halibut, whales and a seafloor dizzy with billions of sponges, tree corals, clams, mussels, scallops, lobsters and more.

Mighty shoals of herring, like the 18th century buffalo of the Great Plains, fill the area from horizon to horizon, grazing on plankton that drifts in great edible clouds around and around the Gulf and Bank,



Can this baby cod survive big industry's plans for its habitat?

nourished by an endless upwelling that flows up-canyon onto Georges Bank and into the Gulf of Maine from the Atlantic Abyss. Great stands of bushy tree corals line the sides of the Gulf of Maine's Outer Canyonlands which cut through the Bank's chalk-like cliffs.

Divvying-up the public weal to industrial stakeholders may please industrial class conservationists, the people who believe that the money beast must be given its tons of flesh. But residents of this rugged coast are so infuriated that even the usually big industry-friendly Clinton Administration has rebuffed the plan.

Instead, the president is considering a much less ambitious plan put forward by a group of top US and Canadian marine scientists and a coalition of small-boat fishers and blue/greenies. Their plan calls on Clinton and Prime Minister Chretien to jointly designate as fully natural a 20-mile-wide band of seafloor along the US/Canada offshore

border, starting 12 miles from shore and heading out across Georges Bank and the outer Gulf of Maine. This would be the world's first jointly managed border wilderness. The proposal can be seen at [www.atlantisforce.org](http://www.atlantisforce.org).

Well beyond the inshore waters used by the small owner-operator boats that carry out lobstering, urchining and seaslugging, the offshore Atlantic border area meets every criteria for offshore wilderness.

It is safe from poachers and already patrolled by both nations' Coast Guards. It includes large interconnected areas of every type of offshore marine habitat, allowing researchers of both nations access to an undisturbed natural area free from exploitation.

More importantly it gives poor, beleaguered wild Atlantis a break!

Nearly every square mile of the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank has been scraped by industrial scallop dredges and other mobile drag gear twice per year for most of the twentieth century. The system has been dumbed down and forced into a permanent early successional species-state. Imagine if all our national forests were clearcut every two to four years. You wouldn't recognize them.

The same holds true for the world of the water-breathing majority. That's why scientists, diplomats, sustainable fishermen and others are so supportive of having the prez and the prime minister jointly rewild our offshore border. Keep an eye on the Conservation Law Foundation, Environmental Defense and the Center for Marine Conservation's ocean-give-away plan. It is likely to go wherever their last two stakeholder ideas went. But you never know!

Task Force Atlantis is an ad hoc alliance of fish huggers, whale worshippers and general sea-lovers who are promoting the wilderness plan for the Atlantic Ocean border. For more information contact Ron Huber, Task Force Atlantis, 418 Main Street, Rockland, Maine 04841; [www.atlantisforce.org](http://www.atlantisforce.org).



## Frontlines

### U'wa Blockade Attacked

On June 24, riot police and soldiers attacked 200 peaceful U'wa people blockading a road near the town of Cubara in northeastern Colombia, removing the U'wa through the use of tear gas and physical blows. U'wa spokespeople report that 28 people were injured. This action comes in the wake of US Senate approval of a \$1.3 billion aid package for Colombia, much of which is directed at the police and military. The U'wa have been blockading the road to a site where Occidental Petroleum (OXY) plans to begin drilling for oil, the latest phase in a nine-year campaign by the U'wa to stop drilling on traditional lands which they hold sacred. The US is the number one buyer of Colombia's oil.

In another attack against a group of U'wa peacefully assembled in the town of Cubara, several were physically attacked, accused of being "subversives" and 30 were detained. This is the third violent strike in recent months against U'wa people who have repeatedly stated that they are willing to die to stop the project, which they see as a threat to the spiritual equilibrium of the world, the environment and their physical safety from Colombia's civil war.

Meanwhile, the *Washington Times* reports that Vice President Al Gore's family profits are up due to positive returns on his stock investments in Oxy valued at between \$500,000 to \$1 million. Despite repeated requests from environmental and human rights organizations, Gore has refused to divest his family from Occidental or to support the rights of the U'wa.

### Vatican Embassy Invaded

On July 10, a group of more than 50 people from campesino, environmental and human rights organizations peacefully occupied the Vatican Embassy in Quito, Ecuador to protest the effects of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The protesters were forcibly removed from the Embassy, and three leaders have been detained.

The IMF-inspired structural adjustment measures, including the privatization of the state Social Security system, would leave one million campesinos destitute. The protesters had asked that the church mediate on their behalf. However, rather than help, the church lectured the campesinos on the sanctity of private property and then ordered that the protesters be forcibly dislodged.

Approximately 100 police broke down the doors of the Embassy and entered from all sides. There is much confusion about the legal validity of the police action and the nature of the charges.

### Cyclists in Amsterdam

On June 18, hundreds of cyclists made a loud and colorful procession from Vondel Park in Amsterdam, The Netherlands to Dam Square to demonstrate against the inept and corporate-led international response to global warming. The number of cyclists peaked at around 500.

Sunshine and samba music contributed to the carnival atmosphere of the demonstration which drew support, dancing and cheers from thousands of people sitting outside cafes or strolling the streets.

The sea of sound and color, including several imagination-catching novelty bikes converged on the Dam Square for a presentation then it was back to pedaling. "The world's largest bike" was constructed to represent a solution to the climate crisis.

The demonstration also marked the start of a season of direct action for climate protection that will culminate in the Hague this November.

# PROTEST AL GORE? BUT HE WROTE *EARTH IN THE BALANCE*

BY LEIGH SCHERBERGER

Locking down in Al Gore's Knoxville headquarters on Monday, July 10 brought into me a clear vision of America's oxymoronic beauty. Our political system, thick with mounds of wealth stuffed under the roofs of the disgustingly rich and American-born multinational corporations behaving as the invasive species that they are on this planet, has been hijacked by greed. As a child I was taught that once upon a time, there was a noble idea of what America could be. Different from the most popular dream of today, we all know the one: a house with fuzzy carpets and central AC, a car or an SUV or whatever people want to drive on the petroleum by-product roads—knock your self out, little dear! This is America, home of the free, I mean, home of the better deals, the good buys, the blinding lights that protect us from the scavenging wildlife looking for food already eaten, going hungry in a disappearing habitat as land is consumed by the strip malls America frequents. There was a dream different from this, I had heard. And I touched it that day, with my body locked to three of my friends' necks as we sat on the floor blocking the door into an office perpetuating evil lies and malicious destruction of the things I care about.

The dream had been one of liberty, of choice, of equality among people. Okay, I am completely aware that the founding "fathers" fell quite short. They themselves were aware of that. In a letter written by Thomas Jefferson, I read that he hoped his grandchildren and their grandchildren would be courageous enough to take America further than he was willing to. He admitted his own hypocrisy and he apologized. Well, thanks a lot. Think of the Boston Tea Party. This country was founded on revolution and unless "we the people" continue to pursue actual democracy, we will be run over and asphalted into submission by the industrial-complex prisons working for nothing but the fat corporate cats. We must resist.

The action team's goals for Monday were to 1) shut down Gore's Knoxville headquarters for the day, 2) communicate that the two-party system is incredibly insufficient in terms of offering Americans truly valuable options and 3) expose the truth that Al Gore is not an environmentalist.

We succeeded in shutting down the office for the day. "No business as usual!" Our presence was quite strong from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. when the office manager and volunteers agreed to close early and go home.

Earth First!ers served as a "truth brigade," labeling Al Gore a "front for the corporate elite." Of course, Gore and Bush are two sides of the same corporate coin. We don't want to see either one as President. Because of their heavy corporate involvement/contamination, neither one is capable of representing the people.

Protesters standing on the roof of Gore's headquarters held banners that read, "Presidency 4 sale" and "End Corporate Governance." Over 100 people were outside the front door of the building, completely visible from the busy highway, chanting, dancing and

other pristine cloud forest to the brutality caused by the all too predictable large-scale oil spills, massive road building and clearcutting. That's a gleaming example of what we can expect from Gore internationally.

Domestically, Gore has failed to heed the call of concerned citizens who have repeatedly asked him to do something about industrial forestry, high capacity chip mills and unregulated clearcut logging practices that are decimating the forests.

The Clinton/Gore administration has refused to follow the Endangered Species Act by consistently failing to list species and designate critical habitat as required by law.

Gore has refused to endorse removal of outdated dams in the Pacific Northwest which

have pushed native salmon populations toward extinction.

Gore has also supported the militarization of the US/Mexico border by Joint Task Force Six. This has resulted in suspension of environmental laws to allow unchecked road building and border wall construction that cuts off migration routes for all terrestrial species.

It is clear that Gore doesn't value biodiversity within the United States, or anywhere, for that matter. Human rights must be quite a public-relations complication in his campaign. With Gore supporting the IMF and World Bank, American-based corporations will be free and even financially encouraged to take business overseas.

He hides from us when we come to ask why. We've been asking why for a long time now. Letters and phone calls, emails, personal visits to his headquarters and public demonstrations have occurred all over the country, with no answers to our questions. Not even lame responses. Just no reply.

This summer promises to be a long, hot one for Vice President Gore and Texas Governor Bush as activists join forces en masse to clear the corporate hype haze from the eyes of US citizens at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

I'd like to see America progress with a President advocating for fair trade and environmental sanity. I'm voting for Ralph Nader. Please, read the Green Party platform for yourself. Vote Green!



Pucker up for the kiss of political ineptitude, Mr Gore. Protesters heckle the VP.

singing for justice. A continuous stream of passersby on Interstate 40 blew their horns in a show of support—including many commercial truck drivers.

### Gore claims he will be an environmental president?

Gore's aggressive pursuit of corporate globalization as embodied by the WTO, IMF, World Bank, NAFTA and the global free-logging agreement imposes serious danger to the environment and workers' rights worldwide. The type of globalization supported by Gore threatens democracy and the people's ability to advocate for environmental justice, signing virtually all power over to corporate alliances.

Also important is where Gore's personal financial involvement in the environment lies. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, on his 1998 tax return under "supplemental income," Vice President Al Gore listed a \$20,000 royalty payment from Union Zinc Inc. for the right to mine zinc from his 88-acre farm in the verdant hills of the Cumberland River Valley. The man who provided Mr. Gore with that farm and mineral lease is of some note as the 2000 presidential race begins. Mr. Gore's father, former Senator Albert Gore Sr. acquired the land and mineral rights on what appears to be highly favorable terms from Armand Hammer, the late chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

This brings us to a third important matter. Gore holds an estimated \$500,000 worth of shares in the infamous Occidental Petroleum Corporation. Occidental's exploration and drilling have attracted worldwide scrutiny for threatening the homelands and sustainable culture of the indigent U'wa people in South America. If this project that Al Gore financially endorses happens, we will lose yet an-



Partying on down at Al Gore's campaign headquarters.



# Sunnin' and Muddin' in Frog Level, Tennessee

BY D.D. HALBROOK  
AND COLLEEN ROCKSTAR

This year's Round River Rendezvous met in the Cherokee National Forest in eastern Tennessee. Three hundred dedicated eco-activists, anarchists and biodiversity defenders from around the world held discussions, shared activist skills like tree climbing and forest monitoring and participated in plenty of nighttime campfire revelry—local old-time musicians held a wild and popular Contra dance. Campers explored the local forest ecosystem, adventuring and celebrating wild nature; Nature showed us who's first by unleashing two days of torrential rain and flash floods, washing out handmade bridges and

challenging even the most sure-footed creek crossers among us.

County sheriffs and Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEO) from local and regional ranger districts maintained a somewhat oppressive presence at the site, showing up unannounced several times to walk through the camp and gave two citations for nudity. Each visit was accompanied by an entourage of EF!ers, some of whom were threatened with arrest for publicly announcing the LEOs presence. Yet another use for duct tape was discovered as women covered their aureoles, making topless women legal. A big thanks to the men who duct-taped themselves in solidarity!

Several movement-wide meetings were held under the chestnuts and poplars in Frog Level. After four meetings teasing all the ins and outs of EF!

*Journal* proposals, the folks present consented to having the EF! *Journal* move from Eugene, Oregon, to Tucson, Arizona, with the

Beltane issue as the Tucson premiere. Contact

Katùah Mountain Faction for copies of the *Journal* meeting and/or council notes.

What is a Ronly without a touch of contention? This year's

morning-circle topic (at least late in the week) revolved around a consensual, planned brawl dubbed "Fight Club." A couple of morning circles became dedicated to discussing not only the actual event, but location and suitability within the RRR context. Look for this topic to come up again in the future.

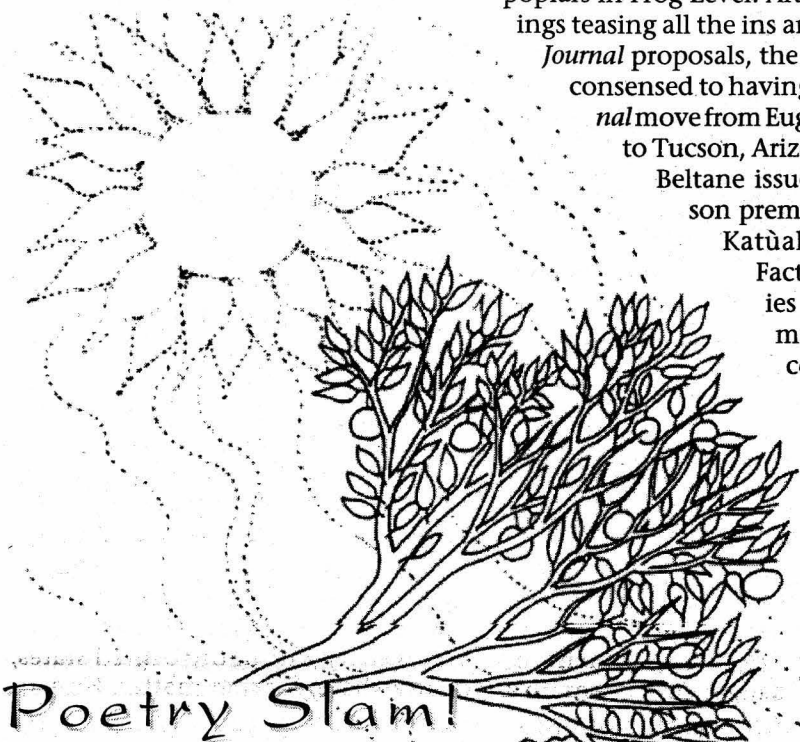
The rally on Saturday capped a perfect end to a week in the woods. Powered entirely by the Katùah solar rig, the stage rocked out with our very own entertainers. A local African drumming and dance troupe set the scene. Music, poetry and homebrew flowed freely throughout the day and night. The auction of items brought from all over the country—everything from organic dried pickled seaweed to the shirt off someone's back—gave us all a good laugh and a chance to pitch in our cash for the event. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the auction and the rally.

The folks on the committee would like to thank y'all for coming down and having a great party with us in our home. Cleanup went quickly and easily (we were even commended by the Forest Service on how little impact we caused considering the number of participants and length of the event!).

Shameless plug: T-shirts are still available—organic unbleached cotton shirts hand-screened by Katùahans! Contact any of the Katùah folks to get your limited edition shirt.

Contact Katùah EF!, POB 281, Chattanooga, TN 37401.

See y'all next year back out west!



## Poetry Slam!

BY DENNIS FRITZINGER

We had one helluva first ever poetry slam at this year's Round River Rendezvous.

Many poets read and performed with lots of audience participation. Amy, a terrific instigator and facilitator proposed the idea and rounded up an audience and participants.

We met in the same space as the morning circle, partly underneath some trees but also in the open around a campfire. I had to ford a swollen creek to get there, holding onto a rope bridge for balance—what the heck, nature doesn't always lob easy pitches our way.

The list of poets grew to around 10. Judging was intense. Crowd participation grew with numbers and amount of alcohol consumed—a keg was carried in near the end of the second round. The way a Slam works is this—five judges, or (our preference) opinionated loudmouths, score each poet on a scale of zero to 10. Low and high scores are tossed out, the rest added and carried over round by round.

The first round is traditionally whittled down to five, but this crowd decided to advance all 10 to the second round. That round was whittled down to

five, with the top spot resulting in a tie. The tie went into sudden death, and a winner (proclaimed by wolf howl) emerged—Daniel Patterson. Congratulations Daniel! Send us your *Desert Tortoise* poem so other *Journal* readers can enjoy it!

This will be the first of many Poetry Slams at the RRR. Thanks to Amy who instigated it, and thanks to everyone who participated—poets and audience alike! Aooooowww!

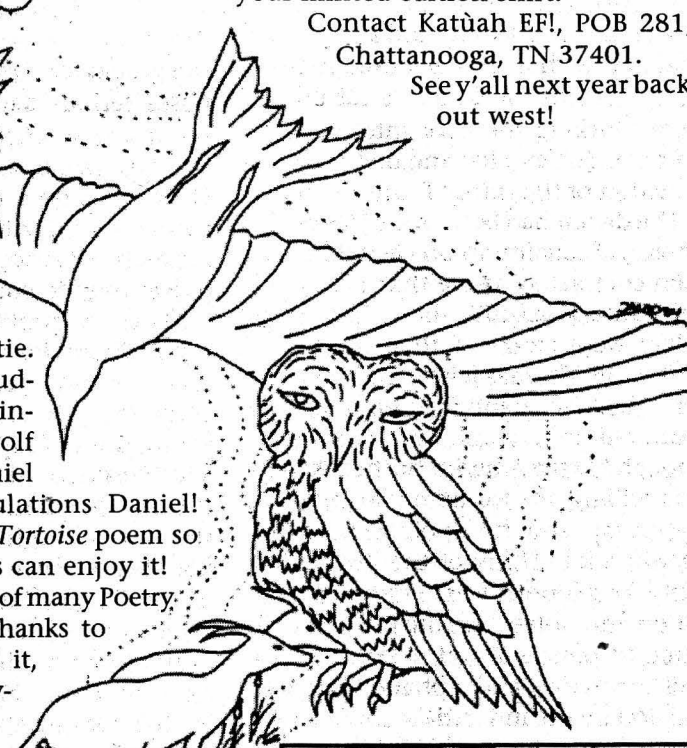


photo courtesy: Free our Forests

On May 13, the Santa Barbara chapter of Free Our Forests (FOF) led a demonstration against the Adventure Pass at the concessionaire's fee kiosk on Paradise Road, at the Santa Ynez River crossing in Santa Barbara, California. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has already passed a unanimous resolution in opposition to this program. During the first hour, activists were cautioned by officers not to block traffic as they successfully persuaded many drivers to drive past the kiosk. Later on, a Forest Service policewoman began stopping vehicles, explaining that a fee was required as demonstrators explained that it was not. Eventually, the officer dragged a protester away and cited him for interfering with an officer. On at least one occasion, the Santa Barbara County deputy sheriff pursued a vehicle which had not purchased a pass, and physically blocked the road to prevent its entrance. FOF is investigating his authority to do so. On June 29, Senators Gorton (R-WA) and Graham (D-FL) introduced legislation to "establish permanent recreating fee authority" for the Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management. The Bill is S. 2817 and can be read online at <https://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:S2817>.

## BARE BONES

### Monster Chumpies Coming To An Alaskan Town Near You

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) biologists are churning salmon eggs and sperm together in a bucket to create an artificial species of salmon. About 40,000 specimens of this hybrid species—a cross between a king and pink—are now in holding tanks at a Fish and Game hatchery at Fort Richardson, as well as in two land-locked lakes in the Mat-Su Valley. In December, a batch of about 2,000 hybrids is scheduled to be released in Jewel Lake for ice fishing. The new species of salmon, call it what you will—the Pinook, the Chumpy, the Kink—could also be swimming in DeLong and Campbell Point lakes in Anchorage and four lakes in the Valley, within a year.

ADFG sanctioned the creation of a new breed of salmon in large part to supplant hatchery-raised king salmon, which are prone to suffer from a malady fishery biologists call "the precocious male problem" or "jacking out." Sport fishermen know jack salmon as undersized, juvenile king salmon that return from the sea to spawn a year or two early, usually at the beginning of a run.

"I'd like to give the kids a chance to name it," says Carmen Olito, the biologist in charge of the hybrid project. "Until then, I'm just going to call them 'the hybrids.'" Olito tried several combinations of salmon cross-breeds before settling on the king/pink combo. There were some disappointments during the trial and error phase, including one gruesome mishap: an attempt to cross a silver with a king produced salmon with deformed spines. "It kind of made me wonder, 'Should we be doing this?'" she says.

### Victory for Brazilian Amazon

The Environmental Defense Organization has announced that leaders of Brazil's Congress have just shelved proposed legislation to increase the area and rate of Amazon forest destruction, handing the Brazilian environmental movement its first major and precedent-setting victory in protecting the rainforest. The law would have loosened restrictions on Amazon deforestation, and could have caused a 25 percent increase in annual rates of clearing and burning.

Massive email and fax protests to Congress and the president from all over the world, plus broad national media coverage, killed the measure before it could come to the House floor. At one point, government officials blocked the massive flux of protest emails—but backed down when the move was derided in the press as censorship. Press and TV coverage overwhelmingly opposed the measure, as did the Environment Ministry.

The special interest caucus, which was pushing for passage of the law, has some 200 votes in the Congress and represents the one percent of the landowners who control more than 50 percent of Brazil's agricultural land. These maneuvers have yielded tens of billions in official debt forgiveness for the few largest debtors, while health care, education and environment budgets suffered cuts.



## BARE BONES

### Free Speech Battle won at Escalante Wilderness Visitors' Center

Following a meeting with five Escalante Wilderness Project activists and the Utah American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Utah Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Sally Wisely agreed that the grazing foes may set up an information table in their preferred location at the Escalante Visitors Center without threat of citation, arrest or seizure of materials. Escalante Wilderness Project activists Juniper Allison and Dr. Patrick Diehl were arrested over the Memorial Day weekend by BLM Ranger Larry Vensel under orders from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Manager Kate Cannon. They were staffing a table near the Visitor Center with information critical of cattle grazing and BLM's management of public lands on the Monument. Both activists are out of jail and back in the canyons, for now. "This is a clear victory for free speech rights in Utah," said Dr. Patrick Diehl. "We'll be back out there... informing visitors about the ravages of cattle grazing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and about other environmental issues."

Wisely also said the activists could pick up their confiscated educational materials, which the BLM is holding at the Visitors Center. Wisely has not yet committed, however, to withdrawing BLM's complaints against Diehl, Tori Woodard and Juniper Allison, but said a decision would be made soon.

During the meeting, Utah American Civil Liberties Union legal director Steven Clark warned that if the BLM presses criminal charges against the activists, it risks further legal entanglements. "We are really happy with what happened today," Tori Woodard said. "This shows that you should never underestimate what can be accomplished by a small group of committed people. Today's victory made more room for people to express differing points of view in Southern Utah."

### Treesitter to Fast for Freshwater Forest

On July 1, Nate Madsen began the process of weaning himself off food and began an all out liquid diet hunger strike on July 22 in an effort to raise awareness of the destruction of the ancient redwood forest. Nate is a veteran treesitter who has been sitting in the ancient redwood tree "Mariah" for over 21 months, located in the community of Freshwater outside Eureka, California.

The Freshwater drainage is largely owned by Maxxam/Pacific Lumber Company. Following Charles Hurwitz's hostile take over of Pacific Lumber Company by Maxxam Corporation in 1985, Pacific Lumber began liquidating watersheds like the Freshwater drainage through large-scale clearcutting. The California Department of Forestry declared a logging moratorium in 1999 on this watershed due to its overly impacted status. Freshwater residents continue to be exposed to extreme flooding during small rainstorms.

"The signs are obvious. The forest is wounded and the streams bleed. This pain is somewhat intangible to the outside observer, but as people relate to people, the pain of hunger will hopefully ring true and raise awareness of the pain the forest endures at the hand of industrial logging," says Nate Madsen.

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After explaining that nitrogen releases from lightning are nature's way of fixing nitrogen into soils—crucial for growing crops—the video went on to say that humanity's only hope for fixing enough nitrogen into soils to feed the increasing multitudes living on this planet is through increasing the use of petrochemical fertilizers, or the genetic engineering of plants to require less nitrogen. These statements are not only biased towards corporate agribusiness methods, but they are also false. As the credits rolled by, I learned that the video had been produced by Dow Chemical Company. As it turns out, Dow produces many such videos for use in public schools, including one called *Chemapalooza* that uses a flashy MTV soundbite approach to teach the virtues of chemical use.

"There is a well funded movement to undermine the integrity of environmental education," says Dylan Bernstein, Senior Program Director for the Center for Commercial-Free Education. "It seems obvious that big corporate polluters are trying to control information in the public schools and are spending millions of dollars a year to do it." Bernstein also points to pro-corporate foundations that contribute to nonprofit organizations (often with misleading pro-environment sounding names) that in turn send speakers out to public schools. "The typical message from these speakers is roughly that environmental education needlessly scares young children, and is Chicken Little nay-saying. They say what's really needed is education in economics and marketing."

### Taking advantage of school defunding

Federal support for public schools declined sharply during the Reagan years, leaving many school systems scrambling to adequately fund programs. Schools in poorer districts, often in minority neighborhoods, have been the hardest hit by the lack of federal support. Increasingly, financially strapped schools throughout the country are using sponsored educational materials (SEMs) produced by multinational corporations and usually containing biased or false information. Corporate-produced SEMs have been found to be pro-oil, pro-mining and pro-biotechnology. *The Nation* magazine reports that an environmental curriculum developed by Shell Oil Company predictably encourages the widespread use of internal combustion engines. A video about the Exxon oil spill in Alaska praises the company for its cleanup efforts while avoiding discussion of the spill itself. What a surprise, the video was produced by Exxon. According to a 1995 article published in *Consumer Reports*, 80 percent of SEMs tested contained "biased or incomplete information" that "favors the company or its economic agenda."

Teachers are often caught in the middle, with many finding the free "educational" materials hard to resist. "They have no alternative!" notes Or-

gon teacher John Borowski. "I teach in a high school (North Salem High), where every week I receive corporate educational materials ranging from forestry to agriculture. In its MTV style approach, it has a powerful impact on our students. Yes, a veteran teacher or a seasoned activist can lead the students in a solid review of this nonsense, but you would be disheartened by the number of teachers who endorse this material... they are simply not aware. These are crucial times. Corporations know that the next groups of school kids are going to be citizens and consumers... and they are spending big dollars to win their hearts and minds." North Salem High has received unsolicited SEMs from corporations including

timber giant Weyerhaeuser, Inc. Many teachers swear by Project Learning Tree (PLT), which is funded by the American Forest Foundation. How-

ever, Borowski recalls a meeting with a PLT vice-president who "was so misinformed... she called orchards... 'a forest ecosystem.'"

Channel One's materials are the most widespread free corporate materials dispersed throughout the public schools. Channel One's "news" videos are shown in eight million middle and high school classes every day in the US, particularly in low-income and minority neighborhoods. However, researchers have found that 20 percent of Channel One's air time is devoted to news, with the remaining 80 percent spent on advertisements, sports, weather and features. Studies show that students mostly remember the ads. Brad Rockwell of TV-Free America says, "The content study shows Channel One is all about providing a captive market of children to advertisers." Almost every national educational group in the country has taken a strong stand against Channel One.

### Resisting the takeover

Efforts to fight the corporate takeover of public schools are starting to gain momentum. The lack of public awareness of the issues and a lack of financial backing are both major obstacles. Public awareness is just now growing because the corporate invasion of public education is a relatively new development. But there are the beginnings of a nationwide campaign.

The Center for Commercial Free Education, a nonprofit group headquartered in Oakland, California, provides support to teachers, students and the public in the fight against commercialism in schools. The Center's website provides information about the issues and also has documented cases

of 20 communities in 14 states that have gotten rid of unwanted corporate intrusion into their schools. For instance, a citizen coalition in Denver, Colorado, succeeded in defeating a state bill that would have cut all

funding for environmental education. In Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the Center has helped train environmental educators to be able to respond to right wing attacks on environmental education. Occasionally resistance is led by the students themselves.

"The Center encourages citizens to act through their local school boards," says Bernstein. The San Francisco school board passed the Commercial Free Schools Act which puts limits on corporate involvement in its public schools. School boards in Berkeley, California and some Minnesota school districts have passed similar measures. The Center encourages concerned teachers, students and citizens interested in working with their school boards to contact them. The Center also maintains a library available to the public containing the texts of acts which limit commercialism passed in communities throughout the country.

### Related threats

- Corporations are increasingly moving into the arena of administration with hopes of making profits. For-profit charter schools are

increasing in number. Not coincidentally, this is occurring at a time when the country's right-wing Republicans are stepping up smear campaigns against the public schools and pushing for voucher systems, public school closures and other ways of defunding public education. Apparently, there are many ways to conduct class warfare through both public and private education.

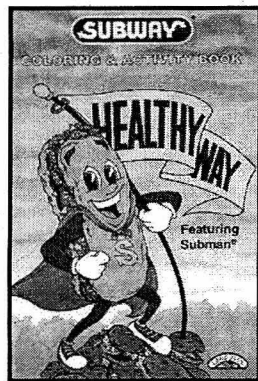
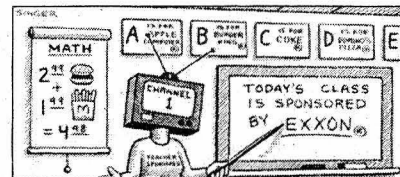
- School administrators increasingly rely on standardized tests to judge schools and education. The focus of classrooms becomes preparation for test-taking, rather than learning. Susan Ohanian, writing for *The Nation*, notes that standardized tests subject young students to extreme anxiety and disrupt learning patterns. The questions asked in these tests are often absurd and culturally or economically biased.

- Corporate presence is also increasingly visible in the hallways and cafeterias of public schools. Pop machines with highly caffeinated and sugary beverages such as Surge are appearing in school hallways and cafeterias. Pop, candy and coupons for junk food are increasingly being used as rewards for completing assignments. For instance, the Pizza Hut Book It! program offers pizza coupons for reading. The McSpell It Club offers coupons for free burgers or McNuggets. Brand name foods such as Domino's and Taco Bell are served, promoted and advertised in school cafeterias. Low income schools are, as usual, the most vulnerable targets.

### Conclusion

Presidential candidate George W. Bush has been quoted as saying, "The most important question to ask about education is, 'Is your children learning?'" But perhaps the most important question really is, "What is your children learning?" Wait a sec that doesn't sound quite right...

For more information, contact the Center for Commercial Free Schools, 1714 Franklin, Suite 100-306, Oakland, CA 94612; (800) UNPLUG1; unplug@igc.org; www.commercialfree.org.





# Climbing the walls for Eagle Creek

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Suddenly, a new action had been established, but this one was within easy reach of the urban news media and hundreds of thousands of metro citizens. The Forest Service had not crushed our resistance, they had only stirred the hornet's nest of genuine public objection to the sales and the national timber sale program.

Two days later, another CFA activist, Ginny, began a hunger strike at the building entrance. This, combined with the ledge-sit, became a truly awesome public outreach vehicle. Media-savvy CFA activists had daily interviews on radio, television and in print. National media, including *USA Today*, the *New York Times* and television stations ran pictures and stories. *Portland Business Journal* ran a sympathetic 12-page story on Eagle Creek.

Hundreds of concerned and curious citizens visited the action site to learn more and lend support. Two massive rallies took place that shut down the block around the action. Before they could say "forest health," the Forest Service had become the big loser.

Meanwhile, two new base camps were established in the forest just outside the closure lines. Successful resupply runs to ongoing treesits (Truth and Sunset) in Sunset Grove took place, and an action camp was staged. Citizens were arrested crossing the closure in an act of defiance to the unlawful order.

"Chicken" Harv Forsgren, the head Forest Service official of Region Six, characteristically avoided the issue. Chicken Harv has not shown his face to the public since the road block raid, frightened by the prospect of dealing with the results of his decision not to cancel the sales. When the lawyers representing the ledge-sitter tried to issue a subpoena to him at his office, his secretary stated that he was out. When the lawyers went to his home, his car was in the driveway, but Chicken Harv would not answer the door. Remember, this is the public official who is in charge of all the national forests in Washington and Oregon. Is there any doubt why the public does not trust the Forest Service to be responsible stewards of the forests?

In addition to looking at the world through the

warped lens of a flawed paradigm, freddies also lie. "There is no, uh, old growth in these sales. The intent of these sales is to create old-growth-like characteristics in the stands we are managing," said Gary Larsen with a straight face on television. Gary's lie does not correspond with reality. Sunset and Truth are trees between 350-500 years old. Lawless logging, whatever name you give it, will not hasten the development of native, uncut forest into an ancient forest.

"These, uh, four timber sales, uh, do the best job of managing forest health, uh, that, uh, the Mt. Hood National Forest has ever done," stated the silver-tongued Larsen. While anyone who is familiar with the Mt. Hood National Forest knows this is a meager claim, a few

facts should be mentioned. These Salvage Rider sales are only legal because Congress suspended all environmental laws when they were sold. They would ruin over 500 acres of roadless area, harm the drinking water of 185,000 Oregonians, destroy a popular wilderness hiking trail, kill old-growth trees, degrade rare and sensitive species' habitat (including the northern spotted owl) and cut, in three years

time, more timber than the Forest Service's own scientists recommended be cut in three decades! To top it off, the company that bought the sales, Vanport Manufacturing, does not want to cut them either. These sales exemplify what is wrong with the federal timber sale program and the out-of-control bureaucracy that is the US Forest Service.

Through the 11-day ledge-sit and hunger strike, four years of CFA activism against the sales were focused and strengthened. Portland's mayor joined the impressive list of elected officials opposed to the sale. Ralph Nader came out against the sales, making it an issue for presidential wanna-be Al "I thought I had the green vote locked up" Gore. If hubris and ignorance instead of ecology and the public continue to guide Forest Service decision-making, it is clear that things will only get tougher for them as logging season drags on. Nonviolent direct action will continue, public pressure will

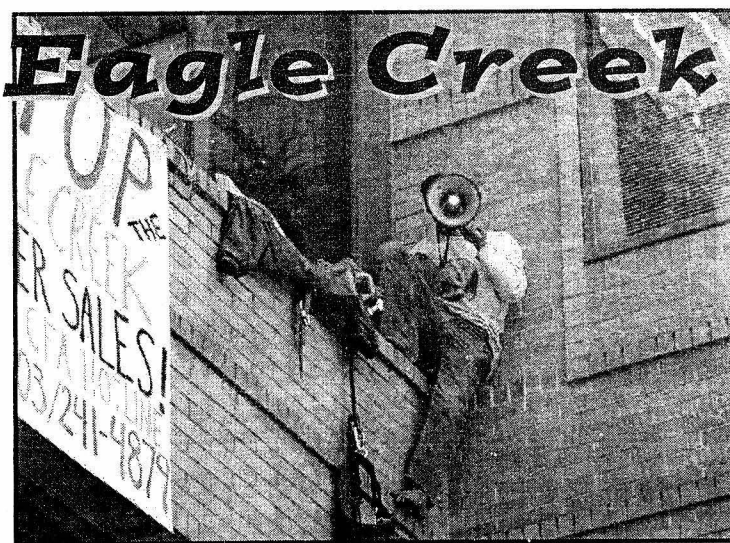


photo by Q. Ma dp

For 11 days Tre lived on the ledge.

increase and we will save Eagle Creek. No, Gary, we are not "WTO people looking for something to do." We are the people (remember us?) and we are not putting up with your bullshit anymore.

Call Al Gore at (202) 456-2326. Tell him that he'll have to cancel the Eagle Creek sales in order to have a shot at the green vote. For more information, contact the Cascadia Forest Alliance, POB 4946, Portland, OR, 97208; (503) 241-4879; [www.cascadiaforestalliance.org](http://www.cascadiaforestalliance.org).

Update: In response to a planned mass closure-line crossing, the Forest Service lifted its illegal closure on July 22. The civil disobedience, on July 23, was transformed into a victorious march, several hundred people strong. A new base camp was established and two more treesits were erected in units 13 and 14. Our treesitters remain strong despite harassment by Forest Service and unidentified law enforcement: agents have run sirens all night to create sleep deprivation, and military helicopters have fired rounds as a scare tactic. This is the behavior of a desperate, losing bureaucracy!



Mt. Hood National Forest

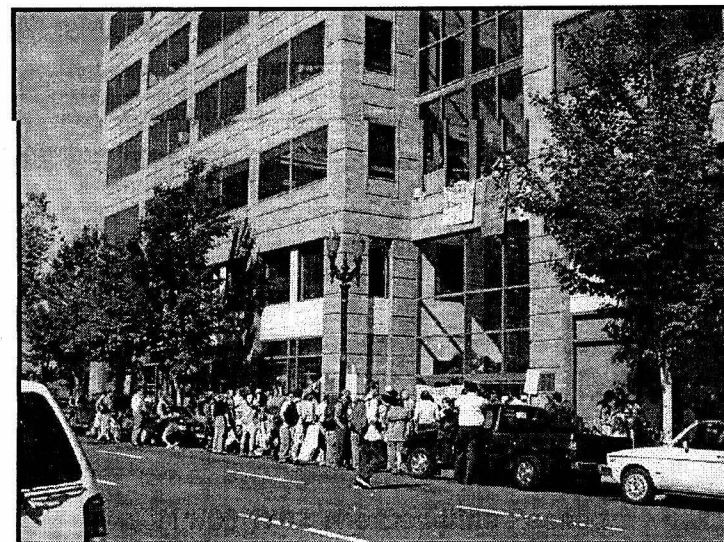


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Crowds gather at the Region Six Headquarters to watch the man on the ledge.



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Majestic old growth in Helldun.

## While Helldun Flogs the Forest Service

Editor's note: This essay arrived late in the night, clumsily crumpled and covered in crap. It is supposedly by the one and only Darrel Kenops, Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest.

The Forest Service's latest lame-brained scheme to log the Warner Wilderness fell flat on its face last month, just like I told 'em it would. We just shit-canned plans to log the Helldun timber sale. Helldun would have logged nine-million board-feet on the edge of the largest unprotected roadless complex in the Willamette National Forest, a hop, skip and jump from the site of the Cascadia Forest Defenders and Southern Willamette Earth First!'s 1995-96 blockade of the Warner Creek Salvage Sale. It was a dumb idea from the beginning.

A lot of weird shit was about to go down at Helldun. If you looked close you could spot strange, nest-like structures in the tallest trees of the logging units. At night you could hear the muffled scraping noises of the Cascadian road-pecker, a rare, and some scientists say mythical, critter endemic to these parts. They say it has the body of a bird and the head of pickaxe. I think it's goddamned anarchists. We put a bunch of these law enforcement morons out there with enough high-tech gadgets to catch the A-Team. They got lost in the woods and started bawling like a bunch of four-year-olds.

We had to cancel Helldun. The last time this happened, anarchists and freaks were parading around on the front page of the *New York Times*. Do you have any idea what it does to your career when the fucking president and the chief of the Forest Service and those fucking Nazis in Congress get the *Times* in the morning and they see that the forest you run has been taken over by freaks and anarchists? This is not the way to a bigger office and a faster car.

Where was I? The Forest Service is done with Warner Creek. Make it a wilderness, or a goddamned bombing range or whatever. Let the anarchists run around butt-naked studying bugs or whatever the fuck it is they want to do with the place.

Cascadia 2, Forest Service 0. I hate you all.



clear as cut glass  
& just as dangerous

**WOLVES, FOR LIFE**

For a Wedding

Wolves mate for life  
People try to  
Being not as advanced  
as wolves  
it's harder for us

The main things wolves are up against, when they pair up:  
Loss of Wildness  
The fear people have  
and traps

We  
are now part of  
Mark and Michelle's pack  
calling out their wolve-selves

Wishing them

Full moons  
for howling  
Tongue-wet frolics  
both in snow  
and warm berry season

A good den,  
For hōling up

And to be able to look at  
each other  
with deep fierce eyes  
that do not blink

And while their feast days  
won't be marked with  
the raw ligaments of caribou  
or elk

they will pass  
with joy  
and sustenance

We gather  
their tribe  
their pack

on one such feast day  
now

and for them  
we howl  
from the best,  
most wolf-like  
part of our selves  
and our souls

—Mark L. Williams

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**DANCING ON THE NORTH LAWN**

"She [the earth] is...the only mother we have."

—from a song of the Kayaba, Colombia

"I could only believe in a god  
who dances."

—Nietzsche

It is just evening of a hot summer day.  
On the north lawn, enclosed by spirea bushes,  
a young girl leaps, hurls herself,  
into the cold water. Sharp drops cut the face,  
slash the arms, pierce the back.

She leaps out. *Haaussssh* sounds the water  
as it's forced through the garden hose,  
*thu, thu, thu* sounds the pivot  
as it lays an arc upon the grass.

In again, and out. Day recedes.  
Cars along the street drive into oblivion.  
Under her feet, blades soften.  
She shivers. In and out. In and out again.  
Light falls from the western sky.

In she spins, and warms.  
The only sounds are the *thu, thu, thu*  
of her heart, *haaussssh* of her blood.  
Feet find holds in air. Hair climbs the neck.

Her arms, first one and then the other,  
reach above her head; she grabs for stars.  
This night, this water, these sounds tell  
the girl how the great mother danced her children  
into being. Grass, skin, hair, and stars tell her all  
she will ever need to know in order to live.

—Mary K. Stillwell

**THE REAL WORK**

Western Washington Forest Conference, Randle, WA

Can't take anymore conferences.  
No more hand raising, fund raising,  
persuasive speaking, passionate pleas.  
No more petition signing,  
book buying, slide viewing  
or interviewing.

There is work  
Beyond the conference walls today.  
Rochelle and I  
duck out on the fifth lecture  
of the morning.

We leave the notebooks,  
pavement with the car,  
Leave the pulpit to the preachers.  
Lace our boots,  
head into the Trees.

—Mac Lojowsky

**SUBTERRANEAN RIVULETGURGLE**

Two-thirds the way to the summit  
High above timberline on the switchback trail  
Passing incredible jumbles of huge granite rocks,  
Pausing, panting, to rest  
on a comfortable-looking  
lichen-covered stone,  
Somewhere below where I sit  
a cheerful gurgling sound:  
Rivulet, rivuletgurgle,  
subterranean rivuletgurgle—  
Oh, I think, oh,  
If only everyone could hear this,  
under all these rocks and boulders,  
chuckle, murmur,  
flowing, gushing,  
In the dark underground,  
While brooklets above sparkle in the sun  
framed by lush green grass

And yellow purple blue white red orange wildflowers  
with yellow purple blue white red orange butterflies  
slurping them—

No way to ever see you  
or drink from you  
(unless I return here with dynamite  
and blast my way to you)

Only hear you for a few minutes  
before I rise and push on up  
to another monolithic mythic  
13,000 foot peak and 360 degree visionary vista  
I've never been.

Oh little gurgler below me, I suppose  
you've been gurgling here  
every hot afternoon  
the last million years.

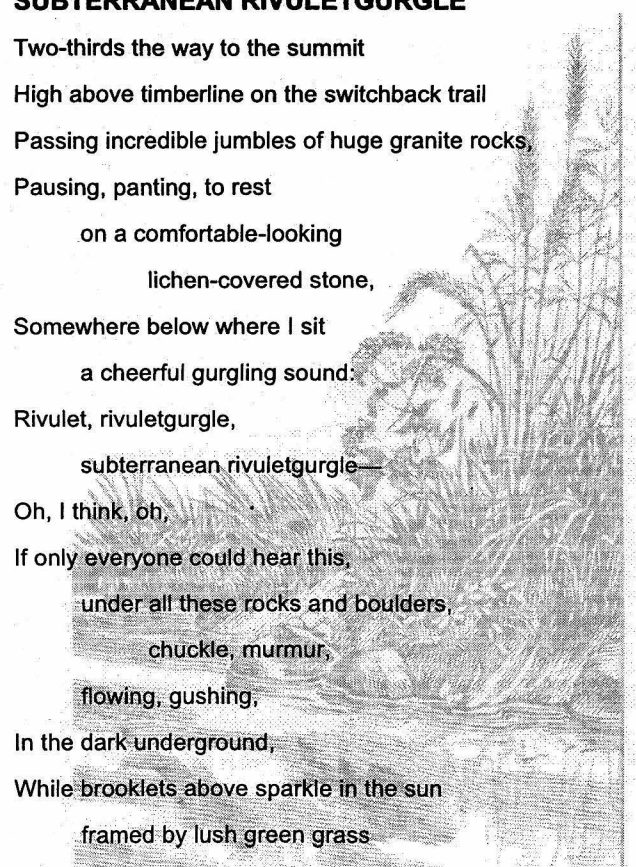
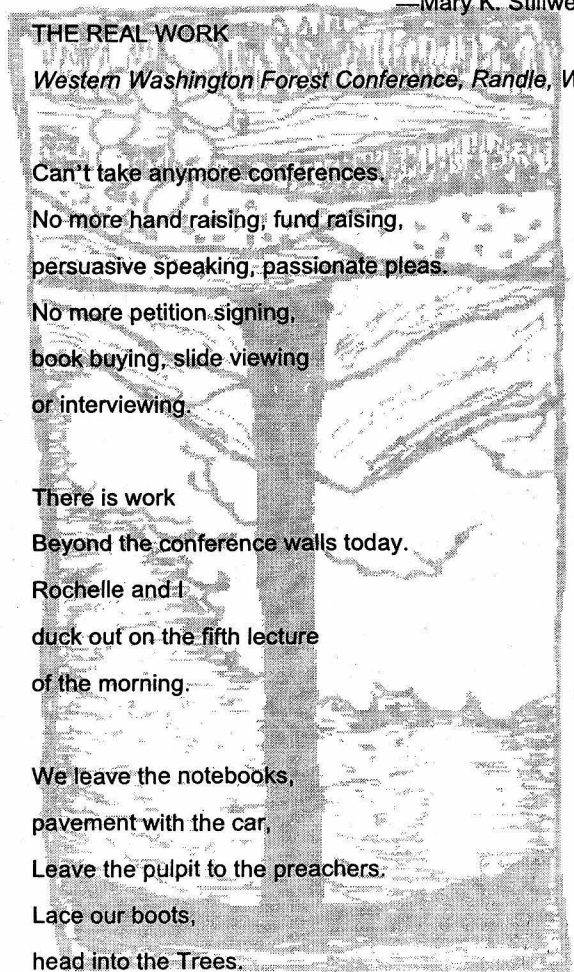
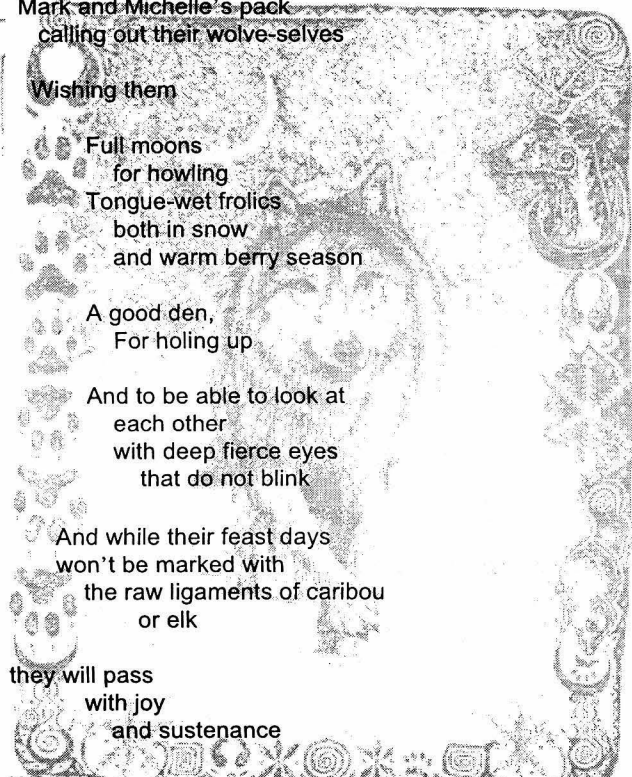
I might've paused for a breather  
on a hundred other rocky vista spots  
on Mount Audubon's bouldery flank,

I might never've heard you  
and still been a devout lover of creeks  
and riversounds,

I might never've considered the reverberations  
of somewhere under boulders  
in the dark:  
darkrivuletgurgle,  
darkrivuletgurgle...

But beyond words,  
Beyond thoughts and dreams,  
Beyond lyrics, elegiacs, rhapsodics,  
declarations, invocations, proclamations,  
Before humans existed, before dinosaurs,  
Ancient sounds: rain, thunder, wind, surf,  
lakelapping, waterfallroar and rivuletgurgle.  
Subterranean rivuletgurgle—  
Help us, heal us,  
For you let gurgle a rivuletgurgle  
that could save the world.

—Antler





## Frontlines

### Demonstration closes biotech exhibition in Italy

A determined, battling demonstration closed the Worldwide Biotech Exhibition in Genua, Italy for a few hours on May 18.

Thousands gathered in front of the station Genua Brignole for the so-called "Italian Seattle," including people from all over Italy, Switzerland, France and Germany. Two political parties, the Greens and the Refounded Communist Party, decided to join the demonstration which openly called for civil disobedience to close the exhibition. At least 1,000 people appeared in white coveralls ready for civil disobedience with gas masks, shields and padding.

The 10,000-strong march went directly from the station to the exhibition, guarded by 3,000 anti-riot cops. Upon arrival, confrontation was immediate. Marchers wanted to enter, and the cops wanted to keep them away, while dozens of CEOs and scientists were inside deciding our future.

A couple of scuffles with police took place, injuring at least four protesters. However, the exhibition was besieged. Under very hot sun, more than 5,000 people blocked the entrance gate yelling slogans. Nobody could enter or exit, not even the cops, who retreated behind the closed gates.

Finally, they gave up, and the exhibition was suspended for the entire afternoon, raising enthusiasm among the demonstrators, who moved toward the "MobilTebio Village," where a protest camp had been set up with large tents. The Italian government withdrew its endorsement of the exhibition, while half of the biotech companies invited did not show up, fearing protests.

### Activist refuses to cooperate with federal grand jury

An animal rights activist refused to appear before a US grand jury convened July 13 in San Francisco, California, and told a large support demonstration at the federal building she would go to jail to resist the inquiry.

"The underlying purpose of this FBI witch-hunt is an ongoing campaign of terror and harassment against those of us actively and effectively organizing on behalf of animals," said Anita Carswell, a San Francisco-area activist.

Carswell was backed by San Francisco National Lawyers Guild President Mark Vermeulen, San Francisco attorney Derek St. Pierre and Santa Rosa civil liberties attorney Lawrence Weiss who said the grand jury is being misused to harass political activists, and as an extension of harassment by San Francisco police, who earlier this year falsely arrested Carswell and another activist after windows at Neiman Marcus Union Square were broken by the Animal Liberation Front. Charges were later dismissed.

Carswell risks contempt of court if she does not appear, and may face up to 18 months in jail. Under the grand jury system, she has no right to an attorney, to remain silent, or a right to a trial before being jailed. Carswell still remains free and updates can be seen at [www.nocompromise.org](http://www.nocompromise.org).

In part, her statement said: "I wish to let it be known that I, Anita Carswell, have no intention of cooperating with the federal grand jury... Although I and fellow animal rights activists are guilty of no crimes except holding regular peaceful protests, we are subject to increasing levels of intimidation and aggression... I have the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney and I will go to jail if necessary to uphold these rights for all of us."



*The sun is up, but it won't shine onto the South Fork of the Clearwater for hours. On the 1875 logging road bridge spanning this river, two people sit, huddled by a fire for warmth against the wind and frosty morning air. Sleeping people lie haphazardly across the bridge with their gear. It looks like a quiet morning, maybe the morning after a party.*

*A red pick-up drives by on Idaho State Highway 14, the driver yelling out of his window, "motherfucking cocksuckers!" Those EFlers are at it again. They are blocking vehicular access to the Otter-Wing and Mackey Day timber sales with one measly piece of rope...*

No logging trucks came through the Cove/Mallard campaign's Venus Fly Trap on June 15, the first day of logging season in the Nez Perce National Forest. The blockade was set up on the Forest Service road 1875 bridge, the only hauling road for the Otter-Wing and Mackey Day timber sales. Otter-Wing and Mackey Day, in the 52,000-acre Wing/Twenty mile roadless area, are both part of the Greater Salmon-Selway Ecosystem (GSSE). Spanning across Idaho and Montana, this area is the largest intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states—one of those rare places still containing most of the species of plants and animals that existed before the presence of Europeans. Otter-Wing and Mackey Day are home to lynx, black bear, moose, bull trout, trilliums, morels and many other amazing beings. And unlike most national forests, the water in this area is still safe to drink straight out of the streams. However, if the Forest Service and Shearer Lumber had their way, major areas in the GSSE would already have been clearcut and destroyed.

Individuals have been placing their bodies on the line in the GSSE for nine years to keep this from happening. Nine years and still coming up with ideas that'll stump the Freddie's! Used in southern Oregon's China Left in 1997, the Venus Fly Trap is a bridge blockade technique that can be effective with a small number of people. A piece of webbing is tied into one giant loop around the entire bridge and tensioned as tightly as possible. A platform or hammock is attached underneath the bridge, suspended from the webbing. Remember, webbing stretches! It may need to be pre-stretched. Venus Fly Traps work better on taller bridges or over large rapids.

The Forest Service law enforcement arrived mid-day and was immediately confused by the structure. Activists were removed from the bridge for "safety reasons," and prohibited from crossing the bridge back to the highway. The Freddie's then reinforced the blockade using their vehicles, road closed signs and yellow "do not enter" tape. Three individuals were cited with "maintaining a structure" for sitting and placing their water bottles on a picnic table fashioned out of culverts.

After much arguing and deliberation, the Freddie's thought they had figured out a bargaining chip to get Venus out of her fly trap. If she came down, she would only get a \$100 fine. If she did not come down, the Cove/Mallard Coalition would not be allowed to have their bridge dance, scheduled for the next evening. Venus

our appeal on an ongoing lawsuit regarding Otter-Wing was heard. The lead judge is known for "speedy" returns, so we should know the court's decision sometime in the next 100 years. The lawsuit is based on the Forest Service's lack of updated information on this area. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed

11 years ago, and has not been updated since—a blatant violation of the National Environmental Policy Act. Normally, a supplemental EIS is to be completed every five years. This is especially important since species which inhabit the Otter-Wing area have changed listings during this time; the bull trout has been listed as endangered and the lynx as threatened.

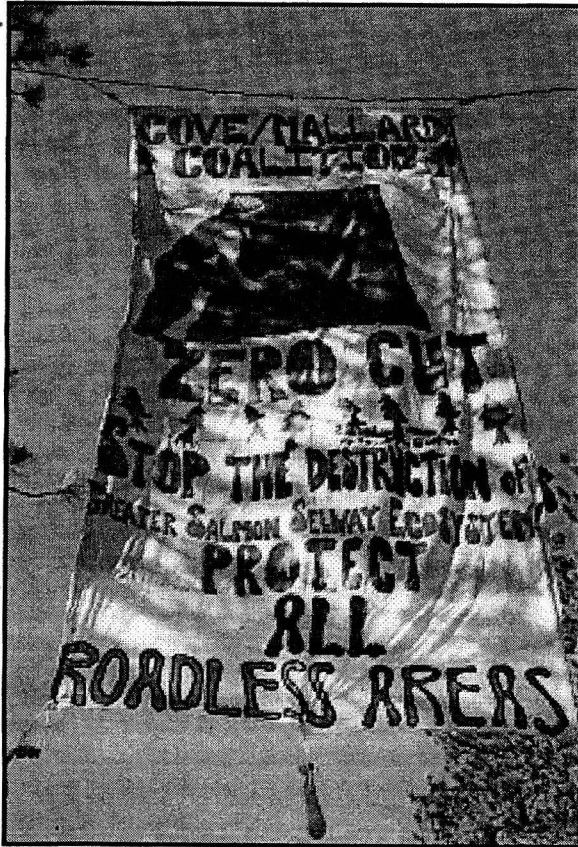
Monitoring done by the Cove/Mallard Coalition and Friends of the Clearwater has found that there are rampant violations in both PACFISH regulations (ecosystem-based aquatic habitat and riparian area management strategy developed in the mid-1990s) and road building standards. The cut and fill slopes are much too steep and are causing large amounts of sediment to flow directly into streams and creeks that are the last intact habitat for aquatic life on the South Fork of the Clearwater River. Two of these creeks, John's Creek and Wing Creek, are occupied habitat for steelhead trout and bull trout,

both listed under the Endangered Species Act. All the other drainages along this river have already been badly damaged by excessive "management."

As usual, the court system is moving too sluggishly to protect these forests from the chainsaw. Direct action has once again become a necessity in this beautiful wilderness area. Logging can legally begin anytime, no matter what stage the lawsuit is in. Cove/Mallard Coalition activists will not let this area be destroyed!

For more information, contact the Cove/Mallard Coalition, POB 8968, Moscow, ID 83843; (208) 882-9755; [cove@moscow.com](mailto:cove@moscow.com).

—COVE/MALLARD COALITION



Dancing on the bridges of multinational land rapers

would not be tricked. In response to this deal, she stood up on her platform and started dancing. "I'm having my own bridge boogie down here. I can dance under this bridge for weeks!"

Although the Freddie's cut Venus out of the fly trap on the third day of the blockade, the point was made to the Forest Service and the logging companies. The Cove/Mallard Coalition let the Forest Service know that it will not let them destroy the Big Wild! Creativity and sheer will power can prevail over the corporate and governmental machine that is desecrating our planet.

The legality of the Otter-Wing timber sale is currently under scrutiny in the federal court system. On June 5,

### Clearwater National Forest Saved... for Now

BY NATALIE SHAPIRO

Idaho forest activists are celebrating the cancellation of two huge timber sales. On July 14, the Northern Region of the Forest Service reversed the North Lochsa Face (NLF) project in response to an appeal by several environmental groups and the Nez Perce Tribe.

With 75 million board-feet (mmbf) to be logged on 8,000 acres, the NLF was the biggest timber sale proposed by the Clearwater National Forest in years. Over 3,000 acres of the logging was to be conducted in the North Lochsa Slope Roadless Area, including a 1,000 acre clearcut.

Days later, Federal Magistrate Leif B. Erickson canceled the Fish Bate timber sale, also in the Clearwater NF. This 27 mmbf sale would have cut 500 acres of red cedar old growth near the North Fork Clearwater River.

The judge ruled that the Forest Service failed to show that 10 percent of the forest is old growth, as the Forest Plan requires, and that its reliance on Best Management Practices to protect watersheds from landslides was arbitrary and capricious.

Fish Bate was part of a broader lawsuit against the Clearwater National Forest filed by the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies on behalf of several environmental groups.



# DEAREST SHIT FOR BRAINS...

Greetings Earth First!

In defense of the "Dear Shit for Brains" letter I submitted and was published in the Beltane issue of the *Journal*. In the letter, I stated that corporate rule is a product of the capitalist constitution in these states. Then I challenged those who are against the revolution. By some grave mistake, the editor placed "EF'ers" where I put "pseudo-environmentalist revolutionary bashers," changing the letter. My understanding is that EF'ers place the environment first in priority. Those who speak against revolutionists who seek to end capitalist-obligatory (the social state in the US that is also predominate in the world) are not EF'ers. Hate mail and love letters accepted by me, a captive of the state.

—JAMES RAY HOWARD #65679,  
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CO 80826

Dear poop fer brainz,

In a non-conforming break with tradition, we are writing today to thank the *EF! Journal* and its editors for adding its voice to the anti-genetic engineering "movement."

While most publications tend to focus on the more human centered aspects of biotechnology, the *Journal* has been instrumental in helping convince radicals that this issue is very much an issue about ecology and wild nature, not whether or not upper class Americans have access to "pure" food.

The upsurge of groups bearing the RAGE (Resistance against Genetic Engineering) name taking action in their communities, the Biodevastation gathering which brought over 3,000 people to Boston to confront the biotech industry and the more than 30 dramatic actions taken to destroy research crops and trees (GE or just yer run o' the mill hybrid monsters) have all made a difference in the fight against genetic modification, industrial agriculture and the commodification of life.

Thank you for printing such informative articles on this issue (such as the GE tree report) as well as outlining what people can do about them (*Dear Ned Ludd*) and what people have done to destroy this technology (*Earth Night News*). In a time of ever more state repression and dilution of radical ideas, the *Journal* has been unflinching in their coverage of biotechnology.

This summer we hope to see even more actions taken to destroy GE crops, trees and the property of those who seek to push this technology on the world. As the Anarchist Golfing Association suggested in a recent communiqué, "Let this summer be a call to farms!"

We hope to see people this summer, July 20-26, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to confront the International Society for Animal Genetics' conference. For more information contact grainrage@visto.com.

Sincerely,

—BIOENGINEERING ACTION NETWORK  
PS Last month's *Earth Night News* listed a tree action at Potlatch in Eastern Oregon as claimed by the ELF. In fact, the communiqué made no mention of the group's name.

Dear Comrade or Lady,

I wanted to thank you for the Eostar and Beltane issues of the *Earth First! Journal*. It's sad that ranchers can still get away with killing wolves that prey on cattle that aren't even supposed to be grazing in their territory. I saw a

very large grey wolf almost five years ago in the Black Road Desert on a bike ride from Idaho to California. There's no mistaking these animals. I think it was one of the most beautiful things I've seen. In such an ancient land the wolf almost seemed like a ghost. It was at enough of a distance he didn't seem too afraid of me. I can't say the same. I don't think I'd peddled so fast in a long time. But to think back on that moment fills me with a kind of longing for something as humans I think we've lost, our connection with the natural world, with our souls. To see an animal like that in the wild is something magical... that makes you feel like a damned being. I don't think there's anything I miss more in prison than the smell of a pine tree or the singing of sagebrush. None of the ranchers I've known were any fuckin' good. They're in it for the money. They don't care about the kind of damage their industry does. They never wonder why we're all so tired and stupid, or why an animal without claws or fangs would eat cows. They don't even use their money to put back into nature or get rid of capital once and for all. In short, they make good shields for the capitalists. But the rest of us aren't much better. How much longer will we let ourselves be manipulated sexually? Do people really believe there is "no alternative?" Don't think the capitalists don't understand monkey business. You may print, edit or distribute this letter or my name and address as you see fit. I don't suppose you have a damaged copy of *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey, or a novel lying around? *Monkeywrench Gang*? Contrary to what most people are told, those of us in isolation do not have access to the library. *Think Like a Mountain? The End of Nature?*

From the Machine,

—JON SHEPHERD #771354, POB  
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Dear SFB,

I am going to fight your "apparatus of oppression" by off-roading in my jeep and I hope I run into someone like you. Your arrogance is amazing. Your feelings of persecution at the hands of "the system" is pathetic. When people don't see things your way, you burn, threaten and vandalize. Where is your peace, love and tolerance? You can dish it out, but you just can't take it. See you on the trail. *Dirt first baby!!!!*

—MARY

Dear SFB,

We would just like to express our support for Craig Rosebraugh and Josh Harper, the earth liberation activists from the Pacific Northwest currently being harassed by agents of repression for voicing their support of revolutionary direct action by the underground Earth Liberation Front. (See *EF! June-July 2000*). Ever since Craig received, then publicized the ELF communiqué following the Vail bonfire and began issuing subsequent ones from across the US, his community has been menaced by the state and he has come under intense scrutiny by the mainstream media. Intimidated by neither, Craig and Josh continue to act as voices of reason in a world gone mad, eloquently expressing their own opinions with courage and dignity in the face of Grand Jury persecution, and standing up for

ecological harmony and social justice. All of the no-compromise green anarchist EF'ers among us who believe in fighting the good fight by any means necessary need to support Craig and Josh, in word and deed!

Live wild or die,

—FRED AND WILMA IN WALES

To the Editor:

Where is the outrage?

Shankpainter and Clapps Ponds have the largest quaking bogs on a sand barrier in the world. These ponds' ecosystem are home to the highest density of rare and endangered species in Massachusetts, including dragon's mouth orchid, several carnivorous orchids, Eastern spadefoot toad, spotted turtle, etc. Clapps is one of seven remaining sites in the world for the water willow borer moth.

This Wetland Ecosystem is the most important wooded wildlife corridor in Provincetown, as it stretches from Herring Cove to Race Point Road and is bordered on one side by encroaching development and on the other by dunes.

Clapps is profoundly beautiful year round with color, no development and miles of nature trails, providing fantastic rare bird sightings.

On a narrow steep hill, with pond water lapping at its base, the town plans to put a sewage treatment plant. This hill being the water recharge area for Shankpainter Pond as Cape Cod Commission (CCC) studies indicate.

In 100 years, Massachusetts has lost half its wetlands.

CCC studies indicate groundwater flows at one-foot-per-day. As Shankpainter Pond stretches to Shankpainter Road, how long will it take this leech to plume the quarter mile?

These rare ponds are clear of any phragmites, an exotic reed that has choked out many Massachusetts wetlands, including their native orchids. Phragmites thrive from change in water flow and nitrate levels. Leeching 350,000 to 850,000 gallons per day is certainly going to effect pond water levels and quality.

This facility will serve 10 percent of the town's population, mostly restaurants and guesthouses and is truly for future development.

Why would Provincetown officials insist on risking destroying this endangered habitat when other more appropriate alternatives have been ignored?

—SHEILA BENZER, OUTER CAPE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NETWORK

Dear Earth First!

Recently another prisoner let me read your publication. This was my first time ever to see such a paper. I am very interested in all the issues in *EF!* I would be very grateful if you would print this letter in your paper. I'm in hopes someone with interest in the same issues will read it and write to me.

Thank you.

—HENRY GARCIA #113069,  
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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I'm an army pilot stationed at Fort Hood Texas and I was wondering if you were interested in some information. I'm an environmentalist, believe it or not, just not affiliated with any of the groups out there (being in the military, I had to give up the right to join groups), so I was appalled when I

found out how the helicopter I flew dumped raw fuel on the ground upon aircraft shutdown.

The aircraft in question is the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. When the aircraft shuts down, a mechanical unit known as the Pressurizing and Overspeed Unit purges about one-half to one gallon of fuel after the ignition system is shutdown. Jet fuel (JP4, 5 and 8) is, as you are probably aware much more toxic than your standard 89 Octane gasoline. JP8 will blister skin, much like a second degree burn. It is kerosene based, burns extremely dirty and has known carcinogens in it (namely the antifreeze additives, commonly known as PRIST). With an average of over 50 to 70 flights a day, that much fuel gets leached into the ground and into any natural water sources/aquifers out there. Maybe you could use this information one day in your fight. I'm forbidden to go publicly, but I needed to tell someone. The Army has conveniently forgotten to tell the EPA about its aircraft, since all of them do this sort of fuel dump in one form or the other, so the Army does this under the EPA's nose.

Sincerely,

—JOHN

Dear SFB,

Your tactics that you seem to be so proud of are making me sick. What is the average age of your group—under 30? Too young to remember, let alone care, that the classic achievement of the radical left is to kill off their allies. Unlike the radical right, centrists and liberals cannot compete with you for media attention because their arguments (if you listen) are too complex for a sound bite. You are handing the media and radical right exactly what they want—a dramatic picture. Your demonstrations against Gore will boost Bush—and you can bet his braintrust will know how to use your PR shows. On the other hand, you do Bush no harm by attacking him, since your attacks only increase the loyalty of his constituents—especially the NRA.

If you had any serious proposals to solve the world's ills, let alone practical proposals, I would be less antagonistic. But all you do is yell and attack the one presidential candidate who deserves support because he has in fact championed environmental causes and taken the political heat for doing so. But you guys are ideological purists—no one else possesses truth and righteousness, so you smite away mightily at the wrong targets. I greatly fear that by the time you grow up, it will be too late: Roe vs. Wade will be overturned; federal lands will be retained for the exclusive, tax-supported use of the mining companies, and Key West will be drowning—but since the island has a large gay population, nobody will care.

—MARCIA

Dear SFB,

Earth First!'s occupation of Al Gore's campaign headquarters was a tactical blunder reminiscent of the protests at the Democratic national convention in 1968.

Thirty years ago, the cross between drama and chaos on the streets of Chicago was widely credited with helping to elect Nixon, who turned out to be far worse in more ways than Hubert Humphrey, the Democrats' nomi-

nee, would have been.

By humiliating Gore and attempting to tarnish his integrity, Earth First!ers might well turn voters toward Bush. Now think about the judges that Bush would appoint, in the EPA head he would appoint, the Secretary of State he would appoint, about his record of ignoring environmental issues and cozying up to—and abetting—polluters in Texas. Can any thinking person believe that it doesn't matter at all whether Bush is elected instead of Gore? Anyone who does is naive.

Sure, Gore isn't my ideal either. But Bush as president would be far more likely to be a flaming disaster for the environment. So at least practice equal opportunity humiliation and sabotage—protest Bush's lack of environmental boldness just as loudly, publicly and dramatically as you have Gore's.

—BENNETT DAVIS

Dear SFB,

What's wrong with Al Gore? He might have flipped on abortion, guns, and smoking but isn't he the *Earth in the Balance* author?

—MOON GLUM

Dearest Shit for Brains,

Two comments:

First, I take exception with the claim in last issue's editorial (see *EF! June-July 2000*) that SFBs are merely "entertaining" and somehow less important than *EF! J* articles. The SFB section is one of the most informative, interesting and enduring sections of the *J*, it's read first by most folks I know. More diversity of opinion is reflected in SFB's than in the main body of the paper, and letters will often address key issues such as tactics and strategy. Many publications have a policy of printing every letter received with no limit on length (*Green Anarchist, Fifth Estate, Anarchy, AJOD, LWOD*), thereby giving readers a much-needed forum for debate and self-expression. I think the more thoughtful SFBs in the paper the better.

Second, Tucson *EF!*'s proposal to take over publication of the *Journal* included their opinions about the direction the movement should be heading, good, but I thought their rhetoric had a distasteful authoritarian tone: "Our desire is... to represent Earth First!'s social, political and spiritual evolution not only in the pages of the *Journal*, but in the Earth First! movement itself... It's time for the *Journal* to be utilized to expand our ranks..." Excuse me, but I don't feel that the *EF! Journal* would be well served by a vanguard cadre of individuals "representing" the movement in classic liberal, pro-selethizing terms. Their characterization of *EF!* as just another lobby seeking to expand its power base through being more socially inclusive is worrying. Increasing cultural diversity within the movement is certainly an important and noble goal that should be pursued, but I fear Tucson *EF!*'s specified emphasis on their role as making *EF!* more populist means these self-appointed "leaders" want to lead us out here in "the ranks" down a dead-end leftist path. I much prefer the more chaotic, anti-authoritarian route envisioned by the vibrant eco-anarchist elements within *EF!*. We don't need "representation," we need inspiration from the *Journal*.

Love & Rage,

—TK



# 300 WORDS OR LESS!! GOT IT?!

Dear SFB,

Events colliding with or centering on the Democratic Party convention in August may say a great deal about the extent and direction of our awakening movement. Los Angeles 2000 could be quite major, maybe, even eclipsing what happened in Seattle eight months ago. Thus, it could be argued, we find ourselves at a crossroads at this time of possibility and challenge.

What is this new movement? What does it need to become?

Just prior to the Demo convention and coinciding with it in mid-August, the North American Anarchist Conference will, I think, be tackling these questions. And because the current upsurge is obviously anarchy-oriented, this conference may be very important, even decisive.

Earth First! too may be wondering what its course is/should be as a state of planetary crisis meets renewed opposition, after decades of almost-uninterrupted slumber.

As most of you know, I'm sure, the early years of EF! were heavily oriented toward Deep Ecology: biocentric, monkey-wrenching, Dave Foreman, etc. Then, 10 years ago, a major shift set in, installing the currently dominant "socially conscious" emphasis. This is a generally liberal-leftist-progressive outlook: Northern California-influenced, alliances with unions, civil disobedience, political correctness, etc.

Tome, the present reformist paradigm jars more heavily against the "No Compromise in the Defense of Mother Earth!" watchword than did the earlier monkeywrenching destruction of nature, but the reformist approach makes no break with those institutions. The militancy of EF! at present simply does not challenge capital, technology or civilization with a coherent or radical critique, and thus tries to defend the natural world on the terms set forth by the system.

The anarchy movement obviously is or should be "environmentalist," to put it crudely, and yet the distance between anarchists and EFlers isn't closing as fast as many of us might wish. And we have our own challenges, chief of which is the same one that EF! faces: namely, the impossibility of being at the same time an inspiring breakthrough and a part of the Left.

There are many ongoing efforts to "green" up the various leftist projects, but what they all overlook is that Marxism is productionist at its core. Its vision is that of constantly developing technology or means of production. Thus it is the height of incoherence for the Wobblies to present themselves as seriously opposed to the ever-encroaching cancer of technology and capital—they are the "Industrial" "Workers," after all—as if industrialism and wage labor are acceptable givens.

As the crisis deepens, more folks see leftist as part of the problem, not part of the solution. One reason "primitivist" anarchy is catching on rather quickly is that the left doesn't grasp the real social impoverishment and immiseration that is so rampant. We don't need more of what the system of technology, capital, and civilization is providing, but less of it. Freedom, health, adventure lie elsewhere: a new vision, utterly distinct from the old world is our vital need.

I hope that many of you will

consider attending the North American Anarchist Conference August 11-17. Anarchy is the anti-authoritarian spirit we all share, the commonality behind our various efforts. Let's meet to define and energize our movement and go forward together. Viva LA!

—JOHN ZERZAN

Dear SFB,

Since I kind of facilitated the last Sons of Hayduke workshop and the Fight Club at the Tennessee RRR, some folks thought it appropriate to clear up some concerns that were voiced. For many people within the Earth First! movement, both past and present, nonviolence is seen as one of a number of useful and appropriate tactics to defend the pristine remaining wild areas. For others, nonviolence is a lifestyle and is considered the only way to defend the Earth. In recent times this later group has established itself as the face of Earth First!, defining the movement with their versions of pacifism, nonviolent civil disobedience, and coalition building. I believe this represents a large part of the modern EF! movement, but it is not its entirety. There were 40+ people at the Sons of Hayduke meeting, 25-30 participants in the Fight Club, and 80-100 spectators, and several dozen others who voiced their support and/or interest. This says to me that there is a significant number of Earth First!ers that do not support nonviolence as a lifestyle or political correctness. What I was also told over and over and over again is that people are hesitant and even afraid of voicing such opinions and beliefs, fear not from the state or law enforcement but from people within the movement. They fear being branded "racists," "sexists," "rednecks," general exclusion, and alienation from the groups and individuals that embrace non-violence as a lifestyle. They fear not being included in the, dare I say it, mainstream of EF!

Violence as we understand it is seen as negative, why? Because its non-consensual, violence is the act of using force against someone. When aggression and 'violence' are done in a contained and consensual manner it ceases to be power over, it is cooperation with everyone concerned working together towards a mutual goal. As for the concerns raised at the morning circle the day after the SOH/FC, location seemed to be the central complaint, agreed. In the future Fight Club events will be held away from the main paths and only people that are fighting will be attending. However, I think it was a good thing that the first one was held in the open to get people talking about the concepts and to show the significant segment of EF! that agrees with such things that there are others like them in the movement. If anyone would like to discuss this more please feel free to write. Also, if there are any groups that are interested in forming Sons of Hayduke and/or Fight Club chapters, drop me a line so we can stay connected.

—WADE, POB 321, ATHENS, WI

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SFB,

Yay! and Right On to Almond writing (see EF! June-July 2000)

about what Gandhi would do if he were alive.

Check this out though, Gandhi is alive. Gandhi's words actions and spirit are alive. Gandhi's heart is alive. You can realize that spirit and heart and do what you know is right. What is right Biocentrically. Life affirming action and nonaction.

Collective focus. Speaking out to the slumbering masses.

Not fucking compromising! Because we are near death. Smack the zombies aside the backs of their heads with your example of how to live. Inspire the brainwashed with your compassion and sustainable way. Celebrate little victories as well as big. Energy follows attention, pay less mind to what bothers you and focus upon doing that which matters.

Yes damn it, Enough!

Namaste + Love,

—BENNY, BENJAMIN R. WOOD

J-46190, HDSP, B-2, 1494 POB 3030, SUSANVILLE, CA 96127-3030

Dear SFB,

Greetings Comrades and Kindreds. I write to you from the tombs of America's Prison Industrial Complex as a prisoner of politics and captive of the state. Having now been processed through the judicial meat grinder and viewed the so-called "free world" from behind deadly electrified fences and razor wire, any residual illusions I had about God's Country are permanently obliterated. Two years ago, I was just like you—a free spirit with a passion for the sanctity of the wilderness and divinity of the human creative soul. I imbibed the kind herbs, ate organic vegan food, had a dog named Bandit, played my hand drum at sunset on the beach at Big Sur, walked blissfully barefoot in Utah canyons, slept under moon and endless stars on Arizona mesas, and yes, I hugged old-growth elders in Humboldt county. Like you, I walked closer to the edge of this civilization and had virtually abandoned the maniacal rituals of death and culture of consumption on which we are all raised. I wanted to change the world, and still do!

Also like you, I am not a criminal. I never infringed on the rights of another. As a Buddhist I don't even kill insects, yet here I am, imprisoned because I "pose a threat to society." The crime is irrelevant when you are guilty until proven guilty. I did not participate in court, I did not comply with any aspect of probation, I refused to pay one cent to the state, and even worse I told them what I thought about the whole charade (though criminal!). All I wanted was to live my life separate and apart from the madness, and this is precisely why I was labeled a threat. The ruling minority, which we all know seeks to spread its dominion across the globe through police and military intimidation, can only accomplish this by eradicating those who refuse to participate. Exterminated the Fourth World, emaciated the Third World, and incarcerate First World dissidents. If you are not working to pay your taxes and buy products, if you are not giving all your blood, sweat, and tears to the myopic machine, then you are not wanted in "civilized society." (an oxymoron if I ever saw one).

Brothers and sisters, fellow activists and freedom fighters, when through the course of your direct actions and resistance you find

yourself confronted with the police state, please take the threat of imprisonment seriously. It can happen to anyone at anytime. You will not find truth, nor justice, nor an vestige of basic human decency in the legal process. They don't care about who you are, your family, your children, your life. All they want is to lock you up, shut you up, and get you out of the way. Please be careful and precise - whether you work in the spirit of Gandhi or Hayduke, we need you out there to continue the struggle. Fortunately, the Evil Empire, by its very destructive nature, will eventually destroy itself. I would like to commend Josh Harper, who is currently being harassed by the grand jury in Portland, for choosing non-participation as his course of action and setting an example. Showing up for court only perpetuates and validates their control. Gandhi said it best: "Proclaim to the government: You may hang us on the gallows, you may send us to prison, but you will get no cooperation from us."

Until we meet again on the front lines...

—DESERT WOLF (BRAD

WHITESCARVER), #97892, FREMONT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, POB 999, CANON CITY, CO 81215)

TIC:

Submission-Saboteurs Fer Brains, Ahhh, I remember the good old days when I was on the receiving end of contentious complaints accusing the *Journal* of butchering contributor's literary masterpieces...

With regards to the article you commissioned us to write (Britain's Winter Moot, March-April 2000) then deconstructed into a piece of crap devoid of any interesting content, obliterating the original meaning causing us much frustration and embarrassment, all I have to say is aaarrggghhh - leave people's shit alone! Editing for length and grammar is appropriate, but the *Journal* shouldn't edit content subverting author's intentions, nor print edited versions over author's objections as happened in this case. C'mon folks, I know you could (should) do better.

We gave you 1,000 words on the EF!UK Winter Moot as requested and you cut it to 600 words. We offered our own 600 word edit, said run that, the original report, or nothing. Your edit ran anyway—under our names!

Our report was about EF!UK's 'feeling that opposing capitalism alone wasn't the same as opposing the totality of our oppressions and estrangements.' You evidently didn't understand this and cut it so that readers had no chance to either. This was more censorship than stupidity as you also cut references to EF!UK's post-Seattle rejection of pacifist ground-rules, union mediation and take-over attempts by crude 'anti-capitalist' rhetoricians beyond EF!UK (the Socialist Workers Party) and within it (MayDay 2000's 'old-time anarchists').

As it took you over two months (!) to send us the issue in question, delaying our response, some might think it's a 'moot' point. We feel an apology is in order and copies of our original Moot articles should be forwarded to anyone who requests them!

Yours, for the destruction of civilization, not EF! submissions,

—TK AND JOHN CONNOR

Dear SFB,

I think what you are doing is very important to the continued protection of our environment. I have been an environmental activist for over 10 years now. It is very important that Americans know the truth about what big corporations are doing to us through globalization and genetic engineering. My great grandfather was a farmer and he must be rolling over in his grave with the knowledge of what these corporations are doing to our crops. It must stop.

I am also a history teacher. I plan to have my main focus on environmental history. It is so important that people are educated in the environment and what is happening to it and how we can save it.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

—AMY E. SWENSON

Dear Brains,

We need some excitement and we need to develop a capacity for understanding the world and the solution. In search of truth and clear thinking, please write to the *Journal* about the lies and tweeky angles found in many *Journal* articles and EF! positions.

For example: "No compromise in Defense of Mother Earth?" Lies grow well in vague ideas, no compromise by who? Do we mean that anyone who deviates in any way from 'whatever' we believe in should be attacked? This would eliminate all coalitions (actually a good idea!).

No compromise of tactics? Obviously, not using direct violence is a compromise. Not encouraging property damage is a compromise.

Even for those of you trapped in the passivist-wonderland world of "love" and "non-violence," No Compromise would mean that you are compelled to give your life and expect others to do so too. Or what about no compromise of the truth? EF! continues to lie through its vagueness, its undefined language, through omission and through the use of slogans and images which are extremely contradictory. For example: "Dancing on the Ruins...Actualize Industrial Collapse..." and "We're for Preserving Big Wilderness... We're here for the workers... Here's the Headwaters Stewardship Plan..." Patience is compromise!

Half-truths, confusing slogans like, "No Compromise," and the fear that radicals have about how we will get to a new world are stunting the growth of any serious threat to the system. To be radical means to uproot. Check out the Black-Block and Anarchy—they are much clearer and truthful. Support the ELF!

—ZINNIA A.K.A. MR. NUT

PS Poverty is the answer, what's the question? (Ghandi, M)

Dear SFB,

I saw the picture of the FBI agent on page 15 of the Beltane issue. I'm tired of cops always taking my picture for their files! I think we should start carrying cameras too and taking their pictures. Even a broken thrift store camera without film ought to make the cops nervous, especially if lots of us were carrying them. Plus you never know what you might catch on film, or wish you had.

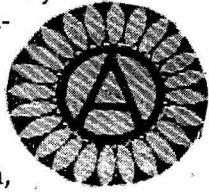
—SOY CHEESE



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### Earth liberation

- Darren Murray, FM 4729, HM Prison, Chelmsford Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6LQ, England. Darren was an activist from the Golden Cross protest camp, set up to oppose the destruction or woodland to make way for luxury homes. The camp was evicted on May 12. He was arrested during the evictions and is now in HM Prison Chelmsford.
- Ted Kaczynski, #04475-046, POB 8500, Florence, CO 81226-8500.
- Wiebo A. Ludwig, Grand Cache Institution, Bag 4000, Grand Cache, Alberta, TOE 0Y0, Canada.

### June 18

- Robert Thaxton #12112716, OSP, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310, USA (six years).
- Kuldip Bajwa (DN7230), HM Prison, Jebb Avenue, Brixton, London, SW2 5XF, England (21 months).
- Sean Brown, BP5610, HMYOI Ashfield, Sherwood Road, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS16 9LY, England (12 months).
- Jeff Booker, DN7071, Elmley Eastchurch, Sheerness, ME12 4OZ, England (21 months).
- Stuart Tokam, DN7072, HMP Brixton, Jebb Ave, London, SW2 5XF, England (12 months).
- Thomas Wall, FF4431, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesmead, London, SE28 0EB, England (18 months).
- Jon Barnett, FB5538, HMYOI, Bedfont Rd, Feltham, TW13 4ND, England (six months).

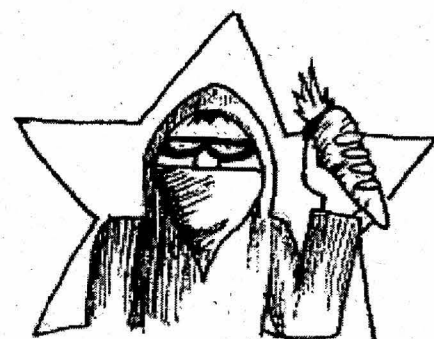
### Animal liberation

- Aaron Rudra, PB 43, 5726 Vaksdal, Norway. Sentenced to 10 months for an arson attack against a slaughterhouse in Bergen.
- Barry Horne, VC2141, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesmead, London, SE28 0EB, England. Serving 18 years for various anti vivisection arsons and attempted arsons.
- Darren Cole, FN4694, HMP Blakenhurst, Howell Lane, Redditch, Worcs, BN7 6QS, England. On remand for an anti-live exports bomb hoax at Dover Docks.
- Justin Samuel, c/o North American ALF Supporters Group, POB 69597, 5845 Yonde St, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 4K3, Canada. Just extradited to the US from Belgium.
- Mel Broughton, DJ8216, HMP The Mount, Molyneaux Ave, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 0NZ, England. Sentenced to four years imprisonment for conspiracy to cause explosions.
- Tony Humphries, AP7965, HMP Swaleside, Brabazon Rd, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4DZ, UK. Sentenced to seven years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus two years concurrent for possession of explosives.

### MOVE

Move is an eco-revolutionary group whose members have been persecuted by the Philadelphia police throughout their existence, culminating in the police firebombing their commune in 1985.

- Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308) and Janine Philips Africa (006309) all at: SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238.
- Michael Davis Africa (AM4973) and Charles Simms Africa (AM4975), both at SCI Grateford, POB 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244.
- Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974), SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200.
- William Philips Africa (AM4984) and Delbert Orr Africa (AM4985) both at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.
- Mumia Abu Jamal, (AM8335), SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090.



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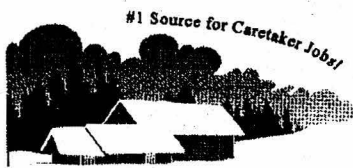
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Help contribute to the restoration of; the once magnificent mangrove forest of Muisne, Ecuador; the Coastal Fisheries, the major source of income and food for 80 percent of the local population; the biodiversity, habitat for numerous aquatic, bird, amphibian and mammal species; and the protection of people, communities and lands against violent tropical storms, erosion, and ground water salinization.

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For more information, contact Mangrove Action Project, [mangroveap@olympus.net](mailto:mangroveap@olympus.net).

## Call to action for all forest lovers!

British Columbia's forests are once again on the chopping block. International Forest Products (Interfor) is cutting in the Elaho Valley, the Great Bear Rainforest and Clayoquot Sound. We have promised the forest industry profiteers that it's going to be a hot summer, so we need *you*. If you're interested in seeing and saving some of the last great wilderness on the planet, B.C. is the place for you. Volunteers, activists and concerned folks needed. Save a tree, you'll never go back to cardboard.

For more information, contact the Forest Action Network, POB 625, Bella Coola, British Columbia, Canada; (250) 799-5800, [fanbc@fanweb.org](mailto:fanbc@fanweb.org); [www.fanweb.org](http://www.fanweb.org).

## Day of action against Monsanto

August 18, Saint Louis

The state of Missouri and the University of Missouri have ignored citizen's concerns about the negative impacts of genetically modified foods and Monsanto's long history of corporate crime. Monsanto has violated the public interest, turned a blind eye to the public good in favor of private greed and squelched our democracy with blatant corporate crime. Monsanto's irresponsibility includes the production of Agent Orange, toxic herbicides and pesticides, PCBs, and terminator seed technology—all of which threaten family farmers and the environment. The company is responsible for numerous Superfund sites and occupational hazards around the country, including the PCBs at Times Beach. The University of Missouri and the Missouri Departments of Agriculture and Economic Development fully support Monsanto and its Frankenstein technologies through research aid, public relations and tax breaks. The state has promised \$25 million in tax credits for Monsanto to construct a not-for-profit research facility for creating new genetically engineered plants. The University has placed genetic engineering technologies as its top research goal.

Missouri Resistance Against Genetic Engineering (MORAGE) supports a safe and democratic food system grounded in the health of farmers and consumers. We support the University of Missouri returning to its commitment of serving public interest research and education. We call for the enforcement of anti-trust laws to halt corporate seed monopolies. We demand grassroots democratic control of our food system and, upon dissolution of Monsanto, the redirecting of its assets toward making Missouri a leader not in genetic engineering but in a safe and secure food system for the 21st century.

Call for co-sponsors! We need your support! In order to make this Day of Action against Monsanto a success, we are asking for a contribution of a mere \$18 to co-sponsor this event and to help us spread the word.

For more information, contact MORAGE c/o Confluence, POB 63232, Saint Louis, MO 63163; (573) 721-3192; [morage!@unbounded.com](mailto:morage!@unbounded.com); [www.missouri.edu/~lidd0aa](http://www.missouri.edu/~lidd0aa).

## FREE CRITTER! FREE FREE!

With these most recent targets of FBI intimidation and smear campaigns, the repercussions of free thought and political belief hits close to home. For the Eugene, Oregon, community, it is no longer a well-known political prisoner far away, but a part of our immediate family. Caring individuals, well invested in the empowerment of our own community, have been taken out and are being used as examples to the rest of us who choose to try and live differently than the way handed to us by this biased system. It is important to spread awareness about FBI actions because it affects us all, no matter in which city we reside.

At the moment, we are desperately trying to raise funds to help cover outrageous legal fees. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Benefits set up in as many cities as possible would be ideal. If you, or anyone you know, is willing, able and motivated, please contact us.

For information on Free and Critter, contact the Free and Critter Defense Committee, (541) 343-8548.

Letters are greatly appreciated, write Jeffrey Luers (Free) #1306729 and Craig Marshall (Critter) #1340966 both at 101 W 5th St, Eugene, OR 97401.

## URGENT URGENT URGENT

Over 63,000 acres of old-growth public forest traded to industry saws to be turned into stumps. Congress has just passed the Oregon Land Exchange (See *EF!* November-December 1999) allowing this to happen. Your help is need greatly. For more information, contact the Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project, HCR 82, Fossil, OR 98730; (541) 468-2028.

Red Gate Earth First! will be selling the "EF! Blade Runner" T-Shirts for \$20.00 including domestic shipping (Foreign Orders add \$15.00). Include desired size (XL,L,M,S) and an email for update on order status. The T-shirts have these designs printed on Organic Cotton dyed black with "night vision" green graphics:

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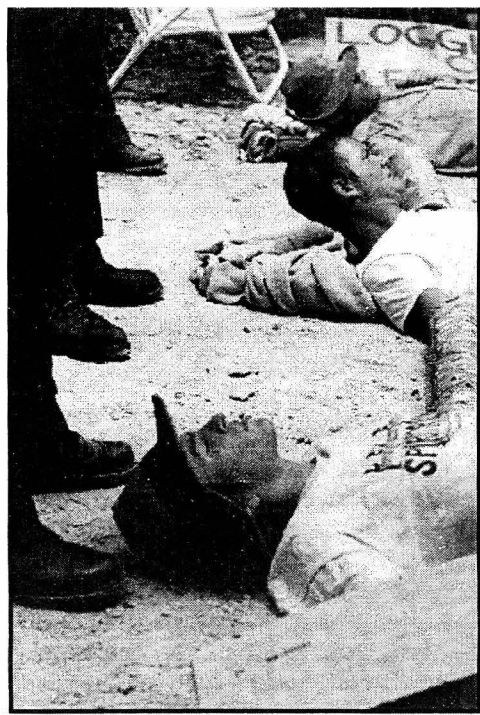
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About 20,000 representatives of global capital (world bankers, economists and financiers) are expected to come to Prague September 25-27 to attend the 55th annual summit of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. This prestigious meeting of the world economic elite, the first of its kind in central and stern Europe, will definitely be of great importance. The delegates will meet to propose a scheme of further liberalization of the world economy by defining new loan priorities and structural adjustment conditions. The Initiative Against Economic Globalization (INPEG) is a loose coalition of various Czech environmental, human rights and autonomist/anarchist groups; organizations and individuals who are ready to stand up critically against the summit of the world financial oligarchy. INPEG has been meeting regularly in Prague since last summer. It has planned a series of campaigns that will culminate in 10 days of activities starting on September 20. Nonviolent demonstrations, information campaigns and the Festival of Art and Resistance, including a counter-summit, will be the main resistance activities in the mentioned period. We will be demonstrating our solidarity with the global resistance movement. Actions are encouraged everywhere. We can offer accommodation for almost no money in Prague. If you want more information on the counter-summit or other actions in Prague, accommodation facilities or on INPEG and the Czech resistance movement, contact us at [Prague2000\\_cz@hotmail.com](mailto:Prague2000_cz@hotmail.com); [www.imf2000.webjump.com](http://www.imf2000.webjump.com).





Laying it on the line against Sierra Pacific.

Arnold seems an unlikely place for a protest. Folks usually come to this small Sierra Nevada town to share the love of mountains and forests. Logging has always been a part of the economy and has traditionally followed the practice of sustainable, selective cutting. That was before Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) moved into town. Entire hillsides are now being clearcut by this Northern California timber tyrant, and the community has risen up in outrage. SPI's current project threatens the watershed of San Antonio Creek and White Pines Lake, a source of public drinking water. In addition to the 49 units averaging 20 acres in size to be clearcut, blankets of herbicide will be laid on the cut slopes. Shocking to many is the fact that some of the cuts border Big Trees State Park, home of the oldest giant sequoia trees and protected habitat. The park has undergone costly preservation and creek restorations. These efforts begin to look futile when the adjacent forest is being removed.

With a staggering one and a half

## Defending the Sierra Nevada from Logzilla

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Following the fundraiser, the Davis Administration made a quick turn around on the logging rules package, first delaying it for months, then ultimately passing a gutted and temporary package at the Board of Forestry meeting in March 2000. Campaign donation reports reveal that the SPI fundraiser earned \$29,000 for Davis' war chest. In addition, SPI gave a total of \$42,716 in donations to Davis in 1999.

Last February, residents of the Sierra Nevada community of Nevada City were appalled as they witnessed SPI's Pioneer Timber Harvest Plan (THP), an aggressive 532-acre cut along steep grades of the recently designated Wild and Scenic Yuba River. The very visible cut galvanized the community to action, and a coalition was born, including Sierra Earth First!, The Audubon Society, American Lands Alliance, The Sierra Club and Yuba Nation. In April, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between SPI, Bureau of Land Management and a local watershed advocacy group, the South Yuba River Citizens League, which suspended logging in the Pioneer THP for nine months in lieu of an "acceptable" land exchange or acquisition offer.

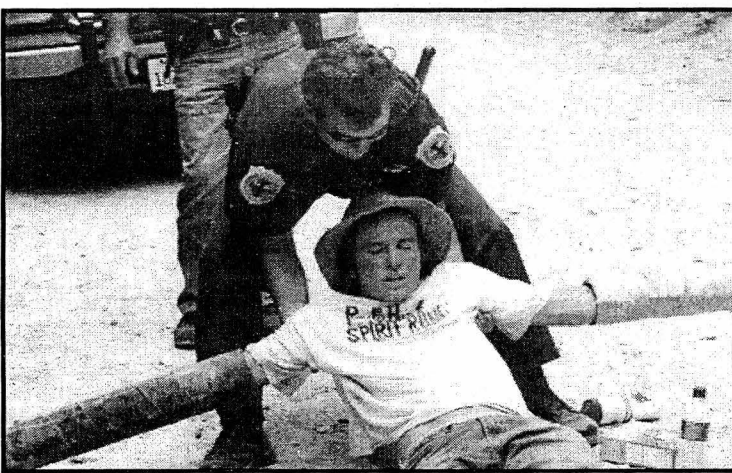
Prompted by concerns about SPI's

# ACTIONS SHOCK SIERRA PACIFIC

million acres of California forest in its possession, 75,000 of which surround Arnold in Calaveras County, SPI makes sure all the trees fall their way. No other timber company has sought to mow down the forest as aggressively as Sierra Pacific, and if it gets its way, 70 percent of the holdings will be clearcut in coming years.

Sierra Pacific Industries came to the community's attention only recently, when people began to realize the impact of the company's plans. It didn't take long for grassroots groups to form and take action.

Protesters staged a five hour stand off against SPI on the morning of June 26, when three young women locked themselves to a gate on the loggers' access



Officer not-so-friendly yanks and pulls.

road. A second alternate logging road was also shut down by three people connected with lock-boxes. Local sheriffs and deputies obviously knew little about protest techniques as they ended the five-hour lockdown by physically

track record of timber theft, Yuba Nation hung a banner expressing a commitment to watchdog every move. This action was the opening volley to kick off a season of direct action like the Sierras have never before seen. On May 18, seventy-five forest defenders rallied and marched to the office of SPI's regional manager Tim Feller (yes, that is his real name). Illustrating the diverse alliance with Yuba Nation, speakers included two small family timber companies, the Klamath Forest Alliance, Sierra Club and American Lands Alliance. On June 6, Yuba Nation erected a 30-foot tripod to block access to the Wall THP; a 1,382-acre cut on 70 percent grades. One hundred sixty-five acres are prescribed for clearcutting on 50 percent slopes along the inside rim of the Middle Yuba River Canyon. One woman locked down beneath a logging truck while another activist occupied the tripod for 10 hours. Neither was arrested and the tripod sitter received a citation (and two months later, conspiracy charges).

The dawn of solstice drew four women into the heart of the Wall to defend critical habitat. Two women locked down to separate feller bunchers, one woman filmed from atop a tree and a fourth provided support. All were arrested (not before one feller buncher had to be dis-

forcing the three women apart. It wasn't a pleasant experience; frustrated sheriffs tugged at the women who screamed in pain, while from the crowd of spectators came cries of brutality and defiance. In the end, 12 protesters were arrested. All who were taken away were nonviolent yet each received charges of resisting arrest as well as trespass.

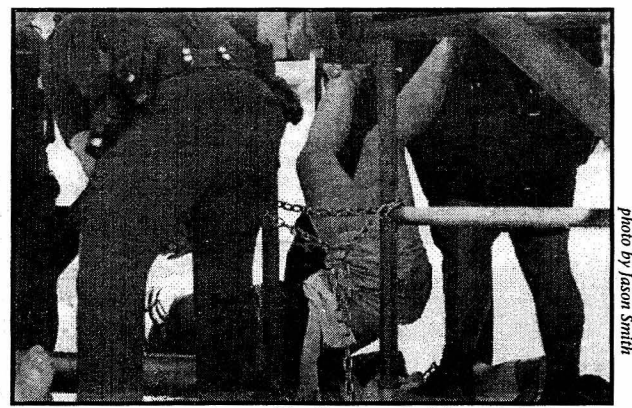
Due to SPI's deception, residents were especially upset about being caught unaware of such a major industrial logging project in their backyards. Sierra Pacific names the affected creek USA Creek in the Timber Harvest Plan, a name that locals could not identify as the acronym for Upper San Antonio

Creek. Had that been known, the voices of protest would have cried out much sooner. White Pines Lake is a focal point. It is the area's only public recreational lake and drinking water for two towns.

The question on everyone's mind is how a corporation can be allowed to eliminate over a million acres of California forest, and then spread toxic chemicals over the landscape. Queries into SPI's history have turned up interesting details. California Governor Gray Davis received \$130,000 in cam-

panied) and charged with trespassing and trespassing with intent to obstruct a business. One activist received additional charges of resisting arrest, obstructing justice, impeding the duties of an officer and conspiracy. On July 19, four activists occupied the Grass Valley office of SPI. With locks and a chain linking them together, they settled in and presented a list of demands including the agreement that SPI cease all logging in old growth, imperiled species habitat, national forests and on steep slopes. All four were arrested for trespassing, trespassing with intent to obstruct a business and conspiracy. Separate to the occupation this same morning, a local resident presented Tim Feller with the Golden Stump Award, a two foot gleaming stump placed atop his desk.

Direct action is spreading fast throughout the Sierras, as sister communities in Calaveras and Lassen Counties have begun to resist SPI. In the small town of Arnold, recently, regular folks ranging from teens to a 76 year old mobilized to blockade a heinous 900-acre clearcut. Yuba Nation and the Three Rivers Tribe have been networking to train and build a formidable alliance as we continue to wage a strong, committed resistance to the Logzilla of the Sierra Nevada.



The five-hour lockdown is broken up.

paign contributions from SPI. Shortly thereafter, a professional SPI forester was appointed to the state's board of forestry.

Political leverage has failed thus far. Locals began with a rally at the county water district, where there were representatives from SPI and its regulating agency, the California Department of Forestry (CDF). There, CDF spokesperson Jim Laughlin openly admitted his agency's failure to properly notify the water district of the timber harvest. To everyone's dismay, the water district failed to act on this legal precedent and no action was taken.

Thus, the action continues. Groups like Yuba Nation of Nevada County have emerged to defend the forests from SPI's blade. In Calaveras County, Ebbett's Pass Forest Watch and the Three Rivers Tribe are leading the campaign to end clearcutting. It is the goal of these grassroots groups to join efforts across the Sierra Nevada and combine forces to end the destruction. Nothing is more important than community support. Groups in towns along the Sierra desperately needs volunteers.

For more information, contact Three Rivers Tribe at (209) 795-7729; threerivertribe@hotmail.com; www.forestwatchers.org.

Editor's note: One small victory—SPI has announced that it will suspend the USA Creek THP for 30 days beginning July 28.

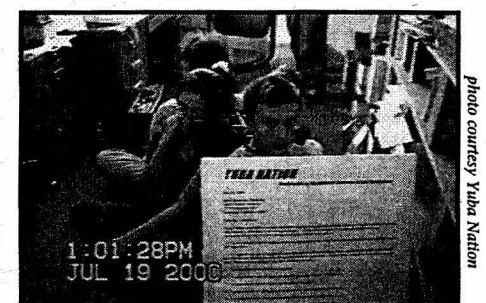
—THREE RIVERS TRIBE



Spycam captures activists at Grass Valley office.

SPI is on a logging rampage, thrashing and tearing its way through the forests, terrifying communities, bankrupting small, responsible logging companies and leaving ravaged landscapes behind that look like something out of a B-movie monster flick.

Yuba Nation is committed to defending the last crumbs of the Sierran wild... and welcomes your support. For more information, contact Sierra Earth First! and Yuba Nation, 228 Commercial St., Suite 174, Nevada City, CA 95959; (530)445-0406; sierraef@hotmail.com.



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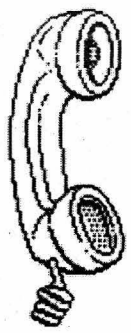
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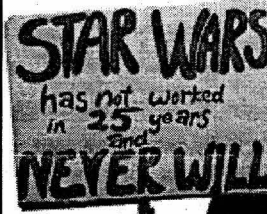
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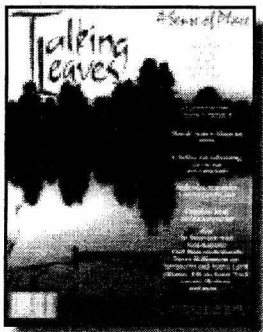
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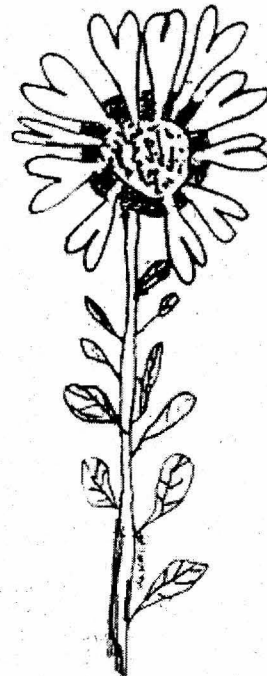
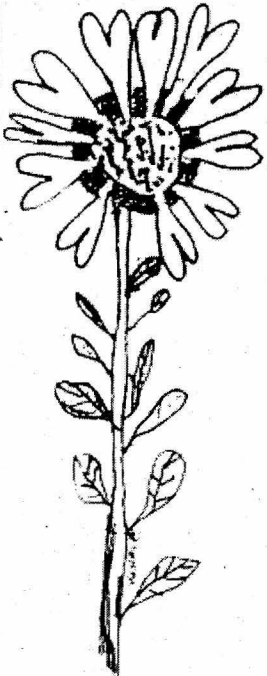
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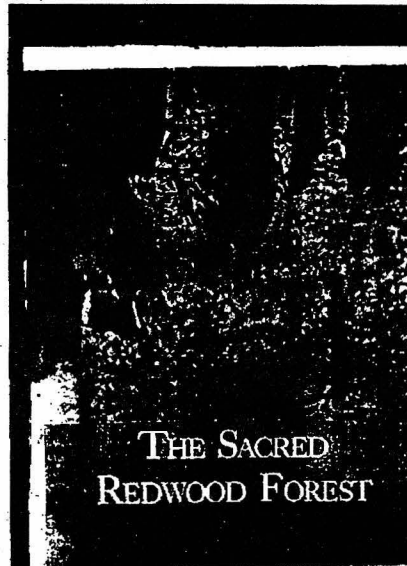
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