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The Radical Environmental Journal



It's Two Minutes to Midnight, Do You Know Where Your Bioregion Is?

Bein' here in the desert and in a city sure makes me appreciate the lush forests (and rain!) of home... However, I have been very impressed with the community of folks here in the city who have found their home, are learning their various local ecologies and are building community *and* defending nature. I am also impressed by the desert, which despite the misnomer, is full of all sorts of diversity and different ecosystems. There is the influx of "snowbirds," retirees (and a handful of activists) from distant parts north, who are daily arriving to enjoy the mild climate and the numerous 10-mile strip malls. But I digress.

First, the basics...

Bioregions are geographic areas having common characteristics of soil, watershed, climate, native plants and animals that exist within the whole planetary biosphere as unique and intrinsic contributive parts. A bioregion refers both to geographical terrain and a terrain of consciousness—to a place and the ideas that have developed about how to live in that place. A bioregion can be determined initially by use of climatology, physiography, animal and plant geography, natural history and other descriptive natural sciences. The final boundaries of a bioregion, however, are best described by the people who have lived within it, through human recognition of the realities of living-in-place.

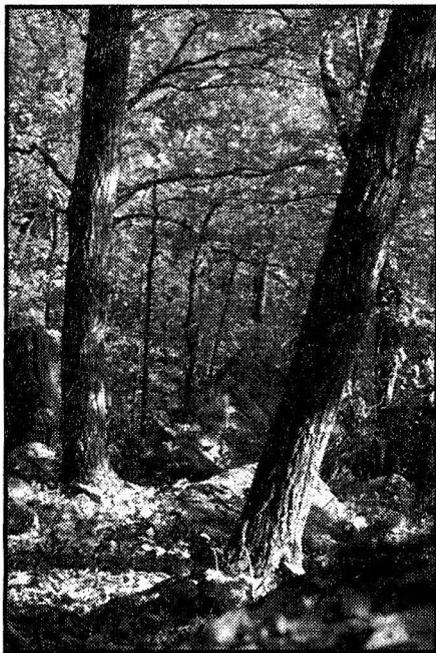
There is a distinctive resonance among living things and the factors that influence them that occurs specifically within each separate place on the planet. Discovering and describing that resonance is a way to describe a bioregion. (Source: Peter Berg and Raymond Dasmann, www.5thworld.net)

Now, I don't want to knock anybody's nomadic lifestyle, but it seems to me that if we are gonna git anywhere with

this little project of protectin' nature, revolution, saving the Earth or whatever-you-want-to-call-it, there best be a whole passel of us settled down and infiltrating, working with and becoming communities and connections and part of the landscape all over the dern place. And not just in the hipoisie centers of the universe either. (That's hip-wa-zee for those of you without

much culture or sense of humor—you know what I am talkin' about—Eugene, Northern California, Asheville, etc...) It seems to me that our little aforementioned project is gonna take some time with all the flag waving regression back to the '50s that's being spread about as of late. So, as all y'all's attorney, doctor and spiritual advisor, I'd like to use this here stump/bully pulpit/space in the *Journal* 'cause nobody sent in articles, to rant and rave and offer a little advice: *Go home and stay home!*

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Eastern Tennessee hardwood forest

photo by Carol Kinnaman

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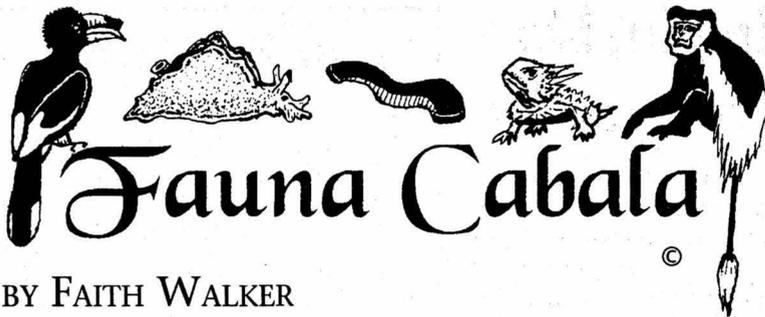
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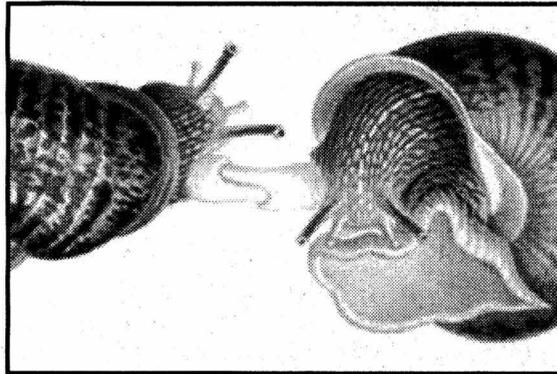
BY FAITH WALKER

Fauna. n. animal life.

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

In a finale of fervent foreplay, brown garden snails (*Helix aspersa*) impale each other with love darts. Being hermaphrodites, these animals sport both male and female tackle and swap sperm in both directions during eight hours of slippery sex. Most sperm are immediately digested by a specialized sperm-destroying gland, although a few sneak past to a storage organ, where they dwell for up to four years. The point of the sharp, calcareous, centimeter-long snail nails is to short-circuit the gland. A swooning snail will aim for the right of the genitals, located to the right of the head, and push the dart out of its body and into its partner. Darts are coated with a slimy cocktail that causes contractions in the female reproductive tract, closing the entrance

to the devouring gland and allowing sperm to pass freely into storage. If a snail is a poor aim or is caught empty-handed, which is quite possible since darts take 10 days to produce, it compensates by delivering extra sperm to its prickly partner. This species exemplifies a rarity: an intersexual arms race in which individuals are both genders. The male portion has evolved to impart increasingly more sperm while the female portion has evolved to digest it.



CALL FOR *BLANK* WALL PROPOSALS

The "Blank Wall," the center eight pages of the *Journal*, is a regular feature that provides the movement opportunities to submit and publish an unedited section in the *Journal*. The intention is for groups or campaigns to be able to inexpensively produce a short tabloid and have it printed in the *Journal*. If you or your group are interested please get in touch with the *Earth First! Journal Collective*.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW SHORT-TERMERS

In addition to our current search for a new long-term *Journal* editor, we're seeking individuals who would be interested in working on one issue of the *Journal* as a short-term editor. This rotating position allows the *Journal* to grow with different voices and gives individuals an experience to remember. The wait isn't that long anymore. Think about it and inquire for details!

Dear Shit Fer Brains...

Dear *EF!*,

I was just reading the controversy about Alexander Cockburn's latest screed printed in *EF!*, and am forced to take pains to remind you for about the fourth time that Cockburn is a very dubious "friend" of the radical ecology movement at best. He has a long—and often ugly—history—of attempting to smear radical environmentalists he disagrees with, such as his campaign in conjunction with Murray Bookchin back in the 1980s to discredit *EF!*ers and deep ecologists as being eco-fascists and virtual Nazis, often on the basis of one or two outrageous statements by the likes of "Miss Ann Thropy," as if they represented the elegant philosophy of Ghandians like Arne Naess or Bill Devall! (References available on request.)

Further, Ron Arnold rambles on for a good while about his great friendship with Cockburn in chapter 5 of his 1997 book, *Ecoterror*, and Cockburn went out of his way to defend the wise use movement in *The Nation*, 8/14/95. I'm certainly not the first to say that Cockburn is a sort of left-wing McCarthyite, who, through guilt by association, will rip the most outlandish statement uttered by any environmentalist out of context, and then attempt to tar everyone else

around—from The Sierra Club to the Earth Liberation Front—with the same brush. Some of you may be too young to be fully aware of his checkered history, and his on-again, off-again "environmentalism," and his dishonorable and vicious tactics. But as someone who's been reading *EF!* since 1984, I can tell you that you are making a big mistake by continuing to give valuable space to this horse's ass, and it's not as if Cockburn doesn't have an entire array of other media outlets to spew forth his views. *Earth First!* should be for *Earth First!*ers, not for neo-bureaucratic, dough-faced, old-school party-liners like Cockburn, whose writing at times makes Bookchin's look flexible and open-minded.

Sincerely,
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Shakedown at the Trailhead: Trail Fees and Armed Goons

BY GEORGE SEXTON

Who Cares?

While I share the widespread distaste for paying to visit publicly owned federal lands, challenging the trail fee program was somewhere close to color coordinating my black hoodies on my "to do" list. Lets face it, what with the imminent death of the planet we should all have better things to do than to quibble with a greedy agency trying to jack relatively affluent "forest users" out of some of their latte change. So call me a reluctant trail fee resister. But then something happened to get me riled about the Forest Service's "Fee Demonstration Program."

Freddie Goes Apeshit

My hiking partner and I were returning from a day in the field in the Siuslaw National Forest when we were

greeted at the trailhead by two Freddie's. They had evidently been aroused by the notice posted on our car explaining that we were engaged in a non-recreational activity, and they were in quite an agitated state by the time we reached them. One of the Freds was Officer John Pino, who is well known from the Fall Creek campaign for flying off the handle at any and every opportunity. Well, John proceeded to do some fine police work which consisted of rumbling out of his \$50,000 SUV, pushing "record" on his video camera, demanding our identification, attempting to separate us from one another and threatening us with arrest for "impeding his investigation."

We told him that failure to pay a fee ain't a crime since the Fee Demo program is a demonstration project designed to test the public's willingness to be fleeced at trailheads; that failure

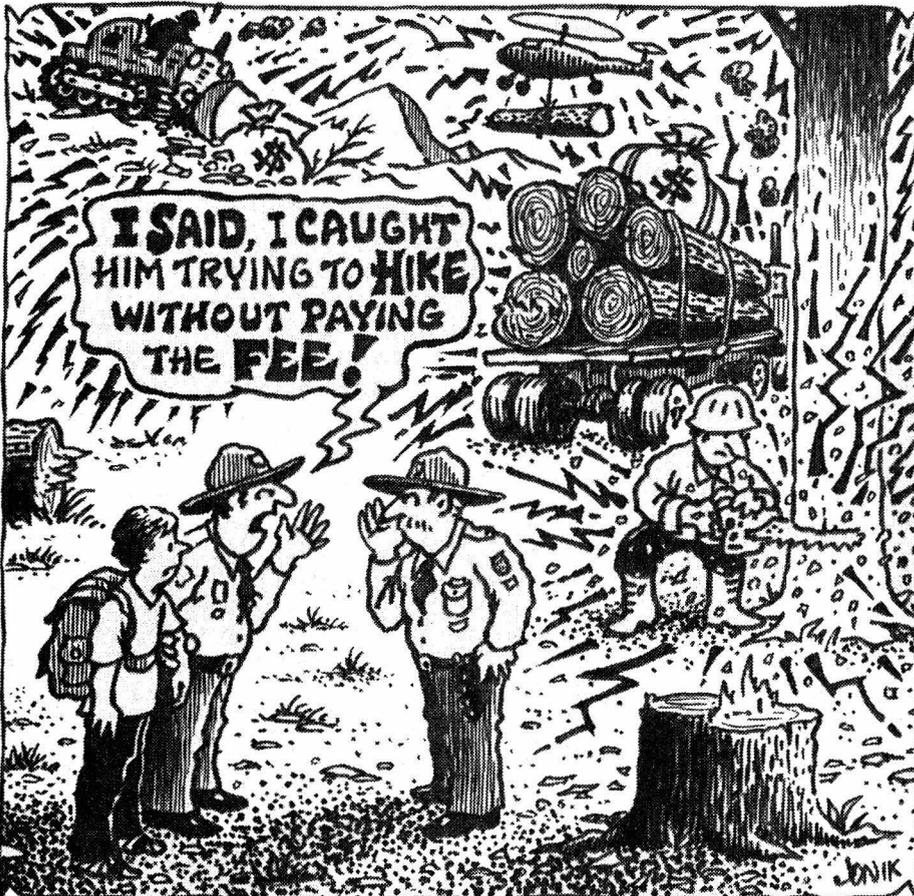
to pay a fee isn't even a misdemeanor and hence, sure ain't arrestable; and that we were not there for recreational purposes. Never one to be deterred by the facts or the law, John started in on his bad cop routine and generally proceeded to act like a dolt in front of his camera. Later, John would testify under oath that his video camera "had failed to record the incident." Sure it did. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Origins of Fee Demo

Those who want to commodify our public lands knew that they lacked the congressional support to send armed thugs to the trailheads to shakedown hikers for using trails that had existed for decades. So, much like the infamous Salvage Rider of 1995, the pro-fee crowd attached the Fee Demo authorizing language to an interior appropriations bill. This meant that Fee Demo never went through an open hearing process and never received a stand alone up-or-down vote on its merits. Instead it piggybacked on other legislation.

Despite the backdoor nature of the authorizing legislation, Fee Demo did come with some significant limits on the agency's ability to shakedown the public at trailheads. When Congress authorized the fee program it limited the fees to 100 "areas, sites or projects" and made it clear that the purpose of the program was to gauge public support for coughing up a tithe to visit federal lands. Additionally, the fees were intended to be collected from recreational users, not from activists attempting to influence federal land management policies.

With the sound of cash registers ringing in their ears, the Forest Service quickly proceeded to ignore all of these limitations on their ability to fleece the sheep. Trail fee signs went up at more than 1,400 trailheads in the Pacific Northwest. Paying the fee was tallied as supporting the demonstration program, and failure to pay the fee was met with a \$50 citation. Everyone who entered a fee site was



charged regardless of whether their visit was recreational, educational, political or spiritual.

Gimme Money!

As implemented on the ground, the Fee Demo program is as ethically bankrupt and physically destructive as the rest of the Forest Service's treatment of our lands. You know what they say about trying to teach an old dog new tricks.

According to the government's General Accounting Office, about 20 percent of the fees collected go toward "administration" of the program. In this case "administration" is a euphemism for SUVs, guns and law enforcement officers.

When the remaining trail fee dollars do get spent on "site improvements," the projects often involve widening or paving existing trails, erecting large plastic signs and cutting down "hazard trees." Hazard trees are the Forest Service term for standing snags, perhaps the most valuable habitat for migratory songbirds and a variety of cavity-nesting species. Oh yeah, and sometimes they spend the dough on making bigger parking lots.

Roads and Trails

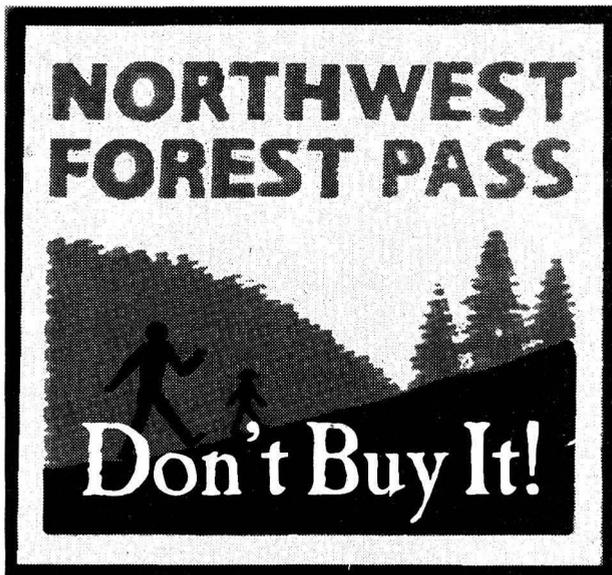
While the maintenance backlog for logging roads on federal lands is over the billion dollar mark, the Forest Service prefers to speak about the cost of maintaining "recreational opportunities" in the forest. This is much like if you or I often spoke of the need to cut down on our meager food budget by dumpstering while continuing to make monthly payments on several sports cars. The real Forest Service budget crunch has nothing to do with maintaining hiking trails.

In the Willamette National Forest for example, back in 1960 there were 1,600 miles of hiking trails in the forest, and over the next 30 years the trail mileage actually shrank by 300 miles. During this same period, the miles of logging roads in the forest skyrocketed from 1,800 to over 6,600. While hikers are expected to pay to subsidize the agency's recreation budget, the timber industry is off the

hook for the massive costs of maintaining their bloated network of logging roads. But don't hold your breath waiting for officer Pino to start shaking down Boise Cascade for the costs of maintaining the logging road system.

Adios Wilderness

The spectacular Hardesty Mountain trail system provides a particularly tragic window into the Forest Service mindset regarding who should be charged for what. During the Salvage Rider, timber planner Wayne Kleckner of the Cottage Grove Ranger District had *carte blanche* to log old growth and roadless areas wherever he saw fit. Where he saw fit was in the middle of the Hardesty Roadless area. Well, how do you yard big Doug fir fatties out of the middle of a roadless area?



Wayne put on his thinkin' cap and came up with the idea of putting a logging road over the Hardesty Way trail leading smack dab into the middle of the roadless area. But what if the logging company doesn't want to eat the expenses of punching a road into the middle of a rugged wilderness? Well ya give them credits to log more big old trees via the purchaser road credit program!

Nowadays if you were to hike on Hardesty Mountain, the agency will charge you five dollars at the trailheads for the privilege. It really is the best of all possible worlds, the USFS paid the timber industry to wipe out trails and then charges the

public to use the trails that remain. Machiaveli would be envious.

Legal Smackdown

It was only a matter of time before someone noticed that the Forest Service was abusing the Fee Demo program as if it were a *piñata* full of cheap booze and cigarettes. In our case, the federal magistrate overseeing the proceedings held that the agency had clearly overstepped its authority by charging at over 1,400 trailheads when Congress had only authorized the demonstration project for 100 "areas, sites or projects." Big victory right? Wrong.

When it became clear that the agency was going to lose the case, they managed to get their friends in Congress to eliminate the "100 project" restriction on their cash cow.

So much for the "demonstration" angle on Fee Demo. It's pretty much standard operating procedure when the Forest Service loses a case for them to attempt to change the rules rather than their behavior. Would that we were all so well connected!

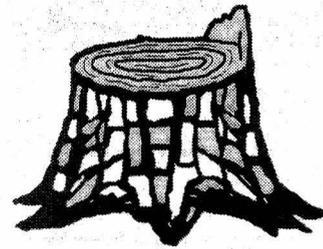
Furthermore, the agency is appealing the magistrate's holding to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Fortunately, there's a good chance they will lose there as well.

Fight the Power

So where things stand right now is that if you've paid a trail fee in the past several years or if you've been hit with a citation, you might want to consider asking for your money back. Next fiscal year the "100 project" limit will be lifted, but for now the Fred's really can't enforce the program. Feel free to reference *USA v. Siart*, number F22 97624. Be aware that this could change should we lose on appeal.

Also, the mother-of-all trail fee fights is brewing in Congress this year. A lot of folks who are wiser than I believe that the Fee program will either be killed or made permanent this session. Get the latest from Wild Wilderness, 248 NW Wilmington Ave., Bend, OR 97701; (541) 385-5261; www.wildwilderness.org.

NEOLIBERALISM AT WORK IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH, OR, THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE EATS THE MIXED MESOPHYTIC FOREST FOR FUN AND PROFIT!



BY john johnson, KATUAH EARTH FIRST!

The forces of global capitalism are busily eating the native forests of the Southeastern US at an alarming rate. These beautiful, biologically diverse forests are being converted to monoculture pine plantations, and the fiber extracted from them is being used in the pulp, paper and engineered lumber industry. Rampant clearcutting is decimating wildlife habitat, degrading ecosystem health and impacting water, air and soil quality. Saw mills and now pulp mills are closing down—causing widespread fear and economic chaos in rural communities.

The Southeast produces 75 percent of the US wood fiber supply and 25 percent of the world's fiber supply. The corporations operating in the Southeast include (British owned) Bowater Inc., International Paper (the largest paper company in the world), Weyerhaeuser (infamous exporter of raw logs and woodchips from the Pacific Northwest), Willamette (also from the Pacific Northwest), Fulghum Fibers (international manufacturer of chip mills—based in Georgia), Boise Cascade, Canal Wood (a wood and fiber broker), Georgia Pacific and the Mead Corporation. Kimberly Clark has closed its paper mill in Mobile, Alabama, while maintaining its wood chip export facilities at the port.

The most insidious and unregulated arm of the neoliberal pulp and paper globalists are "remote-sourcing, high capacity" chip mills. Chip mills have spread across the Southeastern landscape like a plague of locusts, devouring important forest ecosystems and leaving degraded landscapes in their wake. The wood chips are used for domestic pulp and paper production, as a fiber source for rayon, for engineered wood products and for export to the global marketplace. The chip mills are indiscriminate as to where the trees come from. Some logs come from corporate land, but most comes from small landholders and tree farmers bamboozled by industrial foresters into fiber production for the quick buck. Some wood

is also sourced from the many small national and state forests across the Southeast.

The mixed hardwood forests of the Southeast are some of the most biologically diverse and significant forests in North America. The forest of the Cumberland and Appalachian Plateau has been named the "mixed mesophytic" by eminent ecologist E. Lucy Braun. It is thought to be the "mother forest" of the great eastern North America hardwood forests. The forests of the American South give rise to river systems that are now being recognized as some of the most biodiverse aquatic ecosystems on the planet.

Southeastern forests were just starting to recover from the cut and run timber boom of the late 1800s and early 1900s when the pulp and paper industry decided to refocus its operations in the South. The different Southern forest types are pretty resilient, but whether or not they can recover from another round of unsustainable cutting remains to be seen.

The American South, like many places across the globe, is considered a mere resource colony to the forces of global capitalism. The transnational corporations pay lip service to jobs and community, but are really only concerned with massive profits and pleasing share holders, power brokers and investors up on Wall Street and at other financial centers.

In the late '80s and early '90s, Champion International bitterly complained about regulation of its pollution of the Pigeon River in the Smoky Mountains. The company repeatedly told its employees and residents of Canton, North Carolina (a typical Southeastern company town), that it would have to close the paper mill if environmental restrictions were enacted to protect the

Pigeon River. This caused much hostility between Canton, environmentalists and the communities that had to live downstream from the discharge pipe. Now Champion has sold the mill—so much for commitment to the community. The river is still being polluted, despite a so-called technological improvement in the wastewater treatment.

The global marketplace means disruption and even death for local communities, economies and especially for the natural systems that support them.



photo courtesy of Dogwood Alliance

Giant clearcut in Humphrey County in Tennessee

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The FTAA: Coming for a Forest Near You

BY JASON TOCKMAN,
AMERICAN LANDS ALLIANCE

A new forest-destroying trade agreement is headed for an ecosystem near you. The Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), a trade deal covering the entire Western Hemisphere except Cuba, threatens to further undermine the hemisphere's forests by accelerating industrial clearcut logging, weakening protection from invasive species and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and binding the hands of countries from using various policy tools for the conservation of forests. These risks stem from the replication of many of the most ecologically destructive provisions contained in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the World Trade Organization. However, the FTAA will be even worse for the environment.

More clearcut logging of ancient forests

Logging pressures on native forests, including the conversion of primary forests to tree plantations, would increase in critical regions of the hemisphere as a result of the elimination of tariffs (import taxes) on forest products. According to a US government study, this is most likely to impact the globally significant old-growth temperate forests of Chile, which harbor high levels of biological diversity. It is feared that the easing of barriers to trade would trigger Boise Cascade to restart its plans to construct the world's largest chip mill adjacent to Chile's pristine Valdivian rainforests.

Conversion of native forests to export-oriented agriculture would also accelerate due to the reduction and eventual elimination of tariffs on agricultural products such as beef and soybeans. The expansion of crop acreage will put new pressures on forest regions, particularly the Amazon, as landless people are pushed further into undeveloped areas.

Elimination of domestic forest protections

Under draft FTAA rules, foreign corporations would be empowered to sue governments when they feel that their ability to earn a profit from their investment is inhibited by forest management and protection standards, or by the return of land to indigenous peoples. These "investor protection" suits insure against not only "expropriation," or direct taking, of corporate profits, but also against environmental safeguards that are deemed to be "tantamount to expropriation." This vague standard, well in excess of US laws protecting private property, has been left to the interpretation of unelected and secretive



Monoculture Pine Plantation in North Carolina

panels. As has been the case under NAFTA, transnational corporations could use these investment rules to overturn environmental laws and pursue awards of up to one billion dollars. Under FTAA rules, countries would be impeded from strengthening

If the draft text is accepted, nations will be required to allow the patenting of GMO's

their forest protection standards, since timber companies could pursue steep compensation for profits lost.

Also under the proposed text, nations may be prohibited from enacting regulations for forest protection, such as eco-labeling laws and bans on raw log exports, where they are deemed to be "non-tariff" barriers to trade or competition. Governments may be restricted in their ability to establish

product standards or purchasing requirements designed to protect forests. For example, the FTAA could strike down the laws requiring preferential purchasing of recycled paper that have been enacted by 20 states, or the limitations that Arizona, Tennessee and New York have passed on the purchasing of wood harvested from tropical rainforests. FTAA rules could also prevent countries from enacting "quantitative restrictions," or quotas, on the importation of wood products, including the massive influx of heavily subsidized softwood lumber now coming into the US from Canadian old-growth forests.

Under the draft language governing dispute settlement, governments would surrender adjudication over forest protection safeguards to unelected international tribunals. The participation of non-governmental organizations in FTAA tribunals will probably not be permitted, even though the binding decisions by "neutral panels" are not subject to appeal and favor the removal of environmental laws where they may conflict with the FTAA.

If the draft text is accepted, nations will be required to allow the patenting of GMO's, including genetically engineered vascular plant and tree species capable of disrupting native ecosystems.

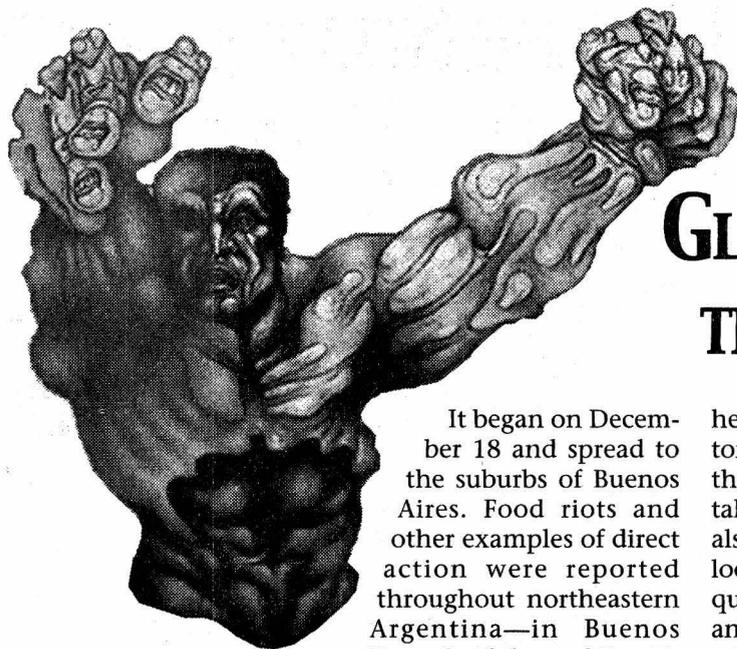
Take Action

Please contact your members of Congress and express your outrage with some of the potential forest threats embodied in the draft FTAA text, as released in July 2001. Emphasize that a vote for more NAFTA-style trade deals is a vote for environmental and forest destruction. Write to your representative at US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515; and your senator at US Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

For more info, contact Jason Tockman (740) 594-5441; tockman@americanlands.org.

To read the draft online, visit www.ftaa-alca.org/ftaadraft/eng/draft_e.doc.

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ARGENTINA

GLOBALIZATION REACHES THE BOILING POINT

It began on December 18 and spread to the suburbs of Buenos Aires. Food riots and other examples of direct action were reported throughout northeastern Argentina—in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Rosari.

Looting occurred at several stores and supermarkets. Thousands of poor Argentines banged pots and pans, demanding food outside of businesses, only to face state repression. Stores were counseled by the government to not give food out independently, but often the clamor of the people forced them to. Argentina is Latin America's third largest economy, but in recent years it has been in serious economic crisis. The unemployment rate of the country is 20 percent and 2,000 people a day fall below the poverty line. The week prior to the rioting, a general strike and road blockades were gaining momentum.

These food riots quickly turned into massive anti-government demonstrations as more than one million people in Buenos Aires, out of more than two and a half million, marched through the streets demanding an end to the neoliberal economic policies of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the 2002 austerity plan. In order to pay back IMF loans, poor nations are forced to accept Structural Adjustment Programs (SAP's) which mean the gutting of social services and infrastructure. Argentina is \$155 billion in debt, and the neoliberal economy has meant suffering for the vast majority of Argentines.

When the government began to see the food insurgency for the threat it really was, it immediately tried to crack down on the revolt. Confrontations between demonstrators and police in Cordoba and La Plata became common, leaving 28 dead, hundreds injured and thousands arrested. It's unfortunate that these 28, who died fighting capitalist globalization as Carlo Giuliani did, aren't given nearly as much attention in activist circles.

The government declared a "state of siege." Assembled groups of three or more people were made illegal and all constitutional rights were disbanded. The army decided not to aid in the repression of the populace, which led to a serious crisis. At this time many cabinet ministers resigned, and Argentina was in utter chaos.

On December 20, President Fernando De la Rúa and the Economy Minister Cavallo, adamantly pro-privatization, resigned after two years in office. De la Rúa fled into a

helicopter to save himself from the anger of the demonstrators surrounding the Presidential Palace. The "Pink Palace," the Argentinean equivalent to the White House, had been taken over by the people. There was an air of defiance, but also of hope as the corrupt administration was toppled. This looked like a potentially revolutionary situation and the question became: What are we going to do next? Various answers came from different sectors of the population.

Hundreds of demonstrators clashed with security forces outside of the Congress building when Argentina's congress named Eduardo Duhalde president (the fifth within two weeks) on January 1, 2002 to serve until the 2003 presidential elections. This was clearly a move to maintain capitalist social "peace" and to prevent an insurrection. Duhalde, an old style Peronist, was forced to make cautious statements and to make some sort of concessions to the people, with empty platitudes about "populism." Hundreds of police surrounded the Plaza de Mayo to quell the unrest.

Duhalde is a former governor of Buenos Aires whose government was frequently charged with corruption. Jorge Ocampo, a 38-year old electrician said, "The problem is that there aren't any alternatives; our political leaders are all either scarred by charges of corruption or seen as part of the system." It's clear that nothing at all will be changed through electing a new ruler, and what is required is complete social transformation.

SAP-ping the Lives of the People

Privatization in the 1990s under President Menem led to massive layoffs and price increases for public utilities, such as electricity and phones. The IMF made it clear that they were not going to lend Argentina money. In December 2001, people not wanting their pesos to be devalued rushed to the banks to convert the pesos to dollars on a one-to-one rate. Economy Minister Cavallo made a law limiting the withdrawals to \$1,000 a month, angering the middle class. This is one reason why the middle class has joined the demonstrations. Very few people in Argentina have money in the banks, and the impoverished masses are making more radical demands than the middle class; fighting for the end of capitalist injustice and for a truly democratic, humane and just society.

Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a Washington DC based think-tank writes: "For 20 years now, Latin America has followed Washington's advice and slashed tariffs, swallowed IMF austerity plans and sold off tens of billions of dollars of state assets to foreigners."

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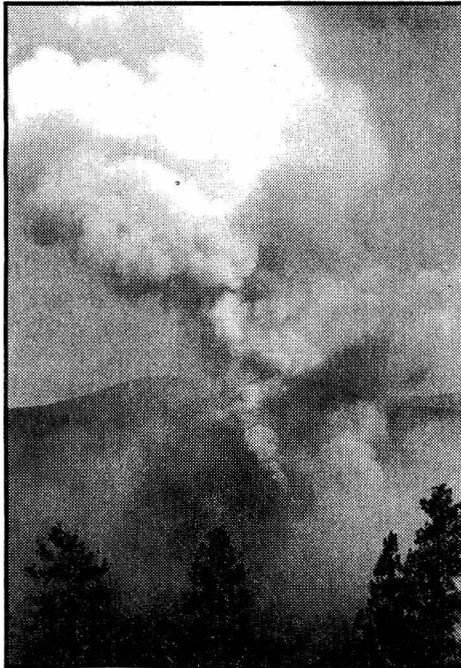
WILD ROCKIES EF! IN THE BITTERROOT!

BY GRUMBLE

This year the new administration has launched an all-out campaign to dramatically increase the amount of logging occurring on national forests. The sale that will make or break this boondoggle in the Northern Rockies is the gigantic Bitterroot Fire Restoration Project on the Bitterroot National Forest. The agency is using the fires that burned in the 2000 season as an excuse to implement one of the largest logging operations ever proposed on a single national forest. The US Forest Service (USFS) has issued an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. On December 17 Mark Rey, under-secretary of the Department of Agriculture, signed the record of decision for the Bitterroot Restoration project. The decision mandated the destruction of 41,000 acres through the use of industrial logging on 763 units and exempted the sale from the normal appeals processes. Shortly thereafter, a coalition of environmental groups filed for and received a temporary restraining order, from District Federal Judge Molloy, preventing the agency from implementing the project. On January 7 Judge Molloy ordered the Bitterroot National Forest to follow the normal appeals process as mandated by Congress. The Judge, however, left the agency with a loophole through which it could exempt 4,800 acres from the stay of action pending the resolution of the appeal. This means that the USFS could have contractors out logging at any time in the next couple of days or weeks. If this happens, Wild Rockies Earth First! (WREF!) will be in the field engaging in nonviolent direct action to slow or stop the destruction. WREF! has made the defense of the Bitterroot its top priority.

The USFS has based its entire justification for this sale on the need to return the forest to its idea of pre-European invasion wildlands. The problem is that the Forest Ser-

vice continues to apply the same solution of logging and fire suppression that it always has. This is ironic due to the fact that the agency says these are the very things that have caused the forest to become more vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire. While claiming that it wants to reduce fuel loads in the wildland/ur-



ban interface, the Forest Service is planning most of the units outside of that area. The sale includes 23,938 acres to be logged in roadless lands—core bull trout habitat and core westslope cutthroat habitat. A major problem is that this sale will remove most of the biomass that will regenerate the soil. The agency admits that only 31 percent of the logged areas will have effective ground cover. The removal of dead and green trees is likely to cause major mud slides and destruction of critical aquatic habitat. The project will also remove trees that provide foraging and nesting habitat for many birds that survive in burned areas.

WREF! supports alternative G, which was put together by a coalition of environmental groups and residents of the Bitterroot Valley. Known as the Conservation and

Local Economy Alternative, it proposes a real restoration project for the Bitterroot Valley. The proposal includes ripping and reconnoitering 513 miles of road, some hand thinning in the wildland/urban interface and the creation of a conservation corps to help residents create a fire resistance space around their homes. This alternative includes no commercial logging, money to study the effects of fire, and emphasizes hiring local folks to carry out the much-needed restoration work. It also directs the Forest Service to let fire function in the ecosystem outside of the wildland/urban interface. While this proposal makes the most sense, the agency is bent on choosing the option that includes a massive timber giveaway.

We have been preparing for the real possibility of a long-term campaign in the Bitterroots. WREF! has been taking the public on tours of the logging areas since June. We have given several presentations about the issue on college campuses. On Halloween we joined Friends of the Bitterroot and Native Forest Network in protesting the sale at Bitterroot National Forest headquarters. WREF! held an action training camp in the Bitterroot Valley in early December. We are continuing to do field assessments of the proposed cutting units in support of the lawsuit. But with logging on the immediate horizon we are also preparing for direct action.

Please come out and join us this Winter and Spring. This is a struggle that we must engage in to save the largest intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states from a plague of misguided and destructive timber sales. We are in desperate need of your help. WREF! can provide you with free food, training and a great time in the Wild Rockies. We need donations of cash, cold weather gear, coffee, tea, energy bars, batteries and bulk food. To get involved, contact WREF!, POB 1742, Missoula, MT 59806; (406) 549-8863; wref@wildrockies.org.

News from the Desert!



BLM Protects Endangered Bighorn Sheep Habitat from Off-Road Vehicles

On November 30, Greg Thomsen, US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro field office manager, seasonally closed two environmentally harmful roads crossing public land in the Coyote Mountains, near the San Diego/Imperial County line, from January 1 until June 30.

Winter and Spring are critical biological times for sheep to give birth and raise newborn lambs, and Carrizo Peak within the Coyote Mountains is a known important lambing site.

This wildlife recovery action arises out of a landmark agreement between the BLM, the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and five off-road groups to protect more than 24 species and their habitat across the 25-million-acre California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA).

In Mojave, Tortoise and Milkvetch Delay Expansion of Army Base

The US Army's Fort Irwin National Training Center in Southern California is attempting to expand into important desert habitat. But efforts to expand the training ground are being delayed by two endangered species, the desert tortoise and a plant called the Lane Mountain milkvetch. Environmentalists and wildlife biologists say they fear that the mock combat will further imperil the species.

Military bases already occupy about 25 percent of the more than seven million acres of tortoise habitat in the western Mojave Desert. The land currently at issue is home to two-thirds of the known population of the Lane Mountain milkvetch.

Regional environmental groups have vowed to make sure that the US Army complies with all federal environmental

Frontlines

Environmental protesters march in London

British protesters marched through London on December 8 to demonstrate their opposition to President Bush's policy on global warming. The Campaign Against Climate Change, organizer of the event, called Bush a "climate terrorist" and urged him to join other world leaders in committing themselves to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol calling on about 40 industrialized nations to limit carbon emissions or cut them to below 1990 levels. The US has rejected the accord, calling it harmful to the economy and unfair because it excuses heavily polluting developing countries like India and China from any obligation.

The protesters assembled close to the embassies of Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Afghanistan, three countries stricken by extreme weather events related to global climate change. Letters from the marchers detailing their concerns were handed in to the embassies.

The marchers, bound for the US Embassy, handed out leaflets, carried large banners and pushed along a huge inflatable globe. Other organizations participating in the march were Friends of the Earth, People and Planets and Globalize Resistance.

ALF Hits Marshall Farms

On the evening of December 5, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) raided Marshall Farms in upstate New York, rescuing 30 dogs and 10 ferrets. The ALF released a communiqué on December 6 taking responsibility for the action, stating they had outsmarted "constant security patrols... scaled the electrified fence" and had broken through one of the 50 animal shed doors to carry out the rescue operation.

Marshall Farms is a breeder of beagles and ferrets for animal research laboratories across the US, including Huntingdon Life Sciences where workers have been caught punching puppies in the face, shaking them and throwing them against walls.

Marshall Farms has been cited for numerous USDA and federal Animal Welfare Act violations over the past several years, including not meeting bare minimum requirements, failure to provide dogs with proper veterinary care, inadequate cleanliness and surgical procedures, violations of transport regulations, improper sanitation and inadequate space.

protection laws. This regulatory process, topped with litigation, will hopefully significantly slow the Army in its expansionist plans.

Proposed Gold Mine will Wreck Public Land and Tribe's Cultural Heritage

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton is poised to allow the destruction of 1,600 acres of a fragile desert ecosystem at Quechan Indian Pass in the California Desert Conservation Area. A Canadian mining company, Glamis Gold, Ltd., wants to dig a mile-wide, 800-foot-deep, open-pit, cyanide leach, gold mine in the desert. The proposed mine would destroy Native American sacred sites, cultural artifacts, trail networks, petroglyphs, ancestral grounds and 55 archaeological sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Almost a year ago, outgoing Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt caved in to public pressure and denied the permit to mine. This past November saw Norton, true to form, reversing Babbitt's denial and reopening the permitting process for Glamis.

In a truly hypocritical stance, Norton, who has criticized Babbitt for ignoring public sentiment on natural resource issues, doesn't seem to care that the Quechan Tribe, local, state and federal elected officials, concerned citizens and environmentalists have all been vocal in their opposition to the proposed gold mine.

Quechan Tribal Council President Mike Jackson, Sr., was quoted in the December 28 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, as saying, "The Bush administra-

tion is laughing at us. They're saying, 'We don't give a damn about your history.'" Willa Scott, a member of the Quechan Tribe's Culture Committee, has stated, "If these sites are destroyed, we will lose our ability to pass down our beliefs... We will have lost our cultural gatherings, funeral rituals, singing, story-tellings and teachings. Without these practices, our people will lose the most important part of who we are."

The 25-million acre CDCA was created by Congress in 1976 to protect significant scenic and biologically important areas in the southeastern corner of the state, including lands in Imperial, San Diego and Los Angeles counties. The conservation area extends from the Mexican border north to Death Valley and the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains.



A 1997 Earth First! protest

Frontlines

Knoxville EFlers Arrested for Antiwar Billboard Action

Two Knoxville, Tennessee, activists were arrested November 15 after hanging an antiwar banner on a US Cellular billboard during rush hour traffic.

Parrin De Jong and Tiffany Hartung were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing two hours after they climbed up to post their sign which read: "War (does not equal) Justice, War = Terror, Stop This War."

The protest was staged by Earth First!, Food Not Bombs and the Knoxville Area Coalition for Compassion, Justice and Peace, according to Nikki Larson, spokesperson for the protesters.

"This is a peaceful, nonviolent protest against the war," Larson said. "We're not against America defending itself against terrorism, but we're against America killing innocent people."

Three Thousand Protest at UK Esso Stations

On December 1, about 3,000 people turned out for anti-global-warming protests at Esso (Exxon Mobil in the US) gas stations throughout the UK and Ire-

land. A press release from the organization Stop Esso called the Stop Esso Day "a huge success, with thousands of people turning out in force across the country and boycotting 300 Esso garages, all very peaceful and friendly."

Drivers approaching Esso garages were greeted by boycotters, some dressed in tiger and polar bear suits. Members of the public spontaneously joined in the protests, and in a couple of instances even the police voiced support for the protesters.

"Today Esso has been on the sharp end of the biggest global warming protest the UK has ever seen. And this is just the beginning. If Esso chooses to wreck the climate, we can all choose to boycott Esso," said Cindy Baxter of Stop Esso.

According to Stop Esso, "Esso has used its power and wealth to run a 10-year campaign of dirty tricks to sabotage the Kyoto global warming treaty, the only international agreement to stop global warming. Esso did more than any other company to ensure that President Bush ditched the Kyoto treaty. Esso continues to deny that fossil fuels are causing climate change and spends zero dollars on renewable energy."

A Plea for the Ancient Forest.

At Home with the Flying Squirrels

BY K

I was snug in my sleeping bag in a hanging hut in the ancient forest canopy of the rainforest of the Pacific Northwest. And just before I was asleep, I felt a light, shivery weight on my legs. It was ticklish, the way the little feet quivered with energy, the creature so high on life, on curiosity, on the will to survive, as it travels the branches in its nightly forage for food.

Startled by quivering-creature-contact, I shifted and sat up. The rodent scampered up the tree, but just a little ways. Realizing I had been visited by a Northern flying squirrel, I smiled and

bade it good night and again nestled down feeling safer and more comfortable in my treetop bed knowing the

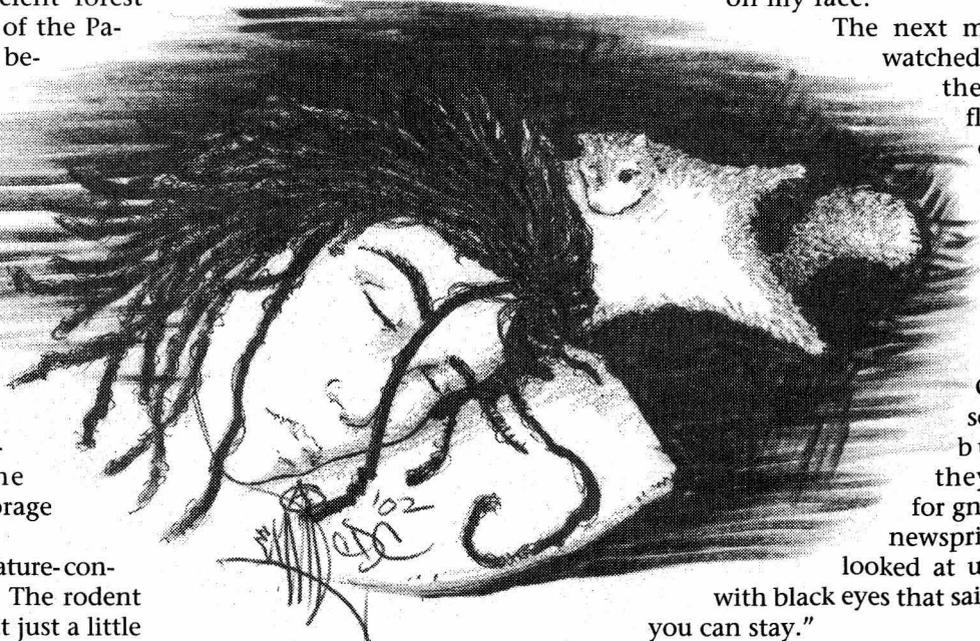
came me face to furry face. I think I'm going to stay awhile! Then briefly and tentatively, a flying squirrel sat on my face.

The next morning I watched a pair of these wing-flapped rodents as they sat on our porch checking out us and our food. Our food secured in buckets, they settled for gnawing on newsprint. They looked at us bravely with black eyes that said, "Okay, you can stay."

There is no question who is a guest in whose home here. Have you ever seen a flying squirrel "fly"? A flying squirrel can leap from a tree branch and glide up to 200 feet downwards through the canopy to another tree. They glide on flaps of skin that unfold between their forearms and their sides.

They can steer themselves left and right as they glide, and as they land their flaps come all the way out like parachutes and they land gently and stealthily on a branch. They can also dive-bomb.

I'm sitting 150 feet up between the massive trunks of two magnificent old-growth Douglas fir trees and one old hemlock. This 96 acres of publicly owned, rare, low-elevation, old-growth forest is slated to be clearcut by Zip-O-Sawmills of Eugene, Oregon. This area was once set aside and protected as a critical habitat for the Northern spotted owl. The spotted owl is an indicator species, which means its decline is a reflection of the decline of many other rare species that are dependent



natives felt comfortable approaching me. Then it ran up my body and wel-

Frontlines

Anti-GM Action Destroys Thousands of Potatoes at New Zealand Lab

On January 10, thousands of genetically modified (GM) potatoes were destroyed at Crop and Food Research (CFR) in Lincoln, New Zealand. CFR chief executive Dr. Paul Tocker said damage from the attack amounted to \$200,000 to \$300,000 and could cost the research institute 10 times as much in lost opportunities because it had set some of the research back three years.

Saboteurs cut their way through a greenhouse wall then systematically hacked off plant tops and emptied potted plants into garbage bags.

The action follows warnings by anti-genetic engineering activists who vowed to rip GM plants out of the ground in response to the government's decision to not extend a moratorium on field trials.

The activists got past security measures taken by Crop and Food after a 1999 attack on GM crops at their facility.

CFR researcher Margy Gilpin, whose program was most severely affected by the attack, said, "Ironically, our program is studying genetic techniques to help us find better ways of non-GM potato improvement. Because the plants have now been either destroyed or cannot be accurately identified, we will be unable to do the tests to verify all the science progress we've made over the last three years."

on old-growth forests.

The Forest Service is breaking the law by logging US Fish and Wildlife Service designated "critical habitat" and by not surveying for rare and sensitive species. However, the Forest Service continues to maintain that Congress has given them the authority to break the laws in order to put out the annual yield in board feet that they have promised to industry.

Since the Northern flying squirrel, prime spotted owl food, is not considered "threatened," their habitat is considered expendable by Congress, though the truth is that the unprotected old-growth patches of this forest are one last sanctuary for these beautiful native aeronauts.

And since a squirrel rarely ranges beyond a 30-acre area, these Fall Creek flying squirrels certainly will die. We, their human relations, can help them by living with them in the trees. You can help us by sending a message to your federal representatives: Stop logging our public lands!

I am not uncomfortable or unhappy here on this dark Winter night, on a hanging cushioned platform with a tarp roof, listening to the radio and writing by candlelight.

I am not cold or hungry; there is nothing I need that I don't have. I don't have any money, but what would I do with that up here?

When I go to bed and blow out the candles, a flying squirrel might approach me and run across my face. It might even bust into the flour bag by my head again. I don't mind, I like the little critters.

As comfortable and happy as I am in their home, I know there are plenty of other places I could go on this Earth and survive. Not so for the flying squirrels. If we leave the treetops, their homes are coming down. Our departure would leave the squirrels at the mercy of the US Forest Service and Zip-O-Sawmill trying to make a quick buck.

And the trees would fall. And the squirrels would fly from tree to tree. Tree after tree would fall and still they would flee, until nothing was left but the few sparsely separated trees marked orange in spray paint around their trunks, the diseased trees, the dead snags, the "not suitable for timber harvest" rejects.

But these would be few and far be-

tween, further than a flying squirrel can fly. And there's nowhere to go, nothing to eat in the air or on the ground and there are giant industrial machines turning and churning all around. The flying squirrels have nowhere to fly, and so they die.

How could we possibly leave these trees, knowing the flying squirrels and their plight?

People tell me I'm wasting my time, to get a "real job" and to live in the "real world." But what could be more real than the wind and the rain, the sway of a big ancient tree, mountains in the distance, red-clouded sunset, the hoot of an owl or growl in the night and the fluttery, fidgety feeling of furry little feet on my face and in the flour.

This story was written in the trees in Fall Creek in 1998 and appeared in the Winter 2001/2002 edition of the Green Canopy newsletter from the Cascadia Forest Defenders. It was recently published in the new book, A Tree is My Friend (Arboreous Amorous): Poems, Stories, Thoughts, Images, collected by Lee Murray, available online at www.ncf.ca/~bh295/treesong.html.

Fall Creek Update

In 1999, a lawsuit by a coalition of environmental groups forced the Forest Service to survey for sensitive species including the red tree vole (see *EF!* December-January 2002). A new Changed Circumstances report was issued on January 15 indicating wildlife buffers for the red tree vole have been set up as a result of information submitted to the Forest Service by Fall Creek's Red Cloud Thunder tree-sitters and Oregon Forest Research and Education Group activists. Twenty-five out of the original 96 acres in the sale are still in danger of being cut. Activists are continuing to press hard for complete cancellation of the timber sale and continue to occupy the forest. The timber industry has recently filed a lawsuit to undermine the Survey and Manage protocols and reduce protection for sensitive species. To learn more about the campaign to save Fall Creek, visit www.tree-sit.org.

BARE BONES

NAFTA Commission Warns of Widespread Environmental Crisis

"North Americans are faced with the paradox that many activities on which the North American economy is based impoverish the environment on which our well-being ultimately depends," says a report titled *The North American Mosaic* by the North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) Commission for Environmental Co-operation of North America. The report issued warnings on the environmental effects of over-consumption, global warming, the unsustainable use of resources, destruction of old-growth forests and loss of biodiversity. It stressed the importance of looking at environmental problems from a continental perspective and it urged Canada, Mexico and the US to work together to protect their shared environment.

The report also found that 235 species of animals are threatened by pollution, human encroachment and farming. Half of North America's most diverse eco-regions have been severely degraded despite the fact that protected space has grown to 300 million hectares or 15 percent of the continental land surface. The report concluded that the degradation is due to many factors including increasing numbers of visitors to natural areas, insufficient funding to care for protected areas and adjacent development that merely creates "threatened islands."

According to the report, two thousand new energy plants, mostly fossil fuel based, are planned for North America. US carbon emissions from electricity generation are currently more than two billion tons a year and are projected to increase between 14 and 38 percent by 2007.

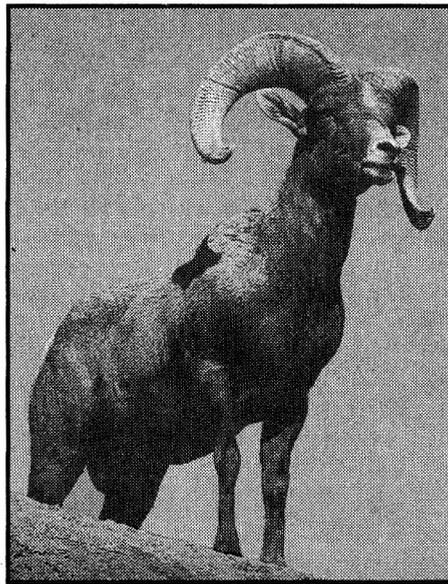
The report urges governments to revise their gross domestic product and other economic indicators to include the real costs of development and says that governments must put an end to "perverse subsidies" that encourage high consumption such as subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.

DIARY OF A HUNT SABOTEUR

BY BARRY BIGHORN BRIGADE

Just eight miles south of the interstate that links Los Angeles to Phoenix, we enter the Kofa. This 660,000-acre wildlife refuge was established in 1939 for the protection of desert bighorn sheep, according to a sign at the entrance. Once plentiful throughout the state's arid regions, desert bighorn sheep now number only approximately 5,000 animals in Arizona. Their decimation is the result of competition with livestock for food and water and the accompanying diseases domestic sheep bring. What smallpox did to this nation's indigenous people, diseases like blue tongue have done to the nation of bighorn.

Despite this, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, in collusion with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, has allowed 2,000 rams to be shot since the hunts began in the 1950s. Although we haven't heard yet how many sheep were killed this season, 102 permits



were issued for the state of Arizona. Seventeen of those were for this "refuge" which is anything but a refuge.

December 1, 0900 hrs: We approach

the Kofa Mountain range from the north after changing a tire punctured by the sharp lava rock that lies in every direction. As we round a bend in the road we encounter a camp of several vehicles, a horse trailer, mobile homes and canvas tents. This is the camp of Desert Creek Outfitters, the professional hit men of the desert bighorn hunting industry. For \$6,500, Desert Creek will guide you on a 16-day "hunt of a lifetime" complete with gourmet meals and the videotaping of your kill.

Trophy hunters in Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico frequently pay tens of thousands of dollars to hunt desert bighorn in an effort to achieve membership in the North American Sheep Hunters Association's Grand Slam Club. Trophy hunters earn this prestigious title by successfully killing each of the five subspecies of North America's bighorn sheep. Of the five, desert bighorn are the rarest, with an

GREEN SEA TURTLES ARE A KEYSTONE SPECIES

BY LYNN HAMILTON

They're cute. They're charismatic. They inspire artists. But a recent study by scientists at the Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research, in conjunction with scientists all over the world, found that green sea turtles are a lot more than that.

They also groom the seagrass beds in which they live, keeping the grasses healthy and able to sustain many other marine animals, including manatees, sharks, rays and a number of fish that appear on restaurant menus and in our economy. When green sea turtles started disappearing, the seagrass off of Florida and Australia grew too long and started to rot, eventually dying.

In the absence of grazing by turtles, the longer blades of grass impede the natural water currents that keep the sea floor fresh. The long blades also shade the floor from the sun. With less fresh water and light, the base of the grass blade starts to rot. Eventually a mold forms which makes the grass susceptible to disease and it dies.

For many years, scientists looked to other explanations, including pollution and temperature change, to explain the strange die-off of the sea grasses that began off Florida in the 1980s.

The true solution to the dead sea grass mystery starts with the first attacks on the green sea turtle in the 19th century, when they were hunted for food. Modern fishing technology, especially the trawl net, continued the work of decimating the sea turtle population in the 20th century. Also guilty in the demise of sea turtles generally is

coastal development, especially development that comes with bright lights and lots of traffic on the beach at night during nesting season. Florida, which is a textbook case of over-development, became inhospitable to the turtles which had traditionally nested there as beachfront condos and mansions sprang up.

An article entitled "Historical Overfishing," recently published in *Science* magazine, says that turtles and other marine mammals used to swarm the seas, in numbers that scared maritime explorers. Where there were millions of turtles, manatees and whales, now there are only thousands, or even fewer, of most species. Sea turtles especially continue to decline at unsustainable rates, the *Science* article states.

Meanwhile, Florida is rich in artistic homage to the sea turtle. Sea turtles, along with manatees, whales and dolphins, swim across buildings in murals. Sea turtle sculptures hold plates of nachos at restaurants. Most upsetting to me was the statue of a loggerhead sea turtle angel, sporting wings and a harp, outside the Chapel-by-the-Sea in Clearwater, Florida. I'm not content to believe I'll meet extinct turtles in heaven, as this statue implies. I want sea turtles back here on Earth, swarming the seas and messing with ships, as they were meant to do.

For more information on sea turtles and current campaigns to save them, contact the Earth Island Institute, (415) 788-3666; www.earthisland.org; or the Sea Turtle Restoration Project, (415) 488-0370; www.seaturtles.org.

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estimated national population of only 20,000.

1300 hrs: We reach the summit of a rock crag near Owl Head. A hawk sails below us as we scope the surrounding mountains for hunters. Their tactics are basic, spot a ram with a trophy size "full curl" set of horns and then stalk quietly within high-powered rifle range, usually 200 to 400 yards. Our tactics are simple, spot for the hunters spotting for the sheep and should they approach within range, create a disturbance to frighten the sheep away.

1700 hrs: As the sun casts blazing red and pink hues on the lava-strewn mountain, we scramble into position near Bighorn Pass. No sheep are in our sight, but three new 4x4 trucks with empty rifle cases attest to the hunters presence. With visibility fast disappearing, our efforts are rewarded with a welcome silence, not the loud crack of a high-powered rifle slug hurling towards the vital organs of a bighorn ram.

1900 hrs: We're wearily trudging down out of the mountains on a jeep trail toward our vehicle, anticipating an encounter with the hunters, whose trucks are parked near ours. After settling on an alibi, we greet the hunters and when asked, explain that we're hikers out doing a little rock climbing. Without suspicion the hunters remark that they spotted us in the area where they were hunting and accompany it with the declaration that they've seen no sheep. We hope it is a result of our presence.

2100 hrs: We pass the Dry Creek camp and can see the shadows of hunters enjoying their evening meals in heated and carpeted tents as their gasoline generator sputters away. We set up our camp a half mile away and plan our dawn strategy as we share a meal of black beans and couscous from a communal pot. The moon rises and the coyotes sing their lullabies as we reflect on the day's lessons. We consense that tomorrow we will hike up Hoodoo Wash at first light. The plan is to accompany the sheep on the mountaintops where we can guard over them should hunters attempt to stalk within rifle range.

December 2, 0900 hrs: After yet another flat tire, we encounter a sheep hunter and his guide as they set out on their day's hunt. We attempt to circle them by ascending the southern slope of a horseshoe configuration of peaks. Once atop, we spot another two hunters walking empty handed back to their

vehicle. From our position we can see 360 degrees of mountain tops peppered with ocotillo, palo verde, saguaro cactus and the jojoba bushes desert bighorn love to eat. At this vantage point we are confident that any approaching hunters will be seen. None are.

1600 hrs: A light breeze has begun to blow off the mountain as we begin our precarious descent down a steep slope of loose lava rock the size of melons. Once again, the day's silence equates to the lack of hunter success. This year's opening weekend of desert bighorn hunting season is coming to an end in the Kofa and with it another day in the lives of 17 rams whose days may be numbered. The four of us hunt saboteurs have work and school schedules that prevent us from staying in the field the entire week. Next weekend we will return, but for now we simply pray for the bighorn's safety as we thread our way north through the canyon's gravel wash back towards I-10 and the civilization that encroaches on the bighorn's world.

We lack the resources of the guides and hunters, but what we do not lack is the resolve to give these 17 rams a fighting chance at life. The legal slaughter of Arizona's desert bighorn will continue as long as the state's Fish and Game Commission continues to be chaired by hunters and ranchers. Still, as long as there are a few humans willing to keep alive the ancient worldview that sees bighorn as sacred beings with lives of their own and not just trophies on a wall, there is hope.

Our rag tag campaign is the product of frustration. Our members have attended countless public hearings to testify against the prostitution of our state's wildlife to the highest bidder, namely the "sportsmen" who dominate public policy on wildlife issues at all levels. In the defense of bighorn, elk, mountain lions, bears, antelope and all other hunted wildlife, we encourage concerned citizens to take to the field to protect our state's natural heritage. All that stands in the way of ecologically responsible defense of wildlife is a good pair of boots, binoculars and the knowledge of hunting seasons that can be found in regulations available at any sporting goods store or state wildlife department. For the abolition of all sports that involve killing, hunt sabotage is the language for those who cannot speak for themselves.

BARE BONES

Another Eco-Terrorism Bill

Representative Darlene Hooley of Oregon is sponsoring a bill that would establish a national ecoterrorism information clearinghouse and increase federal aid for areas with high instances of "terrorism." Hooley claims that 100 major acts of terrorism have occurred in Oregon in the past 20 years, and one-third of those have been in the last four years.

Yet Another Eco-Terrorism Bill on the Horizon

On January 3, Pennsylvania State Senator Joe Scarnati announced that he will introduce a bill that would make protestors pay restitution to businesses interrupted by any act of "ecoterrorism," in addition to any sentences given by local courts. Scarnati defined an offense as "...if the person communicates to another person a threat to commit, or cause to be committed, a crime of violence dangerous to human life or destructive to property or business practices, for the primary purpose of expressing a perspective on an environmental cause or natural resource issue."

Scarnati proposed the bill in response to a protest in October 1998 where activists against Willamette Industries' clear-cutting methods blocked log haulers trying to deliver logs to a chip mill.

Jose Bové Sentenced to Six Months in Jail

In December, an appeals court sentenced French farmer Jose Bové to six months in jail for his role in destroying a crop of genetically modified rice plants in 1999. During the trial more than 100 members of the Farmers' Confederation disrupted the proceedings and refused to leave the courtroom. Judge Patrick Brossier delayed his verdict for two hours until riot cops forced the protesters into the lobby and then used tear gas to make them leave the building.

Bové is planning to file a second appeal which could keep him out of jail for up to a year, because under French law defendants do not have to begin serving their sentences until all appeals are exhausted.

HOUSE APPROVES MORE WELFARE FOR NUKES

BY HARVEY WASSERMAN

If terrorists turn a US nuclear plant into a radioactive holocaust, the House of Representatives wants you to pay for it. But the Senate can still say otherwise.

The House voted November 28 in virtual secrecy to shield new reactor builders from normal insurance liability, even if they lack safety domes to contain radioactive releases.

Only a handful of representatives were present for the vote. Led by Texas Republican Joe Barton and Michigan Democrat John Dingell, HR 2983 sailed through under a "suspension of rules," traditionally used for unanimous resolutions to rename government buildings, proclaim heroes and commemorate holidays. Facing a barrage of grassroots opposition, a very cynical nuke caucus used the loophole to avoid full debate and hide their votes on the free insurance ride for a new generation of reactors.

Barton received more than \$131,590 in utility contributions leading up to the 2000 election. Dingell got \$109,679. Dingell is also related by marriage to major partners in Detroit Edison, which built the Fermi nuclear plant at Monroe, Michigan.

Fermi Unit I, a breeder reactor, nearly exploded in 1966. That near-catastrophe was memorialized in John G. Fuller's *We Almost Lost Detroit*, from the Readers Digest Press. By official 1982 estimates, such an explosion could have killed thousands of US citizens and done \$592 billion in damage.

But since 1957, the atomic power industry has been shielded from such consequences. Utility presidents considered the reactors too risky, so a pro-nuke Congress passed the Price-Anderson Act, limiting the industry's liability. The Act's current version allows public indemnification only up to roughly nine billion dollars. Private citizens who lose their health, families or property would have to beg Congress for more. To this day, all US homeowner insurance policies claim exemption from damage caused by a nuclear accident.

But the public was originally told

Price-Anderson was just a "temporary" fix until private insurers gained confidence in reactor safety. The initial exemption was to last just 10 years.

That was 44 years ago. A thrice-renewed Price-Anderson is now slated to expire in August, 2002. The 103 US reactors now licensed are grandfathered under the law. But the industry wants a new generation of reactors which it says will be perfectly safe, even though some of the heavily subsidized designs are almost entirely untested. Vice President Dick Cheney, among others, has made it clear none will be built without this publicly funded insurance safety net.

The renewal's grassroots opposition has been deeply embittered by the terrorist attacks of September 11. The *London Sunday Times* reported that the fourth hijacked jet, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field, may have been headed for a nuke. Regulators and the industry concede that no US reactor containment is designed to withstand the crash of a large fuel-laden airplane. But incredibly enough, the new Pebble Bed design promoted by HR 2983 has no containment at all!

Multiple lawsuits filed in New York and elsewhere demand that operating nukes be shut down. Reactors over the years have routinely flunked a wide range of "anti-terrorist" tests even though operators in many cases had six months warning and the tests were essentially rigged.

Severe operating and structural problems still plague the industry, as at Ohio's Davis-Besse, now in line for a rare official inspection. As of today, 2,400 central Pennsylvanians who can document harm from radioactive releases at the 1979 Three Mile Island accident still can't get their cases heard in federal court. Thus the industry's infamous assertion that "no

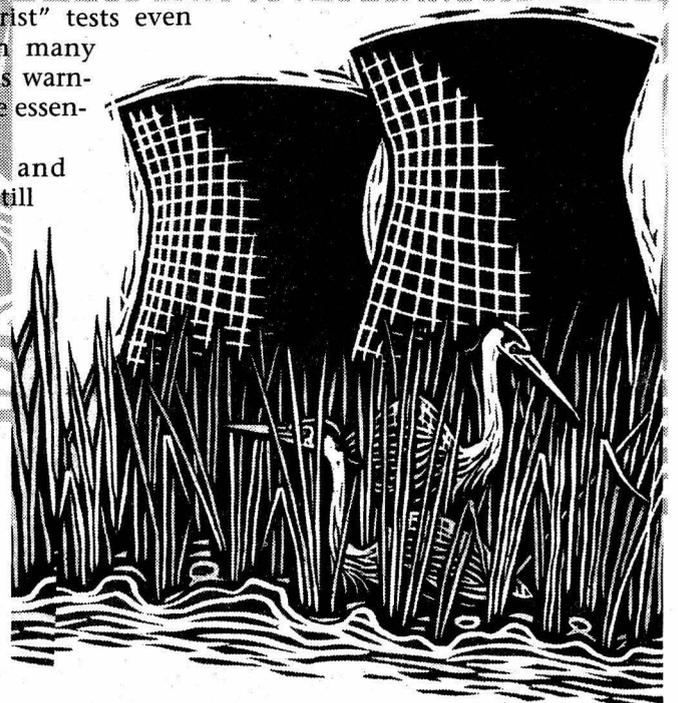
one died at Three Mile Island," with which the plaintiffs vehemently disagree, remains untested in a public jury trial.

The whole debate is overshadowed by the escalating success of wind power, the world's fastest growing new source of electricity, which is now a five billion dollar industry leaping ahead at 25 percent per year. Wind-driven kilowatt costs are plummeting, as are those from solar power and fuel cells. Conservation and efficiency measures are already far cheaper than reactor output. None are subject to terrorist attack. None threaten a radioactive holocaust. None require Congressional insurance immunity.

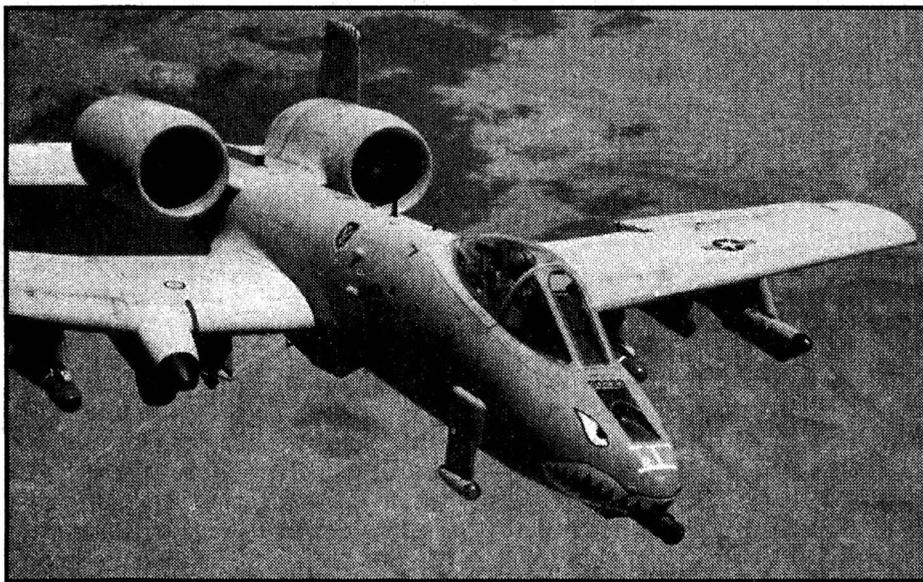
This latest Price-Anderson renewal must still pass the Senate, where the Bush-Cheney Administration may attach it to its larger pro-nuclear energy bill.

Building new reactors would give future terrorists more chances to perpetrate a nuclear holocaust at public expense. Mandating a design without even a simple containment dome raises questions of basic sanity.

What could be more treasonous?
Harvey Wasserman is author of The Last Energy War (Seven Stories Press).



Depleted Uranium Weapons: another Deadly Environmental Legacy of War



A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog"

BY ALMOND

"From the point of view of longevity, DU is worse than a land mine. The human senses cannot detect it and it can cause years of agony and death for women, men and children well into the future. No law, treaty or custom requires the US to decontaminate the poisoned Persian Gulf environment."

—DR. ROSALIE BERTELL

Every nation with a nuclear industry can make depleted uranium (DU) weapons. There are 19 countries known to have DU weapons, including Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Thailand, Israel, France and the US, with the latter being the only country that has used DU weapons in war or outside its own national borders.

US military A-10 Warthog ammunition and DU shields are dangerous, radioactive materials made from nuclear waste. DU-tipped ammunition has the pyrotechnic ability to burn through the steel plating of tanks. Seventy percent of the radioactive material is vaporized as it burns. This vapor turns into a radioactive dust that settles on the soil, water and lungs

of nearby people and animals. Eventually, it enters the groundwater and the food chain.

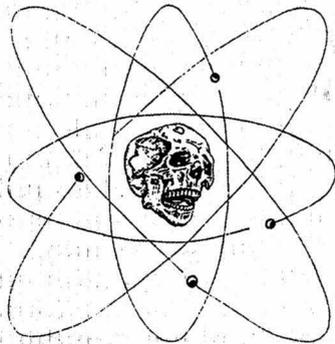
DU ammunition has already poisoned Iraq, Kuwait, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia, Puerto Rico, Afghanistan, Scotland and the Sudan. The UN has classified DU weapons as

weapons of mass destruction and called for banning their use. Italy pulled its troops out of Kosovo because of the leukemia threat from DU. Other European countries, including Greece and Germany have called for the banning of DU weapons. The European Parliament's Green Group de-

mands a total prohibition on the production of DU weapons.

Federal studies now admit that DU ammunition contains isotopes more deadly than just uranium-238. The studies show the presence of plutonium-239 which is 200,000 times as radioactive as the uranium in DU. The US government has known about the deadly dangers of DU since 1991 according to Dr. Doug Rokke, a former head of the Pentagon's DU program.

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GM Contamination Spreading Far Afield

The Canadian agriculture ministry has monitored genetically modified (GM) crops for six years, concluding that pollen from GM oilseed rape travels farther than expected, leading to widespread contamination of organic and conventionally grown seeds.

Canada's current safe separation distance for GM and non-GM plants is 100 meters for growing pedigree seed and 175 meters for growing seeds for oil or food. The studies have shown that pollen can travel at least 800 meters, suggesting that GM and non-GM crops will have to be grown farther apart or in special designated zones.

The studies also show that some GM plants have acquired resistance to more than one herbicide by crossing with other GM strains, allowing them to survive and reproduce in the fields for more than one season.

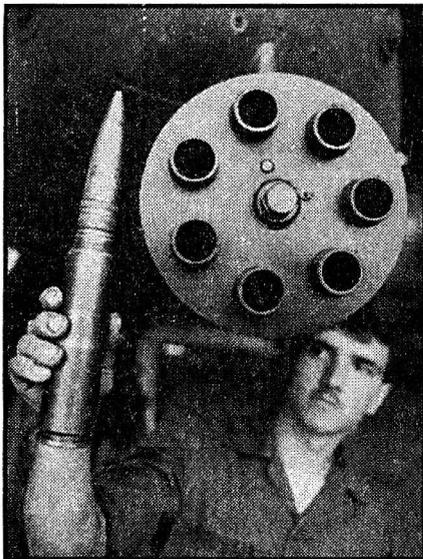
GM Insect Tested in US

In October, hundreds of genetically modified (GM) pink bollworm moths were released into a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton field in Phoenix, Arizona. In order to prevent the moths from escaping into the wild they were sterilized and confined to four mesh cages which were placed under strict security to prevent attacks from activists.

The researchers were testing the ability of the bollworm moths to produce offspring by inserting a jellyfish gene that makes them and their larvae glow green. The goal is to substitute the jellyfish gene in the moth with a lethal bacterium gene that will be passed on to the offspring. Once released into the wild the scientists hope the GM moths will mate with wild moths and decimate the population by producing larvae that will die before they mature.

The pink bollworm causes millions of dollars of damage to cotton crops each year and is currently controlled with pesticides. The USDA is planning an Environmental Impact Statement for an open field test of the moth next year.

Photo courtesy www.A-10.org



30mm, DU-tipped anti-tank round—each A-10 carries 1,350 rounds
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But as recently as April 26, 1999, William Arkin, a former US intelligence officer, stated to the *Washington Post* that people "shouldn't overstate the dangers of DU."

Britain has upwards of 100,000 tons of DU waste piling up at unsafe storage sites. Thousands of tons have even shown up in local landfills.

In 1997, a British defense paper warned, "Inhalation of uranium dioxide dust increases the risks of lymph, lung and brain cancers." The experiences with leukemia death rates following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster has lead many scientists to believe that the risks of DU-induced leukemia may be 100 times greater than previous estimates.

No one knows how much of the former Soviet Union and other countries are contaminated with DU weapons from bombing practices and testing.

Tomahawk cruise missiles contain significant amounts of DU—just for ballast! More than a dozen US cruise missiles struck the Sudan in 1998. In the last three years as many as 200 cruise missiles have struck Afghanistan with their toxic cargo. This is nuclear terrorism.

For more information, contact the Military Toxics Project, POB 558, Lewiston, ME 04243; (877) 783-5091 toll free; (207) 783-5096 fax; www.antenna.nl/wise/uranium/dmtp.

Shut Down the Y-12 National Security Complex!

BY PALOMA GALINDO

You may have heard the news congratulating President Bush on his announcement about reducing the US nuclear arsenal over the next decade from well over 6,000 nuclear weapons to around 2,000 "operationally deployed" weapons. The incentive? The US gets away with pulling out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty which prohibits "National Missile Defense"—the Trojan horse for US weapons in space. The real kicker is that the US

that it believes this treaty to be irrelevant. As the Native Americans found, if there is no power to enforce a treaty, the US acts like it no longer exists.

The US nuclear arsenal is moving in a new direction and is being converted into a leaner, meaner, more versatile arsenal of low-yield nuclear weapons or mini-nukes. These weapons would be built to use in cities, and with some propaganda preparation and back-door pressures, the US would eventually get away with first use. In the beginning of the war on

Afghanistan, many high-ranking government officials were urging the use of mini-nukes. Any nation that stands against the US could be the next Afghanistan. Emergency workers attempting to enter a recently nuked area would face widespread fire and radioactive fallout. The contamination would extend for generations into



Crossing the line, Hiroshima Day 2001, Oakridge

photo courtesy OREPA

wouldn't even be eliminating those weapons. They would be put in storage, ready to be put back on line in hours. This point is not lost on Russian leaders, who also seek to reduce US and Russian stockpiles, but want to make sure that the reduction is verifiable and irreversible.

Looking backstage, we found that the US actually boycotted the recent international Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This sends a clear message that the US does not plan to ratify the CTBT and

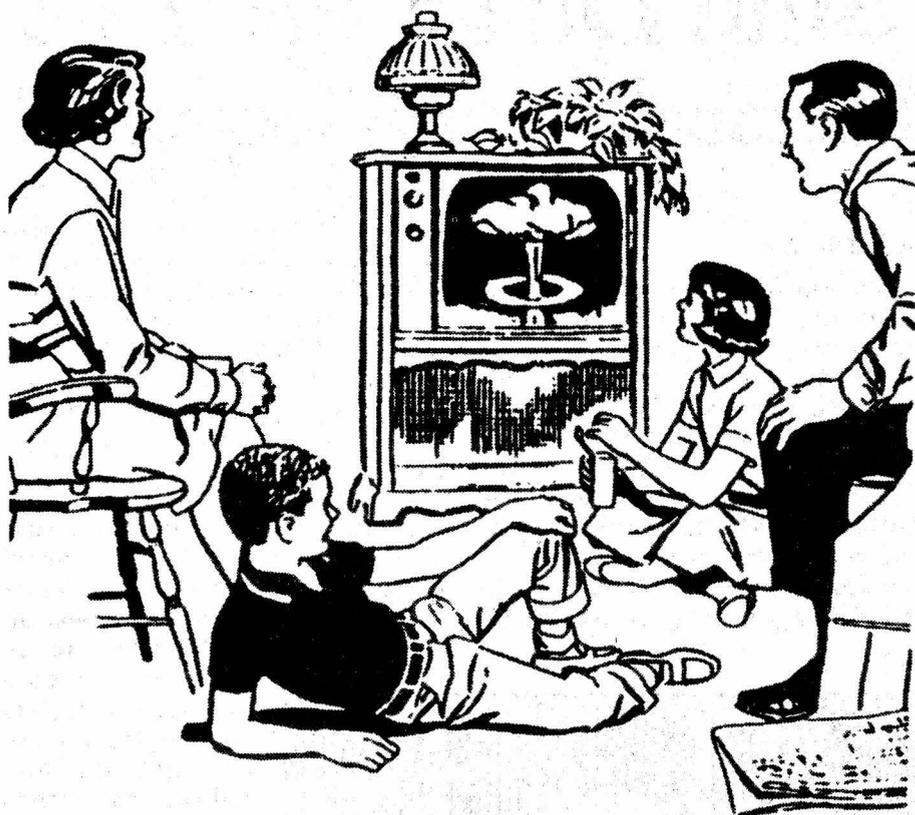
the future, damaging all manners of living organisms.

While patriotic fervor continues to be stoked, the budget for nuclear weapons work has gone up again and the Department of Energy (DOE) has be-



Hiroshima Day march in Oakridge, Tennessee

photo courtesy OREPA



gun the process of rebuilding the Nuclear Weapons Complex. The Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, has started a 10-year, four-billion-dollar modernization plan calling for complete replacement of the weapons manufacturing facilities. The new facilities will be more streamlined, allowing a higher output in a shorter amount of time.

Y-12 is the last full-scale nuclear weapons production facility in the US. With unique weapons manufacturing capabilities, Y-12 is responsible for the thermonuclear subassembly for all US nuclear weapons. Y-12 is currently building parts to upgrade and extend the life of the W-87 (MX missile warhead). The new Y-12 is expected to play a key manufacturing role in producing mini-nukes. Does this make sense for a nation supposedly working to "reduce its arsenal?"

While at the last Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference attended by representatives from all over the globe (and of course anti-nuke groups like ourselves), I was told that "the US is not going to change its course by external pressures alone, but by intensive internal opposition to its current course." The good news? The peace movement is growing, being

joined by the environmental movement, people concerned with escalating corporate dominance and social justice advocates. United we can stand before the military machine, and it will be stopped.

You are invited to join with peacemakers from all over the US committed to altering the course of the US death machine. Join us on April 13 and 14 at the gates of Y-12, the rotten heart of the death complex. We are at the crossroads and we must move toward Life. Food Not Bombs groups from across the Southeast will be putting the "Not Bombs" back in FNB and will be serving vegetarian food. A troop of puppetistas with larger-than-life puppets and excellent musicians will perform at the rally before the action. Peacemakers of all generations will be joining together for this common cause. The maximum city fine for arrest has been reduced by the Tennessee Supreme Court from \$500 to \$50. In April you can listen to your conscience without breaking your bank. Join us and make a stand. The time is now.

For more information on Y-12 and the action, contact Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, (865) 483-8202; www.stopthebombs.org.

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DEA Bans Hemp Foods

The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has issued a new rule that will make it illegal to sell or import foods containing hemp because they contain traces of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Manufacturers and retailers of consumable hemp foods say the products are no more harmful than poppy seed bagels, which contain trace amounts of opiates, or fruit juices, which contain traces of alcohol. The DEA has given them until February 6 to get rid of their inventory.

Critics say the DEA's action is in response to strong lobbying from the drug testing industry because people who consume hemp foods and are subjected to drug tests by employers and other agencies test positive for marijuana usage, which compromises mandatory drug testing programs. Critics are also concerned that the DEA has sidestepped rule-making procedures requiring a formal hearing or notification of the public about a comment period.

Hemp food manufacturers and the Hemp Industry Association are seeking a formal review of the rule and have asked the Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals for an emergency stay of enforcement of the rule.

Russian Eco-Journalist Convicted of Treason

On December 24, former Russian Navy captain and Pacific Fleet journalist Grigory Pasko was convicted of high treason and sentenced to four years in a high security prison for giving footage of the Russian navy dumping nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean to Japan's state television network.

At his first trial in July 1999, Pasko was convicted of the lesser charge of abuse of office and given a three-year sentence. Pasko appealed the decision and expected to be cleared on the grounds of media freedom.

The Russian Supreme Court, however, overturned the verdict of his original trial and said he should be retried on espionage and treason charges for releasing a secret document detailing a military base.

I MARCHED AGAINST THE BILL, JAIL ME—THOUGHTS ON THE UK'S NEW TERRORISM BILL

BY CAT HEMLOCK

A few months ago, the son of a well-known peace activist was stopped in London by around 30 cops. Four cops pointed machine guns at his head and screamed at him to get out of his van, which was then meticulously searched. He was informed by officers that this was justified under the new Terrorism Act.

The Terrorism Act became part of UK law in February 2001. It seeks to redefine the legal definition of terrorism in order to give the State more power to prosecute those individuals and groups seen as a challenge to the running of the State. The new act defines terrorism (in the first clause) as: "the use or threat, for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which involves serious violence against any person or property, endangers the life of any person or creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public."

This broad definition of terrorism is extremely problematic. It means that anyone who acts illegally in order to bring about a political end can now legally be defined as a terrorist. Because of this, the act will round up many nonviolent direct action groups who engage in property damage. The sabotage tactics of Earth First! and anti-GM groups will make them a prime target for this new legislation.

This act is very much a knee jerk reaction to the recent resurgence of the activist community as demonstrated by the mass protests of J18, Seattle, Mayday 2K and Prague, as

well as the more militant faction of the anti-GM movement. It highlights a basic desire to punish those who seek to attack and condemn the capitalistic and fascist nature

now be vilified as a terrorist.

So I'm worried, not so much for myself because I know the risks I am taking, but more for the other people in my community whom I care about and respect. I worry about the future, because there is a storm brewing and I don't know the exact effect of this bill; it's too soon to say how things will go. However, charging people with terrorism or conspiracy to commit terrorism is going to stack the odds against them in a way that standard charges like criminal damage, breach of the peace and obstruction of the highway will not. Indeed, the fact that charges and convictions like this were not discouraging people is partly what led the government to seek harsher punishments.

I want to place this into a wider sphere of violence and terror, because after all, the real terrorists and instigators of violence are the same governments that seek to imprison and destroy our activist communities. Terrorism is a mother watching her child die because she fed her Nestle milk formula mixed with polluted water instead of breastfeeding. It's the East Timorese being bombed by Hawk jets that Britain sold to Indonesia and the Kurds being killed by weaponry Britain has sold to Turkey. Terrorism is people dying of cancer in Hiroshima and Nagasaki 56 years after the atomic bombs were dropped. Terrorism is having to live opposite nuclear submarines and seeing them in the Loch. It's the nuclear convoys that carry warheads from the south of England up to the west coast of Scotland, through cities, towns and villages. Imagine the terror that would happen if there were a serious accident.

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of the state and is also a major challenge to our right to protest. It seeks to take away our right to act out against the organizations that are destroying life on this planet. It is a further attempt by the government to take power away from the people and consolidate it in the hands of the State and the corporations, since anyone who speaks out against the New World Order can

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November 28, 2001

The Honorable Scott McInnis
United States House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McInnis:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 30, 2001, which you sent to numerous environmental organizations "calling on you and your organization to publicly disavow the actions of eco-terrorist organizations." On behalf of WildLaw, the nation's foremost (and best looking) non-profit environmental law firm, I am pleased to extend our thanks to you for your courageous stand and to set forth our strong condemnation of "environmental terrorism."

We have long fought against those secretive multinational organizations that have sponsored "environmental terrorism" in America. Throughout our great land, these groups are poisoning our air, our water and our food supply. Children have been hurt. People have been killed. Landowners have had their property and profits taken from them. Rivers have had all their fish and other life killed, being rendered so unfit that no one is allowed to swim or fish in them. Law-abiding corporations have been damaged by these outlaws who do not follow the laws of the US. Often, these "eco-terrorist" organizations are state sponsored. Indeed, here in Alabama, the state itself defends every group that citizens have tried to stop from committing these acts of "environmental terror."

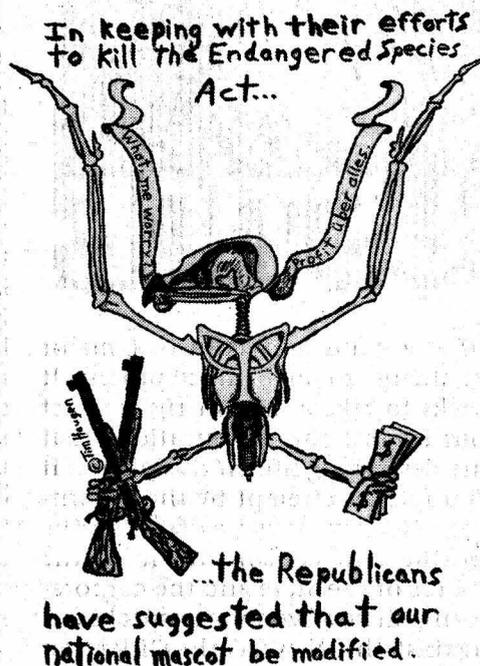
These international organizations have cells in many countries and in many places here in the US. Most of them have active and heavily-financed operatives right in Washington, DC. These groups often do not recognize the rule of law. In their fundamentalist view of the world, they claim that they have more rights than US citizens, and they threaten that people must do their bidding or suffer great consequences. They target innocent citizens and even politicians who do not agree with them and their goals, and they use their vast resources to destroy the lives of those who dare question them. Therefore, knowing that these international organizations have the ability to take even you out of office, I must applaud your heroic effort against these groups by calling them "environmental terrorists" and looking for the support of the environmental community.

As part of our work against terrorism, I also wish to report two acts of extremely costly and illegal sabotage that should be investigated as soon as possible. One involves the destruction of corporate property in Massachusetts. In complete defiance of the law and international treaty, a number of disguised men boarded several ships at night and destroyed the goods on board, causing a great deal of pollution. I do not know their identities other than the ringleader who used the name "Sam A." Also, in Rhode Island, a ship by the name of *Gaspe* was destroyed by arson by saboteurs who took the law into their own hands, contrary to everything you wrote in your fine letter. Please pass this information along to Attorney General Ashcroft and the FBI so that they can look into these illegal acts.

Thank you. It is completely un-American to terrorize the environment.

Sincerely,

—RAY VAUGHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
WILD LAW



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Loss of Biodiversity Takes Millions of Years to Recover

University of California at Berkeley geologist James Kirchner and colleague Anne Weil recently completed a study that looked for patterns in the rates at which new organisms appear and disappear in the fossil record. They found that evolution does not speed up in response to extinctions and that the Earth needs an average of 10 million years to recover from global extinctions, whether they involve the loss of most of the life on Earth or just a few species. This is much longer than scientists had previously believed, making the necessary recovery time from current human destruction of plants and animals extend into millions of years.

Kirchner believes that one explanation for why diversification takes so long to speed up after an extinction is that extinction eliminates not only species or groups of species, but removes ecological roles which organisms play within ecosystems. The ecosystem must first increase in complexity so that there are niches for new organisms to fill.

Targeted Vivisection Lab Goes Bankrupt

In January, the First National Bank in Alamogordo, New Mexico announced that it is seeking to foreclose on the Coulston Foundation, a biomedical research facility with a chimpanzee laboratory. An article in the January 10 edition of the Alamogordo Daily News reported that the facility and its founder Dr. Fred Coulston have been targeted by animal rights activists in recent years. Coulston had a bomb scare at his house and also received razor blades in the mail. The ALF claimed responsibility for a fire on September 20, which destroyed a maintenance building at the facility and caused about \$1 million in damage. In December, security reported seeing someone attempting to break into the chimpanzee living-quarters.

A FRAGILE TRUCE

SACRED LAND VS. LOGGING IN THE ELAHO

BY JANE DOE

For more than four years, environmentalists and loggers have been locked in a sometimes-violent struggle over a network of remarkable old-growth valleys in British Columbia's (BC) southern Coast Mountains. Now, an uneasy peace prevails in the Elaho Valley, the result of a moratorium on logging called by the Squamish Nation, which claims the area as its unceded traditional territory.

The Elaho River and its tributaries spent thousands of years carving bowl-shaped valleys and jagged canyons from the coastal glaciers down to the sea. Meanwhile, the temperate coastal rainforest grew to be dominated by ancient red cedars and some of the oldest Douglas firs in North America, the Elaho Giants.

Environmentalists resorted to blockades, treesits and even monkeywrenching in 1999 and 2000 to defend the ecosystem and its inhabitants, including a nest of rare Northern goshawks, grizzly bears, black bears, moose, mountain goats, mountain lions and spotted owls. The logging company licensed to log the area, International Forest Products (Interfor), pressed its road-

building and logging further into the forest each year, but the ruckus raised by tree-huggers turned public opinion in BC sharply against the company. Hundreds of people came to the peace camps in the forest, despite threats and acts of violence by the loggers. Dozens of peaceful tree-sitters and blockaders were arrested in the summers of 1999 and 2000,

Five areas called *Kwa kwayx welh-aynexw*, or Wild Spirit Places, form the heart of the Sacred Land plan. These areas encompass the remaining ancient forest on Squamish land. "Wild Spirit Places have always been important to Squamish people for spiritual reasons," explained Chief Bill Williams, the Squamish Nation Band Council chairman for the last eight years. He said the nation is asking people to stay away from areas like the upper Elaho Valley, where Lava Creek forms the boundary between the clearcuts to the south and the vast untouched forest to the north.

"We hope people will respect the request of the Squamish people, that these areas are set aside for the future. And future generations will only benefit if the Wild Spirit Places are left alone by everyone, Squamish and non-Squamish people alike," Chief Williams said. The nation is determined to protect these areas, and current activities in wilderness areas should have "little, if any, impact."

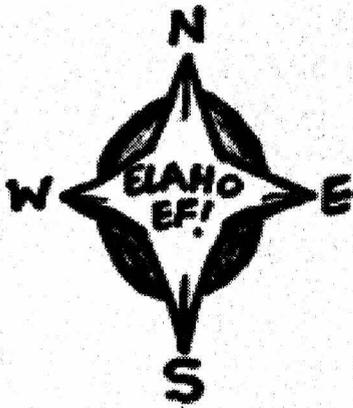
In fact, last year's logging operations have left an enormous impact along the Elaho River north of Lava Creek. Despite mitigating

factors like selective retention, wildlife tree patches and buffer zones, the Douglas Fir Loop grove has been stripped of its former lush, peaceful welcome. Interfor loggers chopped off a section of the Fir Loop Trail and selectively logged most of the red cedars, Douglas firs and hemlocks between Lava Creek and Bear Bluffs. A handful of 1,300-year-old giants still stand in the ravaged cutblock, some leaning at crazy angles, roots cut and



and most received heavy sentences in BC courts.

But last year, the voices of the Squamish Nation stopped the chainsaws in the rainforest. In May 2001, the nation released a draft land-use plan called *Xay Temixw* or Sacred Land. The 3000-member Squamish Nation reached a consensus last Spring after years of discussion and public meetings about land use.



trunks damaged by the logging. The Welcome Woman, a hand-carved traditional cedar statue placed on Bear Bluffs by the Squamish Nation last year, looks out on the devastation.

Since the draft Sacred Land plan was released, it appears Interfor has backed off logging in the upper Elaho Valley. The company made only one foray into a Wild Spirit Place in 2001, using helicopters to clearcut part of the ancient forest on the west side of the Squamish River shortly after the draft plan was made public. Now, company spokesman Keith Rush will only say that Interfor is "studying" the Sacred Land plan.

The Squamish people are determined to protect the remaining ancient forests on their land. "Ninety-two percent of our territory is 'open for business,'" Chief Bill Williams said. "Nine companies hold licenses to log in our territory. We're negotiating with them to limit and prohibit logging in the wild places." Only eight percent of Squamish land is still untouched; the rest has been developed, roaded and opened to resource extraction.

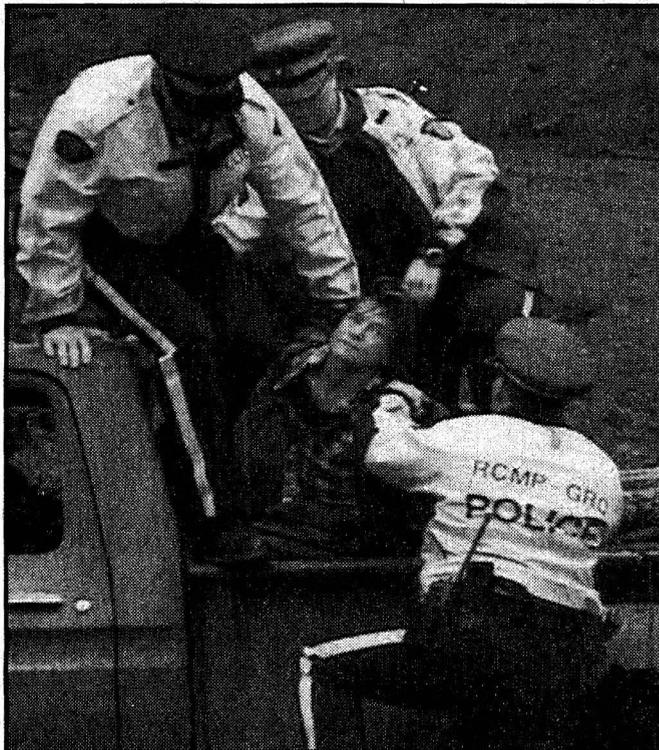
The Sacred Land plan summarizes the Squamish Nation's goals, maps its land-use vision and quotes hundreds of interviews with community members. The document represents a

comprehensive vision for a future in which the Squamish Nation will have a major voice in managing the resources on its land. According to Chief Williams, the Nation's biggest challenge now is publicizing the land-use plan and gaining public acceptance for it. "People need to write to the Minister of Sustainable Resources, Stan Hagen, and urge the BC government to accept the Sacred Land plan," he added.

The new vision for the Squamish people includes plans for restoring and rehabilitating forest and stream ecosystems, increasing employment in resource management and selective logging on parts of the territory. The way the forests are managed now, "three-quarters of our forest is between two weeks and 40 years old," said Chief Williams.

Read the draft Sacred Land plan on the web at www.squamish.net or call (604) 980-4553 for a copy and color map. The Squamish Nation is expected to release the final draft Sacred Land plan this year.

Contact Stan Hagen, Minister of Sustainable Resources for BC, and urge him to support the Sacred Land plan, PO Box 9054, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9E2, Canada; (250) 356-9076; (250) 356-8273 (fax); stan.hagen.mla@leg.bc.ca.



Under Arrest in the Elaho Valley, July 2000.

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Japan Pulls Ahead in the Cloning Race

In November, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi announced that Japan will allow the use of cloning technology to implant human cells into fertilized animal eggs, resulting in combined human-animal embryos. The technology is to be used for medical purposes only with the goal of producing human transplant organs in specially-bred animals. Actual human cloning will remain illegal under the guidelines.

US Secretary of Energy Approves Yucca Mountain as Nuclear Waste Dump

On January 10, US Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham notified Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn and the Nevada Legislature that he will recommend to President Bush that Yucca Mountain is an appropriate site for a national depository of radioactive waste. He claims that Yucca Mountain is safe because it is far enough away from any population centers including Las Vegas; it has many natural barriers; it is the most arid and remote desert in the US which minimizes possibilities of water contamination; and since 1951, the US has conducted over 900 nuclear weapons tests at the site and the results have been studied by laboratories and the US Geological Survey.

The state of Nevada filed a lawsuit in a federal district court in Washington, DC on December 17 to stop the Yucca Mountain Project. Opponents claim the site is unsafe because there are volcanic cones and 15 faults that run through the mountain and there is a lot of seismic activity. Also, underground water travels through the site at high speeds which could allow radioactive waste to escape.

Nevada Senator Harry Reid says Abraham's plan is "hasty and dangerous" and that he is depending on President Bush to see through the flawed science in the report and veto the plan.

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Blast From the Past



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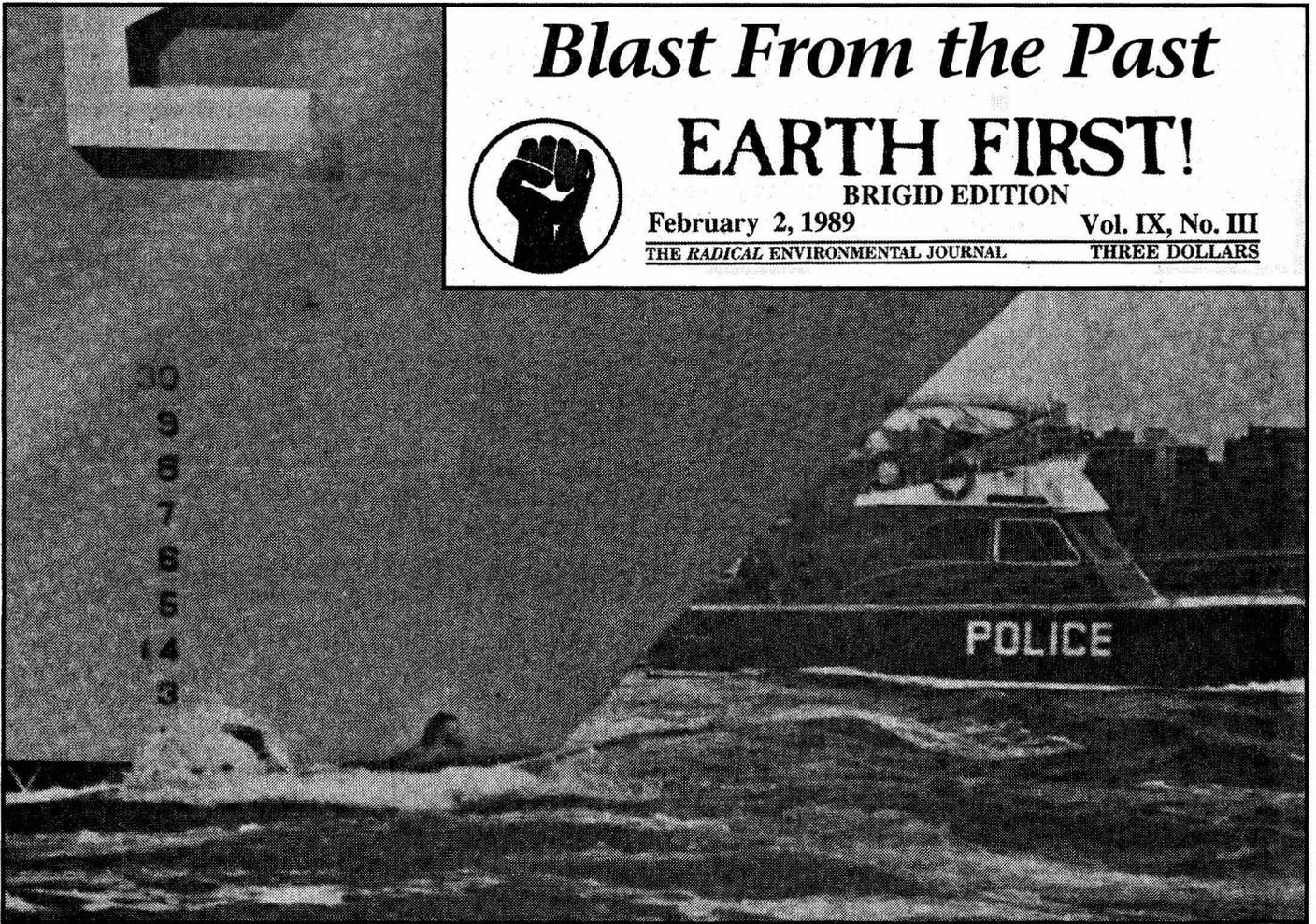
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THREE DOLLARS



Surf's up! An Australian protester rides the bow wave of an American warship carrying nuclear weapons.

Australian Greenies Confront Warships

BY JOHN SEED

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On October 12, before our roadshow at Melbourne University, Stella and I headed to Port Melbourne for an action to try to prevent the docking of nuclear-armed warships from the US, United Kingdom and France, here to join Australia's bicentennial celebrations. We watched from shore with 70 other protesters as warships moved toward the jetties. Fifty people out in the water with all manner of boats, surfboards and swimgear tried to block the nuclear-armed craft.

Earth First!ers Rob Burrows and Ian Cohen swam through the police cordons and grabbed the bows of the *USS Ingersoll*, a destroyer carrying two Tomahawk cruise missiles, and the French warship *Colbert*. TV footage that night showed police zipping around in inflatables beating the fingers of the two with rods to dislodge them and then arresting them. Two Greenpeace inflatables played cat and mouse with the police fleet, tempting them into a chase away from the piers under which surfboarders waited for an opportunity to dash toward the warships.

On shore, police on horses kept the gates clear. As sailors of different nations drove out, subversive bumperstickers were

slapped on their cars, as well as on the horses' rumps.

Ian had followed the warships down, taking part in actions in Brisbane and Sydney. He and Rob had both also taken part in the actions against the *Rika*, a ship carrying rainforest timbers from Sarawak, which traveled to Brisbane and then Sydney in the shadow of the warship fleet.

Shortly after our roadshow took us west to Adelaide, 1000 people protested in Melbourne alongside the *Ingersoll*. Among protesters were 12 wearing caps of fluorescent red and yellow, colors that are the international symbol for lifesavers. The 12 swam toward the *Ingersoll*, planning to raise a rainbow flag up the anchor chain, to impound the ship for bringing nuclear weapons into the Port of Melbourne. Nuclear weapons are illegal in Australia, violating 12 treaties of international law. One of the group made it to the ship and was raising the flag when the police dived into the water and arrested him. That day, 21 were arrested (one for discharging a "missile"—an apple that hit a French sailor in the head!). Meanwhile, the Seaman's Union refused to tow the British nuclear-armed aircraft carrier *Ark Royal* to its berth, so the ship had to cancel its Melbourne visit. This got front page coverage in the UK as well as Oz.

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Help BFC Save the Last Wild Buffalo



photo courtesy BFC

BY DAN BRISTER

The buffalo appear every Fall, trickling from Yellowstone along the path of least resistance. They follow the drainages of Duck Creek, Cougar Creek and the Madison River. When winter turns fierce and snow obscures the grass from which their bodies are built, they flow out of the park—migrating down the watercourses to lower elevations. This is often a one-way migration, as they are killed when they follow their instincts into Montana.

The past two Winters were relatively mild, with six buffalo being slaughtered. This Winter is shaping up differently, seven have already been killed. We fear a bloody winter like 1996-97, when the Montana Department of Livestock (DOL) slaughtered nearly 1,100 buffalo.

In the wake of the 1997 slaughter, we organized the Buffalo Field Campaign to call attention to the killings and to focus opposition. Our headquarters is a large log cabin on the north shore of Hebgen Lake, near West Yellowstone. Volunteers, the backbone of our daily buffalo patrols, are provided with room and board for their efforts.

The work carries bittersweet wages. Sweet are the sunrises over the park, when we watch bison assume their daytime shapes in the emerging light, their silhouettes resembling the mountains behind them. Sometimes we're blessed with the presence of eagles, herons, elk, moose, wolves or coyotes. Especially gratifying are the weeks

Montana DOL agents "haze" buffalo to a trap. when the agents aren't around and we can ski backcountry "recons" into the park to locate shifting herds.

To gain a sense of community, sit and watch a herd for a morning. On one patrol we watched an old bull, injured in a fence during a DOL hazing operation, collapse beside the trail. As the agents approached, six other bulls, burrowing their noses under his body, lifted him to his feet and supported him as he limped to the safety of some nearby willows.

Spending so much time with the buffalo deepens our connections with them and makes it extremely difficult to watch animals you recognize as individuals stuffed into the trap's cold steel corrals with 90 of their kin—or shot dead while grazing in a meadow along the Madison River. If recent events are any indication, this Winter will bring such scenes.

During the past month, the DOL has been busy hazing, killing and capturing. On November 28, the DOL shot a mature bull on national forest land a few miles from our cabin. A week later they hazed two others to the bison trap at Duck Creek, then sent them to a slaughterhouse. On December 20, they slaughtered four more. This is the earliest that the killing has started in our five-year existence.

We always need good volunteers, winter gear and donations. If you'd like to help defend the last wild buffalo, please contact Buffalo Field Campaign, POB 957, West Yellowstone, MT 59758; (406) 646-0070; buffalo@wildrockies.org.

BARE BONES

Stephens Inc. Pulls Out of Huntingdon Life Sciences

Members of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) and animal rights activists worldwide are declaring a victory following the January 8 announcement by Stephens Inc., the largest investor and primary financier of Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), that it has entered into an agreement to sell all of its stock and debt investments in the vivisection company.

"We are certainly pleased with Stephens's announcement," states SHAC spokesperson Pat Monroe. "But we are speculative as to whether the company has actually quit or if it has merely hidden its role from the public eye. We've asked Stephens to prove it has no connection, directly or indirectly, to HLS and reveal the identity of the lab's new backer. Until then, pressure will continue to increase against Stephens."

SHAC has run a relentless campaign against Stephens Inc. since the company extended a \$33 million loan to HLS in January 2001, saving the lab from bankruptcy after all its major investors quit when they became targets of the same campaign.

Indonesian Forests Decimated by Illegal Logging

A report by Brussels-based International Crisis Group says that illegal logging and resource extraction in Indonesia is damaging the environment and creating conflict between ethnic groups. Indonesia has the third largest expanse of tropical forest, but it is shrinking rapidly. The report says the problem of illegal logging is so serious that some of Indonesia's largest forests will be destroyed within a decade. The report claimed that bureaucrats responsible for regulating resource use, as well as the military and the police, are deeply involved in illegal logging and resource extraction.

Last year, a clash between ethnic groups over land use left 500 people dead. Indigenous Dayaks who had previously lived in the forests clashed with Madurese settlers from an island off of Java who migrated to the area for timber jobs.

FEDERAL COURT RESTRICTS USE OF PEPPER SPRAY ON NONVIOLENT ACTIVISTS

BY LEGAL EAGLE

The system handed down a court ruling on January 11 that is critical of police use of chemical agents in certain Earth First! protest incidents. While all of us should know that this kind of token deliverance of "justice" is a mixed victory at best, it pays for radical movements to take note of what goes on in the legal arena and what effects laws might have in our struggles.

For the third time in two years, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco has issued a decision restricting the circumstances in which police can use pepper spray on peaceful protesters. This third win is the latest chapter in the Headwaters Forest pepper spray lawsuit, which first made headlines in 1997 with the release of police video footage of officers forcing pepper-sprayed

Q-tips directly into the eyes of non-violent Earth First! activists.

Ninth Circuit Judge Harry Pregerson wrote in the unanimous decision, "It would be clear to a reasonable officer that using pepper spray against the protesters was excessive under the circumstances. A rational juror could conclude that the use of pepper spray against the protesters constituted excessive force and [the officers] were liable for the protesters' unconstitutional injury."

This ruling provides helpful legal precedent for other rabble-rousers by condemning the misuse of pepper spray (and by association, all chemical weapons) in similar protest scenarios. More significantly, the decision also denies the top officers "qualified immunity" protection and holds them personally and legally responsible, opening them up to the threat of pu-

nitive judgment by jury. Qualified immunity is often awarded to officers in excessive force cases as a loophole that circumvents the supposed "accountability" of the state. The fact that this ruling denies the officers immunity will have ripple effects in related civil rights cases and at future protests when officers consider what brutality they might legally get away with.

The legal and political climate that put the Headwaters case back in front of the Ninth Circuit should also be of interest to agitators. After two wins for the pepper-sprayed activists in the Ninth Circuit, the police appealed (read *whined*) to the US Supreme Court in early 2001. Directly after chickens came home to roost on September 11, the Supreme Court reversed the previous Ninth Circuit Court appeal victories and threw the case back for "reconsideration." The Supreme Court managed this maneuver because it had just issued an overarching decision in another protest case (*Saucier v. Katz*) which agreed with Justice Department lawyers that courts generally should defer to the "split-second decisions" by officers on the street. Fearful arguments of this sort from the powers that be are noticeably more vehement since the riotous, show-stealing anti-globalization demonstrations of recent years. In spite of this, and contrary to the Supremes' aims in killing the Headwaters suit, the Ninth Circuit upheld its previous decisions in the activists' favor even more strongly than before. As a result, the Headwaters case is now on course for obtaining a second jury trial.

As always in lawsuits and revolution, stay tuned for further developments. Every temporary win has the great potential to be subverted by permanent loss. The officers will almost certainly appeal again to the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, let's use the current turn of events to our strategic benefit in whatever ways possible, and remember kids: Lawsuits can have good effect, but direct action gets the goods! Please get the word out and defend land and freedom!

Controlling crowds

Arsenal of today's 'non-lethal' weapons

BOLO launches three .72 calibre high energy rubber balls connected by a 4m cord to ensnare suspect's legs

PEPPERBALL Spherical projectiles burst on impact, unleashing a burst of pepper spray into an individual's eyes, nose, and lungs

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Gas canister used to disperse crowds

TASER stun gun delivers 50,000 volts through 2 darts attached to a 5m-wire

DAZZLER torch temporarily blinds the victim

by Nicole Henzel/Gentle News

BARE BONES

Light Pollution a Threat to Wildlife and Humans

US and Italian researchers have published the first world atlas of artificial night-sky brightness. They found that nearly two-thirds of the world's population experiences light pollution in the night skies. In the most urbanized areas, it no longer ever gets dark. Instead, artificial lighting maintains dusk-like conditions throughout the night.

Researchers have found that even small amounts of light pollution are having drastic effects on animals and humans. For example, lighting from tall buildings confuses migratory birds into flying into the buildings at night, killing thousands of birds every year. In Florida, hatchling turtles are affected when they crawl away from the ocean towards beach and street lights. Night lighting is being cited for the drastic decline in moths over the past four decades. It causes tree frogs to stop croaking to find a mate and experiments have shown that even dim light is enough to impair the vision and hunting abilities of nocturnal frogs. Biologists have found that light pollution has an effect similar to habitat loss by rendering an area unsuitable for animals' biological needs.

Light at night has also been shown to disrupt critical hormone levels that affect human and animal health. At night, animals' eyes sense darkness and send cues to the brain to produce the hormone melatonin. Studies have shown that night light causes disruptions in melatonin production which may lead to chronic fatigue, depression, reproductive anomalies and possibly cancer.

Light pollution has been growing 10 percent a year since the 1960s and environmentalists warn that it should be regulated like other types of pollution. In Ontario, Canada, the government has set up the world's first nature preserve with the goal of preserving the dark night sky.



Most Wanted eco-Terrorists

The *Earth First! Journal*, in collaboration with *Dictator Watch*, intends to create a directory of the individuals responsible for the widespread crimes against nature perpetrated by humanity upon the Earth and its creatures. This directory will include the sources of death and destruction that come from industry, government, and other institutions. For example, many religious organizations, through their beliefs and practices, have terrible environmental consequences. The directory, which will be published in the *EF! Journal* and *Dictator Watch* (and respective websites) is intended to serve as a resource and guide for activists worldwide.

We need your help in this project. Please provide recommendations, and relevant information, to submissions@earthfirstjournal.org.

A few of our ideas:

Extractive: Timber, oil & gas, mining, pulp and paper, ranching and farming etc.

Land development: commercial, residential/sprawl.

Consumer: Globalization, Chain Stores.

Biotech: Big pharmaceutical and biotech, niche genetix (GE, cloning, xeno), brain researchers (much neurological research involves animal vivisection).

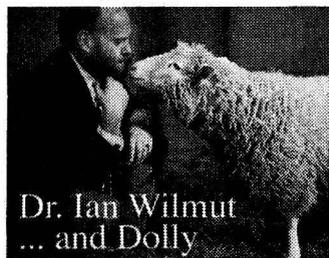
Other industries: Nuclear and chemical, "waste" management, automotive, tourism, computers and communications, media and advertising, scientists and technologists, animal exploitation.

Dictatorial political systems and their subordinate government agencies: Country by country, starting with the countries where the stakes are highest and where the most environmental destruction is taking place.

Other institutions: Supranational groupings, religious organizations, international finance organizations, academic institutions, labor unions, etc.

Any other good ideas y'all might have...

For submissions, there is no need to limit your ideas to organization leaders. We also want to expose company field and division executives, lab researchers, government legislators and agency heads, judges and police, professors, missionaries, etc.



submissions@
earthfirstjournal.org

For each individual, our goal is to compile a mini-dossier, including:

1. Color photo (when available), full name, and organization name.

2. The individual's compensation information (when available). We intend to point out how well these creeps are rewarded for their destruction by our current social structure.

3. Contact info, including organization website, HQ address, phone and fax numbers, personal email, and home address (the latter two where available).

4. Concrete examples of the organizations', and individuals', Earth and life-destroying activities, both direct and indirect, i.e., why they are on the list.

To begin our systematic names and addresses campaign, we present a few of the environmental criminals who are leading the development of cloning. It is difficult to imagine a group that must be opposed more than the individuals below. We feel the patenting of life forms made by the hand of man, is an atrocious undertaking. It must be reversed.

Until it is, we are compelled to resist, and end, these travesties.

The cloning industry is a maze of interconnections. This journey through it starts with:

ACT, in October 2001, cloned the first human embryos, creating six-celled blastocysts.

• **Advanced Cell Technology (ACT)**, 1 Innovation Drive, Biotech 3, Worcester, MA 01605; (508) 756-1212; www.advancedcell.com.

President: Michael West, mwest@advancedcell.com

VP of Research: Jose Cibelli, jcibelli@advancedcell.com

VP of Medical and Scientific Development: Robert Lanza, rlanza@advancedcell.com

Chairman of Ethics Advisory Board: Ronald Green, Religion Department of Dartmouth College, 202 Thornton, Hinman Box 6036, Hanover, NH 03755; (603) 646-1263; ronald.m.green@dartmouth.edu

Ann Kiessling, Cooper of Duncan Holly Biomedical, Somerville, MA. She collected from donors the 19 human eggs that ACT tried to clone.

ACT also clones mice, cattle and chickens. To green-wash their image, they tried to clone an endangered species, a gaur, which died in two days. In response to this attempt, we must remind people that species go extinct because they are hunted and/or their habitat is destroyed.



Michael West



Jose Cibelli



Robert Lanza

Many other scientists and companies clone cattle, pigs and goats.

These include:

•**Genzyme Transgenics Corp.**

CEO: *Geoffrey Cox*, 175 Crossing Blvd., Ste. 410, POB 9322, Framingham, MA 01701; (508) 620-9700; www.transgenics.com



Geoffrey Cox

•**University of Wisconsin**, 752 Animal Sciences, 1675 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706; (608) 263-4307



Michael Bishop

Neal First, nlf@calshp.cals.wisc.edu, and his graduate students *Gabriella Cezar*, gcezar@infigen.com and *Zeki Beyhart*, zbeyhart@students.wisc.edu.



Walter Simpson

•**Infigen Inc.**, 1825 Infinity Drive, DeForest, WI 53532; (608) 846-0500; www.infigen.com

CEO: *Walter Simson*, President: *Michael Bishop*

•**Prolinia Inc.**, 450 ADS Complex, 425 River Road, Athens, GA 30602; www.prolinia.com

CEO: *Clifton Baile*, (706) 542-4094; cbaile@prolinia.com. President: *Michael Wanner*, (706) 714-4389; mwanner@prolinea.com



Clifton Baile



Michael Wanner

•**University of Tennessee**, Joseph E. Johnson Animal Research, Brehm Animal Science Bldg., 2505 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996

Lannett Edwards, 206 Brehm; 865-974-7286; jedwards@utk.edu and *Neal Schrick*, 213 Brehm; (865) 947-3147; fschrick@utk.edu

Regarding pigs, two groups announced this January that they combined cloning with genetic engineering to create pigs whose organs could be harvested for xenotransplantation. What an accomplishment, three biotech crimes in one! The first group involved researchers at the University of Missouri and a company called Immerge Bio-Therapeutics Inc. Immerge is a joint venture of Novartis and a company called Biotransplant Inc.

•**University of Missouri-Columbia**, S110 Animal Sciences Center, 920 East Campus Drive, Columbia, MO 65211

Randall Prather, (573) 882-8336; PratherR@missouri.edu

•**Immerge**, Building 75, 3rd Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA 02129

President: *Julia Greenstein*, (617) 241-5200; julia.greenstein@biotransplant.com

The second group is PPL Therapeutics US, which is famous for its involvement in the cloning of the sheep Dolly, now revealed to have developed premature arthritis.

•**PPL Therapeutics US**, 1700 Kraft Drive, Suite 2400, Blacksburg, VA 24060; (540) 961-5559; www.ppl-therapeutics.com

VP of Research: *David Ayares*, dayares@ppl-therapeutics.com



Julia Greenstein



Ian Milmut

Research Director: *Alan Colman*, funded Dolly's cloning, 44-131-440-4777

•**Roslin**, Roslin BioCentre, Midlothian, EH25 9PS, Scotland, UK; 44-131-527-4400; www.roslin.ac.uk

Department of Gene Expression and Development: *Ian Wilmut*, ian.wilmut@bbsrc.ac.uk

•**Geron Corp.** and its subsidiary **Geron Bio-Med** are also involved with Roslin, 230 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025; (650) 473-7700; info@geron.com; www.geron.com. Geron, which is also involved in pig cloning was actually founded by ACT's Michael West, but he left in 1998.

Moving on to cloning monkeys we have...

•**Oregon Regional Primate Research Center**, 505 NW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006; (503) 645-1141; (503) 690-5532 fax.

Senior Scientist and Associate Professor: *Don P. Wolf Ph.D.*

HCLD, parkerja@ohsu.edu

All of this brings us to the people who are actively marketing human cloning services.

•**RAPRUI** (fertility clinic in Italy) www.raprui.org; raprui@raprui.org

Scientific Director: *Severino Antinori*, antinori@raprui.org, and his associate at the,

•**Andrology Institute**, 2134 Nicholasville Rd., Ste. #3, Lexington, KY 40503 and POB 23777, Lexington, Kentucky 40523; (800) 998-4567 (note the toll-free phone #) or (859) 278-6806; (859) 278-6906 fax.



Richard Seed

Professor of Reproductive Physiology-Andrology at the University of Kentucky and Chief Andrologist of the Andrology Institute: *Panos M. Zavos*, drz@aia-zavos.com



Panos M. Zavos

•**Richard Seed** plans to clone the first human, he has an extensive background in fertility treatment and embryo research: 79 East Quincy, Riverside, IL 60546; jseed@pol.net; seed@interaccess.com. Check out www.humancloning.org for more info.

And last but certainly not least...

•**Clonaid**, The First Human Cloning Company, www.clonaid.com is active but Clonaid has gone underground, opening a new secret company in the US. To contact them use: help@clonaid.com. Clonaid was founded by the Raelian cult (see www.rael.org). The new secret company is run by *Brigitte Boisselier*, biologist@clonaid.com.

Has anyone seen this woman!?



Brigitte Boisselier

The Earth is not dying, it is being killed, and the people who are killing it have names and addresses.

Wolves and Poodles

A file-deletin', network-cloggin' wolf to the creator of the "Goner" computer virus that appeared on December 4, affecting networks worldwide.

The virus spreads via email and is activated when the victim clicks on an attachment masquerading as a screen saver. Once activated, Goner deletes antivirus security software and installs some software that experts say could later be used by hackers to launch further attacks.

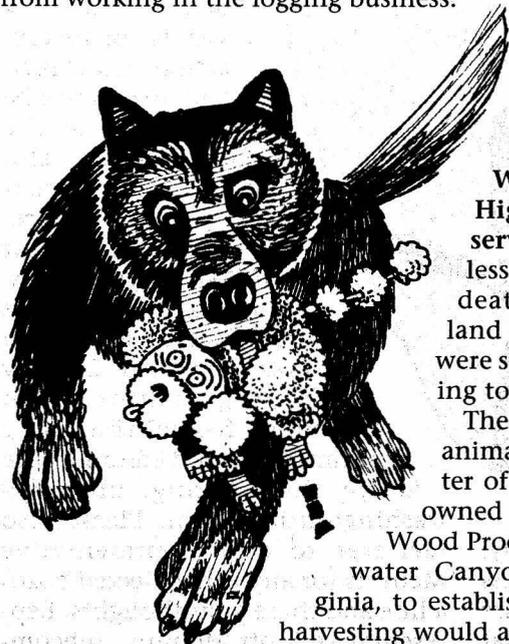
According to Carnegie Mellon University's CERT coordination center, "numerous" large companies and organizations reported being hit by the virus, causing some to temporarily shut down email services.

A biocentric-soundin', howlin' wolf to US District Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. for recognizing the value of nature for its own sake when he sentenced logger Larry Blair to eight months in prison for illegally cutting 112 trees in southern Ohio's Wayne National Forest.

Noting that it's difficult to place a value on 100-year-old trees, Sargus said, "Trees have an intrinsic value beyond their commercial value."

Four years ago, Blair had a contract to log trees on private property abutting the national forest, but he ordered his crew to tear down ribbons that marked the boundary. His men then began chopping down trees—some up to 100 years old—in about eight acres of national forest land, yielding 28,610 board feet of lumber.

After his incarceration, Blair will be on three years of supervised release, during which time he will be prohibited from working in the logging business.



A killing-critters-to-save-them poodle to the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy for recklessly causing the deaths of woodland animals they were supposedly trying to save.

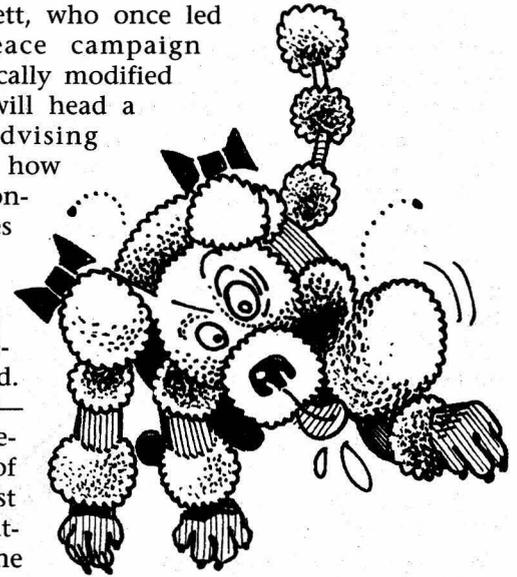
The group trapped animals in the Winter of 2001 on land owned by Allegheny Wood Products in Blackwater Canyon, West Virginia, to establish that timber harvesting would adversely affect or kill endangered species.

According to court documents, the trappings resulted in the deaths of one-third of the animals captured, including one endangered Virginia northern flying squirrel, and 11 other animals—southern flying squirrels, red squirrels, chipmunks and deer mice.

Judy Rodd, senior vice president of the conservation group, said scientists they hired to conduct research had a state permit that allowed for the "taking" or accidental killing of an endangered species, so federal laws were not violated.

A hypocritical, sleepin'-with-the-enemy, turncoat poodle to former Greenpeace UK Executive Director Lord Peter Melchett for accepting a salaried job with public relations giant Burson-Marsteller whose clients include Monsanto.

Lord Melchett, who once led the Greenpeace campaign against genetically modified (GM) crops, will head a committee advising companies on how to deal with controversial issues such as GM food, toxic waste and child labor in the developing world. The company—which has represented some of the world's most notorious polluters, including the Exxon Corporation,



Union Carbide and Babcock and Wilcox (owner of the Three Mile Island nuclear plant)—said Melchett may also give them advice on how to cope with environmental protests.

A nasal, whiney, nails-on-a-chalkboard voiced, politically flip-flopping poodle to Neil Young for proclaiming his support for the USA/Patriot Act at a December 11 Beverly Hills banquet where he was given the Spirit of Liberty award by the organization, People for the American Way.

"To protect our freedoms," Young said, "it seems we're going to have to relinquish some of our freedoms for a short period of time." Saying that people shouldn't worry because the situation is only temporary, he added "These are our rights and we can get them back."

A threaten-us-with-felonies-and-we'll-cave-in poodle to Greenpeace USA for agreeing to halt civil disobedience at all US military installations involved in the "Star Wars" anti-missile defense program.

The January 8 agreement with federal prosecutors was part of a deal that led to the dismissal of felony charges against 14 Greenpeace activists and two free-lance journalists stemming from an attempt to disrupt a missile launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base in July.

The organization also agreed to pay a \$150,000 fine to the federal government, without "admitting any wrongdoing."

Greenpeace USA Executive Director John Passacantando said that relinquishing civil disobedience in the protest campaign was a "worthwhile price to pay because we wanted the prosecution to drop those completely unwarranted felony charges."

Lynx Hijinx: Fools Foster Feline Fur Flap

BY jj

Just when you thought the posturing couldn't get any worse, the wise-use lobby, big timber's congressmen and the corporate press have made fools out of themselves once again. In December, the reactionary *Washington Times* circulated reports of federal and state scientists "planting" fake hair in a deliberate attempt to skew a study of the federally listed Canada lynx. Anti-environment wise-use groups and congressmen joined the fray in releasing false information and calling for congressional hearings and termination of the scientists involved. They even went so far as to claim that the scientists were slanting the study in order to shut down millions of acres of public land and destroy rural communities across the Pacific Northwest. In the resulting cries of indignation and perpetuated media uproar, the truth behind this so-called scandal got lost.

The real story is that the scientists, in an effort to test the accuracy of the private lab they were using to test lynx hair, sent in clearly labeled control samples. They did step outside the established scientific protocol for this particular lynx study, and in true bureaucratic form (in triplicate please!), they were subjected to a brief investigation and the most minor disciplinary action. In other words, they should have checked with desk jockeys farther up the hierarchy than they did.

All of this does not matter in the game of eat-it-all-for-the-most-money-now, however. The likes of wise-use guru Ron Arnold, Interior Secretary Gale Norton, Republican Congressmen Scott McInnis (CO) and James Hanson (UT) and Senator Larry Craig (ID) have all been running their

mouths and spreading lies, fear and loathing regarding the so called "abuses" of the Endangered Species Act. According to the Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), Norton, McInnis, Hanson and Craig have all violated a little-known federal law known as the Hatch Act. This law was designed to eliminate political patronage and pressure on

to put the rare feline on the Endangered Species list in the first place. Now, right wing wackos are trying to sabotage studies that are just trying to get baseline information on the cats' current range and population.

For those of you lacking any trouble to cause this Winter, please send ridicule and spite to some of those whose lies and anti-Earth bias have perpetuated this hoax. Ron Arnold of the so-called Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise wants would-be co-conspirators to contact him with information linking the scientists to environmental groups so that he can continue to prove our "nefarious control over federal agencies." Drop Ron a note and tell him what you think! His special email account for this "investigation" is

lynx-links@cdfe.org.

Ron says "Messages will be forwarded to law enforcement and legislative personnel for investigation. Hate mail and hoaxes will be forwarded to the FBI." You can also

send email to the morons who pass as reporters and editors at the *Washington Times*. Address email messages to letters@washingtontimes.com and Deputy

Managing Editor Fran Coombs, fcoombs@washingtontimes.com and Editorial Page

Editor Helle Bering, hbering@washingtontimes.com. Please also feel free to drop Representative McInnis (or any other elected bozo) a line and share your thoughts. Representative Scott McInnis, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health Chairman, 320 Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20515.

For more information contact PEER, 2001 S St. NW, Ste. 570, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 265-7337; info@peer.org; www.peer.org.



Original Tree-Sitter by WeedWood

government employees. Apparently, it is illegal for a member of Congress to call on a department head to fire an employee, and it is illegal for that department head to receive that kind of communication. PEER has also called for a Congressional Ethics committee investigation into the matter.

Lost in the fray, of course, is the Canada lynx. It took about 10 years to force the US Fish and Wildlife Service

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GOING, GOING, GONE

*The woods I knew as a child have been cut
and are no more.
They've been replaced in the name of progress:
a strip mall, condos, a Wal-Mart store.
Can't find a nurse log to look under, or soft
moss to curl up on.
I listen, but can no longer hear the forest's song.
Going, Going, Gone
The stillness and security of those silent sentinels
among which I hid.
From my parents, siblings, or other neighborhood kids.
Oh, the sights and smells of those familiar woods.
If only I can, if only I could, go back
and be so carefree.
Barefoot and happy, where I could be just me
Wandering, wondering, silently, or perhaps out loud,
Lost among the oaks that reached to the clouds.
Going, Going, Gone
Those days of my youth are now just a nostalgic song.
I can revisit them now and then, but not for long.
But the woods no longer can I see.
The grandeur of their presence is now just a memory.
No more to feel the falling leaves beneath my feet,
or to hear the chickadee's song.
Going Going Gone*

—DWK Jr

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Solitude, which no one but one's self can deliver,
Salvation slipping through the cracks of every box,
Sentience that can bring pain as well as joy
to anyone who picks it up.
A dream feral as bobcats in the suburbs,
A wildness too big to contain.
How does one mail awakeness,
When it can infect office clerks and web servers
And who then take off their uniforms to play?
The e-mail queues bursting with crazy-eyed salmon,
Fur and feathers no stamp will stick to,
Mountains too heavy to lift or weigh.
Rivers that soak through their wrappings,
Crawdads scurrying to escape the fluorescent lights,
Hormone-addled elk running madly down the aisles.

BIOLOGICAL STUDY OF BEAR AND HUMAN CONTACT IN THE NW ROCKIES

Up in the hills of
Idaho and Montana
where only old man
Grizzly and "Crazy Vet"
live, the still bubbles,
pot grows, and Hank
Williams (1st and 3rd)
fills the night.
Griz sits on porch
sippin' whiskey,
"Crazy Vet" widdles,
a census taker
roasts on spit and
the air smells
like sweet Lodgepole
after fire and rain.
Man and Bear can
live together,
they simply must
find common
feeding habits.

—Stan Wilson

How do you market what matters most?
Hard to swallow insights,
served-up with self evident assignments.
Revolution with no profit.
Dreams that swim freely without sleep,
An artful life that few may ever see,
Restoration requiring sweat and toil.
Hope without logic or reason,
Revolution without profit,
A theatre of truth with no way out.
A sixpack of enchantment,
A round of responsibility,
A baggie stuffed with purpose.
And who will pay
For the challenges and struggles
That make us worthy,
Of the darkest nights
That define our brightest days.

Who will name this great hunger,
And who will feed it?
Who will name the cure,
And who will admit to needing it?

—Jesse Wolf Hardin

SOUTHERN UTAH SUNRISE

Wrapped in my sleeping bag
I watched the sun rise over the valley
Curious if any scorpions might lay by my feet
unseen

The redrock walls cast in an angelic glow
The silence of the desert surrounding me
The sand between my toes
It is easy to find religion in moments like this

In the growth of the morning the reality of heaven
would reveal itself
First in the songs of birds
Then the scent of bacon frying over an open fire
the taste of cold Mexican beer
the laughter of friends
And the coolness of the Colorado waters
enveloping my sand stained body on the way to the sea

Or so I like to now believe

This is the wilderness
Things are as they should be
open, free
and full of joy

Why should the rest of the world be any different?

In the isolation of the sandstone it is easy to hold
on to such ideas

—Bart Semcer



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JETS

(under the flight path/SF to LA)

Ashes in the firepit
pale from last night's burn.
Our bags damp with the chill
of a land not our own.
We wake without song.

The sky bleeds
from the savage arteries of morning.

Redwoods swaying in the wind
make ratchet sounds
like the clocks that tick inside bombs.

Then we hear it.
Echoing far up the canyon
whose chert outcrops rise
strata on strata
like a geologist's open tombs.

The vaporous whinnies of engines!

Jets clutching in their talons
bushels of arrows.
Their limp bodies gone rigid in death.

Startled bluejays screech & rage.
Does, fat with young, crouch instinctively
amid buckbrush & manzanita.

While
underneath the earth's fierce beauty
the spirit volcanoes of Big Sur
pretend sleep.

Somnambulists poised in their silos
gathering up like deadly amanitas
the magma of centuries.

—Art Gootyimes
Union of Street Poets (Ret.)
Kuksu Brigade
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Dear Shit for Brains. . .

Greetings All,

I'd like to respond to Critter's—my co-defendant—critiques of my statement at sentencing. He's right. I was attempting to get across to the court and all those listening that sabotage, my action in particular, are the actions of desperation, actions taken because all else has failed. For me these actions are the lesser of two evils. I wish that they weren't necessary. But they are. We have no choice but to fight. Literally, fight, in the physical sense of the word. There is too much at stake for us to be tame in our struggles.

For years, decades, we have pleaded and petitioned those in power, those responsible for injustice, genocide and ecocide. This pleading has gone unanswered. It is time to use actions that can not be ignored. In defense of life, these actions are justified. "Strike a match, light a fuse. We only have the Earth to lose."

Don't get caught,

—FREE

Dear SFB,

If radicals don't seize this moment's opening and opportunity then the Trade Center dead will have died in vain.

We have to explain to everyone why we seek to bring down civilization, as we know it. We have to put the prime equation deeper into public awareness. US corporate and military domination will equal global death through

ecological collapse and social disintegration. Only a total attack on all industry—the permanent death of the whole concept of industrialism—will equal the end of US corporate and military domination. Massive suffering will result from a collapse of industrial economies. Massive suffering and ecocide will result from a continuation of industrial economies (US-type development).

If the first casualty of war is the truth, then we better become medics fast. A lot changed on September 11, there is a hole in the Matrix big enough to drive-by a revolutionary change of consciousness and even a real revolution too. All of the communiqués of ELF and ALF and almost every other anonymous group we have learned of have all been well-written, restrained and from the heart. One hopes that ELF, ALF and all the righteous energy building up among youth who want to try their own way will keep on and seek creative appropriate targets. Keep the rad dialogue alive. Continue to be careful of all life, yourself (kind of) and consider the consequences of direct action.

Earth is for Liberating... the Possibility of Joy... Joy is Liberating the Earth.

Sharpen your claws and hone "The Pack." The Oil Barons are coming back.

Love,

—ELF

Dear EFIJ,

The James Bell essay on the "Technological Singularity" trend that has almost engulfed us was very valuable. Of course, *The End of Nature* by Bill McKibben alluded to the theme 13 years ago... but Bell does us a service by hinting at the emerging ramifications and dangers. But he doesn't mention one very specific vector that is ushering in the hellish scenario where there will be no meaningful distinction at all between nature and technology: microwave pollution from the wireless revolution.

Radiofrequency pollution has obviously increased tremendously in the last 10 years, and everyone is brainwashed to regard it as harmless. Just like in the '50s—everyone thought that pesticides and radioactivity couldn't really contaminate the Earth or hurt people in any serious fashion. Now, we see such naiveté as incomprehensible lunacy. Some of us are aware of scientific evidence that even low levels of exposure to microwaves are biologically harmful to all sorts of tissues—they somehow increase the permeability of the blood-brain barrier. There is evidence that people are already being sickened by the invisible hazards of microwaves—with the pathology usually not understood by the medical industry. The people are being brainwashed into clamoring for the luxury and convenience of instant information everywhere. We are being seduced or manipulated into cell phone reliance and therefore tolerance for communications towers everywhere. We are conditioned to go along and not question what these towers do to birds, bees, animals and people. Our consumer dollars are paying for an all-penetrating communication system that will benefit the police state of total control. But people will become sicker and sicker, and the system will exploit that problem for its own aggran-

dizement. The health of the masses will decline, and when millions of people face chronic, intractable, mysterious illness, they will surely clamor for genetic engineering. Industry will come forward with some gene therapy for asthma, for example, which has been increasing exponentially... Yes, with all forms of human genetic engineering—that will be introduced as therapeutic, humanitarian and salvefic—we cross the border into the hell of the end of nature.

For more information, please contact Cellular Phone Taskforce, POB 1337, Mendocino, CA 95460.

—ROBIN COHEN

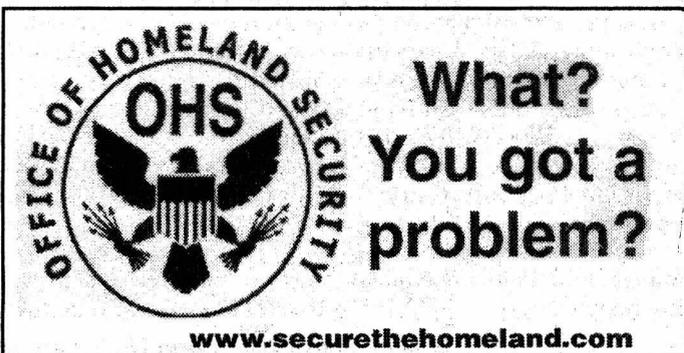
Dear SFB,

This is a response to Marilyn (may you soon be free!) in Samhain who asked how we can be environmentalists in Israel while the issue of Palestinian independence remains unsettled.

Simply, we are environmentalists here because we are environmentalists wherever we find ourselves. If our planet is to have a future everyone must be one nowadays. Should Americans stop working for the environment because the US is bombing Afghanistan, or is, more to the point here, occupying Indian land?

The whole world is in dispute over land, and no one can sort it out. We feel it is time to move beyond nationalist thinking and into the bio-regional. Once we tried to research water quality here, but could only find discussion of "Arab water" versus "Jewish water." This helps water quality not at all. What does it avail to fight for a nation if there's no Earth left? Earth First!, remember?

Our hearts ache with our passionate desire for justice for all the people here, Jews, Arabs and others, and break over the reality. As in the US, many people here long for peace with nature and their neighbors, but governments



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and terrorists prevent its coming. Environmental action is one of the few areas where Jews and Arabs have been able to cooperate in Israel. There is also a struggling regional eco-peace movement that offers a more positive vision for the future than either Jewish or Arab nationalism.

To quote a popular Israeli song, "No one is leaving here...so start loving."

For the Earth and its humans,
—SHMUEL AND ALLISON OFANANSKY

Greetings!

I, Andrew Quinn, am a 36-year teacher in Dekalb County schools. I have two young sons and live in Chamblee, Georgia near Atlanta. I had vaguely heard of Earth First!, mostly negative, until I decided to investigate for myself. There is a tremendous amount of conspicuous consumption in the Atlanta area. The amount of development and sprawl here is intense and often stultifying. I read the story of the sentencing of "Free" and "Critter" from Eugene, Oregon. I have felt what they have felt. A war is being waged upon our planet with no regards to long-term consequences. I don't speak of my views often in my suburban community, and when I do, people look at you like you are crazy. Keep preaching y'all's message. As a Roman Catholic, I have no choice but to exercise stewardship for creation, not exploiting it for one's short-term gratification. I am appalled, disturbed, but now motivated by what you are doing at Earth First!; many of the greats were also called subversive in their lifetimes.

Keep it up!

—ANDREW QUINN

Shit Fer Brains,

Your terrorist website has been reported to the FBI.

—JR SWENSON

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Greetings,

I work for the Montana Democratic Party. I am also a

member of the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society and the Nature Conservancy, and I've been known to make contributions, do volunteer work and get personally involved in the political process. According to your website, that apparently makes me a "namby pamby" environmentalist who supports organizations that "suck up to bureaucrats." I can assure you that my involvement in any one of the above-mentioned groups makes me someone who is thoroughly despised by the majority of the population of Montana and the inter-mountain

West. People like myself do not travel an easy road, but Earth First! makes it sound like we are lazy,

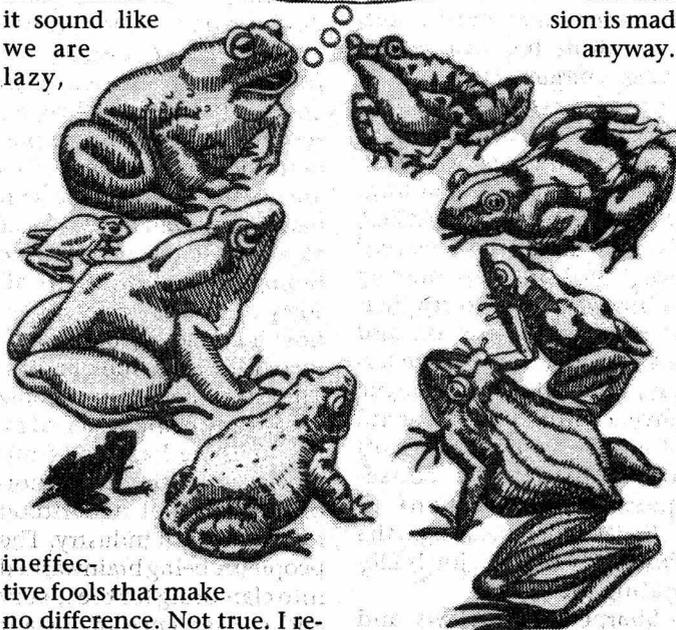
ineffective fools that make no difference. Not true. I resent having my commitment, sincerity and effectiveness criticized. I get that crap from numerous sources on a regular basis, but I shouldn't have to endure it from EF!. In my job alone, I sweat blood for many of the same ideals that you support. Politics is a very rough sport, it can be dirty (I'm *not* naive), and it sometimes requires frustrating compromises. At the level of my involvement, my "rewards" include low pay (I could make much more elsewhere), ex-

tremely long hours, immense pressure, hatred, resentment and intimidation. Dealing with that on a daily basis is a bit more challenging than pouring sand in gas tanks.

Like it or not, any environmental victories in this country have been won through politics, the courts or the efforts of "namby-pamby" environmental groups. While we share many of the same goals, I disagree with your methods. I can appreciate the risks of monkeywrenching, and I can understand why people feel driven to destructive methods when all the

right steps have been taken but a blatantly bad decision is made anyway.

Please keep your letters to less than 300 words!



Nonetheless, the overall impact of your organization is detrimental to the environmental movement. You make my struggle more difficult by galvanizing resistance to *all* environmentalists. I can list numerous examples of positive progress made through the political process, the courts and the activities of other pro-environment groups. Can you do the same for the efforts of Earth First!?! I doubt it. Your main accomplishment is making people angry.

I harbor no illusions that my opinions will alter your approach in any way, but there is one thing you should do: *Get off your high horse!* I alone have done more positive, tangible things for the planet than *all* of Earth First!. You need to redirect your energy.

—PAUL SUNDBLAD

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Dear SFB,

In regards to the letter from "Peggy Sue" in the Samhain edition (Nov/Dec 2001) who was "elated" when she heard that the "exploding jets had hit the World Trade Center," thinking a Palestinian group was behind the attack ("Woo Hoo! Go Palestine!"). What world is this person living in?

After her feeling of elation, "Peggy Sue" learns the Palestinians are not suspected of the attack and she "grapples with the reality" of the situation. She then starts to quote Martin Luther King, Jr. only to bounce over to movie nostalgia and talking about nonviolence.

"Peggy Sue," if you are listening, make an appointment for mental health counseling as soon as possible. Anyone who is elated one moment over people crashing airplanes into the World Trade Center buildings and then talking about nonviolence the next is really very much mentally disturbed and in need of help!

In the same Samhain edition, the "Wolves and Poodles" section commends Representative Cynthia McKinney for sending an apology letter to Saudi "Prince" Alwaleed bin Talal after his \$10 million dollar donation was rejected by New York Mayor Giuliani. This rejection was due to the "Prince's" suggestion that US foreign policy was partly to blame for the September 11 attacks.

While aspects of US foreign policy make me sick, I can certainly understand Giuliani's statement in response to the "Prince's" comments. Giuliani stated there was no moral equivalent for the 9/11 attacks and people

lost any right to justification when they slaughtered innocent people. It's nice to see someone in elected office, for once, reject money for the sake of principle.

And did the "Wolves and Poodles" contributors even think about where this \$10 million was coming from? Alwaleed bin Talal is estimated to be the sixth richest person in the world. His wealth did not fall out of the sky, but instead had a basis in the profits the Saudi royal family has reaped off the sale of oil to the gas guzzling Americans.

In her letter to Alwaleed bin Talal, Representative McKinney mentions the documentation Amnesty International has on problems with Israel and the Palestinians. But she doesn't offend "the Royal Highness," as she calls him, by going into the Saudi Arabian human rights history.

According to Amnesty International, in Saudi Arabia women face severe discrimination, political activists face arbitrary arrest and secretive judicial procedures deny the most basic rights, such as the right to be defended by a trial. Torture and ill treatment of prisoners are common. The "Prince" and his pals in the Saudi government also continue to enforce a ban on politician parties and trade unions. It's not a surprise then that there are no Earth First! groups in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Alwaleed bin Talal is still free to travel to the US and shoot his mouth off on any street corner about foreign policy opinions. But to allude that the "Prince," and his supporter Representative McKinney, are some type of heroes, is really off the mark.

Sincerely,

—BOB KRZEWSKI

Dear SFB,

I'd like to thank you for my issues of the *Journal*. Plus I have to say "thanks for the kind words," that North American Earth Liberation Prisoners' support Network has said about us convicted

of felonies. It really is nice to hear like minded people, and to be included in thought and knowing what's up while we are on the inside.

I'd also like to send my disgust to Huckleberry the rapist. Man! What's wrong with you? I have to say Mr. Huckleberry that you are no different than the government on how they rape us and other countries. Even I feel violated with your actions.

I'm going to keep this one short. But again thanks for everything, and I look forward to being on the frontlines with all of you again. Plus I hope that people start writing me, and others soon.

Fall Creek, Free and Critter! Get in touch with me!

Sincerely,

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Dear Earth First!,

Hello, I write to you because a friend of mine is receiving and participating in your bi-monthly

magazine. I have heard of the fight of Earth vs. man. Humankind has raped this planet and will continue to rape it. I hear of the small fierce battles for a tree here, an acre of land there. I would like to thank each and every effort. Thank you! The only thing I am not hearing is how we plan to replace the luxuries of industrial civ.? Because as a race we are selfish. And reality as it is now will continue to produce people that are selfish. As a race, humanity has no goals, no outside driving force, no care for where it is headed.

So if your mind is caught on what color the multiverse made you or anything small

and petty, then you haven't done anything to change the focus of humanity and it will keep raping every planet it comes into contact with.

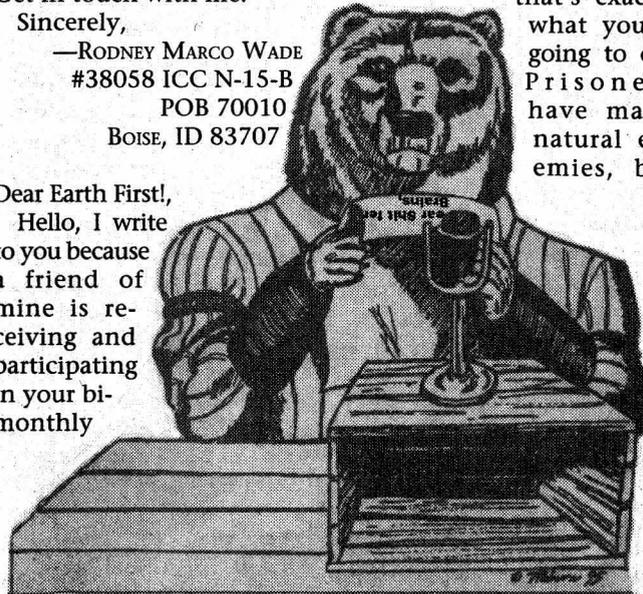
Looking for the solutions,
—ROGER GEARHART
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Dear SFB,

I want to thank you with all my heart for the article on prisoner support in your Dec/Jan issue.

I've been in prison for eight years and for me the most important support possible is a letter from the real world.

Nothing is easy in here. They put you here to suffer and that's exactly what you're going to do. Prisoners have many natural enemies, but



the biggest, the one constant that threatens to destroy our very soul, is loneliness.

You may never see a man smile in here—that is until he hears his name during mail call.

A letter for me is the most valuable gift in the world, it's a beacon of hope, it's a window to a world that's fading from my memory. It's the one happy event that no prison guard can take away from me.

The famous question: What would I say in a letter to a prisoner? That's easy! Did you smell or touch the petal of a real flower today or run your fingers through the soft fur of a dog? Did you witness a child

hugging it's mother or feel the wind stinging your face? In short, what would you not have to say to a prisoner who finds even the most common event in your life wondrous? Just remember you're writing to a human being and the rest comes easy.

The absolute best support you can offer a prisoner is a letter to let them know they're not alone and that you care.

—JOHN ADAMS 768543

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Editors' Note: One of our artistic contributors has asked us to list his contact info for anyone who would like to correspond with an imprisoned Earth Firstler:

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Dear SFB,

A spokesperson from the Forest Service recently attended the Rainbow Family Thanksgiving council in Michigan. Anne Melle was there to answer questions about group use permits which are required for gatherings of 75 persons or more in national forests. The Rainbow Family believes that their right to gather is protected by the constitution, and that no individual can sign a permit for a non-hierarchical gathering. The Forest Service spokesperson made it pretty clear that she was not there to compromise or negotiate. From what I've heard, Earth First! was issued a group use permit last Summer without a signer. Perhaps the Forest Service is more inclined to compromise with a group of activists. In any event, the permit issue will no doubt be present again this summer at Rainbow gatherings. The Forest Service has already reached the conclusion that regional gatherings can effectively be stopped through roadblocks, tickets and illegal searches. They probably considered shutting down last year's na-

tional gathering but determined that it would be too dangerous to try to arrest 15,000 people in a national forest. Several gathering attendees from 1999 and 2000 are still facing federal prison terms for "attending an illegal gathering." Those cases are being appealed to the Supreme Court. I hope that more forest activists will attend gatherings in the future. The federal government is taking aim at the rights of all Americans to gather in national forests. Not only through group-use laws, but through a fee system that they want to expand. For more information about legal issues see www.freeassembly.org. For information about Rainbow gatherings, the unofficial websites www.welcomehome.org.

—JEREMY MILLER

Dear SFB,

You failed to list the single individual whose eco-terrorism, world-wide in reach, surpasses by an order of magnitude the sum of the degradations of the 24 corpo-pigs you featured in the *Journal's* Samhain edition. And, yes, we have his name and address:

The Holy Father

—WADDY

Dear SFB,

Ok, so you can incenderize a fuel tanker, but much easier, more effective in *all* ways is to simply put some Mother Earth in the tank, thus sabotaging many vehicles. Enter Danna.

In love and rage
Bright Blessings.

—AMDO

I'm a vegan, 15 years old (I'll be 16 on July 30) and I'm interested in leftist eco-defense... I wanted to express my opinion to u on something... don't u think it's hypocritical that some Earth First!ers aren't even fully vegi? I think anyone involved with Earth First! should be at least fully vegi, including that they don't consume fish. Anyway, thanks for your patience. Peace.

Dear SFB,

Since ideas can be more dangerous than incendiary bombs, I want to respond to three points in Mary Hanford's counterpoint to my essay that I found terrifying, and one misguided personal attack (Yule '02).

1) I pointed out that Toby Bradshaw, the target of the May 21 arson attack at the University of Washington, had not conducted any genetic engineering. Mary responded, "What better time to stop a project than before it has started?" It's a good thing that criminal law doesn't operate by this approach. Otherwise Mary would be in jail right now for arson, as her writing alone is enough to clearly show she contemplates it. By her own logic, why should the police wait for her to actually torch something when she can be jailed for her destiny?

2) Mary justifies the collateral damage done by the fires: "However, these scientists cannot be the environmental saviors that the media portrays them as, otherwise they would have protested their colleague..." It pains me to note the essential similarity

of this to Osama bin Laden's statement that there were no innocent victims of the WTC attacks, because even the Muslims that died in the building were not fully engaged in his *jihād* (and everyone else was an infidel!). I further hope that Mary knows what all her friends, neighbors and co-workers are up to, because some fanatic might likewise hold her accountable for their deeds and beliefs.

3) I proposed an axiom to guide action: The more extreme your tactic of choice, the more responsibility you have for knowing the culpability and appropriateness of



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your target, and for thinking through the human and strategic implications of your actions. Mary oddly referred to this axiom as "elitism" and a "double standard," and proposed reversing the onus such that "...those who are not fighting with all the tools at their disposal be subject to the higher standard..." Such is the arrogance of true believers of all stripes—*mujahadeen*, wise use, militia, neo-nazi, anti-abortion crusader. I trust that Mary would want those lunatics to think hard before setting fire to anything dear to her. Does she have complete confidence that her cause is more pure and righteous than any of theirs? Even if it is, is every blow for the cause equally essential? Is a fur farm the



same as a timber mill the same as McDonald's the same as a genetic engineering lab the same as a nuke plant—or do the details not even matter?

For my part, I've seen enough terror around the world to believe that we're better off dueling for the fate of the Earth with ideas rather

than bully tactics.

But who am I? Mary questioned my credibility, going so far as to say that I "...interrupted a planned protest during Clinton's Timber (sic) Summit in Portland by threatening to turn in the activists." I tried hard to recall what incident she might be referring to. The Forest Summit was a hectic period and every faction was active. For instance, we organized a Forest Celebration that attracted over 70,000 people to Portland's waterfront in the rain to hear speeches and musical stars. I thought this event was our brightest hour, crowning a decade of organizing. But others thought the focus should have been to honor forest protesters rather than forests, and tensions ran high. Still, I couldn't recall anything like what Mary described.

Then I remember one action that did happen a couple of days before Clinton arrived. Some radicals climbed the Forest Service Region 6 headquarters and hung a banner. I've attached a photo from the event. That guy on the left, 30 feet up the exposed wall, is me.

—MITCH FRIEDMAN

Dear Dirt First! shit fer brains,
Watermelon, watermelon!
Ho Chi Minh!

Yer green on the outside,
yer red on the in!

Quit bashing the white middle class—close the borders now.

Fuck you and your Che Guevara!

Do You Know Where

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Now, I don't mean stay in yer house and outta the streets, courts, forests, deserts, etc. I mean find *your* streets, forests, courts, deserts, mountains, neighborhoods, swamps, prairies, etc. Find your places and become them. Y'all know as well as I do that this struggle is not some abstract struggle for the Earth, the wild or for justice. It's for real, with real places, critters and folks. To win the trust of the land and critters and folks who live there, we have to settle down and live there too. Traveling across the country and globe is fun and exciting. But I don't believe we will be successful unless we settle down, make some serious connections and get to work. Now, last year I did a lot of reading on all this globalization hoopla and found some pretty good stuff on alternatives to the globalizing/ eat-the-planet/ make-money/ pave-everything paradigm of McWorld. Wendell Berry and Helena Norberg-Hodge have taken to calling it localization. That name and idea appeals to me. The basic idea is that we should have local needs met with local production, with surplus traded regionally and internationally only when really necessary. Pulling this "turn to the local" paradigm shift off will entail a major re-working of our Earth killing infrastructure. We need localization of economy, ecology, culture, politics, etc. We need to take seriously that old hippie granola slogan, "Think Globally-Act Locally." Now, protest and campaign hopping may be a lot of fun, but will it really

contribute to long-term change? How about the harder work of taking folks out to learn their local ecosystem—even if it is not as glamorous as the ancient redwoods or

other than where we live. In some places, we will always be "outsiders." But if we work, play, protest and organize real hard and sink roots, someday we or our kids might just be

accepted as "insiders" and be able to affect some real change. So, give yourself to the land, not abstract notions of the Earth or the wild, but to real places, with real live plants, bugs, animals and people that you interact with, serve, teach and learn from. Commit yourself to home, land and community. Know where you live. Sink roots, get to know people, learn and know the flora and fauna of your place. Ask the fun questions: Where does the water go and where does it come from? What is possible in your home: gardens, restoration, wildcrafting, resistance? What is the natural and humyn history *and* herstory of your place? Fall in Love. Defend what you love, what you are a part of and what is a part of you. Practice resurrection (not of dead guys, silly—the land!). But most of all, remember Cactus Ed's advice—be out with the land, have fun and outlive the bastards!

—john johnson

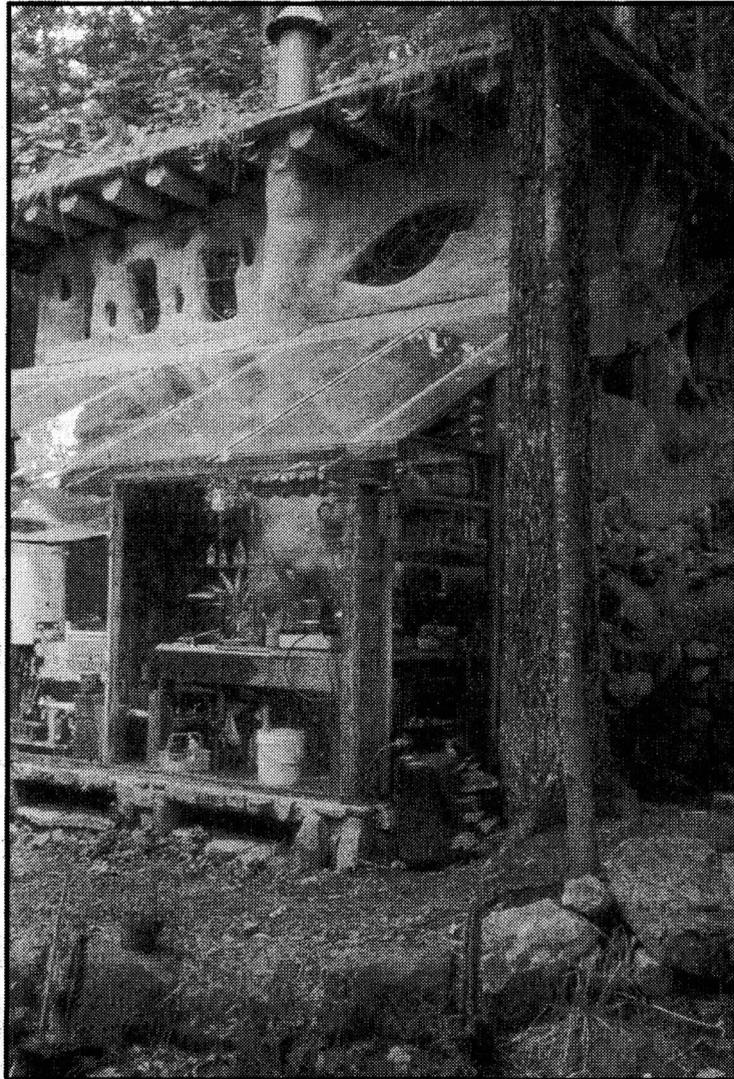


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Sustainable homestead in Tennessee

john johnson is active with

the Amazon rainforest. How about the really hard work of earning the trust and respect of folks in the neighborhood and community? Or the even harder work of protesting where no one else dares to?

Most of us come from somewhere

Katuah Earth First! in Southern Appalachia. He doesn't capitalize his name because he doesn't believe in capitalism. His deep, dark secret is that he is really a yankee from New Jersey who moved south at a tender age and went "native." Y'all go visit, ya hear?

Your Bioregion Is?

Recently, International Paper took over Champion and its operations in the South. This follows a rash of corporate take-overs and mergers that has led to much consolidation in the industry. The paper companies get bigger, jobs become more uncertain and forest ecosystems continue to disappear.

The pulp and paper industry continually refers to the American South as the "fiber basket" of the world. This exemplifies their attitude toward the forest as nothing but a crop to be harvested and local communities as sharecroppers to do the harvesting. The industry also introduces expensive big machines to the logging business, forcing small loggers to cut more and at a faster rate, trapping them in a cycle of debt and dependency.

Industrial-scale logging impacts the soil far more than previous logging because the machines tear up the Earth and compact the soil, leaving it vulnerable to erosion from the wind and rain and exposure to too much sunlight. Who knows what kinds of vital soil organisms are lost to UV-b radiation and erosion. The chip mill propagandists would actually have us believe that clearcutting is good for the forest. How do they expect to "grow" a better forest when they are depleting the soil?

Multinational corporations seek to use so-called free trade agreements to "liberalize" trade and investment. Along with pressuring governments to enact business friendly legislation and international financial institutions to lend money to "development projects," the corporate agenda is to lower trade barriers and bypass environmental,

worker and consumer protection standards in the name of efficiency, profit and "free markets." These free trade agreements make it easier to exploit natural resources and workers alike. The global marketplace means disruption and even death for local communities, economies and especially for the natural systems that support them. Corporations owe no allegiance to communities, let alone nation-states. They are in the business of making a profit and all other considerations take a back seat to the bottomline. Industry bends nature and communities to its will and the twisted logic and imperative of profit-above-all.

In our work to protect the forests, we must recognize that they are the victims of a global system. We must see that these corporate forces are destroying lives and ecosystems across the planet. Our struggles of resistance should also include a global perspective. We will not be able to protect our home forests until all forests, communities and wild areas are safe. Just as we do not want our homes in the American Southeast to be global sacrifice zones for so-called progress, we do not want sacrifice zones anywhere. We will not fully protect our forests until we have dismantled the modern industrial-capitalist infrastructure and replaced it with something new that is local, just, equitable and sustainable. We've got a lot of work to do—lets get busy!

For more information on the campaigns to protect beautiful Southern forests, please check in with the various local "factions" of Katuah Earth First! listed in the back of the *Journal*. Please also contact the Dogwood Alliance, info@dogwoodalliance.org; www.dogwoodalliance.org, and visit www.stopstaples.net.

Southern Forest Resource Assessment Spinnings...

BY jj

At the end of November, federal and state "resource" agencies released their much-anticipated Southern Forest Resource Assessment (SFRA). The SFRA was conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency, with leadership and control by the US Forest Service (USFS). Various universities and state forestry departments also contributed. This two-year study of Southern forests is supposed to provide raw forest data for citizens, industry and policy makers to make so-called informed decisions regarding forest policy.

The Dogwood Alliance, one of the Southeast's premier grassroots forest protection organizations, also released a report on Southern forests. The two reports, and the spin in the media came to two very different conclusions, although both were based on much of the same raw data collected by the Forest Service.



According to the Dogwood Alliance, five million acres of forest land are being cut each year across the South to feed the pulp, paper and timber industry. The South contains only 40 percent of America's forest land, yet produces some 75 percent of the nation's pulpwood. Out of 214 million acres of forest land, roughly 200 million are "available" (although many landholders decide not to cut), putting Southern forests on a short 40-year "harvesting" rotation. Hardly what you could call sustainable, given that mature Southern hardwood forests average between 150 to 300 years old. Only 14 million acres of the South's forests are protected.

According to the SFRA, timber harvesting in the South increased 50 percent between 1977 and 1997 and is expected to increase another 50 percent by the year 2040. Corporate ownership of land has also increased, going from 16 million acres in 1982 to 20 million acres in 1999. About 90 percent of the South's forests are in

private hands, spread out among some five million landowners.

The spinmeisters at the USFS have decided to let the pulp and paper industry off the hook. They have concluded, despite their own data showing otherwise, that sprawl is a greater threat to forests than

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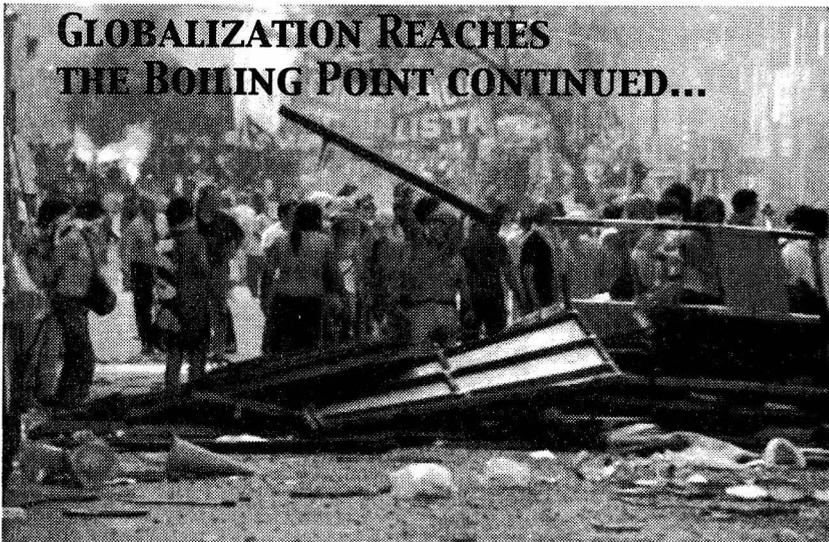
clearcutting and conversion of native forests to pine plantations. According to the SFRA, the areas of the South most threatened by development and sprawl are the Coastal plains, the Piedmont and the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Each area is projected to lose more than one million acres of forest a year to sprawl. Bears, bobcats and foxes are species reported to be most in danger of not adapting to the future development.

Long Leaf Pine forests are down to the last two percent of their former range. Hardwood removal is set to exceed growth by 2025, and softwood removal already exceeds growth in some areas. Yet this is "not a concern" to paper industry officials.

The SFRA seems to think that pine plantations are viable forest habitats, even though their own data shows that pine monocultures lose what little biodiversity they do have as they mature. The SFRA also states that from 1995 to 2040 pine "forests" are projected to increase by 67 percent, from 32 to 54 million acres, resulting in a massive replacement of native forests with pine plantations. While the monoculture sprawl of the suburbs is a definite threat, many feel that the spread of monoculture pine plantations masquerading as forests is a greater threat. Both represent devastating blows to a region that is trying to recover from past abuses and is just now being recognized as a global hot spot for terrestrial and aquatic biological diversity.

The SFRA can be found at www.srs.fs.fed.us/sustain/

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When Argentina was forced to "peg" its currency to the dollar, which made the peso overvalued, it made it nearly impossible to escape recession. A mild recession was turned into an international economic crisis created directly by the IMF.

In 1999, the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved the use of SAPs. They were approved as part of a two-billion-dollar pilot experiment. The "budget cuts" that President De la Rúa promised the IMF were not fully pushed through, so the IMF, which has lent Argentina \$18 billion since 1999, decided to end financial aid. The IMF demands fiscal austerity, which hurts the poor most of all and demands that social services be sacrificed to the business interests and financial investments of multinational corporations.

Which Way Forward?

It's imperative that people don't fall into the dead-end of social democracy or reformism. It doesn't look very likely that the government will succeed in enforcing a military dictatorship onto such an ungovernable populace, so their only other option is to use social democratic politicians who vaguely promise change and reform claiming to be on the side of the people. This is just another tactic used to pacify the unrest—once their power is consolidated they will build up a highly powerful police state to make sure nothing like this ever happens again. This happened in Bolivia in 2000. There was a near-revolution,

with most of the country shut down by a general strike and road blockades throughout most cities. The town of Cochabamba won a victory over corporate takeover of their water, but unfortunately they eventually gave in to the reformist pleas for *order*. As some of the graffiti from Paris in May '68 said, "Those who make revolutions only half-way merely dig their own graves."

As anarchists, where do we stand? How can the masses of working people form a dual-power to the state and organize their society along lines of direct participatory democracy, social equality and mutual aid? What forces in Argentina already exist that have a coherent theoretical understanding of anti-authoritarian principles and tactics. How are these principles and tactics going to be popularized and agitated for?

The most promising answer to the question of organization are the burgeoning Argentinean soviets (*Asambleas Populares*). The people of Almagro, Buenos Aires, have formed a popular assembly as a real alternative to the state.

In their "Declaration" they write: "The state of assembly and mobilization (is) the only way to guarantee our rights as workers, neighbors and Argentineans. We call all the neighborhoods of the Capital to create and take part in all the assemblies and forms of organization set up by their neighbors and organizations. And we call to create connection commissions (*comisiones de enlace*) with the assemblies already formed or about to be formed."

Among their demands are the immediate resignation of the Supreme Court, the immediate liberty of all political prisoners and an end to the neoliberal policies of the IMF and World Bank. Their call for a "convocation of a free and sovereign Popular Constituent Assembly in all the country, based on popular assemblies in the neighborhoods, factories, counties and provinces" is clearly a revolutionary one, demanding the solidarity and support of North American radicals.

A danger to keep in mind is that if a popular revolution becomes successful, and mutual aid counter-institutions are created on a large scale, the US or the UN could intervene militarily as a "peacekeeping force." This is not as unrealistic as it sounds. There are numerous examples of states or coalitions of states intervening to crush popular revolutions and experiments in self-sufficiency (Nicaragua, Chile, Cuba, etc.). Apart from the Leninist take-over of these revolutions, there were also real practical experiments in self-organization, direct democracy and mutual aid. Keep in mind that Bush described Argentina as a "key friend and ally" and isn't too eager to lose US hegemony in Latin America. The truth is, Argentina is a resource-rich country, and could provide the means of subsistence for every individual if organized rationally and with people in mind instead of profits.

After September 11, the US government has a new arsenal of repressive legislation and a new batch of excuses with which to crush popular dissent. A popular revolution in Argentina could be conflated with "terrorism," and moral legitimacy for a military attack would be maintained in the eyes of the US.

This would be especially bolstered by the fact that the people of Argentina might have to arm themselves in self-defense against any kind of imperialist attack. This is not unlikely; arms already played a part in the political scene, as anti-Duhalde leftists and Peronist supporters fought in the streets.

Hopefully these earthquakes will shake the rest of Latin America and help mobilize the people of Ecuador, Bolivia and Brazil, whose militancy is not in doubt. These countries are equally fucked by the IMF and World Bank and only self-organization and practical self-sufficiency will be able to create a credible alternative.

If North American anti-capitalists remain in solidarity with the people of Argentina, and real links are built between the two continents, then Bush is going to have a hard time planning a military intervention in the coming struggles ahead.

For more info and the latest news visit www.argentina.indymedia.org, www.ainfos.ca and www.infoshop.org.



On January 10, a group of protesters occupied an Argentina embassy and raised an anarchist flag on the building.



Attention Earth First!ers: RAISE YOUR FISTS IN THE AIR AND STEP AWAY FROM THE HIPPIE!

BY ANAMARÍA FLORES

Hippies, a familiar trope of popular culture, have become something of a mythical figure in the US. Popular culture, with its portrayal of hippies as spaced-out stoners incapable of stringing together more than two sentences at a time, has done more for the creation of this myth than any movement or actions hippies have ever been involved in. Anyone who believes in a relationship form outside of the standard Noah's Ark pair-off (vegetarianism, veganism, environmentalism, consumer awareness, class consciousness or anticapitalism) is branded a hippie by those living stagnant status quo lives. However, in the hands of popular culture, the joke is always on the hippie who insists upon living as if the 1960s have never come to an end. Hippies are hippies. That it is 2002 seems to make no difference—or does it?

The difference thirty-odd years makes is poignant. Although many Earth First!ers look like hippies (long hair, patchwork clothes), smell like hippies (the scent of body odor combined with patchouli or sandalwood both precedes and follows individuals as they walk down the street) and live like hippies (co-ops, collective living, farms), something is radically different. It is this difference that I wish to explore in this article. Why is this important and who really cares? I would like to suggest that any dedicated Earth First!er should care. Association with the myth of the hippie is detrimental to the work that Earth

First!ers attempt to accomplish.

To begin with, what precisely is the definition of a hippie? The word itself is so arbitrary and subjective that one is hard pressed to come up with a single definition. Although my own definition has certainly been shaped and formed to some extent by popular culture (including the History Channel's special presentations on the Summer of Love), the core of my definition springs from my experience on Dead Tour for many years surrounded by those who lay claim to the moniker "hippie." A bi-layered definition of "hippie" is the result of my years of



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empirical research.

Privilege forms the first layer of my definition. Hippies are privileged: sometimes class privilege, sometimes white skin privilege. The two are not mutually exclusive, nor are they always paired. To choose to live a certain lifestyle outside of the status quo is a privilege, the key word being "choose." Take vegetarianism for example. For most people in the world, the ability to choose not to eat something is unattainable. The lifestyle of the hippie pivots around the freedom to choose. Hippies choose not

to bathe. They make a choice to live in collectives with two, three or 15 other people. In contrast, working class and poor people do not possess the same freedom of choice nor would they make the same ones if they could. The hippie's lack of class consciousness is as shocking as it is absurd. This deliberate mis-recognition is a hallmark of bourgeois privilege. How is it possible to ignore the fact that hippies are able to live their free choice lives only because working-class and poor people live hand-to-mouth or in abject poverty?

Narcissism and hedonism, combined with collective self-deception, form the second layer of my definition of "hippie." With the freedom of choice that class privilege provides, hippies engage in a never-ending cycle of pleasure seeking. They travel all over the world with their US passports, spend their evenings cooking potlucks and socializing with friends, smoke really good bud, never work nine-to-five, winter in the

South and summer in the North. For hippies, one's individual pleasure is always at the forefront. Never mind that corporations are running amuck through old-growth forests, that 42 million people in the US have no health insurance, that one in four Africans is infected with HIV/AIDS, that the Palestinians are being annihilated by Israel, that every night of the week right here in the Southwest thousands of people risk their lives fleeing through the desert following the open veins of Latin America into the belly of the beast.

You have to be self-critical, recognize your privilege, challenge the myth of the hippie as it is associated with your movement. You have to stop treating workers with contempt. You are confused.

Again, the lack of class consciousness is as absurd as it is shocking. How does one go about living a life devoted to the pleasure principle in the face of life's little realities as noted above? It's easy to do so when one uses their class privilege and/or white skin privilege for their own narcissistic and hedonistic purposes.

So, what makes hippies today different from the hippies of the 1960's and what does any of this have to do with Earth First!? To begin with, the privilege to choose can certainly be applied to many Earth First!ers. It is a privilege to choose to fight for Mother Earth. It is a privilege to choose to become a tree-dweller. It's a privilege to obtain necessary gear for building a base camp using a "five-fingered discount" as suggested in the Earth First! Direct Action Manual (blondes with blue eyes are much less likely to be followed around a store while shopping). If jailed for any reason, frequently a parent knows of (or is) a good lawyer and the culprit is freed with just a "slap on the wrist." Privileges all.

But Earth First!ers are different from the hippie as defined above. What makes them so is their militancy and their absolute dedication to Mother Earth rather than hedonism or narcissism. Rather than the apolitical hippie, Earth First!ers are highly political, frequently rooted in anarchism. The work that is being done is good work, enabling the survival of animals and people in the present and in the future. Activists are serving long sentences in prisons around the country and some, such as David "Gypsy" Chain, have been murdered for their militancy. Yet the privilege still exists. Earth First!ers frequently vacation all over the globe, flashing their US passports, and attend liberal arts colleges. A contradiction. What to do?

To begin with, Earth First!ers should challenge the image of their movement as a "hippie" movement. Don't

kid yourselves; "redneck", punk or black-clad hippies don't escape this judgement nor should they (a hippie by any other name). As I noted, popular culture and even those who are a little more "in the know" do not take hippies seriously. Why would they and why should they? Hippies don't take themselves seriously. Earth First!ers, on the other hand, are not to be taken lightly. Why then do Earth First!ers do nothing to disengage their movement from the myth of the hippie? Why are Earth First!ers not more class conscious? What purpose does it serve harassing the Staples workers in Burlington, Vermont?(see *EF!* Dec/Jan 2002) How are Earth First!ers "getting right in the face of the beast and spitting in it" by making more work for people making six dollars per hour? To say that the relationship between EF!ers and workers is characterized by animosity is putting it kindly. It is no wonder that class-based movements in New York City such as Vieques Support Campaign, Mujeres Para Paz y Justicia, Al-Awda: The Palestinian Right To Return Coalition, the Green Grocer Movement and New York: Not In Our Name are suspicious of Earth First!ers. Are there no affinities between movements on the East Coast, where the emphasis is placed on the urban, and movements on the West Coast where the emphasis is placed on the environment? If affinities do not exist, we have to ask: why don't they? If the struggle for revolution affects us all, then why are we not working together? How do struggles such as those for immigration rights fit into the schemata of Earth First!?

The locus of responsibility lies on the Earth First! movement. It is up to you all to make public the knowledge you possess in regards to environmental destruction and to explain the tactics you use and why. Earth First! could use the support of other movements around the country. Many EF!ers are languishing in jail and others will, in all probability, join them in the future. Non-

environmental and/or human rights movements can offer monetary support for defense attorneys, get involved in the political prisoner letter-writing campaigns and, most importantly, help to make others aware of the importance of Earth First! actions, thereby enabling Earth First!ers to continue to carry on with their work. In order for all this to happen, however, Earth First!ers must disengage themselves from the image of the tree-hugging apolitical hippie in order to engage themselves with the everyday struggles of the working class that so impact the environment. Part of this will come with the recognition of the privilege that allows Earth First!ers to be Earth First!ers. The same spirit of militant dedication to saving old-growth forests must be applied to each individual Earth First!er. You have to be self-critical, recognize your privilege and challenge the myth of the hippie as it is associated with your movement. You have to stop treating workers with contempt. You are confused. The real enemies are the owners and the capitalist system that exploits and rapes and pillages in its never-ending quest for material goods to sell and consume. Look around at the people in the movement with you. Ask yourselves why there aren't many African Americans, Latinos or Indigenous North Americans. How many working-class people swell your ranks? Challenge yourselves and your privilege. There is no more time for self-gratifying separatism. Here in the belly of the beast, movements are stagnant and nothing is changing. We are, in fact, sliding backward. What bridges will Earth First! build with other movements around the country, what new level of militancy will Earth First! adopt?

CLASS WAR
JUST DO IT.

Water War in Michigan...

BY HOLLY WREN SPAULDING

Swiss-owned Perrier Corporation, a distributor of bottled water, has its sights set on Michigan water. Those, like retired librarian Terry Swier, who believe in protecting this precious resource, are bracing for a fight.

Swier is president of Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation (MCWC), a group committed to advocating for Michigan's water and the rights of the general public in this regard. To this end, her group has filed a lawsuit against Perrier. The company has proven its disregard for many water-related laws and standards in its bid to make Mecosta County in central Michigan home to a new water bottling plant. This has not gone unnoticed by some of the folks living in the areas surrounding the building site. "We have to be good ancestors," Swier said, "I have two generations—my children and my grandchildren—that I am looking after."

Vandana Shiva, director of the Research Foundation on Science, Technology and Ecology, is one among many who believe that the wars of the future will be fought over water. She and other critics of corporate globalization have a problem with the fact that, in an era when drought and desertification are on an increase, global trade agreements are making it ever easier for large corporations like Perrier

(aka Great Springs Waters of America) to do their business irrespective of how this affects people and the Earth.

Water is now officially designated as a "commodity" under various international trade agreements. According to WTO regulations and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), any impediment to the free flow of commerce (including environmental protections) is considered a "barrier to trade," and in that sense, illegal.

Furthermore, such trade agreements have guidelines for "preferential treatment," which basically say that if one corporation (whether indigenous or foreign) gains access to an area to extract a resource, no restrictions can be made on any other corporation that might wish to do the same because it would not be "fair." If future investors in the region were to be turned away for some reason, the state, and in some cases the Federal government, would be liable to pay fines to the corporation for its "loss of potential profits" even though, according to federal law, all such diversion or "out of basin-transfer" would be illegal. This points to a conflict of interest between global free trade rules and the sovereignty of nations who have their own laws and regulations which, in theory, represent the will of the people.

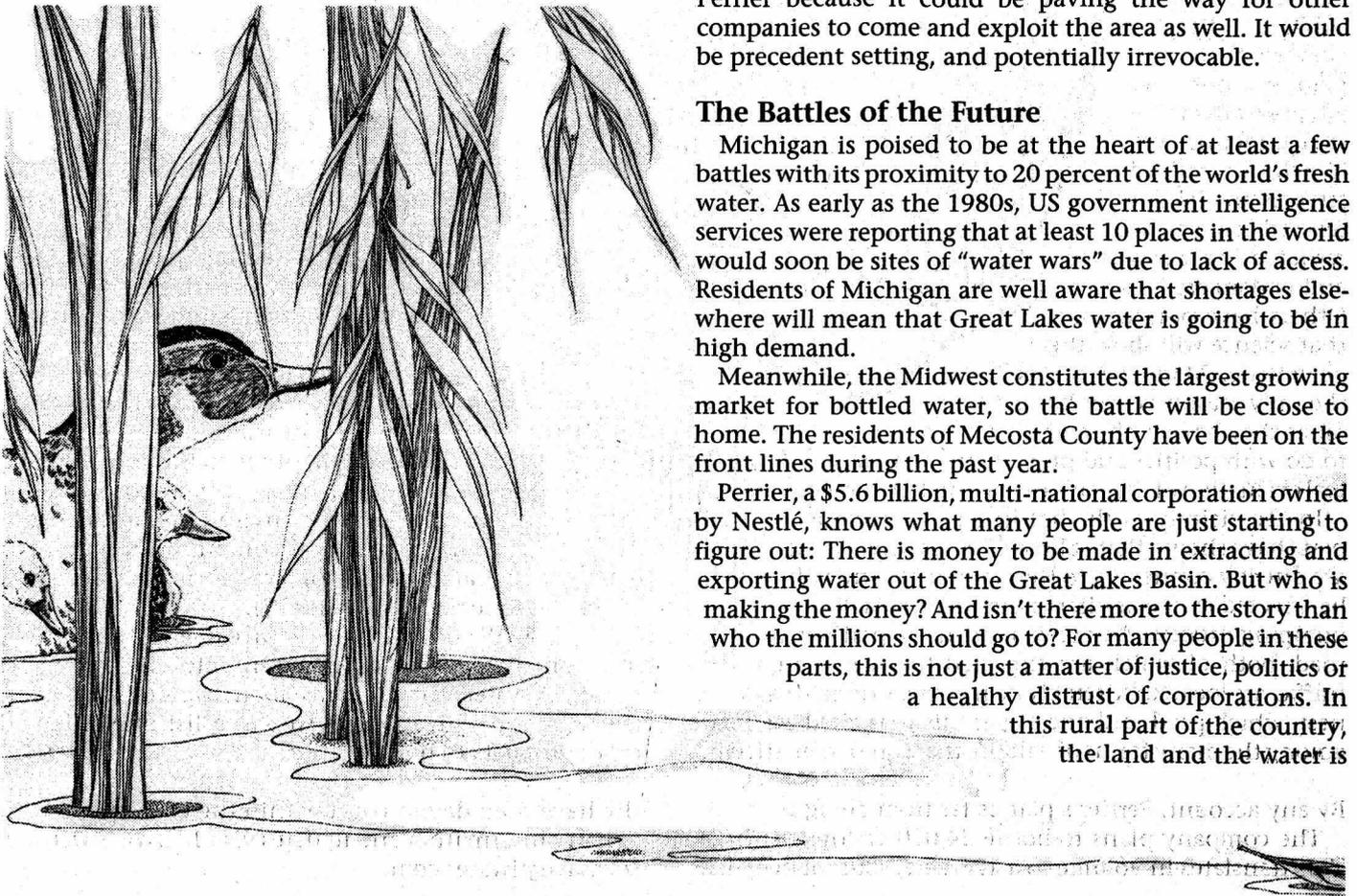
Swier and the 400 other members of MCWC are motivated to oppose the diversion of Great Lakes water by Perrier because it could be paving the way for other companies to come and exploit the area as well. It would be precedent setting, and potentially irrevocable.

The Battles of the Future

Michigan is poised to be at the heart of at least a few battles with its proximity to 20 percent of the world's fresh water. As early as the 1980s, US government intelligence services were reporting that at least 10 places in the world would soon be sites of "water wars" due to lack of access. Residents of Michigan are well aware that shortages elsewhere will mean that Great Lakes water is going to be in high demand.

Meanwhile, the Midwest constitutes the largest growing market for bottled water, so the battle will be close to home. The residents of Mecosta County have been on the front lines during the past year.

Perrier, a \$5.6 billion, multi-national corporation owned by Nestlé, knows what many people are just starting to figure out: There is money to be made in extracting and exporting water out of the Great Lakes Basin. But who is making the money? And isn't there more to the story than who the millions should go to? For many people in these parts, this is not just a matter of justice, politics or a healthy distrust of corporations. In this rural part of the country, the land and the water is



Fighting Perrier Corporation

often thought of as sacred, and more than anything else, it connects people to their ancestors.

In a February 2001 referendum, there was overwhelming opposition to Perrier's presence in Mecosta County, even if only because many people still had questions about what this would mean for the community. These people are not alone in their skepticism. Residents across the lake in Wisconsin are also facing a similar plan by Perrier to extract water for corporate profit.

In order to capture and transport water from underground springs, construction has already begun on a 12-mile stainless steel pipeline that will traverse numerous wetlands, streams and natural areas. Wells and well houses are nearing completion, despite their lack of appropriate permits. The factory, nearly the size of two football fields, is almost complete.

In their May 2001 permit application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Perrier claimed that their plan will not have adverse affects on area residential wells, nearby wetlands, streams and lakes, watershed ecology, aquatic resources or threatened and endangered species. Others have pointed out that science will show this to be untrue. Many people believe the only reason Perrier has gotten as far as they have with their plan has more to do with politics and propaganda than any real evaluation of the implications of their project.

In the vicinity of the bottling plant itself, experts have shown that at least 40 acres of wetlands are directly connected to the water table and will be affected as the aquifer is drained through the pumping process. An access road and a perimeter road, both of which are expected to receive high traffic, are located extremely near an historic bald eagle nest, which produced one eaglet this year. Bald eagles are among the many forms of wildlife that stand to be affected, and are on the list of state and federal endangered species. By any account, Perrier's plan is far from benign.

The company plans to bottle 24,000 gallons per hour. This translates in volume to a 125-acre, six-foot deep lake

being drained every year. Retailing at \$3.79 per gallon, with no actual cost to Perrier for the water itself, the well might seem bottomless. Perrier's share of the massive bottled water industry is 31 percent, twice that of its nearest competitor, with over \$1.7 billion in annual sales. Their intention for the Mecosta plant, should they succeed in getting it off the ground, would mean additional revenues of approximately eight million dollars per year.

What Is In This for the Locals?

Although rumors have circulated that they may make their facility a fully automated "dark plant" which would not require a large human work force, the new plant may result in between 45 and 80 jobs for the area, a minor perk given the environmental impacts and the loss of local autonomy. Furthermore, the Perrier track record gives many people reason to worry that they'll be an unwelcome neighbor.

Dennis Schornack, policy advisor to Governor Engler said last Fall that "the fact that Perrier defended its right to extract water in Texas, despite nearby farmers' wells drying up, all the way to the Supreme Court, is an example of their ruthlessness."

In Florida, Perrier has battled with local government and property owners for water during droughts.

In fact, citizens in other communities where Perrier operates have been so outraged at their disregard for environmental laws and the will of the local communities that a national organization was formed called Save America's Water (SAW).

SAW's website, www.saveamericaswater.com, has a s numerous resources including information on the politics of water, some details about various local campaigns, current litigation, as well as a list of Nestlé and Perrier products to boycott.

Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation will hopefully have their day in court within the coming months. For more information and updates visit MCWC's website, www.savemiwater.com.



Live Simply So that Others May Simply Live

BY GERARD ALBIN

This thought pattern seems so passé today, because of course it doesn't fit into our new secular religion—faith in salvation through instant information everywhere. How quickly progressives forgot this idea, and rushed out to buy computers and get into the plastic playpen of the internet! (I'm not talking about those who were truly forced to go online, for personal economic survival. It's the volunteers for the playpen that mystify me.) Everyone who cares about the future continuity of anything positive in the world should eschew and resist computer dependence.

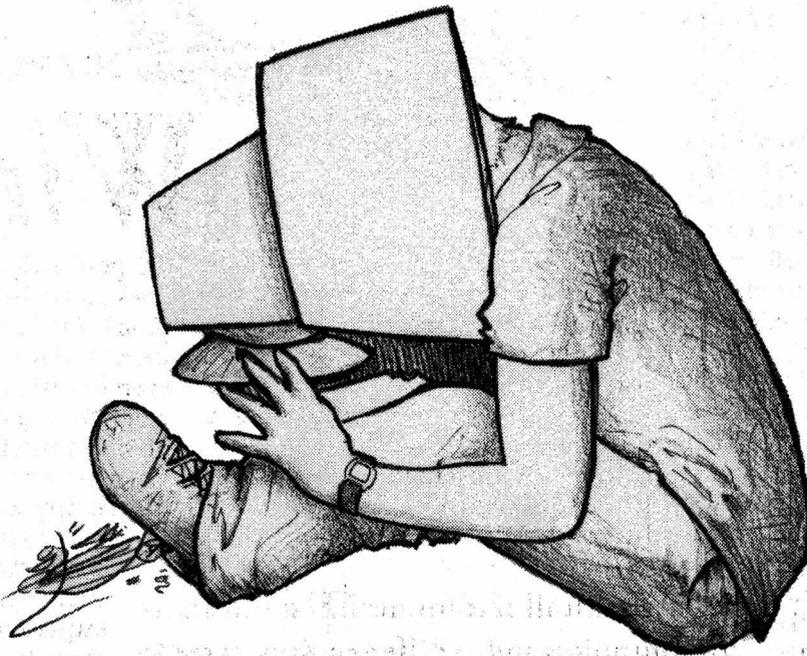
I'm surprised that environmentalists don't see the technologies offered by the internet. They use their powers of discernment to see which are simply compatible with the survival of the Earth—and then shut them out. Why are progressives dazzled by the glamorous personal gratification they can't transcend? Look beyond the big picture? It doesn't matter so much what you believe, it matters what you do. A fascist who refrains from buying computers is less harmful than a politically correct environmentalist who buys and uses computers, playing happily in the bars, but enjoying the ghostly cyberspace.

There are so many grounds for my position. Let me mention only a few. People who buy computers are participating in the creation and maintenance of the planet as a toxic global concentration camp. Computers and semiconductors are profoundly polluting to manufacture, use and dispose of. The price of purchase and monthly service fees go directly or indirectly toward implementing high-tech electronic surveillance everywhere. This is more than a consumerist loss of privacy issue—it's a Big Brother/police state threat that is very real.

There are many problems for the individual and society created by the growing immersion in virtual reality. It will inexorably pave the way for acceptance of human genetic engineering and utter hell on Earth. Already one can see how it dulls the senses and delays the nervous system—especially in children—resulting in a crude, robotic sensibility toward the immediate environment and nature in general. The internet format has also led to a colossal loss of context and coherence in what passes for intellectual culture.

The internet is far from being just a neutral communications tool, and the claims that it is a decentralized, democratic force for liberation are really too ridiculous to even

mention. Let's just look at the central issue that seems so hard to grasp. The high-tech growth boom means that the internet is a tool for increasing the speed, power and environmental effects of all industrial technology. It is also a tool for destroying time and distance. But ecosystem integrity, including biodiversity and sane land use, are all utterly dependent on the natural protective barrier of physical distance. Real economy, real culture and community, are all local. Only local people are motivated to protect the environment they depend on. The Earth simply can't survive globalization, which is totally based on computers.



that control of the government propaganda, secrecy was all but gone. Now everyone has access to the internet, the reign news service, etc., right? But even this idea proved to be a pipe dream when the 9/11 bombing came down like ice cream, with very few people probing behind the surfaces of the media propaganda service to inquire into the true Kosovo background. But since 9/11, the illusion of the internet as a power fountainhead of transparent truth has revealed as utterly apt. Millions of American

role in the world and the blowback karma of past US violence became instantly disenfranchised and silenced by the suffocating blanket of demented, brain-damaged jingoism. It just doesn't matter in situations like this what cool websites you can visit, if they preach only to the converted. It matters only what the masses see, and how the Pavlovian screws are turned, in the implementation of finely tuned thought control by the semi-invisible spinmeisters.

The essential Babylonian enemies are impersonal enemies, technology intertwined with a lethal economic system. It's simple-minded and childish to focus against the individual dorks who are CEOs. Chomsky told us years ago how futile this is—CEOs can be killed over and over but they will simply be replaced, with a hardening of the zeitgeist of repression being the only effect. Yup, the enemy is impersonal, but perhaps personalism could be channeled into one fertile path of critique at this point: Do research and reflection to recall who was espousing throughout the '90s the feeble-minded drivel that the internet is a decisive force for liberation because it is an overwhelming fountainhead of democracy and truth. Confront them, expose them and discredit them.

Fighting

BY MIKAL JAKUBAL

A movement without a past is a movement without a future.

Does anyone ever stop to wonder what ever happened to all the daring, militant activists who shaped Earth First! in its first 10 or 15 years? I suspect that many newer activists are largely unaware that EF! has gone through drastic transformations over the years and owes most of what it is today to people who are long gone from the EF! scene. Anyone who is curious might want to flip through back issues of the *Journal* and note who-was-who over the years. Why have nearly all of these people given up on radical direct action? It is a question that any serious activist should try to answer because it has important implications for the durability and effectiveness of the EF! movement.

I believe most of my activist cohorts from the '80s would agree with me when I say that the reason most of us pulled back from the confrontational, dramatic activism that made EF! famous and reshaped the environmental movement forever was its lack of sustainability on a personal level. We, like anyone else, had lives to live, personal growth to nurture, old baggage to leave behind and new dreams to follow. We started careers or families, bought homesteads, continued artistic pursuits or went back to school. We got tired of living out of dumpsters, being in the clutches of the legal system and sitting through interminable meetings planning the same old actions. Even the novelty and adrenaline rush of high-drama actions eventually wore off, leaving us wanting something more if we were to continue as radical activists.

The "something more," the missing link to sustainable activism, was and still is effectiveness, tangible results and a sense that what we are doing matters. I think that all of us former EF! militants, at varying points and in differing ways, came to



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Some of those active in the '80s simply dropped out, but a good number went on to work with some of the

I think that all of us former EF! militants, at varying points and in differing ways, came to finally acknowledge the undeniable truth that we were losing, that what we were doing wasn't working. In the face of such a realization, there was no point in continuing as before. Martyrdom gets old very quickly.

new hard-hitting, no-compromise organizations doing mainstream environmental activism, education and litigation. When I ask these ex-blockaders, rioters and monkeywrenchers what they're up to these days, they describe all the successful, effective projects they're involved in, as well as the various personal projects they've pursued alongside their activism. Many former civil disobedience cellmates have told me that they are "finally saving something" after all their years of activism.

I personally don't believe this implies that militant direct action and the desire for revolutionary change are merely youthful fantasies, a phase that everyone will eventually move beyond when they "grow up." Most of us know of sanctimonious individuals within the environmental movement, and hostile opponents outside of it, who readily use this argument to dismiss criticism aimed at them from radicals. Were it true, the obvious implication would be that EF!, the anti-globalization movement and everyone else should pack up shop, forget about systematic change, and join the Green Party or one of the smaller grassroots groups referred to earlier.

How then, do we achieve the effectiveness that will sustain us as individuals and simultaneously build that effectiveness into a movement for radical change?

My attempt to answer that question has led me to the study of strategy. I've concluded that strategy is the single most important missing element in the field of direct action—and has been for the last 40 years or more. A thorough explanation of strategy theory is obviously not possible here, but for simple perspective, imagine this: Both sides in a hypothetical conflict (be it football, a chess game or military battle) are equal in every respect other than strategy.

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The side with the best strategy wins because that side will be better able to organize its resources in an effective manner against the otherwise-equal opponent. Now picture a social struggle in which one side has a near monopoly on every resource, making victory for the underdog (us) seem a hopeless impossibility. Folk-song wisdom aside, mere truth and justice are not enough to carry a movement to victory. Evil routinely triumphs. Having a vastly

effectiveness in group behavior, organizational structures, information flow and so on. In this sense, the movement becomes like a living, intelligent organism, able to pass on experience and knowledge from one generation of activists to the next. I refer to a movement with these qualities as having a culture of strategy.

What I believe we have at present could be called a culture of defeat, institutional forgetting or, simply, anti-strategy. Anti-strategic practices, ideas

resistance, but has learned how to learn. While an individual opponent in a specific campaign may be stupid and easily beaten, the system as a whole is becoming more efficient and lethal by the day.

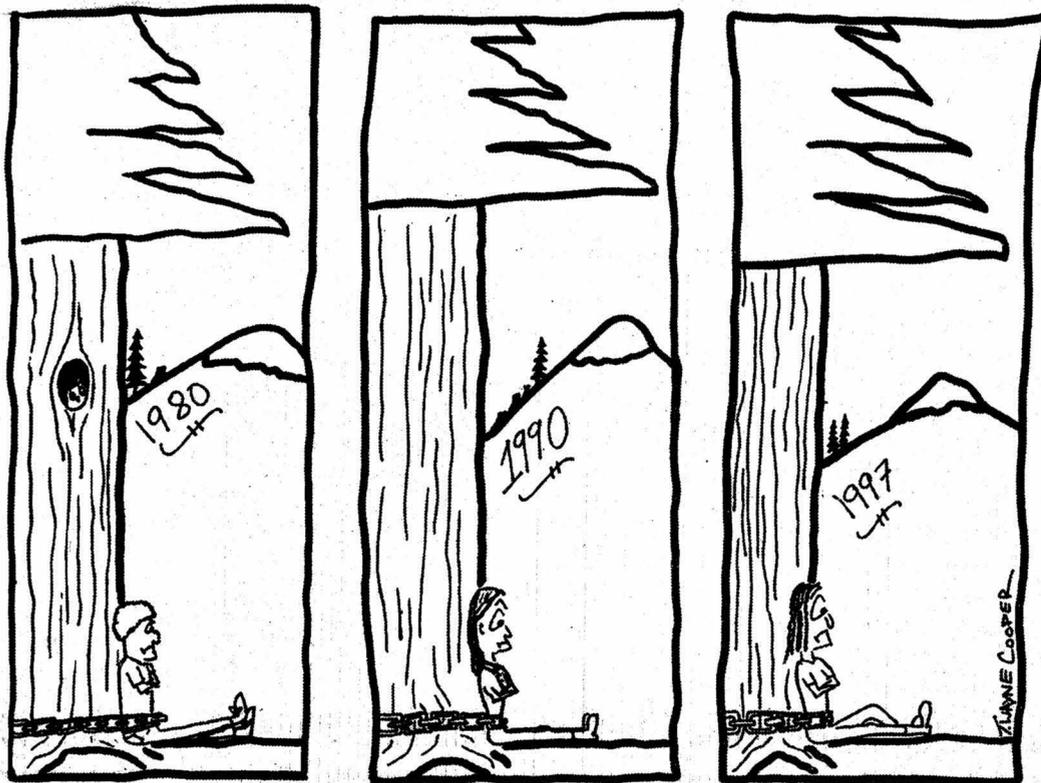
Like a photographic negative of the enemy, we are a rather "dumb," sluggish organism, unable to rapidly learn and adapt. This despite the presence of many talented, competent and visionary individuals whose attempts at promoting change are often met with political (or literal!) screaming, kicking and biting.

Anti-strategy permeates every layer of the movement. Take this hypothetical but common scenario: People use "good" consensus process to reach a decision that everyone feels positive about. According to most of the movement literature on the subject, this would be considered a good action plan. But good process in no way guarantees good strategy, especially if most of the participants are inexperienced.

Our hypothetical group, ready to do battle, holds hands and "ohms" together. The participants go out into the street, only to walk into a situation for which they are totally unprepared. Like

a magic spell for slaying dragons that was defective from the start, the plan falls apart, people are subjected to unanticipated arrests and beatings, fear and chaos ensue, and the objective of the action is not achieved. Some version of this happens routinely in the real world whenever action plans do not reflect and prepare people for the actual situation in the field.

What makes this scenario doubly tragic is that often there are experienced



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superior strategy is our only hope of getting the upper hand in such an otherwise lopsided conflict.

In order for our movement to develop effective strategy—that is, strategy that allows us to stay ahead of, outsmart and defeat the enemy—we must be able to learn, not just as individuals, but as a movement. We need to develop what is sometimes called institutional memory, where individual learning leads to greater

and organizational structures within the movement take many forms, all of which act to prevent individual experience and learning from being respected and incorporated into the organism-level consciousness. Which is to say, they prevent the movement from ever being effective.

Why? Because our enemy is a "smart," machine-like consciousness that has not only learned how to increase its domination and neutralize

people involved, but their knowledge isn't considered valuable enough to listen to in any meaningful way. For example, in a big planning meeting, I might be allocated a 30-second sound bite—the same as the person next to me for whom this is a first-ever action. If I arrive alone to a spokescouncil meeting, I will not get to speak at all though others with far less experience will because they are representatives of an affinity group.

Such experiences say to me that after 17 years of activism and extensive study of strategy my perspective is worth nothing. Only a martyr or a fool would waste time or take risks for such a group.

It is impossible to develop sophisticated strategic concepts within TV-commercial-length time slots. Giving everyone equal air time brings the whole group down to the skill level of the least-experienced individual. Being designated a spokesperson for an affinity group does not bestow knowledge, experience or any other real-world qualification to plan strategy.

Other examples of institutional amnesia include hiding the failure of the above scenario behind feel-good self-congratulation; apologizing for failure ("we did the best we could...") instead of conducting a rigorous post-action critique; not supporting those who want to conduct such a critique; the failure to discuss individual incompetence if such occurred; anti-intellectualism that values simplistic, buzz-word solutions over disciplined study; the typical failure of the meeting to start on time and proceed efficiently, making participation difficult for more experienced people (who are often older and have lives outside of basecamp); and proceeding to the next action as if nothing were wrong.

I believe that most of the anti-strategy in the various radical movements originates in well-intentioned attempts to free ourselves from a culture of abusive, arbitrary authority. What we've ended up with is an ideology of empowerment that hides a practice of disempowerment.

Helplessly fleeing as careful plans fall apart is profoundly disempowering in the short term. In the long run, repetitive failure and inability to learn from it will lose the entire struggle.

Notice the self-reinforcing cycle, or "feedback loop," that's been created here. As individuals my cohorts and I learned from experience, but our experience did not lead to greater effectiveness due to the movement's

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anti-strategic structure. Unwilling to continue with a losing and personally unsustainable cause, we went elsewhere with our lives. The next generation of activists now makes the same mistakes, but this time against a smarter enemy, who has learned from our mistakes. Even bigger defeat results, discouraging people even faster. Without a past to learn from, there is no future.

None of this is inevitable and we need not be prisoners of our past mistakes. The first step, and probably the hardest for many of us, is to admit when we're losing and make a commitment to do something about it. From there, we can begin to consciously develop a self-reinforcing culture of strategy, one that places the highest value on experience, learning and fighting wisely. Institutional memory will allow the movement to generate sophisticated, effective strategy. Superior strategy, competently executed, is the best guarantee of success in battle. Success will attract new people and help retain experienced ones, allowing knowledge to be passed

on and the cycle to continue.

Toward a culture of strategy, will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* and will explore possible ways by which to solve two particularly difficult challenges: 1) building a competence and experienced-based strategy planning structure into an anarchistic movement and; 2) involving and training new people within such a structure. I've been asked to include a reading list here. That presents a problem because there is very little material directly relevant to activist struggles, and none of it is adequate. An indispensable start however, is Gene Sharp's *Politics of Nonviolent Action*, all three volumes. Some people find it dry, but the information is invaluable. Christopher Kruegler and Peter Ackerman's *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict* is more exciting reading, but will make more sense after reading Sharp's book. Military theorists have done the best work in the development of strategy, but it often can take some mental stretching to figure out how to apply it to saving trees. There is often considerable irrelevant chaff to sift through as well. For those who want to go to the effort, I'd recommend starting with Sir Basil Liddell-Hart's *Strategy* and Robert Leonhard's *Art of Maneuver*.



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THE DENE SULINE OF COLD LAKE

Reasserting Aboriginal Title and Opposing the NATO War Machine

BY TINTIN JONES

The Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range (PLAWR) in Northern Alberta, Canada is a favored North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) playground where numerous missiles, bombs, weapons and aircraft that are currently being used in the "War Against Terrorism" are being tested. Since June 2001, the Dene Suline, aboriginal people of Cold Lake, have established a camp at the main entrance of the weapons range. They are opposing the theft and destruction of their traditional territory to feed the war machine and the oil industry.

Since their earliest memories, the Dene Suline have lived peacefully on the land that is now the PLAWR. Through hunting, fishing, trapping and food gathering, the Dene Suline have sustained themselves as a people in the face of genocide from the Canadian government and NATO.

The Dene people live from north-western Canada down to Black Mesa in Arizona. The US and Canadian governments and corporations have stolen their land, killed their people and forced the Dene onto reservations. Like the Dineh people at Big Mountain, the Dene Suline of Cold Lake have faced forced relocation.

The first Europeans on Dene Suline territory were Hudson Bay Company fur traders, and by 1867 a treaty, known as Treaty Number Six, was forced onto the Dene Suline. In 1952, the Canadian government, under the pretense of protecting the freedom and safety of Canada, stole the land encompassing PLAWR, land that was guaranteed to the Dene by treaty.

When this happened, the Dene Suline had a seven-day sit-in at Suckerville, on the shores of Primrose Lake, refusing to

move until their land was returned. After heavy coercion from the government, a deal was made: a lease of 4,490 square miles for military use only which was to be returned, or a new lease negotiated after twenty years.

Before 1952, a large deposit of oil was discovered on their territory and by the early '70s the technology had been developed to extract that oil.



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Since then, the oil companies, primarily Alberta Energy Corporation and Petro Canada, have been taking billions of dollars worth of oil yearly and destroying the environment in the process. In recent years further developments in technology have made the extraction of oil in the tar sands possible increasing the oil potential. This region has more oil reserves than Saudi Arabia.

The voices of opposition from the Dene Suline have been ignored by the

government. Not surprisingly, after the original 20-year lease was up, the government still maintained control over Primrose Lake and did not renegotiate the lease.

The territory of the Dene Suline is being bombed and decimated every day. Burial grounds, traplines and hunting and fishing grounds are destroyed by the greed of the oil industry and the bombs of the NATO war machine. Through residential schools, poverty, alcohol, destruction of the environment and forced assimilation, the government has tried to break the culture and strength of the people.

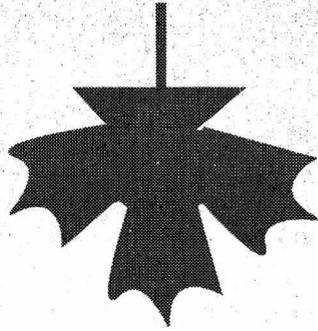
NATO, the War Machine and Native Territory

Many other indigenous nations on Turtle Island have seen the effects of the war machine's testing on their territories. The Western Shoshone people in Newe Segobia (Nevada) have suffered from massive nuclear testing on their lands. Many people have developed cancer and other illnesses from nuclear radiation and the destruction of the land and the sustenance it provides. Thousands of low-level planes fly over the territory of the Innu people in northeast Canada every year, negatively affecting their environment, food sources and culture.

In the 50 years since the Department of National Defense stole this land, Primrose Lake has become one of the largest airforce bases in the world. The "Tomahawk" cruise missile was first tested at Primrose Lake, and then used in Iraq, Yugoslavia and now Afghanistan.

As a people who have lived close to the land for thousands of years, the Dene Suline are intimately aware of the impacts of NATO and PLAWR on their environment. They have seen an increase in disease in both humans

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and animals. Their lakes and rivers are being polluted by the waste of the oil industry and NATO bombs and missiles.

The ancient boreal forest around PLAWR is home to moose, elk, buffalo, timber wolves and bears. These animals are being killed and displaced by the bombardment of their habitat.

For six weeks every year at the PLAWR, more than 18 NATO countries use the range for "Operation Maple Flag" in which they test new laser and ballistic missiles and depleted uranium (DU) bombs [see article page 17]. DU is the left over element from the fission of Uranium 235, which is used for fuel for weapons and nuclear reactors. DU contains alpha and beta emitters which cause damage to cells in the lungs, bones, kidneys, prostate, guts and brains, eventually leading to cancer. Depleted uranium contaminates the land, air and water for millions of years.

The "War Against Terrorism" is colonization in the 21st century. Land is turned into military occupied zones. The environment is destroyed, the people are forced to give their oil to the hungry western market and assimilate their culture and economy into the world capitalist market place.

What NATO and Canada have done to the Dene Suline and their territory is what they want to do to the world. People have been lead to believe the "War Against Terrorism" is a war for freedom and democracy, to liberate Afghans and other Muslims from repressive governments and radical funda-

mentalists. But the Taliban's treatment and oppression of women and non-Muslims is no different than the Canadian treatment of the Dene Suline and other indigenous people on Turtle Island. As "Operation Enduring Freedom" continues, there is only going to be more genocide committed against the native people of Turtle Island and destruction of their territories in the name of military testing.

Dene Suline Resistance

For the past six months, the Dene Suline have asserted their aboriginal title and opposed the NATO war machine by reoccupying their traditional territory at PLAWR. On June 3, 2001, the Dene Suline blocked the Alberta Energy Corporation (AEC) access road and the weapons range and established a camp there. They are re-asserting their title to their homelands by physically living on them, and by doing so, they are implementing the 1997 Delgamuukw Supreme Court decision, which affirms the inherent rights of native people in Canada.

On December 12, the government was able to pass through their next stage in the theft of Dene land by working with the Band Council government to pass a referendum which gives the Dene \$25.5 million and a measly 5,000 acres of land in exchange for the 4,500 square miles of their territory that encompasses the whole weapons range. This works out to only \$35 an acre and \$2,500 for each Cold Lake band member.

This deal was fast tracked past the people by the government and Band Council with little information given about alternatives. This deal reflects the current phase of genocide in Canada, whereby the Canadian government works with Band Councils to cut deals and "settle land questions." For a people that have been oppressed for so long and suffer from chronic unemployment, alcoholism and poverty, the offer of money has an immediate short-term appeal and these deals are able to pass despite dissent from traditionalists and other members of the nation.

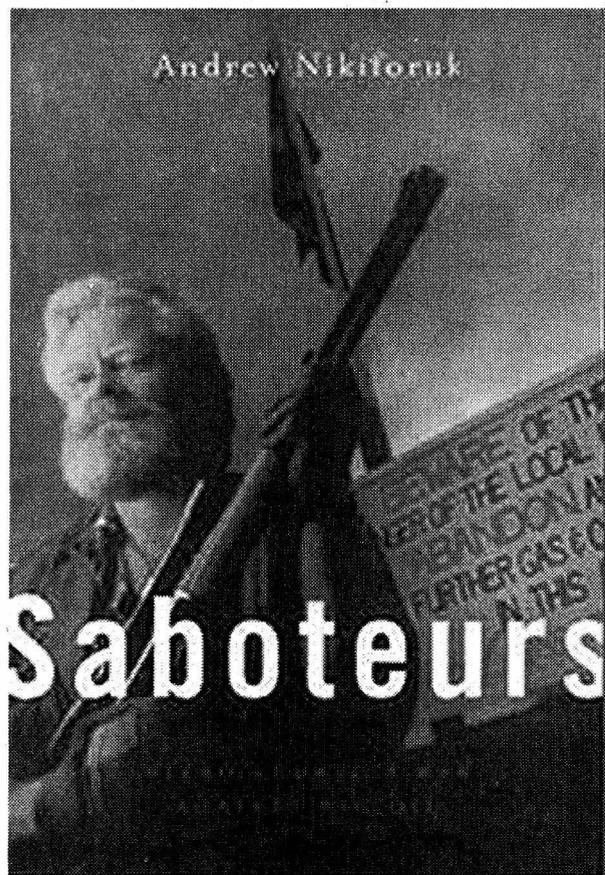
The Dene Suline are not giving up or backing down because of this latest tactic by the government. Around 20 people are still at the camp regularly, despite bitter winter cold. They recently finished building their first permanent cabin and are in the process of building more. Dene Suline Warriors are promising direct action against PLAWR, the government, Alberta Energy Corporation and anyone else in support of this deal. The Dene people have survived this long in the face of genocide and they will continue to fight to defend their people and territory against devastation by Canada, the oil industry and the NATO war machine.

"We need the world to look closely at this act of aggression. We need human rights and environmental groups as well as the peace/anti-war movements to act on their resolutions and defend the territories," said Dene Warrior Brian X.

How to support: The Dene Suline are desperately in need of funds. To contribute, contact the phone number below; or transfers can be made to Cold Lake Dene People's Fund, acct. 230 6017 01-maximizer, Cold Lake Credit Union, Cold Lake, AB. They need communications gear (video cameras, cell phones, radios). You can also support by organizing actions against any of the government bodies, the Department of National Defense, corporations and NATO. To join their actions on the front lines, contact the number below. The Dene Suline want this information to get out to people, so please help by spreading the word.

For more info contact Dene Suline of Cold Lake, POB 8497, Cold Lake, Dene Suline Territory, "AB" TOM1M2 Canada; (780) 639-4952; (780) 812-0306.

TOXIC DOWNWINDS: NO REDRESS



BY DAVID ORTON

Saboteurs: Wiebo Ludwig's War Against Big Oil, by Andrew Nikiforuk, published by Macfarlane Walter & Ross, Toronto, Ontario, 2001.

"Extremists are ordinary people with their backs against the wall."

—DISCIPLINED RCMP SERGEANT

This is a must-read book for anyone who wants to understand how the oil and gas industry negatively impacts people and the environment.

Saboteurs is grounded in the impact of the oil and gas industry over the past 10 years on fundamentalist Christian Reverend Wiebo Ludwig and his extended Trickle Creek farm-commune family of about 36 persons, the "Church of Our Shepherd King," as well as many other peoples' experience in Alberta. The farm-commune (on what originally was an unspoiled 160 acres) is in the Peace River area of northern Alberta. It is a simple, eco-alternative lifestyle, religious community, seen by Ludwig "as a viable visionary alternative to the prevailing destructive lifestyles around us." From 1990 onwards, Trickle Creek residents were frequently gassed, by flares of hydrogen sulphide from sour gas wells on and surrounding their farm. The Energy and

Utilities Board (EUB), largely financed by industry itself, consistently refused Ludwig's request for a public inquiry, despite the Board's own admission that in 1998 daily flaring around Trickle Creek "released enough gas to heat more than 5,000 homes." Flares are described in the book as looking "like giant candles" and roaring "like jet engines." Flares can discharge through high stacks or at ground level. Apart from this incredible waste, there is the pollution, truck traffic and other inconveniences associated with industrial exploitation, all of which are approved by government regulatory agencies.

About 40 percent of Alberta gas is "sour," meaning it contains hydrogen sulphide or sulphur. As the author notes, those who work around sour gas suffer a number of health problems: "Men who have worked Alberta's sour gas fields tend to age rapidly and look old before their time." Naturally, the oil and gas industry and government have a different view: "Both industry and government argue that no conclusive body of scientific evidence supports the claim that small doses of H₂S (hydrogen sulphide) are harmful." About one third of Alberta's government revenues come from oil and gas. Yet for more than 40 years now, as author Nikiforuk shows, rural Albertans exposed to sour gas emissions have had bloody noses, respiratory problems, premature births, nausea, cancer, asthma and dead or sick livestock.

Why does flaring occur? Nikiforuk explains that "oil wells flare to burn off gas that doesn't warrant the cost of a pipeline. Gas plants flare to convert H₂S into water and less toxic sulphuric dioxide. Both wells and plants often flare during routine cleanups or emergency burn-offs of gas called "upsets."

What is in the flares? According to a 1994 Alberta Research Council study, withheld by the government for two years, found "that flares didn't burn efficiently and left anywhere from 16 to 38 percent of the gases intact. While the burning of waste gas destroyed some toxins, it created others—as many as 250 compounds, including known cancer causers and brain fuddlers such as benzene, styrene carbon disulphide, hydrogen sulphide and carbonyl sulphide."

Ludwig's experience, and that of others chronicled in this fine, progressive, yet anthropocentric book by Nikiforuk, shows what many rural Canadians have come to learn first-hand—that there is no permanent unspoiled space for one's family which cannot be fundamentally disrupted by capitalist economic activity. In Alberta, only about 10 percent of forest land remains unfragmented by seismic lines, pipelines, oil and gas wells, clearcutting and roads. According to *Saboteurs*, in the year 2001 over 20,000 oil and gas wells were to be drilled in the province. Nikiforuk notes that in the year 2000, the regulatory EUB only turned down one application, out of thousands, to drill an oil and gas well.

The lives of rural residents can often be turned upside down by nearby clearcutting, mining, oil and other so-called development. In Alberta, Nova Scotia or any other province, while a person may "own" land under the capitalist economic system, one cannot own the mineral rights beneath the land. These reside with provincial governments. Capitalist property "rights" are sold or leased on industry's demand. The oil and gas industry operates as though the people with whom they must negotiate entry for well sites or pipeline rights-of-way have no deep attachment to their place of residence or care about preserving the ecological integrity of the land.

Atlantic lessons

Reading *Saboteurs* should help to cast away illusions about the fossil fuel industry's claims that it can ever be a "good neighbor" or "co-exist" with commercial fishing, eco-tourism or preserving marine habitat. Who will be looking out for the inevitable pipeline leaks, breakages, well blow-outs, release of toxic drilling muds, human errors, etc.? At the farcical hearings into the Sable gas project, the mountains of company literature presented to environmental assessment panels all came to an identical conclusion: "No significant

adverse environmental or adverse socio-economic impacts are likely to occur."

In a wider sense, which Nikiforuk's book does not really cover, fossil fuel is central to the continuing ecological destructiveness of the global industrial economy. George Bush has made it clear that Canada has a major role to play in servicing the American colossus. Our Canadian politicians are prostrating themselves to answer Bush's energy call.

Wiebo Ludwig was eventually sentenced to 28 months prison time for his ecotage of oil and gas installations. But this book makes it clear that Ludwig had a lot of support in rural Alberta. Given the new "anti-terrorist" climate in Canada, and the passage of legislation like bills C-35 and C-36, future interference with the fossil fuel industry will likely be considered "treasonous."

Nikiforuk's book is full of stories of how in Alberta the industry and the government promote "denial," not rectification. There is a lot of rage in Alberta, and it will be heading to the East Coast. Oil and gas activists and the interested public need to read this book. Knowing the true face of the enemy is part of any intelligent battle preparation.

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Terrorism is police teargassing, shooting and beating peaceful protesters. It's the police shouting fascist abuse in Genoa and using rubber bullets in Gothenburg. Terrorism is the police, the government and the corporations. It's what happens day after day, year after year in this fucked-up system. It's the feeling of oppression, when you get the sense that something is trying to strangle the life out of you. It's the slow torture over months and years. It's what we all fight against daily in the struggle of rejecting a system that wants at best to ignore us, at worst to annihilate us.

What we need to remember is that the real criminals and terrorists are the arms dealers, and the corporation heads. Think of Shell destroying land and lives in Nigeria; drug companies controlling desperately needed HIV/AIDS treatment in Africa whilst thousands are dying; or US and UK-led sanctions on Iraq crippling an entire country and killing innocent people. Terrorism is the oppression bred by the state. It gets me so angry because I love this Earth and everything on it. There is so much beauty, so much love and there is always the capacity for peace. The Terrorism Act will hit us hard and bring pain to the community around me but it will not stop us. I have absolute faith in that.

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Book Review: *Memoirs Of An Urban Guerrilla*

BY BRIAN BURCH

Direct Action: Memoirs of an Urban Guerrilla, by Ann Hansen, published by *Between the Lines*, Toronto, Ontario, 2001 and by AK Publishing, Oakland, CA 2002.

No matter what has happened in the last twenty years, the defining moment of my political activist career was the bombing of Litton Industries. Their plant in northwest Toronto was where Canadian complicity in the arms race was publicly revealed. Here, Canadian tax dollars were subsidizing production of the guidance system for American air-launched cruise missiles. For years the Cruise Missile Conversion Project and various local expressions of the Alliance for Nonviolent Action persistently and nonviolently attempted to end this symbol of Canadian involvement in the arms race. In the fall of 1982 there was a rupture, an upheaval in the resistance to manufacturing the tools of war—a bomb went off at Litton Industries. The group Direct Action claimed responsibility.

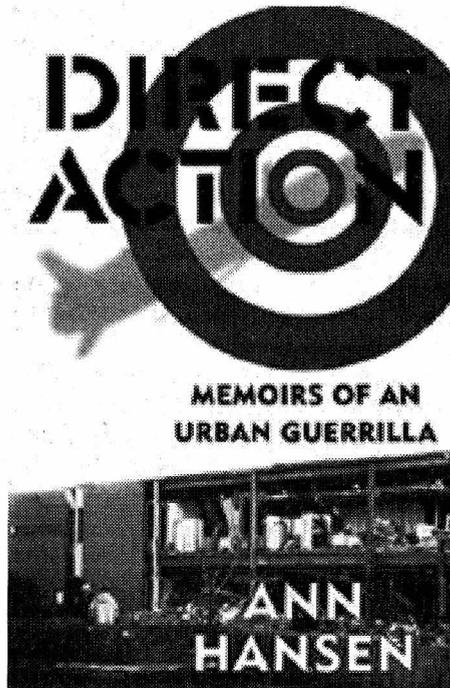
The police took this opportunity to go after peace activists. Our homes and offices were raided. People were picked up off the street and out of movie theatres for questioning. False charges were filed to pressure them to name names. It was a fearful and formative time; one that is hard to imagine was 20 years ago.

Ann Hansen was one of the members of Direct Action. Her book is a slightly fictionalized account of the history of Direct Action and the political realities of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Reading *Direct Action*, one gets a hint of Emma Goldman's *Living My Life*. There is a strong, personal narrative linked to the broader world of movements for positive and compassionate social transformation. Created conversations between known activists, sections that are almost diary-like in nature and parts that resemble a newspaper are feature in balanced detail—*Direct Action* is a structurally complex work.

What most struck home was the short retelling of the incident of being picked up by police who were driving an unmarked car. This is, to me, symbolic of one of the lesser known realities of the aftermath of Litton—it's effects on the lives of people uncon-

nected to the bombing. For about two years there was a strong sense of fear among activists, wondering what would happen next—who would have their home raided? Who would face a series of harassing charges? Will one of us be charged because the police needed to charge someone? Our partners and families faced harassment as well.



This book doesn't indicate whether this impact—that fallout from the bombing would cause harm to people far removed from the action—had been considered by any of the participants. I would have liked to see that, partly because I know through correspondence with the five while they were in prison that all of them were genuinely concerned about the victims of police actions in the aftermath of the bombings.

What is revealed throughout the book is a real militant compassion. Ann Hansen is good at portraying the range of issues that the five participants in Direct Action attempted to address. There was no sudden leap from a desire for social change to a participation in urban guerrilla warfare. Rather, we are invited to share in a process that reveals why people who were deeply committed to a just and ecologically sound world would accept the costs of bombing as a step toward their ideals.

Some of Ann Hansen biographical details were a surprise. The tapestry of her relationships was quite complex. Some were intensely emotional, indicating a capacity for love that, I think, also underlies her own willingness to take major personal risks in order to make life better for others.

The details of the various actions, from the fire bombing of Red Hot Video and the bombing of the Dunsmuir site, to armed robberies, are not a romanticized view of armed struggle or sabotage. Rather, they are pragmatic and, to a great extent, they are background details from the story of the Vancouver Five/Squamish Five/Direct Action/Wimmin's Fire Brigade from Ann Hansen's personal perspective.

While *Direct Action* is a personal statement, it is also an historical document. Twenty years ago, revolution was not merely an advertising concept. As in the period when the Weather Underground arose, there were massive, public demands for radical social transformation. In Nicaragua and El Salvador there were large-scale popular revolts against US-backed regimes. In Canada, leaders of unions and churches participated in demonstrations that were definitively anti-capitalist and anti-militarist. There was enthusiasm as victories accumulated, such as reproductive freedom, which had been won through mass nonviolent resistance to unjust laws. If there were roadblocks to change, was it unreasonable to want their removal? If immediate harm was going to occur, such as building weapons for the US military, destroying the ecosystem or exploiting women's sexuality, was it unreasonable for people to try and sabotage the actual places where harm was occurring?

Direct Action looks at this reality and questions it. In the light of the strong anti-globalization movement and the US response to the events of September 11, I think this is an essential book to read and reflect upon. We are in a world where the police have recently been given extreme powers to crack down on dissent. If nothing else, this book will encourage serious thought about effectively resisting while considering the consequences of resistance.

Long Live the New West!

The lay of the land is slowly yet dramatically changing, often in exciting bursts, for the emerging New West of America. The Old West—the Cowboy West—is dying a slogging, recalcitrant, yet inexorable death. The old days, old ways are going. Not yet gone. But far from vibrant. Let's say, approaching life support.

For cattle ranchers, the seemingly ever-glowing delusion of "home on the range" is finally dimming. Times are hard and growing harder by the month.

Formerly having to face drought, floods, fluctuating beef markets, broken down fences and pesky predators, ranchers must now additionally face courtrooms and lawyers. They must now face the Endangered Species Act and a host of other federal laws that stand as obstructions to their hostile, century-plus assault on our homeland biodiversity—laws that now stand as templates of hope for wild plants and animals, rivers and mountains, meadows and canyons throughout the West.

Once touted as virile, persevering, salt-of-the-Earth folk stamping out a living against all odds, cattle ranchers are gradually being exposed for the profoundly Earth-destructive mob they actually are. Further, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Forest Service, supposed stewards of our public lands, are facing similarly daunting opposition in the same legal venues as ranchers. For the same reasons.

For only so long can ranchers, with abetment from the Feds, pound our Mother to oblivion under the hooves of their cows. For only so long can they get away with fraud, larceny,

rape and pillage of our Western natural heritage with the mouths, as Southwestern author Ed Abbey decried, of their "hooved locusts."

Federally subsidized or free barbed wire, fence posts, grazing allotments, water tanks, helicopter services, pipes, windmills, seeding, herbicide, pesticide, predator trapping, poisoning and aerial shooting now loom imminently as tragedies of the past.

Desertification, erosion, habitat destruction, extinction, flash-flooding, sheet-flooding and stream siltation—atrocity that, as they relate to cattle ranching, will soon be anachronisms found only in history books.

The whole package is akin to a king paying his knights time and a half to tear down the castle.

In the end, though, as with cattle ranchers, Smokey and the Bureau of Land Management will need to make some adjustments. The Feds will actually be required to perform duties for which they are truly qualified, instead of their once overreaching tasks as caregivers of our public lands.

New chores will be outlined for them in the custodial sector. Be assured their most appropriate, most singular aptness lies in emptying trash cans, fixing picnic tables and cleaning toilets.

Traveling the Western backcountry auspice of these agencies, seeing the damage, one wonders, while there may be hundreds of rabid anti-grazing activists out there, why there are not millions! Here is an industry that is more pervasively destructive than any other activity on our public lands. Not ATVs, logging, mining or Republicans. The cattle industry!

The malevolent marriage of cattle ranching, the (de)Forest (dis)Service and the Bureau of Land "Mangement"

has spawned a Grim Reaper—a destroyer of the US's natural heritage. Moreover, this powerful cabal scythes down the natural heritage of the world—of its inhabitants, human or otherwise. For the

land does not belong to us. We belong to the land. We are the land and it is us. It is everyone's and it is no one's.

While the federal government is easily the main culprit in this pathos, a strong second for blame lies with certain influential "environmiddle-ist" groups. Outfits such as the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy and others of similar stature often spew strong and promising rhetoric on grazing issues.

However, the amount of energy these environmiddle-ists actually put into the problem of public lands cattle ranching is disparate to their stated policies and disproportionate to such a huge issue compared to others. They prefer a certain comfortable "middle" ground consensuing, cooperating and compromising with the cattle industry. What power might they wield would they simply unite against this problem?

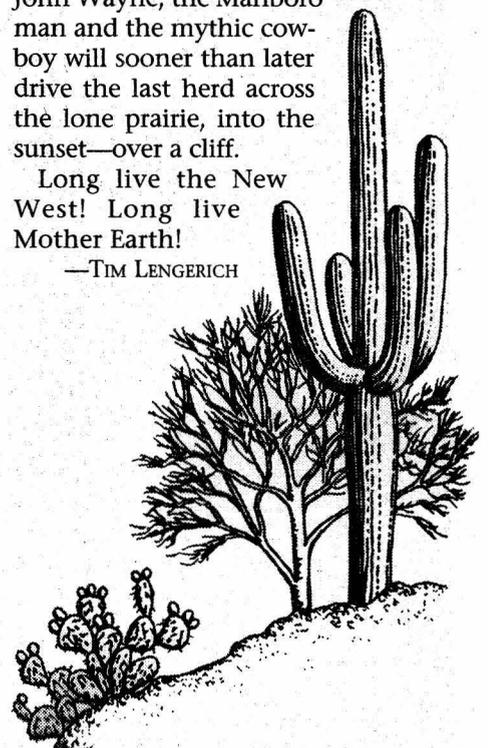
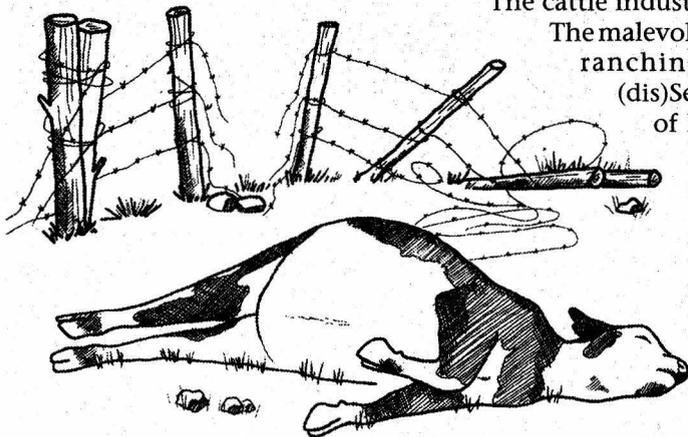
Middles spawn muddles with the devil as sire.

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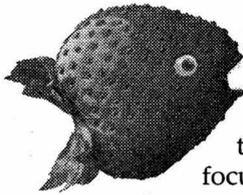


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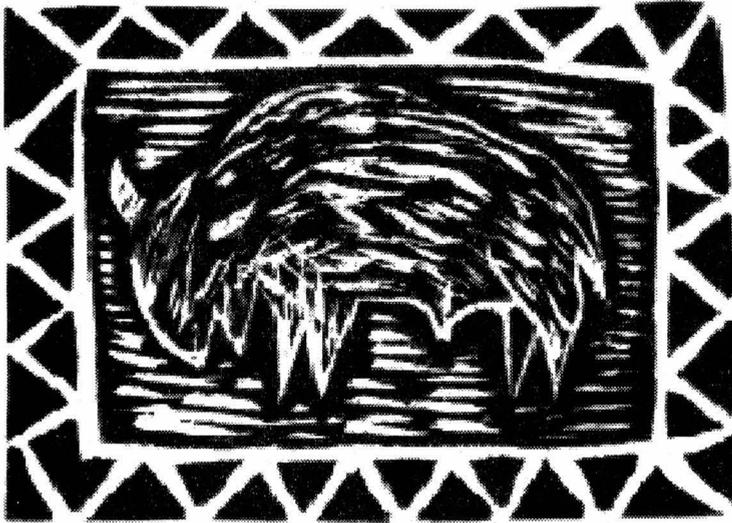
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To express your rage, contact the University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof at President 200 Morrill Hall, 100 Church St, SE Minneapolis, MN 55455; (612) 626-1616, (612) 625-0051; myudof@umn.edu, bruin001@umn.edu.

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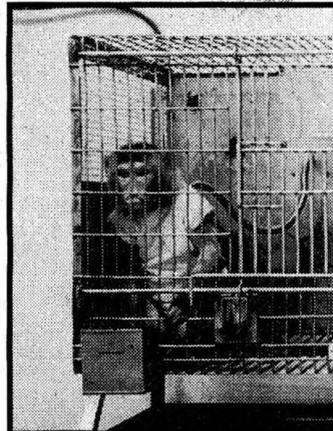


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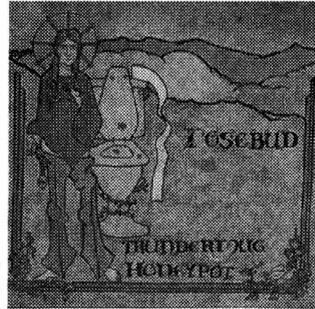
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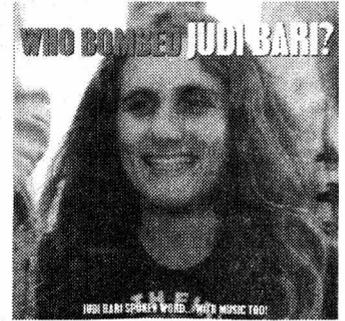


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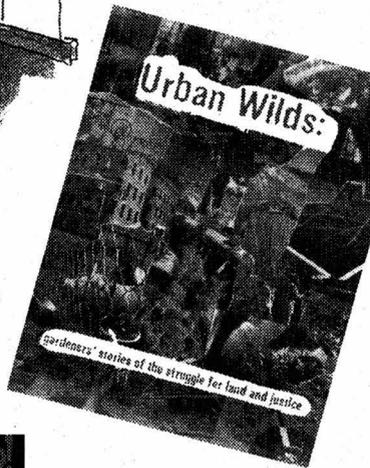
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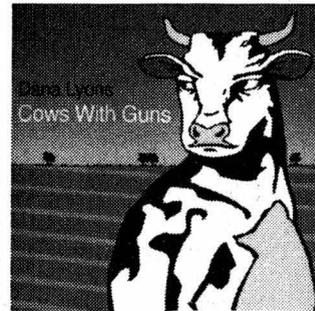
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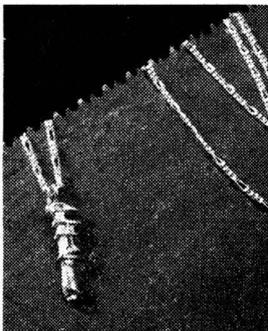
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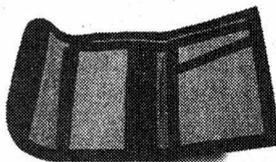
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PRISONERS IN THE STRUGGLE: SUPPORT THEM!

Ecodefense

•Jeremiah Rush Bowen, #108016, DCC, 1140 East 10 Rd., Delta, CO 81416. Serving two years for the arson of a townhouse in Boulder, Colorado in the Summer of 2000. Anticipated release date is February 7.

•Jeffrey "Free" Luers, #13797671, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310. Sentenced to 22.5 years for 13 charges relating to the arson of Joe Romania Chevrolet and the attempted arson of Tyree Oil in Eugene, Oregon in June 2000.

•Craig "Crittter" Marshall, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914. Serving a five-and-a-half-year sentence for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of unlawful devices in relation to the Romania Chevrolet and Tyree Oil cases.

•Helen Woodson, #03231-045, FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for multiple charges including robbing a bank and setting the money on fire, the Silo Pruning Hooks disarmament action and for sending bullets to corporate CEOs.

•Marco Camenish, Viale dei Tigli, 14 13900, Biella, Italy. Serving 12 years for a number of eco-bombings in Italy. Marco can read French, German, Spanish and Italian.

•Iñaki Garcia Koch, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080—Iruñez—Pamplona, Navarra, Spain. Serving just under five years for cutting cables on the construction site of the controversial Itoiz dam.

•Silvano Pellissero, Com. Mastrolerto, Via Ferrerinoli no2, Sanponso, 10080 Torino, Italy. Italian anarchist serving six years for sabotaging a rail line construction site in the Northern Italian Alps. Silvano can read Spanish, Italian and French, but not English.

Indigenous

•Eric Wildcat Hall, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002. Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American resisters.

•Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. An American Indian Movement (AIM) activist serving two life sentences for the alleged murder of two FBI agents at the Pine Ridge Siege in the 1970s.

Animal Liberation

•Neil Bartlett, FW7083, HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd., East Sussex, BN7 1EA, England. Recently pled guilty to phoning in hoax bomb threats to Glaxo, SmithKline, Shell, Exxon, Mobil, Novartis, Morgan Stanley and Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council. He is awaiting sentencing.

•Dave Blenkinsop, EM7899 HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Rd., Birmingham B18 4AS, England. Serving three years for causing "grievous bodily harm" to Brian Cass of Huntington Life Sciences and an additional 18 months for liberating 600 guinea pigs from a lab.

•Mel Broughton, DJ8216, HMP The Mount, Molyneux Ave., Bovington, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ, England. Serving four years for conspiracy to cause explosions.

•Geert Waegemans, Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. Serving two years for an attempted arson of a judge's car, two arsons against McDonald's and two arsons against the meat industry. The police have filed additional charges against him saying that he burnt a chicken truck in Lint (5/99); meat trucks in Kontich (7/99) and Antwerp (July 99) and attempted to set fire to a furrier in January 2000.

•Rae Newlands, GN6613, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd., London, N7 ONU, England. On remand. Accused of arson, bomb hoaxes, criminal damage, harassment and conspiracy relating to anti-bloodsports and anti-HLS activity.

SHAC Three

Three individuals charged with inciting a public nuisance by printing the *UK Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty* newsletter have all been sentenced to one year.

•Heather Avery, HMP and YOI, Highpoint, Stradis Hall, New Market, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England.

•Natasha Dellamaine, HMP and YOI, Highpoint, Stradis Hall, New Market, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England.

•Greg Avery, HMP Belmarsh, Weston Way, Thamesmead, London, SE28 0EB, England.

Anti-Globalization

•Rob Middaugh, #6859467, POB 5000, Delano, CA 93216-5000; blackcross@disinfo.net. Sentenced to three years imprisonment for his involvement in the Mayday 2001 "Reclaim The Streets" (RTS) celebrations in Long Beach, California.

•Robert Thaxton, #12112716, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310. Serving a seven-year "mandatory minimum" sentence for throwing a rock at a cop at the Eugene June 18 RTS in 1999.

•Paul Robinson, Goteburg Remand Centre (Haktet), Goteburg Polis Headquarters, (Polis Huset), Box 429, 40126 Goteburg, Sweden. One-year imprisonment for rioting.

MOVE*

Although some of the prisoners are listed together, you must write each MOVE member separately:

•Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308), Janine Phillips Africa (006309) are at SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave., Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238.

•Michael Davis Africa (AM4973), Charles Simms Africa (AM4975) are at SCI Grateford, POB 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244.

•Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974), SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200.

•William Phillips Africa (AM4984), Delbert Orr Africa (AM4985) are at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

•Mumia Abu Jamal (AM8335), SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Hwy., Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090.

*MOVE, an eco-revolutionary group, was consistently persecuted by the Philadelphia police during the '70s, culminating in the police firebombing their commune in 1985. The "MOVE Nine" were framed for the murder of a cop and sentenced to the maximum prison sentence of 100 years each.

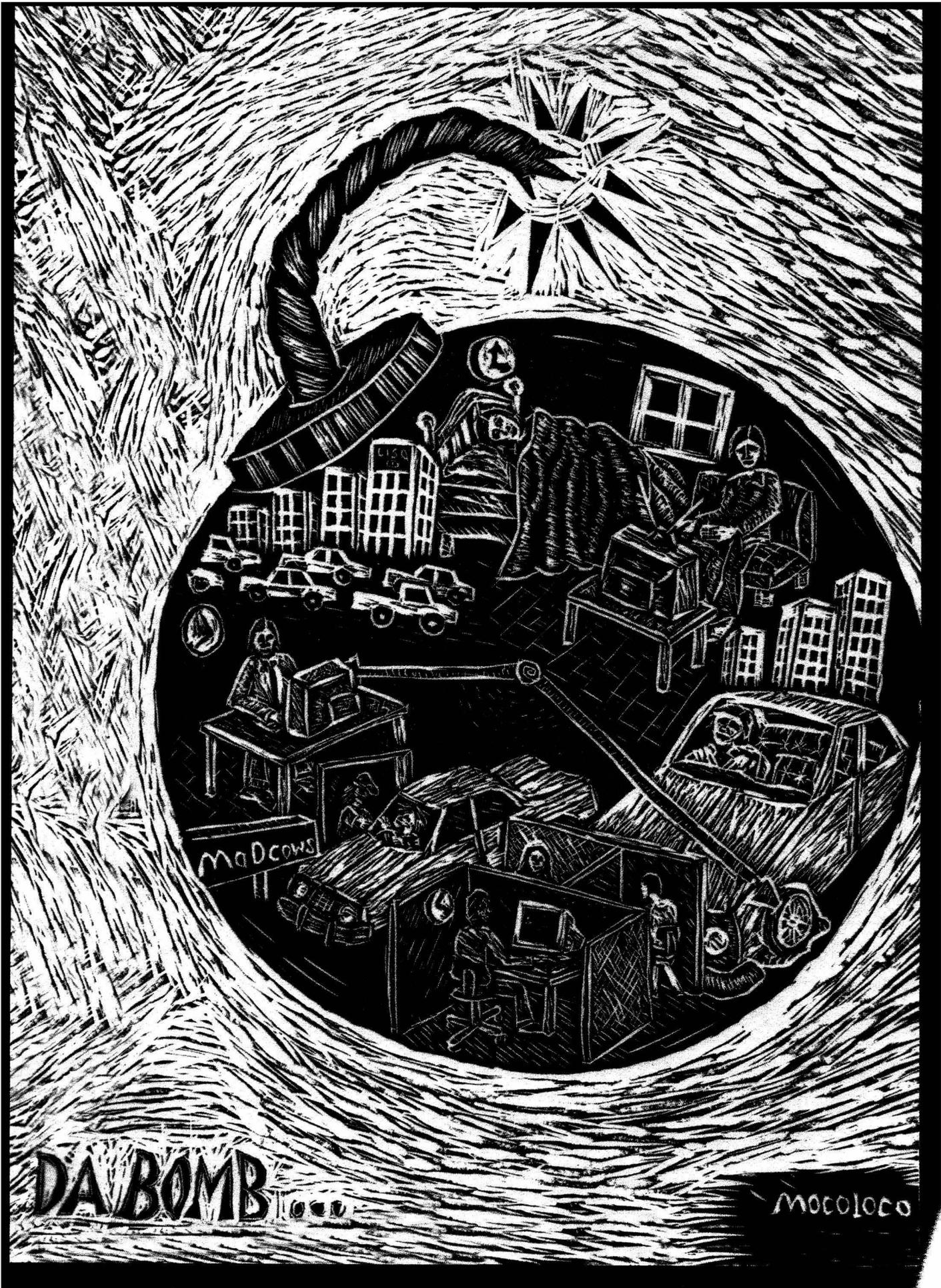
Prisoner Support Groups

•Anarchist Prisoner Legal Aid Network (APLAN), 818 SW 3rd Ave., PMB 354, Portland, OR 97204; aplan@tao.ca.

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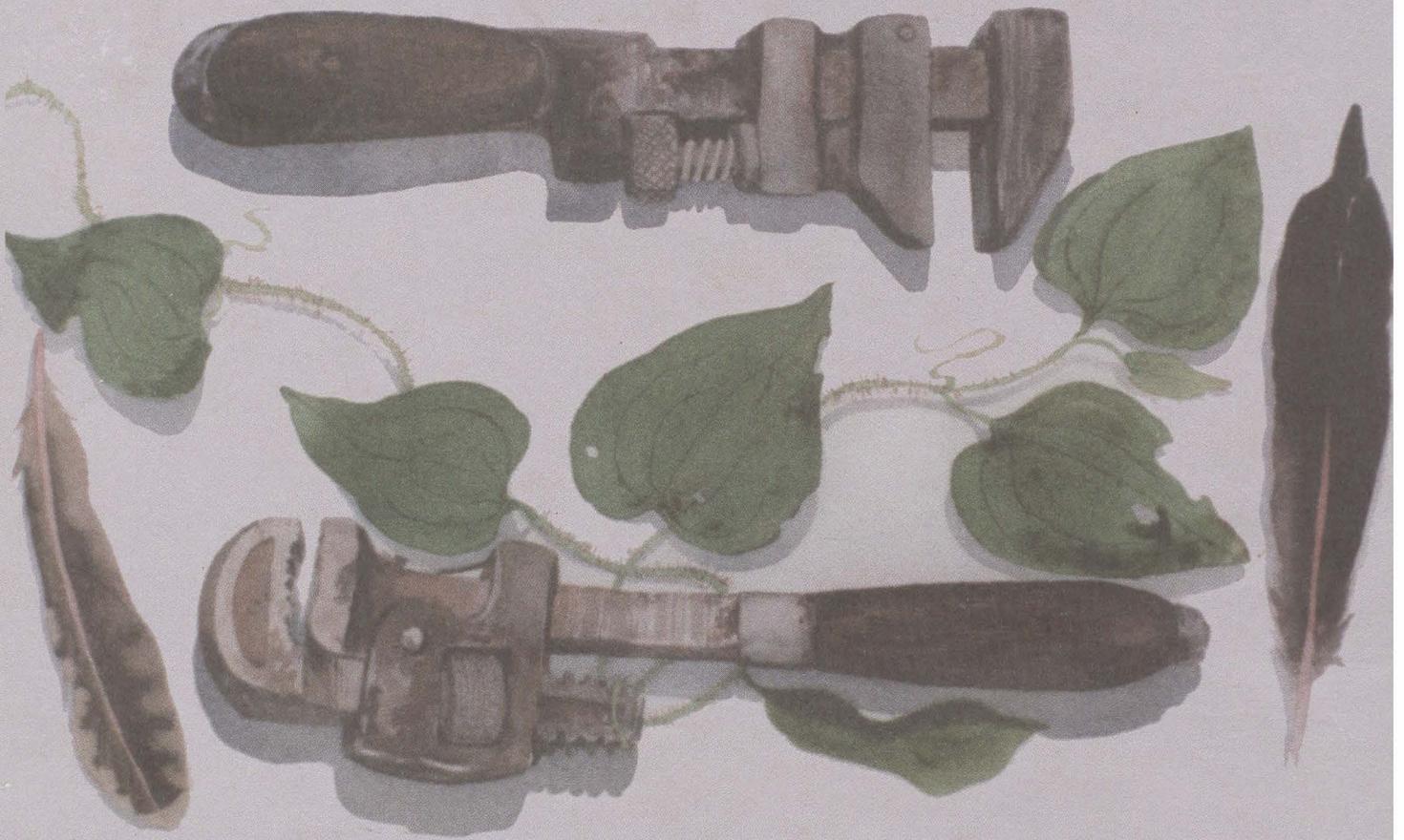
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