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 down the WTO - their whole meeting.
 It was amazing! 100,000 people from
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 convention center and blocking the
 bridges. ¡si se puede! The delegates
 never even left the airport. we were
 so many, the cops could only stand
 around and watch. ⊕ Nighttimes
 were like the biggest fiestas you ever
 saw. Imagine, 1,000 people naked in
 the Caribbean under moonlight. In
 not coming back right away. we
 really cool Mexican Activists we met
 from Oaxaca.

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I love you and miss you

Hasta siempre - Aster

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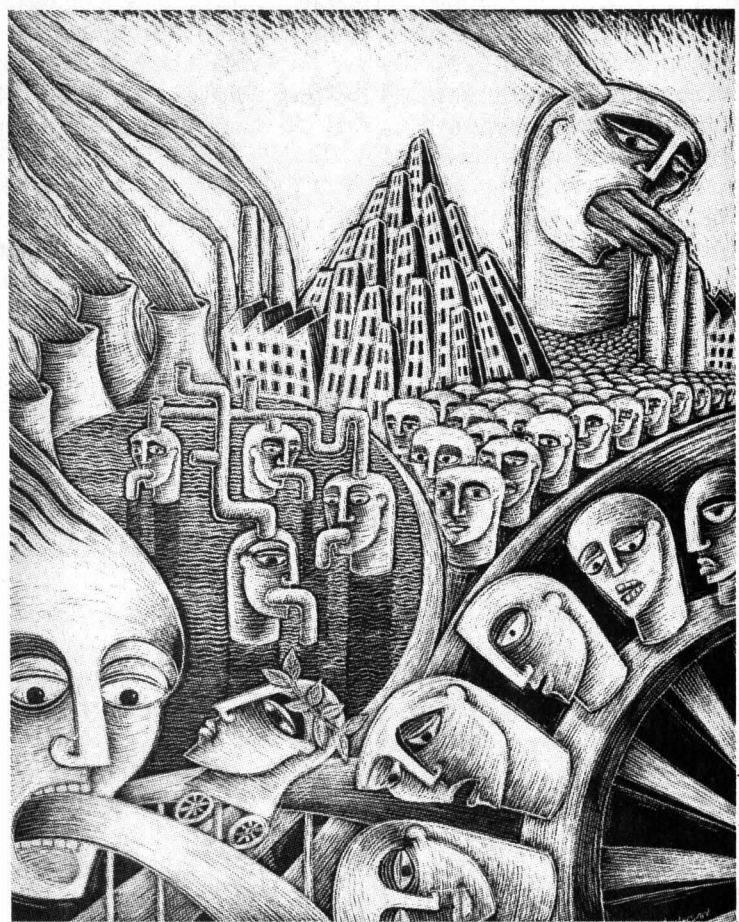
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News From the Underground

You probably have noticed that most issues of the *EF! Journal* feature an eight-page center section called the "blank wall." It is an inexpensive outreach resource utilized by a broad spectrum of groups from Wild Rockies Earth First! to the GeneWise campaign against genetic engineering. The insert's production—from content to final layout is the responsibility of each group.

This issue debuts Earth First's action update, *News from the Underground*, discussed at the 2002 Round River Rendezvous. *News from the Underground's* monthly format will supplement the *Journal's* bimonthly schedule by providing timely updates on direct actions. There is some overlap of content in this issue. Next issue, we will return to our regular format. —*EF!J Collective*

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Earth Dreams Come True

Having read the *Earth First! Journal* since 1989, two themes have always shined through: biocentrism and direct action. Earth First!ers respect all living beings and don't wait for institutions—corporate, government or nonprofit—to end oppressive behavior. We love life and act on that love. Back then, I, and perhaps most Earth First!ers, saw direct action as the means and big wilderness as the ends of Earth First! philosophy.

Those notions remain, but the worldview has deepened.

While humanity remains the enemy of all living things on Earth, it is understood that most human individuals aren't the problem. They are survivors. The great war on the Earth includes a war on women, a war on the poor, on people of color and many others. We are allies.

And we are losing.

The war on the Earth is not a metaphor. It's real and independent of our will to fight. It is daily. It is often final. It benefits a few thousand people fabulously. They must be stopped, in a manner that assures that no others can, or choose, to take their places.

Our alliance must strengthen, our analysis deepen, our tactics become bolder still. That is what is happening in the pages that follow. That is why the *Journal* is so important. Similar material appears elsewhere but rarely with a biocentric analysis or the strategic or moral understanding that the Earth must come first.

With fear in abeyance and clear eyes, a complete revolution is both an obvious necessity and still in the world of dreams. The post-real world before us is a nightmare manifesting with accelerating speed. We grieve and prepare our hearts to lose all that is dear.

So the dreams mushroom. Some of the dreams I have heard lately:

September, 2003: 200,000 people completely shut down the WTO meeting in Cancún. Delegates were trapped inside the convention center for seven days until agreement was reached that the Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting in Miami in October would be canceled and the recent phase of North American Free Trade Agreement implementation would be immediately rolled back.

February, 2004: The first Democratic and Republican primaries of the election year, scheduled for New Hampshire, could not proceed because more than half of the polling stations were blockaded by angry citizens chanting, "The vote is a lie!" They explained to the world how voting in this system paralyzes sovereignty with an illusion of democracy. Turnout in the November elections was 11 percent.

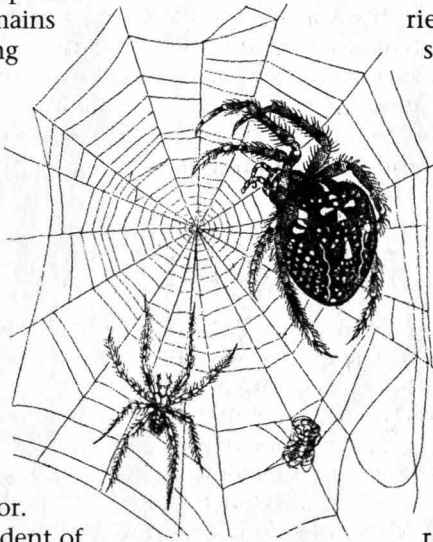
May 1, 2004: The Earth Liberation Army burst onto the scene by taking a multinational CEO hostage, demanding dissolution of his corporation's charter and disbursement of its assets as reparations for the war on the Earth.

January 1, 2005: The Environmental War Crimes Tribunal was established in Europe, making transatlantic travel for US government and corporate authorities highly risky.

July 4, 2005: Three million people descended on Washington, DC, and refused to leave. They completely shut down the Pentagon, White House, Congress, Supreme Court and CIA headquarters indefinitely.

What dreams have you had lately?

—TIM



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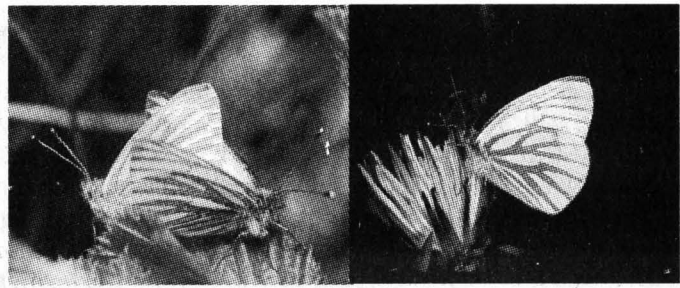
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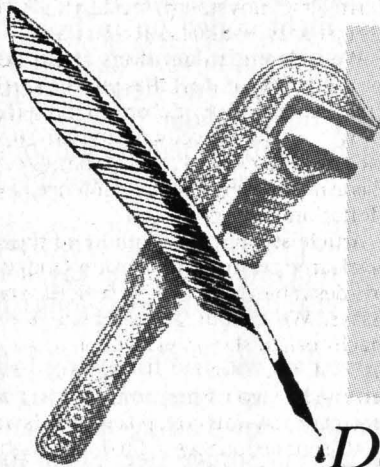
BY FAITH WALKER

Some green-veined white butterflies (*Pieris napi*) have found the elixir of long life: sex. Females of this European species live longer and lilt more larval lullabies the more polyandrous they are. This is because males kindly impart their sperm in nutrient-rich packets called spermatophores, which some females depend on. If deprived of these intimate nuptial gifts, the butterflies die. Other females eschew this seminal addiction, mating only once, but don't live as long.

Whether females mate once or multiply is genetic, each coming from either a monogamous or polyandrous family. Given that the lives of butterflies missing the multiple

mating genes flutter by without as many baby butterlings, there must be some advantages to relying on their own resources, not those of males.

It turns out that polyandrous females are better at processing male gifties, thanks to a higher metabolic rate, which is disadvantageous during the frequent cold snaps in the Spring and late in the flight season. Singly mating females, with their slow metabolic rates, are better able to survive these spells and prosper later in the season when most of the males have died off. This, then, is a clear example of a genetic basis to different mating strategies and of environmental factors enabling them to co-exist.



Been cold and wet this Winter?

The *Earth First! Journal*, located in sunny Tucson, Arizona, has an opening for a new member of our editorial staff. It could be you. Being a part of the *Journal* is full of rewards—working on a consensus basis with a tight five-person collective to publish a magazine essential to the radical environmental movement. Our new long-term editor ideally will have publishing experience, be personally compatible with existing staff, have pounds of patience, be computer literate, have excellent editing skills and have a sense of humor. As a collective, all of the work is shared, so a motivated, hard-working individual is required! To apply, send your resume and a letter of interest to the *Earth First! Journal*, POB 3023, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Dear Shit for Brains... Letters to the Editors

Hey Guys and Gals,

Maybe I'm just having a bad day, or maybe I really am just completely fed up. I am tired of reading in mainstream newspapers of the devastating effects of global warming and pollution. I'm tired of reading about the plight of people in "Third World" nations being killed by multinationals from our country.

But more than that, I am sick and fucking tired of reading about privileged Americans holding signs in the street, whining about being pepper sprayed.

News flash, people: We are fucking losing! Our complacency is allowing our government and multinational corporations to commit genocide and ecocide

wherever they please. Undoubtedly, that is how the peasants and indigenous of other nations see it.

If we didn't want Occidental invading U'wa land, then we could stop them. If we didn't want the police dragging and kicking our naked friends, we could stop them. If we truly didn't want Leonard Peltier in prison, if we don't want Mumia Abu-Jamal to be murdered, then we *would* go get them out.

Instead, we allow ourselves and as a result, everyone else, to be pushed around and intimidated. I really want to believe that it is not because we are so very comfortable with our privileged and posh lifestyles! I would like to believe it is because we are scared.

Because we have a good reason to be scared of prison and even more so of violence. Hell, just ask anyone who grew up around gangs about violence, and you'll hear horror stories. Revolution is a scary word, and it gets thrown around an awful lot.

If we are truly committed to getting rid of fascist governments like ours and getting rid of evil corporations, it is going to take a lot more than signs and protests.

It is not just a matter of us living free. It is a matter of stopping our military from bombing poor people. It is a matter of stopping Unocal from shooting people in Burma.

You can sit back and not care. You can go and hold a sign. But please don't whine

about getting pepper sprayed or shot with rubber bullets—it hurts, I know—but you could fight back.

Please, people, let's stop being victims. It is time to fight back, pick up a rock, pick up a lighter or pick up a gun.

I'm gonna get in trouble for saying that, but the truth needs to be spoken.

I'm sure a lot of people will be pissed about this letter. At least you can still get angry about something.

Enough is enough,

—FREE

Disclaimer: I would never encourage or advocate criminal activity, even if it is the most effective means. This is simply my opinion. Make up your own minds.

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Pete, the Revolutionary Bear

BY MAC LOJOWSKY

Less than five months after the 1999 World Trade Organization protests in Seattle, I took a large suitcase of old Chinese poetry and a small backpack of clothes to a wild island in the North Pacific Ocean. Through the Summer and Fall of 2000, I worked as a back country ranger at Alaska's most remote state park, Shuyak Island.

Shuyak Island is a flat, 10-square-mile island of dense foliage, located in the extreme northern corner of the Kodiak archipelago. It sits due east of Katmai National Park, bordered on either side by the waters of the Shelikof Strait and the North Pacific Ocean. The closest telephone or newspaper is some 75 nautical miles away on Kodiak Island. Winters are long, dark and gray, while the Summers are brief, bright, green and choked with salmon. Aside from otters, the island's most prolific mammals are brown bears.

Given Shuyak's dense cover of old-growth spruce forests, aerial attempts to calculate the island's brown bear population have failed. Due to the dense groundcover provided by alder, devil's club, pushkey and blueberry, nobody has counted the bears by walking. Not even the head ranger, who has lived on the island year-round for the last 11 years.

This is a true story about one uncounted brown bear named Pete. His roaming area included the state park's two cabin basecamp, the main cross-island trail and one public-use cabin, Mulchay View. Next to eating Twin Creek's coho salmon, Pete's favorite pursuit was sustaining a one-bear campaign of civil unrest.

My first week of work on the island was spent rebuilding Mulchay View's outhouse, which Pete had pushed over the previous Spring. But his history of unrest stretched much further back.

Pete's first reported act of defiance began seven years prior, when he spent the night curled up in front of Mulchay View's only door while eight kayakers from Los Angeles, California, spent a terrified and sleepless night inside the cabin clutching their cellular phones. Pete taught them a hard lesson that night—there are still some places where you can't get cell phone service. Even if you could, it wouldn't matter.

When the sun rose the next morning, Pete stretched, groaned and wandered off to Twin Creek. The kayakers radioed in a plane from Homer and cut their week-long trip short by five days.

The next time Pete showed up was the following Fall, during deer hunting season. A group of hunters staying at Mulchay View had just brought down a huge buck, and they had strung it up in an old spruce tree. Since the salmon had all gone home, Pete ignored the shouts and rifles of the hunters, climbed up that tree and shook the carcass loose.

As he began to eat, one of the hunters hit him in the hind leg with a 30.06 bullet. Well, this pissed Pete off to no end. He turned and charged 'em. The men high-tailed it inside the cabin, and Pete smashed down the door. He then went back and finished eating almost all of the 200-pound buck. The men left him alone, and never returned to Shuyak Island. In the cabin's logbook, the men reported only this: "Watch out for that son-of-a-bitch Peterbilt truck of a bear."

Soon after, Pete stepped up the heat. When he wasn't walking Twin Creek or napping in the sun, Pete would regularly chew on the cabin's deck, tear off pieces of siding and push the outhouse over. He continued to taunt the cabin guests, sometimes just scraping his nails on the front door, sometimes sleeping on the cabin's trail to the water spring. Understand, Pete wasn't looking for food—there was plenty to be found in the steams and forest—Pete had a purpose.

On the park's main trail, Pete enjoyed tearing down the trail signs and markers. Every time I would replace a sign,

Pete would tear it down again and add more teeth marks. He punched holes through more than one kayak, chewed up plenty of life preservers and also smashed a few unattended cameras. During his long life as the Big Bay resident bear, Pete never harmed a single person. Sure, lots of people got lost on the trail, he even bluff-charged some unfortunate folks, but the meanest he ever got was with that group of hunters who shot him. From what I gather, Pete's platform was strictly property damage and subtle psychological warfare. In his home of giant spruce forests and shrieking eagles, Pete didn't like humans, their gadgets or their guns, and he let it be known.

Last year, I received a letter from the head Shuyak ranger. It was just a few lines long:

"Pete was killed in August at Mulchay View by a man from Wyoming who claimed 'defense of life and property.' The Department of Wildlife has closed the case."

I never received any more information than that, but I know that nobody's life was ever in any danger. I figure that Pete was probably staging another sit-in on the cabin's deck and that man had had enough of smelly longhairs interfering with his American life.

After a long and well-fed life, Pete passed on to walk in the salmon streams of the Gods, but not without leaving a few true lessons for today's Movement.

Number one, if you don't like something, take action. Block the way; bust down the door; close the road. Let it be known what's going on.

Number two, it is wise to diversify targets. In other words, be wary of striking the same place twice, especially if those on the other side are armed. Remember Mexico City in 1968, Kent State in 1970 and Italy in 2000. Lessons learned: Never trust anyone holding a gun; our rights exist only on paper; the government's right exists in might. This is a very real game to them, and it must be to us also.

Number three, don't hurt anyone. It is ineffective as a method of protest when we are also trying to stand on the moral high ground. As Pete did, we must remember it is a system we are battling, not necessarily its soldiers and never its victims.

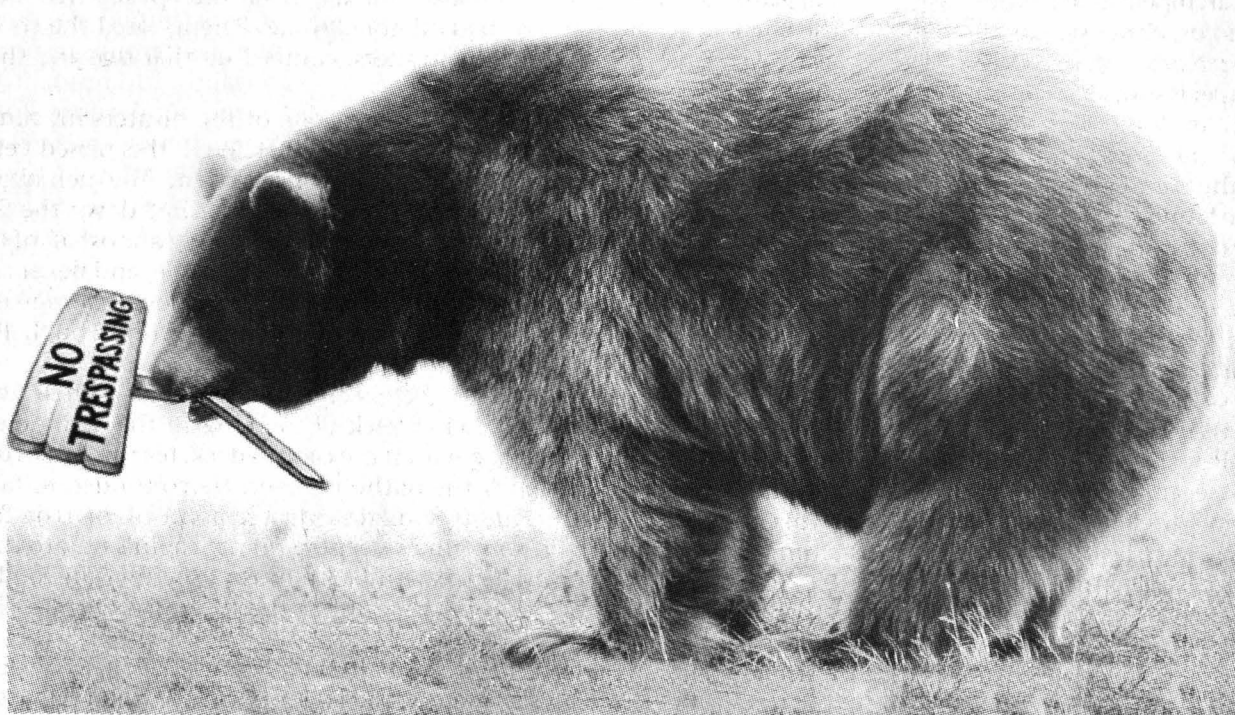
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in absolute nonviolence—if someone hits you, you hug them in return. Ramona Africa, a member of Philadelphia's MOVE organization, believes that if you let someone hit you and do nothing in return, you are allowing violence to occur. Nonviolence is a wide, gray area, so stick to property damage. A hole in the wall, a busted window or a burnt up limousine feels no pain. And the message is a lot louder than a punch.

Pete also had some lessons to teach that had very little to do with politics or revolution. Every revolutionary first needs to find enough food to eat, a place to sleep and occasionally another bear to lay down with. Rest is important in order to sustain the unrest.

Find a new path to the old stream where the fish swim. Figure out where the fresh berries grow and when they are best for picking. Locate a good tree to scratch your itches upon and shelter you from the storms. Love and live what you are fighting for. Pete never asked to be a political martyr; all he ever wanted was some peace.

Maybe Pete's most important lesson is this: If it is a battle you are fighting, there will be a winner and there will be a loser. If it is a love you are living, there really is no battle and there is no defeat. There is no agenda, no petition, no election. There is only here and now, forever.

Mac Lojowsy recently completed a full-length book of poetry entitled The Post Apocalypse Blues... an exile in America. He currently hides out in California's Sespe Mountains disguised as a house carpenter.



Untold Tales of the Other Sheep Farmer

BY PUCK

One drizzly day in Seattle, Washington, I came upon an intersection completely flooded with people. In the middle of the street, a large van was booming with techno music, and a man with a graying handlebar mustache stood on top of the mobile sound system. He was passing out samples of cheese to the cheering and frenzied mob.

This man was José Bove, the date was November 29, 1999, and the occasion was the World Trade Organization ministerial summit. Bove is now almost synonymous with the direct action movement against genetically engineered (GE) crops. He is known worldwide as the sheep-farming, self-professed anarcho-syndicalist founder of the small farmers' union, *Confédération Paysanne*, and media darling of the anti-globalization movement. In August 1999, he made headlines worldwide after he helped to dismantle a McDonald's restaurant in Millau, France.

But, the mass media's focus on stars—especially in leaderless movements—distorts reality and writes some people right out of official historical accounts.

One such person is René Riesel, who, along with Bove, has been destroying GE crops in France since 1997. Riesel's story is fascinating. He is a former member of the Situationist International. At the age of 17, Riesel was one of the "Enragés," a small group that helped to stage the May 1968 mass uprising in Paris, France. As part of the protests, students and 10 million workers went on strike—occupying universities and 122 factories—and demanded everything from better working conditions and self-management to "total liberation." In 1973, Riesel moved to the Pyrénées and became a sheep breeder. Then in 1995, he reappeared on the public scene as the national secretary of the *Confédération Paysanne*.

Riesel, an outspoken critic of "industrialism and the technological system," has also pointed out that the modern farmer's way of life is not really sustainable. According to Riesel, "There are no more farmers in France, only agricultural workers who are more or less integrated—whether they admit it or not—into a segment of agro-industrial production."

In January 1998, Riesel and Bove—along with 100 farmers from the *Confédération*—stormed a warehouse in Nérac that was stocked full of GE maize. They doused the seeds with

scientific progressivism and the continuing artificialization of life. Riesel left the organization.

In September 1998, Riesel crashed an "open house" promotional event held at a Monsanto experimental station near Monbequi, France. He was fined \$150,000 for destroying GE soy, maize and rape seed.

While on the road with an "intercontinental caravan" opposing GE crops, Riesel, Bove and others broke into a greenhouse at CIRAD, a state research institute, on June 5, 1999. They tore up, trampled and burned all the GE rice plants inside. Computer equipment and other electronics were damaged with glue.

Several incidents of clandestine sabotage targeting GE crops followed the CIRAD action; these attacks represented the growing movement of anti-GE activists who prefer direct action to reformism.

Riesel and Bove currently face prison sentences of up to 14 months (see *EF!J* January-February 2003) and restitution of \$32,000 each from both the direct actions at Nérac and the CIRAD research station. Their next court date is scheduled for February 26.

Confédération Paysanne and other Left groups responded by appealing to President Jacques Chirac to pardon Bove and Riesel. Riesel expressed outrage and indignation at the notion that he would be "so lacking in firmness as to ask for any kind

of pardon" from Chirac.

Riesel has remained consistent and uncompromising in the struggle against genetic engineering and the "ruin of nature." Riesel is not supported by a trade union like Bove, and his case has received far less media attention. He especially deserves the support of all Earth activists.

For more information, contact the René Riesel Support Committee: 3 rue Xaintrailles, 75013 Paris, France; soutien.riesel@tiscali.fr.

Puck was a shepherd before she came to work for the EF! Journal.



water, rendering them unusable. Both were sentenced to eight months in prison for their actions.

Riesel was critical of how many groups who opposed genetic engineering were bargaining with the government to establish new regulations for GE crops. In March 1999, he became fed up with these tendencies within the *Confédération* to, as he put it, "merge farmers into an apparatus in which they become agents of the state and managers of the technocommodity system" rather than to criticize industrialism, the myth of

Living the Truth:

An Interview with Rod Coronado

BY SPRIG

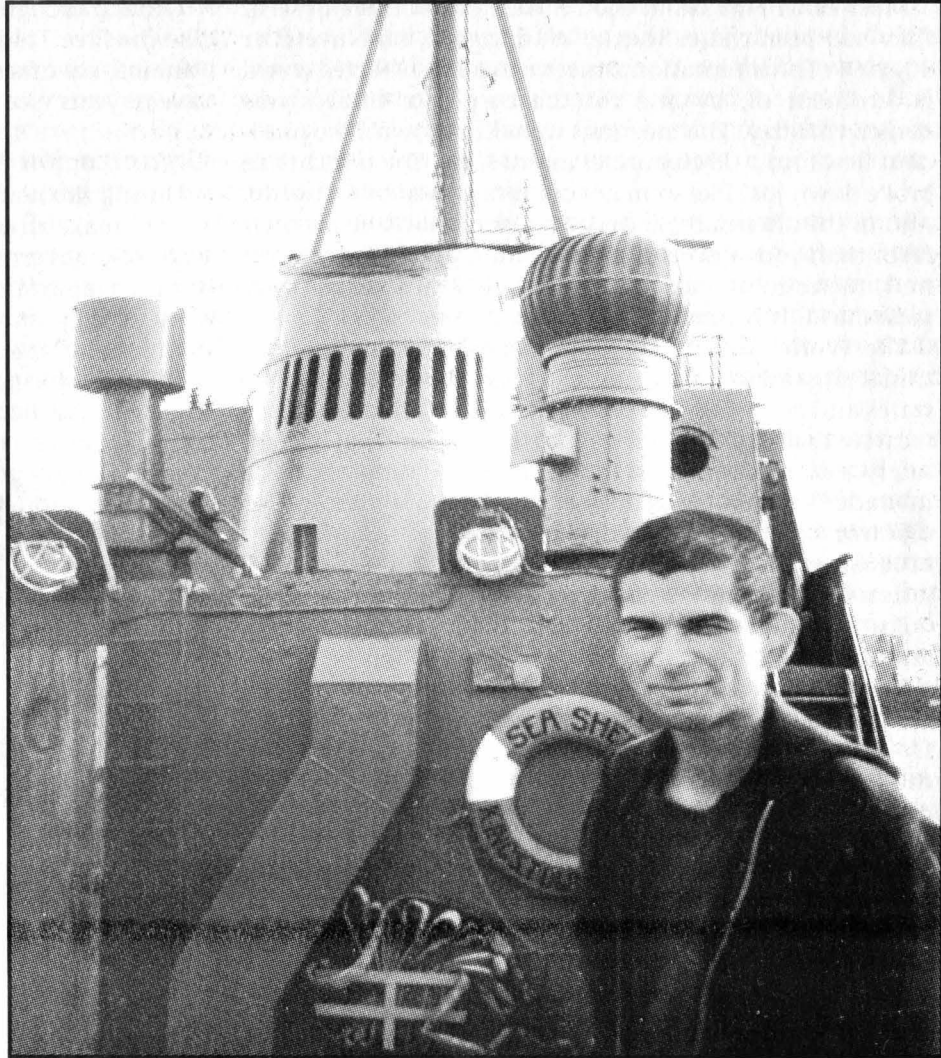
Rod Coronado is a Pascua Yaqui warrior who has spent the last 18 years fighting for environmental justice. In 1985, at the age of 19, he joined the crew of the indomitable Sea Shepherd. The next year, Coronado and fellow crew member David Howitt sunk two illegal whaling ships off the coast of Iceland. Later that year, from the bow of the Sea Shepherd he began writing about his direct action experiences for the *Earth First! Journal*. Coronado is also an experienced hunt saboteur on land, defending bighorn sheep, desert pronghorn and other threatened species.

Coronado has utilized his skills to infiltrate fur farms and document their abuses. He acted as a media spokesperson for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) during Operation Bite Back, a series of fur farm raids in 1991-1992, which caused more than one million dollars in property damage. He lived underground for three years, while he was sought by authorities for a 1992 arson at Michigan State University's (MSU) mink research facilities.

On September 27, 1994, Coronado was arrested for the MSU arson by federal law enforcement officials on the Pascua Yaqui Reservation near Tucson, Arizona. Despite facing intense pressure from the US government to reveal how the ALF is funded, Coronado refused to talk to authorities. He served a four-year prison sentence and continued to fight from inside.

Coronado re-emerged from prison with that same strength of spirit that originally led him to move beyond the rhetoric of direct action and to fully embody it. This consistency is rare among us, highlighting everyone's

Only when we believe in our own power more than that of our enemies will we rediscover the kind of power the Earth has available to us as warriors.



Aboard the Sea Shepherd in 1989

potential for empowered action.

EF!J: There comes a point in a child's life when they realize that injustice exists. How would you describe your childhood, and when did you first become aware that injustice exists in the world?

RC: I grew up in a loving, working-class family, and my mother's love and strength always

came through in her teachings. My childhood was first shattered when I was 12 and saw a documentary on the Canadian harp seal slaughter. Never could I have imagined there existed such barbarity in the world.

EF!J: When did you realize that you could make a difference?

RC: In the same film, I saw Paul Watson physically interfere with the killing, and I knew that I wanted to do the same thing. It's only logical, right? That's when I learned what direct action in defense of the Earth was. I had read about it in *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown. My mom told me about the story with the reminder that

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WTO in Cancún?

BY EL PICO AND MAGPIE

Most Earth First!ers in the US were either there or wish they had been there: Seattle, Washington, on November 30, 1999. The international meeting of an unelected world government of, by and for the corporate thieves was denied that day. The meetings were shut down. The president flew into a US city under martial law. The talks inside broke down just like so many corporate windows outside. And in the aftermath, activists had more lawsuits in their favor than convictions against them. A milestone, if not a new movement was declared, and thousands were radicalized. It is time to do it again.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is an international organization run by the most powerful nation-states and corporations. It seeks to overrun national and local sovereignty through treaties that declare that health, safety, environmental and social laws are "unfair barriers to trade." The WTO is anti-worker and a champion of biopiracy, genetically modified organisms, the patenting of life, the privatization of social services and the exploitation of the commons.

Fearing a repeat in 2001, the WTO found itself searching for a willing host city for its biannual ministerial and finally settled on its only offer: Doha, Qatar, an Arabian dictatorship, a rich oil family with a flag. Impossible to protest there, the solidarity protests around the world are little remembered. Give round two to the bad guys. The tiebreaker is this September 10-15, when the WTO meets in Cancún, Mexico, and the early odds favor the people.

Manifestación en México

Mexico is a natural international focal point for the struggle between neoliberal globalization and participatory democracy. It has more free trade agreements than any other country and an active revolution just a half-day's drive from the planned ministerial. The Zapatistas just celebrated their ninth anniversary with 25,000 people in the streets of San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas. Their armed insurrection began January 1, 1994, the day that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) first took hold in Mexico.

The second phase of NAFTA implementation began this January 1. Mexican peasants are now forced to compete individually against US industrial agriculture and its multi-billion dollar subsidies from the Bush administration. This is a life-and-death struggle for *campesinos*, and they have already responded by smashing their way into Congress

on horseback, with border blockades, a hunger strike and by organizing with sympathetic unions.

Other trade agreements and neoliberal implementation, like the Free Trade Area of the Americas and Plan Puebla Panamá, have faced intense protest by Mexicans in the last several years (see *EF!* January-February 2003).

Organización Mundial Commercial

During the next round of WTO meetings, the powerful seek to make all of this worse for the common people. For example, governments participating in the WTO must allow cheap commodities to enter domestic markets even though they undercut local farmers and small business owners. The large subsidies granted to US farmers make US seed corn cheaper in Mexico than Mexican seed corn. Rights established by the WTO for transgenic seed corporations contradict United Nations policies that supposedly protect the integrity of indigenous seed corn. Genetically engineered crops are currently banned from Mexico. WTO regulations, however, jeopardize Mexico's ability to continue this protection. Meanwhile, genetically modified corn pollen has somehow dispersed throughout Mexico, the birthplace of corn.

The WTO Cancún ministerial summit could also determine the fate of forests and the viability of alternative forest practices both in Mexico and worldwide. Similarly, NAFTA allowed 15 US logging firms into Mexico in the first 18 months after its implementation. Logging by these multinational corporations is rapidly destroying Mexico's biologically diverse forests in places like the Lacandon in Chiapas and the Chimalapas in Oaxaca. *Campesinos* who have resisted the destruction of their forests and rivers have faced extreme political persecution and even assassination. In southern Mexico, a strong sustainable forestry movement is countering the destructive WTO free trade model of logging with efforts at eco-labeling. The WTO will be deciding how these

alternative movements impact trade.

Also being reviewed in WTO Cancún is trade related intellectual property rights (TRIPS), the agreement that allows corporations to patent living beings as "genetic resources."

TRIPS agreements have also denied countries like Brazil and South Africa access to essential drugs to fight AIDS.



Mexicans Don't Think So

Acción por la Gente

The good news is that the planning in Mexico to stop the WTO is even further along than it was in Seattle. In November, more than 200 activists from around the world met in Mexico City, with the large majority coming from throughout Mexico. Groups that represent a wide diversity of agendas and tactics reached consensus that the WTO Cancún ministerial summit must be derailed. There are plans to make this happen on numerous levels.

The scenario from an action viewpoint is positively thrilling. The Cancún Convention Center, where the meetings will take place, is a rather small, three-story building in the middle of a 15-mile-long strip of island in the Caribbean. There are only two small bridges from the mainland. The airport is on the mainland and accessed by



The Cancún Convention Center without the 100,000 people surrounding it

photo courtesy: Cancún Convention Center

a single three-mile, two-lane highway thickly forested on either side. The island contains more than 100 hotels, nearly all catering to wealthy internationals. But the mainland houses all of the staff, janitors, waiters, maids, drivers, etc. There is reason to believe that many of these employees will be instrumental in the resistance.

Closing off the island would require only several thousand mildly energetic protestors. If the government chooses to close the island, who will cook the food and clean the toilets? How will they get delegates from the airport? And what about the customers for all the other hotels? How much force would President Vicente Fox dare to employ in the face of his sinking popularity ratings and with the world's press ready to reduce Mexico from rising "democratic" nation to repressive banana republic? If the meeting is moved to another location at the last minute, it is already an admission of defeat.

La Solidaridad

It is clear that on the issue of police repression, numerous activists from outside Mexico will surely be needed. It is always easier for authorities to beat up their own people than folks from powerful nations around the world. Mexican activists at the Mexico City meeting made the request that foreign organizers begin to mobilize for mass resistance and come to Cancún.

It will be difficult for South and Central American activists though. The southern border of Mexico has tightened considerably in the last several years. This is due to pressure from the US to stop immigration from Central American nations by stopping people before they get to Mexico. No doubt activists from outside the Americas will attend, but the cost of plane fare will prohibit many.

This creates an important role for North American activists. A call has been made, and solidarity is in order. The energy for and destruction wrought by the WTO emanates foremost from the US. Latin American freedom has been repeatedly smashed by US imperialism for more than a century. Failure to respond with sizeable numbers is another retreat to privilege.

For many people from the US, Cancún is no further than a cross-country trip in the US. Driving and buses are both fairly easy. It is "off-season" in Cancún in September, and very cheap airline tickets may be available. Tourist visas are readily granted for 90 days at the border. Passports are not required but will make things easier. Apply now. Food and hotels are affordable. If possible, plan on arriving weeks early to help with organizing.

"Caravans" that are clearly oriented as activist in nature will probably experience problems. Recently, a truck full of supplies destined for Chiapas, was refused entry. Nonetheless, activist communities must organize for large groups to travel south. The only trick will be to disperse as "tourists" while crossing the border. Churches, community groups, solidarity networks and collectives need to start organizing for this action now.

There is no reason to believe that WTO Cancún will be any less important than Seattle. In fact, the current international climate and the state of politics in Latin America suggest it could be far more important. Almost no one who was in Seattle on November 30, 1999, would have missed it for anything. Many activists rue the decision that kept them from going. Don't miss Cancún! If the call is answered widely, the rich can be stopped by the organized.

El Pico and Magpie have each recently traveled in Mexico and plan to return for WTO Cancún.

If You Don't Like the Weather . . .

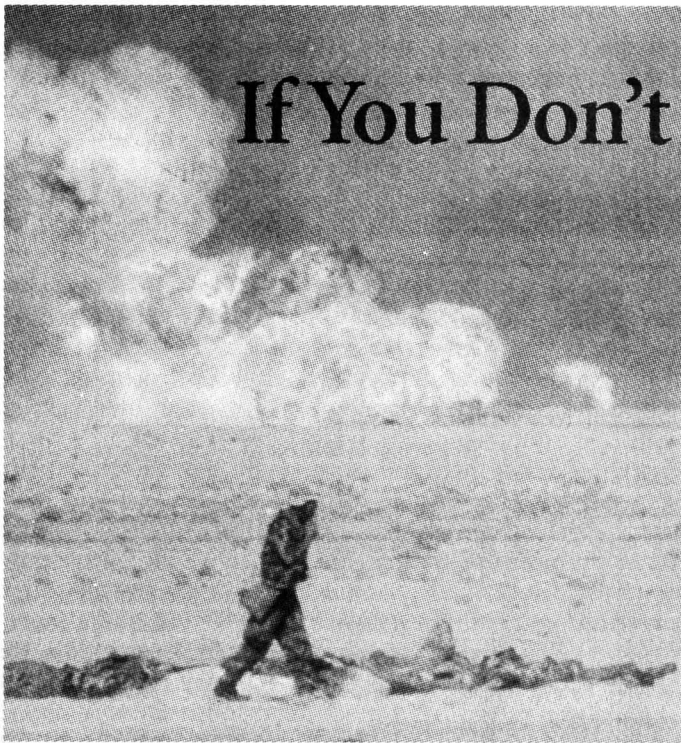


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Dead Iraqis and burning oil wells: the US "victory" in '91

BY TIM REAM

For several decades, scientists have warned that vast commercial production of carbon dioxide and other waste gases would heat up the planet and could bring catastrophic consequences. The Earth has warmed about one degree Fahrenheit from pre-industrial temperatures, and an increase of as much as 11 degrees is possible, with a minimum two-and-one-half degree increase this century. The oceans are the warmest they have been in 1,000 years, and the current level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is probably the highest it has been in 20 million years. In January, the British journal *Nature* published two major reports showing for the first time that climate change has begun to have widespread impacts on numerous species.

Humans Were the Last to Know

Together, these reports examined more than 1,000 species from around the world looking over several decades. In one analysis, clear changes in the timing of Spring events, such as flowering and migration, were found. The average shift was more than five days earlier per decade of warming for invertebrates, birds, amphibians and most plants; more than three days per decade earlier for trees. There were also extreme cases: the North American common murre laid its eggs 24 days earlier per decade of warming studied.

The second study found habitat ranges shifting closer to the North and South poles. The average shift was nearly four miles per decade of warming, though some butterflies have already shifted more than 120 miles and some ocean species hundreds more. Greater shifts in range were seen closer to the poles where faster warming

has been predicted by climate modeling and verified by observation.

It is remarkable that such widespread change could be identified so quickly with temperatures having risen only one-tenth of what is possible this century. But is the magnitude of these changes, several days or miles, cause for alarm?

Species, of course, do not exist in isolation or in random mixes within a community. The results of these studies show that range and timing changes happen differentially across species in the same communities. Ecosystems cannot move as a block. What happens if eggs hatch when food for the young is not yet available? What happens when the birds that eat spruce budworms move north faster than the worms? Or to the trees those worms can kill in the absence of predators?

The move toward the poles is not free of natural and human barriers. Can the red tree vole make it across the Columbia River? What happens when the range of the silver spotted skipper butterfly reaches the northern edge of the British Isles, as it will soon do? Compounding this problem is the fact that much of the world's biodiversity clings to life in designated reserves, parks and refuges. The areas outside these reserves are often degraded habitat, and the park borders are not moving north.

The Signs are Everywhere

Most people have heard of the unprecedented rate of melting of polar ice caps and high elevation glaciers, including the complete obliteration of the 12,000-year-old

Larsen B ice shelf last year.

But in 2002, the second hottest year in the last 1,000 (the record was in 1998), scientists also discovered that the sky is rising. The lowest layer of the atmosphere, the

troposphere, has grown two to four percent in thickness in the last several decades. Global climate change is the suspected cause. The effects are anybody's guess, but the troposphere is where weather is generated. Some speculate that a bigger troposphere may mean bigger storms.

The insurance industry is convinced that this is already happening. In the last decade, claims for storm-related damages set records, and the industry predicts that human-induced global climate change could soon cause as much as \$150 billion in damages per year.

It is costing more than just cash in Southern Africa, now amidst one of its worst droughts in decades. Rain has come at unusual times, strange Summer frosts have killed crops, and unprecedented hailstorms have wiped out what was left. Forty million people are now either receiving food aid or facing starvation, and some scientists are calling these people "the first victims of global climate change." In

"Everybody's doing something to the weather,
but nobody is talking about it."

—STORM WATERS WITH APOLOGIES TO MARK TWAIN

January a study published in *Science* claimed that we can expect global events like the melting of the West Antarctic ice sheet and the reversal of major ocean currents, possibly as soon as the next 30 years.

Political Eyes Remain Closed

One might expect that dire circumstances predicted by such divergent analysts would act as a catalyst for a great deal of social change. No way. The producers of greenhouse gases and the governments that supposedly control them are doing little.

Last Summer, the Bush administration presented a report to the United Nations on global climate change that announced that the US will focus on mitigation of effects rather than prevention of causes. It even admitted that the world would be losing a few ecosystems: the total demise of coastal barrier islands and Rocky Mountain meadows were specifically acknowledged by name. Bush's only plans are for voluntary controls by the manufacturing sector and hydrogen car research.

It is little better elsewhere. Last year, the European Union, Canada and Japan ratified the 1997 Kyoto treaty. For the treaty finally to go into effect, Russia is still needed. Signatory nations would be required to reduce emissions up to seven percent below 1990 levels before 2012, but Russia recently indicated that it is in no rush to ratify. Even with full implementation, greenhouse gases would still accumulate, albeit more slowly.

The US did reduce its greenhouse emissions in 2002 but not through energy conservation or any other mitigation strategy. Rather, it was the decline in economic activity that led to the reduction.

This points to the heart of the problem. We are not going to stop global climate change as long as there is a global fossil fuel economy. All the oil that gets pumped gets burned, likewise coal and natural gas. While these fuels cannot last forever, they have a good while to go. The rate of oil production could peak as early as 2020, but analysts agree that less than half of the proven reserves have been burned. Even more coal and natural gas remain.

Few Heed Earth's Call to Act

What has the radical environmental community been doing on the issue? Actions about climate change have been few and far between. Since radical Earth activists Free and Critter burned a few SUVs to challenge global warming in

2000, there have been increasing attacks on gas-guzzlers. From San Francisco, California, to Richmond, Virginia, using fire, glass etching, doggy poo, paint, stickers and mock tickets, SUVs are getting a bad name. Thanks to a new set of public interest commercials, even television will now tell you that driving an SUV means "you are with the terrorists."

Other past actions involved the environmental organization Rising Tide, which occupied the offices of pipeline consultants in the United Kingdom. A couple of years ago activists at a climate conference in The Hague, The Netherlands, sandbagged meetings to draw attention to rising sea levels.

Global climate change is somewhat abstract and can be difficult to understand, but it is tied to so many other issues. The Ogoni people of coastal Nigeria have had their lives destroyed by oil drilling. Alaskan North Slope drilling hasn't made millionaires of the Natives of those lands. Few women sit on the boards of directors of the oil monopolies or work on the oilrigs and in the mines. The black gold enriches the few and leaves the whole Earth worse off.

If the planet heats up another 10 degrees, the results will be catastrophic for species, the global South and the poor. In fact, it seems increasingly clear that the only complete solution to global climate change is to bring down the whole patriarchal, racist and industrial capitalist system.

Of course, that is just what many radical Earth activists are trying to do. Acting to stop global climate change may, in part, be a question of how we view our own actions. Radical feminists undermine domination assumptions of the corporate good ol' boys. Pipeline actions to protect Native sovereignty also protect the climate. Roadblocks attack

fossil-fuel transport. Peace activists oppose the oil wars. Anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist actions threaten the fossil-fuel economy.

By tying our current actions together through the global climate issue we can create solidarity and strengthen our actions. It is important to try and address climate change in our current campaigns. This will help to build energy for actions specific to the climate issue. It is increasingly clear that we may be the last generation to have the chance to make this difference. We are not going to like the weather, so we better get ready to do something about it.

The human population on the planet has more than doubled since Tim Ream was born.



Pinata practice at an NYC critical mass bike ride

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Life or Oil?

The Sarayacu's Struggle against ChevronTexaco

BY JADE

Beneath fairy tale pictures of Ecuador's vibrant, sweeping mountains, thundering waterfalls and unique wildlife, one might be surprised to find a gruesome tale. A tale that tells the story of greedy corporate hands; hands that strip away the natural resources that the indigenous people depend upon for survival. Faceless corporations that pillage the once beautiful landscape then return to the US, leaving pools of toxic sludge and cancer in their wake. This is a tale that ChevronTexaco does its best to keep hidden: the story of a people's fight to save their land, their culture and their very lives. For the people of Sarayacu, living happily ever after seems far out of reach.

The Kichwa community of Sarayacu is comprised of 1,500 indigenous people living within the Amazonian jungle in the eastern Ecuador province of Pastaza. They are no strangers to the threat of multinational corporations moving in to steal oil, and now they are once again under threat.

Likewise, ChevronTexaco is no stranger to Ecuador's Amazon region. More than three decades ago, the company extracted more than one billion barrels of oil. ChevronTexaco's original Ecuadorian operations resulted in environmental devastation, leaving behind 350 poisonous open pools, more than two million acres of pristine rainforest destroyed and three indigenous cultures on the verge of falling apart. In order to cut costs by three dollars a barrel, it dumped 20 billion gallons of toxic waste into rivers and wetlands. In some villages near polluted water sources, cancer rates skyrocketed to 1,000 times higher than the historical norm.

Then in 1996, the Ecuadorian government and *Compañía General de Combustible de Argentina* (CGC) signed a contract that allowed for oil exploration within the 494,210 acres of rainforest of "Block 23." They failed to ask permission or even consult with the Sarayacu community, who had the largest number of inhabitants and territory at stake. ChevronTexaco joined forces with CGC in 1999 with CGC appointed as the "operator," doing all

the dirty work while the two shared the costs and profits. The companies have now returned for another round of terror, murder and destruction.

This time, CGC and ChevronTexaco intend to search the area for oil by detonating thousands of pounds of buried explosives one after another in straight lines going directly into Sarayacu territory. Whether or not the companies find any oil, they will have already destroyed countless acres of irreplaceable habitat. Detonating explosives day in and day out will not only damage the immediate surroundings, but it will effect the rainforest as a whole, ripping up the Earth, causing noise pollution and killing all sorts of wildlife. The indigenous people who depend on hunting as a mainstay of their food supply will also be drastically affected. This procedure is destructive and invasive to the ecosystem and all life that finds a home in the Amazon region.

From the beginning, the project has been one full of deceit, scandal and bribery. The first strategy was to divide and conquer and to pit elected leaders against the people they were representing. Little did CGC and ChevronTexaco know, the Sarayacu people weren't going to let go of their homeland without a fight. Community members and leaders would maintain their stance against the oil giants at all costs, even women with babies at their breasts.

However, CGC and ChevronTexaco persevered. The corporations offered money, outboard motors and computers. They convinced pseudo-leaders to speak on local TV and radio stations, while

spouting lies about how the communities involved had agreed to the operations of the oil companies. Still, the people of Sarayacu resisted.

It wasn't until November 21, however, that the real promise breaking began. A CGC and ChevronTexaco representative eased the minds of those in Sarayacu by agreeing that the companies would keep their seismic activities within the territories belonging to the communities who had consented to exploration.



Photo by Ebertho Guadalupe Montalvo

"We demand recognition of the Kichwa people's autonomy and territorial jurisdiction. *Nacimos libres y vivimos felices. Lucharemos como fieras y no terminaremos como esclavos. We were born free and we have lived happily. We will fight like tigers. We will not end up as slaves.*"

—FRANCO VITERI, PRESIDENT OF SARAYACU

Any hope of victory was shattered, however, when a seismic crew was discovered cutting a line well into Sarayacu territory. Actions were taken immediately to show that this blatant disregard of promises would not be tolerated by the people. The Sarayacu captured and held three workers from CGC and ChevronTexaco in order to prevent them from continuing their illegal activities within Sarayacu territory.

A constitutional lawsuit was filed on November 28, and a judge granted temporary relief and protection from the encroachment of the oil exploration. After a meeting with the oil companies, the governor and other authorities, CGC and ChevronTexaco agreed to not enter Sarayacu territory until another meeting was held.

Yet sure enough, promises were again broken. CGC and ChevronTexaco entered Sarayacu territory two more times, and they paid the price when 10 workers were again captured. The first worker was taken captive when he was found on Sarayacu territory soon after the judicial order was filed. He was among a group of petrol company staff found passing out rice and an outboard motor in an attempt to sway people into agreeing to oil operations. The next time CGC and ChevronTexaco came trespassing, they presented a fabricated document with forged signatures and signatures of people who were no longer residents, thus making it seem like the community had agreed to the oil explorations. The document lacked signatures of any of the democratically elected officials of Sarayacu. In December, Sarayacu caught nine oil workers who were found detonating explosives in Sarayacu territory. This event forced the oil companies to withdraw completely from all operations. On December 24, the petrol workers were set free for humanitarian reasons.

When it became apparent that the Kichwa would not hand their land over to the corporations, CGC and ChevronTexaco decided to take what they wanted by force. The companies issued a statement on January 12, saying they would only respect a small piece of land around the central plaza of the community and continue exploration on the other 90 percent of Sarayacu territory. In the face of fearless resistance from the small community, it was only a matter of time before the greedy oil giants began to pull out the big guns.

Armed forces were deployed to instill fear and to debilitate resistance. These illegal paramilitary groups within Sarayacu boundaries began to attack members of the community.

One company worker opened fire upon a canoe as the residents traveled up river. On January 15, yet another paramilitary camp was found within Sarayacu's borders. The five additional armed members of the CGC and ChevronTexaco "security" crew that were caught confirmed that the camp was protected with landmines.

On January 20, 23 more Sarayacu people were shot at by the paramilitary as they made their way up the river in canoes. They proceeded to confiscate all of the guns and



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The Sarayacu people live everyday with threats to their lives

knives the Sarayacu had in their possession. These were taken away under the pretext that the owners lacked a permit to carry arms, even though it is a well-known fact that the Sarayacu people depend on those guns for hunting to acquire their daily food supply.

Nearly a week later, the military troops attacked the *Tiutihualli* camp that had been erected to defend the Sarayacu against the permanent harassment by the oil companies. Four people from Sarayacu were captured, blindfolded, tied by their hands and feet and left in the sun without water. During the attack, the Sarayacu

ended up disarming four military personnel. That night, an agreement was made between Sarayacu and the military that the captives would be liberated and the military would withdraw from Sarayacu so long as Sarayacu returned the confiscated weapons.

Forced to defend their land and the lives of their families from the encroaching armed forces hired by the petrol companies, the Sarayacu parents are left with little time to hunt for food and take care of the usual necessities for survival. The way of life for the Sarayacu is at stake in this struggle as well as the wildlife and pristine rainforests hanging in the balance.

It may be hard for people in the US to understand the seriousness and urgency of this sort of situation as we are filling up our gas tanks at the local ChevronTexaco. It is time to demand that ChevronTexaco withdraw its death troops from the Amazon and end its destruction of Mother Earth.

The Sarayacu are asking for people to help, whether that means writing a letter, donating money or making the trip to their territory to witness CGC and ChevronTexaco's ongoing injustices.

For more information, visit www.sarayacu.com.

Jade is a native Cascadian forest defender who is currently drying out in the desert and working with some rad folks at the EF! Journal.



BY TURQUOISE

Green energy: the Holy Grail of environmentalism, the free lunch, a perpetual motion machine. In other words, impossible. First it was the "peaceful atom" of nuclear power. Then they said hydro was clean (all you had to do was ignore river ecosystems). Wind power kills tens of thousands of birds every year. And geothermal? Take a look at Medicine Lake in northeastern California.

Before it was a lake, it was a volcano. Maybe it is still an active volcano; time will tell. This is a special place with a special kind of energy, literally. The clues are all around: lava tubes, obsidian flows and large craters. The skin that separates sky above and fire beneath is thin here—the molten core of Mama Earth is just below the surface.

What should people do with so much energy so near by? The native folk do ceremony. Modoc and Pitt

River Tribes know Medicine Lake as their place of origin. Klamath, Shasta, Karuk, Wintu and other people practice and heal here as they have for at least 10,000 years. Despite the prevalent recreational use of the area, large roadless places and rare species remain.

But the Bush administration sees that energy a different way, as something that it can sell. The government has identified up to 134,000 acres of public land in the forests around Mt. Shasta that could be developed for geothermal power. The Telephone Flat Project at Medicine Lake is one of the first projects scheduled. The Bush Administration has just given the go ahead, even though the Modoc National Forest had previously found that the ecological and spiritual impacts of the Telephone Flat Project were too great.

The power plant would encompass over 5,000 acres of national forest that is home to spotted owls, eagles, martens and falcons. The project would include up to 12 well pads, each with a million gallon sump pond, as well as cooling towers, pipelines and the tallest building in all of northeastern California which would be fully lit around the clock. Electricity generated from this remote location will require a four-mile swath for powerlines cut straight through the forest. This will connect to a 21-mile-long clearcut for another geothermal project already approved.

The International Indian Treaty Council passed a resolution that declares the Telephone Flat Project a human rights violation. The Advisory Council on Historic Pres-

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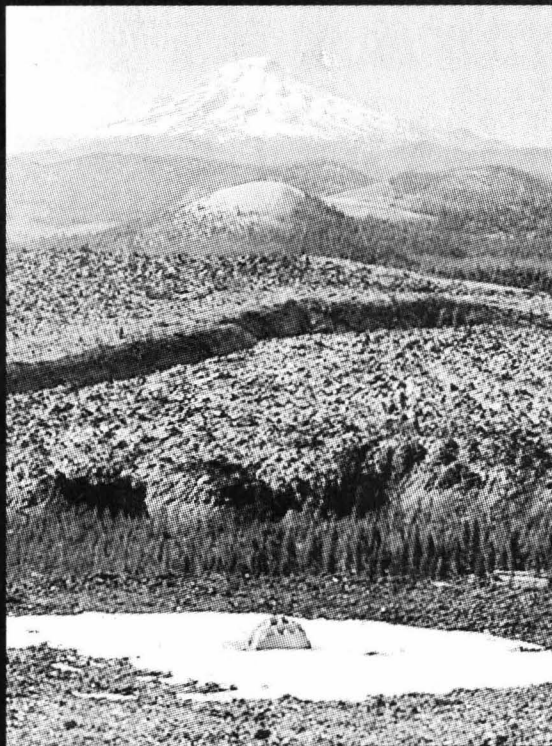


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Medicine Lake

ervation found that the "costs to historic resources of our nation are too high." But in November, the Modoc National Forest reversed its decision and gave approval to begin "development."

Approval was granted to Calpine Corporation, the world's largest producer of geothermal power. In Boca Raton, Florida, it manufactures turbines. In Folsom, California, it is constructing what it boasts is "the largest energy center in the history of the world." And in Houston, Texas, it manages more than one trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves and an energy trading organization.

Does energy trading in Houston ring any bells? Enron and Calpine have a lot in common. Both have a history of rapid corporate growth that is too fast to be believed. Both are being investigated for collusion in illegally manufacturing California's "energy crisis." And both have a history of

sizable contributions to Bush and the Republican Party. So what is Calpine going to do with its new windfall from the public land? It is going to ignore the habitat destruction, toxic air emissions and the degradation of the aquifer that feeds the largest spring system in California. It has plans to sell this electricity at premium prices with a "green energy" tag to unsuspecting customers in places like Portland and Eugene, Oregon.

All energy production comes with ecological impacts. Only through a massive reduction in electricity generation can we begin to approach something sustainable. Ask yourself: in this era of a dying planet, what use of electricity is justifiable other than to liberate the Earth?

Gather a group of active people and visit Medicine Lake. Wake up early and from the ice crystal beach, watch the smoke on the water rise as the fish jump for insects, and the birds dive for fish. Thank the Water, accept the healing energy and ask how to help. Calpine is big; its assets are widespread. Possibilities for action are manifold.

You can also contact Calpine's Director of Marketing, Brian McDonald, at (503) 223-2300. Let him know that you are developing a campaign to organize against the ecological destruction and indigenous genocide connected with Calpine's Telephone Flat Project. Write to Calpine's corporate headquarters at 50 W San Fernando, San Jose, CA 95113.

For more information, contact (503) 957-5572; regina@kswild.org; www.mountshastaecology.org.

Turquoise is a direct action biocentrist from Cascadia.

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Building a Movement Through Creative Resistance

BY THE OXYGEN COLLECTIVE

Many activists realize the importance of place-based community organizing. They understand that successes usually come from the perseverance of committed organizers who work over the long term. The Oxygen Collective recently experimented with an alternate approach by taking our activism on the road, visiting many communities briefly while exchanging our skills and resources with our allies in a celebration of dissent.

The Oxygen Collective is a group of artists, activists, organizers and musicians that traveled this Fall in a 40-foot biodiesel tour bus to support the growing network of cultural revolutionaries while gaining skills to become better organizers ourselves. We offered direct action and alternative living trainings, screened films, shared independent media and music and engaged in collaborative direct actions. At the end of three months, we had to wonder, were we indulging ourselves in the romantic vision of a revolutionary roadshow? Or were we contributing something valuable to the movement by energizing local causes?

Operating as a collective for a sustained period of time challenged almost everything we have learned about

relationships from our society. We experienced the difficulties of setting aside personal agendas and waded through the sometimes tedious process of using consensus to make everyday decisions. In exchange, we were able to create projects and implement visions that would be impossible alone. It was an empowering and extremely rewarding experience. Living in this way taught us to deconstruct further the destructive patterns of our culture and required us to address these same patterns embedded deep inside each of us. Certainly, one of our greatest successes as a collective was that we lived in a bus for almost three months on the road—and returned still loving one another.

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photo courtesy Oxygen Collective

biodiesel 101

Biodiesel is a vegetable oil-based fuel that will run smoothly in any standard diesel engine. It is a combination of approximately three parts veggie oil with one part ethanol or methanol and a little lye thrown in, which acts as a catalyst. The chemical reaction that occurs is called de-esterification, and it results in liquid biodiesel floating over a solid mass of glycerin. The glycerin byproduct is useful for making soap and many other natural products.

As soon as the Oxygen Collective realized biodiesel was a viable alternative, we committed to finding, using and promoting it whenever possible.

Many communities are making biodiesel themselves, collecting used fryer grease from restaurants and mixing it up in small batches in 55-gallon drums. This

grassroots production empowers people to use a recycled, renewable fuel while avoiding the oppressive and violent oil economy.

For our purposes, traveling thousands of miles in a 35,000-pound bus with a 175-gallon tank, we chose to buy commercial biodiesel. We found that biodiesel is exploding in popularity and availability across the US, and though it is still a little tricky to find, it is quickly entering mainstream fuel markets. Many school bus fleets, public transport systems and city vehicles are now running on B20, a 20 percent biodiesel, 80 percent petroleum diesel mixture.

The Oxygen Collective was surprised to find the largest fleet of biodiesel vehicles in the US in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the city reclaims fryer oil from big casinos and uses it to run all the public school buses. We also found 100 percent biodiesel avail-

able at retail pumps in Phoenix, Arizona, San Francisco, California and Eugene, Oregon.

It is important to say that biodiesel is not a panacea, and in itself is not the answer to the world's energy problems. Commercial biodiesel too often comes from unsustainable, mono-cropped genetically engineered soy farms. However, the amount of carbon dioxide released by burning a gallon of biodiesel is theoretically the same amount absorbed from the atmosphere by next year's crop to produce another gallon. And driving down the highway, it really does smell like french fries coming out of the tail pipe.

For more information and a national map of where biodiesel is available, visit www.biodiesel.org.

If You Work for the Earth Stop Paying for War

BY SAMANTHA

The 1991 Gulf War has been called one of the most destructive environmental events in human history, with the release of hundreds of millions of barrels of burning oil into the atmosphere.

The US government spends billions of dollars on military expenses every year, leaving behind a trail of toxic waste sites, devastated lands and impoverished people. With the next Gulf War already beginning, now is the time: If you want to work for the Earth, stop paying for war. War tax resistance is the act of refusing to pay federal taxes that finance militarism and the destruction of the Earth.

Resisting War Taxes

War tax resisters mainly target money intended for the general fund, the portion of the US government's operating budget allocated each year by Congress. According to the War Resisters League, the US spends nearly 50 percent of the general fund to finance militarism (totaling \$776 billion for fiscal year 2003). Two of the main sources of revenue for the general fund are the telephone tax and the income tax.

Boycotting the Telephone Tax

Each phone bill includes a three percent federal excise tax that goes to the general fund. Your phone company cannot legally disconnect your phone service for non-payment of the tax, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) generally does not bother to collect on unpaid telephone taxes. Deducting the excise tax from your bill each month (and enclosing a note of explanation to the phone company) is a relatively low-risk way to withhold war tax dollars.

Bucking the Personal Income Tax

The income tax is the largest direct payment to the general fund that most individuals make. Strategies for resisting the income tax depend on your motivations and the risks that you are willing to take:

- Some resisters choose to file their income tax returns normally but withhold a symbolic amount or a percentage from their payments.
- Persons wishing to withhold as much money as possible from the federal government need to insure that they don't pay taxes at the year's end and also that their employer is not withholding taxes from their paycheck. This can be done by being self-employed, as well as by claiming "exempt" or a sufficient number of allowances on the W-4 form so that no money will be withheld from your paycheck.

• When objectors refuse to file any income tax return, the IRS has a harder time collecting, but penalties and interest can be higher.

• Other objectors choose to lower their incomes or simplify their lifestyles so that they are either exempt from taxation or don't have any assets that can be seized by the IRS for tax debts.

• Resisters often choose to set refused money aside in escrow accounts or alternative funds. In this way, the principle is available to them if the IRS collects, while the interest earned on it can be used for human and environmental needs.

Risks and Benefits

War tax resistance is an act of civil disobedience, and it is wise to understand the possible consequences of this form of direct action for peace and the environment before beginning it. Talking to an experienced war tax resistance counselor is recommended.

The risks incurred are almost always financial in nature. Criminal prosecution is rare and there is very little precedent for war tax resisters being jailed.

A non-paying individual's liability to the IRS will usually include assessed taxes, penalties and accumulated interest. Penalties of up to 25 percent are possible for failing to file or pay. Filing false information on the W-4 form may also lead to additional penalties.

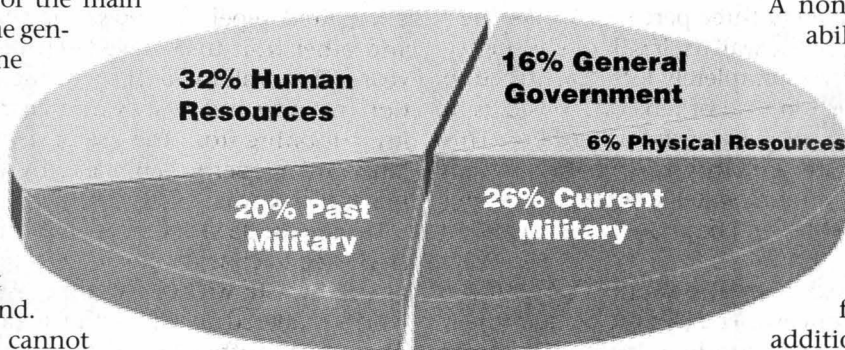
The IRS tends to go after people's most liquid assets first (e.g., bank

accounts and wages). Occasionally, it seizes property such as cars and houses. If you have no property in your name, no bank accounts and are self-employed, there may be nothing for the IRS to seize, whatever your debt. It is also helpful to bear in mind that a resister may "bail out" at any point by offering to begin payment.

The benefits of war tax resistance are clear: You are not paying for war and the devastating effects of militarism on the Earth. You are demonstrating to friends, family and others that *they* need not pay for war either. And by redirecting refused taxes, you highlight the connections between the criminal use of tax dollars on militarism, as well as the lack of availability of funds for so many basic human services and environmental protections in the US today.

For more information, contact the Nonviolent Action Community of Cascadia, (206) 547-0952; www.nacc.info; National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, (800) 269-7464; www.nwtrcc.org; War Resisters League, (212) 228-0450; www.warresisters.org.

Samantha made so little money last year that she is an automatic war tax resister.



Breakdown of US government budget spending in 2003

Israel's Apartheid Wall

BY JOHN REESE

In 1961, the world was transfixed as the Soviet Union enclosed West Berlin, Germany, in the 96-mile, 12-foot-high Berlin Wall. The social implications of the wall had a profound impact on world politics for nearly 30 years. In 2003, the world remains largely ignorant of the fact that Israel is building a 200-mile, 25-foot-high "Apartheid Wall" around the West Bank of Palestine.

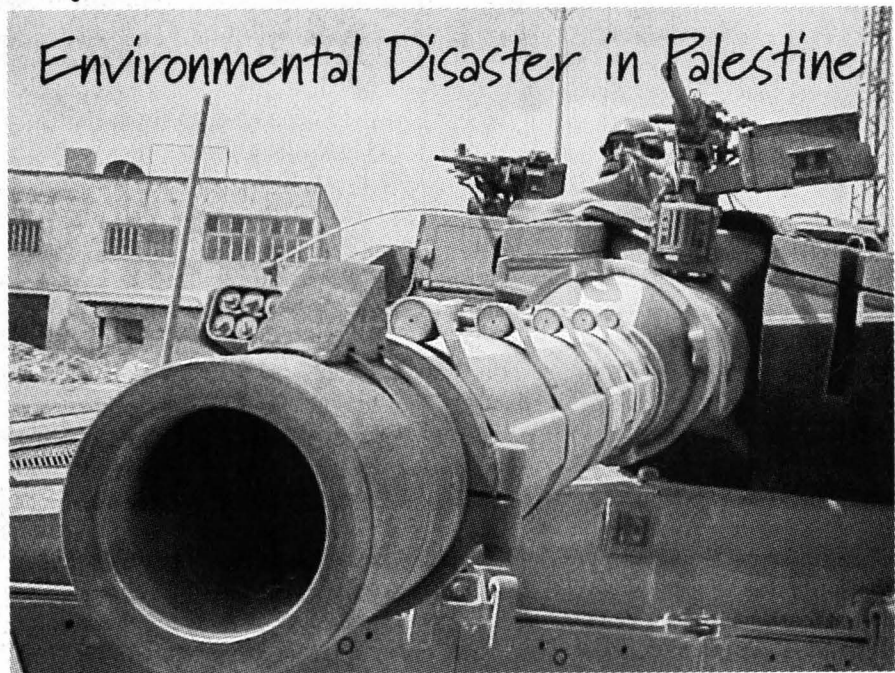
Palestinians have named it after the reviled South African term meaning "apartness." In the northern West Bank, the first phase of the Apartheid Wall is to be approximately 70 miles long and is to include electric fences, a "dead zone," trenches, cameras, sensors and security patrols, all at a cost of tens of millions of dollars.

The wall will not mark the 1967 border, also known as the "Green Line." The first phase will place 45,000 West Bank acres on the Israeli side, approximately three percent of Palestine's land mass. The footprint of the wall itself will be enormous, with as much as 8,750 acres completely lost. Construction of the wall will mean the removal of tens of thousands of trees and will effect the hydrology of the watersheds. This will cause changes in water quantity and quality, stream channel morphology and groundwater levels. Surface water flow will be altered, and there will be an increase in erosion and sedimentation.

The impacts on the region's water supplies around the wall are also of serious concern. The climate of Palestine is semi-arid, and water sources are precious. In villages around Qalqilya and Tulkarm, more than 30 wells will be lost in the first phase of the wall. These wells, located in the western groundwater basin, were drilled prior to the 1967 occupation of Palestine by Israel. As a result, Palestinians will lose nearly 18 percent of their share of the basin's water.

Construction activities and the long-term presence of a continuous 25-foot-high impervious barrier will cause a decrease in populations of animals and plants. The wall will cause habitat loss from the footprint and construction. As the micro-ecology of the area is impacted, exotic weeds, pests and pathogens will more easily invade and thrive in the disturbed areas. Animal populations will be fragmented and distribution patterns will be altered. The remaining small populations would then be vulnerable to all of the problems associated with rarity: genetic deterioration from inbreeding, random drift in gene frequencies and difficulty recovering from environmental catastrophes. Some species may disappear completely.

In addition to the problems associated with the wall, Israel is responsible for numerous other environmental impacts on Palestine. Israeli settlements annually discharge 224,000 tons of waste into Palestine, often polluting villages, streams and farms. Drinking water is contaminated by broken, but



Staring down the barrel of an Israeli tank patrolling the streets of Palestine

unrepaired, pipelines and sewage. More than 250,000 olive and other fruit trees have been destroyed in the last two years. This is all in addition to the environmental destruction that wars and their associated industries bring—including poisoning from the use of depleted uranium shells to land and property laid waste by fire, bombings and the machines of war.

During the 35 years of occupation, Israeli authorities have neglected to consider the management, transfer or disposal of solid waste within Palestine. As a consequence, much land is rendered unfit for either agricultural or domestic use. The Israeli authorities also prevent municipalities from transporting solid waste to dumping sites outside city and village boundaries. Many Palestinian villages and cities have no other choice but to resort to using alternative dumping sites in urban areas where there is no environmental monitoring. In some areas, air pollution has become a problem due to burning garbage.

The Israeli government, military and colonizers—with the assistance of 14 billion dollars of aid from the US government this year alone—steal the Palestinian's water, destroy their crops and take their land. The US government and the citizens of the US must reassess their stand on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and intervene to stop Israel's war on the environment and on the civilian population of Palestine. Hopefully, this generation's Berlin Wall will not stand.

For more information, visit www.palsolidarity.org; www.phg.org; www.seattlecan.org.

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War on the Earth

Military Seeks Exemption from Environmental Laws

BY RYAN SIMMONS

Don't you hate it when laws that protect animals and their habitats get in the way of military training—especially when there is a war to prepare for? It's a total drag, and the Department of Defense (DoD) can attest to that. But what is a defense department to do? The DoD is taking action—an action similar to the one it took a year ago when it tried to gain approval for legislation that sought military exemption from environmental laws. Last year's congressional bills were largely defeated, so the DoD has decided to give it another shot.

The US military is responsible for creating 16,000 contaminated sites totaling 30 million acres (that's roughly equal to the size of Florida), and it doesn't plan to stop there. The largest polluter in the US, the military is responsible for generating more than one third of the nation's toxic waste.

In fact, it has produced more hazardous waste than the five largest international chemical companies combined. The Environmental Protection Agency has condemned the Pentagon's reckless past, stating that the cause of its awful environmental history has been "ill-advised short-cuts to limit costs taken by the DoD." Viewed in this context, it is no surprise that the DoD is seeking more exemptions and rollbacks of critical environmental laws.

Six Laws to Change the Future

In 2003, the DoD wants to free itself from the inhibitions imposed by six landmark environmental laws. A memo to the deputy secretary of defense, entitled "Sustainable Ranges 2003," outlines proposed legislation. It also discusses the tactics needed to overcome opposition from environmentalists including extensive lobbying, outreach and programs to sway public opinion. The memo refers to rollbacks of current environmental laws as "targeted clarification," which brings to mind other Pentagon euphemisms such as "collateral damage"—a cold and impersonal

way to describe civilian deaths. But slick wording does little to hide the reality of the military's vision.

The Pentagon expects congressional approval for the first three proposals in 2003. First off, The DoD wants to exempt "military readiness activities" from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Note: The DoD successfully passed a limited-duration version of this bill last year. This time it wants full, lasting exemption.

The DoD is also seeking to change the definition of marine mammal harassment contained in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The military wants to exclude "insignificant behavioral changes" in animals caused by its training. The military claims that any effects of bombing on marine life, aside from death, are trivial and nothing more than a hindrance on future training exercises. The sea cows beg to differ.

To prevent splitting up training areas, the DoD wants to amend the Endangered Species Act so that "integrated natural resource management" can be used. Instead of leaving critical

habitat and endangered wildlife intact, the military would like to "manage" these areas. This would likely lead to the fragmentation of remaining wild places so that military training could continue uninterrupted.

The memo predicts the next three proposals will be approved by Congress in 2004. In this set of changes, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act is also being targeted. The Pentagon is requesting that ammunition no longer be defined as solid waste, thus preventing ranges from being shut down for violating the act.

If the military has its way, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (also known as the superfund law) would be powerless in prohibiting live-fire training and testing in the event that the training posed an environmental threat to an area.

Lastly, Pentagon officials want the Clean Air Act amended so that the military will have five years to get its emissions low enough to meet state regulations. Why it is requesting this is a mystery, since the Sustainable



Tortoise vs. the Tank: The military wants to expand tank training grounds in endangered desert tortoise habitat.

photo courtesy M.C. Pearson

Ranges memo claims that military emissions are typically 0.5 percent of state standards.

In addition to these six proposed changes, the Pentagon has five more legislative proposals in the works and 10 regulatory changes for a total of 21 desired changes to bypass environmental safeguards.

Encroaching on Encroachment

The Pentagon claims the big problem is that plants and animals inhabiting the surrounding areas are encroaching on the military's property and handicapping its abilities to conduct "readiness trainings." Of course, this complaint seems a bit absurd considering that the military had to do a little encroachment of its own to establish the training sites.

What is readiness training? The DoD hasn't really clarified it yet. People concerned about the environment fear that this term is broadly defined and that every form of military training can be construed as readiness training. An interesting side note is that almost all of the environmental laws that exist already have "National Security" exemptions provided if the Pentagon can articulate a reason. Considering the current atmosphere of paranoia, it doesn't seem like the DoD would have a hard time invoking fear of a "terrorist" or dictator to gain exemption.

Military to Expand Training

In related Pentagon activities, the Navy wants to increase certain training exercises at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station in California's Mojave Desert. Its five year plan would bring 25 percent more aircraft and

weapons testing, triple the number of troops and introduce tank exercises to the base. The impact would undoubtedly be devastating to the desert ecosystem, including rare plants and endangered tortoises.

The Big Picture

It's important to put these attempts at military training expansion and

exemption from environmental laws into context. The Pentagon plays a key role in the larger plan of economic globalization and capitalist expansion into every physical part of the world, as well as the realm of social interactions. It is the iron fist; the physical coercion needed to implement a plan of global dominance.

What is all this training for anyway?

The premise of the Pentagon's argument is that the world is divided, and training is needed to constantly defeat enemies. The names and faces of enemies come and go—be they ideas or individuals—but the structures remain.

As time passes, however, connections are made, patterns are seen and superficialities shattered. Environmental destruction, economic poverty, physical coercion, thought control, mechanization of the body and the mind, alienation, emptiness, regret, disillusionment, racist violence, sexist violence, speciesist violence and internalized oppression are all a manifestation of global poverty. Separation and categorization will no longer suffice. Are we all in this together or not?

The military wants to perpetuate the segregation of the world's people to insure constant conflict and violence to achieve its fascist aims. Let's sweep the foundation out from under it and no longer lend legitimacy to the concepts of nations and other arbitrarily chosen borders and boundaries.

At \$5.50 per hour, Ryan Simmons has high hopes of climbing the corporate ladder of the thrift store industry.

BARE BONES

Romanians Fight Mine

When the World Bank denied a \$250-million loan to Toronto, Canada-based Gabriel Resources in October, it seemed to many as if the threat of Europe's largest open-cast gold mine was over. However, villagers of Romania's oldest settlement, Rosia Montana, reported in January that they are still being pressured to leave their homes by a company hell-bent on digging. Gabriel Resources has no previous mining experience.

Eighty-three economics professors and a separate group of 700 archeologists and other scientists have been unable to stop this project, which would destroy 2,000-year-old Roman ruins, displace 2,000 villagers and build a 550-foot-high dam. If built, it would be similar to another dam that collapsed two years ago in the same area and created a 250-mile dead zone in a nearby Romanian river.

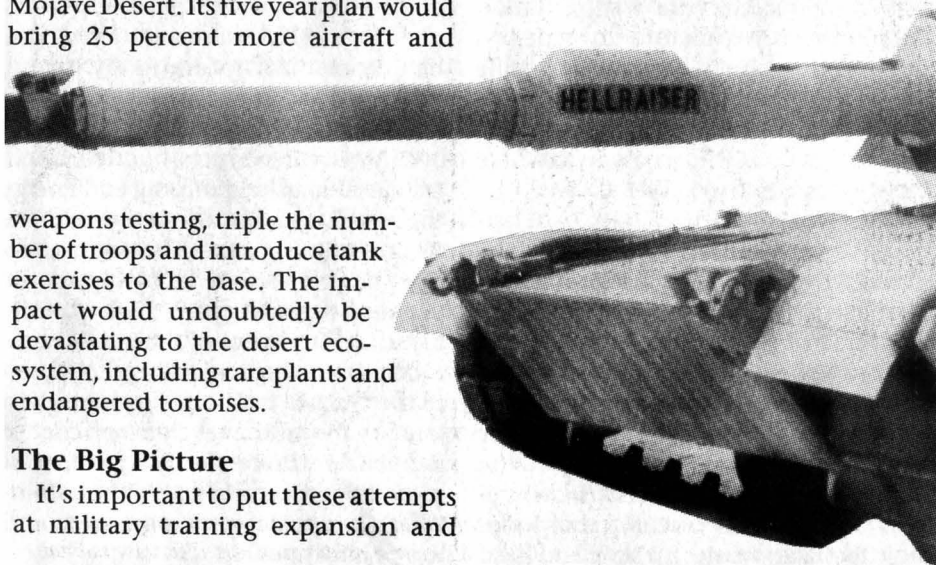
One of the major objections to the project is its planned use of cyanide to extract the precious metals.

Mine Destroys Greek Bay

One of the healthiest fisheries in Greece was shut down in December by a gold mining disaster. Near the village of Stratoni, the detoxification unit of the TVX gold mine failed and began pouring highly acidic, heavy metal-laden discharge into the Bay of Ierissos.

The company waited three days before notifying authorities, ignored a court ban and continued mining for nearly a month. With the mine's red, toxic waste polluting 10 miles of the bay, fishing was banned.

The government of Greece has largely ignored the spill, and it did not complete a water analysis for more than a month after the spill began. It is also considering granting more than two million dollars to TVX to cover the costs it incurred while trying to contain this industrial disaster.



Taking the Wild Out of the West

Bush Rolls Back Environmental Laws to Access Wildlands



Roads and subsequent clearcuts in Alaska's Tongass National forest

photo courtesy SEACC

BY JADE

Can you remember the last time that you drove your car over the edge of a waterfall, in the path of sled dogs or through a dry wash? How about through a four-foot-wide slot canyon with a river running through it? If your answer is never, then you may be slightly confused by the Bush administration's latest move to pave roads through wilderness areas.

The administration has resurrected an old mining act, which provides "the-right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands not already reserved for public uses." Now local and state governments are scrambling to claim anything even remotely resembling a road on public lands, even if it is nothing more than a line scratched in sandstone.

In 1866, the intentions for this statute probably had more to do with the devel-

opment of an *undeveloped* West rather than the Bush administration's current attempt to develop the *last* of the West. Section 8 (RS 2477) of the mining act gave settlers permission to make roads wherever necessary for transportation and resource extraction in order to expand the nation. Over time, people began regarding public lands as something to preserve and thus created national parks and wilderness areas where new roads were no longer allowed.

Then in 1976, although RS 2477 had long since been irrelevant, Congress passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which repealed the outdated right-of-way statute.

Congress, however, left one loophole: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act upholds right-of-way claims made before 1976. On January 7, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) created a new policy utilizing that loophole to make it easier for state and local

governments to claim right-of-ways that existed before 1976—even if these areas fall within the boundaries of designated wilderness areas or national parks. This new policy removes public comment and judicial review from the process, giving the BLM sole authority to validate claims on all federal lands, including national forests, and to decide where roads can be built.

Off-road vehicle users, hunters, ranchers, developers and mining and energy interests have found a friendly ear in the Bush administration. The administration has responded favorably to the pressures regarding RS 2477 despite the fact that 90 percent of the public comments on the regulations were opposed to the plan. In fact, a poll conducted in January found that even 50 percent of Republicans favor the designation of more wilderness areas. Still, the administration is pushing for more roads and less public input.

If claims are granted to a state or county government, road-building can begin at will without public notification or environmental analysis. Now, any entity claiming an interest in a right-of-way—not just the “present owner of record”—may seek a disclaimer of interest from the federal government, giving them unlimited time to file their claims.

A decision this enormous will have devastating effects on the millions of acres of national parks and the federally designated wilderness areas that it opens up to road building and motorized traffic. This will lead to fragmentation of

wildlife habitat, soil erosion, increased hunting and even more off-road vehicle use. Yet the Department of the Interior did not feel the need to examine and evaluate potential environmental impacts of the regulation. It found that the creation of the policy was “categorically excluded” from review under the National Environmental Policy Act because it is “procedural in nature, therefore its environmental effect is too broad, speculative or conjectural to analyze.” It also opens up areas previously under federal protection for commercial development and resource extraction, such as logging, mining and drilling for oil.

Since right-of-way claims on public lands have been brought back into the picture, counties in Montana, Oregon and Idaho have already asserted claims to every “road” on national forest land within county boundaries. Alaska, Utah and Colorado have also asserted claims to thousands of miles of “roads,” many of which criss-cross through designated wilderness and national parks. This new policy has the potential to devastate such national parks as the Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree, Denali, Mojave National Preserve and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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If these claims are granted, private companies and state governments will gain the right to pave roads through the most fragile of ecosystems with no accountability. Cutting highways into these previously roadless areas may also disqualify vital parks, refuges, forests

and monuments from wilderness protection, leaving them open for destructive industrial and commercial purposes.

A 1993 National Park Service (NPS) memo found that RS 2477 may affect up to 17 million acres of national park lands. According to the memo, the impacts “could be devastating. [New roads] could cross many miles of undisturbed fish and wildlife habitat, historical and archeological re-

sources, as well as sensitive wildlands. [The roads] would undoubtedly derogate most unit values and seriously impact the ability of the NPS to manage the units for the purposes for which they were established.”

If even a government agency is able to see this blatant disregard for wildlife, and the Bush administration *still* pushes for a major giveaway of public lands to private interests, it is obvious that we still have a long way to go. Now is the most crucial time for action to save previously protected wild places before the Bush administration finishes the job that the early settlers first began with the major push to settle and tame the wild West.

For more information, contact the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, (801) 486-3161; suwa@suwa.org.

BARE BONES

Wetlands Lose Protection

Less than half the original wetlands in the continental US remain. Now one-fifth of those could lose federal protection.

This potential rollback is a result of a new Bush administration interpretation of a 2001 US Supreme Court decision. According to the industry-backed policy, which was proposed in January, only wetlands that are connected to navigable waterways would be subject to federal protection. The court ruling on the Clean Water Act found that migratory bird protection could no longer be the sole basis for federal protection.

This change would leave 20 million acres of US wetlands subject to pollution, dredging, filling or development, except where state or local authorities decide to step in. Hundreds of thousands of miles of small streams, tributaries and other wetlands would be affected.

Algae Slimes Florida

Last year, for the first time, scientists documented *Caulerpa brachypus* in the Atlantic Ocean, and it is spreading with amazing speed. Sometimes referred to as the “green tide,” this algae species covers coral with a thick green coat and is rapidly killing off coral reefs north of Miami, Florida. Experts believe its explosive growth is fueled by the hundreds of millions of gallons of nutrient-rich sewage from coastal cities that is being pumped offshore each day.

The green algae covers everything on the ocean floor, including food sources for marine life. It also fills in irregularities that are prime habitat for crustaceans and other creatures.

Florida is spending half a million dollars to study the problem. When a similar species appeared in the Mediterranean Sea in 1984, mitigation strategies were not quickly employed, and billions of dollars of damage resulted.

Celebrate the Tongass with Action!

BY PIPPI THE RAT

The US Forest Service (USFS) celebrated the centennial anniversary of the Tongass National Forest last year with special publications and all kinds of fanfare, talks and presentations. Despite the fact that the Tongass National Forest Reserve was decreed in 1906; the Alexander Archipelago Forest Preserve which would later become part of the Tongass was designated in 1902.

First of all, the Tongass is way older than 100 years, right? The trees alone are hundreds of years old—Sitka spruce, western hemlock and yellow cedar reach around 1,000 years old in these parts. Wolves, bears and martens have been cruising around these forests before *Homo sapiens* were plotting their first war. Marbled murrelets and northern goshawks were flying over these emerald isles before there was a word for trees. People were living quite peacefully with this massive beautiful forest years before Columbus was even sucking his thumb.

What the USFS was actually celebrating was 100 years of human mismanagement of an amazing coastal temperate rainforest. Party down for 100 years of resource extraction! Let's hear it for 100 years of pushing Natives off their land! Whoop it up for the destruction of our largest national forest!

Some facts: The Tongass National Forest encompasses more than 16 million acres, by far the largest in our national forest system. That's more than twice the size of, say, Connecticut. Thirty percent of the world's intact coastal temperate rainforests are right here in southeast Alaska in the Tongass National Forest. Much of the Tongass is rock, ice and muskeg; the big trees cover only one third of that 16.7 million acres.

The other thing you may not realize



Alaska's ancient forests are still threatened after 100 years of Forest Service mismanagement.

photo by David Job

is that southeast Alaska is paradise. You've probably heard how wet and cold and dark it is, right? But it's also

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the land of mountains that jut right out of the ocean, of grizzly bears wandering around downtown, the place where 40 percent of the families get more than a quarter of their food for the year off the land. The largest con-

vention of bald eagles in the world happens here, not 200 miles from where I am typing this. Towering Sitka spruce and mountain hemlock line the shores. You can't drive from town to town but have to take the public transport system, which is a ferry.

If you love the wild, you need to get up here to southeast Alaska. The largest "protected" wilderness complex in the world (the Glacier Bay, Wrangell-St. Elias, Kluane world heritage area) is in my backyard. There is no place as wild as this in the lower 48, I don't care how high up in the Sierra Nevada you get.

If you hate having cops leaning over your shoulder all the time and hassling you for sitting on the sidewalk, you need to come to Alaska. I have seen one highway cop the whole time I have been in Alaska. Nobody cares if you squat, except maybe the grizzly bears. People who live here always talk about the freedom, and you don't understand what they mean until you have spent a few

months letting this place seep into your bones. You use US currency and everybody speaks English, but otherwise, it does not feel like the Amerikkka that you probably know and despise. It is though—and most of the wilderness left in this country is right here. And it is being threatened.

If you want to protect wild places, you need to get up here! The Tongass is threatened and while there are many mainstream enviros working hard on its protection, there is *no* Earth First! movement up here. No crusty ferals lurking in the woods with fire in their eyes scheming about how to save these trees, these watersheds, these wild wolves, goshawks and brown bears. We need you. You need to be here.

What are you waiting for?

Pippi the Rat lives in paradise and will do anything to keep it that way.

Tongass National Forest: Battleground for the Great Temperate Rainforest

Last October, the people of southeast Alaska took action when the now-Governor and then-Senator, Frank Murkowski, introduced a bill to trade away public lands. The wild lands of Berners Bay, near Juneau, were to be given to Cour Alaska—a subsidiary of Coeur d'Alene Mines, a major silver and gold producer. Thousands of activists across the US joined us in a chorus that convinced Congress to protect Juneau's backyard wilderness. As a result, Berners Bay is safe, for now, from the proposed 200-foot-long dock, toxic tailings, generators, barges, human traffic and trespass that would have accompanied the mine there.

But our work to keep Alaska wild is not finished. We are preparing for a fight that will determine the future of Berners Bay and the rest of the 150 unprotected roadless areas that remain in the Tongass National Forest.

Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey has threatened the region's environmental activists to not include the Tongass in the next version of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Nine million acres of this temperate rainforest will again become available for roadbuilding. Roads will make more trees accessible for clearcutting, and logging will inevitably lead to salmon streams being clogged with silt sloughing from naked, steep slopes. Nevertheless, the US Forest Service (USFS) has stated in a draft wilderness plan that there are no roadless areas in the Tongass worthy of further protection under the Wilderness Act.

Despite the public outcry, 49 timber sales in roadless areas are planned for the next 10 years. Alaska Senator Ted Stevens added a rider to the 2003 budget bill, now in Congress, that would prevent any legislative or administrative appeal of the USFS's anticipated decision to leave roadless areas unprotected. The USFS and Alaska's congressional delegation would silence the voice of US citizens, allowing wide swaths of our mossy forests to be swallowed up by chainsaws, bulldozers and the sad aftermath of their destruction.

To become a voice for the Tongass National Forest, contact the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, info@seacc.org; www.seacc.org.



Alaska's vast forested wilderness is threatened by even more roads and clearcuts.

BARE BONES

Another Handout to Big Oil

In late January, the US Department of the Interior proposed opening nine million acres of northwest Alaskan wilderness to oil exploitation in the largest block of unprotected public land in the US. This area is home to many unique species including beluga whales, spotted seals and the black brant. It is also the traditional land of the Inupiaq people.

The Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton has offered four options: exploration on zero, 47, 96 or 100 percent of the nine million acres. Meanwhile, mainstream environmental groups like the Wilderness Society have already decided some compromise will be sought. The public comment period closes on March 18. No congressional approval is needed before the leases can be auctioned.

In February the Bush administration submitted a budget also calling for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Dockworkers Win Big

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) settled its seven-month strike in January, when the 8,300 West Coast union workers and port management voted overwhelmingly in favor of their contract.

The ILWU faced both a lock-out and a back-to-work order by the Bush administration. However, it was supported by many activists who have worked with the ILWU on issues like shutting down the World Trade Organization and freeing political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal (see *EF!* January-February 2003).

Under the new deal, dockworkers are averaging about 40 dollars per hour and have full medical benefits. They also received a 58 percent pension increase, the largest in the history of the labor movement.

photo courtesy Alaska Rainforest Coalition

Redwood Activists Fighting on Every Front

BY NUTHATCH

Ancient redwoods continue to fall. California's last salmon runs choke in the washed-out silt. Government-commissioned scientists call for a decrease in logging. State legislature hearings study the continued cutting of old growth. Treesitters brave a wet Winter and violent evictions in record numbers. Activists go back to federal court over pepper spray torture. And still the cutting continues. In the face of all this, long-time local Earth First!er Karen Pickett asks, "What is it going to take? Just what is it going to take?"

Of course most folks, citizens and politicians alike, think that the redwoods are "saved." The 1999 Headwaters Deal protected 7,400 acres, a sizeable chunk of old trees. But a "deal" goes both ways. Smack in the center of the Headwaters Preserve is a large area of forest open to logging. In addition, more than 200,000 acres of area surrounding the preserve are subject to a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which basically acts like a government-issued license to kill endangered species and disregard the impacts of unsustainable logging. The Headwaters redwood ecosystem in places like Freshwater, Grizzly Creek and Elk River is under a crippling attack.

The evidence of destruction is there for all to see. It was wet this Winter but no record setter for northern California. It might, however, be a record for landslides. In the Nanning Creek watershed near the former mill town of Scotia, eight slopes were lost in December. Soil once held by tree roots

thundered down denuded hillsides and knocked over ancient trees in the famous strip of legacy forest known as the Avenue of the Giants.

Floods in the Elk River valley led to evacuations by emergency response teams and left residents traveling to work and school by canoe. Homes in the Freshwater area lost value in recent tax appraisals due to the flooding. In just the last 12 years, the 200,000-acre Freshwater watershed has been almost completely cut, with less than five percent of the original forest remaining.

Pacific Lumber Company (PL) is the area's largest logging company, owned by multinational corporation Maxxam

and directed by Houston-based junkbond financier Charles Hurwitz. Seems like it always traces back to Texas, no?

Sensing growing public opposition, PL recently stepped up redwood destruction while remaining impervious to public pressure and even to court orders. In August, a judge responded to an Environmental Protection and Information Center (EPIC) lawsuit with an order against PL to suspend logging. Local activists estimated that PL continued logging at the rate of one million board feet per day, and they could sometimes hear trees falling faster than one per minute.



By March 21, Remedy will have lived here for one year. The tree is 1200.

photo courtesy Karen Pickett

While authorities ignored the illegal logging, Earth First!ers and other forest defenders were left to enforce the judge's order with direct action. Tactics have included large numbers of people in active units directly stopping loggers, gate lockdowns and a bridge blockaded by a rope, which suspended activists underneath in hammocks. Close to 100 have been arrested in the last several months.

After a bit of legal system intimidation and court wrangling, most charges have been reduced to infractions or dismissed. Activists Abstract and Tree plead no contest to trespass with time served, for the action that saw them evicted from treesits while naked (see *EF!* January-February, 2003). Tree has filed cross complaints against PL, its President Robert Manne and the contract climbers that abused him during the arrest.

Despite seven recent treesit evictions by au-

thorities in the Freshwater area, a PL Demonstration Forest and the nearby Mattole watershed, almost two dozen treesits remain. The longest of these treesits is by Remedy, who celebrates her one-year anniversary on March 21, in a 1,200 year-old redwood near Freshwater Creek.

Stretching back far longer than Remedy's treesit is the Headwaters pepper spray lawsuit. Many remember the horror of watching on national TV as young Earth First!ers locked down in a congressional office and had pepper spray swabbed directly into their eyes by Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court ruling that threw out the ensuing lawsuit. The appeal was upheld by the US Supreme Court in December. A federal trial has been set for May in Humboldt County. The attorneys who won the Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney four-and-a-half million dollar judgment against the FBI and Oak-

land police department last Summer have announced that they will join the legal team that is arguing the pepper spray case.

Good news, of a sort, has recently developed on the scientific front. An independent scientific review panel, approved by both PL and local residents, concluded in December what environmentalists and downstream residents have been saying for years: PL logging is causing severe soil erosion, muddy salmon streams, polluted drinking water and catastrophic flooding. In Elk River and Freshwater, the panel of experts unanimously called for immediate rollbacks in logging to less than one-sixth of the current rate.

The scientists may make the recommendations, but the politically appointed North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board decides what to do about them. In late January, for the first time in anyone's memory, all the PL and government power brokers were in attendance at their meeting to dis-

cuss the findings. The highlight of the 10-hour hearing saw PL President Manne crying that with the Headwaters Deal, PL bought "regulatory certainty." He threatened to close more lumber mills if steps were taken to protect watersheds. A decision is due in late February.

Meanwhile, PL is logging in known nesting habitat for the endangered marbled murrelet. Having already logged most of the degraded habitat in its possession, PL has been granted approval by the California Department of Forestry to go after more intact ancient and residual old-growth forests. The marbled murrelet will nest only in

Of course most folks, citizens and politicians alike, think that the redwoods are "saved." But, the Headwaters redwood ecosystem in places like Freshwater, Grizzly Creek and Elk River is under a crippling attack.

ancient trees near the coast, and when last counted, the total population was down to several thousand birds. Due to the annual cycle of logging restrictions, new stands and additional riparian areas were opened on January 1, and PL is moving at break-neck speeds to liquidate these forests before the

political tide turns against it.

Putting this kind of destruction forward in public discussion was a goal of forest advocate Susan Maloney's 52-day hunger strike last year on the steps of the California state legislature. On January 28, as a result of the publicity Maloney generated, the California State Senate Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on ending logging of old-growth forests.

California redwood-style activism may also be coming to a tree near you. Discussions are currently underway to call for simultaneous treesitting around the country. Goals include 1,000 tree sitters and occupying at least one tree in each of the fifty states during a weekend in April or May. For more information, contact Northcoast Earth First! (707) 825-6598; www.tree-sit.org; www.headwaterspreserve.org.

In 1996, Nuthatch treesat at a residual old-growth redwood forest was completely destroyed.

BARE BONES

CFC Smugglers Do Time

From 1996 to 1998, Barry Himes and John Mucha made millions of dollars illegally smuggling and selling more than one million pounds of ozone-destroying chlorofluorocarbons for use as refrigerants and industrial solvents. It is not everyday that wealthy businessmen go to jail for crimes against the Earth.

In January, a federal judge in Connecticut sentenced Himes and Mucha to six-and-one-half and four years of prison, respectively. Together they were forced to forfeit three million dollars, luxury homes, sedans and jewelry. Eight other defendants have pleaded guilty.

Roadless Rule Back

"Roadless areas contribute to the health of the public because they help preserve the forest system's watersheds, rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands that are the circulatory system of ecosystems. Water is the vital fluid for inhabitants of these ecosystems, including people," ruled the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in December. "A near total ban on further road construction in the remaining and precious roadless areas within our national forests is not a drastic measure." The ruling overturns a lower Idaho district court judge and reinstates what has come to be commonly known as the "roadless rule."

Despite more than one million public comments, 96 percent of which were in favor of protection, Boise Timber Company and the state of Idaho attacked the rule on grounds that the public was not properly consulted. The lawsuit stalled President Clinton's ruling for two years and allowed more timber sales to be sold in areas protected by the roadless area ban.

The ruling immediately reinstates protections that ban most roadbuilding and logging in the remaining undeveloped portions of the national forest system.

In Memory of Robert "Naya" Bryan

The Ballad of Ramsey Gulch

BY QUICKSILVER

When I went into the woods on the night of October 4, for my shift in the Ramsey Gulch treesit near Santa Cruz, California, I had a bad feeling in my gut. Now, my gut is rarely wrong, but we were desperately shorthanded. Backing out was not an option. The hike to the base of the 200-year-old redwood tree named Esperanza was a cloak-and-dagger exercise in itself, including repeated roadside bailing, feints in a van and near-discovery by head forester Peter Twight. By the time it felt safe to try again, dawn was perilously near. I'd have to haul ass if the current treesitter was going to have time to get out once I had replaced him. I had barely gotten situated in the treesit when the headlights of Twight's pickup truck speared through the pre-dawn shade.

The next morning was hellish. The sound of chainsaws biting into tree-flesh made me feel sick to my stomach. Every massive trunk that crashed to the ground felt like a little earthquake. I sang all day, both to make

myself feel better and to give the trees a gift for their last moments standing.

The next day was Sunday, and I was grateful for the respite. This, however, was somewhat ruined by my afternoon visitors: a carload of drunken loggers shooting their guns and taunting treehuggers. By the time they finally left, the sun was rusty and low. My nerves, already set on edge by the unwanted guests, began to hum in preparation for the next day of logging. I felt miserable. I'd wanted to bring the trees my courage and strength, but all I had brought them was my fear and weakness.

In the chill before dawn, after the stars had faded, the trees began to teach me things. My heartbeat slowed. I listened. They said, "What would you give us? Breathe. Give us your carbon dioxide, and you can have our oxygen. Receiving is not the same thing as taking. Before you give, you have to receive. Then you'll have something to give back. And whatever you receive, give back more."

They taught me about the moment of death. "Even if our remaining time here is short," they said, "especially if it's short, then we don't waste what's left on fear and misery. You're still alive, up until the instant of your death. So be alive. Rejoice in the wind and light."

That night, when I was due to be replaced, things were running late again.

Twight had been patrolling early the last few days so by the time Naya reached the base of Esperanza

with his guide to relieve me, I was in a hurry to get down and race the sun.

Although he was an experienced rock climber, it was his first time up a tree. But if I had had a bad feeling, everything felt right to him. According to those who spoke with him earlier in the day, he was eager and radiantly committed.

I showed him around—water, food, ropes, gear, shitbucket, reading material. "Everything will make more sense in the daylight," I said. "And you should still have an hour or so to get settled before the loggers start working. Well, I can't think of anything else. Do you have any questions?"

"No, I think I'm cool. Oh, wait, here's a question: Do I stay clipped in while I'm sleeping?," he asked.

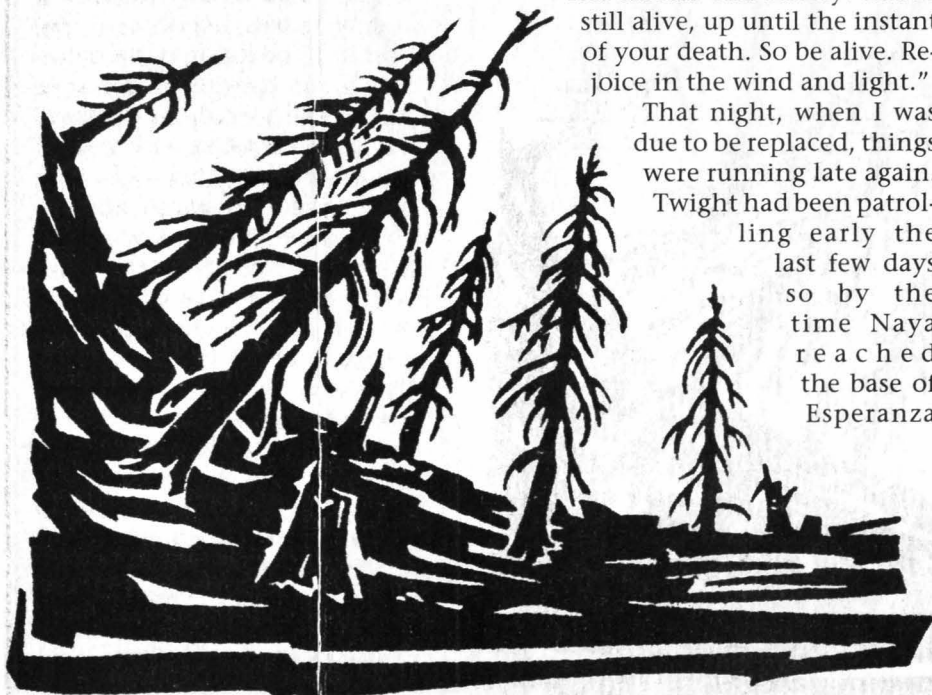
"Yes! Don't ever take your safety off." The platforms were small. A few weeks before, a treesitter had dreamed she was floating in mid-air. She awakened to find that she had rolled off the platform and was suspended at the end of her safety line. Her heartfelt admonitions were written in the journal we kept in Esperanza to be read by all who followed.

"So, is everything cool?"

"Yeah, I should be fine."

"OK then. Take care. I'll see you later." It was the only time I met Naya, and we couldn't have spent more than 20 minutes together. Our faces were shadowed under our headlamps. If you showed me a row of guys in a lineup, I wouldn't be confident about picking him out.

It was only 14 hours later when we got a call at the Santa Cruz EF! office from a reporter asking for more information about the treesitter who had fallen. We were in total shock. For the rest of the evening, we fielded calls full of conflicting information from the sheriff and reporters. A logger had heard moaning and then found Naya on a stump. (There would have been no loggers working at that time.) He fell 50 feet. (The platform was 100 feet up.) He has a broken leg. No, a broken arm and a broken leg. They were taking him to the hospital in Watsonville. No, they



were helicoptering him to Stanford, which meant it was more serious.

Two of us made plans to go to the hospital the next day. Once we talked to Naya, maybe some of our questions would be answered. First thing in the morning, we trekked back and forth from Stanford to Santa Clara to San Jose trying to track him down. This was made more difficult by the fact that we didn't know Naya's real name. It was a lucky chance that in the emergency room at Santa Clara Valley Medical, one of the nurses on duty remembered the case from the previous night.

"I'm sorry," she said softly. "Your friend didn't make it. Here's the number to call the county coroner."

We may never know how it happened. If Naya was clipped in, how could he have fallen? Did he unclip? Why? Is it possible there was foul play or harassment involved? Redwood Empire issued an immediate disclaimer: "We are in no way responsible. They shouldn't have been on our property anyway." A few days later, EF! pulled out of the other Ramsey Gulch treesit. Not only did Redwood Empire proceed to log the Ramsey II Timber Harvest Plan, but they quickly procured an amendment to the Ramsey I plan. This allowed them to use the now-unobstructed Ramsey II site to cable-yard the trees out from the earlier plan, which we'd thought were safe.

Had we failed? Or even made things worse?

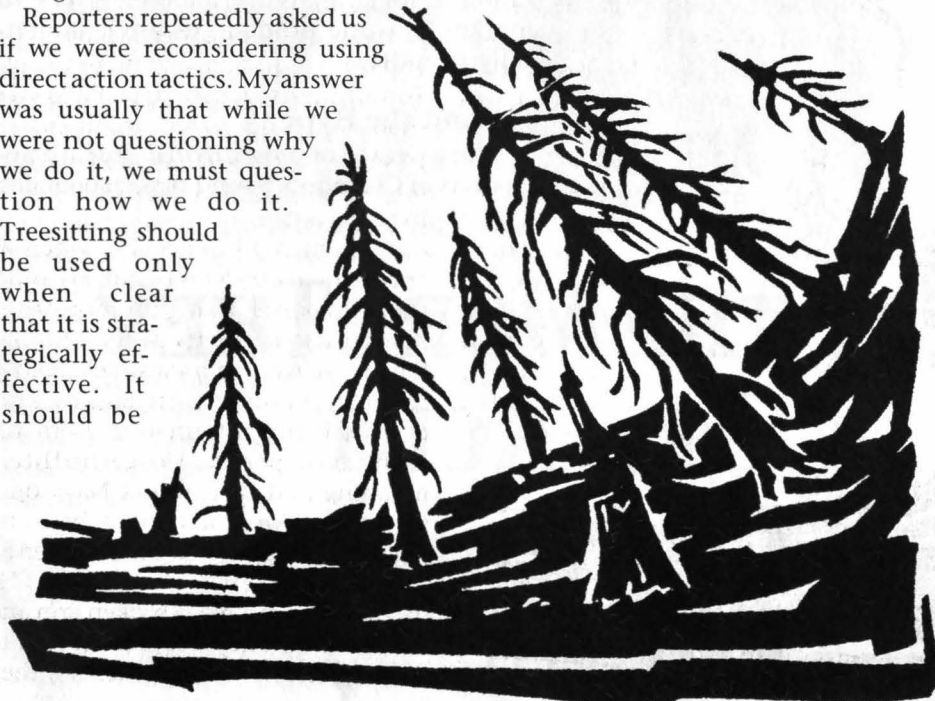
Reporters repeatedly asked us if we were reconsidering using direct action tactics. My answer was usually that while we were not questioning why we do it, we must question how we do it. Treesitting should be used only when clear that it is strategically effective. It should be

entered into only with solid support networks and extensive planning—part of a multi-faceted strategy of education and public pressure. While we should at all times be capable of and committed to effective direct action, a treesit should be the last line of defense. Moreover, given the disheartening multitude of Timber Harvest Plans being logged at any given moment, activists need to be intelligent about where we choose to pinpoint our energy.

As for Santa Cruz in particular: We were running a shoestring operation. Community support was more vocal than material. We had more neophytes than we had veterans. We didn't have a basecamp or a core full-time crew. There were a few people able to give a large time commitment, but many others were juggling work, school or other obligations. We need to be honest about what, as a movement, we could be doing better. We need to share solid skills and information.

This should not have happened. The end of Naya's life at 22 was as tragically premature as Esperanza's was at 200. But we must make this an opportunity to take a step back and reassess our goals, strategies, priorities and the laying of solid foundations for our future work. Together.

In Santa Cruz, Quicksilver is working to defend coastal redwoods and to dismantle the University of California's military research complex.



BARE BONES

Court Rules Against Makah Whaling

For several years, animal rights activists, the Makah tribe and its allies have battled over the resumption of whaling off the coast of Washington state. In December, the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, California, ruled that the gray whale hunts could not resume without further study on their environmental impact.

The Makah whaling was deemed legal by a lower court decision in 1999, based on an 1855 treaty that cedes rights to whaling. Despite the removal of the gray whale from the endangered species list in 1994, animal rights activists have argued that no level of whale hunting is morally defensible. The Makah, with backing from the National Marine Fisheries Service, plan to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

Scientists Say Frankenweeds Possible

Genetically engineered (GE) organisms pose numerous risks to health and the environment—some possible, some proven. Another of those risks has moved from the possible to the proven column according to a six-year, farm-scale study conducted by British researchers. The study published in December shows that modified genes can be transferred across species.

In this case, the genes of GE rape seed were found in wild turnips nearby. GE plants in the study were also able to cross-pollinate with normal crops planted more than 600 feet away. Scientists say that this study shows that traits like herbicide resistance can be expected to transfer to weedy species thereby rendering some herbicides ineffective. Also, non-GE crops could not be successfully grown in areas with GE-planted fields. These problems could produce billion-dollar threats to the world's food supply.

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE,

BY JANE DOE

Clayoquot Sound, on Vancouver Island, is an ancient rainforest refuge off the coast of British Columbia (BC), Canada. On the rocky shore, red cedars dip their branches into the tide. Purple starfish and neon-green anemones undulate in kelp-filled pools. The mild currents of the Pacific Ocean are a playground for humpback and gray whales. Orcas, dolphins and otters fish, mate and raise their young in the waves. Salmon return from the sea each year to spawn in glacier-fed rivers. Grizzly bears, marbled murrelets and cougars range inland.

Maps of Clayoquot Sound show a proud new designation. In February 2000, the United Nations (UN) recognized the area as a Biosphere Reserve. According to the UN, the sound is a unique haven for biodiversity, and it should be preserved for the future generations of the world. However, the UN ignores the obvious threat of clearcut logging; so logging continues unchecked in and around the reserve.

BC hasn't yet reached the level of clearcut devastation seen in Washington state, its US neighbor to the south. But on Vancouver Island, generations of rapacious over-cutting have reduced three-quarters of the rainforest to stumps and sawdust. This year, the rate of logging will expand enormously.

The History of the Clayoquot Deals

The world watched in the mid-1990s as Canada's largest

mobilization for environmental justice brought tens of thousands of people to the Clayoquot forest. Nearly 1,000 people went to jail from the blockades, and the grassroots movement won major concessions from the logging industry—at least at first. Big-league environmental groups parachuted onto the scene, including Greenpeace, Sierra Club, the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Pinned down in the glare of the media spotlight, the logging companies were forced to negotiate. However, the discussions quickly mutated into a public relations love-in between corporations and eco-bureaucrats.

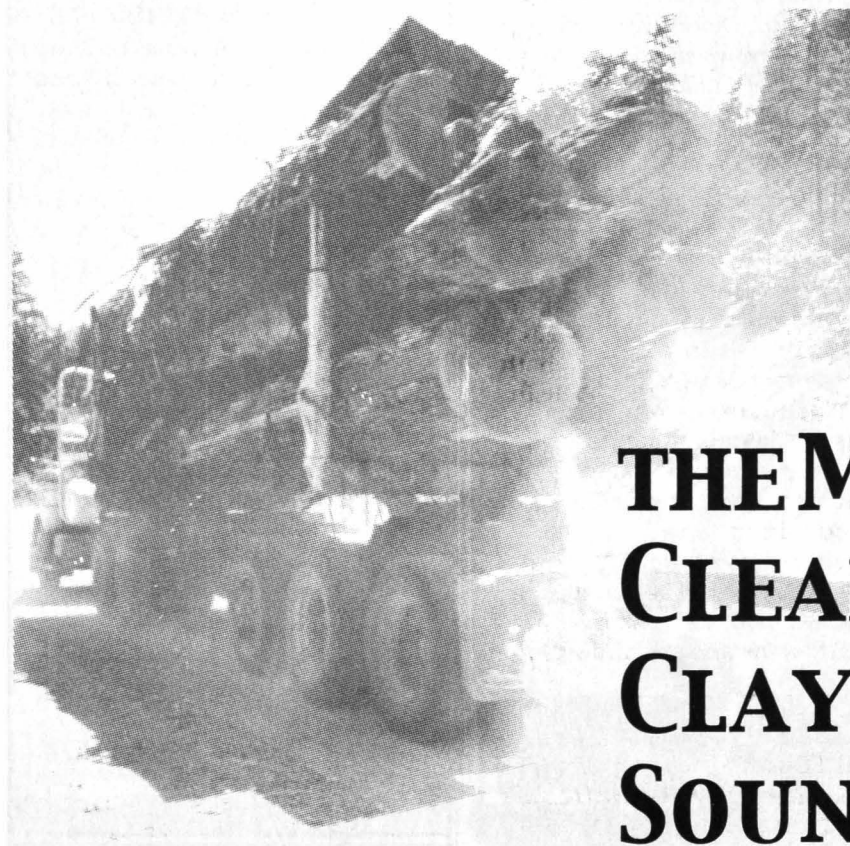
The misbegotten result was a hugely-hyped compromise known as the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). It was signed in 1999 by the big four eco-groups, the logging company, MacMillan Bloedel, and the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, who assert indigenous title to the land. Under the MOU, only two of the six previously unlogged and roadless watersheds are protected. It also leaves in place the government prescription for large-scale clearcuts, enshrined in a 1993 Land Use Decision.

The MOU for Clayoquot Sound also created a joint venture between MacMillan Bloedel and the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations that was incorporated as Lisaak Forest Products (IFP). The company promised to use selective logging and to stay out of pristine watersheds, but its 50-year plan is based almost entirely on cutting old growth.

In 2000, one year after the deal was signed, US logging giant, Weyerhaeuser, bought out MacMillan Bloedel and assumed its 49 percent share in the IFP venture. Since logging commenced in 2000, IFP has logged 53 patchcuts. It plans to log nine more and haul out 3,000 truckloads of trees in the next few years. Since IFP was designed as a model for sustainable logging, Weyerhaeuser hopes to market its wood products as environmentally friendly.

Beyond the Hype

After a decade of protest and debate, three-quarters of Clayoquot Sound remain open for



THE MORE THEY CLEARCUT CLAYOQUOT SOUND

logging by other corporations. International Forest Products (Interfor), winner of the Forest Action Network's "Eco-Terrorist of the Year Award," signed no deals with environmentalists or First Nations in Clayoquot Sound. The renegade Vancouver-based logging company plans to cut and haul 17,000 truckloads of old-growth cedar, fir and hemlock from the sound in the next few years. Interfor, known across BC for targeting endangered species habitat, is planning to build 45 miles of roads to access 30 huge cutblocks and to open two pristine watersheds to clearcut logging.

Thanks to the public relations blitz orchestrated by eco-bureaucrats and corporate executives, even well-informed environmentalists are surprised to learn that most of this paradise is doomed for destruction. Millions of dollars were wasted on "scientific" evaluations of sustainable old-growth forest logging. But the original "log-the-hell-out-of-it" approach still stands, unreformed.

Given the generations of overcutting on Vancouver Island, the only sustainable level for old-growth forest logging is absolutely none. And one organization remains dedicated to wilderness defense: the Friends of Clayoquot Sound still demands a zero-cut solution. It refused to sign the MOU and continues to expose the huge corporate rip-off the deal has become.

The Fate of the Forest

In November, government enforcement of the Forest Practice Code was eliminated. Instead, the code now implements an honor system in which the logging companies self-monitor and report problems like damage to creeks, erosion, landslides and endangered species. These changes will devastate wildlife, water and old-growth forests.

On January 22, the BC government announced its "Working Forests" initiative. Access to more than 110 million acres—more than half of the province—is being granted to logging corporations and other industrial interests. That amounts to every

bit of unprotected forest in the province. The legislation will make the creation of new parks, watershed reserves, designated species habitat or First Nations land settlements extremely difficult. The Western Canada Wilderness Committee calls it "the most anti-environmental legislation in the history of BC."

The only legislation that could possibly alleviate the devastating logging was enacted on December 13. Canada passed the long-awaited Species at Risk Act in order to protect endangered species. Yet, 61 species needing protection were left out of the initial decision. It is too soon to tell how implementation of the law will impact logging in BC's ancient forests.

Fight Back: Boycott BC wood!

Two years ago, an international boycott of BC forest products forced the worst offenders to the negotiating table. Most of the raw log exports go to feed the insatiable US appetite for large-scale logs and cheap pulp. US tariffs on softwood lumber have effectively wrenched BC's sawmills and have thrown thousands out of work. However, the amount of old-growth forest logging is increasing.

Canada's liberal government is making enemies left and right, tearing up union contracts for government workers, slashing funding for schools, closing hospitals and offering to sell BC parks to private corporations. A coalition of resistance is building toward a general strike, while environmental organizations and First Nations groups promise blockades and direct action to defend the land.

Rather than wasting ink petitioning the corrupt corporate stooges in government, get in touch with the bold and brave ones holding the line against capitalism gone mad. The Friends of Clayoquot Sound need an army of protesters to help inspect logging sites and take action. Come visit and join in.

For more information, contact Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Box 489, Tofino, BC VOR 2Z0, Canada; (250) 725-4218; www.ancientrainforest.org.

Clayoquot *KLA-kwuht*
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BARE BONES

Dust Buries China

Late Winter and early Spring now regularly feature dust bowls above northern China that dwarf those of the Great Depression years in the US.

While dust storms in China are nothing new, the size and frequency of these events are unprecedented, with as many as a dozen now occurring in a single year. The big ones blot out daylight in the capital and destroy crops throughout hundreds of thousands of acres.

Climate experts at the Washington, DC-based Earth Policy Institute (EPI) warn that the effects will include the total destruction of ecosystems, the desertification of tens of millions of acres and famine affecting so many people that it could have significant impacts on food security around the world. According to EPI, "No country has ever faced a potential ecological catastrophe on this scale."

Culprits include over-cultivation, grazing, logging and over-pumping of groundwater.

Cutting Sequoia Monument

Giant sequoias are the fattest trees in the world and an evolutionary remnant from another age. Recognizing this fragile national treasure, the Sequoia National Monument was created in 2000, to protect sequoias and their surrounding ecosystem.

However, under a new plan proposed by the US Forest Service, the Sequoia National Monument may see more intensive logging than the national forest outside it. The excuses for logging are absurd: 100-year-old trees that "need thinning" to open the forest up to sunlight in order to produce more old-growth trees. They also claim it is for fire protection even though these forests are fire dependent. The real reason, of course, is to satisfy the desires of a local Sierra Forest Products mill.

HOW DO YOU SAY THAT?

Corporate Fish Farming

Local Resistance in Nuxalk Territory

BY SNAGGLETOOTH

"Our indigenous inherent right to harvest fish is going to be privatized and the elimination of the Aboriginal fisheries has begun. The situation has now become equivalent to the time when the buffalo were being wiped out on the prairies..."

Without the buffalo, the plains peoples were at the mercy of the colonial government and left with no other option but to sign an agreement, which was to supposedly insure their survival and their rights... Without the salmon, a critical part of our traditional economy, our culture and identity will disappear."

—SIMON REECE, TSIMSHIAN/CREE, REDWIRE MAGAZINE, VOL. 5, ISSUE 1, 2002

An Atlantic salmon hatchery is currently under construction at Ocean Falls, British Columbia (BC), Canada. Ocean Falls is located off of Dean Channel in the mid-Pacific coast region of BC and is only accessible by boat or float plane.

On December 1, Nuxalk Hereditary Chief Snuxyaltwa, accompanied by Nuxalk youth and others, blockaded the entrance to the hatchery's construction site for more than two hours until they were allowed entry. They presented a letter from Nuxalk hereditary chiefs stating their opposition to fish farms and telling the owner, Omega, to leave the territory.

In 1995, the provincial government of BC placed a moratorium on the ex-

pansion of fish farms, due to public concern over the lack of research into the impacts on wild fish and the environment. During the seven years of the moratorium, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans did little to study

the environmental impacts of fish farms. Instead, the fish farm industry and BC government have controlled the aquaculture research agenda with an almost singular focus on applied research that lowers costs and raises productivity.

Despite the lack of environmental studies, the government lifted the moratorium in September, and construction

began on the Ocean Falls hatchery in October. The hatchery is being built by Omega, a subsidiary of the Norwegian multinational corporation Pan Fish.

There are more than 100 fish farms currently operating in BC, mainly located farther south around Vancouver Island. The Ocean Falls fish hatchery construction and the additional 100

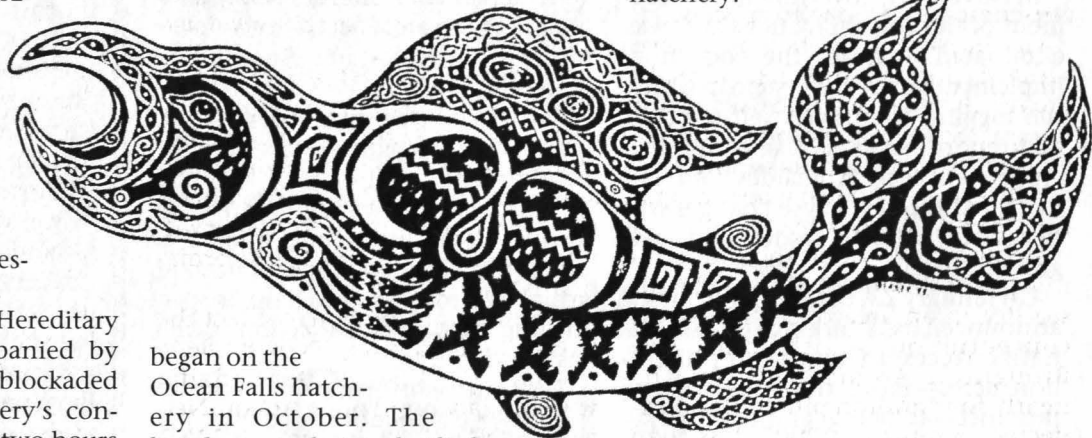
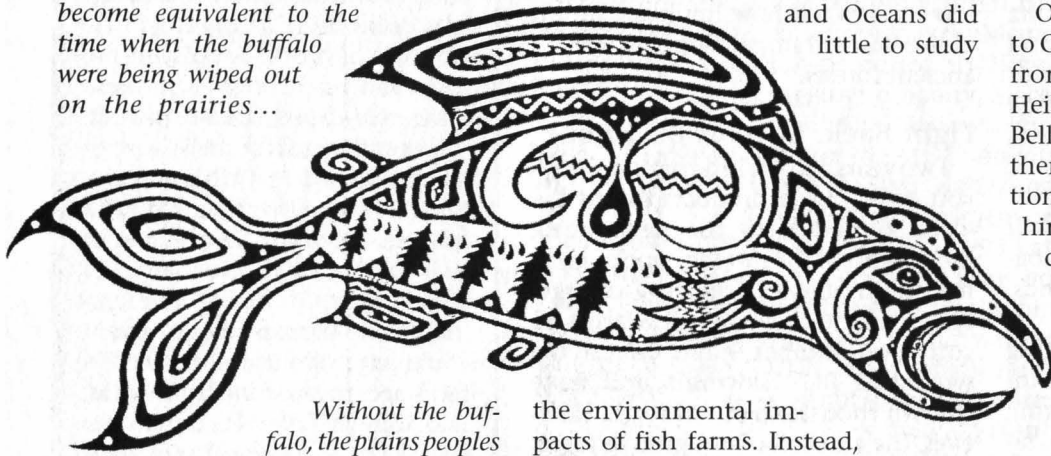
applications *pending* for fish farms in this region signal the northward thrust of the industry into less-developed areas. The hatchery, if completed, would provide salmon smolts to those new farms.

On December 16, 50 people traveled to Ocean Falls in 15 small fishing boats from the neighboring Nuxalk and Heiltsuk communities of Bella Coola, Bella Bella and Shearwater. People let themselves into the Omega construction site by lifting the locked gate off its hinges. After viewing the company's destruction of the area, Snuxyaltwa stood on some rubble and said, "We are not protesters; we are protectors. It is our duty and obligation to protect Mother Earth. This farm is a threat to our way of life... We have to stop this no matter what it takes."

People dismantled a newly poured concrete form, spilling the cement, and disrupting construction. Their message sent, the people returned home.

The Heiltsuk are also preparing a legal challenge to the Ocean Falls hatchery.

A pioneer in salmon farming, Norway remains the world's leader in the industry despite a history of problems. In the early 1970s, a near collapse of the industry, due to uncontrollable disease among the fish, prompted the government to tighten



controls on production and expansion. Twenty Norwegian rivers have been poisoned with rotenone since 1981 to eradicate a salmon parasite, resulting in the death of nearly all the river wildlife. In August 1998, 40 percent of all fish farms in Norway were shut down and millions of fish were slaughtered to halt the spread of infectious salmon anemia, an incurable disease.

The 1984 elections in Canada brought in a government that encouraged foreign investment, and Norwegian companies, eager to expand but restricted at home, found support for their industry in western Canada. In BC, by 1985 salmon farming grew to 100 companies operating 185 coastal farm sites. The small businesses of 1985 are now consolidated into 15 companies that comprise the BC Salmon Farmers Association, dominated by five multinationals.

The salmon farmed in BC today are primarily an exotic Atlantic species. Young salmon are reared in freshwater hatcheries and then moved to sea cages to grow to market size. A typical fish farm comprises 10 to 30 cages, each containing an average of 20,000 fish. Net "walls" lead to frequent escapes. Escaped Atlantic salmon have been found in more than 80 rivers along the coast. This introduction of a non-native salmon species poses many serious risks for the native populations: disease transfer, parasites like sea lice and the threat of out-competing the wild species.

The impact of sea lice on native salmon populations has already proven the unacceptable risks of fish farming. Sea lice populations explode around fish farms, thus posing serious threats to wild fish whose migration routes pass nearby.

In June 2001, ocean-bound juvenile pink salmon were infested with sea lice in an area of BC's heaviest concentration of fish farms, the Broughton Archipelago. Of the nearly four million pink salmon expected to return in 2002, less than 150,000 actually did. Initial studies indicate more than 400 million smolts may have died as a result of the sea lice outbreak. If the farms in this area are not closed, the entire pink salmon population in these rivers is at risk of extinction.

The density of salmon in the ocean net cages is devastating. Pollution from antibiotics, pesticides and concentrated fish sewage flows directly into the water. Everything immediately underneath these pens is killed, and it is unknown what the long-term impacts will be for the wider ocean ecosystem.

On January 15, fish farming opponents held a day of international protest. Protectors and protesters gathered at the Pan Fish offices in Hong Kong, China, Seattle, Washington, and Campbell River, BC. In Vancouver, more than 50 people congregated at the Norwegian Consulate, and in Hamburg, Germany, a dozen protested at the Den norske Bank, the largest shareholder in Pan Fish.



Nuxalk Chief Sximana speaking at the Omega fish farm protest in Seattle

In Ocean Falls, 200 people and 30 boats, including indigenous peoples, environmental groups, local commercial fishers and others protested at the construction site. In no uncertain terms, they stated that they will fight this hatchery until it is permanently shut down.

For more information, contact the House of Smayusta, POB 8, Bella Coola, BC V0T 1C0, Canada; www.nuxalk.org; Forest Action Network, POB 625, Bella Coola, BC V0T 1C0, Canada; www.fanweb.org; *Redwire Magazine*, c/o EYA, Box 34097, Station D, Vancouver, BC V6J 4M1, Canada; www.redwiremag.com.

Snaggletooth is an anarchist who lives in Nuxalk Nation Territory in the Bella Coola valley.

BARE BONES

Poaching Poachers

It is open season on poachers and timber smugglers in the north-east Indian state of Assam, where the United Peoples Democratic Solidarity group issued shoot-to-kill orders in January.

Kaziranga National Park is a United Nations World Heritage Site and one of the last wild areas in eastern India. It is inhabited by the world's largest population of one-horned rhinoceroses, as well as tigers, elephants and panthers.

Poachers regularly kill up to a dozen rhinos a year. The area has long suffered from timber and mineral extraction in addition to sugar cane farming by people from outside the area.

Fed up with the loss of sovereignty and destruction of the Earth, members of the indigenous Karbi tribe now patrol areas around the park and threaten outsiders who kill animals or cut down trees with death. Guilty locals get to keep their lives, but receive a flogging and a hefty fine.

Nuke Whistleblowers

For years, US nuclear power proponents have been embarrassed by the total lack of facilities to dispose of nuclear waste. Then Congress stepped in last year to answer their "out of sight, out of mind" dreams. Despite the objections of Nevada's politicians and residents, Congress approved an underground nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain in July.

It turns out that Congress made its decision to approve the facility based on tampered data. Two Department of Energy whistleblowers have presented evidence that reveals significant problems with worker qualifications, data collection and quality, software complications, quality assurance and accountability.

Congressional investigations of the incident are expected this year.



A pack of defiant wolf pups to the fifth graders at Wisconsin's Trempealeau Elementary School who marched into the school cafeteria clutching metal silverware in protest of the school district's switch to plastic utensils.

After learning that up in landfills, the campaign to reverse the district's decision. The students declared their victory on December 9, after protesting and lobbying teachers, peers and parents. Even though the switch to plastic would save \$4,500 a year, students were able to change the minds of the school board members with their love for the Earth.

A wolf who knows where you sleep to the cyber activists who created the "John Poindexter Awareness Office" in response to Poindexter's Information Awareness Office at the Pentagon (see *EF!* January-February 2003).

Wolves and Poodles

Poindexter's controversial project purports to find "terrorists" by giving the government the power to access information about anyone it wants, whenever it wants.

Activists set up a website dedicated to gathering information about Poindexter's life from credit card bills to medical files, the location of his house to what brand of potato chips he purchases—giving him a taste of his own medicine. Take that Poindexter!

Even the Senate can see that it isn't worth all the time and money this program will spend. Recently the Senate decided to withhold funding for the Total Information Awareness program until the Department of Defense can prove that there is a serious risk to national security that exists without this program.

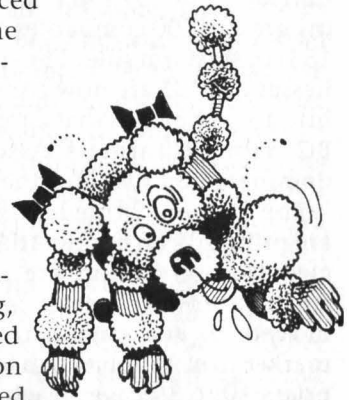
A US-go-to-hell wolf to the Middle Eastern people who are boycotting US corporations including McDonald's, Burger King, Marlboro, Coca-Cola, Tide, Starbucks and Heinz. The boycott has caused these corporations and others a 25-40 percent drop in sales in the Middle East. A Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlet in Cairo, Egypt, was torched by university students in protest, and another in Tripoli, Tunisia, was bombed. In Syria, the government formally endorsed the boycott campaign. In Morocco, newspapers such as *L'economiste* and *Assabah* have launched a campaign against the US dollar, urging Moroccans to use the euro in business deals instead. Two of the six McDonald's locations in Jordan were shut down due to lack of business, and KFC and McDonald's branches

in the capital city of Oman reported that sales had fallen by 65 percent.

A never-givin-up-tree-dwellin' wolf to all the supporters and treesitters who have helped with the Winberry treevillage, now celebrating its fourth year of occupation in the Willamette National Forest near Eugene, Oregon. January 17 marked the fourth anniversary of resistance against Roseburg Forest Products, who is cutting old-growth forests throughout Oregon. Forest defenders remain hopeful that at least 300 acres will be saved due to the presence of red tree voles and a rare lichen species.

A Tasmanian devil of a wolf to the rooster in Zamboanga, Philippines, who decided to fight back against the cruel institution of cockfighting. The rooster was set loose to fight in the arena, but this time, it turned and attacked its handler. Using the razor sharp steel spikes that were strapped to its legs for the fight, the rooster sliced the man's groin and legs. The stunned audience of gamblers watched as the man bled to death.

A limp poodle in the jaws of a wild fox to Michael H. Darnell, Fox Network's vice president for alternative programming, who recently created a one-hour television "reality special" based



upon the exploitation of animals. Darnell's show, "Man vs. Beast" featured a hot-dog eating competition between a man and a 1,080-pound wild bear. It also had an airplane pulling contest between 50 people that Fox labeled as "midgets" and an 8,800-pound elephant.

A great big pile of fresh poodle poop to supposed "anti-SUV activist" Ariana Huffington for denouncing activists who smeared sport utility vehicles in Georgetown, Maryland, with a load of poopy surprises. In response, Huffington, who recently launched a nationwide advertising campaign against driving SUVs, turned around and told the media that, "If this is a domestic terrorist group, like the Earth Liberation Front, they could be very dangerous. The FBI should be involved." Huffington continued, "I don't think it's cute—just like Ted Kaczynski wasn't cute."

A war-supporting, gas-guzzling, high-polluting poodle to the creators and purchasers of the new \$50,000 Hummer 2—including San Francisco Bay area resident Sam Bernstein, who says, "I'm a Sierra Club member. You can be environmentally friendly and drive a Hummer." Bernstein claims he does this by avoiding paper cups.

The three-ton Hummer comes complete with hood handles designed for helicopter transport. It can ford rivers and power over boulders and logs, yet it only gets 10 miles to the gallon and most often never leaves the suburbs. The Hummer 2 is said to be "the only SUV to date that can drop and give you 20."



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DIRECT ACTION FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

News from the Underground is a monthly roundup of action reports and forthcoming events in North America and the World.

FIGHT WAR NOT WARS

Ten million people demonstrated opposition to war in 38 countries worldwide over the weekend coinciding with the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, January 18-19.

Around 500,000 people rallied in Washington DC to say no to war with Iraq. Speakers evoked the memory of Martin Luther King in calling for a world without violence and said that Bush was killing the American way of life in this war for oil.

A massive protest was held in San Francisco with 350,000 people. A large anti-capitalist group broke away from the main march and went through the financial center smashing windows and graffiting the San Francisco Chronicle building, the British Consulate, CitiCorp, the Immigration & Naturalization Service building, Starbucks, and Victoria's Secret. There were two confirmed arrests.

In Portland, OR, 30,000 people gathered against war. A few activists skipped the march and smashed up a local military recruitment center. Additional demos in the US were reported in Yorba Linda, CA, Montpelier, VT, Charlottesville, VA, Madison, WI, Rockford, IL, Albuquerque, NM, Denton County, TX, Salt Lake City, UT, and Spokane, WA.

Tens of thousands of people joined marches, demonstrations and rallies in over 30 events across Canada. The larger demonstrations included 25,000 in Montreal, 15,000 in Vancouver, and 7,000 in Halifax, Toronto and Saskatoon!

In Mexico, there were mobilizations against the war and the embargo against Iraq.

Protests took place both in Mexico City and at the international bridge between Mexico and the US near Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, with US groups meeting them from the other side of the border. Other demonstrations took place in Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Guatemala and Brazil.

In the UK, there were protests in Scotland, and the British cities of London, Liverpool, Bradford, Glasgow, Cambridge, and Cardiff where people blocked roads. The Northwood military base in London was surrounded by demonstrators, and a candlelit vigil was held at Trafalgar Square. Train engineers refused to transport war material. The *Rainbow Warrior* entered Marchwood Military port in Southampton and blocked the departure of military supply vessels. These actions highlight the broad opposition to war among America's "staunchest ally."

Around 2,000 people protested at Shannon airport in Ireland, where a righteous Mary Kelly was arrested for taking a hatchet to the nose cone of a C40 US Navy transport plane. (See address on next page.)

Anti-war protests literally spanned the globe, including demonstrations in Hong Kong, Russia, Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Austria, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Brussels, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Egypt, Turkey, Pakistan, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Spain, France, Iceland, and even Antarctica's McMurdo Station! There were also popular demonstrations in Bahrain and Baghdad, Iraq.

Anti-war actions continued next page

Cascadia Summer 2003

In light of the all out war being currently waged on our public forests and environmental protections by George W. Bush and the timber industry, forest defenders throughout the Cascadia region (Washington, Oregon, Northern California and southern British Columbia) are organizing a campaign this Summer. They are issuing a call to action to all concerned individuals and organizations requesting their aid during the upcoming summer months.

The Cascadia Summer 2003 campaign is made up of a diverse group of conservationists fighting to protect forests, streams, and wildlife. We recognize and value strength in diversity of tactics. During Cascadia Summer, activists will be engaging in a wide-range of tactics from civil disobedience, tree-sits, public outreach in urban and rural areas, lawsuits, political pressure, and popular education. Trainings in direct action, civil disobedience, blockading, legal issues, tree climbing, and much much more will be provided.

Feel free to contact us if you have further questions. Check out our website at www.cascadiasummer.org. For more information, contact us at (503) 241-4879 or info@cascadiasummer.org.



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Who, what, when, where and how?

Well here it is, the first issue of *Notes from the Underground* (formerly know as *Earth First!'s Action Update*). It has taken a bit of time to get it up and running, but we think it is important for there to be a monthly newsletter that covers the world of direct action. There has been a noticeable decrease in mainstream media reports about direct action, particularly since both the ELF and ALF spokespeople stepped down within the past year.

So here is our plan. Working with the *Earth First! Journal* and other sources of action news, a bunch of ex-journalistas will crank out a monthly tabloid including as many stories about direct action as will fit. Our intent is to cover actions that put the Earth first, fight for animals, support indigenous rights, and describe revolutionary hijinx. We do not plan to cover the philosophy behind the actions, but rather the nitty-gritty of the dirty deed.

At this point the only things that will limit

us are space and money. Since we are mad and compulsive volunteers this paper will need to get enough subscribers and donations to merely cover printing costs or, unfortunately, it will fail. So if you want to support us in our efforts, subscribe and donate!

In today's world of looming war against humans and the environment, it is more important than ever to inspire and empower people to take matters into their own hands. It is vital that every person understands that they can act up and that their actions can have an impact. By publishing the activities of individuals and groups around North America and the globe, we hope to encourage more people to take more action. We have much to learn from the examples of others, so help us make this paper work by subscribing and by sending us action reports.

It is shocking how many times we hear people moaning about how there are no actions going on anymore. Well, put your ear to the ground and listen, everyone should

know that there *are* actions going on. So get out there, get involved, and write about it.

Our deadline for submissions each issue will be the 15th of the month, and subscribers should get the paper by the first of the next month. (Next issue out in March). Please keep your submissions to under 200 words!

We are always interested in finding new sources of action news, so please write us with any ideas you have. We also accept letters to the editors and announcements about upcoming actions and events. We plan to print a prisoner page and contact information for groups that wish to be listed. Please contact us if you want your group listed.

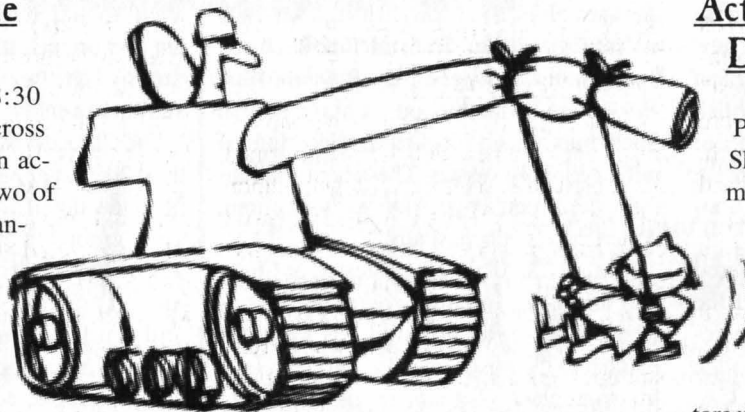
We realize that there are some actions covered in both the *EF!J* and this newsletter. This is intentional, *News from the Underground* will cover subjects that the *EF!J*, now published bimonthly, will also be covering much more in-depth.

We can be reached at POB 10384, Eugene, OR 97440 and news@mckenzieprinters.org.

Confronting the War Machine

On January 15 at 8:30 a.m., 4 people stood across the entrance to the main access road to the base. Two of the protestors held a banner with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The principle of nonviolent resistance seeks to reconcile the truths of two opposites — acquiescence and violence — while avoiding the extremes and immoralities of both." Meanwhile, the two others prayed and cast a circle. After several warnings, the police arrested them and took them to the police station. They were released with a summons to appear in court on February 25. They were charged with Criminal Trespass, which in New Hampshire carries a maximum sentence of a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

This was the first demonstration against the New Boston Air Station in the global war machine. The Air Station was targeted because of its role in maintaining the U.S. Space Command's global satellite network that makes it possible for the Pentagon to



fire missiles, guide bombs, and give orders to soldiers all over the world.

Arrested were: Ruth McKay, 83, of Concord, NH, war tax resister, grandmother, retired teacher, UCC-Justice and Peace Ministry; Lynn R. Chong, 58, of Sanbornton, NH, college English teacher, mother, statewide coordinator of UCC-Justice and Peace Ministry, NH Peace Action Steering Committee; Guy Chichester, 67, of Rye, NH, co-founder of the Clamshell Alliance, Green Party activist, grandfather, NH Peace Action Program Committee; and Sean Donahue, 28, of Lawrence, MA, Co-Director of NH Peace Action.

Activists Arrested for Disarming US Plane

On February 2, five Catholic Workers/Ploughshares activists cut their way into Shannon Airport in Eire and poured human blood on the runway that services US military flights, troop and munitions deployments to US military bases.

The five constructed a shrine on the runway to Iraqi children killed and threatened by the Bush/Blair war machine and trade sanctions. Then they tore up the edge of the runway with a mallet. Having severely damaged the runway, the activists turned their attention to a hanger housing a US Navy plane which was under repair. A plane was disarmed, and the hanger was dismantled.

At this point all five activists were arrested. Since their arrests, the five have refused to cooperate with bail conditions, have initiated a fast for peace and a call for mass nonviolent resistance to Irish complicity in the war on Iraq. Please send letters of support to Deirdre Clancy, Karen Fallon, Damien Moran, Nuin Dunlop, and Ciaran O'Reilly, as well as Mary Kelly (arrested at another action at Shannon) c/o Shannon Peace House, 9 Inis Ealga, Shannon, County Clare, Ireland. Please write each activist separately.

GREEN RAGE!

Greenpeace Dumps Its Load

Greenpeace and survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster in Bhopal, India unloaded 250 kilograms of the poisonous waste collected from the disaster scene at the largest European operation of Dow Chemical in the southern Dutch town of Terneuzen on January 8. About 20 activists were arrested.

The hazardous waste was a tiny part of the hundreds of tons that have been strewn around the derelict Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal that killed 8,000 people and injured half a million. Dow acquired Union Carbide in February 2001. No one has accepted responsibility for the waste or cleaned up the site.

Sitter Forced Down, and Trees Cut in Jordan Creek

Three trees being protected by activists in the Jordan Creek watershed in Northern California the "demonstration forest" (otherwise known as the DEMON) were cut down. This area is residual old growth, "class E" marbled murrelet habitat, opened up for logging by the Headwaters Deal.

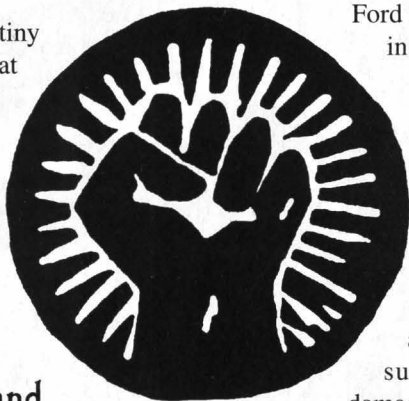
On January 17, Climber Erik forced a sitter out of their treesit with help from 2 other climbers. The activist was released with a trespassing charge. Around 3 p.m., Carl Anderson, head of Pacific Lumber (PL) security, and a Scotia-Pacific vehicle made the rounds in Freshwater and then visited the Lower Village to inspect the treesits. There, a masked activist went out on a traverse and hung upside down, warning that as long as PL continued to log irresponsibly in this area, disregard the facts, and blatantly ignore the wishes of their neighbors, that more treesits, and more nonviolent action will target the company.

Threats loom in Freshwater as trees fall closer and closer to the Lower Greenwood Heights Treesit Village! Sitters expand the Ewok village daily but desperately need more people! Please contact us if you are concerned or have questions about how you can help save the forest, (707) 845-5491 and/or wesavetrees@zipclip.com.

ELF Torches SUVs in Pennsylvania

The Earth Liberation Front took credit for its first action of 2003 with the destruction of several SUVs at a Pennsylvania auto dealership. A communiqué received by the ELF Press Office claimed the attack on SUVs at the Bob Ferrando Ford Lincoln Mercury in Erie.

At 5:30 a.m. on January 1, the Earth Liberation Front attacked several SUVs. At least four vehicles were entirely destroyed and several others sustained heavy damage, costing an estimated \$90,000.



Nuxalk Nation Attacks Corporate Fish Farm

On December 18, Natives, environmentalists and commercial fishermen stormed the construction site for an Atlantic salmon hatchery on British Columbia's central coast and tore it apart. Native leaders likened introducing Atlantic salmon and parasites and diseases spread by fish farms to the arrival of the first traders who spread smallpox up and down the coast killing 90% of the native people in some villages. The 60 protesters—who arrived by boat from the neighboring communities—tore open a gate to the Omega fish hatchery in Ocean Falls and ripped down the wooden forms for newly poured concrete. "We don't want the fish hatchery. We don't want the fish farms. We mean it," said Clement Lam, of the Forest Action Network, who was arrested for ripping down a form. "Our ultimate goal is drive all the fish farms out of the British Columbia coast." The 20 fish farms operating in the Broughton Archipelago near Alert Bay are being blamed for destroying the pink salmon runs in the area. Fewer than 150,000 of the more than 3.6 million pink salmon that were expected actually returned this year.

Housing Development Targeted in Philly

In northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 28, urban sprawl and the development of luxury houses were targeted. Construction vehicles and a show home were damaged by "longtime residents of Philadelphia who are tired of seeing the Earth destroyed for money." They glued locks, sugared gas tanks, disconnected hoses, spray painted vehicles, and broke windows.

The letter claiming the action went on to say, "We pray the destruction of developers in Philadelphia/the suburbs is stopped — and that our kids don't grow up in a concrete world, built over ashes of the destroyed Earth."

Although the letter did not claim this as an ELF action, graffiti at the housing development site indicates that this might have been the work of the ELF.

Cruise Ships Unwanted in Moloka'i

Confronted with high winds, choppy seas and a shore full of protesters, officers aboard the luxury liner *MS Statendam* decided not to risk shuttling their passengers into Moloka'i's Kaunakakai Harbor. Nearly 200 protesters were waiting at the harbor for the Holland America liner. They held placards saying, "Cruise ships pollute" and "No aloha for cruise ships."

Richard Reed, owner of a charter boat, said Moloka'i isn't ready to be overrun by cruise ship visitors. "In Lahaina, one ship comes in there and it's chaos — and they're geared for it. We're not geared for it," he said.

A flotilla of four canoes and three small boats, each filled with sign-wielding protesters, was launched to greet the ship. Bruhjell said there was no intent to block the passenger shuttles — just to get the word out that they're not welcome. He said the protesters would return at the next docking.

Cruise ships discharge harmful chemicals and alien species from their ballasts, and wreck the island's reefs by dropping their anchors and chains off Moloka'i. With its limited number of public facilities, including restrooms, the island is ill-equipped to accommodate the passengers. "People just swarm into town and leave, and they really don't do anything for the community," said resident Nat Bacon.

OUT OF THE CAGES

Beagles Liberated in Italy

On December 19, the ALF entered the home of a kennel volunteer in Modena, Italy, to liberate 5 beagle puppies that were on their way to a lab animal farm. These 5 puppies were originally discovered in November near a kennel in Modena.

Someone called the police, thinking these young beagles could be part of the 99 beagles liberated on November 21 from Morini farm, a notorious lab breeder in Italy. These 5 dogs had no tattoos, so the judge ordered a DNA analysis to determine if the dogs had come from the Morini farm. The dogs were waiting the results of this analysis, that could bring them back to the Morini hellhole, and were being kept at the house of a kennel volunteer.

The ALF entered the house through a window, took away the dogs and spray painted, "Sorry, ALF."

Italy ALF Liberates Minks

On December 19 the ALF entered a mink farm in Galeata, Forlì (Italy), to open cages and free animals. One hundred meters of fence were cut, and then the cages were opened. Many pens were empty, because the killing had already begun. Pyres of mink corpses could be seen burning. Four sheds full of minks were liberated before the farmer unexpectedly arrived, but the activists had a lookout and left the place with no problems.

In their communiqué they said some graffiti from a previous action was still visible! In fact, in October 2001 the ALF liberated 10,000 minks from the same farm.

Turkeys Saved from the Pot

In the early hours of December 21, the ALF raided a turkey supplier in Wales, saving the lives of 84 turkeys. Activists gained entry to one shed by breaking through a roof and unlocking the door to a storeroom. Then the wall to the sheds was smashed through, and the activists climbed into the huge sheds. The turkeys were then boxed, carried across three fields, loaded into transit vans and driven to safety.

For many animals Christmas means torture. At least this past Christmas 84 turkeys have been re-homed to peacefully live out their natural lives.

Chicken Run, the Sequel

During the hours of New Years Eve and well into the following morning, members of the ALF broke into Norfolk Cottage Eggs in Bournemouth and took away over 600 battery hens. The 12 strong team who gained valuable experience and are already planning further raids entered the unit via the roof after removing a corrugated panel and, using improvised ladders transported the hens in sacks out and away across adjacent fields to waiting vehicles. Before they left they did some damage and sprayed the walls with appropriate messages.

Breeder's Home Burns

ALF claims responsibility for burning down a house at Wema-Hund, Sweden's only private breeder of dogs for vivisection. Two incendiary devices were planted in the house. The wooden house was totally burned down; no animals were injured by the fire.

ALF Activity in Sweden

On January 6, members of the ALF smashed 2 windows at the home of chinchilla fur farmer Henry Yrnevik in Uppsala, Sweden. On January 17, 2 windows were smashed at his house again and another 2 were damaged.

The chinchilla fur farmer has said he is prepared to sell the remaining chinchillas and close his farm if they turn in the ALF and also pay for all criminal damage done to him.

Attack on Novartis

On the night of January 21-22 Aktionszusammenschluss für Erd- und Tierbefreiung (amalgamation for "action for earth and animal liberation") attacked Novartis Pharma Switzerland in Bern.

In the entrance area, as well as at the exterior walls, slogans against the World Economic Forum and Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) were sprayed, windows were broken in the entrance and a trash can was set on fire.

Arson Attack on Hunt Supplier

Animal rights activists look to be the prime suspects following a night of fires and desecration in Stocking Pelham, England.

"Fox killers" was scrawled in red paint over the village church, and a nearby animal feed business, which supplies the Puckeridge Hunt, was razed to the ground in a £250,000 (US \$411,700) blaze during the early hours of December 29.

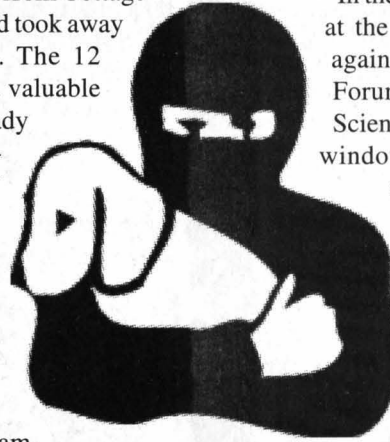
Police and fire experts have launched an inquiry into what happened just days after the Puckeridge Hunt's Boxing Day meet at Brent Pelham. "It's being treated as suspicious at this stage," said a Herts police spokeswoman. "We are investigating a possible link with an anti-hunt slogan that was painted on a nearby church."

Graffiti on the church steps was found by someone going to a service on Sunday morning. The paint was still wet.

The heat from the burning building was said to be extraordinary. You could not get within 50 feet of the building; it was ablaze from end to end. There was nothing

firefighters could do to save the 1828 barn or lean-tos. Everything that was associated with the animal feed business was in that barn and was destroyed.

Unfortunately Tiggy, the farm's tabby cat, has not been seen since.



REVOLTING TIMES

WSF Ends with Police

Brutality

Brazilian Police did what police do best when they violently attacked protesters and bystanders on the last day of the World Social Forum (WSF), January 31. It started when a Mapuche woman who was attending the WSF and staying at the international youth camp was arrested and charged with "obscene acts" for bathing nude in a river. Four hundred people protested by taking their clothes off in solidarity. When the nude protest left the youth camp to march downtown the police attacked. After injuring and arresting some of the nude protesters, the police lashed out at journalists and bystanders. An unknown number of people were hospitalized or arrested as a result of the police assault.

At the end of a week of rhetoric about international solidarity this is a disgraceful example of intolerance. Unfortunately, this police repression is consistent with past years whenever groups have protested without the WSF and consent of the Workers Party (PT). In protest of the PT's authoritarian dominance of Brazilian social movements and Lula's trip to Davos, a Brazilian anarchist pied the President of the PT during the WSF.

Indigenous Abduct Oil Workers in Ecuador

On December 5, a group of indigenous Achuar people from Ecuador's Pastaza Province abducted 8 Ecuadorian workers from the fuel exploration firm Compañía General de Combustibles to protest their presence on Achuar land. The Achuar released all eight over the December 15 weekend following a week of negotiations between representatives of the community, the Ecuadorian government and the company.

Meanwhile, the Argentine company Techint, which is building a new heavy crude pipeline through Ecuador, has offered a \$40,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of two pipeline workers kidnapped last October. The company paid a ransom, but John Buckley of Britain and Luis Díaz of Ecuador have yet to be released.

Anarchists Occupy Nuke

At 8 a.m. on January 6, protesters performing a media stunt involving a dragon attacking actors dressed as nuclear technicians and security guards outside the fences of the facility were let in by a lone security guard in Brisbane, Australia.

As the "Dragon" crossed the road, the single security guard unlocked the main gate. Protesters assumed some agreement had been negotiated, and 20 people (including the corporate media) entered the



ground of Steritech's nuclear food irradiation site. Protesters continued their theatre performance, and then occupied the nuclear material containment pool room area. At no time did the security make an attempt in either word or deed to stop them.

After half an hour the security guards locked the gates and refused to let out the remaining 15 people, until police arrived. Some protesters got out by creating holes in the fence, or climbing over the fence. Police eventually allowed protesters the option of leaving, despite protestations of security guards who "wanted everyone to be arrested." Six people climbed the walls of the containment area, hoisting flags and banners, and refused to leave.

They made a statement to the effect that they were "community health and safety inspectors" and found the site to be "unsafe" and "insecure" and would occupy the site and reopen it as a community center for the Deception Bay youth. They observed that the walls in the containment area were already cracked.

Roadblocks in Bolivia

On January 13, people using rocks and tree trunks launched a national roadblock campaign in opposition to colonial capitalism. The traffic between Santa Cruz and Cochabamba was interrupted and on the Oruro a la Paz highway, 6,000 retired workers walked 150 kilometers to La Paz. The government has deployed 10,000 military and police personnel to control the Santa Cruz highway.

The principal demands of this wave of mobilizations are:

- The rejection of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)
- The rejection of the sale of Bolivian gas to the US and Chile
- The rejection of the presence of foreign troops in Bolivia
- An immediate pause of the coca eradication program; land reform (the return of land from the large estate holders)
- The rejection of the export of subterranean water in the Bolivia-Chile trade agreement being currently negotiated
- Rent control for retired Bolivians
- The approval of the Domestic

Workers law

Bolivian civil organizations also demand that the government negotiate with them as a group, not sector by sector.

Detention Camp Breakout

A small group wearing balaclavas have helped asylum seekers escape from the Woomera detention center in South Australia, attacking and injuring two security officers. Three of the escapees were from Iran, 2 from Afghanistan and one from Iraq.

The small group of 4 or 5 used a large car jack to open fencing to reach the detainees. They rescued the detainees from the complex in two cars.

The liberators attacked detention officers with tire levers. One officer was hit in the legs, the other in the chest. When the officers tried to stop the cars from escaping, they were nearly run down.

Roadblocks were in place on main highways, with officers stopping vehicles and asking the public for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Wymmins Strike

International Wymmin's Day, March 8.
See www.womenstrike8m.server101.com.

Southern Girls Convention

This year's Convention will be held in the Swannanoa Valley just outside Asheville, NC, on the campus of Warren Wilson College March 14-16. Sleeping and eating accommodations will be available on campus. A full registration form and original flyer is available if you send an e-mail to kimbopalooobop@aol.com. More information is available at www.southerngirlsconvention.org.

3rd Annual Vernal Action Camp

March 10-16, Willamette National Forest near Eugene, Oregon

Fun skill-sharing workshops ranging from direct action training to primitive skills to wilderness first aid. Come prepared for cold/wet weather. Some food provided, but please be as self-sufficient as possible.

For more information, contact Cascadia Forest Defenders at forestdefenders@tao.ca or (541) 684-8977.

Resisters Guide

Homes Not Bombs is preparing an accessible guide for resisters who either defend themselves in court or work in concert with lawyers, and it is calling on people to send relevant information.

An understanding of case law based on court victories can help activists plan future actions with an eye to expanding the parameters of protest that have already been established in legal precedents — in other words, employing some of the system's loosely connected and little-known protections of protest to their best use.

If you can, please send references to case law victories, important pieces of case law used in defence, stories about how resisters have prepared for and survived the court process, any stories and analysis that might be helpful to fellow resisters, etc. to Homes Not Bombs at POB 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario, M6C 1C0 Canada; (416) 651-5800.

Earth First! Northwest Regional Rendezvous

May 23-27, location TBA, somewhere in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion .

Join us Memorial Day weekend for education, action and fun as we get ready to face a heated summer of defense in the Pacific Northwest. (See *Cascadia Summer 2003 announcement on the front page*.) The weekend will be full of workshops, skills shares and strategy sessions including climbing and ropes, natural medicine and birth control, backwoods skills, global justice, coalition building, prison support, Siskiyou geobiology, wilderness/city medic, legal, corporate campaigning, civil disobedience and so on, all amidst the extraordinary mountains of the Klamath-Siskiyou.

For more information, contact nwregional@mazamaforestdefense.org.

Ethan Miller Touring

Ethan is an activist singer/songwriter from Maine. He played at the EF! RRR this past summer. He'll be touring the West Coast in March, with Kate Boverman. They are seeking more gigs.

Contact Ethan Miller at 217 South Mountain Rd., Greene, ME 04236; (207) 946-4478; www.ethan.jedcenter.org.

Roam with the Buffalo

The Buffalo Field Campaign is the only group working in the field, everyday, to stop the slaughter of Yellowstone's wild buffalo. Volunteers defend the buffalo and advocate for their protection. Join daily patrols to stand with the buffalo.

Actions are currently taking shape for the spring when more buffalo tend to roam onto National Forests outside the Park. Last spring the DOL killed 152 buffalo in April and May.

Delicious meals are provided for any dietary choice. We have outdoor gear to keep you warm and mobile. We can train you in nonviolence, video documentation, the current legal situation, and any other skills shared by our volunteers.

Find out more at www.wildrockies.org/buffalo or e-mail buffalo@wildrockies.org or give us a call at (406) 646-0070.



EF! RRR in Minnesota

Mark your calendars. The annual Earth First! Round River Rendezvous is in Minnesota June 26-30. The dates may be extended. Location TBA.

Katuah Earth First! Regional Campout

March 21-24, location TBA, somewhere in Southern Appalachia.

For more information, contact john at johnjEF@bledsoe.net or (423) 949-5922

X-RAIDED 2003 Eco-Erotica Calendar

This homemade, hand-bound calendar includes tastefully done pictures of southern eco-warriors caught in some uncompromising positions! That's right, nekkid monkeywrenching! Ecodefense *au naturel!* Wild men and wild wimmin, at work, in the nude, defending Mother Earth!

This naturist calendar also includes all sorts of arcane information borrowed from the infamous Slingshot Organizer, as well as some originals. Meteor showers are listed all year long.

The X-RAIDED 2003 Calendar was designed by Bad Hair Day Productions in cahoots with Katuah Earth First!. Proceeds from the calendar will go to Katuah Earth First! and help fund their efforts to save wild nature in Southern Appalachia.

Cost: \$10-20 sliding scale (please throw in extra for postage if paying the low end). Send checks, well-concealed cash or money orders to Katuah Earth First!, POB 281, Chattanooga, TN 37401 or e-mail johnjEF@bledsoe.net if you would like more information.

Please send us your favorite naked monkeywrenching or nude protest pictures so that we can include them in the 2004 edition. Keep it anonymous!

PRISONERS IN STRUGGLE

Animal Liberation

• Dave Blenkinsop, EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Patrick Haugh Rd, Arccott, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ, England. He has just been sentenced to an additional five years for his role in an ALF arson attack on abattoir vehicles. As well as serving sentences of three years for assaulting the managing director of Huntingdon Life Sciences and 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier.

The following are facing prison sentences for alleged property destruction at the home of a Marsh Insurance executive in New York City on April 21, 2002, during the World Week for Animals in Laboratories.

• Jennifer Greenberg, #3100201610, Rose M. Singer Center, 1919 Hazen St, East Elmherst, NY 11370, USA. Sentenced to one year.

• Joshua Schwartz, #3100201611, NYSID#1900738L, EMTC, 1010 Hazen St, East Elmherst, NY 11370, USA. Sentenced to one year.

In Britain, three more Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) activists have been imprisoned for criminal damage.

• Jonny Ablewhite, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesland, London SE28 OEB; England. Sentenced to nine months.

• Gillian Bradley, HMP Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 9YG; England. Sentenced to nine months.

• Sarah Gisborne, HMP Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 9YG; England. Sentenced to one year.

• Nathan Brasfield #202044100, King County Regional Justice Center Detention Facility, 620 West James St, Kent, WA 98032, USA. He is remanded for felony theft of a telecommunications service.

• Rae Newlands, GN6613, HMP Winchester, Romsey Rd, Winchester, SO22 5DF, England. Serving four-and-a-half years for harassment of Huntingdon Life Sciences' shareholders.

• Peter Schnell, #99476-111, FCI Otisville, POB 1000, Otisville, NY 10963, USA. Serving 14 months for assembling incendiary devices with the intent to later target dairy trucks.

• Geert Waegemans, Gevangenis Hoogstraten, Gelnelstraat 131,2320 Hoogstraten, Belgium. Serving four years for attempted arson.

Anti-Globalization

• Rob Middaugh, #T41137 450 13up, ASP, POB 9, Avenal, CA 93204. Serving three years for his involvement in the May-day 2001 Reclaim the Streets celebrations in Long Beach, California.

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• Dr. YurI Bandazhevsky, Ul. Kalvarijskaya 36, POB 35K, Minsk 220600, Belarus. Serving eight years for telling the world that the nuclear radiation around Chernobyl is worse than what the government had reported.

• Marco Camenish, Hornlistrasse 55, 8330 Pfaffikon, Switzerland. Extradited to Switzerland to serve 10 years for destroying nuclear facility powerlines in the '70s and '80s.

• Carol Gilbert, Jackie Hudson and Ardeth Platte, Clear Creek County Jail, POB 518, Georgetown, CO 80444, USA. These three Dominican nuns are facing charges of sabotage and destruction of government property for damaging nuclear missile transport equipment. They each face up to 30 years in prison.

• Iñaki Garcia Koch, Carcel de Pamplona, C/ San Roque, Apdo. 250,31080-Iruñez-Pamplona, Navarra, Spain. Serving five years for sabotaging a dam construction site.

• Jeff "Free" Luers, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State St, Salem, OR 97310, USA. He is appealing his 22-year sentence for arson at a car dealership.

• Craig "Crittter" Marshall, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914, USA. Serving five-and-a-half years for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of incendiary devices to torch pick-up trucks and SUVs.

• Helen Woodson, #03231-045, FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA. Serving 27 years for disarming a Minuteman II missile silo with a jackhammer, mailing warning letters to officials with bullets inside, and robbing a bank and burning the money.

Indigenous

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

• Lawrence Pascal, POB 820, Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 5M9, Canada. An environmental and indigenous sovereignty activist, he has been imprisoned since July for blocking logging trucks.

• Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, USA. An American Indian Movement activist, Leonard is serving life in prison after being framed for the murder of two FBI agents during the Pine Ridge siege in 1975.

• Byron Shane Chubbuck, #07909051, US Penitentiary, POB 1000, Leavenworth Kansas, 66048; Currently serving 80 years at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary for aggravated assault on federal agents, escape and bank robbery to funnel money to the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

MOVE

The "MOVE 9," members of an eco-revolutionary group, were framed for the murder of a cop and sentenced to 30 to 100 years each. Although many are listed together, they must be written to separately.

• Debbie Simms Africa, #006307, and Janet Holloway Africa, #006308, and Janine Philips Africa, #006309, SCI Cam-

bridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403.

• Michael Davis Africa, #AM4973, Charles Simms Africa, #AM4975, SCI Grateford, POB 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA.

• Edward Goodman Africa, #AM4974, SCI Mahanoy, 301 Morea Road, Frackville, PA 17931, USA.

• William Philips Africa, #AM4984 and Delbert Orr Africa, #AM4985, SCI Dallas, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

• Mumia Abu-Jamal, #AM8335, SCI Greene, 175 Progress Dr, Waynesburg, PA 15370, USA. Mumia, a politically active journalist, was framed for the murder of a cop in 1981 in Philadelphia.



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Indian Women Ban Liquor in San Rafael, Tampaxal

As the Corona beer truck with its clinking bottles lumbered into this Indian village in the mountains of central Mexico, angry women ran out of their homes, shouting "Get out! Get out!" The women, many carrying babies, forced the driver back down the mountain before he could unload a single bottle — much to the chagrin of their husbands. Fed up with their men stumbling home drunk or falling over in a stupor in the cornfields, the women of this remote village in San Luis Potosi state took matters into their own hands, refusing to allow any more alcohol to be sold in their community of 250 people.

Since their first bold stand more than a year ago, women in at least 10 Huasteco

villages have gotten their leaders to ban alcohol and another dozen communities are considering it. "A lot of men are not happy with this," said Marcelina Martinez, who helped turn back the truck from San Rafael. "They seem sad. But, oh well. At least now they spend time with their families, so in the end things are better. They didn't want to listen to us, so we had to get angry."

As darkness fell over San Rafael, young men sat on the main plaza, chatting and chugging Coca-Colas. "My husband now is home early instead of stumbling in at 2 a.m. or falling over drunk on the floor in the local store, where I used to find him," Martinez said. "The beer truck still passes by, but it never stops here. I think the driver is scared of us."

Road Blockades in Ontario

The people of Grassy Narrows, Ontario, have begun blockades to protect their hunting, trapping, and fishing rights with a peaceful demonstration December 3.

In preparation for the 2012 Olympics site, the provincial government is attempting to log off all the trees on Native Customary Lands. This land has never been surrendered by treaty or otherwise.

Current cutting licenses granted to Abitibi Consolidated allow the company to clearcut the forest.

The strategy of roving blockades has had an effect and is being utilized on two of the three access roads. A local contractor has decided to move his operations elsewhere.

A Round House was built over the holidays to accommodate a Grand Council meeting. In attendance were 16 chiefs who voted overwhelmingly to support the blockade with funds and human resources.

The Okijida Society and volunteers from Shoal Lake First Nation have been on site for weeks. Lac Seul members brought a drum, teachings for the students, and a five-foot pipe stem from when they, Grassy Narrows and Waubuskang shared a chief.

Supporters from Canada and other countries have sent donations of food, clothing and money. For more information on how to help, contact J.B. Fobister, Grassy Narrows, Ontario P0X 1B0; (807) 925-2071, (807) 925-9914; fobister@voyageur.ca.

Cathedral Seized to Protest FTAA

Twenty masked protesters seized the San Salvador, El Salvador, cathedral January 8 during city-wide protests against plans for the government to enter into the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement (FTAA) with the United States.

Police surrounded the cathedral in San Salvador's center. No hostages were taken, and it was unclear whether the protesters were armed.

Jose Hernandez, who works in the cathedral's office, said the protesters stormed the cathedral and ordered a group of faithful to leave.

After dark, dozens of protesters from a variety of social groups surrounded police barriers ringing the cathedral to show their support for those holed up inside. They kept vigil through the night.

The protesters took control of the cathedral during city-wide protests against fears the government will privatize the country's social services and negotiations for a free trade zone between Central America and the US.

The protesters included doctors who have been on strike since September, but who have maintained skeletal staffs at the country's hospitals. They are urging the government to give them back pay.

The cathedral was often occupied during the country's 12-year civil war, but it hasn't been taken over since peace accords were signed in 1992.

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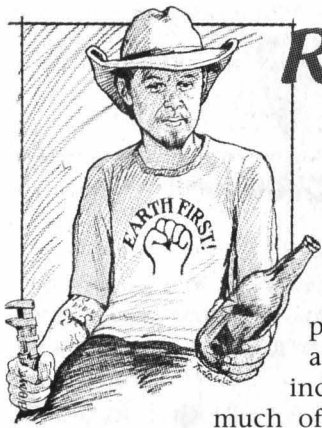
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Rekindling the Campfire: Dialogues with Our Elders

BY GNOME WOLF SPIRALS

John Zerzan, the anarcho-primitivist author, philosopher and prophet of the destruction of industrial civilization, is an elder to much of Earth First!'s budding young anarcho-black-hoodie contingent. Zerzan and I donned our Paleolithic loincloths and hiked barefoot to a secluded cave to feast on raw opossum meat that I had hunted with my atlatl. We talked through the night while I etched his words on red oak bark with my own blood. Or maybe we talked in my backyard over beers while I tried to record him on a damn mini-disc recorder that I could never seem to get to work.

GWS: So Mr. Zerzan, what is your critique not only of capitalism, communism and patriarchy, but of their roots in progress, civilization and technology?

JZ: I think there is a pressing need to find the roots and the origins of the present crisis. We need to look back to the basic institutions that are part of the problem, if not the main origin of the problem. The dehumanization of people in society is probably just as great as the degradation of the ecosphere. There's almost a race to see which one can be completed first—the complete destruction of wild nature or the complete destruction of human inner nature.

GWS: What's your perception of what human nature once was? What are we trying to get back to?

JZ: The only successful human adaptation to living in this world was the forager or hunter-gatherer in a tribal society of small groups. There was not destruction of the environment; there wasn't overpopulation; there wasn't work like we know it today; there wasn't the degradation of women. There was an egalitarian ethos. This is what we see being evacuated at a faster pace as civilization reaches its final collapse.

GWS: How long do you give it before the total collapse of either human inner nature or wild outer nature?

JZ: I don't know. There are many estimates but most of them aren't very sanguine. They don't give us too much

time. What's interesting to me is how many people are beginning to think that a collapse could come fairly soon. It's not inconceivable that within five years everything could just collapse. Look at the dead zones in the oceans and at global warming. On a social level, there are the millions of people on anti-depressants, school shootings, two-year-old kids being pumped full of medication for anxiety disorders. There's a huge amount of weirdness, not just in the natural environment but in the personal and social environments too.

GWS: Do you see the prospect of a solution at this time?

JZ: There is a movement starting to emerge, which aims to pull the plug on the entire thing. I think there are people who realize that any world system is wrong and that any formation of capital and technology is fundamentally part of the problem.

GWS: Many people would say the industrial megaculture will bring itself down and what matters is what's on the other end of that. Do you have any ideas about how it could be brought down?

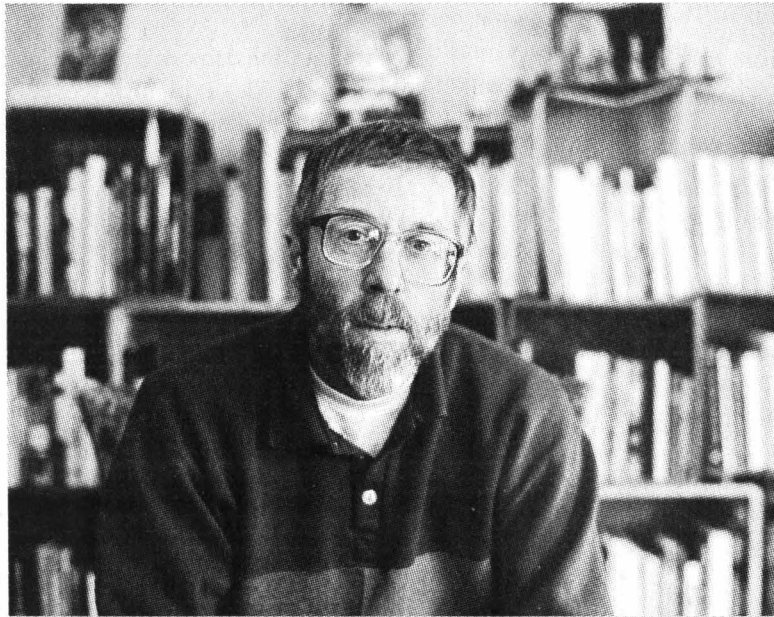
JZ: People need to realize that life can only really exist outside of the technological system. If we just wait for fate to take its course, then people will set up essentially the same system again.

GWS: I have an important question to ask you about technology. I noticed you spent a lot of time looking frantically for your eyeglasses when you lost

them. There's an abundance of technology we can do without, but there are vital needs. Would you walk around blind with a white cane made of willow bark?

JZ: Well, there are vital needs. But there's the point of view that every degenerative disease is a disease of civilization. In other words, people once had very acute senses. They didn't even have tooth decay before civilization. We have debilitating conditions now that are caused by the technological order—cancer, diabetes, mental disorders, even emotional disorders. If we remove the technological order, the people will be healthy again, it's that simple. It won't help me find my eyeglasses though.

Gnome Wolf Spirals is a poet, deep ecologist and anarcho-misanthrope of leprechaun descent. He lives seven street crossings from the nearest lesbian coffee shop.



"If we remove the technological order, the people will be healthy again, it's that simple. It won't help me find my eyeglasses though." —JOHN ZERZAN

photo by Kurt Jensen



Armed with Visions



Clear as cut glass & just as dangerous

Discontent

Their words are pelted at me
splattering into nausea
of rotten eggs and chemical tomatoes.
My blood surges
battering my insides—
ocean waves churning
in a cistern of circular rock,
driven by the dark clouds at sea.

They say I am too discontent—
me, and Tracy Chapman,
whose bicycle was stolen from her
when she was little
only because she was black,
who watched circles
drawn in the dust by bare blacktoes
in dreams of “a mountain of things”
or “a place in the sun.”

“Think positive,” they admonish.
“O.K., There’s a bear behind every tree
a cougar on every branch
and at least 50 peregrine falcons in here.”
The beaten forest stares back,
dying branches, rocks thrown up
plants uprooted by machines,
stumps and trash and cows
behind every tree,
below every branch
mocking, jeering
in chalk-on-the-blackboard screeches
Are they deaf?

Videos, TV, schools
drinking with the “boys”
torturing ground squirrels...
Instead I walk lodgepole pine balance beams
piece together puzzles of Forest Service unkeyed maps
bring wild critters to others with my pen
concoct magic transformations at midnight
howl with coyotes
dance with those who see—
ones who started out blind, like me
hands over their eyes
pulled off in a flash of daylight
It makes no difference
where you start.



I want to draw beautiful tattoos
into your skin with feathers
so they seep below like massage
my voice has lost
still my hand stretches toward you—
reach for it, we’ll run.
Negative is blank paper, too clean
Denial, a guinea pig treadmill
powering the void, the waiting for direction,
directions, when your life
watches you like a playful cat,
waiting for you.

Fear, the demons in your closet
Kick it in, turn it over
demons disintegrate as the closet door flies open
dust, these imagined realities
be lost with me.

—Karen Coulter

A Long Way from Home

I’ve heard the stories
about the tall trees
blue skies
and flocks of birds that could blot out the sun

I’ve read about 100 million bison
moving through waist high prairie
keeping company with Grizzly

I’ve seen the stuffed feathers of the Great Auk
and the stretched fur of the last Adirondack wolf

I think about them often under the city lights
and I feel a long way from home

—Bart Semcer



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Mouthpiece

The earth is fluent in life
not words
Trees don't go around bragging
about how they make weather
You have to watch the clouds
forming above them & wonder
what's up
There are secrets the trees keep
though their silence thunders
The earth doesn't want the sun
to shine everywhere
so it covers itself with leaves when it rains
Love lives in the sun
Love lives in the shadows too

When you humans were being
driven from paradise
it was your own minds that did the driving
Your fall was from life
to the knowledge of life
but the plants & animals didn't go along
They're living in paradise still
Meanwhile the earth has learned to read
It has eyes that are reading these words
It has a mouth
right under your nose

When you cut the trees
the floods come
The water isn't absorbed deeply
when it rains
where the trees used to be
It stays on the surface
& runs off like a thief
with the top soil
The life's work of many a life washed out
I may be dumb
but I'm using the same words
you are
Love makes us listen
even when we don't
know the language

—Steve Toth

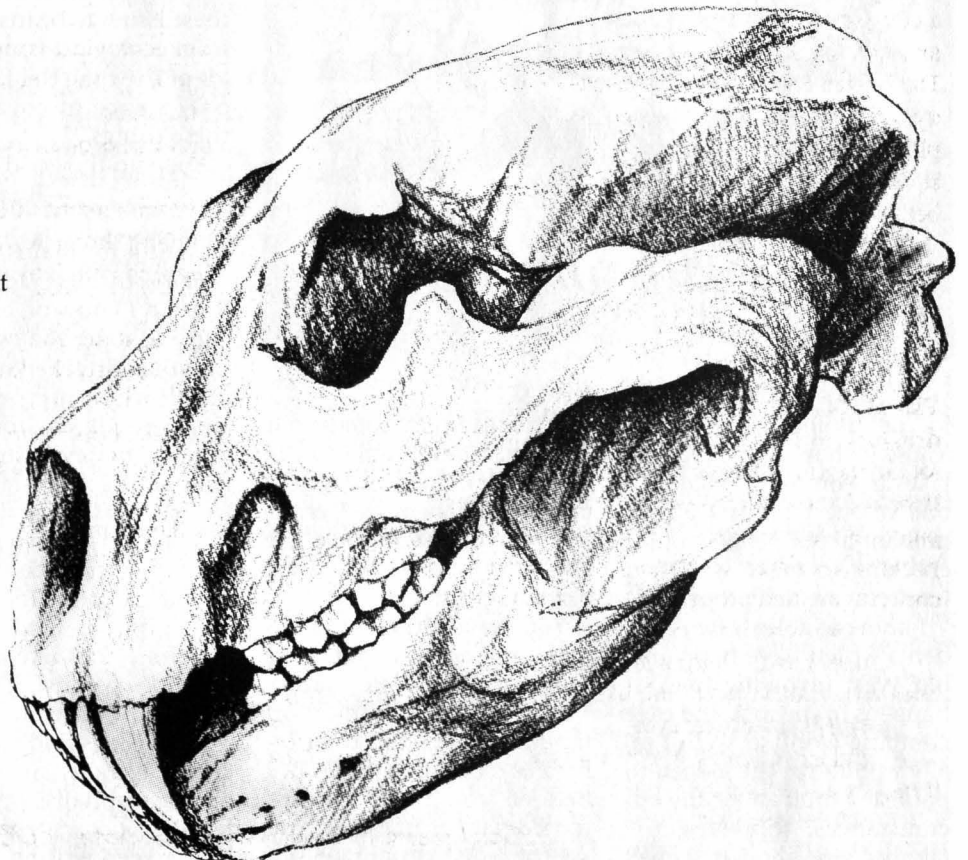


Poem for Two to Four Black Bears

So large a lover of blueberries
Gravel gullies under padded shag feet presses,
Thick smooth muscles draped in black
Dense mountain fur and softy ears.
Who moves with rolling hunger playful delight,
Who lies as far and wide as the Black Bear?
Warm limbs of cold strength sway along steep, brambled slopes.

They were out there
Coming down for autumn when I met them
In the basin where a rush of quietude met me.
At a distance still I felt them,
Broke off and tasted the edge of their power
Though my eyes insisted they were fast far away.
They were reunited with old seasonal haunts that night
And I watched again in the morning
As they trundled lovingly across the alpine landscape.

—Jenny McBride



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Greetings Journal collective,

This is Chris Irwin of the River Faction of Katuah Earth First!. I have a request.

I am a climber and caver and was one before I became affiliated with Earth First!. The climbing zines have a useful tool I wish you all would adopt.

Whenever there is an accident in the caves or on the ropes, the local climbing affiliates compile a short accident report. Then the zines publish a list of them all—how they happened and why—once a

even be able to provide a few examples if it helps.

It would be useful to tree and structural climbers like myself. I think it would be a good habit for us to analyze the circumstances in which people get hurt and killed in this way to avoid repetition of mistakes. It might save lives.

I have spoken with some other tree climbers, and they agree this would be a useful service.

Thanks for your work,

—CHRIS IRWIN

I am referring your website to the new Homeland Security Department, so the proper authorities can keep a close track on your group and your activities.

—JOE JOHNSON
MRJOE@MSN.COM

Dear SFB,

First, I wanted to write supporting Loki's efforts at coalition building with organized labor and other groups. I was encouraged reading the article "Radical Dockworkers Locked Out," as I believe mutual support between our movement and others is more than a win-win situation but possibly critical to the success of either movement. Solidarity between movements is crucial, and we should do whatever we can to build these bridges and help our friends in Labor and other movements.

Second, I wanted to say that I love the coverage of the animal rights movement, globalization and the anarchist tilt of the *EF!J*. I noticed a few letters in the issue from people upset about all this. I believe these issues to be inseparable from ecological issues, and a lot of the time the *EF!J* is my only source of coverage for these things.

Keep up the good work!

—BRIAN LEITNER

Dear Shit for Brains,

EF!J is the best radical publication I know of, and I was very sad to see the two letters in your *Brigid* issue from people who want you to write about purely environmental issues, whatever those are. How telling that one of those letter writers complained that you were giving *too much* attention to the concerns of people of color. In practice, eco-purism is hard to separate from racist activism. *EF!J*, please keep drawing the connections between environmental issues and class, race and indigenous issues to combat the capitalist myth that it's the poor vs. the planet. Please keep writing with an

anti-capitalist perspective, because you cannot love the Earth and support a system based on ever increasing exploitation of natural resources. And please keep us aware of political prisoners to give us the courage and know-how to fight Power.

On a critical note, the illustration for your McDonald's article was very careless. McDonald's was portrayed as a "whore," a sexually demonstrative woman wearing a thong. The McDonald's employee, a masculine figure, is in an aggressive and sexual position behind her, restraining, denuding, discomfiting and humiliating her by yanking on the thong. Furthermore, the McDonald's woman is gagged. Also consider that most McDonald's employees are female. Why the reversal?

This is how you choose to portray the employees getting the better of the corporation? Someone's sense of equality and justice was asleep on the job. We've got a long way to go.

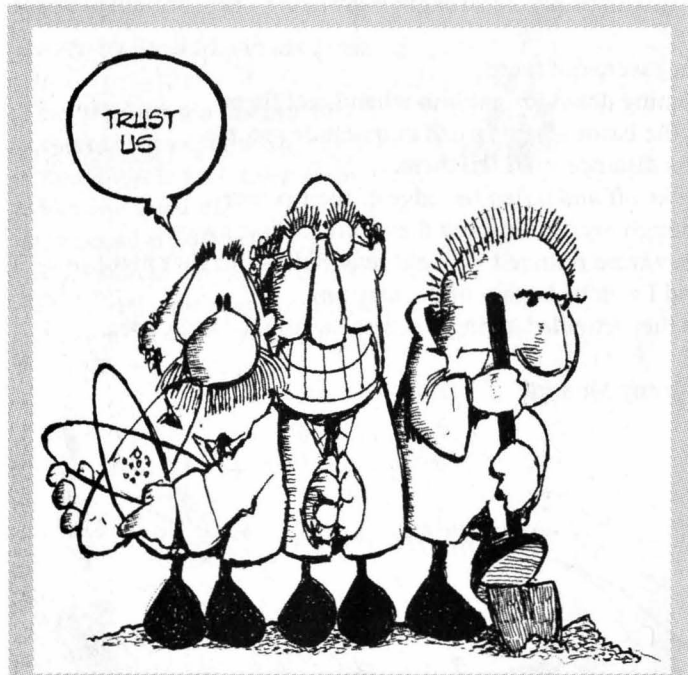
Keep up the good work, but root out the bad.

—PETER GELDERLOOS

Dear Grape Juice Stains, Water Mains, Weather Vanes and Sugar Canes,

I read the letters you all received in the *Brigid* issue, and I wanted to write and voice my support for the wide spectrum of perspectives and issues that you publish. I especially appreciate the coverage of so many indigenous struggles, as these are almost always directly related to the health of the Earth, deserving of our attention and respect. I have seen people use the "connectedness of all issues" to push their issue through any venue they can find, but I don't think y'all are falling prey!

I do think, however, that a shortcoming of the *EF!* movement has been the inability to relate to other groups of people with the same values, and I applaud any efforts to do so—including furthering



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year. This is incredibly useful for us climbers and cavers, 'cause it shows us where mistakes are commonly made. It's one of the reasons I am so militant about people double checking to make sure their harnesses are tied properly.

I know of at least two accidents which have happened out West involving trees. It happens in the rock and cave climbing world as well. I really would like the *Journal* to publish a brief about the circumstances, following the climber zine models. I may

Dear SFB,

After reading through your website, I have come to the conclusion that your group and its members are Terrorists. No different than the ones who attacked the World Trade Towers.

You have different goals and motivations, but your methods are the same. You add a disclaimer on monkeywrenching, then offer a book on how to do it. I believe you have a deep-rooted hate of mankind and are the worst kind of bigot.

our research and understanding of all environmental struggles! Keep up the strong focus and holistic vision!

—A MINNEAPOLIS GOOSE

Dear *EF!*,

Thank you for keeping me informed about environmental issues around the world, as well as First Nations struggles, anti-war, anti-nukes and anti-globalization. I count on you all for alternative news, and I like the range of issues covered. With the increased censorship of mainstream news and public radio, it is more important than ever to cover a wide range of issues and to see that they are all connected. I cringe when I read letters from readers telling you to “stick to the Earth,” as if war and globalization have no impact on our mother.

I was an urban based activist during the '80s and mid-'90s. I felt that much of what we were doing was primarily symbolic or else was designed to gather media attention and not much else. I yearned to be making changes that felt real. I have since left the cities and joined a rural, off-the-grid, land-trusted community. Living out my ideals has led me to grow and gather my own food, build structures using natural construction and focus on strengthening our community through mutual aid, decentralization, collectivity and inter-dependence. Becoming more independent from the system has alleviated feelings of despair and depression and has given me something to live for and be proud of.

As current activism gets more radical and dangerous, I admire and appreciate the brave womyn and men who put their lives on the line daily.

I realize that not everyone can leave the cities. But for those who are burnt-out or disenfranchised, a connection to the Earth and creating self-sustaining communities is an alternative worth pursuing.

Saving seeds & planting trees,
—HARE

Beloved SFB,

I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the advice you gave in the unattributed piece “Creating a Culture of Security” could get some well meaning environmentalist activist into big trouble.

Consider this: Should you ever get raided, your computer will be one of the first things taken and any encrypted data is like a big red flag pointing toward important information. PGP encryption is just what it says: pretty good privacy—not real good privacy or super privacy. If you think of PGP as being sort of like the lock on your front door, you're getting the idea. It is designed to protect you from your dizzy Aunt Dorothy, but the Man will surely find a way in. Using your computer is a lot like peeing in Times Square. There are lots of people looking all the time, so if you really want privacy and you need to protect your friends, you will be wise and well advised to find some other way to do what you need to do.

—TWEETY BIRD

Greetings and Blessings,

How shall we grow? I have been in the movement for more than five years now, with trees and forests, stopping nuclear nonsense, working to free political prisoners, freeing up Jah herb and industrial hemp. Most of my efforts have been in Montana helping to protect our buffalo relations there, who are victims of public land grazing scams.

While tabling at a pow-wow last Spring, I met a Cheyenne man, who has since taken me as his son. We have a great connection and work together to help the Cheyenne Nation, as well as all other nations, be healthy and prosperous. Our area of the country is to be the new unsustainable power source for Amerika, but not if the Cheyennes and local ranchers have anything to do about it.

Life is a lot different here on the reservation than I'm used

to. It is quiet, slow paced, nice and peaceful. Family is very important. I spend lots of time with my nev little brothers and visiting my new kin. Prayer is also very important. Burning cedar daily and sweating often is part of the Cheyenne life. My grandpa is very supportive and appreciative of what we are doing to protect Grandmother Earth and the animals and trees. The other night while hanging out listening to the drum he gave me/us this advice: Prayer is an essential part of any society, especially warrior societies. If you neglect prayer, you are not living holistically. While preparing for a journey or for battle, the Traditional Way is

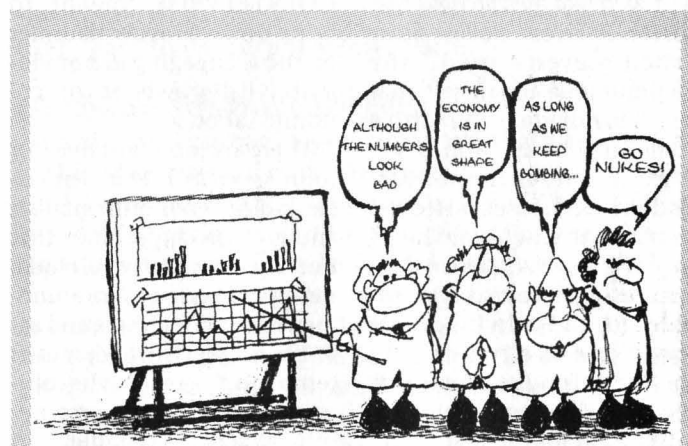
And remember, along with praying for the old growth, the new growth, the folx in jail, the Native peoples of Turtle Island, and whatever else you want to help out, don't forget to pray for yourself, and don't forget that you are special. You are all in my prayers.

Uts I dan,

—COREY SUNDOG

Dear SFB,

Hats off to all your hard work putting out the *Journal*. But I think a recent controversy which greatly effects our movement has been glossed over in recent issues. I'm writing about an arson at a Pennsylvania Forest Service office over the summer (see *EF!*)



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to pray first. When someone is sick, pray for them. This, my friends, is the Native Way. The way to walk in balance. With the power of prayer, we shall accomplish our goals and have more peace in our lives.

So the next time you score something in the dumpster, don't forget to give thanx. Offer a prayer, or some tobacco, when things are going well or when you need some help. My sister Sparrow would pluck a single hair from her head to give back and give thanx. Before your affinity group goes out on your mission, circle and take some time to pray, to ask for guidance, for strength. These things are important.

November-December 2002).

The act was claimed in a communiqué signed by “Pacific ELF” and said that in the future the ELF would “not hesitate to pick up the gun” while also warning of an “inevitable” armed confrontation with authorities.

Mainstream media, law enforcement and industry immediately jumped on that solitary communiqué—and its apparent call to break with ELF's existing nonviolence code—to further justify the far-fetched claims that groups like the ELF and ALF, and even Earth First! groups, represent a serious domestic terrorist

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threat. A recent *Rolling Stone* article even used the communiqué to suggest that the Ghandiesque Tre Arrow could now be an "armed soldier" in the environmental underground, based on federal suspicion that he was involved in the Pennsylvania arson. This suggestion, of course, is laughable to those who know Arrow, but it serves the authorities' agenda to demonize him and all other people who take action for the Earth.

Although debates over the "legitimacy of political violence" occur in our movement, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that the communiqué from the "Pacific ELF" was classic

COINTELPRO: meant to bring down a bigger hammer on those engaging in nonviolent civil disobedience or economic sabotage.

There are lots of motives for John Ashcroft's FBI to demonize radical environmentalists and give the appearance that tree huggers want to spill blood: more police power, more funding to monitor groups and activists for potential "domestic terrorism," and maybe ultimately the orchestration of another Waco. "Inevitable" gun battles are right up the Justice Department's alley.

Yet many Earth First! activists I've spoken to have never heard of the Pacific ELF communiqué's call to "pick up the gun" and haven't thought

about its potential ramifications for both above ground and underground work.

It seems that activists should be discussing and debating these matters.

Sincerely,

—GRUMPY

Dear SFB,

As one door closes, another opens. Never underestimate the corporate power structure to resiliently come through on that adage. While we cheered on the continuing losses that were happening daily in the stock market for 2002, Alan Greenspan and the Feds have been dramatically lowering interest rates throughout the year. This stimulated home mortgage rates to a 30 year low. By December, the average rate was 5.93 percent. The turmoil in the stock market, exacerbated by the shenanigans of corporate CEOs, accounting firms and securities houses, generated a flight of capital out of stocks. With such a volatile market, many investors were looking for a relatively safe area to move their money into. What better place to toss the loot into than a new home, taking advantage of those record-low mortgage rates.

No longer did the real estate industry, homebuilders associations or woods-products companies feel they needed to promote the

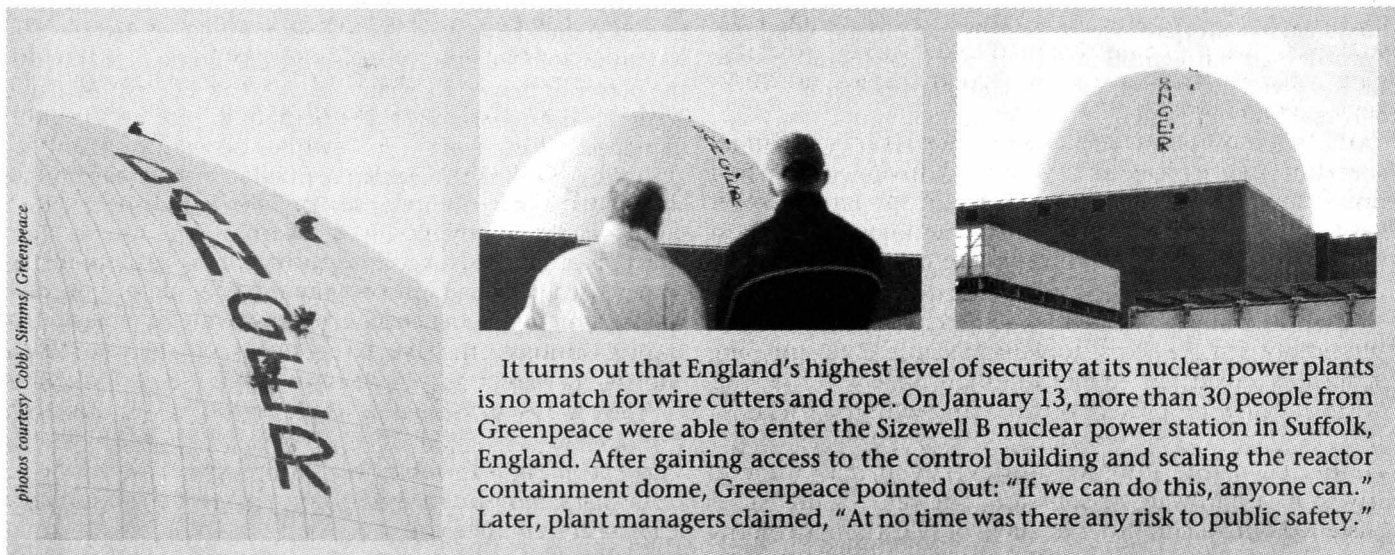
standard line that every American just had to live in a new, three bedroom, two bath, 1,800-square-foot house. Buying a home as a sure fire investment, whether one lived in it or not, replaced the necessity for manufacturing the lie that one "needed" such a place for residing in.

Gary Garczyski, president of the National Association of Home Builders, says: "This is shaping up to be a banner year for housing. We're expecting an all-time high of 975,000 new home sales for all of 2002, well above the previous record of 908,000 units set in 2001. Moreover, even with some inevitable and gradual setting of the market in future months, basic market fundamentals such as strong household formations, low interest rates and solid house-price performance should continue.

As a result, we're predicting that 2003 and 2004 will be the second and third-best years for new-home sales in history."

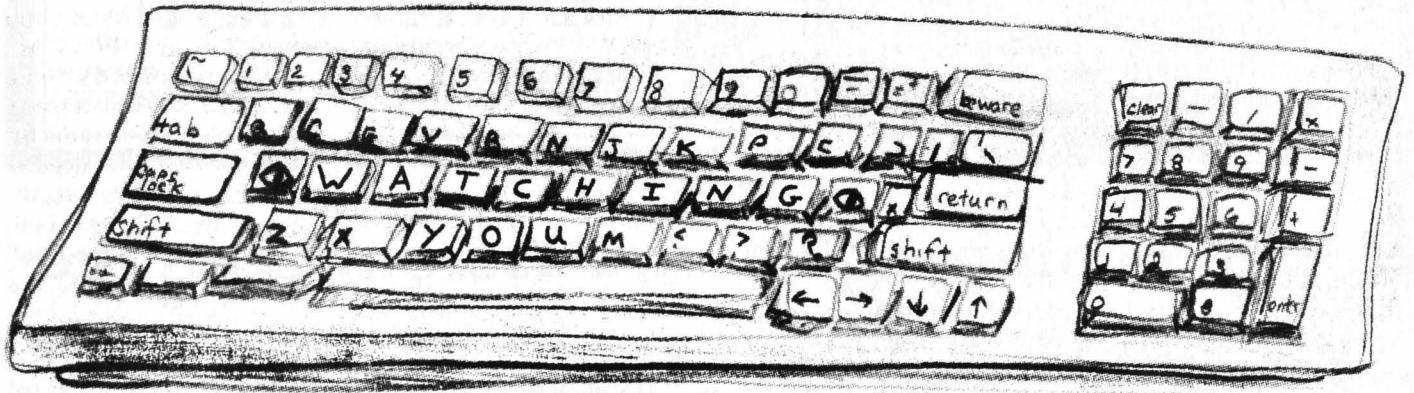
Of course, the losers in all of this are the forests. Such a continuing demand will inevitably exhaust the resources of our national monoculture tree farms, and create more and more pressure to cut down the remaining ancient forests. It all makes one nostalgic for the days when an investor was satisfied with his 500 shares of Exxon stock.

—BOB BERMAN



It turns out that England's highest level of security at its nuclear power plants is no match for wire cutters and rope. On January 13, more than 30 people from Greenpeace were able to enter the Sizewell B nuclear power station in Suffolk, England. After gaining access to the control building and scaling the reactor containment dome, Greenpeace pointed out: "If we can do this, anyone can." Later, plant managers claimed, "At no time was there any risk to public safety."

CREATING A CULTURE OF SECURITY



Keystroke Loggers and Computer Surveillance

Whether we like it or not, many of us use computers, yet few of us fully understand or even care how they work. Most neo-Luddites, primitivists and tree-dwellers are not interested in becoming computer experts. Still, it is important to be aware of the techniques that the government uses to monitor activists. There is a way that the FBI, or someone else who is monitoring you, can capture and compile all the information you type as you type it, so that encryption does not protect you. By using "keystroke loggers," law enforcement and employers can gain access to passwords and other private information.

Software Keystroke Loggers

"Backdoors" are software programs used by attackers to access your computer system without your knowledge. Software keystroke loggers are a type of backdoor program. They are insidious because they can be installed from afar—through a virus, for example. Backdoor programs allow the attacker to have access to every file without requiring the attacker to even be physically near the targeted computer. Some backdoor programs are introduced through email messages, and some are hidden within files, programs or games that are downloaded from the Internet. To guard against backdoor programs, it is wise to abstain from opening up ".exe" files or other email attachments coming from strangers. Two programs designed to detect keystroke-logging software that have gotten good reviews are Anti-keylogger and SpyCop.

Another way to combat software loggers is to take a "virtual snapshot" of the contents of your hard drive. Products that take system snapshots include Snapshot Spy Pro, ArkoSoft System Snapshot and for Linux machines, Fcheck. You must make a new snapshot each time you install new software or make upgrades. Store the snapshot file in a private location, so that it cannot be altered by someone who might have physical or remote access to your machine. By comparing snapshots, unauthorized files will show up.

Most good virus protection programs will stop backdoor programs from getting through. If you are permanently connected to the Internet, however, you may want to invest in a hardware or software "firewall." A firewall is installed onto a computer to allow only certain incoming

traffic through. Some firewalls block all incoming information except emails—others are less stringent. Firewalls do not protect against viruses. One free firewall program that's easy to use is called ZoneAlarm.

Hardware Keystroke Loggers

Hardware keystroke loggers are devices that attach to your keyboard and record data. They generally look like a standard keyboard adapter and can be found between the keyboard attachment and the computer. Hardware loggers store information in the device and usually are not able to broadcast or send information out over a network. In order to retrieve data from a hardware logger, the attacker must have physical access to the equipment. Two of the main products on the market are KeyKatcher and KeyGhost. KeyGhost also makes keyboards with a built-in logger. Hardware devices will not be discovered by anti-spyware, anti-virus or desktop security programs.

The only way to check for keystroke-logging hardware is to know what it looks like and visually scan your machine. It is a good idea to take pictures of the inside and outside of your machine when you get it, so that you can compare it to the photo later if anything seems to be out of place.

One good website that has lots of good pictures and explains the process of removing keystroke logging hardware is spycop.com/keyloggerremoval.htm. If you think your computer is targeted by a software or hardware keystroke-logger, shut down the computer. Manually unplug the phone line to break the connection and get yourself a top virus protection program. Do not reconnect the machine to the Internet (not even to collect email) until you are sure it is free of any monitoring devices.

In December 2001, a case came to trial in which the FBI had put a hardware keylogger on the machine of an organized crime family member without first obtaining a wiretap warrant. Ominously, the US Supreme Court ruled that the FBI did not need a warrant to record keystrokes on a target's machine.

There are many reasons to develop security-consciousness in the activist community. The information provided here is an attempt to begin to satisfy the questions activists ask about computer security and overall security culture. For more information, visit security.tao.ca.



Deep Ecology: Vision, Passion, Courage

BY DAVE FOREMAN

The following excerpt was taken from an article that originally appeared in the March-April 1987 Earth First! Journal.

Earth First! in many ways represents a fundamentalist revival within the wilderness and wildlife preservation movement, a return to basics and a reaction against co-optation and compromise. During the last several decades as the conservation movement has grown in prominence, it has replaced Aldo Leopold's land ethic with political pragmatism, Bob Marshall's wilderness vision with modest reaction to government programs, John Muir's passion with an accountant's rationalism and Henry David Thoreau's courage with a desire not to rock the boat. It was this essential *corruption* of the conservation movement's historical roots that brought forth Earth First! out of the mainstream of the movement. At the heart of our message is a return to ethics, vision, passion and courage.

The preservation of wilderness and natural diversity is not simply a question of balancing competing special interest groups, arriving at a proper mix of uses on our public lands or resolving conflicts between different outdoor recreation preferences. It is an ethical question, a moral question. A religious question. Human beings have stepped beyond the bounds; we are destroying the very process of life.

Dave Foreman on Earth First! Today...

BY TURTLE

Those of us who were tykes in the 1980s may have only ever heard stories about Dave Foreman's split from Earth First!. People are aware that he had a knack for arousing huge numbers of folks to go out and defend the wild with his charming, fiery personality. We also know about his flagrant sexist and racist attitudes. But then he left the movement.

Curious what Dave thinks of Earth First! today, I called him up at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and asked him.

Readily admitting that he doesn't pay much attention to Earth First!, Dave believes present day Earth First!ers simply see themselves as part of the international anarchist movement and are driven by aims not aligned with those of the days of old.

He told me that nowadays he doesn't talk about monkeywrenching and that he doesn't deal with issues of sabotage. So what does Dave think people who are frustrated with the system today should do?

"There is such a range of things, that you can find something that fits your style. But folks need to be aware that they are going to change over time and that any kind of action—whether it's very conservative, mainstream actions or radical actions—can be counterproductive if they are done without a good strategy.

"So I would encourage the whole range of conservationists to think strategically—try to plan things out—to make sure what they are doing isn't counterproductive and harming what they want to accomplish."

With an ethic of biocentrism, of Deep Ecology, with that sense of urgency, we can then make a step toward *passion*. When I first became a lobbyist in Washington, DC, I was told to put my heart in a safe deposit box and replace my brain with a pocket calculator. I was told to not be emotional but to be rational, to use facts and figures and to quote economists and scientists. I would lose my credibility, I was told, if I let my emotions show. But, damnit, I am an animal.

A living being of flesh and blood, storm and fury. The oceans of the Earth course through my veins, the winds of the sky fill my lungs, the very bedrock of the planet makes my bones. I am alive!

I am not a machine, a mindless automaton, a cog in the industrial world, some New Age android beyond animal. When a chainsaw slices into the heartwood of a 2,000-year-old redwood, it's slicing into my guts. When a bulldozer rips into a verdant hillside, it's ripping into my side. When a smelter poisons the atmosphere, it's poisoning me. When a California condor is imprisoned in the Los Angeles Zoo, I am behind the bars as well. I am the land, the land is me.

Why shouldn't I be emotional, angry, passionate? Madmen and madwomen are wrecking this beautiful, blue-green living Earth. Fiends who hold nothing of value but a greasy dollar bill are tearing down the pillars of evolution a' building for nearly four billion years. Our society today is designed as a drug, as *Brave New World's* soma, to keep us in line, to sedate us. We must break out of that

freeze on our passions, we must become animals again, we must feel the tug of the full moon, hear goose music overhead. We must love the Earth and rage against her destroyers.

Next we need *vision*. Why should we content ourselves with the world the way it is handed to us by the Forest Service, the Pentagon and Exxon? Why should we be constrained by the narrow alternatives presented to us by the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service in discussing protection of the land?

We are told that the wolf and grizzly are gone from most of the West and can never be restored, that the elk, bison and panther are gone from the East and will not come back. Glen Canyon and Hetch Hetchy are beneath dead reservoir water, and we shall never see them again. The tall grass prairie and Eastern deciduous forest are but memories, and we can never have big wilderness east of the Rockies again.

Why not? Why should we be bound by the mistakes previously made? It is up to us to challenge government and the people with a vision of Big Wilderness, a vision of humans living modestly in a community of bears, rattlesnakes, salmon,

oaks, sagebrush, mosquitoes, algae, streams, rocks and clouds.

We should demand that roads be closed and clearcuts rehabilitated, that dams be torn down, that wolves, grizzlies, cougars, otters, bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, caribou and other extirpated species be reintroduced to their native habitats. We must envision and propose the recreation of biological wildernesses of several million acres in all of America's ecosystems, with corridors between them for the transmission of genetic variability.

Wilderness is more than puny little backpacking parks; it is the arena for evolution and must be large enough so that natural forces can have free rein. We need vision for that.

With vision comes *courage*. There are many forms of courage. It takes courage to stand up in the rural community in which you live in the West and speak for the grizzly or wolf. If you work for the Forest Service, it takes courage to tell your Forest Supervisor that a certain road should not be built. It takes courage to not allow your children to become addicted to television. It takes courage to say *no more growth* in your community. It takes courage to say that the wild is more important than jobs. It takes courage to put your body between the machine and the wilderness, to stand before the chainsaw or the bulldozer.

In this insane world where short-term greed rules over long-term life, those of us with a land ethic, with vision and passion, must face the mad machine. We must stand

before it as Valerie Wade did in climbing 80 feet high into an ancient Douglas fir to

keep it from being cut down, as

Howie Wolke did in pulling up survey stakes along a proposed gas exploration road in prime elk habitat. Both had their lives put in jeopardy, both went to jail. Both were proud of what they did and had no doubts. Both are great heroes of the Earth, as are hundreds of others who have demonstrated courage in a thousand ways in defense of the wild.

This defense is not an arrogant defense, an attitude of Lord Man protecting something lesser than himself. Rather it is a humble joining with the Earth, of becoming the rainforest, the desert, the mountain, the wilderness in defense of

yourself. It is through becoming part of the wild that we will find courage far greater than ourselves, a union that will give us boldness to stand against hostile humanism, against the machine, against the dollar, against jail, against death itself for what is sacred and right—the Great Dance of Life.

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It's not the Story of the Battle. It's the Battle of the Story.



Building a Mass Ecology Movement with the Power to Transform Culture

BY THE SMARTMEME PROJECT

This article is the third and final part of the report back from the movement building workshop at last Summer's Earth First! Rendezvous. It is an effort to summarize the proposals and conclusions that were reached after three days of skill sharing, collective dreaming and strategizing around how Earth First! can be most effective. These ideas are not meant to be accusations or to be written in stone, but to merely raise questions, and spark discussion about how to strengthen the radical ecology movement.

Organize!

History is made by movements—mass movements of people who organize themselves to struggle collectively for a better world. Since Earth First!ers need to fundamentally re-direct the trajectory of history, we'd better start organizing a mass movement. We need the same level of dedication, commitment and focus for the daytime work that our nighttime friends bring to theirs.

Organizing is the business of creating an atmosphere or a structure that allows people to become empowered to make change. This means creating the institutions that allow us to recruit, replicate and spread the EF! analysis and commitment to action.

The time has come to ask: What new institutions do we need to be effective? Where are our common campaigns, our phone trees, our email lists, our coordinated days of action? Where are our field organizers, mentors and training collectives? Are we creative enough to imagine radically democratic structures that can unite eco-activists across bioregions without succumbing to centralization or hierarchy?

Analysis, Goals, Strategy then Tactics

EF! spends too much time debating tactics. To

monkeywrench or not? The reality is that no matter how dearly you hold monkeywrenching, it is still just a tactic. Now is the time to explore big goals and then formulate strategy. As Brazilian popular educator Paulo Friere said, we must set our dreams beyond the furthest horizon and then "we make the road by walking."

We need more "cultural shamans." In the 1960s, yippie prankster Jerry Rubin updated Sun Tzu's military strategy by writing, "Every guerrilla must know how to use the terrain of the culture they are trying to destroy." A metaphor for this work is the work of a shaman, who travels into the spirit world in order to influence events in the material world.

We need members of our affinity groups who journey into the world of pathological consumer culture to seek out the opportunities for reaching people, co-opting images and shifting culture. Our shamans will keep one foot in the wilds of basecamp, while establishing literacy in the world of popular trends. They can hunt for the points of intervention to loosen and fray the fixed meanings of corporate, political and cultural iconography. In the spirit of the practice of Aikido, we should use the dominant culture's own momentum against itself.

Join the Global Resistance

EF! could play a very important role in providing an Earth-centered voice within the US wing of the global justice movement. We have a lot to learn from our brothers and sisters around the world who have been fighting industrial colonization for the past 500 years. To do so, we must come to grips with our own privilege and recognize how it shapes our assumptions about struggle, organizing and the future.

One of the aspects of EF! culture we need to question is a tendency toward misanthropy. All too often, white, global North activists "universalize" their own experiences and project their frustration with consumer culture onto a mythic category of humans in general.

The reality is that not all humans are equally culpable for the destruction of the Earth. Did the Guatemalan *campesino* mess up the planet as much as the CEO of Exxon? Instead let's hate over-consumption; the "American Dream" (also known as the planet's nightmare); global corporatization and the public-relations-media-advertising complex that is colonizing the minds of the world with US consumer pathology.

Confronting Internal Power Dynamics

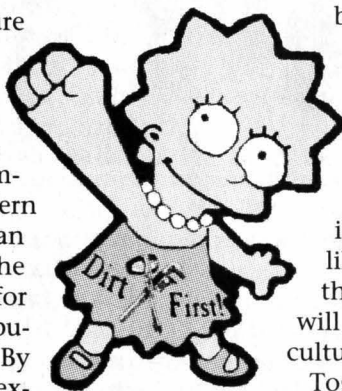
Our work to build an effective movement must confront our internal dynamics of sexism, racism, homophobia and other biases. We won't save the planet by just thwarting or greening capitalism. We also have to overcome white supremacy and patriarchy in order to avoid recreating the underlying causes of the global crisis. From male domination of meetings to condescending attitudes toward women and sexual assault in activist communities, sexism is crippling our effectiveness. The struggle against patriarchy is an inseparable part of the struggle to defend the Earth.

Using "Memes" to Understand our Cultural Cache

A central focus of the movement building workshop was to apply "meme theory"—the study of how infectious information patterns such as ideas, slogans and icons spread and replicate—to grassroots organizing and movement building. "Earth First!" is itself a meme, and this has been one of its great strengths. EF! is an idea that virally infects people with the desire and context to take action for the Earth.

EF!, like it or not, has become culturally accepted. From the *X-Files* to the EF! action figure inspired by *Jurassic Park 2* to Lisa Simpson's treesit, EF! has arrived on the cultural landscape. We may object in principle to a mythologized depiction of our politics; however, there is power in collectively understood symbols because, like any representation in modern culture, their meaning is not fixed. We can contest them and use the familiarity of the images or ideas of EF! as reference points for articulating new stories and myths within popular culture. It's up to us to insure these myths. By extension, the modern tales based on our exploits, portray a powerful vision of a future that is radically different than the dominant paradigm.

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Controlling the Story

Stories shape our perception of reality. Mass culture is rooted in powerful, unacknowledged stories—the web of assumptions, identifications and images, which make up the control mythology. In a recent report, "Networks and Netwars: The Future of Terror, Crime, and Militancy," RAND corporation analysts explore how the Bush administration can "sell" the war on terrorism to the people in the US. Their point is that in our modern-media-saturated

society, one of the most important aspects of military operations is to maintain popular support by "managing the memes" and fighting the "the battle of the story."

The powers-that-be are trying to control the interpretation of events. But all cultural narratives are dynamic and therefore contestable. The stories we tell as activists are an effort to challenge the control mythology and make social change attractive in popular culture. Too often, we only tell the story of the battle (the number of arrests, the endless litany of issue-based data) and fail to articulate core values or reach people on their own terms. Thus, the majority of people remain spectators because our battle doesn't directly touch their self-contained lives. But in order to open the cultural space for a true ecology movement, we must change our focus from the story of the battle to the battle of the story.

The Future of Earth First!

We stand at a unique time in the evolution of EF!. It's becoming clearer that the ecological crisis is spiraling beyond the limits of any single point of intervention. To really defend the wild, we must take our targeting behind the chainsaws and confront the mentality that operates the machine. If we want to save acres, we have to shift paradigms. We no longer have the luxury of being outside the dominant culture or the time to build sub-culture alternatives to the dominant culture. If all that is wild is to have a

future, we must be able to actively contest meaning in the dominant culture. We need to use the power of myth and storytelling to harness the passion, rage and Earth-love of a broader cross section of society.

The battle of the story is already underway in our culture—a literal battle for the hearts, minds and attention spans of an ever-more-anesthetized US society. The center piece of this battle must be an articulate, smart and infectious mass ecology movement. As it grows, it may not look like what EF! has been or even like what we expect it to. But, if we insure that the Earth First! story is strong and compelling, it will be able to mutate and adapt to different cultural contexts without losing its core meaning. Together we can make the Earth's voice heard. Organize. Act. Replicate.

This article is only a partial list of the proposals, ideas and analysis from the movement building workshop. For the full list, visit www.earthfirstjournal.org. The smartMeme project is an emerging network of thinkers, writers, organizers and life-affirming radicals who are learning to dream collectively of a different type of activism and a different type of culture. This article reflects the shared imagination of James John Bell, J. Cookson, Ilyse Hogue and Patrick Reinsborough. If you are interested in expanding upon or collaborating to implement some of these strategies, contact (415) 722-1846; smartmeme@riseup.net; www.smartmeme.com.

Names and Addresses

Taking the Struggle to Where They Live

BY JOSH HARPER

I was almost finished with this article when my housemate came through the door and told me that Standing Deer, a former political prisoner and activist, had been murdered in his home in Houston, Texas. I had met Standing Deer less than a year ago, and in the brief time we spoke together, he told me that he fully expected to die fighting against the prison system. Even if he was killed, he felt that the spirit of resistance would stick with him beyond death. I do not know if he would agree with the words I have written below, but I think he would understand the emotions that prompted them. Standing Deer, I dedicate this article to you.

Kids these days are being robbed. Many have never been to huge stretches of river where you can drift for days without seeing anyone else. They don't know the wonder of open desert, old growth or even empty fields near their homes. When I was 10 years old, my parents moved from urban San Diego, California, to Eugene, Oregon. I was in total awe. I clung to the same corporate culture as all the kids at school, but I also started camping with friends and playing in the undeveloped areas outside of town. I came to love those places, and to be frank, I hate the people who have taken them away.

Watching the vast and complex beauty flee from the world and be replaced by SUVs and skyscrapers should make us militant—far more militant than any of us have been thus far. I go back to the places where I used to watch wild animals run, where I used to run from waves that came crashing to the shore and where I used to jump off small cliffs into the water. I find them paved over, polluted or swarming with yuppies from nearby resorts. I want that land back the way it was, and I want to send a warning to anyone who would duplicate that destruction elsewhere: There is a price for your actions and someone is going to make you pay it.

But I am not just calling for more sabotage. In this day and age, if you are sane enough to still recognize your anger and break things, kudos to you. I can't believe that more lifeless crap isn't being broken all of the time. From bank windows

to army helicopters and primate restraints, we have a lot of things that need breaking. But I'm afraid that without a better plan to get us from point A to point B, we will just keep ending up in the same place over and over again.

The people who have stolen this world deserve a lot worse than having to increase their insurance payments from time to time. I want to see them lose this war. For that to happen, our attacks against industry must become far more focused, far more personal, far more frequent and far better targeted.

Currently, we are just wasting our potential. An auto dealership can easily recover from a single attack against it, and Ford can't wait to make new cars. Biotechnology

keeps ticking right along because banks are not afraid to continue providing services after a field gets torn up. Burn all the bulldozers you like, but those roads keep getting built if the supervisor isn't afraid to come to work in the morning.

When the people who are running the show do use force, they know where and when it is best to apply it. The FBI, for example, has very few field operatives and uses most of its employees to gather information. It analyzes the data, looking for potential threats and

weaknesses. Who just did jail time and doesn't want to go back? Who has an unsecured computer from which information can be gathered? Who has friends that can be bribed? I hate to say it, but this is exactly the kind of thinking we need. Their ruthlessness and dedication to winning at any cost is bringing them victory, time and time again. I don't want to become the same compassionless monsters that they are, but I think a few of their tactics could certainly benefit us.

All companies and governments make use of support services and personnel that are vulnerable. I feel we should use our current activist networks to gather and disseminate information on these services and individuals. When possible, we should attack them any way we can. I'm not just talking about demonstrations or arson either. We need to figure out who can be paid to copy their employer's date book, who can provide us with embarrassing information and what targets can be infiltrated. We need to become better



Animal rights activists confront HLS executives on their home turf.

photo courtesy SHAC

educated on economics, surveillance, hacking, electronics and other fields that can help us take down our targets.

Beyond that, we need to start targeting our opponents in their homes and neighborhoods. We let these people hide behind corporate logos far too often. Let's not just show up at their work place where they can hide behind secretaries and security. Let's confront them at the barber shop, at the supermarket and wherever else they rear their ugly heads. They need to feel our presence every moment of the day and fear us every time they lay down to sleep.

Remember, these are people who would knowingly give you cancer if it raised the worth of their stocks a quarter of a point. They don't deserve our mercy, and the self-imposed handicap of pacifism has kept them safe for too long. We must continue to edu-

cate people about the destruction of the Earth. But we also have to find ways to contribute to a revolutionary infrastructure that provides necessary funds and support work. We have few things standing between us and making this happen.

Animal liberationists, most notably Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC), are already destroying Huntingdon Life Sciences by attacking its peripheral support, and the underground has taken notice. Any group of activists (including Earth First!ers) could learn a lot by watching the SHAC campaign closely.

"You know, those people—I think they should appreciate that we're only targeting their property. Because frankly I think it's time to start targeting them."

—ROD CORONADO

The media often reports that the Earth Liberation Front in the US has caused more than \$45 million in damage since 1997. I would say this is a conservative estimate. With so many environmental groups and activists capable of hitting targets anywhere in the US, is there really anyone who we could not take out? It is time to put the boot in, and hard. Let's stop pandering to the bias of the media, stop muzzling ourselves with nonviolence and start the long process of learning the skills necessary to increase the amount of wilderness and decrease the amount of oppression.

This article obviously cannot begin to tackle all of the strategic holes we currently have. It should also not be taken as one more in a series of recent platformist rants designed to make the rank-and-file work toward someone else's revolution. I do think activists need to take seriously the fact that our opponents are winning and nothing that has been done so far has had that much effect. I hope that this provides discussion points for the upcoming EF! Organizers' Conference and that everyone begins to consider what they can do to improve our long-term vision for success. I encourage communication and can be reached at info@armedproductions.org.

The morning before Josh Harper wrote this article, he was laughing at FBI agents for going through his garbage can. The can was filled with cat litter.

How to Rip a Corporation SHAC Attacks and HLS Loses Apart Piece by Piece

BY SHAC-USA

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) represents the lowest of the low: people dedicated to making a profit by torturing thousands of loving, feeling beings in the name of science. Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) has responded by developing a multi-dimensional campaign dedicated to shutting HLS down. By attacking vulnerable points beyond HLS's control, SHAC has brought one of the world's largest vivisection laboratories to the brink of financial collapse.

The campaign has targeted the smallest components of the lab support structure, such as janitorial services, food catering and lawn care, as well as some of the largest financial institutions in

the world, including Barclays, Merrill Lynch, HSBC and the Royal Bank of Scotland. One thing remains the same in each case: When the smoke clears, we are left with a victory.

On December 17, Marsh, Inc., the world's largest corporate insurance broker, relinquished its relationship with HLS. For the 10 months prior to this announcement, activists around the world spammed Marsh and HLS's email and fax networks, conducted home visits, made late night wake-up calls and harassed Marsh employees. The underground movement attacked Marsh in the dead of the night by smashing windows, painting houses and cars, as well as trashing golf courses where the executives played. Finally, like all of SHAC's prior targets, Marsh gave up.



photo courtesy SHAC

Just a couple weeks before, on December 1, HLS celebrated 50 years of operations. To make it the last birthday for HLS, hundreds of activists gathered for a demonstration at HLS headquarters in New Jersey. They converged on the lab with signs and banners, and

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they brought their message to the world with international media coverage. Later, FBI and police agents stationed themselves outside the homes of HLS employees in New Jersey and Pennsylvania as activists spread out across the states to pay home visits. The following morning, activists visited the New York City home of HLS executive Andrew Baker to let him know that he and the other HLS directors are facing a losing battle.

In January, two HLS directors resigned. After a few short months of being the subject of SHAC's campaigning, directors Kirby Lee Cramer and John Caldwell left, selling off hundreds of thousands of shares of stock. Since the SHAC campaign began in 1999, share prices have fallen from \$30 to two dollars per share—meaning the two directors lost millions of dollars. HLS desperately filled the positions with “international businessmen,” including Muhammed Faruque, a 73-year-old sugar and cement manufacturer in Pakistan. Within one week, Faruque's work, home, cell phone and immediate family's phone lines were jammed with calls of protest. He resigned almost immediately.

Directors, old and new, have all learned of the extent of the campaign against HLS. For example, in October 2001, SHAC turned Little Rock, Arkansas, into a battle zone against Stephens, Inc., the largest investor in HLS at the time. By January 2002, Stephens had dropped its investment in HLS torture.

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Lessons from Overseas

The campaign against HLS began in the United Kingdom with SHAC-UK serving as the model for SHAC-USA. Taking the UK cue, SHAC-USA has put an emphasis on consistent fundraising. Beyond paying for administrative costs and legal bills, SHAC-USA has made the anti-HLS campaign free for others to join. Outreach materials are sent

free of charge to any groups or individuals that request them. Mimicking the fundamental set-up of SHAC-UK, SHAC-USA has accomplished an important feat: demonstrating the sustainability of full-time, grassroots animal rights activists.

The galvanization of the grassroots animal rights movement behind one coherent target has been another important aspect of the UK campaign.

Never before has the US animal rights movement come together to form such a cohesive fighting unit as it has with the SHAC campaign. One of the most effective tactics has been to identify targets to anyone, no matter where they are in the country. This approach expands beyond the usual lab targets (i.e. those directly involved in animal cruelty) to hit those that serve as the infrastructure for the company and the industry.

The attitude of the SHAC-USA campaign, adopted from the UK, is a commitment to never back down. It is invigorating and empowering to be a part of a campaign that promises that its target will be shut down whether it takes three weeks or three years.

It is this audacious tone and willingness to push activism into the gray areas of legality that has sparked new interest in animal rights activism. Like the UK, the US movement is now seeing lines blurred between above ground and underground activism.

Inspired by how SHAC-UK has played a large role in supporting the ideology of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), SHAC-USA has supported ALF actions

with press releases and events like “ALF Appreciation Week.” The ALF has engaged in a number of acts of economic sabotage directed against HLS, and it has succeeded in several important liberations. These direct actions have been plugged into a very well-organized and strategic campaign. As a result, the actions have a bigger impact than the monetary value of the property destroyed or the individual lives saved, since these become a part of the all-out assault on the company being targeted.

All of the tactics, strategies and fervor of the UK could not be applied exactly to the US campaign. But they could be modified. The US effort against HLS has proven this point and continues to move ahead assessing what works and what does not.

Although US activists have had to contend with traveling thousands of miles across the country, imprisonment, anti-racketeering and other lawsuits, the grassroots animal rights movement need not be bound by these restrictions. SHAC-UK has taught us that we should not be afraid to think big in the fight for animal liberation.

Whether this is interpreted as embarking on a nationwide arson

campaign or perhaps using financial pressure to strategically dismantle one of the largest animal testing labs in the world, the message is the same: Animal liberation can be a daily reality if people break beyond the tra-

ditional forms of activism to accomplish their goals.

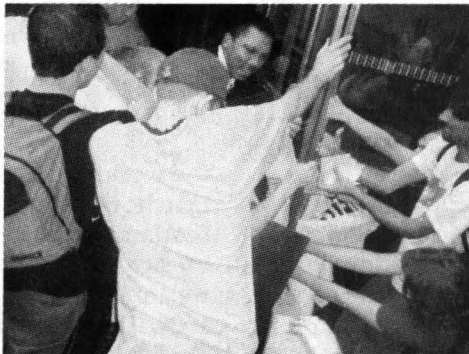
At this time, there are eight activists in jail for SHAC actions, most serving one-year sentences.

For more information on how to support them, about HLS and the campaign to close it down, contact SHAC-USA, POB 22398, Philadelphia, PA 19110; (732) 545-7560; shacusa@envirolink.org; www.shacamerica.net.



Protesting HLS's 50th anniversary in New Jersey

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Activists force their way into Stephens, Inc.

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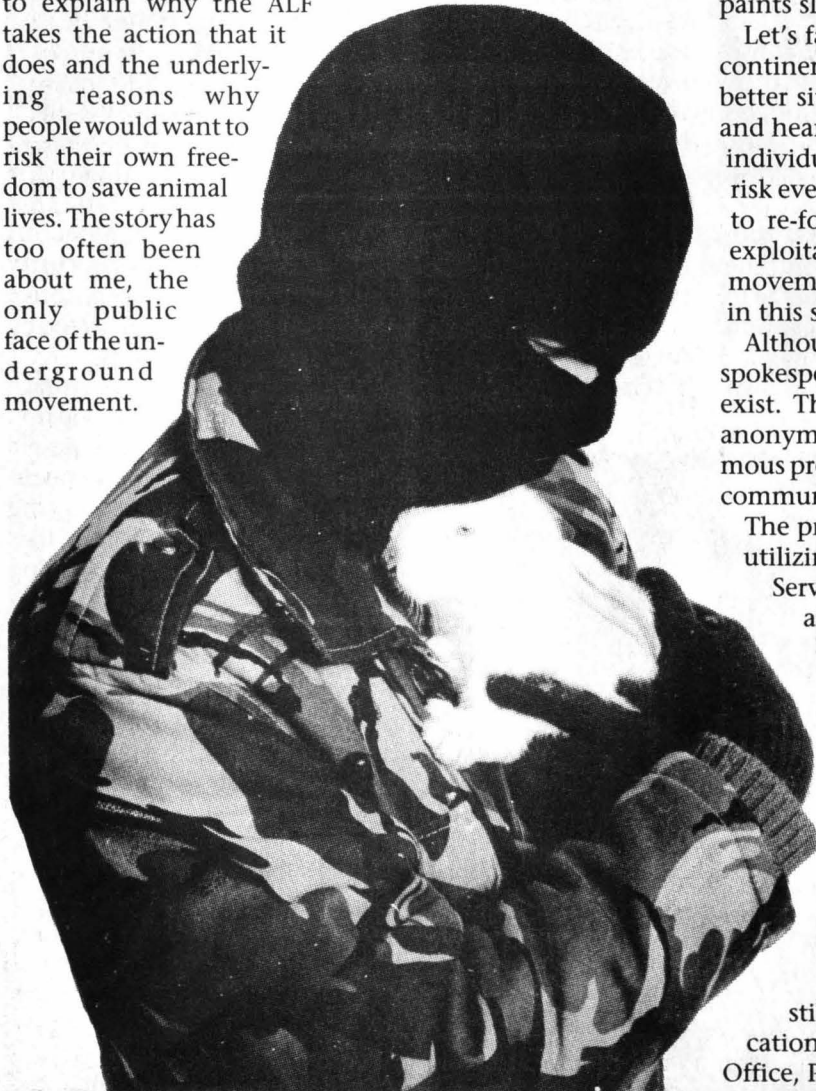
The following was written by David Barbarash, who served as the North American Animal Liberation Front (ALF) spokesperson from 1999 to January 2003.

Effective immediately, I am resigning from my position as the North American spokesperson for the ALF and ending my tenure with the press office.

I have held this voluntary position since the Summer of 1999, and after more than three years, I've reached some conclusions and perspective about the work and role of a public spokesperson.

I have enjoyed this work immensely, and it has been very rewarding personally, but I do not believe that my position is necessary for the furtherance of animal liberation. In some cases, I believe that it is detrimental to the overall movement.

Too many times, I have not been able to convey the message that needs to be heard regarding the suffering of animals and our collective responsibility to end this suffering. Too often, I have not been given the space in the media to explain why the ALF takes the action that it does and the underlying reasons why people would want to risk their own freedom to save animal lives. The story has too often been about me, the only public face of the underground movement.



I have come to believe that there is no real need for an "official" public face to represent the ALF. It will continue to take direct action as long as there remains animal suffering, torture and murder, regardless of whether or not a public spokesperson exists.

I also believe that the existence of a press office and media spokesperson gives other groups and individuals reason to *not* speak up in support of the underground movement. My role has allowed others to step aside and to keep from taking a positive public stand on illegal, nonviolent direct action.

To those in the animal rights/liberation movement who are surprised by my resignation or who are upset about the lack of a public voice for the ALF, I say this: Now is your opportunity to step forward! Now is the time for your local animal rights group to put out its own press releases in support of the ALF when the next strike occurs in your area. Now is the time for you and your friends to organize and garner public support for the ALF when it raids that nearby fur farm, destroys meat trucks at the local slaughterhouse or paints slogans on the neighborhood fast food outlet.

Let's face it: A few dozen public spokespeople across the continent, all speaking up in support of the ALF is a much better situation than having only one public face you see and hear about all the time. The story isn't about me as an individual. It's about the animals and the brave people who risk everything to save them. My resignation is an attempt to re-focus the media toward the real issues of animal exploitation. And it is an opportunity for the animal rights movement to step up the fight and play a more critical role in this struggle.

Although I am resigning from my position as the public spokesperson, the North American ALF Press Office will still exist. The press office will continue to be a recipient of anonymous communiqués from the ALF, and the anonymous press office volunteers will continue to send out those communications to the media.

The primary delivery service that the press office will be utilizing is the Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service email list. I strongly encourage reporters, editors and all media outlets to subscribe to this service, which is also the primary method of press release delivery used by the Earth Liberation Front's press office. To subscribe, visit lists.resist.ca/mailman/listinfo/frontline-news.

Effective immediately, the North American ALF Press Office can be contacted at alfpress@resist.ca. There is no telephone number for the press office. All phone lines have been disconnected. The mailing address will remain for now, until other arrangements are made.

On a final note, donations to the press office are still gratefully accepted. All donations and communications can be mailed to the North American ALF Press Office, POB 3673, Courtenay, BC V9N 7P1, Canada.

The following story, was received anonymously by several animal rights organizations. It appeared in the Fall 2002 issue of Bite Back, a magazine that strives to create a culture of support for the Animal Liberation Front.

During the past 20 years, activists have been able to get inside of the world's most notorious lab, Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). They would apply for jobs or would simply walk in, carrying still cameras or hidden video cameras and capturing some of the most damning footage of laboratory abuse that the public had ever seen. However, one night, activists set out for HLS with the intent to not only leave with video footage, but with animals as well.

Breaking

On April 1, 2001, our lives changed. It was on this weekend that I, along with some very dear comrades, entered HLS and left with 14 precious friends. In the span of three days, the entire animal liberation movement in the US was entering a new era.

We, the underground animal liberation movement, were becoming more focused, plugging into the above ground campaigns—to inspire them and give them hope. We were promoting tactics that require audacity, even if unconventional, while still using uncompromising vigilante rescues as the most effective way to free animals *now*.

Of course, the most important change that weekend was in the lives of the 14 beagle puppies that we lifted from their living graves. It's hard for me to imagine now, these puppies who love sunshine, grass and romping with each other, back in those steel cages we found them in. And they're never going back.

HLS is a vile little lab, and it has tried to not only hide from the animal rights community but the nation as a whole. The lab is almost entirely surrounded by woods. We were able to walk around the whole perimeter of the lab unnoticed and see the filth that passersby can't see from the roadway.

HLS resides in a town so tiny, it doesn't even have its own police force and relies upon the next town over, Franklin Township, to provide protection. But no evil can protect itself from the pure of heart. We put in time and effort until we learned how to outsmart HLS at its wicked game. There are two bodies of water behind HLS, one being a canal that divides up the police forces of the area. We knew that police are inherently routine in their work, seldom using any creative skills, and that they wouldn't think outside their own jurisdiction if they knew a "crime" was occurring. We therefore entered and left from outside their jurisdiction. This required crossing the canal, at times 100 feet wide and too deep to be able to walk across.

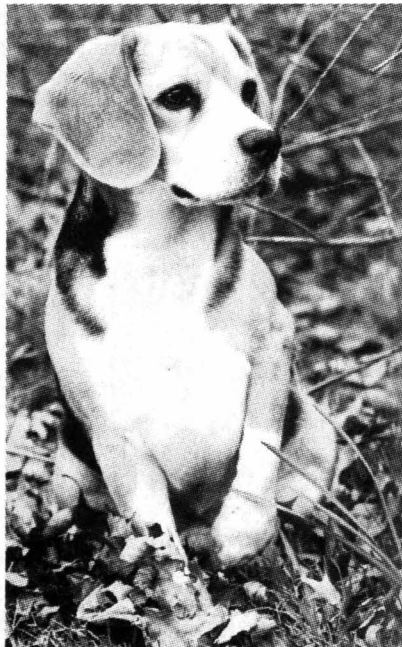
We tied a rope to one of the trees along the shore and sent one of our first people out to cross the canal. The boat's oars dipping into the water silently created huge ripples that spread to both shores in a matter of seconds. We too, silent and

anonymous, hoped to create huge ripples and show the world that the use of animals as a vehicle for human greed would no longer be tolerated. At the other shore, the rope was tied to another tree. This enabled us to shuttle each other across the canal in a matter of moments. We followed the backwoods trails that had been created by deer, passing the landmarks we had come to know like the back of our hands.

Our lookouts were all stationed, it was time to go inside. We used bolt cutters to create emergency exits every few sections of barbed wire fence in case we needed a quick escape. This wasn't very likely though, since the security force was not threatening or effective. The fence doesn't even touch the ground in many places, sometimes leaving four-foot gaps to slide under. The back gate was never locked tight enough to keep us from passing in and out for previous surveillance. We knew the precise timing of the security rounds. For the specific employee working that night, we had six to seven minutes as he completed his rounds and would return to our entry point. The security patrol was hard to miss and always gave plenty of notice since the truck used highly visible flashing lights, driving five miles per hour.

When we were initially searching for the animal storage units, we had been erroneously looking inside the lab. Climbing up the jungle gym of pipes along the back of the main building, we were able to enter the necropsy room through a skylight that wasn't nailed down. Several operating tables were covered with evidence of painful dissections and had surgical instruments left to soak in pools of blood on the tables overnight.

It was only by following the stench of animals living in close quarters to one another that we were able to find the only animals we saw alive at HLS. All of the sheds in the back have alarmed, deadbolted doors. But they also have ladders that lead straight up to the ventilation shafts of the buildings. We climbed up and entered the building through the unlocked door only 10 feet above the alarmed, deadbolted one. Sheets of plywood created a path crossing over the cave of exposed fiberglass insulation





Into Hell

where tangled wires hung down casually. We tore apart the insulation and sawed a hole through the ceiling to the floor where the animals were. The locked door was no match to the crowbar that popped it open in seconds.

When we entered the beagle unit, it was eerily silent. The dogs, upon seeing us, made no noise. Through the darkness, we could see the shiny black of the puppies' eyes peering at us with a mixture of curiosity and intense fear of humans. We had waited so long for this moment. We ran from cage to cage and flung all the doors open at once. As they saw the first puppy do it, all the others began to understand that they could get up and leave their prison with the slatted steel floor. The puppies ran all over the unit, exercising their new found freedom to run, jump and interact with one another. Those who were small enough went into carriers, and for some of the larger dogs, we affixed harnesses fashioned out of rope. We cleared the unit and took every living animal we found out with us.

I took two dogs with me, both the largest dog and the smallest puppy of the lot. As we ran along a grassy trail created by powerlines, the puppy was a ball of energy. The older dog trotted along at a pace worthy of a Sunday walk. But before we were halfway out, the puppy was getting

restless and began to cry. The three of us stopped for a moment, and the little one kept jumping up to sniff me as I scratched behind his ears. I pulled him up into my arms, and he began to lick my face through the fabric of my mask. "I understand Little One, you're tired. You're just a baby here, fleeing for your life." It was at this time that I appreciated the steady pace of the older dog. He seemed to know and understand that if he patiently ran and kept moving, he would never have to return to the iron cube he had been in for what was most likely years.

The three of us crossed the canal and knew that we were going to be safe. We were the last ones to meet up with the rest of the group. As I loaded my new friends up for transportation, all that was visible was a sea of wagging tails and bobbing puppies jumping all over, relishing the feeling of contact and play. Although we all moved with a stealthy silence, there was an intense feeling of celebration.

The beginnings of dawn were lightening the sky to a dark blue-gray, and it was going to rain soon. Within hours, our footprints would be washed away in the mud. The dogs would be on the long, well-deserved journey to their new lives. It was a beautiful morning, and it was a brand new day for the animals.

Living the Truth continued

An Interview with Rod Coronado

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we were Yaqui and this was our story, too—though I didn't really know what she meant at the time.

EF!J: *It is evident that your work is grounded in a strong spiritual practice. Why do you think most folks in the radical environmental movement dismiss this as "woo?"*

RC: It's a very Eurocentric perspective to deny spirituality to the environmental movement. It's one of the main reasons I get tired of hearing old white men like John Muir and Aldo Leopold quoted. Neither of these guys said anything about the Earth that wasn't common knowledge among indigenous people.

When I returned to the rez and started hanging out with the elders, direct action, deep ecology, radical environmentalism—whatever you want to call it—were all part of the sacred knowledge handed down orally, not some philosophical or ideological concept.

Spirituality for me is not only about sustenance, but a kind of road map one uses to successfully navigate through life. I believe that many of us in EF! lived before and probably fought before. When who you are and what you are is about the Earth, you learn that your own true power can only come from the Earth. That's what Geronimo and other great warriors knew. Only when we believe in our own power more than that of our enemies will we rediscover the kind of power the Earth has available to us as warriors. It is power that comes not out of fear but through simply listening and learning the lessons of how to live harmoniously with the rhythms of nature. For me, it's about being a better human and a warrior. I know my power isn't gonna come from a system controlled by rich, privileged, white men. My power comes from the very things I fight for.

EF!J: *Some see economic sabotage as violent and in opposition to their sense of ethics. How do these two seemingly divergent issues meet for you?*

RC: In our struggle to defend the Earth, I cannot ever imagine the two being separate. When we're talking about defending and living harmoniously with the Earth and her people—human and others—we're talking about a centuries-old spiritual resistance. Let's just talk about this continent, though it can apply to most of the world. Long before contemporary environmentalism and animal rights, there were human resistance movements fighting for the same things we're fighting for today. People being

the run, it was they who protected me and warned me of danger.

EF!J: *There has been a long-standing controversy in EF! between those who view environmental and social justice issues as stemming from a common root and those who feel human-related issues are not as important and should be separate. When did you first notice this pattern in EF! and how did you deal with the conflict?*

RC: A hundred years ago, my own ancestors were burning down AmeriKKKan agricultural operations a few hours south of Tucson, long before there ever was an anti-globalization movement. Hell, indigenous resisters were the first anti-globalization movement, fighting the imperialist economic and social policies of European governments and the impact they had on the environment and our own lives, which were really inseparable.

When I first became involved with EF!, I saw a lot of very privileged, white, middle-class EF!ers who didn't care about the environment the majority of us live in unless it was "wilderness." I dealt with it by just doing EF! actions that reflected what I believed EF! to be. It pissed some folks off to see our anarchist ALF flag at

the '88 Round River Rendezvous, but we were the young guard, just as others are today. Whether the old guard likes it or not, EF! and radical environmentalism comes in many diverse forms. I guess it never really troubled me, because I believe the ones we are most answerable to are the beings we represent.

EF!J: *You were a part of the collective that proposed the EF! Journal's move to Tucson, until the feds said that your involvement broke the conditions of your probation. Working to build diversity in the EF! movement was one of the main reasons for bringing the Journal to the Southwest. What are your thoughts on movement building in relation to Earth First!?*



Sea Shepherds David Howitt and Rod Coronado with Dave Foreman at the Sagebrush Patriots' Rally in 1988

murdered for standing by the very same beliefs we say we are about in EF!.

As an indigenous person, I've had to relearn that fighting for the Earth as EF! does is a very old, sacred and honorable duty. It's one where I've learned that we can be the most effective when we take advantage of the knowledge and power our enemies know nothing of. They have laughed at this kind of thing for hundreds of years, and I'm glad they don't get it. They never will, but I've seen the Earth spirits. I pray to them and have had them help me carry out successful attacks against the Earth's enemies. I know that when I was out there on

RC: Earth First! needs to break out of its comfort zone if we want to survive the coming waves of repression and continue strategic guerrilla resistance. There are so many folks out there from other walks of life that are ready to fight. We need to reach those people who are outside of college towns and activist circles. We need to bring back the old roadshow concept and get EF! ideas out to the rez's and neighborhoods. We need to go to people when *they* need help and not just when we need help, get to know them and let them get to know us. That's how we've built the coalition with the Apaches in Arizona who are fighting the Mt. Graham telescope project. There are so many "Third World" environmental catastrophes right here in AmeriKKKa. We need to learn how to operate in the frontline environmental battles right here and not just jet off to the big demos and conferences.

EF!J: *How do you think the Journal can be more effective at this?*

When I think of the *Journal*, I think of the French socialist newspapers that continued to organize against fascism right up until the Nazi occupation. Once the Nazis shut them down, they

think economic sabotage is still viable in the current political climate?

RC: Direct action is more important now than ever because of today's political climate. Let's be real. If we really believe that we are part of a real resistance struggle then we have to expect that our effectiveness is



Rod and his son at hot springs in Idaho in August 2002

going to be seen not only in our impacts on the Earth-destroying industries, but inevitably reflected more so in repressive government attacks. The more dangerous that it is to do ELF and ALF actions, the more important it becomes to carry

genuinely fears. Direct action is about taking a very unpopular stance at a very necessary time.

The ALF or ELF will never be hailed as heroes in our time. Their roles will be seen more clearly in 100 years when the ecological shortsightedness of our present government is realized. Some people say that in a "post-September 11" world there's less room for direct action. But that's exactly what the Consumer Freedom whores want us to believe. They're exploiting September 11 to push their own agenda, while hoping it will force us to compromise ours.

Personally, I don't know why someone hasn't tried to burn down Pacific Lumber or the Horse Butte Capture Facility. How many more rivers and salmon runs have to be destroyed and buffalo slaughtered before we realize these corporations are killing us and our only home? I don't

care what the political climate is, it's never not a good time to take direct action to rescue victims from suffering and cease the destruction.

EF!J: *Unfortunately, it seems like more folks are getting caught. Are there any words of wisdom or lessons that you want to convey to potential elves to keep them safe?*

RC: Hopefully, it seems that way because there are just more people fed up and taking action. Words of wisdom to all ELF and ALF warriors out there: Stay away from your old friends and familiar above ground political scenes; don't use computers or telephones for anything; don't put any faith in techy gadgets; keep it simple; never use your own vehicle or those of other activists; physical exercise (think of the embarrassment of being run down by a cop); and don't pinch pennies, your freedom is worth the few extra bucks it costs to increase your security. Pray to the powers of Earth for guidance—stealth of Cougar, night sight of Owl, like lightning, the power to strike your enemies suddenly and return home safely. I love you all, and I'm praying for you to make it count. Maximum destruction! Not minimum damage.

The more dangerous that it is to do ELF and ALF actions, the more important it becomes to carry them out.

shifted modes and became the French Resistance. I think we need to continue to be one of the only voices for the growing global, guerrilla, eco-defense movement. But we also need to slap some sense into people until they're ready to take action. The struggle to defend the Earth will live on; whether Earth First! does depends on our own willingness to put action behind our words. Otherwise, we're just another environmental group.

EF!J: *The ALF and Earth Liberation Front (ELF) have been spun by the corporate media as domestic terrorists. Do you*

them out. Repression is intended to intimidate others from engaging in acts of resistance. It means we just have to continue to evolve and be clever, just like Coyote.

Let's again look at the history of resistance in North America. One hundred years ago, the US and Mexican governments referred to my people as "blood-thirsty savages" or "indios diablos." Now, they call us "ecoterrorists." If Jesus Christ were alive today doing what he did, they'd call him a terrorist too. The punishments for direct action resistance are so high because it is a tactic the state

Standing Deer

A Life in the Spirit of Total Resistance

BY PUCK

On January 20, Robert "Standing Deer" Hugh Wilson, an indigenous rights activist, was murdered in his home in Houston, Texas. Standing Deer had worked ceaselessly from prison to defend the human and religious rights of prisoners and advocated for the freedom of Leonard Peltier, Mumia Abu-Jamal and all other political prisoners. He is best known for exposing a US government plot in 1978 to assassinate indigenous rights activist Peltier, an American Indian Movement political prisoner.

Friends and family gathered at Standing Deer's memorial on January 26 and recalled how this man—"who was so much more than

just the guy who saved Leonard Peltier's life"—had touched their lives. He had put his own life on the line by courageously defying the government and tirelessly fighting the oppressive prison system in which he spent most of his adult life. As sage burned, friends shared stories about Standing Deer, who they remembered as always smiling and joking. They also recalled his incredible life journey—he was a hardened convict who became a loving, honorable and deeply spiritual man. A gifted writer and dedicated activist, Standing Deer was always fighting "to make Mother Earth a better nesting place for our unborn generations."

The most famous part of Standing Deer's life starts back in 1978. Standing Deer, who was then 46 years old, was imprisoned at a US penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. Many US political prisoners are kept at this super maximum security prison. Known to prison guards as both an intelligent and dangerous man, Standing Deer had been recaptured after a series of bank robberies in Chicago, Illinois, and the near-fatal shooting of a police officer after he escaped from a guarded bus in Oklahoma.

At the time, Standing Deer was suffering from a painful condition caused by degenerative discs in his spine. While in the prison hospital, he was approached by a prison official who suggested that he "inform" on the activities of Leonard Peltier, whom Standing Deer did not know. He

refused. A couple of months later, after being transferred from the hospital to solitary confinement, he was denied all medical attention and collapsed in his cell in severe pain.

It was at this point that R.M. "Max" Cary, the chief correctional supervisor at Marion, asked Standing Deer if he was ready to cooperate in exchange for medical treatment.

Standing Deer was taken back to the hospital, where he was approached by Cary and a well-dressed blonde stranger. They asked if he would cooperate in "neutralizing Leonard Peltier." The stranger agreed to Standing Deer's demands of im-

mediate medical treatment, parole from the federal system and the dismissal of eight indictments from his previous activities. In exchange, the stranger told Standing Deer to establish trust with Peltier and to eventually talk him into trying to escape so that Peltier could be "taken care of."

"Don't even think of playing us for fools, because at this point, it's Peltier's life or yours," the stranger warned.

On July 4, 1978, Standing Deer met Peltier in the yard at Marion. He was unexpectedly overwhelmed by Peltier's sincerity, strength and dedication to his people. Standing



Standing Deer at the Gulf of Texas, shortly after his release

The knife turned into a snake in my hand, and as I stared paralyzed, it became the face of the blonde, blue-eyed stranger who wanted Leonard dead. As I looked into the blue eyes, I saw the face of the man who murdered my grandfathers and grandmothers.

Deer, who "reeked of shame," spontaneously confessed his role in the government assassination plot.

"As I listened to Leonard, I thought of my own life. Full-blood Oneida/Choctaw raised as a white man with white man values. Once again I asked myself: 'What price to do the dirty work of Greed?' I knew I would die if I betrayed

the US, but I knew I wouldn't want to live if I didn't. So I told him. That decision caused me a lot of misery, but I can't say I regret making it," he wrote later.

The day after Standing Deer's confession, Peltier and a 300-pound Lakota man escorted him to an unoccupied room in Marion's law library. "The big man produced a length of rope while Leonard placed a blindfold over his own eyes. The Lakota man tied Leonard's hands securely behind his back; then the big man left the room and the law library. We were completely alone."

Peltier instructed Standing Deer to barricade the door with a bookcase, then he verbally directed him to a knife that was hidden in another bookcase. Standing Deer picked up the knife.

"The knife turned into a snake in my hand, and as I stared paralyzed, it became the face of the blonde, blue-eyed stranger who wanted Leonard dead. As I looked into the blue eyes, I saw the face of the man who murdered my grandfathers and grandmothers. I was terrified, but when I looked at Leonard, he was smiling. I could hear his smile, and it sounded like a gentle waterfall. I could no longer see through my tears, but I heard the waterfall say, 'Do whatever it is you have to do, my brother.' And I fell to the floor and cut his bonds and removed his blindfold. He had tears in his eyes that looked like a rainbow. I discovered that I was weeping for the first time since I was nine years old and my brother died. It was then I knew I was coming home to my people."

Standing Deer was transformed. He became involved in a Native American group that was trying to practice traditional culture and religion at Marion.

Standing Deer also began his crusade against prison injustices with numerous, relentless letters that he mailed to prison officials and outside supporters to force change to internal prison affairs. He fought for better access to medical care, against forced labor and denial of religious and cultural rights for Native American and other ethnically distinct prisoners.

In 1984, Standing Deer was housed in Springfield, Missouri, with Peltier and another prisoner, Albert Garza, at the US Medical Center for Federal Prisoners. All three participated in a "Marion Death Fast" that drew outside attention to the deplorable conditions at the supermax prison. In particular, Standing Deer demanded that Native Americans be allowed to practice their spirituality in prison. "We will fast until we are either granted our

constitutional right to practice our religion or until we return to our Creator," Standing Deer stated. The hunger strike lasted for 42 days. They were held in solitary confinement for 15 months with nothing in their cells except for a steel bunk and a toilet.

In 1998, Standing Deer wrote an article criticizing the use of prisons for social control and "rehabilitation." It was printed as a guest column in the *Hunstville Item*, a newspaper in the city where he was imprisoned. For this, the prison authorities put Standing Deer in solitary confinement for 24 days and confiscated his writings, political files and mail.

In September 2001, Standing Deer was finally freed. Although he was warned that his parole could be revoked if he participated in activism, Standing Deer immediately began to organize with the indigenous and other communities in Houston, Texas, where he settled. He continued his work to free Peltier. He gave talks, encouraging and befriending younger activists. Recently, he joined the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee's board of directors.

The week before Standing Deer was killed, a man named Pius Vinton Smashed Ice arrived in Houston and stayed at Standing Deer's home.

On January 20, apparently following an argument, Smashed Ice stabbed Standing Deer numerous times. Smashed Ice broke the rear door to give the impression of a forced entry and then he left. At seven a.m. the following morning, Smashed Ice returned to

the scene to call the Houston Police Department, reporting that he had just discovered Standing Deer dead. Smashed Ice is being held in Harris County Jail and has confessed to the murder.

Those who spoke at Standing Deer's memorial agreed that the best way to pay tribute to this warrior's life is to continue the fight to free Peltier. "Standing Deer vowed he would not die until Leonard

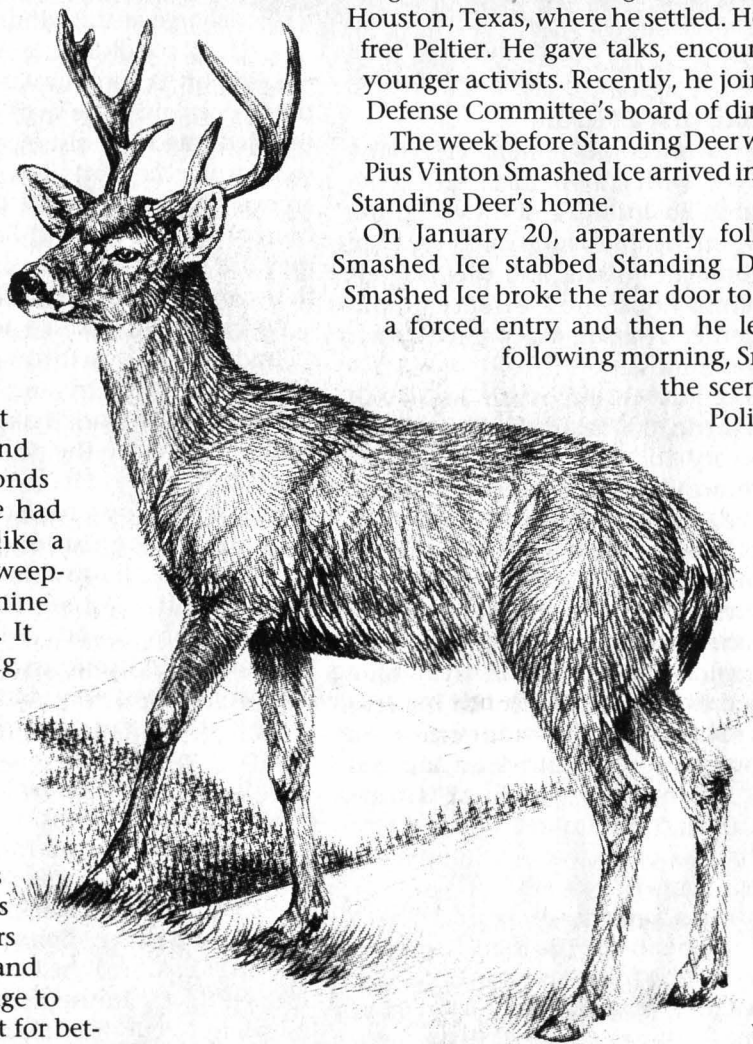
was free; so clearly he is still with us and will not

truly rest until Peltier is released," said a close friend.

In the spirit of total resistance, in the spirit of Standing Deer, let us free Peltier and all other political prisoners! Let us, in Standing Deer's words, fight for Mother Earth and "defeat the oppressors with life."

For more information, visit the website Standing Deer Presente, www.geocities.com/standingdeer1/index.htm.

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celebration & dissent continued

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Traveling through pockets of resistance from city to city allowed us to observe the state of our movement as a whole. Contrary to the intricate deceptions of the mass media, people are waking up to the mounting threats we all face and are mobilizing. Disparate subcultures and whole communities understand the dangers imposed by a runaway capitalist society.

It was apparent throughout our travels that anti-Bush and anti-war sentiment is a catalyzing force bringing diverse groups together. Bush's recent visits to Medford, Oregon, Flagstaff, Arizona, and Dallas, Texas, all sparked the largest demonstrations locals could remember. Young anarchists are in the streets with gray-haired peace activists. Labor groups, church coalitions and others in the mainstream are bringing out people who have never been to a protest before. People are pissed, and their rage is building bridges between factions who are not traditionally used to working together. This solidarity may be what the empire ultimately fears most.

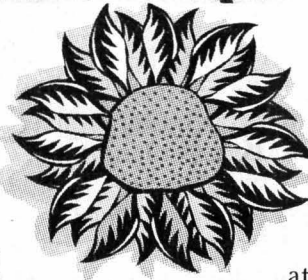
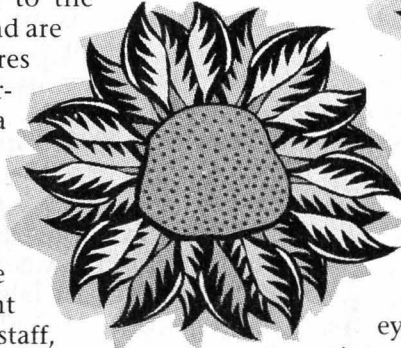
A blending of art and action was important during our journey and the musical trio, Sisters of the Revolution, played shows at nearly every stop. They helped to ease the monotony of empire culture with the music of revolution and love. Their presence in song offered an element of celebration and camaraderie. It built community as only the rituals of art and music really can.

A primary lesson that resounded throughout our travels was the fundamental value of working outside our boundaries of comfort and familiarity. We found that some groups are more evolved in confronting social issues—from racism and sexism to homophobia—while others are further along integrating sustainable agriculture, alternative transportation or the consensus process. When the social sophistication of urban communities overlaps with the ecological understanding of backwoods campaigns, the whole movement is stronger.

Joining forces with urban organizers, animal rights activists, radical fairies and old Black Panthers helped to broaden our awareness and fine tune our perspectives on what tactics are effective in challenging the hierarchy of power. At the same time, some of our Earth-based outlooks and ways of operating as a community offered useful insights to our hosts, which they were happy to integrate into their circles.

A common reaction from activists in the states we traveled through was how invigorated individuals and campaigns became when they received support from outside their communities. People often overlook how to relate their local struggles to the larger movement. The illusion of separation is oppressive and counter-revolutionary. Weaving together communities of resistance is crucial to a widespread turning away from the death-culture of the mainstream.

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Life on the road for us meant unexpected encounters with people totally outside "the movement." Rolling into town in a converted Greyhound bus covered with political banners and filled with radicals always drew attention. The conversations

that came out of people's curiosity may have created the biggest impacts of our trip.

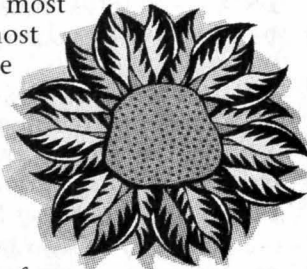
Many people we met were mystified that anyone would volunteer, let alone use personal savings, to charge at the windmills of corporate power and cultural conditioning. Along with the confusion, peoples' eyes often communicated deep appreciation and sometimes, even awe. The spark of possibility aroused by a collective dedicated to resistance can strike a chord in all but the most cynical of hearts. It is easy to underestimate the value of an overt voice for dissent. Overall, we found that people are hungry for change and beneath their hardened exteriors, they are often more sympathetic to genuine radical action than limp attempts at reform.

We caught glimpses of people working from many angles to undermine, overthrow and deconstruct the patriarchy, oligarchy, hierarchy and arrogant blindness of imperial mentality. The work that reached us most deeply was that which recognized the need to create as well as resist. With few respectable elders to guide our path, we are building a culture as we grasp for a better way. It is not enough that we tear down the institutions of the old paradigm; we must also break the chains that hold back the rich expression of our humanity. We are all playful, sensitive beings with passions, talents and desires. The most vibrant communities and the most inspiring actions we witnessed were those that integrated this into their efforts of opposition.

In the tapestry of tactics that makes up a movement, the activist-action tour is an important strand. A few people can reach thousands with a reciprocal exchange of lessons from the far-flung frontlines of our struggle. Life on the road expanded the horizons of our group. The connections cultivated during our months on tour will continue to inform our actions and draw our circles closer together in the years to come. Our community and campaigns felt our absence, yet others emerged in our places, and we now return with new roles to play and new skills to offer.

The Oxygen Collective and Sisters of the Revolution are planning and organizing future tours. We will be participating in events throughout Cascadia Summer and will look for ways to respond to the war machine as events develop.

For more information on either collaborating with us or about our current projects, contact the Oxygen Collective, oxygen@o2collective.org; www.o2collective.org.



From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank: The Complete Guide to Using Vegetable Oil as an Alternative Fuel, by Joshua Tickell, *Tickell Energy Consulting, 2000.*

\$250 billion in annual taxes for a military that protects our oil interests; the social and environmental costs of war; the incalculable loss of the atmosphere, as well as the massive economic losses associated with importing petroleum.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE?

Since I have been getting all of my food out of the dumpster for a while now, I've been longing to graduate to living entirely off the waste of America in a grease-powered bus. I would have no rent, no fuel costs, no grocery bills and minimal participation in the cash economy. I was excited to get my hands on Joshua Tickell's *From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank: The Complete Guide to Using Vegetable Oil as an Alternative Fuel* because it has been heralded as the only book the aspiring biodiesel maker needs.

The level of thought put into this book was very high. Tickell presents clear, understandable descriptions for building home-scale processors and thorough instructions on making vegetable oil fuels. He offers cost breakdowns, mixing tables, diagrams, Internet references and resources. This book is well worth its price for anyone interested in using biodiesel for a diesel engine. However, what looms over this and other "green technology" is the fact that alternative energy itself is in no way a solution to our present dilemma. What we really need to do is drastically reduce the degree of consumption in our everyday lives.

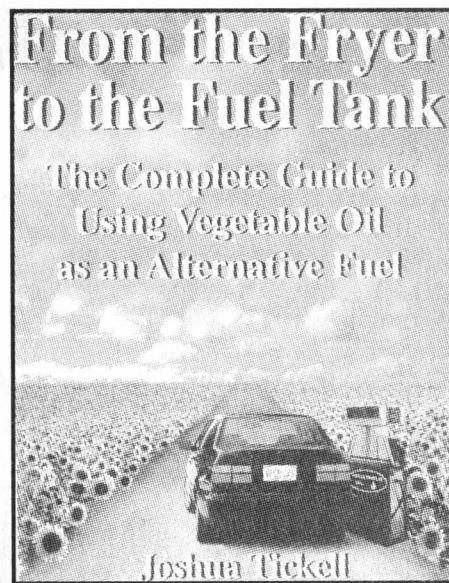
Tickell writes like a man with a vision to incite a guerrilla fuel production movement. All those grease traps out there are begging to have their contents turned into 50 cent per gallon fuel! Ultimately in Tickell's vision, the movement could create enough political pressure to demand a complete switch to biodiesel. Fuel rebels could be the vanguard, spreading consciousness to mainstream Americans, showing them that there is an alternative to the political, economic and ecological instability of the global petroleum economy.

In chapter one, "Fossil Fuels: the Problem," Tickell presents the real costs of petroleum that are not included in the price at the pump. Hidden costs like

In chapter two, "Renewable Energy: the Solution," he introduces biodiesel. Tickell explains that biodiesel, a carbon-neutral fuel, would not harm the atmosphere, and its production could be localized. Switching to biodiesel would keep us out of wars associated with oil, reduce the trade deficit and create jobs.

Though attempting to achieve a more positive vision than today's world, Tickell does not analyze the environmental and social costs of cars themselves. Nor does he realistically assess the political power of the petroleum industry. Ultimately, it might be easier to have a total revolution where the whole structure could be scrapped than to try to force a government funded by oil to switch to biodiesel.

If you still think cars are worth it, Tickell tells us how we could satisfy the annual demand for 185 billion gallons of fuel. Canola would have to be produced on all of our fallow farmland, and all our waste oil captured. He cites a Department of Energy study showing that the remaining demand could be satisfied



by eight million acres of ponds growing oil-yielding algae.

Petroleum consumption in the US is huge, and any activity short of a drastic consumption reduction would not have a significant positive effect on the environment. Ultimately, Americans who want to help the Earth are not going to do it just by switching to biodiesel or even by putting solar panels on their homes. If we are lucky, we'll still be around when the Earth slowly starts to repair our damage, and Tickell's easy-to-understand biodiesel guide will offer us the luxury of not having to pull the plow ourselves.

Basurero lives in the desert Southwest and uses love to keep middle-class sensibilities steadily in his crosshairs.

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF DR. DIESEL

BY JOSHUA TICKELL

When Rudolph Diesel unveiled the diesel engine at the 1900 World's Fair in Paris, France, he shocked reputable scientists and inventors by pouring peanut oil into the engine. It is not surprising that Diesel designed the diesel engine to run on vegetable oil considering that this brilliant inventor spent his childhood in the agricultural provinces of France and Germany. He grew up around farmers, and he knew of their troubles and needs.

Diesel promoted the benefits of using agricultural fuel throughout his

career. In 1913, Diesel was on a trip across the English Channel when he disappeared. A few days later, his body was found afloat. The British newspapers suggested that Dr. Rudolf Diesel was assassinated by foreign agents.

After Diesel's death, the idea of fueling engines with vegetable oil was quickly and quietly swept under the rug. His original designs were modified, and diesel engines were made to run on the cheapest, most abundant fuel available: petroleum.

Joshua Tickell is the author of From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank.

Putrid Patties Pile Up on Public Lands

BY AJ SCHNELLER

Welfare Ranching: The Subsidized Destruction of the American West, edited by George Wuerthner and Mollie Matteson, Island Press, 2002.

It's big, it's beefy, and you don't even have to keep it refrigerated! The long-awaited *Welfare Ranching: The Subsidized Destruction of the American West* is stirring up the blood pressure of activists and public lands ranchers alike. Edited by George Wuerthner and Mollie Matteson, this behemoth of a book features nearly 400 pages of photographs and essays written by a cacophony of experts on the subject.

Welfare Ranching has given a shot in the arm to all the public lands ranching activists who turned up the heat after the publication of Lynn Jacob's *Waste of the West*.

If you live in Arizona, Texas, Idaho, North Dakota, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming or California, this is your fight, this is your backyard. Even if you live in Hawaii, Alaska, Florida or Maine, these are your public lands, and those were your tax dollars used to de-wild and domesticate the West.

Remember *Clearcut: The Tragedy of Industrial Forestry* by Bill Devall? And have you seen *Fatal Harvest: The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture* by Andrew Kimbrell? *Welfare Ranching* is kin to these other

coffee-table books. Even if you have never pondered the destruction caused by public lands ranching, the graphic photos and easy to understand exhibits make it blatantly obvious that we're experiencing a serious assault on our public lands.

The real meat in *Welfare Ranching* focuses on how destructive and wasteful public lands ranching can be. More than 22,000 ranchers use 90 percent of our public lands to produce less than four percent of the nation's beef supply. Taking into account the many direct and indirect federal expenditures, the full cost of the federal grazing program to the US Department of the Treasury is likely to total \$500 million annually.

Wuerthner and Matteson easily pick apart the cowboy myths of this antiquated, pork-barreled and ecologically devastating paradigm. They've made their point through presenting some of the most hard-hitting articles, which were written by the whip-crackin'est scientists and economists in the movement today.

Andy Kerr and Mark Salvo educate the uninitiated in the chapter "Pillaged Preserves." Did you know it's legal to

graze cows in congressionally designated wilderness areas, where the "hand of man" is supposedly unnoticed? Did you know it's legal for ranchers to graze cows in our national parks?

There's a whole lot of political clout in the livestock industry that places the almighty dollar over protection of resources. When you read *Welfare Ranching*, make sure you check out "Ranching Economics and Livestock Subsidies: The True Cost of a Hamburger."

"A Century of Trashing Public Lands: Ecological Impacts of Livestock Production in Arid Western Landscapes" will

make you fume at the sight of a bovine. Joy Belsky, Bill Willers, Carl E. Bock and Michael J. Robinson, along with 20 other authors, present compelling arguments to get rid of public lands ranching: It's the most common cause of species endangerment in the arid West.

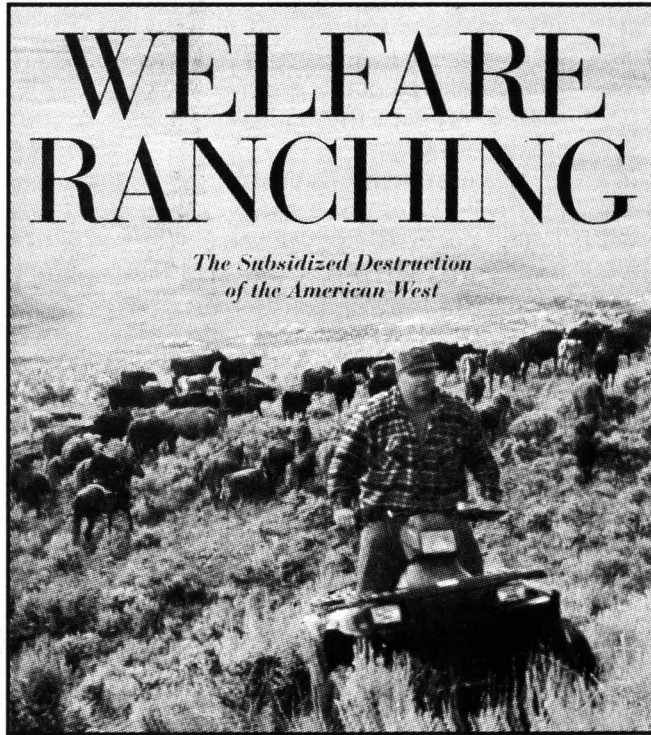
The industry is still crying wolf. According to Robinson, the livestock industry was the sole beneficiary of and the greatest political impetus for the extermination of the wolf. In the American West, a concerted campaign was mounted by federal hunters and funded with local, state and federal revenues. Using poison, traps and bullets, the government pursued each wolf with the avowed goal of wiping the species off the face of the Earth.

Today, the livestock industry stands at the heart of the opposition to wolf recovery and has blocked, hampered and sabotaged reintroduction throughout the West. Unfortunately, the industry's political clout has profoundly shaped wolf recovery programs that are supposed to be guided by science.

Nothing is sacred when the cows are "turned out." The streams, rivers, springs, water quality, uplands, native species, fragile and living soils have been irreparably harmed by roads, dams, chaining, fences, seeding, hooves, development, traps, poisons, exotic weeds, trampling, piss and shit!

The end of *Welfare Ranching* explains how you can help, debunks the common myth that "we need cows" and offers concrete solutions. The ranchers can read the writing on the wall—the end of public lands ranching is near!

AJ Schneller is a grazing reform program associate and environmental educator at the Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Arizona. He will be tabling at events across the West this Summer and Fall with loads of grazing handouts and smiles. Stop by and say howdy.



Rob los Ricos Thrown in the Hole

On January 9, anarchist prisoners Rob los Ricos Thaxton and Brian McCarvill were sentenced to four months in the Disciplinary Segregation Unit at the Oregon State Penitentiary. The offense listed on their misconduct reports was "Unauthorized Organization I," but a corrections officer told Thaxton that he was "guilty of continuing to be involved with the anarchist movement."

Thaxton is serving a seven-year sentence for throwing a rock at a cop at a 1999 Eugene, Oregon, Reclaim the Streets protest. In a January communiqué from Thaxton, he stated: "I am routinely denied materials [prison authorities] think cross some vague boundary of unacceptability.

"I tried to challenge the prison's designation of anarchists as a Security Threat Group (STG) and the circle-A symbol as an STG symbol. What this has come down to over the ensuing years is that I can receive anything, even if it has the word 'Anarchy' splashed across the pages in four-inch letters, but I can't have anything [including publications with photographs] that contains a

circle-A symbol. The prisoncrats even have forbidden people to mark or cut out such offensive circle-As in order to make their publications palatable.

"Lately, I've become more and more angry as fewer people write or send literature to me, due to prisoncratic interference. With less mail making it in, each Mail Violation Notice I receive angers and frustrates me all the more. The Oregon Department of Corrections does not have the right to limit my communications with people who hold similar political views.

"So, rather than go to the courts, rather than waste my time arguing with them, I did what I tend to do: I organized an anarchist protest. I asked people on the outside to send postcards with a circle-A and the caption: 'This is not a gang symbol'."

On January 4, Thaxton and his cellmate, Brian McCarvill—who is

himself involved in a lawsuit against the Oregon Department of Corrections concerning its use of the circle-A symbol to deny mail to prisoners—were given misconduct reports concerning

52 items of mail that were sent to protest the prison mail policy. They were charged with being part of an unauthorized organization, and both were sanctioned to spend four months in solitary confinement as a result.

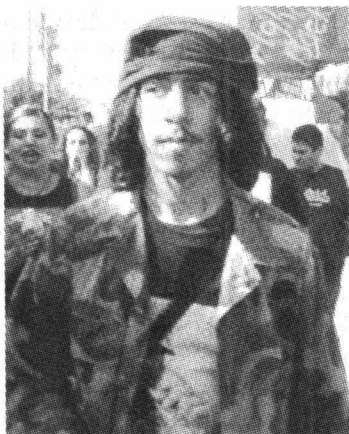
According to Thaxton, "We are being singled out for repression because of our political views and because we stand up for our rights as human beings."

For more information and to offer support to Robert Thaxton, #12112716, and Brian McCarvill, #11037967, contact them separately at OSP, 2605 State St, Salem, OR 97310; www.defenestrator.org/roblosricos. Mail must have a complete name and return address on the envelope.



Sherman Austin Still Under Attack

Raisethefist.com is an anarchist and direct action website that has been under attack by the government. In January 2002, the website was shut down, the computers were seized, and its founder, Sherman Austin, had his house searched. Then in February 2002, when Austin protested the World Economic Forum in New York City, he was detained by the Secret Service and FBI and imprisoned for 13 days (see *EF!J* March-April 2002).



Sherman Austin

photo courtesy Raisethefist.com

to his name. His plea bargain was revoked by the judge that heard the case last October. If he is eventually convicted, he could serve three to 20 years in federal prison.

Austin's next trial, originally set for March 15, was recently postponed.

He is encouraging folks to set up benefit shows to get the word out about raisethefist.com and to set up demonstrations outside federal buildings around the country. He is also in need of donations to

help with legal expenses.

For more information or to lend support to Austin, visit www.raisethefist.com.

Grigory Pasko Free

On January 23, Russian political prisoner, Grigory Pasko, was released from imprisonment after serving most of his four-year sentence. Pasko, a military reporter, was arrested in 1997 for espionage and treason when he exposed the Russian Navy's illegal dumping of nuclear waste into the Sea of Japan (see *EF!J* November-December 2002).

Environmental and human rights group contend that he was arrested solely for his environmental whistle-blowing. The prosecutor's office may challenge the decision to release Pasko because he did not admit guilt. His lawyer will submit a supervisory appeal to chairman of the Russian Supreme court to establish his innocence.

Pasko vows to continue his journalism work.

Cascadia Summer Call to Action!

BY CASCADIA SUMMER OUTREACH TEAM

During the last two years, George W. Bush and his cronies—Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey—have acted in close cooperation with those who profit from the exploitation of the Earth. So far, the results here in Cascadia (also known as the Pacific Northwest) have been increased logging of old-growth forests, more destructive road building and vast rollbacks of hard-won environmental protections. It is time to send a strong message to Washington, DC, and the politicians' corporate sponsors that the public will not allow them to continue to profit at the expense of the Earth. To the contrary, we are putting out a call to action to demand social and environmental justice.

Right now in the mountains of Cascadia, forest defenders are working to organize Cascadia Summer—a campaign put together by a diverse coalition of grassroots environmental groups to protect endangered forests, streams and mountains on public lands throughout northern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. We are treesitters, road blockaders, political lobbyists, petitioners, fundraisers, popular educators, community organizers and so much more.

Cascadia Summer will use a wide variety of tactics, and we will surely be more effective as a result of this mixture of approaches. There will be treesits, road blockades, intensive public outreach, door-to-door rural outreach, massive rallies, letter writing, forest surveys, botany surveys, field checking timber sales, civil-disobedience lockdowns, direct actions, teach-ins and field and library research for lawsuits.

There is plenty of work to be done, and we are asking people to come out to Cascadia and lend a hand. Folks are welcome to join the campaign for any amount of time, from a few days to several months.

Here is how Cascadia Summer will look: Beginning with the Cascadia regional rendezvous, held on Me-

morial Day weekend, and continuing until the end of logging season sometime in October, individuals and affinity groups will travel to Cascadia to get involved. Once here, folks will be trained in skills and tactics necessary to be effective forest defenders. We plan to share skills to use in organizing, direct action,



Come to Oregon. Stop Clearcuts.

outreach and conflict resolution. Intensive training will be an important part of Cascadia Summer, actively taught and learned through hands-on participation.

Activists will have the chance to work on several types of local campaigns during Cascadia Summer. For example, there will be endangered species surveying in southern Oregon, an intensive rural outreach effort in Washington's Gifford Pinchot National Forest, three treesits in Oregon's Willamette National Forest, comprehensive field surveys of timber sales in the Blue Mountains in Eastern Oregon and spontaneous direct actions throughout Cascadia.

After working on a campaign, affinity groups can choose to stay in their current locale or move to other campaigns. Some affinity groups may even choose to start their own campaigns with the support of a local group.

Cascadia Summer will also include some large regional actions and demonstrations. Such events could include a massive rally or ledge-sit outside of the national forest building in Portland. We could gather to shut down access to the auction of a particularly destructive timber sale in southern Oregon. We could bring together a few hundred activists to support a treesit under threat of being raided. We could... You get the idea. The options are virtually endless, and there are many types of actions where more people means a more effective event.

When all is said and done, Cascadia Summer depends on you. Come on out to Cascadia. Learn skills to be a better activist. Spend some time in the serenity of an ancient forest ecosystem. Help to protect the irreplaceable! Here in Cascadia, we're a hard-fighting and hard-loving bunch. But we need you and yours to keep it wild.

For folks who want to come out earlier this Spring to get involved with Cascadia forest protection, there is an action camp in March following the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in Eugene. For more information, visit www.treesit.org.

For more information, contact Cascadia Summer, 1540 SE Clinton, Portland, OR 97208; (503) 241-4879; info@cascadiasummer.org; www.CascadiaSummer.org.

Womyn's Action Camp

April 10-24 · Klamath-Siskiyou, Oregon

Mazama Forest Defense (MFD) recognizes the connection between all forms of oppression and violence against the Earth, including the marginalization of womyn. To address patriarchy inside and outside of the movement, MFD is organizing a womyn's action camp this Spring. The camp will focus on increasing womyn's forest defense skills, as well as provide a safe space to take action against patriarchy. All womyn are welcome.

Workshops will include wilderness survival, natural health and birth control, climbing trainings, nonviolence, challenging sexual violence, self-defense and more!

For more information, contact MFD, (541) 821-3882; www.cascadiasummer.org.

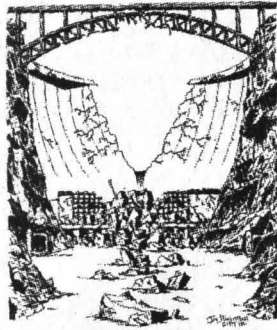
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Day of Action Against Dams and for Rivers, Water and Life · March 14

Last year, more than 60 events took place in 28 countries, with thousands of people taking action to protect living rivers around the world.

International Rivers Network is coordinating this year's protest and wants you to take action to save rivers in 2003. By acting together, more equitable and sustainable ways of managing our waterways can be actualized.

For more information, visit www.irn.org/dayofaction.



Protest NASA Launch of Plutonium Missions May 3 · Kennedy Space Center · Titusville, Florida

NASA is scheduled to launch two Mars exploration rovers, powered by radioactive plutonium, from the space center in May and June 2003.

In the Environmental Impact Statement for the missions, NASA acknowledges that there is a one in 34 chance of a launch vehicle accident and that the release of deadly toxins in such an accident are "likely." As NASA increases the number of radioactive space missions in coming years, it also increases the risk of massive contamination of the global atmosphere.

For more information, contact Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, (352) 337-9274; www.space4peace.org.

ACTIVIST SECURITY CONFERENCE · MAY 9-11 · VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Who: Security trainers (tech and non-tech), system administrators, legal collectives, copwatch, anti-police brutality groups and activists interested in training in these areas.

Why: As far as we know, there has never been an activist conference focusing on security for our movements. An activist security conference would provide an opportunity for security trainers and activists from across North America to network and share skills.

What: We would like to develop workshops, discussions, trainings and skill sharing around three themes: technology, activist training and legal issues. This is *not* an exhaustive list of topics. Let us know what workshops you are interested in doing.

For more information, email secure@resist.ca.



Southern Girls Convention '03

March 14-16
Warren Wilson College,
North Carolina

The Southern Girls Convention is an annual grassroots meeting of pro-womyn activists devoted to empowering womyn and girls in the South and organizing around the struggle for social justice. This year's keynote speaker is Inga Muscio (author of *Cunt*), and there are workshops ranging from knitting to DIY womyn's health to revolutionary political prisoner support.

There will be punk shows, and you can bring your instruments for campfire music sessions.

Please, feel free to bring video projects, zines, writing and anything you are interested in sharing with the convention. All genders and ages are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

For more information, contact (828) 771-4055; sgc2003@hotmail.com; www.southerngirlsconvention.org.

THE FIRST U.S. "POINT OF ASSUMPTION" SCOUTING DAY SPRING EQUINOX MARCH 21 2003

Sick of being trapped in the belly of the corporate video game? Join us in looking for the "points of assumption" that will help us bust out of the control maze.

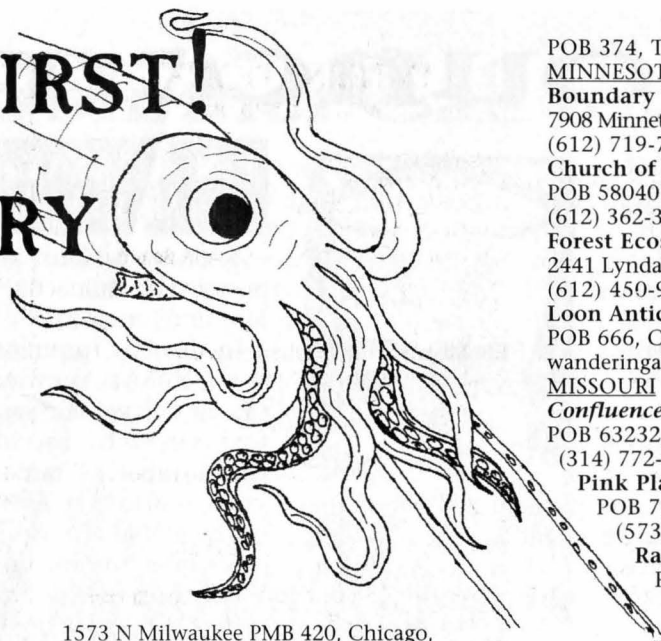
Join this radical experiment to explore the frontiers of direct action by organizing a few friends to go "scouting" for places where a creative direct action could intervene to expose the pathological nature of the corporate system. Maybe you will find a statue of a Conquistador or a corporatized public space or who knows what?

The goal of this exercise is to collectively explore the potential for transformative actions by gathering data from major cities and occupied spaces, about different "points of assumptions". What we come up with may be surprising, fun, and useful.

For more information contact the smartMeme project at smartmeme@riseup.net www.smartmeme.com or call 415-722-1846

An emerging network of earth centered radicals is experimenting with new types of direct action that work to create new political space.

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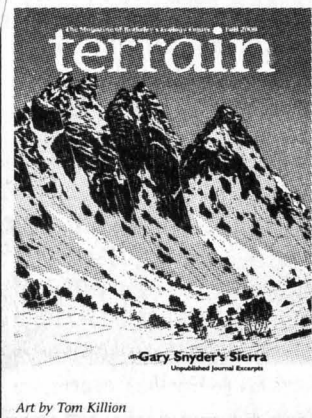
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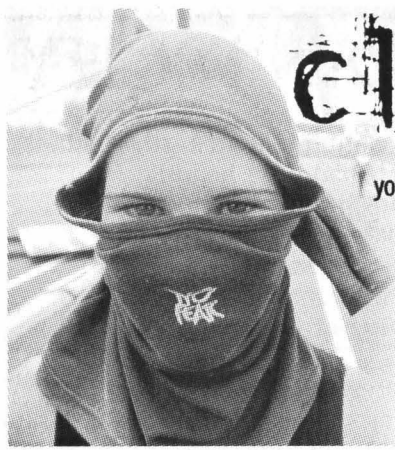
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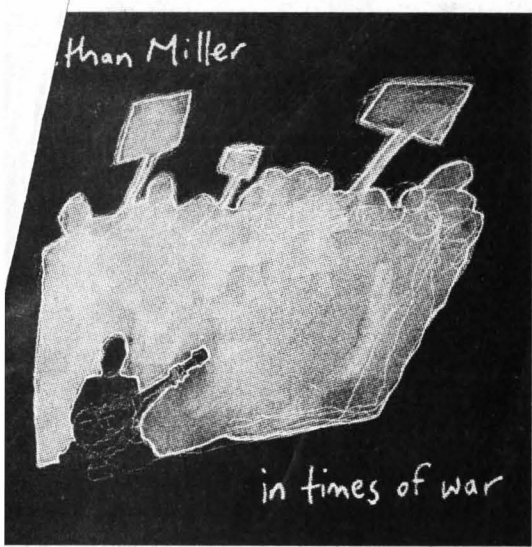
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I first met Ethan Miller around a campfire at an Earth First! gathering in western Massachusetts. I had been hearing about Ethan from a fellow music aficionado, and his description definitely didn't let me down. I don't claim to be objective (Ethan does my songs better than I do). I don't generally like to make such sweeping statements, but from my vantage point, Ethan is hands-down the best singer-songwriter of his generation that I've had the pleasure to hear.

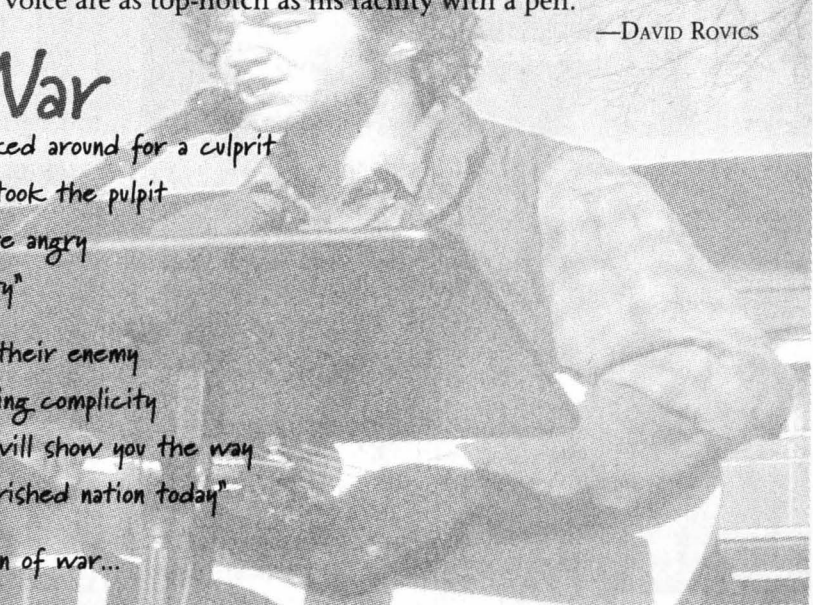
His debut CD, *In Times of War*, represents a great selection of Ethan's work to date. The opening track, "Declaration of War," is Ethan at his finest. In a poignant twist, this song could be called a "war song," as opposed to a more traditional "peace song." "Invisible Hand" and "Game of the Market" would make fine teaching tools for any honest economics professor who wants to explain how the market really works.

Ethan has done his homework, not just in terms of the depth of his understanding of the various economic, political and ecological realities here on Earth, but also as a bard. It's obvious when you hear him, whether he's doing an original song or an interpretation of a traditional one, that he is steeped in the folk tradition. His rhythmic and intricate picking and clear tenor voice are as top-notch as his facility with a pen.

—DAVID ROVICS

Declaration of War

When the towers came down, everyone looked around for a culprit
 And the media moguls and corporate elites took the pulpit
 "Ain't no fault of ours if all these millions are angry
 Living in rubble in crumbling hovels in poverty"
 Draped in a flag, they are pointing away at their enemy
 "United we stand," they say, cleverly shirking complicity
 "Don't ask any questions, just follow us, we will show you the way
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That they're a tiny minority
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Saying "we are not afraid"
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But with each child that a billion mothers bear
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That we are everywhere

David Rovics takes us for a wild ride through the challenges of these times with his new CD, *Hang a Flag in the Window*. Twenty-one songs in all, it builds a surging cry for life and sanity. From the anxious strains of the first song reminding us why "The Next Attack" is coming to the reassuring kisses offered from "Behind the Barricades," there is no question that David is at the top of his game here. He is joined in this venture by Allie Rosenblatt, whose harmonies move in and out of the songs just when we need them most.

He will not let you get away without recognizing that suicide bombers have feelings too or that vanguardists in the movement may be more boring than bright. You may also be glad that he draws you into the private life of a cluster bomb in a country far away or that there are more of "us"—people who want to live brave committed lives of love and honesty—than there are of "them."

We can be thankful that this prolific artist and freedom fighter will not keep his guitar or himself silent when the going gets tougher. Let us all take a lesson from David and wear our unflagging hearts on our sleeves.

—EARLIE WARNING

DAVID ROVICS WITH ALLIE ROSENBLATT

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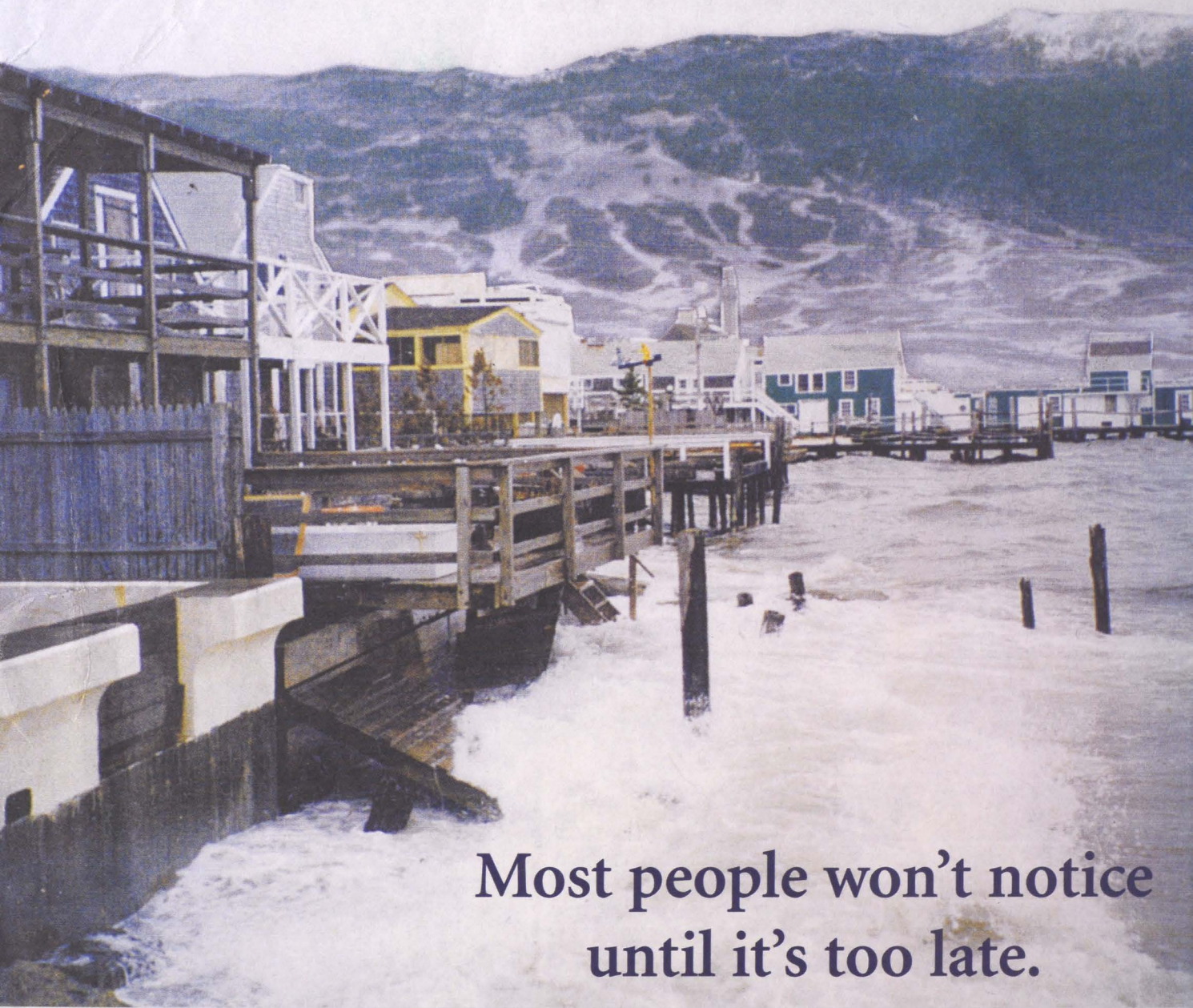
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