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HEADWATERS ACTIVIST KILLED

BY KAREN PICKETT

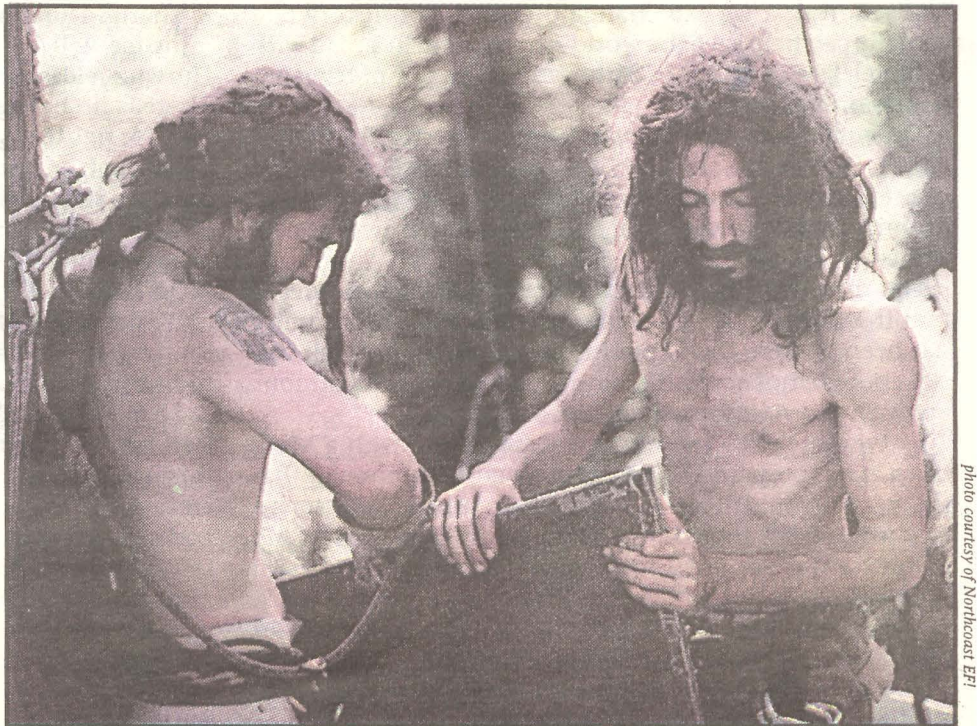
Just after noon on Thursday, September 17, Headwaters forest defender David Nathan Chain, known to his friends as "Gypsy," lost his life when a tree cut by a Pacific Lumber (PL) logger crushed him to death.

Gypsy and eight other Earth First!ers had ventured into an active timber harvest zone in the Grizzly Creek area of the Headwaters forest complex to explore possible violations of California's Forest Practice Rules, bring the violations to the logger's attention, and to get the California Department of Forestry to come inspect the site. On the 17th and the previous day, a small group of people had been engaging the loggers on-site in dialogue in an attempt to slow the cutting. PL had not amended its logging plan to reflect the road building it was conducting next to marbled murrelet habitat. The day following Chain's death, the California Department of Forestry (CDF) did inspect the site and found that two violations had occurred.

After the tree that crushed Gypsy fell, the small group of people in his affinity group scrambled out of the brush where they had taken cover, yelling at the logger that he could have killed them. One of the group started frantically calling out for Gypsy, "Where's Gypsy? He was right behind me. I can't find him. Gypsy!" When the logger who cut the tree found Gypsy, he fell to his knees and prayed. Gypsy's friends prayed and cried near where he lay while one of them ran to a phone about a mile and a half away.

Pacific Lumber immediately issued a statement calling the death a "tragic accident," claiming the loggers were not aware of the protesters' presence and citing its "best in the industry" safety record. PL also claimed Chain was hit by a "domino tree," a second tree downed by the tree cut by the logger. These claims had nothing to do with the truth but were issued before any details emerged.

The fact that the loggers were indeed aware of the protesters' presence was corroborated by a videotape re-



Gypsy (left) helps construct the Liberty tree sit, 1997

corded less than an hour before Chain was killed. It contains threats and admonitions by the logger to "Get the fuck out of here or there's going to be a tree coming your way!"

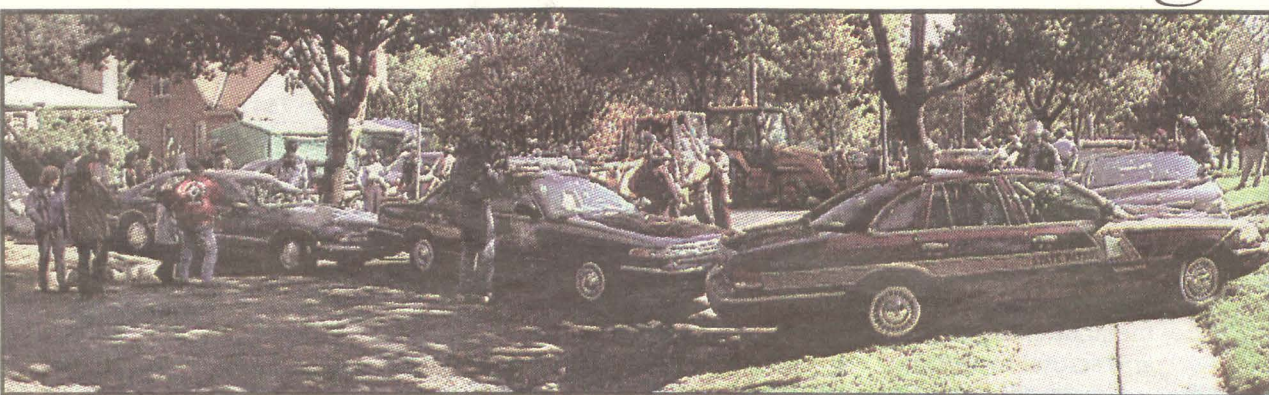
The logger and his fellow workers in the woods were fully aware of ongoing

protests in the area, as activists from the same affinity group had been at the site the previous day, talking with them at length. In addition, there was an active tree sit in the area.

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Minnehaha Under Seige Jason Hammel, John Glass, Rew Stines—Infiltrator



"The police closed off the streets for several surrounding blocks and formed a moving human blockade around the machinery."

BY PATCHOULI

"This road would not be going through this area if it were a Catholic church, a synagogue or a mosque," said Earth First! activist "Martial Law," "There are no people besides the Native Americans that must prove something is sacred to them. We call on all people of faith to join the struggle to protect these sacred sites, to save the homes and to preserve the fragile ecosystem the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) plans to pave over. We are being very reasonable and using the hunger strikes only as a defensive tactic."

With this impassioned plea, four occupants of the Minnehaha Free State announced their intention to conduct a hunger strike until the construction of Highway 55 near Coldwater Camp is called off and the land claims of the Mendota Mdewakanton are recognized.

Since mid-August a coalition of activists from Big Woods Earth First!, the Mendota tribe and the

American Indian Movement have successfully used direct action tactics to hold off bulldozers. The announcement of the hunger strike came immediately after the latest raid on the Minnehaha Free State. Activists are now preparing to spend the cold Minnesota winter defending the encampment, vowing not to give up their position on the Mississippi floodplain until the road project is canceled.

On October 14, while a "Stop the Reroute" rally was being held on the courthouse steps in downtown Minneapolis, 60 riot police descended on the Minnehaha Free State. Bulldozers were again moved in to tear up the utility lines connected to the squatted houses. Authorities were met by a base crew that had stayed behind in anticipation of just such a surprise (not!) attack. The police closed off the streets for several surrounding blocks and formed a moving human blockade around the machinery as it went about its destructive work.

BY BOB GREENBERG

A 24-year-old guy weighing about 210 pounds, standing six-feet tall with shaggy black hair, blue eyes and a goatee showed up in our camp shortly after publication of the first *Earth First! Journal* article about the Minnehaha Liberated Zone.

He called himself Jason Hammel, and he had business cards from Buffalo Nations and Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers. He said he was the nephew of Buffalo Nations organizer Mike Meese and he wanted to help out with our efforts.

Almost immediately he started name dropping. He said he knew Jim Rex from Activist Front and that he had been involved with the communications team at the '96 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. We have one of the core people from that team involved in our communications team, and she did not know him. Strike one.

Later in the day he said that he had been at Headwaters during the same time that several folks from our camp were there. They didn't recognize him. Strike two.

Jason knows just how to tell people what they want to hear. He told Jim Anderson of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota community that he could get him press coverage on CNN. Jimmy wants national coverage of this issue so he took to Jason quickly.

Later in the day, Jason had a conflict with one of the women in camp who plays a critical role in communications.

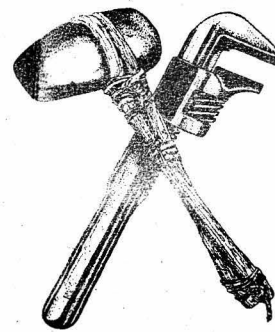
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Breaking the Promise of Civil Disobedience

All our lives we are taught that for the vast majority of us, the greatest political power we will ever yield is the vote. Earth First! opens people's eyes to the painfully obvious fact that our voices and our bodies are at least as powerful as the voting pen. If people see Earth First! as a cult, it is because converts are thrown into a frenzy by the heady realization that we can change the course of history and actually can help save the world—by digging in a road with a shovel, by a careful turn of the wrench and by putting our bodies on the line.

The premise of civil disobedience as practiced by Earth First! is that we can put our bodies in harm's way to stop the silent tragedies. Our struggle depends on the cultural promise that life is valuable, and if we put our lives at risk, someone will care.

The most fearsome aspect of David Chain's murder is that it screams in no uncertain terms that such a promise has been broken. David put his life on the line, and it was not enough, not enough to stop logger Arlington Ammons anyway. But Ammons is not the only one.

I have watched a friend come nose to grill with a Mack truck at a protest and believed for an endless moment that the trucker would not stop. In British Columbia, harassment is a way of life for activists. Last summer, a Sierra Club organizer was assaulted in Missouri. Last fall, a Northern California activist had his foot crushed by a logging truck. This summer, activists in Idaho watched from the woods in the dark of night as timber workers stole their gear and set their camp ablaze. The pages of the *Journal* are filled with stories of harassment and intimidation.

Many comparisons have been made between David Chain's murder and the bombing of Darryl Cherney and Judi Bari in 1990, and the situation is similar. Both events mark a turning point in our mutual struggle. Like the bombing, David's death was but an escalation of the tactics of intimidation, an escalation deliberately and maliciously ignored by law enforcement. The police knew in 1990 that Darryl and Judi had received death threats. The Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the state departments of forestry and the local law enforcement all know that activists are being assaulted and harassed by timber workers encouraged by logging companies. The California Department of Forestry (CDF) knew in January of this year that Pacific Lumber's license ought to have been revoked

for chronic violations of environmental and safety regulations. CDF knew it and did nothing.

But the situation is different in one important way this time. This time, we know who did it. David Chain didn't die, he was killed, and the person who did it has a name and an address:

Charles Hurwitz.

Justice will be served in David's death when Charles Hurwitz releases his death grip on the Headwaters forest. There is no balm for grief other than time. And the only cure for righteous anger is justice. Justice for David means a thorough and unbiased investigation into his death, and it means the success of this cause. Winning protection for the last native forests in this country is the only way to avenge David's death.

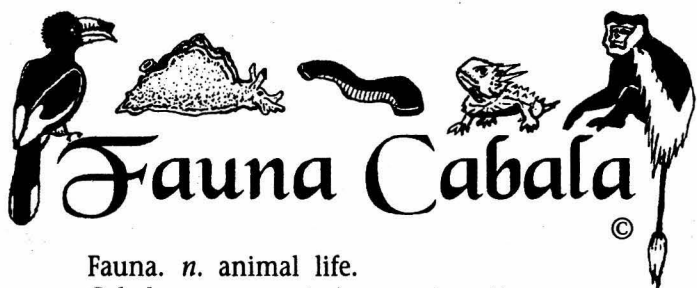
On January 4, 1996, I wrote in my journal:

"Yesterday I saw 300-year-old trees falling to the ground for the first time. I stood in the mist on Yellow Mountain, hiding from the loggers and watching as pine and fir giants dove to the earth. First, the sound of the chainsaw, which lasts for a surprisingly short time, a creaking which echoes through the forest with foreboding and regret, a wavering among the tree tops, and then the achingly long woosh and scream as the tree begins to move from its base and fall. And then, finally, the thud, which lasts for whole minutes, as the tree, the length of the tree, makes contact with the earth for the first time. No tree is small when you watch the length of it arcing through the sky. The noise of it all is incredible, almost primeval. The speed with which the loggers work is heartbreaking. I truly felt that any effort I could make to save one of those trees would not be wasted. I even felt that to die for a tree like that would be an act of beauty and honor."

We'll never know in his final seconds if David Chain felt this cause was worth his life. We can hope and pray, but we'll never know, and we'll never have that comfort. The only balm for our grief is victory. Right now that may feel hollow, but when the prize is within our grasp, when the chainsaws are set down and silence reigns again, the sweetness will make the struggle well worth it.

—LACEY PHILLABAUM

Correction: In the last issue of the Journal, the author of the Minnehaha article was Carlo Tresca, not Bob Greenburg.



Fauna. *n.* animal life.

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

The mammalian scrotum is an anatomical oddity that has until recently defied explanation. Testes can occupy six locations in the body, ranging from deep within the abdomen to within a scrotal sac. A third of mammalian species are ascrotal, and more families and orders contain ascrotal members than scrotal ones. There has been much nail-biting this century over the evolutionary forces that drove testicular descent and the reasons for such variation among taxa.

The popular explanation is that sperm love a cold climate, and hence the scrotum (and/or the cauda epididymus, the sperm storage locker) evolved to keep sperm cooler than body temperature. There is some evidence for this. For instance, sexually mature male grizzly bears have a bald spot on the scrotal skin covering the cauda epididymus; the testes of the sheath-tailed bat migrate from the scrotum into the abdomen seasonally, but the storage area always remains scrotal. However, this explanation does not account for the variation in the degree of testicular descent and is contradicted by normal

sperm production in birds, who have higher temperatures than their furry counterparts, and in mammals with abdominal testes. Hence, it is likely that temperature sensitivity is the result of secondary adaptations of metabolic enzymes, not the cause of testicular descent and scrotal evolution.

A more coherent theory is that the scrotum evolved as a result of sperm competition between males, with the premise that if sperm are physiologically challenged within a male's testes they will perform better within a female's reproductive tract. Scrotal sperm are definitely stressed out from low oxygen and pH, the results of poor blood supply. The "sperm training" hypothesis suggests that sperm respond to these low levels by increasing the number, size and efficiency of mitochondria, which is how striated muscle cell mitochondria respond to such conditions. Because larger testes produce more ejaculate and testes get smaller as they descend, there may be a tradeoff between producing lots of sperm and producing fewer, high quality sperm. Scrotal species are thought to employ the sperm-quality strategy of sperm competition, whereas ascrotal species employ the quantity strategy of swamping rivals' sperm. The degree of testicular descent, then, is merely a reflection of where on the continuum a species lies. After 75 years of scrotal scrutiny, we finally have a reasonable explanation for this precarious gonadal perch.

BY FAITH WALKER

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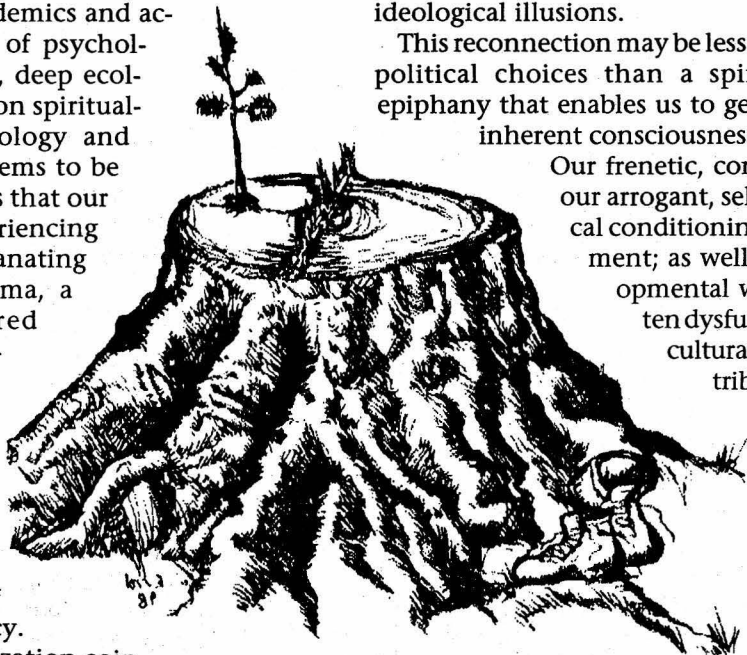
A Ruptured Primordial Intimacy

BY S. BRIAN WILLSON

David Chain's death during the campaign to preserve our ecosystem in Northern California's Headwaters is yet another tragedy which raises questions about the nature and manner of efforts to reveal sanity in the face of madness. Perhaps an even more important question though is why our species persists in destroying our habitat, and therefore ourselves.

It is a very critical historical moment. Fortunately, the question is now seriously being addressed by various academics and activists from the fields of psychology, quantum physics, deep ecology, cosmology, creation spirituality, biology, anthropology and ecofeminism. There seems to be an emerging consensus that our human species is experiencing repeated traumas, emanating from an original trauma, a shocked and ruptured psyche, due to intellectual disconnection from the natural Earth. This is referred to as a psychic mutilation or dislocation, a profound primal violation and a rupture of our primordial intimacy.

The progress of civilization coincides with our growing hostility towards the natural world, and therefore our hostility to ourselves since we are of the natural world. Increasing injury to the planet is a symptom of our psychopathology. This separation/mutilation seems to have begun millennia ago with the advent of settled agriculture. It has been dramatically exacerbated since the Industrial Revolution and now by the computer and information revolution. This fundamental deprivation helps explain why addictions in various forms characterize every aspect of industrial societies. The symptoms are denial, disassociation and disconnection from feelings. Perhaps we are all suffering from Post Traumatic Stress



Disorder as a result of our original and repeated traumas of separation.

Because our species' evolution is quite ancient, this relatively recent separation from our intimacy with the Earth represents but .003 percent of our time on Earth, 200 of 100,000 generations. An ancient, grounded, intimate, seemingly secret, undamaged person resides within each of our beings. Our salvation depends on reconnection with our original intimacy with the Earth. This intimacy resides in our genetic and memory structures even though they have been repeatedly overlaid with ideological illusions.

This reconnection may be less a product of rational political choices than a spiritual, experiential epiphany that enables us to get in touch with this inherent consciousness sleeping within us.

Our frenetic, consumptive lifestyles; our arrogant, self righteous ideological conditioning, even in the movement; as well as emotional developmental wounds from our often dysfunctional families and cultural upbringings, all contribute to our inability to hear, see, smell, taste and feel this awesome intimacy residing within us and all of our relationships.

This consciousness, this latent intimacy, exists

even within the people we perceive as our adversaries. And there is ever more of this wisdom to be discovered within ourselves, no matter how aware we might believe we are. How do we assist one another in accessing this awesome intimacy, this cosmological truth that is everywhere but seems so elusive to our species? Indigenous cultures, the natural world and quiet reflection are available as our teachers.

As our attitude and behavior begins to reflect the harmony of all things (i.e. our intimacy within and without), we begin to join with the infinite life forces of the senses. We become ever more a part of the intimacy. For lack of a better English

word, I call this nonviolence. Nonviolence emerges from hope that justice (intimacy) is ultimately realizable because it is our deeper reality. The means by which we act must become an embodiment of this spirit. No matter that we will not be perfect in the process of learning to access and practice living in this awesome original grounding of our beings. Unlike violence, this process does require courage because we become vulnerable to situations. Nonviolence possesses faith that to act in a loving, even if militant, manner in the face of dreadful violence just might inspire new openness, even a consciousness shift within the adversary. There is no assurance this will happen in this moment or even tomorrow. But there is faith that vulnerability to this ultimate intimacy will have an impact. This process calls to the soul, to the latent intimate being residing within each and every one of us. It is helpful to remember that this sleeping dimension has been evolving for three million, not three, or 30, or 300 or 3,000 years. In nonviolence one expresses him or herself very affirmingly yet clearly intends not to harm the adversary. One seeks to break the cycle of self righteousness and violence with an attitude and behavior that is demonstrably humble and vulnerable. The courage and vision are born from experiencing a sense of one's original intimacy with all in the cosmos.

There is no telling how David Chain's death will affect the Headwaters campaign, or life forces on the Earth in a bigger picture. One thing is certain though; it will have an impact. Gypsy's death may already have set in motion an internal searching process within some logger's consciousness. What we need more than ever is the increasing impacts of the forces of intimacy. It is terribly important that we practice our glimpses of intimacy as we nonviolently confront the destructive forces that as yet have not sensed their own need to reconnect with their sleeping intimacy. They just might find it if we are able to show them we believe it ourselves.

Brian Willson is a co-founder of the Institute for the Practice of Nonviolence. He has travelled extensively throughout the Third World examining the effects of the "Global Supermarket Economy." During a valiant protest in 1987, Willson lost both of his legs trying to stop a train carrying arms to the US-backed Contras.

DEAR SFB (300 WORDS OR ELSE...)

An open letter to Headwaters activists:

I wanted to express my sympathy on hearing of the death of David Chain. Here in Idaho two more tree-sitters just went up in the Otter-wing sale at Cove/Mallard. The actions this year have been tense and activists have been subjected to violent harassment.

I remember when I was sitting on the road with a bicycle lock around my neck and the loggers came in... saying to myself... OK Mother Goddess if you want my life for this I am in your hands... and feeling at peace with the danger. Seeing the young face of David Chain on Headwaters web site I feel sorrow at the loss of one so young and so dedicated yet I cannot imagine a better cause to give ones life to.

They say, "don't mourn, organize." But I think we do need to mourn, for the loss of our comrade and for the continuing loss of nature... then organize! with renewed commitment! Let us not allow his life to have been taken in vain.

—PEGGY SUE McRAE, IDAHO

Dear SFB,

I live in Key Largo, Florida, and lobster season just started down here. It is disgusting. When the

lobster season opens up tons of tourists travel down here for lobstering. Even though there are restrictions such as a size limit, and the amount of lobster you are allowed to keep, not many of the people pay attention to these size limits and restrictions. It is so aggravating and sad, those people that don't even live here come down and just murder these majestic creatures. My friends and I are planning on doing a little work of our own though. There are many many traps at a lot of the marinas around here and we were planning on setting fire to most of them as soon as we all get a chance to get together. Well anyway, I've bullshitted long enough...

PS I was just wondering if the hemp wallets are bi-fold or tri-fold and if the letting is sewn or is it a patch?

—KJ

Ed. Note:

Our hempen wallets are bi-fold with a little velcro flap, making them almost bi-fold and a quarter. The lettering is embroidered.

—JL

Dear organic shit for brains,

This is in response to the writings on the Y2K event in the last issue of the *Journal*. Yes I believe

most of us in the activist community agree that building sustainable communities with organic farming is vital for our future. Education of the mass is important as hell. And it also makes sense to cover your ass from violent retribution by the government by toning down or eliminating revolutionary language. But is also seems that you are either missing or intentionally ignoring some very important points. An estimated 100 species of plants and animals become banished to extinction every day. The majority of which have no name because they have not even been classified yet.

The companies, institutions, governments and consumers of the industrialized nations are responsible for this holocaust. A depression or recession will slow the atrocities down temporarily. Complete global economic collapse will go much further to stop the machines of destruction.

Zen and organic farming are very similar in some ways. If we all practiced Zen or if we all farmed organically there would be no need to fight the greedy distracters because they probably would not exist. But as long as they do, Zen,

immediately "Come out of that tree immediately!" says the ranger. **Immediately** means right now, not ten minutes from now, but right now. If you don't get out of that tree immediately, you could get hurt. Somebody is cutting that tree down.



organic farming and sustainable communities are not enough. The pace of destruction is insane, there is no time to wait for everyone to convert to a sustainable lifestyle. We must stop the machine now! in order to ensure there is something left for the future. Think of the specicide occurring now, while you rest smug in your lifestyle. Are they not worth sacrificing for and fighting for? By the way, promoting population growth is idiotic and should be criminal. Buildings don't burn down by themselves. Think about it.

—REDUNDANT SPECIES

My Fellow Americans,

Social change is happening all around us. If we declare autonomy from the dominant culture and think it will respect our earth given rights, we've got to be kidding!

David Harper in "Not Social Change, It is Holy War" (Mabon

'98) says social change is negative, and true, for the most part social change is what got us in this fucked up situation to begin with, but now we have got to take hold of the machine and self-destruct it so once again creatures of the world can live free of its shackles.

David Harper and the tribes he "represents" (?) do not live in a vacuum. They and we all are oppressed, now and into the future.

Social change, retro-revolution, global awakening. This is the only salvation see, there is no place to hide anymore.

PS If you ever pass through downtown Santa Rosa or anywhere in Sonoma County for that matter, beware! The wine industry has taken us hostage and the yuppies are moving north!

—WHITEY

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BANNER HANGIERS FACE FIVE TO LIFE

BY DANNY DOLINGER

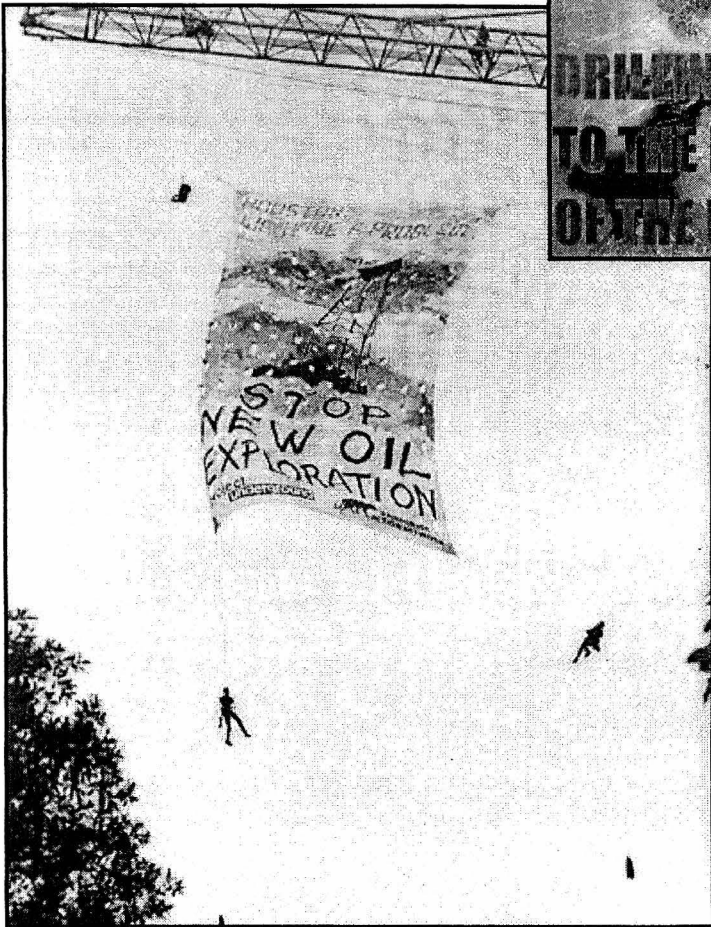
In the wee early hours of September 16, four activists with the Rainforest Action Network and Project Underground set out to climb a giant crane next to the George Brown Jr. Convention Center in Houston, Texas, hoping to unfurl a colossal banner in honor of the Global Energy Congress, a collection of big oil execs from around the world. The deployment was a beautiful sight to behold. Having scaled some 250-foot undetected, the crew set two rope anchors and prepared to display the banner.

Without damaging any property, two activists descended with the banner while two remained on the crane's arm to guard the climbers' anchors. Despite strong and threatening winds, the banner was unfurled, "Houston, we have a problem. No new oil exploration."

The action coincided with the release of a report titled, *Drilling to the Ends of the Earth: The Ecological, Social and Climate Imperative for Ending New Petroleum Exploration*, by the Rainforest Action Network and Project Underground. The report includes maps that overlay priority oil exploration areas within old-growth forests, mangroves, coral reefs and indigenous populations. In almost every case, the exploration sites endanger natural areas or threaten indigenous people, most often both. Specifically, ongoing exploration threatens old-growth frontier forests in 22 countries, coral reefs in 38 countries and mangroves in 46 countries.

The area covered by exploration activities in the last decade roughly equals the land area of the US and Europe combined.

After getting the message out, the group voluntarily surrendered to



Houston banner hanging



a very polite and surprisingly congenial Houston police force. Clearly, law enforcement recognized the cooperative, non-violent, non-destructive nature of the action. It was almost perfect. The four, along with one member of ground support (who was invited onto the property and then arrested), were escorted to jail. We assumed we

could bail them out that evening or early the next day, but then suddenly everything changed drastically. Harris County District Attorney John

Holmes charged the five arrestees with felony criminal mischief, and bail was set at \$200,000 apiece, totaling the tidy sum of one million dollars. After such a charmed series of events, the reality of how brutal the evil we oppose really is caught us all by surprise. The average bail for murder in Harris County is \$20,000. One of the activists' defense lawyers said, "I'd like to know what these people did that is ten times worse than killing a fellow human being." One inmate charged with murder was being held on \$10,000 bond while five people exercising their freedom of speech and harming no one and nothing were confined in lieu of 20 times that amount.

Thanks to a sympathetic bondsman and the judge's reduction of bail for four of the five arrestees to a mere \$125,000 each, as well as the frantic, tireless efforts of an awe-inspiring, elite jail support team, the five were released in less than three days. It took over 40 character references (gathered in less than a day) to get the activists released, including testimonials from US Representative Nancy Pelosi, Anglican and Methodist clergy, faculty members of Carnegie Mellon University and the University of North Carolina, a San Francisco County Supervisor and Amnesty International, among others.

All five activists faced two to 20 years incarceration, with a real possibility of those figures escalating to five to 99. But on October 12, the felony mischief charges were reduced to misdemeanors. Each of the five activists paid a \$1,000 fine, \$224 in court costs and a total of just over \$5,000 to the crane owners. Their case, though ultimately almost painlessly resolved, exemplifies the legal system's reinvigorated and repressive approach to effective activists.

Please contact the Rainforest Action Network and/or Project Underground to learn more about the oil issue. Rainforest Action Network, 221 Pine St., San Francisco, CA 94104; (415) 398-4404, fax 398-2732; rainforest@ran.org. Project Underground, 1847 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703; (510) 705-8981.

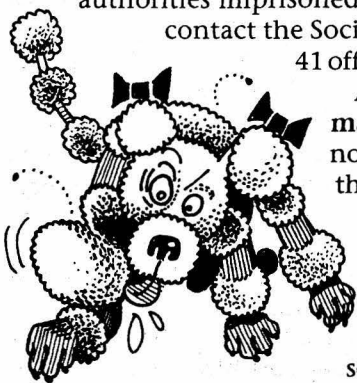
Wolves & Poodles

A weak and disoriented poodle wandering through 10 percent of a forest to the folks at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) who are helping the World Bank promote the stupid idea that conserving only 10 percent of the remaining global forests is an honorable goal. A recent press release touted WWF as "one of the world's leading conservation groups, with offices in 120 countries." Sounds more like this poodle is barking, "We are influential in liberal circles, endorse NAFTA, have lots of staff to support and are willing to compromise!"

A well-trained poodle who responds only to the commands of development and industry to New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson for instituting a process by which all state environmental and cultural review documents must pass through his office's hands. New Mexico's Forest Guardians say Johnson's new directive constitutes censorship, threatens the efficiency and autonomy of state regulatory agencies and will result in lower quality reviews.

A bound and gagged poodle contaminated with radiation to authorities in eastern Russia who have jailed journalist Gregory Pasko for writing about the Russian Navy's dumping of nuclear waste in the Sea of Japan. Pasko has been charged with treason for passing "state secrets" in his reports. Incredibly, Pasko was an employee of the Russian Navy, and his articles were written for its official publication! When the mainstream media in Japan picked up the story, Russian authorities imprisoned the messenger. To help comrade Pasko, you can contact the Socio-Ecological Union of Russia at SEU, ul. Vavilova 41 office 3, Moscow 117312, Russia; press@cci.glasnet.ru.

A runaway half poodle/half monster to genetic manipulators in New Zealand who recently announced they had cloned a rare breed of cow, native to the sub-Arctic Auckland Islands. "In six years, you'll be calling me to ask what I think about the first human clone," said Princeton University genetics professor Lee Silver, reacting to the third report of an animal being cloned this summer. Silver and other mad scientists are hailing cloning as a potential solution to the global crisis of species extinction.



A populist wolf, howling in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure to 35 members of Congress who have signed on to the National Forest Protection, and Restoration Act (NFPRA, H.R. 2789), cosponsored by Representatives Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) and Jim Leach of Iowa (R-IA). NFPRA would end all commercial logging on federal public lands.

A well-spoken wolf who has caught the scent of a rat to syndicated columnist Molly Ivins for her recent rant against Representative Don Young (R-AK), the anti-nature wingnut we all love to hate. After hearing that Young asked the Forest Service to hand over the names of employees who belong to environmental groups, Ivins asked in her column if he was also starting files on Forest Service employees with relationships to the timber industry. She noted how obvious it is that the very influential House Resources Committee had been "captured by big ranching, big timber and big mining." We've been saying these things all along, but hey, you go girl!

A kosher wolf with a respect for religious tradition to the members of the Jewish community in Houston, Texas, who are seeking to bring Maxxam/Pacific Lumber madman Charles Hurwitz before a Beit Din, a traditional Jewish Court of Law. Spokesperson Alan Rosenberg said this initiative "could have far reaching implications for all business and religious groups in this country."

A very artsy wolf, creatively drawing attention to the wacky way priorities are established in our society to the NEA Army, an "arts militia" based in Seattle. The four-member group has applied for the entire \$99.5-million annual budget of the National Endowment for the Arts in order to buy just one piece of a \$2 billion B-2 stealth bomber, preferably a wing, to turn into a piece of art. If the request is granted, they will tour the country with the wing decorated to demonstrate how federal funding is really prioritized, e.g., paint it gold since the bomber's wing is worth more than its weight in gold. Ponder that...



HYPOCRITICAL *Subcritical* NUCLEAR Tests

BY SUSI SNYDER, SHUNDAHAI NETWORK

Sadly, the second US subcritical nuclear weapons test of 1998 was detonated at 3:07 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, September 26. Members of the Western Shoshone Nation, Shundahai Network, Alliance of Atomic Veterans, Las Vegas Food Not Bombs, Nevada Desert Experience, Citizens for Alternatives to Nuclear Dumping, along with the affinity groups CHAOS and PARANOIDS, joined together to protest this hypocritical test.

Several demonstrations took place before the detonation. On September 8, two activists from Shundahai Network climbed onto an overhang on the Foley Federal Building on the Las Vegas strip, hung two banners and locked their arms to one another in a metal pipe through the ladder they had used to reach the overhang. Refusing to move until the hypocritical nuclear test "Bagpipe" was canceled, they remained on the overhang for several hours. The police called in the fire department and shut down the street in order to remove the activists. The police also created a "sterile zone" around the building and moved all of the media to the other side of the street, behind a palm-dotted median where their view was blocked. After the media was cleared away, the fire department brought out a saw and began to separate the activists.

Both were arrested and given federal misdemeanor charges: nonconformity with direction during a demonstration and disturbance, defined as conduct on government property that obstructs the performance of government operations. They look forward to bringing the issue of nuclear testing before federal court.

On the day of the test, Corbin Harney, a *Newe* (Western Shoshone) elder and spiritual leader, led a Sunrise Ceremony near the gates of the test site. This brought healing to the test site in the face of continued contamination. After the ceremony, the vigil was moved to

them to get into a road to be arrested and surrounded them. The group circled and locked arms with each

US reaction to nuclear testing in India and Pakistan. The DOE says it is prepared to conduct two more sub-

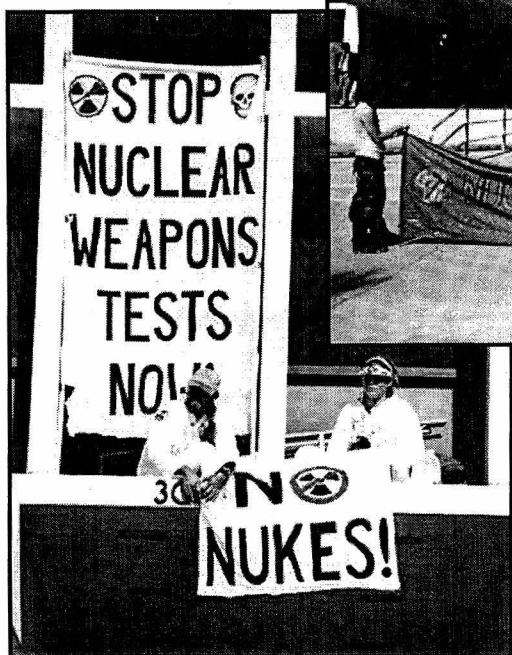
critical tests before the end of the year. A Los Alamos test named "Cimarron" will be the next test and then another Lawrence Livermore-designed explosion. We must organize to stop the next test. "Bagpipe" must be the last subcritical test.

We will continue to organize and educate the public about these tests. Thank you to all of the activists around the world who sent letters to the US gov-

ernment demanding that these tests be canceled. We also thank our friends in San Francisco, Moscow, ID, and New York City who held demonstrations and vigils.

Call or write President Clinton and Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, as well as your senators and representatives. Get all of your friends and co-workers to do the same. Help organize vigils and demonstrations in your towns. Write letters to the editor. Create affinity groups and began plans for nonviolent direct actions at federal buildings and nuclear weapons laboratories.

President Bill Clinton, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20001; (202) 456-1111. Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson, 1000 Independence Ave., Washington, DC; (202) 586-5230. Congressional switchboard (202) 224-3121.



Bagpipe protest on the federal building



The fire department removes protesters

other, creating an opportunity to dialogue with the Wackenhuts as well as with a Department of Energy (DOE) security specialist for more than an hour. The two women and three men were held at the test site for an hour, issued citations and released.

Following the test, a vigil was held at the Foley Federal Building to protest this hypocritical test. There was strong public support from passersby. This test had been plagued with technical and safety problems since the beginning of its preparation at Lawrence Livermore Labs in California. Even on the "shot" day the test was postponed for more than an hour while corrections were made.

The test violates the spirit of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that the US signed in 1996. It is especially contradictory in light of the recent

the gate itself, and five people snuck behind the barbed wire fences heading into Mercury, the off-limits secret government town about four miles inside the test site grounds. Though followed by several Wackenhut security vehicles, they managed to get to the intersection between two roads leading to "Control Point" (where the button is pushed). After an hour, the Wackenhuts got tired of waiting for

BELGIAN NUCLEAR "INSPECTORS" FACE DOWN ARMED GUARDS

More than 60 people joined a major citizens inspection of NATO's nuclear weapons storage area at Kleine Brogel air force base in Belgium on October 2. By the end of the day, 47 inspectors had been arrested as they entered the military base looking for the nuclear weapons, which they believe to be in violation of international law.

For several years now there have been growing suspicions that the Belgian government made a secret treaty with the US, allowing the storage of American tactical nuclear weapons in Belgium. However, the Belgium parliament's questions about nuclear weapons at this air force base have been met with silence or the typical military "we can neither confirm nor deny" response. A recent request by several Members of Parliament (MPs) to inspect the base was met with silence. The armed forces would like the nuclear weapons in Kleine Brogel and the 110 members of the Munition Support Squadron guarding them kept out of the public eye and untouched by the democratic process.

Recently For Mother Earth and War Resisters International, two international groups based in the northeastern part of Belgium, gathered clear evidence of the presence of 10 B-61 US tactical nuclear weapons of mass-destruction. According to our information, there have been nuclear weapons on this base since 1962. All information about the weapons has been withheld from parliament, obstructing any substantive parliamentary debate. Nongovernmental organization members giving information about the weapons to MPs are being intimidated, threatened with physical vio-

lence and charged with "the gathering of military intelligence."

This is happening while Belgian pilots from the 23rd Devil and 31st Tiger Squadron train to fly F-16s carrying these weapons of mass-destruction, violating Articles I and II of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Decisions about the weapons are made within the undemocratic and secretive NATO Nuclear Planning Group.

On October 2, around 1 p.m., nine MPs from the ruling Christian and Social Democratic Parties, as well as a Flemish regionalist party and the Green Party, jumped over or cut their way through the fence of the military base. The inspectors weren't intimidated by the circling military helicopter and Belgian national police and secret intelligence service officers that followed their every step. Most headed straight for the US part of the base. The politicians were soon joined by famous actors, priests, environmentalists and peace activists. Even three of the invited reporters and photographers joined in.

The military, both Belgian and American, seemed stunned and paralyzed by this group of citizens taking seriously their individual responsibility to uphold international law, consciously breaking another law to prevent a greater injustice.

Imagine the face of a US soldier shouting, "Halt," and pointing his gun producing no reaction or any effect on the inspectors who continued on their way. The inspectors were armed only with pens, clipboards and sometimes a camera. A sign announcing that "the use of lethal force is authorized"

didn't stop people from cutting their way through to this suspicious area. Even the dogs didn't seem to scare most of the inspectors.

All that time, the inspectors remained cheerful, respectful and completely nonviolent, talking to the security personnel about their legal obligation to carry out this inspection to prevent the preparation of crimes against humanity.

It took quite a long time for the military to apprehend all the 47 wandering inspectors. They were finally gathered in a room near the main entrance and questioned by the national police. Around 4 p.m. all were released.

The MPs have said they will start a parliamentary debate about this situation and will demand that Belgium start treaty negotiations to outlaw all nuclear weapons. These actions are supported by a recent opinion poll in which 72 percent of the Belgian public asked their country to take the lead in the start of such negotiations.

Following this latest success in bringing our campaign to the attention of the public and politicians, we hope more people will link nonviolent direct action with political lobbying work. New inspections are being prepared.

An action booklet to organize citizens inspections is available on request through isa@motherearth.org.

More details of this inspection and others have been posted. We are aware of more than 10 inspections recently carried out or planned in Israel, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA.

Please see our homepage for more details <http://www.motherearth.org/support.htm>.

BARE BONES

Israeli Antinuke Inspection

Ten anti-nuclear activists, including Brits, Americans and Norwegians, were arrested September 24 trying to enter the Dimona nuclear plant in southern Israel to conduct a "citizen's inspection."

The arrests came after a demonstration outside the plant at which the activists called on Israel to stop making nuclear weapons and to release Mordechai Manunu. Manunu was jailed in 1986 after revealing to the press that Israel had built more than 200 atomic bombs at the plant. Activists believe the government continues to build nuclear weapons there.

"Our demonstration is to tell the Israeli government this reactor and stockpiling and production of nuclear weapons is in violation of international law," said Rina Moss, spokeswoman for the Israeli Committee for Mordechai Manunu and a Middle East Free of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Weapons.

BLM Caught in Collusion with Ranchers

"De-ranged: The Bureau of Land Management and the Plight of the American West," a 70-page report recently issued by the California group, Voice of the Environment, describes widespread mismanagement of public lands and details how ranching interests continue to set grazing policies in Western states. The group argues that the BLM has failed to meet its own rangeland regulations, defied congressional mandates and violated a federal law that directs public lands be managed for "multiple uses." The group maintains the BLM has been a party to an "insidious collusion with the livestock industry" for the past 50 years and demands a full public accounting of its practices.

Greenpeace Banners Niagara Falls

On September 22, a Greenpeace team of international climbers hung a banner from an observation tower jutting 30-meters out over Niagara Falls gorge. The climbers, representing Canada, the United States, Germany and Australia, were protesting the destruction of ancient forests in North America. The banner, measuring 20-meters high by 10-meters wide, read "Save Ancient Forests" and displayed the Canadian and US flags.

"More than 80 percent of the Earth's ancient forests have been destroyed," said Scott Paul, Greenpeace forest issues specialist. "We're here at Niagara Falls, on the border of the US and Canada, because both countries are contributing to the destruction of thousand-year-old trees."

The US is one of the largest consumers of wood products from Canada's Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia. (See page 21.)

Corporate Arsonists

Mother Jones has reported that the massive Indonesian forest fires widely blamed on slash-and-burn agriculture and El Nino may actually be the result of arson paid for by nine Indonesian timber and agriculture companies. Wildfires burned six-million acres between 1997 and 1998. "Fire crews would go into an area and put out the fire, then come back four days later and find it burning again, and a guy standing there with a petrol can," said Neil Byron of the Center for International Forestry Research.

Actions, Arrests at Wing Creek

BY GRUMBLE AND SHAMELESS

Amid the steep slopes and clear running springs of the Wing Creek Twentymile area of Idaho, the campaign to halt logging and roadbuilding in the Otter-Wing timber sale continues despite violence, threats, arrests, inclement weather, dwindling resources and a suit filed against the activists by the timber company and road contractor. This timber sale, and the 48 miles of new logging roads it calls for, threatens 52,000 acres of roadless public lands.

On August 28, forest defenders forded the South Fork of the Clearwater River loaded with gear and supplies for yet another tree sit to block further construction of the 9463 road. Soon the tree sit was discovered by one of the contractors. Freddie law enforcement arrived shortly thereafter, set up shop under the tree sitters and proceeded to lay siege. Faced with the constant presence of activists hanging tree platforms and playing cat-and-mouse with the excavators and loggers, the Forest Service imported law enforcement officers from Montana and Utah.



Activists maintained tree sits despite vandalism and violence.

Things turned weird and got worse when two activists tried to go on a supply run to town. When they arrived where the van was supposed to be parked, there was no van. The two hitchhiked to Grangeville and were informed by one of their rides that the van had been impounded. Once in Grangeville, the van was located, and after a \$160 bail-out, it was discovered that it was full of bullet holes. The state police had towed it for so-called safekeeping.

Back at Wing Creek, Sean Gale, while sleeping beneath an occupied tree, was dragged out of his sleeping bag and put in handcuffs without warning. The charge, violating a closure order, was later dropped. He and Mike Bowersox were again arrested while sitting on a log videotaping a logger from about 350-feet away. They were charged with impeding the logger, even though he never stopped working while they were sitting there.

After the tree sitters found nesting sites in a location where the machinery could not simply go around them, law enforcement shifted its strategy to starving them down from the trees. On the night of September 3, with our sitters starving and out of water, supporters tried to break the siege and get supplies to them. Though he almost succeeded, "Turtle" was tackled by two super-Freddies and then chained to a tree for the next 14 hours. He was taken to Boise the following day.

Two days later, with no water or food, Molly came down out of her tree. She was arrested and ended up with six charges for two previous tree villages. However, outraged Freddies were forced to release her when the Idaho County Sheriffs refused to take custody of the juvenile. The next night, reinforcements from Missoula arrived and jumped into the fray. They made a valiant effort to get supplies to the lone tree sitter, but they were tackled, sat on and hand cuffed to trees

for several hours. The cops used numerous pain holds in an attempt to get them to walk. This failed, and they were carried away to join the growing group of friends in the Ada County Jail. Finally, after a week-long siege the lone sitter came down and was arrested. Altogether, four activists were arrested for trying to bring food and water to the sitters and were charged with, get this, aiding and abetting the maintenance of a structure. The contractors killed our two trees and continued their illegal and outrageous road building.

On September 9, the newly released jail birds and supporters returned to the federal building in Boise during the early morning hours. Two activists scrambled up trees and hung a banner reading, "Stop Logging Idaho's Roadless Wild Lands." No arrests occurred, and we got the first bit of television coverage after a month of craziness.

Our next action started late on the evening of September 18, when activists again took to the trees on a spur road of the Otter-Wing timber sale. Two sitters climbed high in the canopy and secured a web of traverses around the trees. The Freddies discovered the sit four days later and set up the usual siege. During the next seven days, loggers cut both in front of and behind the sitters. Early on the morning of the seventh day, a lone logger, with Freddies looking on, started to cut trees directly in the sit area to clear a path for the excavator. One tree missed a sitter by less than a foot and another missed a traverse line by a foot. After a path had been cleared for the excavator, the sitters came down to fight another day.

While all this was going on, activists in Missoula were busy with their own actions. Before dark on September 24, protesters set up a tree sit and hung banners at the Region 1 Forest Service Headquarters. We demanded to speak to Regional Forester Dale Bosworth about human and civil rights violations by Forest Service law enforcement officers, the illegal Otter-Wing timber sale and the six remaining Cove/Mallard sales. (The plan contains an unsupplemented Environmental Impacted Statement from '89, and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service failed to sign off on the sale before road building started.) On day one of the sit, no one from the Forest Service would talk to us so we decided to stay. A support camp was established across from Region 1, and the tree sit continued. After a rainy night and day, suddenly there he was, Regional Forester Bosworth, at our makeshift camp. Bosworth listened to activists for about 20 minutes but declined to answer questions or say much about the issues.

He did agree to accept evidence of law breaking in the Otter-Wing timber sale at a later date. Using proceeds from vegan bake sales, activists put together a violations packet and organized a protest. On the appointed day, about 25 folks gathered in front of Region 1 to demand that Bosworth cancel the Otter-Wing timber sale. Bosworth failed to come and get our evidence so we figured we take it to him. Activists stormed the lobby, only to be ejected by the rent-a-cops guarding the building. About five minutes later, Bosworth came out and accepted the violations packet.

The tree sits at Otter-Wing continued so the Freddies and the contractors, Shearer Lumber and Highland Enterprises, got together and filed for an injunction against the activists, naming John and Jane Does I-X as defendants. The Forest Service had no jurisdiction to enforce the temporary restraining order against the activists so its interest in the new tree sits waned, and enforcement of the order was left to the hired company, Watson Security. This enabled the activists to escape after the road had been built around them.

Throughout the summer, violence and threats against the activists have escalated. On August 21, the support camp was raided by armed employees of the road contractor who shouted threats and insults and stole or destroyed all the gear they could get their hands on. Vehicles parked at the trailhead were shot full of holes on a number of occasions. Law enforcement's response has been lax, and sheriff's deputies and Forest Service law enforcement officers have even destroyed evidence that could link the perpetrators to the crimes. It has only been through incessant pressure that we have even been able to get the state police to investigate.

Currently, more actions are being set up in Otter-Wing. You are needed here. We need your help with the temporary restraining order and mounting legal costs. Also we have literature and videos we can provide to folks who want to get the story of this resistance out. We need camouflage, dry food, batteries, videotapes, warm gear for fall and (most of all) people willing to defend the great temperate forests and raging streams of Idaho. We will continue to resist until they stop their crazed road building and logging operations. Contact the Cove/Mallard Coalition at POB 8968, Moscow, ID 83843; (208) 882-9755; cove@moscow.com.

Muzzling a Mine in Montana

Corporation Proposes to Trash Montana, Washington and Idaho

BY LUPITO FLORES

"If it can't be grown, it's gotta be mined." That's the common sentiment on the bumpers of rusted trucks bouncing down the back roads of Idaho and Montana. It's also the message you'll get from ASARCO, a member of the mining Mafia of the West, which is proposing one of North America's larg-

dismal environmental record, wants to discharge three-million gallons of wastewater daily into the Clark Fork River for 30 years, treating the wastewater with methods that are unproven for the scale of the project. ASARCO also wants to leave a permanent 100-million-ton waste-pile along scenic Highway 200, the Clark Fork River and Rock Creek, a core recovery area for the threatened bull trout and grizzly. Nitrates and heavy metals would flush into Lake Pend Oreille, 20-miles downstream of the site. The waste impoundment would leach 29,000 gallons of contaminants into the ground water daily. ASARCO adamantly denies that there is any possibility of groundwater contamination and says it will use "state-of-the-art" technology in its operations.

The state of Montana plans to give ASARCO the permit to barge forward. ASARCO's plan, and the corrupted politicians who are greasing the wheels, fails to

consider water quality downstream of Montana. The Region 10 office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is charged with protecting the waters of Idaho and Washington. To date, no such leadership has surfaced on this plan. Allowing the state of Montana, which doesn't even adequately protect its own waters, to determine the fate of the waters of Idaho and Washington is totally unacceptable. Even Idaho's Governor Batt hasn't spoken out against Montana's proposal to flush its shit downstream to Idaho.

Now the Forest Circus is jumping on the metals bandwagon. A recent Forest Service report claimed that public comments on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement were 80 percent in favor of the mine. But the

Rock Creek Alliance, the thousand-person coalition opposing the mine, analyzed the entire 4,500 public comments and found a different story.

A tally showed overwhelming opposition to the mine by residents of the Northwest. Some 3,000 of the 4,500 comments received were from residents in Montana, Idaho and Washington, with 72 percent opposed to the development of the mine due to anticipated negative impacts on water quality, wildlife and wilderness. More than 99 percent of the Sandpoint, Idaho, comments and 85 percent of Noxon and Heron, Montana, comments opposed the mine. The remaining 1,500 comments came from 20 other states around the nation, mostly in the form of a leading questionnaire disseminated by the mining industry and wise-use groups favoring the project.

Diane Williams, of the Rock Creek Alliance said, "[Their report] indicates that the agency is predisposed to issue a permit for the mine and is seeking to create an illusion of public support when it is clear from the record that only miners, not the general public, support the project." Repeated attempts to have the Kootenai National Forest Service correct the report were rebuffed.

As we near the new millennium, ignorance and greed continue to steamroll the environment. Don't get caught under a wheel! Urge the moneymongers not to underestimate the wilderness values we have in the Northwest. Most people live here because of the beauty of the natural environment. Don't let the mining Mafia forget it.

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Chuck Clarke, Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester, Region 1, US Forest Service, POB 7669, Missoula, MT 59807; (406) 329-3439.

Mike Dombeck, Chief, US Forest Service, POB 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090; (202) 205-1661.



Photo courtesy Rock Creek Alliance

Rock Creek alliance members showing how much waste would be dumped per day by ASARCO. Two hundred thirty-two lbs nitrogen, 225 lbs. aluminum, 105 lbs. manganese, 21 lbs. zinc, four lbs. copper, one lb. cadmium, one lb. lead, 1/100 lbs. arsenic and an additional 552 lbs. of suspended solids.

est mines for northwest Montana.

The mine would be located in the Rock Creek drainage in the northwestern corner of Montana, just miles from the Idaho border and Idaho's largest lake, Pend Oreille. The proposed Rock Creek Mine would tunnel three miles under the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness for copper and silver.

This monstrous project would disrupt critical habitat for mountain goat, elk, grizzly and black bear, fisher, duck and threatened bull trout. Rock Creek is home to genetically pure strains of Westslope cutthroat trout, another dwindling native population. The 500-acre industrial site would be visible and audible from the wilderness.

ASARCO, a multinational monster saddled with 21 Superfund sites and a

Italian Feast from the Belly of the Beast

BY ROBERT SUTTER III

Tim and I cruised into the Safeway parking lot with our usual suavity and stealth, anticipating a scrumptious dive in the dumpster—a few choice muffins, cake, pastries and bread from the bakery bag. Who could guess what else we might find? Watchful to avoid the juicy stuff contained in the dreaded meat bag (leftovers from the butcher), dinner from the dumpster god is always a surprise blessing.

So Tim and I shot down the loading ramp towards the digs when suddenly we saw the silhouette of our long lost chum Dave, already perched on the edge of the dumpster like a city salamander, snarfing down a tasty muffin right there. Son of a bitch! He had already found the bakery bag. (I know his cupboards at home are already well stocked with food; he just wanted some treats.) Tim and I let loose with some fearsome epithets and leapt from our bikes to dislodge him before he could steal all of the best treats. I jumped in to dig to the bottom.

In short time we had thrown all the blockage from one dumpster into another and uncovered the booty: dozens of packages of Contadina tortellini, with matching tubs of pesto sauce! Yum, score! The retail value of it all must have been hundreds of dollars.

I grabbed some plastic garbage bags and started bagging. Hey, look at me, I'm learning a trade! Suddenly, we heard a noise coming down the ramp and looked to see what it was. As a bicyclist pulled into the light at the bottom, we recognized him. It was Jake! What the hell, there are no coincidences. If this Safeway closed or started locking its dumpster, half the Santa Rosa punks would starve.

We showed Jake what we had found and then split the find up evenly, as it is the dumpster divers' honor to share. We are all comrades here at the bottom, and there is plenty for everyone.

A mechanical noise sounded from inside the loading bay, from the belly of the dragon, and we all turned towards it. The metal gate began to roll upwards, and we knew we had only a few seconds to leave before the awakening beast spit forth fat and angry Safeway managers. The horror!

Four pesky anti-capitalists jumped on their bikes and headed for home, bags bulging on the handlebars. Four "waste reclamation engineers" successfully plying their trade, securing a few days' food supply with tragically little effort. As Dave said it, "The owners should be put in jail for throwing this food out."

In a world where wisdom is valued more than profits, they would be.

BARE BONES

China's Clearcut Crisis

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has publicly admitted that environmental neglect, particularly severe erosion caused by heavy logging, is partly to blame for the country's devastating floods. "Although the government started by blaming the La Nina weather phenomenon for its worst flooding in decades, it has now acknowledged that China's rush towards industrialization has taken a toll on its environment," reports *Agence France Presse*. Flooding along China's major waterways killed more than 3,000 people and caused millions in damage this year. Now the government has come up with a plan to have an army of lumberjacks lay down their axes and plant trees. The Chinese news agency *Xinhua* reported that the plan calls for a halt to logging by 65 lumber companies and a cut in timber production of four billion board feet by 70 other companies. China's forests cover 215-million acres and unchecked logging could wipe out all its forests within 10 years, *Xinhua* quoted one expert as saying.

Exxon Kills 20 in Miami

Green Party members in the European Parliament recently proposed naming storms and hurricanes after major polluting and climate-changing corporations like Ford, General Motors and Exxon. The Greens said if their plan was adopted it would call for headlines to read, for example: "Exxon Kills 20 in Miami." Parliament, however, rejected the measure.

Makah on the Hunt

Members of the Makah tribe are going ahead with their plans to hunt grey whales off the coast of Washington state despite loud protests from environmental and animal rights groups. So far, the hunt, which was due to begin October 1, has been thwarted by the presence of protesters. Captain Paul Watson watches over his crew and a flotilla of Sea Shepherd ships guarding the coastline, including an unusual submarine painted to resemble an orca. Activists say they intend to block any attempt by the Makah to initiate the hunt. The Makah assert that they have the right to hunt grey whales under terms established by the International Whaling Commission because the practice is a long-standing cultural tradition for the tribe. Critics have charged that the grey whale was never a food source for this indigenous group and that their real motives are undermining anti-whaling regulations and profit.

Ogoni 20 Freed

"We can't thank all of you in person for the support you've given us over the last four years to secure the 20s' [prisoners] release, but we thank each and every one of you for everything you have done," said Ledum Mitee, acting president of Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), a group leading the fight for the indigenous rights of the Ogoni in Nigeria.

On September 18, MOSOP confirmed that 20 Ogoni men held without trial since 1994 had been released from Port Harcourt Prison. They were accused of the same murder charges that the Nigerian military used as a pretext to kill Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni leaders in November 1995. The hangings followed a universally condemned show trial. Mitee announced, "This is wonderful news. The Ogoni 20 are free. Now all the Ogoni people must be free."

Eleven Months of Tree-top Outreach

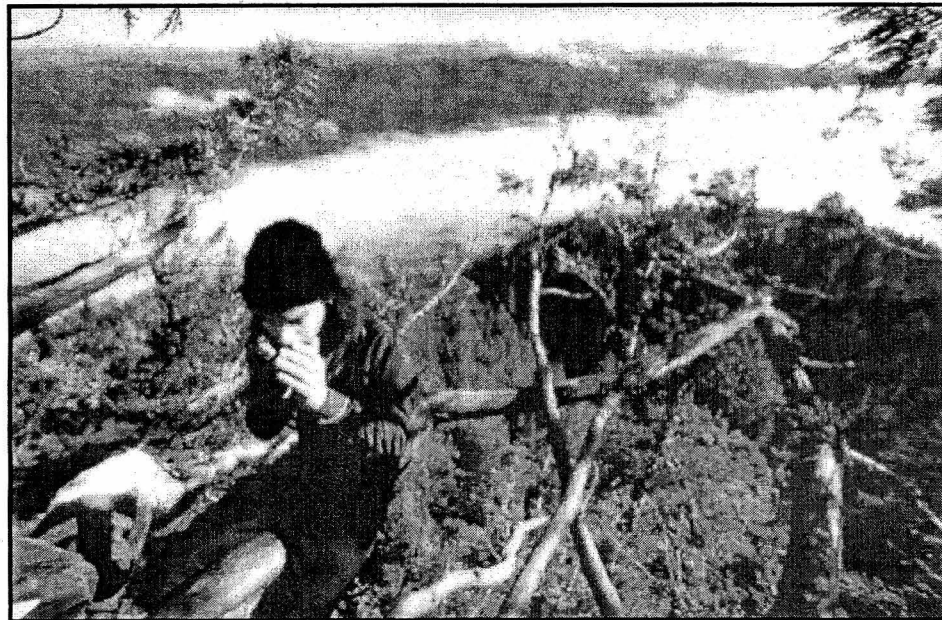
Julia Butterfly Spreads the Redwood Issue Far and Wide

BY ROBERT PARKER

In early October 1998, the ancient redwood called Luna will have been continuously occupied for one year, and forest activist Julia Butterfly Hill will mark the ten-month anniversary of her ascent to a platform high atop the 1,000-year-old tree. Enduring El Niño storms, helicopter harassment, a 10-day siege by Pacific Lumber (PL) security and the sorrow brought about by witnessing the destruction of a forest, her feet have not touched the ground since December 10 of last year. Yet Butterfly continues to persevere, inspiring people around the world while struggling to save the last of the ancient forests.

Throughout the course of this action, many events have transpired on the ground that will affect the fate of our forests for decades to come. From the legislation surrounding the Headwaters Forest Agreement (the state and federal deal to purchase 7,500 of the 60,000 acres of Headwaters) to lawsuits bringing a temporary reprieve for old-growth stands in the Mattole River watershed, forest activists have consistently faced a rapidly changing landscape, both literally and politically. Amidst these developments, the Luna tree-sit has grown in scope, adapting to meet the bigger picture issues that all of us, as defenders of the Earth, must address. The protection of Luna and the surrounding hillside continues to be a primary

goal and purpose of the action. Yet those involved in this almost year-long endeavor, especially Julia Butterfly herself, have expanded their vision beyond Luna to the ancient groves of the Headwaters forest, the halls of government in Washington and Sacramento, and to the very



Another beautiful day atop Luna

hearts and minds of people around the world.

Carrying Julia's message of action to the world has become a focal point of the Luna tree sit. Working in close communication with numerous organizations and individuals, this action has transcended its status as an isolated act of civil disobedience. The

effort has indeed become an important component of the ancient forest campaign. From the development of Internet-based information, to a national postcard campaign denouncing PL's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), a federal plan that would allow the "incidental" takings of en-

via cell phone during recent negotiations surrounding appropriations for the Headwaters deal, a tree-sit first.

"Even with the new protections incorporated by the legislature, Luna and the slope she stands on will be destroyed under the Headwaters Forest Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan, along with hundreds of other similarly steep, unstable slopes and thousands of acres of virgin and residual old growth," said Butterfly. "The government once again has turned its back on the local residents and the endangered species that it is required to protect. We support the protection of habitat through public acquisition where necessary, but not when attached to a Habitat Conservation Plan that amounts to a license to kill endangered species."

As activists enter this newest phase of the campaign to protect Northern California's forests and watersheds, the resolve of those working to sustain the tree-sit grows daily. Julia Butterfly still remains high atop Luna. Food and other supplies are still delivered day by day, mile by mile, up into a tree that would not exist had it not been for the dedication of a small group of determined activists and the support of a community. The spirit of Luna lives on, inspiring each of us to find the strength within ourselves to do everything that we can to create a world where all beings are treated with love and respect.

Photo by Eric Stromanson

A Cell Phone Chat With Julia Butterfly

BY JOSH LAUGHLIN

Swaying back and forth in the high canopy of the last ancient redwoods for nearly one year now, Julia Butterfly Hill has kept more than just her perch consistent. She has continued to address the redwood struggle through countless outlets, bringing the issue into the heart of mainstream America. She remains a thorn in the side of Pacific Lumber, pricking them each day by drawing global attention to their pillaging practices.

Roosting 200-feet up in the protective branches of her 1,000-year-old friend Luna, Julia works busily, returning letters, lobbying officials, conducting interviews, aiding fellow activists, and spreading the message of love and respect for all life.

High in these misty redwoods, this Butterfly has metamorphosed into a brilliant display of what the power of one can do to the world. As she sways into the fall rains, the issue of the redwoods continues to be addressed from up in the canopy.

I recently had a conversation with Julia and asked some of those probing questions we start to wonder after her 11 months atop Luna.

EF/J: If there is a frustration to being off the horizontal plane of the ground, what is it?

Julia: The most frustrating thing is that I can't be in both places at once. I've always been the woman that wants to be very much in control. There has been many times in this action where I wanted to come down to the ground and fix things because they were falling apart. But I knew that that is not what I was supposed to do. I had prayed at one point and realized that I wasn't supposed to allow my feet to touch the ground until I had felt I had done everything I could to raise awareness to stop the destruction. Part of that process was going through everything I have gone through as a result of not allowing my feet to touch the ground. And of course, for months now, I could have allowed them to touch the ground whenever I wanted. But I felt I wasn't supposed to do that. So my only problem is not being able to be both places at once.

it and let go of my past. I gave up everything. Had I not done that, I would not have been open to hear and receive the message.

EF/J: Beside being perched up in Luna, what is the biggest way you have helped the Headwaters campaign?

Julia: Outreach. One word. That has taken the form of mass media, lobbying, campaign strategizing and staying up all hours of the night listening to people in the movement vent their frustrations. But it all comes under the umbrella of outreach.

EF/J: How do you think the Headwater's agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan will direct the future struggle at Headwaters?

Julia: It just depends on what happens. One thing I have definitely learned up here is that if you expect one thing to happen, be prepared to know that your expectations are going to fall far, far short.

The Word High Atop Luna

EF/J: Was this inner feeling a call you heard before you went up in the tree?

Julia: Ultimately the calling for this, I think, is something that was ingrained in me upon conception. Everything in my life has helped me be where I am. I feel that we all have a purpose in life... My purpose in life, as I now see it, is to share this message of love and respect... I'm only here because the universe, through Luna, was calling me. I'm blessed that I was open enough to hear

I am not professing to know all the answers. I don't want it to come across like that at all. But I feel that we've got to take the issue out of the forest. We've got to take the forest issue to the city. I hear the message, "We're out in the woods because that is the point of production." No, it is not. The point of production is Charles Hurwitz's desk. The point of production is John Campbell's desk. The point of production is CDF [California Department of Forestry] that rubber stamps all the timber harvest plans. That is the point of production. The end result is the trees smashing into the ground. At this point we have to have people in the forest, but we need to take the issue of the forest to where it is originating from. If we don't, it is all going to go down for the rest of time until there is nothing left. Then people are going to wake up to it.

They are going to use the loggers versus the environmentalist as the ultimate scapegoat. It is always going to be like that until we help people understand that it isn't loggers versus environmentalists. We are the people at the end of the production. We are not at the beginning of it.

EF/J: What do you think is the best way to approach that philosophy?

Julia: A lot of that depends... What I feel we have to do is know we have all given up our sovereign rights as individuals. We have given them up throughout history. So, we the generation of today, are reawakening to the fact that we didn't give away our sovereign rights, someone else did. And it is time to reclaim those. The structures that we live in are our shelters. The planet we live on is home. We have rights, as individuals, sovereign entities, as our own people within the people of the planet, to govern ourselves out of love and respect. I think the next stage is going back to all of these entities that have taken control—because people

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have, on purpose or on accident, given these people the power that belongs to individuals—and begin reclaiming it. It came to me in the form of a message when I was praying. "Fear and anger makes us captive. It makes us pawns in the select few's games. Love frees us to take a stand against the destruction and the oppression. Only then can we realize the mastery of their game lies simply in refusing to play."

Our hope lies in going back and reclaiming that right, but in love. And that is a hard thing for people to deal with. It was very hard for me when I was up

here, when the trees were falling and the men were yelling horrible, obscene things that make me shudder even to think about. It was hard not to get pulled into their negative energy. But I realized that ultimately, we can't expect a future that we do not foresee. So I foresee a positive future. I certainly can expect a positive future if I'm networking in a positive way to reach that future...

We have a lot of reasons to be afraid and angry. There are a lot of reasons out there to have those feelings. But what I've learned in my action was to take all those feelings and place them in the big hole that was inside me that had been carved out from all of those trees smashing into the ground around me and take in all of the love of the Earth. We as a society do things every single day to destroy this planet. Yet this planet continues to do its very best to give us life. If that is not love, I don't know what is.

EF!J: What is Pacific Lumber's Achilles heel? Do they have a weak spot?

Julia: Yes they do. They lie. Lying is a very weak foundation. And 12 years of Maxxam's lies have built a house of cards that is beginning to crumble. PL and their lies made them horrible in dealing with me—attacking me with a helicopter and placing me under siege, hitting me with flood lights. When I told the whole world about it, Mary Bullwinkel [PL's spokeswoman], who I did a live debate on-line with, called me a liar. I said it was pretty sad that this woman was calling me a liar because I won't stoop to calling names. I had documented proof that what I was telling was the truth. She instantly shut up and changed the subject. They are still saying the same lies and sticking to the same excuses. It is looking worse and worse.

EF!J: What do you think of property destruction in trying to preserve these 2,000-year-old redwoods?

Julia: The first time I climbed up Luna and looked out to see the view, what I saw was PL. The first thing I said, and I didn't give it any thought or anything, I just said, "My god, what I could do with a good rocket launcher!" But ultimately that is something that none of us would ever do. What I have realized over time is if we want a positive future, everything, our actions, words and thoughts, have to be positive because all aspects shape our reality.

Things like monkeywrenching, they

may stop the very immediate negative problem. The bigger issue is the consciousness. If I want to affect consciousness in a positive manner, I could never ever get there through a negative action. It is a hard pill to swallow. People are going to have to let go of that anger and fear. When you open yourself up to love, you're opening up yourself to tremendous

"And from my studying of Charles Hurwitz, I see the man does what he does out of the thrill of conquering. It is almost like a chess match. And it is not necessarily that he is out there to destroy the environment, he is out there to win the ultimate chess match."

amounts of pain. So things like monkeywrenching... aren't violence on a person, but they are not positive.

At the heart of these corporations are people with very real flesh and blood. These people driving these bulldozers and Charles Hurwitz raising mass destruction are doing so because they have a hole inside them-

of years old and talk to him about what they really do for this planet.

And from my studying of Charles Hurwitz, I see the man does what he does out of the thrill of conquering. It is almost like a chess match. And it is not necessarily that he is out there to destroy the environment, he is out there to win the ultimate chess match.



artwork by Julia Butterfly

elves. If I attack them in any way, with my actions, words or my thoughts, I'm helping fuel that negative pit that is inside of themselves. The only chance we ever have of changing things is sending love to fill that hole.

EF!J: What would you do if you had the whole day alone with Charles Hurwitz?

EF!J: How do you respond to the media that has focused on you and not the issue?

Julia: The media would have been talking about the issues all along if they were interested in the issues. The media knows the issue, but they are looking for a human-interest story. I, being the human interest, have done everything in my power to use that spotlight

to focus on the issue. In my live radio spots, I get to talk about the issues.

Last week, I got woken up three days in a row at 4:30 in the morning to do East Coast interviews. I woke up and did those interviews, and it had nothing to do with the fact that I had any interest with the spotlight being on me. I got on the radio and dealt with men acting like boys in a high school locker room. I've been through violent and brutal verbal attacks in some of these things. And I have received letters from people who have said "thank you" for sticking to the message of love. All of the interviews last week focused on how I use the bathroom, how I stay clean and how I get off sexually. But I say that it is okay to make fun because I am going to keep talking about love and respect because it is going to plant seeds in people that are listening and will one day grow forests that you and all your disrespect can never ever cut down. And it works.

EF!J: What would it take for you to come down out of Luna?

Julia: I just came forward recently with terms for a resolution that would bring me down. It included a comprehensive conservation easement where PL would look good in the eyes of the community. People within Earth First! went forward and publicly attacked me about it. They said, "Who am I to negotiate with the devil? Who am I to negotiate with the company that time and time again has proved its inability to be trusted?" On one side I was getting railed because I wasn't making demands, and on the other side I was getting railed because I was making demands. When in actuality, all I did was come forward with terms for a resolution that would bring me down. I let everybody know that my being in this tree was my demand. It is my demand, if nothing else, as long as my butt is in this tree, they can't have it. As long as I'm in this tree, I'm going to do everything in my power to reach the world. That is my demand.

What I gave my word for was that I wasn't going to let my feet touch the ground until I felt like I had done everything I possibly could, and raise awareness and use that awareness to stop the destruction. There is going to come a point in time when I will have done this to the best of my ability in this tree. There will come a point in time when I can do it better from the ground, where my being on the ground can be more effective than my being in the tree. My spirit led me up this tree. I pray every single day intensely, asking for clarity and that my actions and my words and my thoughts be as positively

powerful and as powerfully positive as they possibly can. The final answer for me comes through prayer and listening to what my spirit tells me to do.

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SOUNDGARDEN, REM, PEARL JAM FIGHT ROADBUILDING

BY TK

Environmental activists in the Northwest are welcoming some hometown folks with big names to the fight for the wild. The Washington Wilderness Coalition (WWC) recently formed a partnership with musicians from Soundgarden, Pearl Jam, and REM and their family members to support a ban on all new logging road construction in national forests.

The artists requested a meeting with Vice President Al Gore to discuss their concerns over the inadequacy of the road-building rule currently under consideration. They write, "As musicians, our work reaches millions of young voters through radio, television and live performances across the country, and we feel a sense of responsibility to heighten awareness of the dire state of our national forests... Many of us live in and enjoy the Pacific North-

west, a region still under siege by industrial logging. We have seen for ourselves the destruction caused by logging roads and clearcuts."

The artists want politicians and the timber industry to know that leaving millions of acres unprotected in the Northwest is unacceptable and that they intend to do something about it. The bands cite a recent Wilderness Society report offering 24 examples of national forest areas that would still be threatened by logging and road building under the terms of Clinton's temporary road-building moratorium. They write in the letter to Gore, "With so many roads previously built, with so little of our national forests left intact, it is time to end the 'chainsaw welfare' tragedy that forces taxpayers to subsidize the destruction of their own national forests." REM drummer Peter Buck summed up the band's sentiment saying, "We can no longer afford to sit

idly by as our government gives in to the logging industry. The stakes are too high and the damage already done too great."

Will the MTV generation listen and take what these very famous folks have to say seriously, even if Al Gore and the rest of the Washington establishment don't?

The first week of October, Buck was taken on a flight over the forests of Mt. Baker in the Snoqualmie National Forest by Lighthawk, the pilots' association dedicated to wilderness preservation. A videographer filmed the excursion for use in a public service announcement on behalf of forest preservation scheduled to air on MTV November 18-26.

Will the MTV generation listen and take what these very famous

folks have to say seriously, even if Al Gore and the rest of the Washington establishment don't? The message should really be about how action is

the antidote for despair and how it is up to us to protect the last remaining wild places. Turn off those TVs and get out in the wilderness. The sweetest music is there.

To view a copy of the letter to Vice President Al Gore, visit the Wild Wilderness Coalition website at <http://wawild.org>. You can write WWC at 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103; (206) 633-1992, fax 633-1996.

STREET SALMON SCARE HELEN

BY NAT SCAT

It was a lovely day for an anti-salmon rally. Outside the Idaho State Capitol in Boise, People for the West, a local wise-use group, the Farm Bureau and their friends politely waited for their heroine Congressman Helen Chenoweth (R-ID) to speak. It was a rah-rah event to support hearings on her latest plot to streamline government waste and save fish by transferring salmon management from the National Marine Fisheries Service to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Yawn.

Suddenly, she arrived. Her fans stared in shock. Jaws dropped. "Oh my God, I've never seen her like that!" stuttered one onlooker. Environmentalists started clapping.

Floating along the sidewalk came

the first-ever 15-foot-tall Helen Chenoweth puppet. Her huge hands were filled with money. Her face was beaming. She was in fine form, and she wanted some fish! And there they were! Six sockeye salmon in the way of her development hungry extractive industry buddies.

She swooped down on the fish, chasing them through the helpless crowd. The salmon put up a good fight. "Help! Help!" they yelled, scooting out of her way. "She's killing me with sediment!" Fortunately, a nice Republican lady inadvertently got in the way and stopped Helen from smothering any more fish.

The cops soon told Helen to behave so she floated up the steps and quietly observed the speakers. "Fish don't need

water!" asserted a rally goer. "When plants and animals become more important than people, there's a problem!" snorted another.

But where was the real flesh-and-blood Helen? She never showed up! Her fans were very disappointed. According to the local newspaper, Helen "skipped her scheduled appearance after the puppet show."

For more information about amusing and effective street theater in Idaho, contact the Northern Rockies Preservation Project, POB 625, Boise, ID 83701; (208) 345-8077; nrpp@lesbois.com.



Chenoweth canceled an appearance after street theatre in Boise illuminated her destructive environmental position.

"COVE/MALLARD," BUT DID DAVE SAY BOOBIES?

BY NATALIE SHAPIRO

The amazing but true story of how my friends and I got David Letterman to say "Cove/Mallard" and how I finally got arrested for something:

So I've been going around topless for awhile in Idaho and really wanted to push this issue. One of my goals when I came back here was to push it by trying to change the laws. I didn't expect it to happen within an week of coming back though!

One day I walked through Moscow with a friend, me topless, her not. It was stressful. People staring felt weird. That night, I was talking about it, wanting to push it and perhaps get arrested. My friend Lori said, "Lets do it!" Another friend, Stacey, wanted to also. It was very hot so we decided to hang out in Moscow topless and see what happened.

The following Tuesday, us three women (shirts on), with three topless male friends, walked toward downtown Moscow. By the time we got to the hospital, we were tired of our shirts. Ahead of us, we saw two other topless male friends. That was enough. They were topless; we should be too.

We ripped off our shirts. A cop car happened to be right behind us and



"It's just not normal behavior."

pulled over about 50 yards in front of us. The cops first asked one of our male friends to, "Tell your girlfriends to put their shirts on." The guys just stared at them.

To their dismay, the cops had to approach us and ask us directly. "What about the guys?" we answered. "They don't have to put their shirts on. We don't want to put our shirts on." The officers (four or five, with three cop cars) pleaded with us to just put our shirts on so we all could enjoy the rest of the day. "Please, ladies, you're distracting people. Children might see!" At that moment, a friend walked up with her two kids,

aged 9 and 14. The cop looked at us as if to make a point. Hee, hee. These weren't just any ordinary kids.

The cop got out the Moscow City Code and read us the section under indecent exposure: "No person shall willfully expose his or her private parts..."

"Men's breasts are public; women's breasts are private," said the cop.

We said we wouldn't put our shirts on because the law was clearly vague. "It's just not normal behavior for ladies to go topless in society!" added the cop. "A hundred years ago it wasn't normal behavior for ladies to vote or wear pants! How do you think unjust laws change?" we retorted.

The cop called the prosecutor. The cop said he would give us a citation unless we put our shirts on. No. So we were arrested, still topless (boy did they handle us carefully!), and taken

to jail. During the arraignment, the judge seemed to think it was amusing and even winked. He fined us \$115, with no jail time.

We sent out a press release, and the next day, the shit hit the fan. The media was all over it. People were talking about us all over town—in the banks, at gas stations, and when Lori went to pick up the photos of the action, the employees were quite intrigued. "Did you know it got mentioned on the Paul Harvey show?" they asked.

The local coverage rocked—full-page photos of us, great stories. One paper talked about us being Earth First!ers working to save Cove/Mallard. That story hit the Associated Press wire and David Letterman mentioned it.

A nudist group contacted us and offered to pay most of the attorney fees. A local kick-ass attorney is representing us virtually for free. We just had a pre-trial hearing and our attorney is fighting the charge on two grounds; that forcing us to wear shirts is discriminatory, and the law specifies that "private parts" must be covered, which is defined consistently in court cases as "genitalia" not breasts.

TASK FORCE INVESTIGATES WARNER BLOCKADE

BY LACEY PHILLABAUM

Most activists of the road pecking, tree sitting, free stating bent can't really picture themselves morphing into the dress wearing, hand shaking, do-gooding, lobbyist types who testify valiantly but futilely in high-class congressional hearings.

But it looks as though activists from Oregon's West side are not just going to testify, but be the subject of such a hearing!

That's right, Cascadians, you too could be the subject of a congressional investigation if you were a part of the Warner Creek blockade. But while it might be nice to say, "Look Ma, they're talking about me on C-SPAN," the investigation has a down side as well.

The wildly successful Warner Creek blockade stopped logging on 9 million board feet of formerly protected spotted owl habitat in the Oregon Cascades. The majestic forests lost their protected status when an arsonist set the ridgeline ablaze in 1991. The Forest Service wrongly assumed the fire-scarred area would no longer support spotted owls and set the trees on the auction block. In fact, the owls thrived in the reinvigorated burn area, and many a night they could be heard hooting overhead as protesters chipped away at Forest Service road 2408, closing access to the timber sale purchaser.

Ultimately, the sale was stopped by the groundswell of support that the blockade and the outreach work maintained. In 1996, the Clinton administration canceled the sale and bought it back from the purchaser.

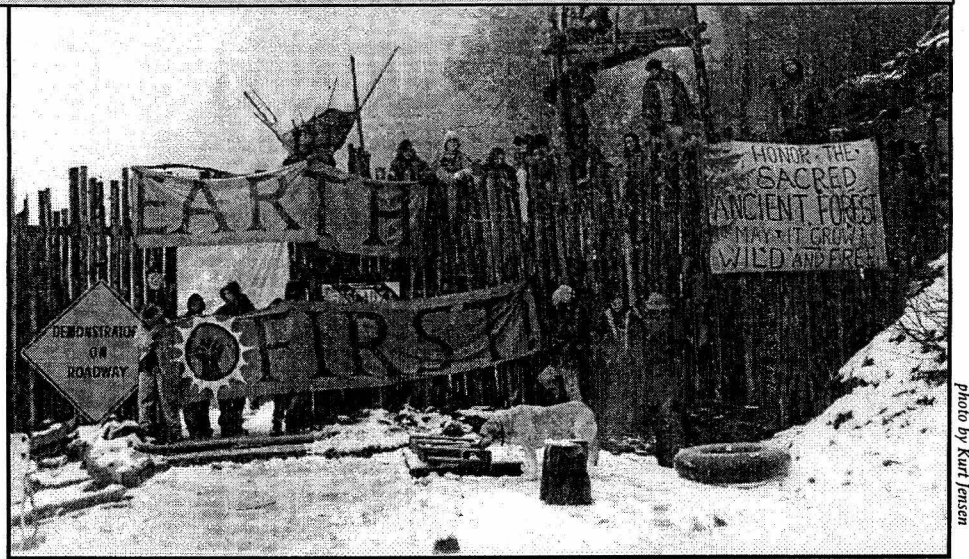
Because the activists used direct action to permanently halt a timber sale with seeming impunity, the victory has stuck like a caw in the throats of the timber industry. Presumably at industry's behest, the House Resources Committee, under the leadership of Don Young (R-AK), has been very quietly investigating the "Warner Creek Timber Sale Eco-Terrorism Incident" since September 1997. To date,

the Republicans on the committee have compiled thousands of pages of documents from the Department of Agriculture, the Forest Service, the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of Justice, among others. Twice, Don Young has subpoenaed (without the support of the full committee) records and documents from various government agencies and two phone companies. Interviews have been conducted with a number of unnamed people, some in Oregon.

In September of this year, Young tried to legitimize this witch hunt by formally establishing a three-member task force to complete the investigation. The task force would be composed of two Republicans on the House Resources Committee and one Democrat, to be chosen by committee Minority Leader George Miller.

At this point, Miller stands strong against the investigation, refusing to legitimize the task force by appointing a Democrat. He led the committee's Democrats last June in refusing the committee subpoena power over the incident. In short, he told Young that, "Your inquiry appears a partisan effort to harass and intimidate federal agencies undertaken largely in secret by the Majority."

But Miller is not hindering the investigation for the honor of the valiant activists who stopped the sale. While it's difficult to guess what exactly Young is trying to achieve with this investigation, his



Warner Creek, site of the longest road blockade in Forest Service history, continues to be an area of controversy. Can you spot the criminals in this picture?

Photo by Kurt Jensen

immediate focus seems to be on wrongdoing by the agencies that should have removed the blockaders from the road, not the blockaders themselves. Miller, presumably, is attempting to cover for the Clinton administration. He wrote to Young on September 24, "The Majority has raised the specter, in a memo distributed to Members, of wrongdoing by Administration officials, including violations of unspecified criminal laws. Yet no evidence has been disclosed either to the Minority or to the public to support these and other serious allegations."

Fortunately for us, the investigation seems to be at a stalemate for now. But when Young decides to target activists exclusively, we can't count on Miller's cover anymore. And, of course, if Young and his handlers can suddenly decide to investigate a successful campaign that ended years ago, perhaps we ought to send word to the many activists from Redwood Summer, Cove/Mallard and every other victory that surely lingers as bile in the throats of the timber beasts.

SPRAWL MONSTER WREAKS HAVOC

Every year, real estate developers in Dane County, Wisconsin, sponsor the "Parade of Homes." This "community event" showcases luxury homes and encourages the urban sprawl that directly threatens our farmlands, green spaces, wildlife and the vitality of inner cities. The Parade of Homes exhibits half-million dollar homes built on former farmland and green space, areas future generations will someday wish they still had. The Parade of Homes is more a Charade of Homes, a celebration of conspicuous consumption and destruction of nature for profit.

The Economic Costs of Runaway Sprawl

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development calls sprawl "the most expensive form of residential development in terms of economic costs, environmental costs, natural resource consumption and many kinds of personal costs."

Sprawl doesn't just cost the home buyer, it costs the whole community. The city of Franklin, just outside of Milwaukee, estimates that each new home built costs taxpayers more than \$10,000 for the establishment of services like new roads, extension of sewer and water lines, more police and fire

protection and a plethora of other publicly financed infrastructure.

The Threat to Farmlands

In southeastern Wisconsin, a prime



The Sprawl Monster spent the morning with activists at the Madison farmer's market to help publicize a protest at the Parade of Homes event before going out to the proposed development site.

Photo by John Peck

agricultural region, farmland is being developed at a rate of 10 square miles each year. Nationwide, 50 acres of prime farmland are overrun by urban sprawl

each hour. The loss of farmland both here in Wisconsin and across the US directly threatens efforts to improve sustainability and bioregional self-sufficiency. Sacrificing our farmland means communities become more dependent on food shipped over hundreds of miles.

Threats to Green Spaces

Sprawl not only consumes farmland, it also destroys our forests, prairies and wetlands. Habitat is irrevocably altered or destroyed with each new housing subdivision and shopping complex. The rate of wetland destruction has increased 200 percent within the last 30 years. Nationally, 20,000 acres of wetlands are destroyed each year.

The pollution generated by urban sprawl damages vulnerable existing ecosystems. Toxic runoff from streets and parking lots often exceeds Wisconsin's acute toxicity standards for such heavy metals as lead, zinc and copper. One of

the most noticeable effects of environmental degradation and loss of habitat is the decline of the songbird population. Two-thirds of all bird species are on the decline, and loss of habitat due to development is a primary cause.

For more information contact the University of Wisconsin Greens, 731 State St., Madison, WI 53703; (608) 262-9036.

- Number of acres blacktopped each year: 1.3 million (equal to the state of Delaware)
- Amount of rural land turned over to development every day: nine square miles
- Number of acres of farmland lost to erosion each year: one million
- Residential space per American: 1950—312 sq. ft., 1993—742 sq. ft.
- Median size of a new house built in the US: 1949—1,100 sq. ft., 1970—1,385 sq. ft., 1993—2,060 sq. ft.

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Hunting Knife May Net Activist 10 Years

BY STAN WILSON

In the wee hours of August 4, 1998, unidentified individuals dressed in camouflage appeared like a goon squad and descended on Fall Creek, the home of yet another Forest Service atrocity—the "Clark" timber sale. "Free," a forest activist long associated with the "Red Cloud Thunder" uprising at Fall Creek, woke or was jerked from his slumber to see a man in camouflage on top of a screaming woman. Free, reacting instinctively, tackled the encroacher. Little did Free know that the woman's attacker was a Forest Service law enforcement officer. When the officer identified himself, Free went compliant.

Free has been indicted by a grand jury and was arraigned on September 21, charged with misdemeanor assault and using a "deadly and dangerous weapon." Free is being charged for having a hunting knife on his person at the time of the incident. Because Free has had two previous weapons conviction, he could face a sentence of ten years if convicted. Free will go to trial in federal court on November 17. Free has entered a plea of not guilty. In December, Free will face state charges for the same incident.

Exploit THE Media

BY GEORGE MONBIOT

Every battle we fight is a battle for the hearts and minds of other people. We might, with good reason, regard mainstream papers and broadcasters with extreme suspicion; we might feel cheapened and compromised by engaging with them, but the war we're fighting is an information war, and we have to use all the weapons at our disposal. Whether we use the media or not, our opponents will. However just our cause and true our aims, they will use it to demonise and demolish us, unless we fight back.

What We Are Up Against

Every media outlet shares the same principal aim: to expand its share of the market. They focus on events rather than issues, and especially trivial, flashy and colorful events. On the face of it, this is a major disadvantage for us, as our aim is to make people aware of big and important issues.

Many outlets have a secondary aim: pandering to the prejudices of their proprietors. Most large news-gathering organizations are owned by perverse billionaires whose interests are at odds with those of the rest of society. In practice though, while their editors and proprietors may be total bastards, a lot of journalists are not bad people, just weak and cowardly. Many of them want to help and will look for opportunities to do so without upsetting their bosses.

Most media outlets are also very conscious of the views of their advertisers. The result is, once again, conservatism; journalists appear to be terrified of telling their audience something it doesn't know already.

Another thing we're up against is that while we take our campaigns seriously, interviewers tend to see their work as a game. To them the outcome is immaterial, but the game must be played by a set of rules. If you don't play by the rules, it's a foul and you're sent off. As our only objective is to win, regardless of etiquette, we tend to foul more often than other contributors. The good news is we have several significant advantages over our opponents.

Our Advantages

We're genuine people, not hired hands defending a corporate or institutional position. This shows when we allow it to; an open and straightforward appeal to common sense can cut through the clamor of self-interest and spin-doctoring with powerful resonance. When we keep our message uncluttered and get straight to the point, we can be devastatingly effective.

People are increasingly prepared to listen to what we have to say. Many know in their hearts that things are going badly wrong and could be much better. Activists have often been able to reach parts of the public psyche that no one else could, as we articulate sentiments that have never been

put into words before. We're colorful, fun, outlandish and outrageous. Much as television executives might claim to hate us, television cameras love us.

How to Get the Press to Come to Your Action

News doesn't just happen; it is made to happen. News is managed and manipulated, and if we don't manage it, someone else will. Media work tends to be tacked onto actions

and pretty mouthy. At least one person on the team should be able to write well. But media skills, like any others, can be learnt, and surprisingly quickly.

Timing is Critical

You have to give journalists enough notice of your action or initiative but not so much that they forget about it. A good time to put out an advance press release is about ten days beforehand, with a second one sent out two

Create an atmosphere of secrecy, excitement and intrigue, which only that journalist (or, as a maximum, two or three journalists) is privy to. All journalists love to imagine they're in the "Famous Five." Be very nice to them and make them think they're part of the gang. Once it's been mentioned in the press, you'll find that there's a lot more interest from other reporters. Pathetic really, but there you have it.

Press Releases

Journalists speak only one language, and that's their own. This means that your press release should mimic the format and style of a news story. It's a simple and straightforward formula and *must* be applied. If it isn't, your press release won't work. Period. Essentials are:

- The name of your organization/disorganization—big, bold and across the top of the page.
- One or more contact names.
- Contact number(s) where contacts are *definitely* going to be for at least the next two days. (Mobile phone numbers are useful.)
- An embargo, which means that you are instructing journalists not to publish or broadcast the information in the press release before a certain time. There are several good reasons for an embargo. Journalists will know they aren't going to be trumped by anyone else getting in before them. It creates a sense of event. Time lines concentrate journalists' minds. You know when to expect publicity so you can plan subsequent news management around it. But an embargo doesn't mean that journalists won't phone the police or the company due to be occupied and ask what they think. So don't stick anything in your press release which you don't want to be generally known.
- The headline: It must be short, pithy and to the point. Avoid mystery or elaborate puns. The purpose of the headline is to grab the journalists' attention and give them an idea of what the press release is about. It must be *no more* than eight words long. Writing headlines isn't easy so practice. Look at how they do it in the papers, then try writing headlines for imaginary actions. Remember: In this, as in all writing, a straightforward, plain style is best.
- The text: There is nothing so complicated that its essential point can't be summarized in a simple sentence. Work out what you're trying to say, then boil it down to its essence. Keep it simple and avoid jargon. Above all, make sure that the first and second paragraphs have covered all the five W's: who, what, where, when and why. Assume that journalists know nothing and have very little time. The sight of a huge block of text that is hard to digest will put them off. They want to look at one page and know the essentials of the story are there.



as an afterthought, almost always too little and too late, which means that actions often end up alienating more people than they reach, or even worse, are completely ignored. If we built our tree houses with as little forethought and care as we conduct our press work, there would have been some pretty gruesome accidents by now.

Reaching the media is as time-consuming, demanding and necessary as building lock-ons or digging tunnels. If we don't start tackling this task with the efficiency and creativity that we bring to the rest of our work, we'll be beat again and again by our opponents. Every action aimed at altering public opinion must have a dedicated media coordinator whose job is to ensure that the activists' point of view reaches the wider world. She or he must be responsible for planning a press strategy, drawing up a hit-list of journalists, preparing press releases and briefing spokespeople.

Ideally, the coordinator will build up a small team, including someone to dispatch up-to-the-minute press releases and people to escort journalists who come to an action. Not everyone is going to be good at handling the press. To do the job well, you need to be confident, sociable

days beforehand. Journalists don't only have three-second attention spans, they also have three-second memories, so you've got to keep on their case.

The day of your action is also important. A great day for an action, from the point of view of publicity, is Sunday, as not a lot happens then. If you can do it before lunch so much the better. The later in the day something happens, the less likely the newspapers are to cover it, as they can't get it to press on time. Look out for what else is happening that day. If there's a huge story pending or an alternative event, don't compete.

Pre-publicity

Most journalists are also astoundingly unimaginative and cowardly: They don't want to touch an issue unless it's already been mentioned in the press. If you can pull it off (and it's not always possible), it's very useful to get a friendly and trustworthy journalist interested in the action a week or two beforehand, without giving too much away. The best way to achieve this is by first finding your journalist. Invite her/him to your meetings (make sure they won't make use of anything they hear without your permission).

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Additional notes and details about the rationale for the action: e.g. facts, figures and issue background, can be sent on a separate page.

News is meant to be all about novelty so emphasize what's new about your action. This shouldn't be difficult as the EF! movement is so creative and innovative. For example, a new political aspect of the story might attract journalists' attention to your protest.

The most critical press release is the one that goes out about two days before the event. If your action is outside and you're organizing transport to get there, say so in the press release, pointing out that journalists are welcome to join you. It's also important to send out one the moment the action begins, telling them you've succeeded in stopping work on the bypass, locking Group 4 in their offices, etc. If it's a one day action and your press person has still got the energy and resources, send out a fourth press release saying how it all went. A journalist's interest is pretty unpredictable and could be stimulated at any time. If the action lasts longer than one day, send out a new press release every day, as long as you've got something to say. Once the event is in the press already, there will be plenty of opportunities for follow-ups. This is the time when you can sometimes get them to cover the issue you're trying to highlight, rather than simply the event.

The secret of all successful press releases is getting them to the right people so find out who the right people are. Make a list of media outlets you want to reach and individual journalists who seem to be

interested in/sympathetic to the cause. The more you reach the better. If it is a big action, contact national print and television media. Faxing is still the best way to send press releases, and a fax modem is invaluable. Don't use snail mail; it invariably gets lost, disregarded or placed on the bottom of the pile. To get fax numbers, simply phone the papers, TV and radio stations in question and ask for the fax number of the news desk. If you also want to send your press releases to particular journalists at the same organization, it's best to get their fax numbers from them. Keep all the numbers you get for future reference.

You can be absolutely certain that something will get lost in the newsrooms you're targeting: your press release, the journalist's concentration or the essence of the story. This means you must follow up with a phone call. Just a quick one will do. Ask: "Did you get it? Will you be covering the action? Do you need any more information?" They're likely to be rude, gruff and unhelpful. But don't be put off. They're paid to be like that. Make sure you're ready, if need be, to summarize the story in one or two sen-

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tences. The first question the journalist will ask is "What's it all about then?" and her/his attention will wander if you spend more than ten seconds telling them. However rude they are, never fail to be polite and charming: At the very least, you'll put them to shame.

Part two of the article "Exploit the Media Before It Exploits You" by George Monbiot will be printed in the December-January (Yule) edition of the Earth First! Journal.

MAXXAM'S MEDIA WATERLOO

BY STAN WILSON

Now that the nation has heard of the murder of David Chain, our movement to save not only Headwaters but the planet should take a step back from our grief and outrage to asses what his death means. A few days ago I came across a recent *Time* magazine article about David. I rarely read *Time* in depth because, well, there is no depth in it. *Time*, like all mass media, is normally just wasted fluff. But, I digress.

Not long ago, I saw an article about Julia Butterfly in a publication called *Jane*. It was really a waste of paper except the article put Julia in the minds of many teenagers and that has value to our struggle. Then *Time* ran its own Julia article. Hell, it looked like the American public was waking up from its consumption- and prozac-induced slumber. Then David was murdered.

Hearing all that I heard up here in *Journal* Insanity Control Center, I really thought EF! was going to blow it media-wise. Too much soft language, too much fear. Palco, Maxxam and, yes, the logger who killed David were going to slip off the hook it seemed, and David was going to be allowed to die in vain. Allowed to, not by those who always allow these things to be covered up and newsspeaked away, but allowed to die in vain by EF!

However David's murder was or was not being handled, the *Time* article about his death is as important to EF! as Walter Cronkite's declaration, "The war in Vietnam is wrong," was to the anti-war movement. After the old codger made that statement, the war was doomed. The valium wore off, and Mr. and

Mrs. America woke to the atrocity called the Vietnam War. Our country lost the support not just of college professors and students, but of the average American, thus lost the war. The anti-war movement marched in the streets and brought home via TV the sadness and sickness that was Vietnam. The war to end Vietnam, if you will, was won not in *Ramparts* or *Rolling Stone*, but on CBS, ABC, NBC, etc. The war was won in the mainstream media.

Our war to save the redwoods, the bison, the whatever, is being fought very bravely in the forest, on the plains and wherever EFlers are on the frontlines. The propaganda war, however, is being fought on CNN and in the pages of *Time*. It is here that we have traditionally not fought well (for a variety of reasons beyond the scope of this piece). Now we have been given Maxxam's media Waterloo. What *Time* said is this: Maxxam is wrong, the war against the redwoods is wrong, Palco is wrong, EF! is right. *Time* has given us a Cronkite statement.

Now it is up to this movement, at this moment, to stand up and speak in true and strong voices. Not only are we watching Maxxam, Palco and the California law enforcement/justice departments but so is the mainstream media. As Americans rise from their slumber, *Time* has given us a unique opportunity to let all Americans see death and destruction—including murder—being carried out in Pacific Lumber/Maxxam's name. For the first time in a long while, I have hope. We can win; we all know we deserve to. For the sake of David Chain and those who will unfortunately probably follow him, and for the wild, we must win.

BARE BONES

The Pennsylvania Hellbender's Fate

A new report describes how one of the "most gruesome and rarely seen" animals of the northwest Pennsylvania woods is fast disappearing. The hellbender, a large black salamander that reaches an average length of more than two feet, has disappeared from 60 percent of its original stream habitat in Pennsylvania. It is "not exactly charismatic megafauna," said biology professor Art Hulse in an interview with the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, "but for a salamander, it is mega."

The Worst Congress Ever

A number of national and regional conservation groups placed a full-page ad in the August 31 Western edition of the *New York Times* stating that the "current 105th Congress is on the brink of enacting more anti-environmental legislation than any Congress in American history." The ad compares the 30 anti-environmental "riders" on appropriations bills enacted by the 104th Congress, to the nearly 70 pending riders in the 105th. The groups called the 105th the "worst Congress ever" from the environmental point of view.

Sex and Pollution

In the latest issue of *Environmental Science and Technology*, British researchers presented findings on a previously unrecognized way that pollution affects wildlife. The report describes "the first documented example of widespread sexual disruption" in a case study of fish in UK rivers. Concentrations of sewage effluent containing estrogen-like chemicals are causing many fish to be born half-male, half-female. Biologists are alarmed over this widespread trend, which has also been noted in Florida's alligator population. Because people suffer less exposure to the chemicals believed to cause the phenomenon, scientists say the effects on the human species may be more subtle.

Global Forests at Risk

About one-tenth of the world's known tree species are in danger of extinction, according to a report financed by the Dutch government and released at the start of a recent United Nations forum on forests. The "World List of Threatened Trees" says that nearly 9,000 of the world's estimated 100,000 tree species are vulnerable and 1,000 are "critically endangered," with some species reduced to less than 100 trees.

Suit Pushes Zero Cut

A suit against the federal government for failing to finalize the 1995 Renewable Resources Planning Act (RPA) program could significantly reduce public lands logging. A 22-member coalition contends that charges should be brought against the US Forest Service (USFS) for failing to initiate the 1995 RPA program, which was created to manage the National Forest System as a whole for a period of five years. An injunction is being sought that would prohibit the USFS from awarding any timber sale contracts until the required Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared and the RPA program finalized. Jake Krielack, of the Native Forest Network stated, "The result of the Forest Service preparing an EIS... [is] that the USFS will have to admit for all the public to see that continued commercial logging of our national forests is not in the public interest and should be halted."

THE CHALLENGE OF TOLERANCE: THE WARD VALLEY CAMPAIGN

BY PHILIP M. KLASKY

After reading Patrick Diehl's opinion about the alleged "failure of the Ward Valley campaign" to reflect democratic ideals and David Harper's response that the struggle is a "holy war" that will not compromise traditional culture for social change concerns, I feel the need to offer another perspective. Patrick states that non-Indian activists have been silenced in the movement while David suggests that social change philosophies are in conflict with traditional Native American values. A number of Ward Valley activists share my concern that the opinions expressed do not present a balanced view of the campaign and might discourage people from getting involved in this important struggle.

I began working on the Ward Valley campaign almost a decade ago as a volunteer activist alarmed by the threat of a nuclear dump in a desert wilderness, as a staunch opponent of nuclear power, and then as the co-director of a small but effective nonprofit environmental organization. The desert is my "place," providing solitude, solace, spiritual sustenance and the study of culture and nature. I was introduced to this issue through contact with Native Americans and originally came to Ward Valley as a strident conservationist, believing that the heavy hand of human intrusion on the natural landscape should be curtailed at all costs. In time I came to recognize that indigenous peoples can offer a unique perspective on how traditional culture can be a powerful and instructive medium

through which to view and interact with our environment.

A relationship of reciprocity based in a deeply held reverence for the land, a sentiment that both Indians and non-Indians have shared, can lead to a commitment to protect the Earth. But there is a fundamental difference between the consequences on those who cannot and will not move from their place of origin and those who come to environmental issues from a base of personal belief, no matter how profoundly felt. For the lower Colorado River Indian tribes, their identity, economy and spiritual base is dependent upon their natural surroundings. The difference is survival—a potent and uncompromising motivator. As we look back on the ravages and results of 500 years of genocide against the indigenous inhabitants of this continent, we see the Mohave people have much at stake at Ward Valley.

At the same time, the battle to save Ward Valley has tremendous universal implications for the protection of the natural resources we all share, the preservation of wilderness and endangered species, the future of nuclear power and the pursuit of environmental justice. A nuclear dump at Ward Valley would become a national nuclear sacrifice area. Plutonium buried in shallow trenches would poison the next 12,000 generations—an almost inconceivable crime against the future. This confluence of concerns, as well as the variety of organizations and individuals that represent them, has strengthened the campaign. We sabotage ourselves when we act in territorial and divisive ways. The scope of strategies that we employ must be wide. We continue to fight this

battle in the courts, in Congress, in state and federal agencies, through environmental impact statements, public hearings, technical reviews, rock concerts, the media, spiritual witness, grassroots organizing, direct action, and by demanding environmental justice and fulfillment of the government's trust responsibility to Native American tribes. Each one of these approaches is essential as well as complementary.

With these considerations as a backdrop, let's get down to some all-too-familiar problems within the environmental movement. Individuals of all stripes have tried to dominate the decision-making process by asserting individual agendas or practicing intolerance. A few people have had a destabilizing effect on the good intentions and hard work of others. Furthermore, we have not always had a clearly understood or agreed upon decision-making structure within the consortium of organizations that calls itself the "Ward Valley Coalition." At coalition meetings, we try for consensus and often achieve it. Some groups have gone about their business without consulting others and at times have been very effective in their efforts, striking hard and fast without the plodding course of representative consent. But often, these unilateral acts have created distrust and division in the coalition. Sadly, this is not unique to the Ward Valley campaign.

Neither of the opinions expressed in the earlier issue of the *Earth First! Journal* told of the many times at meetings, events, protest actions and gatherings there have been inspiring displays of solidarity. This cooperation has been evident at our large gatherings and occurs on an everyday basis at the Save

Ward Valley office in Needles, CA, where a multicultural staff works to inform and empower local communities. Solid and lasting friendships have been formed throughout the campaign. I have seen Indians and non-Indians work and pray together in an abiding reverence and spiritual connection with the land.

The movement, as a whole, has persevered and continues to be effective. Many of us have grown with the challenges. I strongly believe that the contacts we make with each other are just as important as the strength of our political strategy. Unfortunately, cultural differences and human nature can interfere. Our definitions of fairness are often influenced by our unique experiences and personal needs. But this is no reason to give up or give in.

Strict adherence to the consensus model promoted by the antinuclear movement may not always work in cross-cultural campaigns. Indian tribes, as sovereign nations and traditional societies, have internal processes and unique considerations that are not always apparent to those living outside Indian country. At the same time, I have been at coalition meetings where much deliberation involving diverse views resulted in a unanimous resolution. During the successful 114-day occupation of the site, tensions developed between some of the Indian and non-Indian activists around strategy and decision-making. The intense circumstances brought some of our most dramatic differences to the surface. The protesters were under siege and communication between different factions broke down and disagreements and alliances went every which way. But when we had to be united, we were. After threatening arrest, the federal rangers backed down and eventually retreated. I have often looked to the elders for guidance. During the occupation, they spoke eloquently of the importance of unity, of their appreciation for the support and dedication of non-Indian activists, and of the need for spiritual reflection. Respect is the key, otherwise, what are we fighting for? We still have a lot to learn from the experience, lessons we can apply to our actions in the future. We are not only involved in a struggle to stop the insane proposal for a nuclear waste dump, we are irrevocably engaged in a campaign for tolerance and nonviolence.

Although I appreciate their candor and sincerity, I disagree with Patrick and David, both of whom have made important contributions to the campaign. Patrick has moved on; David is still there. It is through dialogue and relationship that we can find our way toward understanding. In my view, the fight to save Ward Valley is both a struggle for spiritual and cultural survival and a vehicle for social transformation. In the midst of our efforts to protect this precious Earth, we have great cultural, class and personal differences to overcome, problems we inherited and which at times proliferate. But where better to try and meet the challenge than a campaign that centers itself on a reverence for the land as well as each other.

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COPS RAID SWISS ACTIVISTS

On September 8, police raided several activists' homes in Geneva, Switzerland. Six people were taken into custody; one was escorted to the airport by the police. The rest were held for five to eight hours. All were questioned about People's Global Action (PGA) and PGA's role in the riots in May when several thousand people converged on the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to confront the heads of state gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Global Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the WTO.

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One person in Geneva came back from the police station to find his house ransacked and the locks changed.

The office of the *Institut Argent Societe*, which served as a press office for PGA in May, was raided simultaneously, as were the homes of the detained. Seven computers, more than 100 diskettes, address books and a large amount of documentation were confiscated.

People's Global Action has coordinated international protests against economic globalization in about 35 cities in countries on five continents, for example in Montreal, Brasilia, Birmingham, Prague, Hyderabad, Sydney and Berlin. PGA is not an organization but a network of struggles coordinated

by a committee of convenors from five continents.

In August, about 40 police officers raided an international seminar on "Globalization and Resistance" held by friends of PGA. The seminar was convened to discuss economic globalization's impact on communities and the environment, as well as people's efforts to reclaim control over their own lives. Speakers included international economists, journalists, representatives of peoples' movements, and workers from human rights and other nongovernmental organizations. The world-

renowned author and president of the *Observatoire de la Mondialisation*, Susan George, lectured at the seminar and found, "a group of peaceful and law-abiding young people."

The raid took place on the premises of a squat near Cologny, just outside Geneva. The 50 seminar participants were taken in riot vans to the local police station. Their possessions were confiscated but returned a few hours later. They were detained for more than two hours without explanation. Even a six-year-old girl from the Ukraine was held. Most were released without charge. Four were kept for a few more hours and were released on the condition that they leave Switzerland within four days.

WINTER OLYMPICS THREATEN POLISH MTS.

The Tatras are the central, highest section of the Western Carpathian mountain range and part of the border between Poland and Slovakia. This small range of mountains is a unique wildlife sanctuary and rare alpine ecosystem with deep forests, meadows and lakes leading to rock peaks. It is the only area of its kind in the whole of Central and Eastern Europe.

Tatra wildlife includes the marmot, mountain goat, bear, wolf, lynx and golden eagle, most of which have been listed in Poland as endangered species. In 1992, the Tatra range was designated an International Biosphere Reserve. At present, both Poland and Slovakia protect the Tatra Mountains in respective national parks.

In February 1998, an application to hold the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in the town of Zakopane, the heart of Poland's Tatra National Park, was directed to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by an irresponsible Polish development lobby. But holding the Winter Olympic Games in the fragile ecosystem of the Tatras would cause large-scale ecological and cultural destruction. The Save the Carpathians Coalition, whose goal is mobilizing local, national and international support for the protection of the natural and cultural values, is leading the battle for the preservation of Tatra National Park. Several international environmental and scientific organizations have joined our efforts to protest the proposal to host the Olympics in the park.

Because this bioregion is internationally recognized as a repository of cultural and biodiversity

values, it is already seriously overloaded with visitors. In 1996 alone, five million people visited Tatra National Park.

The mountains, however attractive in appearance, are inadequate to host the necessary Olympic facilities. There is very limited space for regulation Olympic ski slopes. In addition, the small town of Zakopane has a growing water deficit and an inadequate infrastructure to host an international event the size of the Winter Olympic Games.

The application to host the games was submitted to the IOC with no consultation with Poland's Ministry of Nature Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry; the National Park Authority; or the Scientific Advisory Council. Due to its ecological characteristics and limited size, the Tatra Mountains region would suffer irreversible damages to its land, water and wildlife if it became the host. No environmental impact assessment has been carried out, which conflicts with the legally established management requirements set out in the Nature Conservation Plan of Tatra National Park, as well as IOC requirements.

At the present time, environmental nongovernmental organizations in Poland, including the Workshop for All Beings, the main group spearheading the effort to save the Tatra Mountains, have been systematically excluded from discussions and debates by the government and the development

KGB TARGETS RUSSIAN NUCLEAR ACTIVISTS

In the middle of September in Kiev, Ukraine, the apartment of Nadia Shevchenko, an activist from the ecological group Rainbow Keepers, was raided. At the time she was in Finland on a speaking tour. Important working materials were taken, including the organization's computer and personal documents.

Activists believe that this was the work of the Ukrainian Security Service (USS)—the former KGB. The Secret Service has been harassing activists since last year when the Rainbow Keepers actively protested the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development's (EBRD) plans to finance the construction of new nuclear blocks in Ukraine's reactors.

At the end of February, the Rainbow Keepers published an open letter to the acting president of the EBRD that talked about the Ukrainian government's diversion and abuse of funds from the EBRD, including funds meant for ensuring safety at Chernobyl. Activists stated that there was no use in allocating new funds to build new nuclear blocks. A scandal erupted.

The EBRD's Ukrainian representa-

tive told the paper *Vseukrainskiye Vedomosti* on March 3, 1998, that after receiving the letter, the heads of the bank started to check the facts therein. Having confirmed some misuse of funds, they were forced to reconsider financing many projects in Ukraine.

Shortly thereafter, archival material, a computer and other things disappeared from Nadia's apartment, which was used as the organization's office.

Just before the EBRD's summit in Kiev from May 9-12, illegal police interrogations of the activists began. They were threatened with arrest, robbery and even murder if they didn't cease their activity against the EBRD.

Despite this situation, the Rainbow Keepers in Ukraine continue their work exposing the dangers of the nuclear age. The activists need support and especially participation in the actions, equipment and money. Please also send faxes of protest to the representative on human rights in Ukraine, Ms. Nina Karpachova, fax: (38044) 2262419

Our new contact numbers are (38044) 5506068 fax; rk@cci.glasnet.ru and csa@csa.freenet.viaduk.net.



Activists who have exposed the nuclear grim reaper now face state-sponsored repression.

lobby. New investments within Tatra National Park, under the pretext of preparations for hosting the Winter Olympics in Zakopane, are already in the planning stages. Most notable is the effort to double the capacity of a gondola to a mountain top that is already a very popular, highly impacted tourist area.

The alpine landscape and wildlife of Tatra National Park will not survive the preparatory developments for hosting the Winter Olympics, much less the demands of the Olympic Games themselves. The proposal to host the Winter Olympic Games in 2006 is an irresponsible violation of both Polish and international law. The development lobby must not succeed with its proposal to expend this small, rare mountain range and priceless alpine ecosystem to host the Olympics.

Please support our efforts to undermine the choice of Zakopane and the Tatra National Park as the host of the Winter Olympic Games in 2006 in any way you can. Contact the Native Forest Network, International Wolf Federation, POB 40, 43-304 Bielsko-Biala; 033/183-153; wapienica@pnrwi.most.org.pl.; janusz@pnrwi.most.org.pl konto.

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Easy Riders Threaten Endangered Species Act

BY JESSICA HAMILTON

"Mr. Chairman, I rise to gut the Endangered Species Act."

"Would the gentleman from Idaho like to open this up for discussion by the rest of the Senate?"

"No, I believe that I have unanimous consent among my esteemed colleagues that we hurriedly travel back to our states to run for re-election and we do not have time to talk about insignificant items such as reauthorizing one of our country's most critical environmental laws."

"By what method would you like to pursue this matter?"

"Mr. Chairman, I have found that the best way to destroy our environmental laws is to attach them as riders to unrelated pieces of legislation. In this way, we can avoid the anticipated debate over particularly disturbing components of my Endangered Species Reauthorization bill, and we can quickly move forward with logging that last grove of spotted-owl infested ancient forest."

If you have ever stumbled upon a televised congressional debate from the crimson-carpeted halls of our nation's Capitol while channel surfing, you may have witnessed a scene similar to the one above. Curiously enough, C-SPAN, if you know how to read between the lines, can be as enthralling and enlightening as the "X-files" with the behavior of what often appears to be extraterrestrial beings.

While it is unlikely that Idaho's Republican Senator Dirk Kempthorne would ever reveal his back-door strategies as bluntly as described above, rest assured that such schemes are being plotted as we speak. In fact, Kempthorne took it upon himself to try to rewrite, or more appropriately, rollback the Endangered Species Act in a bill numbered S. 1180. Although he had the fervent support of key Western Democratic senators, including Ron Wyden (D-OR), as the end of the Congressional session drew nearer, the chances Kempthorne's S. 1180 would come up as an isolated piece of legislation lessened.

"Never fear when there are riders near!" one might imagine Kempthorne shouting to his oil and timber industry comrades. By simply attaching the worst parts of S. 1180 to a larger existing bill, our Earth's threatened critters were at risk of having their habitats destroyed by our decision-makers. For instance, just the anti-science "No Surprises" clause of the Kempthorne extinction bill could have resulted in the certain demise of sensitive species by locking-in unreasonable, habitat-destroying management plans for up to 100 years, even when the plans obviously fail to protect endangered species.

The tactic of passing major environmental bills, such as the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, as riders to already existing legislation comes at a time of intense chaos in Washington, DC, as our decision-makers struggle to approve operational budgets for numerous federal agencies. Every October, 13 appropriations, or spending, bills must be passed by Congress and signed by the president in order to prevent the government from shutting down. By slipping in one more Queen of Spades to the already stacked deck of cards, there is a good chance she will simply get lost in the shuffle. And this year, more than ever, the Kempthorne Queen has had company.

According to beltway sources, the Clinton administration has said it would continue to oppose the Quincy Library Group (QLG) Bill that threatens forest ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada. In fact, the QLG matter has been elevated to the highest levels of the administration. White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles met with key Senate and House leaders to discuss the administration's priorities and removal of QLG from the omnibus appropriations package was one of top issues. This was a dramatic turnaround for a White House that only months ago supported the QLG.

Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) pulled his rider to block

funds in the middle of an ongoing study examining ecosystems within the Columbia River Basin. The \$40-million study is scheduled to conclude next year, but the rider would leave it unfinished. Associated Press reported that Senator Gorton pulled the legislation in an attempt to avoid a presidential veto of the appropriations package.

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environmental regulations to necessary legislation" (75 percent bothered, 42 percent very). The polls also showed that "Americans oppose riders to bills which would build roads in several of our national parks or protected areas" (67 percent oppose, 36 percent strongly).

The rush of riders, however, was only the tip of the iceberg. Even before these Titanic ice chunks pierced the appropriations bills, they were already sinking under the numbing actions of conservatives such as Gorton. President Clinton requested that Congress appropriate nearly \$112 million to the US Forest Service for its wildlife programs and over \$38 million for watershed improvements. Not agreeing with this proposed budget, the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee thought it would be better to spend just under \$97 million to protect wildlife and approximately \$27 million on repairing degraded watersheds, thus cutting these environmentally friendly programs by nearly \$26 million. But, to be fair, the committee decided to let the Forest Service have a little more money for some other management programs shifted nearly \$20 million into the commercial timber sale program and \$4 million into new logging road construction, making the total expenditure for these disastrous programs nearly \$319 million.

It is high time that the actions of our decision-makers and the US Forest Service reflect the passions of the public. Fortunately, leaders such as Senator Bryan (D-NV) and Rep. Elizabeth Furse (D-OR) are listening. They recognized that cuts must be made in the commercial logging and logging road construction budgets and that more emphasis should be put on restoring our degraded forested watersheds and protecting our last wild places. This year, they rallied their colleagues to support this important effort. Because the spending bills got so heavy with anti-environmental riders and Congress moved so sluggishly, most of the Appropriations Bills were rolled-up into one catch-all spending bill for the entire federal government. Thus, the ball is beginning to

bounce back into the Clinton administration's court. Vice President Al Gore insisted that, "We are once again putting Congress on notice: We will not tolerate stealth tactics that do unacceptable harm to our environment or threaten public health."

Next time you find yourself bouncing between "Mork and Mindy" reruns and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and can't decide which extraterrestrial escapade to glue yourself to, consider pausing a moment on C-SPAN to listen to the strange tongues of our elected officials in Washington, DC.

While they may not be waving their ray guns in plain sight, be aware that at any given moment they could pull the weapons out of their hol-

sters, set them on decimate, and in one blast, extinguish our nation's most important environmental laws.

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Frontlines

A-Maizing Action

On September 10, activists swooped in on a test site belonging to US-based Monsanto Corporation in southern France and ripped up showcase crops of genetically engineered maize and soya.

Some 200 activists took part in the destruction of an unspecified number of experimental land plots at Monbequi in the Tarn et Garonne province near the Pyrenees, a French farm union statement said, adding that there would be further protests to try to get the crops banned. "Monsanto is not afraid to call this a new green revolution. In fact, it's more to do with green dollars," the union statement read. The following day, in southwestern Germany a field of genetically modified maize was cut down by protesters from Greenpeace.

"Genetic maize is a danger for the environment and human health," campaign leader Jan van Aken said. "We want to ensure it does not reach the food and feeds chain." Greenpeace said the maize variety was technically a pesticide because it had a gene carrying a bacterium inserted to produce a protein which kills the corn borer pest.

On the 14th, the activists dumped two tons of maize at Novartis' Basle headquarters in Switzerland, demanding it pull the product off the market. Greenpeace followed up by filing a law suit against Novartis for breaching German plant protection law.

Vermont Nuke Demo

Activists blocked the gates at the Vermont Yankee atomic reactor in Vernon, VT, on August 27. The demonstration was part of the Nuclear Free New England campaign, which also sponsored a week-long action camp in nearby Dummerston. About 130 people attended the peaceful demonstration, 21 were arrested for trespassing.

More than 300 people attended dozens of workshops and training sessions at the action camp.

On Tuesday, August 25, the Bread and Puppet Theater took about 60 people and a 50-foot dragon through downtown Brattleboro, VT. The march culminated in skits against the proposed dumping of Vermont's "low-level" radioactive waste at Sierra Blanca, Texas. While most participants were from the New England states, there were people from Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, the DC area, Pennsylvania and a large Texas delegation.

Oxford Eviction

The eviction of activists from England's first "heritage" protest camp began on September 9. Protesters had been engaged in a peaceful campaign to save Oxford's old London Midland Scottish (LMS) railway station and eight mature trees, but more than 100 police and Sheffield's finest eviction climbers moved in. The building stood in the way of Oxford University's proposed Said Business School and a planned six-lane road. Protesters clung to the tops of trees, waited in gloomy underground tunnels and hung attached to the Victorian structure of the LMS. Many were arrested.

The proposed re-development trashed the eight trees, including one that wasn't marked to be cut, to make room for the road. The development plans were never open to public consultation and flew in the face of a petition with more than 10,000 signatures.

THE LATEST DIET PLAN FOR THE FAFLATS: APPETITE FOR EXTINCTION...



A Forest Defender Falls...

BY STRONG WOOD

When David "Gypsy" Chain died on September 17 in a steep clearcut on Pacific Lumber (PL) land, he became the first Earth First!er killed in action in a dozen years of challenges to logging of ancient redwoods in Northern California.

PL immediately put its spin on the case, saying it was "deeply saddened by what appears to be a tragic accident on its property this morning." PL president John Campbell told reporters that loggers didn't know the activists were there.

But videotape from the scene recorded the voice of the logger, A.E. Ammons, shouting profanities and threats. "Get outta here! Otherwise I'll fuckin' make sure I got a tree comin' this way!" Carey Jordan, Erik "Ayr" Eisenberg, Zoe Zalia, Mike Avcollie, Jason Wilson, Jeremy Jensen and Mike McCurdy, the seven EF!ers that were in the forest with Gypsy when he was killed, all said loggers were intentionally felling trees in their direction.

"The loggers were aware of our presence, as we had engaged them in conversation throughout the day," Zoe Zalia told reporters, "What I witnessed yesterday was a very angry and violent logger. He told people, 'Better get a hard hat, 'cause this one's comin' for you.'" "The body was lying underneath the tree," said Zoe. "It was very painful to see. From the way it looked, the limb hit him first and then the tree hit him, and it was an instantaneous blow to the head. My fellow activists and I prayed next to him... The logger came down and prayed on his knees and asked forgiveness."

Gypsy and the other EF! activists were in the woods trying to talk the loggers out of cutting the ancient redwoods. The EF!ers believed the logging was illegal because no surveys had been conducted for marbled murrelets as required by federal law. They asked the loggers to wait for an inspection promised for that day. A day after Gypsy's death, the California Department of Forestry (CDF) confirmed EF!'s charges by issuing two citations to PL for operating within a murrelet buffer zone and operating before the official end of murrelet nesting season.

One EF!er said, "Once (the logger) saw us, his first reaction should have been to turn off his chain saw, and that's what the company should be telling their workers, not telling them to try to scare us." One of the slogans on posters now being held up at EF! protests reads, "Gypsy died doing CDF's job."

"Pacific Lumber has one of the finest records in the industry," said spokesperson Mary Bullwinkel. "But despite all our precautions, a trespasser was apparently killed by a falling tree at one of our logging sites on our private property." EF!ers, however, assert that there is a "pattern and practice" of PL loggers threatening and harassing them. According to longtime EF! activist Darryl Cherney, Campbell confided to him shortly before the fatality that he was having difficulty restraining some of his men's desires to attack EF!ers.

Hours after Gypsy died, the sheriff's investigator told reporters his preliminary finding was that the death was accidental. This was "based on the physical appearance of the scene and the relationship of the fallen tree and victim's body." The detective had not even interviewed the eyewitnesses. It was apparent that he was not considering the possibility Ammons willfully felled the tree in the activists' direction, which would make the fatality at least involuntary manslaughter, even if he only meant to scare them. If he intended to kill them, he could be convicted of first degree murder.

Earth First! attorney Jay Moller wrote to Humboldt District Attorney Terry Farmer demanding an unbiased investigation. "There is a documented history of PL's violence towards environmental protesters, with David Chain's death only the culmination of an increasingly violent response towards the protesters... a look at [case law] will show that a corporation and high-level employees can be charged and convicted of negligent homicide and involuntary manslaughter... If your office does not see fit to charge this crime, we will seek help either through the [state attorney general's] office or the US Attorney's Office, as was necessary in the South in the 1960s, when

law enforcement and juries sided with KKK members accused of violence."

One EF!er told of being caught and threatened by Ammons the day before Gypsy's death. Ammons said he would not hesitate to kill him if he was in or near a tree he intended to cut. Darryl Cherney said that "the day before Gypsy died, Ammons had complained that he couldn't travel to Australia because of a felony conviction for shooting a deputy."

Deputies did nothing to keep the loggers from removing the fatal tree and other evidence from the scene. But EF! blockaders arrived the next morning just in time to prevent loggers from resuming work. Five people formed a human barrier across the logging road by chaining their wrists to each other inside steel and concrete "super lockboxes." Others locked down to a junked car blocking a gate. They excavated trenches to stop any wheeled vehicles. Tripods blocked the road near the ridgetop. They renamed it Gypsy Mountain, declared the territory the Gypsy Free State and called for its permanent preservation as a memorial.

The blockade has weathered drive-by harassment beyond shouted insults and gestures to thrown bottles and raw eggs. One night, three people were shot with a paintball gun, drawing blood from one. Not all passersby are hostile, however, and some return the peace sign flashed by the blockaders.

Police raided the blockade before sunrise on October 7, taking it by surprise. They used heavy equipment to remove the blockade and fill the road trenches as they made their way to the ridgetop. Sheriff's deputies poured pepper spray from cups directly in the faces of two women, Noel and Christiane, who were locked down to logging equipment, before taking them to jail.

By that evening, EF!ers were rebuilding the barricade next to the state highway. The next morning found nine defenders locked down across the logging road. Police set up a barrier of vehicles and tarps to block the media and onlookers from witnessing another use of pepper spray torture.

They chose the youngest of three women in the line, Carrie "Liz" McKee, 20, and wiped the concentrated red pepper extract on her eyes with gauze pads. She bore the pain and refused to unlock even after second and third applications. Supporters, who had been kept across the highway by police, rushed to the centerline of the highway, linked arms and lay down to protest the use of pepper spray. They moved back voluntarily later when the pepper spray use stopped.

In a flagrant abuse of Constitutional rights, police declared the peaceful assembly unlawful and ordered everyone, including the media, to disperse out of sight of the action. Three observers refused to disperse and were arrested, vowing to make it a test case.

Police cut two people free by late afternoon and eventually agreed to cite and release the remaining seven rather than jailing them if they would unlock.

So ended an 11-1/2 hour lockdown that prevented PL from logging for one more day.

One week after Gypsy's death, his funeral and burial took place in Houston, Texas. Simultaneously, an estimated 300 people took part in a memorial rally and march to the courthouse in Eureka, California,

seat of Humboldt County. Speakers at the rally called for an end to more than a decade of violent attacks targeting forest activists. Local Arcata City Council member Connie Stewart's voice faltered as she said, "I have a great respect for people who are willing to put their life on the line for what they believe in. I'm really sorry that someone had to lose his life for this, and I'm really glad that the Earth First!ers are still committed to doing this kind of activity. They've had a big impact on the way the world feels about the redwoods in Humboldt County."

Gypsy's family traveled to Northern California to attend a series of memorial services. Gypsy's mother Cindy Allsbrook, of Pasadena, Texas, said the family felt driven to meet the people and see the place that Gypsy cared so passionately about. On September 29, they went to the scene of the block-



Gypsy 1974-1998

ade and the shrine dedicated to Gypsy.

That evening at a standing room only memorial service, a Veterans for Peace spokesperson said "We honor David 'Gypsy' Chain, not as a conqueror, not as a victor, not even as a martyr... we honor him for his commitment to nonviolence even in the face of hatred and destruction. We honor him because he answered the call of justice, and for his courage he paid the ultimate price. We honor him because he took a stand against plunder and greed. He gave selflessly of all that he had to give. He walked the path of his convictions. He lived out his vision for a better world, and to that vision he gave the last full measure of his devotion. David's body is gone from our ranks, yet his spirit lives on in each of us. His name will not be forgotten. To his surviving kin, we offer our deepest condolences. You can be proud of David. He never hurt anyone; he died while standing against senseless destruction."

The veterans group presented a citation posthumously to David's family. "To David 'Gypsy' Chain: In honor of your courage and perseverance in the face of grave personal and physical harm, the Veterans for Peace award you with the Wage Peace Purple Tear Award for your injuries received in the front lines of the timber wars Headwaters campaign. We respect and acknowledge your service and dedication to your country." The audience responded with a sustained standing ovation and wolf howl.

Gypsy's mother thanked the crowd for helping the family heal their grief. Her voice choked with emotion as she said, "I know there are going to be times when I feel crushed because I can't pick up the phone and talk to David... and I can't put a present under the Christmas tree... but y'all will never, never know how much we love you."

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Earth  First!

NATURE AND POLITICS

BY JEFFREY ST. CLAIR AND ALEXANDER COCKBURN

David "Gypsy" Chain was killed because he formed part of the last line of defense in a battle plan fatally betrayed by Democratic politicians and environmental executives cringing before a corporate predator from Chain's own state of Texas. A.E. Ammons, the 52-year-old logger who put the tree down on Chain, crushing his skull, was the party immediately responsible for the young man's death, but if Ammons ever faces involuntary manslaughter charges, the people who put him in the woods that day should bear the full brunt of penalties consequent upon a wrongful death.

The terrain where Chain died forms part of the Headwaters forest, owned by Pacific Lumber, taken over some years ago by Maxxam's Charles Hurwitz.

Headwaters is the largest private holding of old-growth redwoods in the world. When Hurwitz announced a few years ago that his crews would start logging, the most resolute plan against the tycoon was to have the US government penalize him for his \$2 billion looting of a Texas Savings and Loan by taking Headwaters as compensation. But this plan fell by the wayside, derided by establishment enviros as far too extreme.

Next came a well conceived plan by former California Representative Dan Hamburg to have the federal government buy 40,000 acres of the entire 63,000-acre watershed for a substantial, albeit defensible sum. Although it was helped forward through Congress by two of the craftiest manipulators on the Hill—Vernon Jordan and Tommy Boggs, working for Hurwitz—the bill failed in the Senate.

Then came a well-conceived strategy by the Environmental Protection and Information Center (EPIC), the enviro group based in Garberville, California, to tame Hurwitz by rigorous application of federal and state regulations. Thus, thousands of acres would be put off limits to the chainsaw in order to protect dwindling habitat for the marbled murrelet, the Northern spotted owl and the coho salmon. Given the ravaged condition of Pacific Lumber's holdings after a decade of Hurwitz's onslaughts, the mandatory protection for these species would put most of the land out of Hurwitz's reach.

As EPIC put its strategy into play with a series of lawsuits and petitions under the Endangered Species Act, it took effect. But Hurwitz raised the stakes, announcing that in the face of these regulatory inhibitions, he was going to file a "takings" suit against the US government, suing it for hundreds of millions for preventing him from enjoying the rights and ravages of private property.

The Clinton administration and large environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society took this threat as the tocsin for immediate retreat. Hurwitz, they quavered, might have a chance of victory in such a takings claim, which would encourage further "hostage taking" by corporations. So, they argued, the prudent course was to give Hurwitz more than he had ever dared dream when he sent Jordan and Boggs up to Capitol Hill to work for the Hamburg bill.

Enter Senator Dianne Feinstein. The California senator successfully lobbied Clinton to broker a deal whereby the feds and the state of California would pool money to acquire the minimal core area of Headwaters, less than 10,000 acres of the entire watershed. Of that, only 3,500 acres are composed of old-growth redwoods, for which the government offered Hurwitz the astounding sum of \$480 million.

One story going around Washington and Sacramento is that Hurwitz had argued that the acres were worth \$900 million, roughly what he paid for the entire company, and the Department of Justice countered with a valuation of \$20 million. At which point Tommy Boggs said, "Why not split the difference?"

By any measure this is surely one of Hurwitz's greatest financial coups. But there was a lagniappe. As part of the deal, Hurwitz demanded that he be allowed to work his will on the rest of the entire 210,000 acres of Pacific Lumber's holdings. The US Department of Interior and the state of California duly agreed to sign off on a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) proposed by Pacific Lumber. In

changes in the landscape." Given that the spotted owl population has been declining by as much as a four percent annually in Clinton-time, none of this bodes well for the creature's long- or even middle-term survival. On top of that, if the evidence shows that the owl and the murrelet are disappearing at even higher rates, a "no surprises" clause successfully demanded by Hurwitz means that nothing can be done for 50 years, by which time the whole show will be over.

The coho salmon is probably the most complicated factor in the whole deal, and it is the species that could potentially keep most of the remaining mature forest on Pacific Lumber's lands out of the sawmills. But instead of pushing an aggressive conservation strategy, the government accepted the following brazen proposal in Pacific Lumber's HCP: On what are called year-round salmon-bearing streams, PL proposed

a 30-foot no-cut buffer on each side. The federal guidelines for such streams in Washington, Oregon and California require between 300 feet and 500 feet, depending on the slope. On year-round streams without salmon that flow into salmon streams, Pacific Lumber has successfully proposed a ten-foot "buffer," which is of course entirely meaningless. At this level of protection the coho, once the mainstay of the indigenous economy, has no future at all.

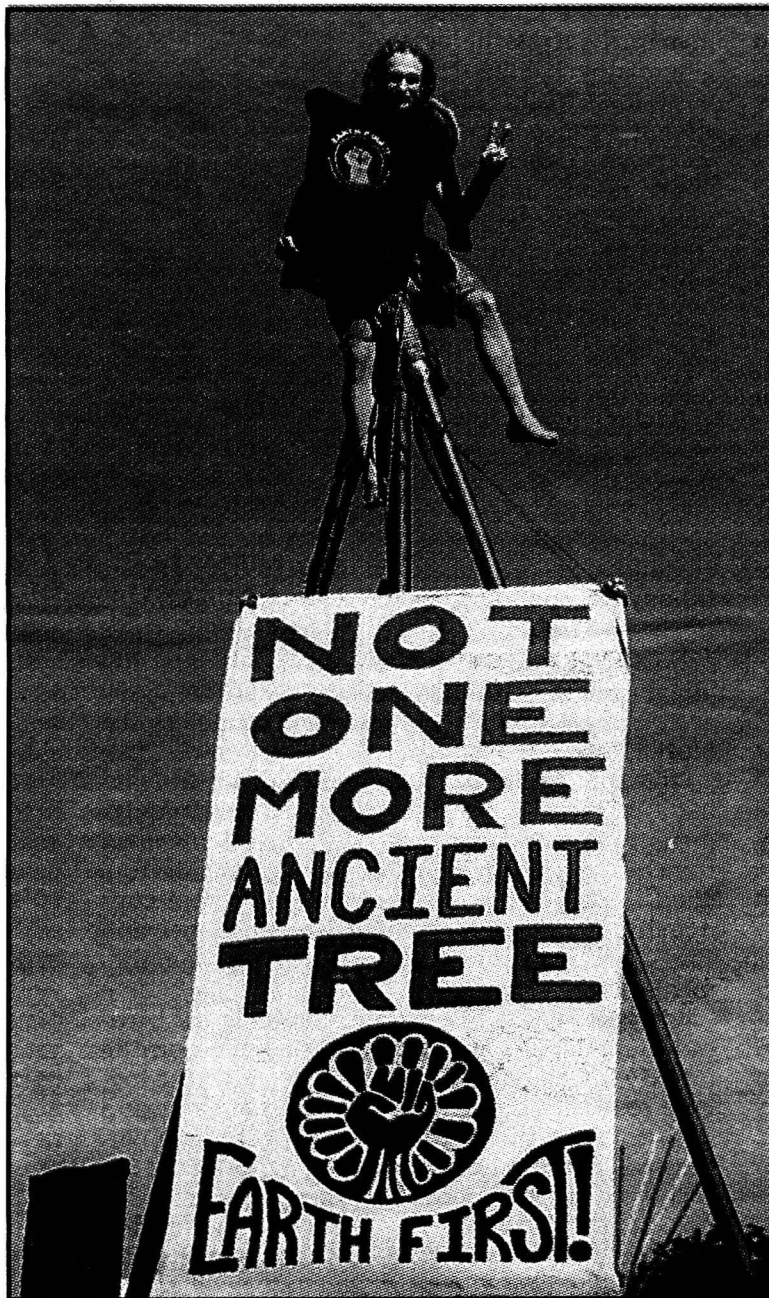
There was a recent opportunity to lay this whole dreadful plan low. The feds approved its \$250 million slice of the \$480 million last year when Clinton signed the Interior Appropriations Bill. But the deal still had to be approved by the California General Assembly. EPIC was making a decent effort at monkeywrenching that process by fierce lobbying, stirring up fiscal conservatives at the huge cost to the taxpayer and making environmentally minded legislators writhe at the preposterousness of the HCP.

But working the phones behind the scenes were conspirators in the drama which ended in David Chain's death. Dianne Feinstein and Tommy Boggs lobbied hard, and as the bill picked up legislative speed in Sacramento, the one group that could have stepped forward and killed it was the Sierra Club. Instead, in familiar fashion, the club decided to "not actively try to block (the bill's) passage, but rather put its energy into improving it," as executive director Carl Pope admitted later to his own board of directors. This was all that was needed to inch the bill past the finishing post; the General Assembly passed it on September 1.

Oh, and the improvements? The Sierra Club suggested that the coho buffer be expanded from 30 feet to 100 feet and from 10 to 30 feet, still far short of the minimum guidelines.

The stage was now set for its fatal denouement, and most likely a whole series of desperate and dangerous actions. Because the deal was finally ratified in Washington and Sacramento, there is no room left for regulatory inhibitions against corporate ravages. At the federal and state level, corporations can shove through Habitat Conservation Plans that are meaningless. The logging crews have been sent into the woods to implement the deal, and the only restraint left in saving the ancient redwoods is direct action demonstrators like Chain. There is no alternative.

WHY DAVID CHAIN DIED



Forest defender Gypsy felt at home off the ground... whether it was on a tripod or in the trees.

the Clinton era, these HCPs have become the preferred corporate method of circumventing the Endangered Species Act.

Pacific Lumber's HCP will allow the company to largely liquidate both old-growth and residual redwood and Douglas fir tracts outside of the 10,000 acres bought by the government. The company is scheduled to receive a permit to kill as many as 340 marbled murrelets, the threatened seabird that nests in coastal old-growth forest. This amounts to 17 percent of a total murrelet population already in precipitous decline.

Right now, on Pacific Lumber lands, there are 116 pairs of nesting spotted owls. The HCP estimates that 16 pairs will be "taken," i.e., killed, and in the words of a California Department of Forestry (CDF) consultant for the plan, "the population [of owls] will be allowed to fluctuate with



What Happened That Day: Accounts from Earth First!

The following is the affidavit of Jeremy "Farmer" Jensen describing the events of the day Gypsy died.

I, Jeremy Jensen declare: I am a resident of Humboldt County, California, the age of 16, a citizen of the United States.

I arrived at the drop-off point and started hiking up the hill. There were nine people including myself and a camera person... When we arrived at the tree the loggers shouted obscenities at us while someone tried to reason with them. That person said that they [the loggers] should stop logging until CDF [California Department of Forestry] showed up because John Marshall said that they [CDF] were going to come today, and although they hadn't shown up we thought they might soon. The logger who was cutting, "Big A", replied that the THP [Timber Harvest Plan] had already been approved and that he didn't do anything that was illegal because then he would get sent to jail and that was where we should be, not him. Someone continued to talk calmly to Big A until he became aggressive and started chasing us back the way we came. He gave up and stood in place shouting at us, and then he walked back to the tree and started cutting again.

We regrouped and decided to try to talk to him again. This time a different person talked to him, and he seemed less angry, but he threatened to fall a tree in our direction and [said] that we had better leave. We all scrambled out of the way as the tree fell dangerously close. I was hiding when I heard Big A start on another tree and yell out that this tree was a tall one and would easily reach us. We again regrouped and had a meeting/snack break to decide what we would do next. As we were eating, we heard the next one starting to go. It sounded as though it was next to us, and I froze in fear. Gypsy and another [person] both started to move, but the tree hit the ground before they got far. Luckily that one didn't come close enough to hurt us, although, if we had been sitting in its path, we would not have gotten away in time. After that last one fell, we decided to go and talk to the loggers one more time before leaving. We all got up and broke into two groups—one group would be uphill from the loggers and one would be downhill. Three [people] would be down hill. Three would be uphill, including myself and Gypsy. Gypsy and another were close to the loggers, and I hung back a little ways from them. We were all shouting at the logger that we were coming to talk and that he should stop cutting this one, then I heard the tree about to go. I dove into some underbrush and under some small trees. I looked up just in time to see a huge tree coming down nearly on top of me. The main trunk came within 10 feet of me and if I hadn't been under the small trees the Douglas fir's branches would have hit me. I brushed myself off and walked out into the steep clearing that the tree created when it fell. Almost instantly the protesters and Big A congregated on the scene. Someone was shouting at him that he could have killed us. It was then that I heard someone frantically calling out "Gypsy, Gypsy, where's Gypsy?! He was right behind me." I called out for him, but there was no answer. It was then that his body was found by the logger, Big A. He [Gypsy] was about 15-foot farther down the slope than when I had last seen him. And when I caught sight of him I saw that he had massive head trauma. I ran all the way to Grizzly National Park to get the news out about what had happened.



Northcoast Earth First! activists locked-down at the Gypsy Free State, September 1998

Gypsy died doing CDF's job.

The following account from Carey Jordan was recorded on September 29, during a radio interview in Berkeley, CA with KFPA's Flashpoint.

"I only knew the logger by his logging name, which was 'Big A.E.' We went there to talk to the loggers. We [had] demonstrated the day before at California Department of Forestry to make them aware that we thought PL was logging illegally... A road was punched in before September 15. That's the official end of marbled murrelet nesting season. They're not supposed to do any work before then. Plus they hadn't finished the murrelet surveys before they started, and also there was the danger of landslides because the slope they're cutting on is practically straight up and down.

"The day before when I was in there, I talked to Big A.E. 'Listen it's illegal to be cutting here, and you're the one who's going to get screwed because the company doesn't give a shit about you guys. They're sending you in here to log illegally, and then when it all comes down, you guys are the ones who are going to get fined for it.' So basically we were trying to build bridges. When we went back the next day, we were just going to lay low to see if CDF actually came out like they said they were going to."

"We basically had three interactions with the logger, including one the day before Gypsy was killed. In the first two, we ran away when he chased us. After the second one, we were hiding under a thicket and took about a 15-minute break to try to calm down. I heard maybe one or two trees fall during that time. Gypsy said, 'Let's wait until he's done with the one he's cutting now and then go out and talk to him before he gets to the next one.' So when we heard the chainsaw stop, I said, 'Okay, let's go

now, it's silent,' and we came out from the thicket and there was the tree right there, like maybe within 50 or 100 feet of us. I swore because we were really close and said to Gypsy "we have to go higher now..." This is all happening within seconds, and the tree is about to fall. I run up where I think it's going to be safe (you can't really run up these hills because it's straight up and down, pretty much). I'm clamoring up the hill and look around, and Gypsy's not behind me so I run back down to him and go, 'Come on, we have to go higher now.' But in this split-second interaction I had with him, the tree was actually cracking and starting to fall over so I gave him one last look and ran up the hill. The tree fell down, and the logger was right there, and he came over and was the one who actually saw that Gypsy had been hit."



The Gypsy Free State, a stronghold in the redwoods, in memoriam

If Words Could Kill...

The following is a transcript of the audible interaction on the videotape documenting the confrontation between nonviolent activists and hostile loggers the morning of September 17. Arlington Ammons, the logger who cut the tree that killed David Chain, is identified as "A" in this transcript.

Narrator #1 (Zoe Zalia, activist): [quietly] Here we go. There's a clearcut right ahead of us. This is what it looks like after they clearcut. In the background you can see what it looks like before they clearcut. [Narrator #1 ducks behind a tree and hands off the video camera to narrator #2, Mike McCurdy, as a logger chases the other activists downhill, threatening them.]

A (Arlington Ammons): [running downhill after activists screaming] You fuckin' cock suckers... [inaudible]... in the trees and let the fuckin' people who don't know what's goin' on go to fuckin' jail. We had patience yesterday. I stopped yesterday!

E (Erik "Ayr" Eisenberg, one of the activists): ... [inaudible]...

A: Get the fuck out of here! You've got me hot enough now to fuck!

E: We don't want to cause you any problems.

A: You already have! So get out of here! You cock suckers! I mean it!

E: [assertively]... When CDF [California Department of Forestry] comes out here they'll tell you to stop.

A: When the motherfucker shows up and tells me to stop, I'll stop!

E: [calmly]... work... Well we should give 'em a chance to show up.

A: Why the fuck weren't they here early this morning?!

E: They were here early this morning?

A: I said, "Why weren't they here early this morning?"

E: Because they're in the company's pocket. So now...

A: [sarcastically] They're in the company's pocket? That's why they're fuckin' with us everyday, yeah?!

E: They're not fuckin' with you everyday, otherwise they would be out here this morning. That's the thing.

A: Get outta here! Otherwise I'll fuckin', I'll make sure I got a tree comin' this way!

E: All right, well let's not talk about that. You know we're not gonna...

A: Cock sucker!

E: [calmly]... [inaudible]... Hurwitz ... [inaudible]...

A: That's all I heard out of you motherfuckers yesterday!

E: ... [inaudible]...

L (another logger): [yelling] Why don't you go over there and harass the other fuckin' crew!

E: ... [inaudible]...

A: Why don't you get outta this fuckin' plan and go to the fuckin' trees that ain't been approved! We don't cut anything that ain't been approved, otherwise we go to fuckin' jail for it!

E: ... [inaudible]...

A: [shouting] Where you cock suckers belong for being out here and fuckin' with us!

E: ... [inaudible]...

A: Ohhhhh, fuck! I wish I had my fuckin' pistol! I guess I'm gonna just start packin' that motherfucker in here. 'Cause I can only be nice so fuckin' long. Go get my saw, I'm gonna start fallin' into this fuckin' draw!

N #2 (Narrator #2, Mike McCurdy): [quietly] Grizzly Creek, September 17. A very angry logger.

A: [shouting] Fuck! Yee Hoo!

N #2: [quietly] I think he gave up now. [Chainsaws revving, cutting. Narrator scrambling up hill]

N #2: [breathing heavily] They are logging with people in the area. There's a tree falling. There are people in the area. Only a few minutes after I saw the irate logger threatening to hurt people I retreated from him... Here's some more fresh cut. As you can see this is a very fucking steep slope. I can barely climb up it... making it extremely dangerous for an activist or logger up here.

E: ... [inaudible]...

A: [shouting] What?

E: ... [inaudible]...

A: I said I fuckin' love it! You got something else... Get out of here motherfucker!

[Narrator #2 chased out of area by logger. End of video]

Reflections on Gypsy

From Back in Austin, Texas

BY CHRIS SYMMANK/AUSTIN EARTH FIRST!

Gypsy knew what was at stake at Headwaters but loved those trees so much he had to continue to take action. Here in Texas he worked hard to save money so he could travel and get back to defending Headwaters. During that time he talked longingly of getting back to Headwaters and in fact, influenced others to go out there and see what it was all about. Those folks, once seeing what he talked about, stayed there and have dedicated their own energy toward saving those forests.

Gypsy became an activist about a year ago when he traveled out to California for his first time, fell in love with the redwoods and then joined the Earth First! campaign. He was smart, learned quickly about what was going on and acted with strong determination. His love for the woods showed through his actions. Whether it was on the frontlines building and occupying tree sits, banner hanging in San Francisco, fortifying a tripod roadblock or doing basic basecamp grunt work, such as late night security or helping out in the kitchen, he could always be counted on for a smile and good spirits. The only thing upsetting to him was thinking of Maxxam/Palco's destructive practices at Headwaters.

Others recently with him have had nothing but warm stories to tell. "Felony" and he were standing below a giant tree the day before he died and almost got hit by a giant falling branch. They both said to each other that they could have been killed, and then Gypsy said it wouldn't be a bad place to die. Gypsy loved that place and those trees. Other friends said he would never stop looking up at the trees. He was always checking out something new.

His spirit was always amazing. He would do tasks that would daunt others: stay high up in tree-sits or hunker somewhere in the backwoods through cold and wet conditions. He could always make the best of the situation, be it wrestling with his tree comrades, finding something good to say or just giving a dependable smile and a sign of thinking about what was going on or being said.

Many of us are so lucky to have known him. For those who didn't, I hope you all can hear more stories of him one day as he was just one of

Keeping Vigil in California

BY MARK WILLIAMS/LA EARTH FIRST!

We live in a time of vigil.

Of keeping vigil with each other, in these desperate times rife with the false optimism of the selfish and short-sighted, in order to remind ourselves: We are not alone. Others, too, care about the last howling wolf, the last old redwood, the last piece of ungraded, unbuilt, free-spirited land. We care, and others care, and so we keep vigil, bucking up our spirits, drying our tears together.

We also keep vigil, as in "vigilance," over those who are too scared, too wounded, too angry to stop their so-called "work," their "careers," which they claim, astonishingly, are dependent on killing off those last wolves, those old trees, those last open lands.

We witness for the sake of others, those who will follow and someday ask us to explain how it happened—though, finally, there can be no explanation—and ask us what we did to stand against it.

Thus, our vigils, more and more, involve impeding, slowing down, stopping where we can the gnashing gears of the terrible machine we've loosed upon the world, this juggernaut that will not be satisfied until everything wild is sucked up, ripped apart, genetically recombined, sold to pulp mills, packaged and otherwise stuck away on a shelf with a price tag on its side, offered up to anyone with enough coins in their hand.

We try to stop this machine, and every once in awhile, for a minute or two, we do. We stop it, and in that rare brief silence, precious music can be heard. Echoes, from a long ago dance. Tantalizing, reminding us of what is being lost, day after day, year after year, life after life.

Indeed, sometimes—more and more often it seems—a life, or many lives, is what it takes to slow this great machine down, even for that single minute. We are here to mourn one of those lives, David Chain's, offered up in defense of that great song, the music that can only come from a place when it's left wild and free.

David Chain gave up his life to stand against Maxxam's relentless, tax-subsidized lust for profits. Profits so that a man like Charles Hurwitz can order up an extra steak or buy a new Rolex and still not be satisfied with his lot in life. And, not being satisfied, a man like Charles Hurwitz and a company like Maxxam—and really, in this age of global empire, aren't they all like Maxxam?—a man like Mr. Hurwitz, in his own terrible restlessness, will seek another forest to cut, another stream to ruin, another community to tear apart.

Our leaders call that "business" in this day and age. Those of us here keeping vigil in the name, spirit and memory of David Chain know what it's really called. Its name is something entirely different than what our governors, our presidents, our Speakers of the House would call it.

In fact, it's murder. We're not talking about the circumstances of David's death now; the legal folks might wind up calling it "manslaughter" or whatever, but what's happening to the planet, plain and simple, is murder.

David knew it. He was willing to put his life on the line for it. And he paid.

All that's left to us now, then, is vigil—in the sense of community, in the sense of renewed action, in the sense of that word's common root with "vigorosity."

A vigil with our eyes wide open, our ears ready for wolfsong, our arms ready to hold a tree and defend it—and to hold onto each other while we're doing it.

This vigil here, then, doesn't mark the end of anything or anyone. But a beginning. Something new—like the Freedom Riders trying something new in their long marches and at their lunch counters. Like Julia Butterfly trying something new with her long, warrior stance up in the tree she calls Luna.

Something new for us. A vigil for a martyr.

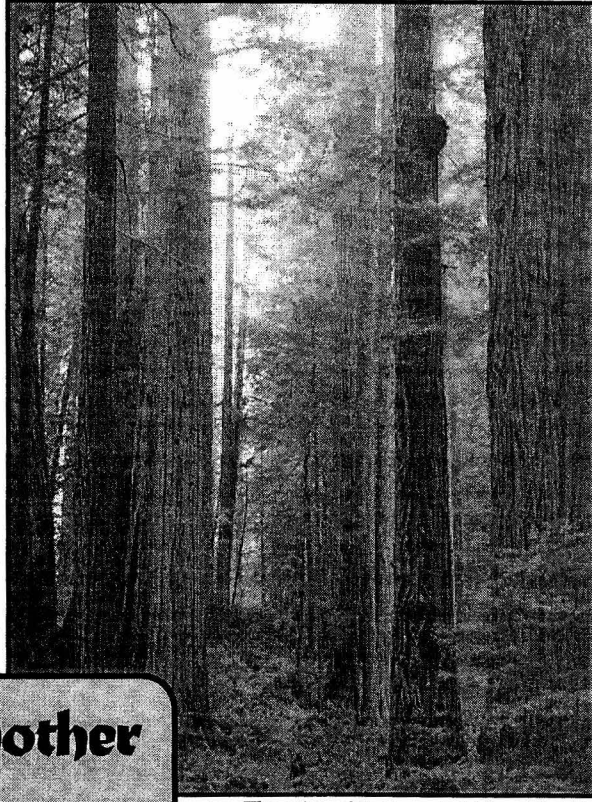
It's not anything we want to get used to. It's a terrible reason to get together. Just like the destruction of a redwood grove is a terrible reason, no matter how much we might bond with each other.

Terrible reason or not, here we are. At vigil. Alone. Together.

Let's move forward from this place arm in arm. Let's stop the machine for a moment or two and listen to that sweet rare music again.

Let's be vigilant. And let's make the world a place of sweet wildness once again.

In fact, let's start right now: with a long coyote-wolf howl at the moon and stars. Loud enough for David to hear us...



The spirit of Gypsy rests in the redwoods

Photo by Brett Cole

Words From Gypsy's Mother

To my friends and family,

I was hoping to convey to the many people who have overwhelmingly poured out their love and kindness what events have taken place since September 17.

I wish you could have all walked with me through these events because if you had, you would have been spiritually uplifted from the things we saw and heard, and your lives forever changed, as ours were.

As many of you know we left the Saturday after the funeral to go to California to see where David Nathan died. We were there until the following Wednesday and were in a different city each night. We attended memorial services in each place we went.

We soon realized that there were many people from all walks of life who represented the same cause Nathan did—to stop the destruction of the beautiful ancient redwood forest. As I understand it, most of the damage has occurred over the last 10 years, and there is only four percent of the 140-million acres that once stood tall.

This was the first time I had ever set foot in a redwood forest, and it took that to make me fully understand why so many have put themselves on the frontlines to protect these magnificent trees. I felt as if I were walking on holy ground.

We heard many stories of how Nathan touched so many people. One that grips my heart is how he had told one of his friends that he never felt he would live very long and that he was a young man with an old soul. There were songs and poems and letters of admiration written for him and these were shared with us at these memorial services.

I am so proud to have had this wonderful young man, my son, for 24 years.

Thank you for all your love and kindness through one of the saddest times we will ever experience.

—CINDY ALLSBROOKS

the best people. I now wonder what the world would be like if he came upon these forests being clearcut and there was no Earth First!, Environmental Protection and Information Center or countless other groups trying to put a stop to such atrocities. From what I knew of him and what I've heard from others, I think he would have made his own stand and that others would have followed suit. The best in us comes out when we see the worst being done.

I'm glad Gypsy had people working with him to stand up for what is so important. I'm glad to see that people are carrying on what he worked for. I hope others will learn about what an amazing place it is he worked to protect and that they will do what it takes to save Headwaters and other valuable wilderness. Many will remember him as the nicest guy with dreads and bushy beard (before his haircut) wearing the same overalls containing toys and trinkets. Others will remember what his spirit represents in the face of destruction and oppression. We will always love him, and we will carry on.

HEADWATERS ACTIVIST KILLED, cont...

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Pacific Lumber's disingenuous claim that the loggers didn't know they were endangering anyone was followed by comments suggesting that it's time to stop these protests, that organizers are putting young recruits in harm's way, etc. These media feeds culminated in what looks to be the first volley in a "blame the victims" smear campaign: a press packet containing two pages of the *Direct Action Manual* describing "cat and mouse" woods actions. PL president John Campbell commented in an accompanying press release that, "If you read the rules... it's just a game. Only the people who work in the forest and their families are supposed to be hurt," seeming to suffer a memory lapse about just who had died.

A vigil and blockade quickly evolved at the site with people locking down to a junked car to block the access road the next morning. People locked to equipment at the ridgetop where Gypsy was killed, and an altar was set up in the middle of the road near the entrance. Had this blockade not been in place, PL crews arriving for work the morning after the incident would have hauled out the trees, rendering an investigation of the site impossible. After several days, PL finally stated it was closing the area until the Sheriff's Department's investigation is done. Clearly, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, the law enforcement agency currently under litigation for swabbing pepper spray into the eyes of Earth First! activists, is not the fair and impartial agency to conduct an investigation.

It is not clear what PL's policy is for workers encountering protesters in the woods, but this is certainly not the first time loggers have acted menacingly toward protesters. The Humboldt Sheriff's Department also has a long record of nonenforcement and non-investigation of incidents of violence, harassment and threats of violence when the targets are associated with Earth First! or Headwaters defense. The backdrop for Gypsy's death is the tolerance and encouragement of animosity and violence toward Earth First!

Whether or not the logger, prior to the killing, had fully come to terms with the fact that he could be

responsible for taking someone's life, it is clear he directly threatened to fall trees in the direction of protesters and then followed through. On the videotape, he can be heard screaming, "Oh fuck! I wish



Tripod sitter at Gypsy Free State

I had my fuckin' pistol! I'm guess I'm gonna just start packin' that motherfucker in here." Earlier, one of the affinity group heard him shouting, "Better wear a hard hat because this one's coming for

you." Scores of organizations and individuals have rallied around a call for an independent investigation in the wake of this killing, including Action for Community and Ecology in the Rainforests of Central America, the Action Resource Center in Los Angeles, the Sierra Club and 100 signers on a letter circulated by the Environmental Protection Information Center.

Humboldt attorney Steve Schectman is preparing to file a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Gypsy's family after meeting with them when they traveled to California from Texas a week after the incident. Chain's mother, stepfather, two sisters, two aunts and two close friends stayed in California several days, attending memorials in Berkeley, Arcata, and Garberville and visiting the site in the forest where Gypsy was killed.

Early in the morning of October 7, 42 members of several law enforcement agencies descended on the Grizzly Creek site to break up the blockade. They forcibly removed those at the site, and moved up the hill to where several activists were attached to a loader. They proceeded to douse two young women who were locked to equipment with pepper spray, pouring the caustic substance directly into their eyes from their gloved hands. These two women, once taken to jail, were denied medical attention for more than 24 hours. The following morning, a group of 30 people returned to the site and set up a road blockade consisting of nine people linked together across the road. To intimidate those taking part in the blockade into unlocking, sheriff's deputies singled out one woman and subjected her to three applications of pepper spray, using her pain as a warning to the others. Commitment remains high to securing the site until an independent investigation can be completed and until the issues of illegal logging are resolved.

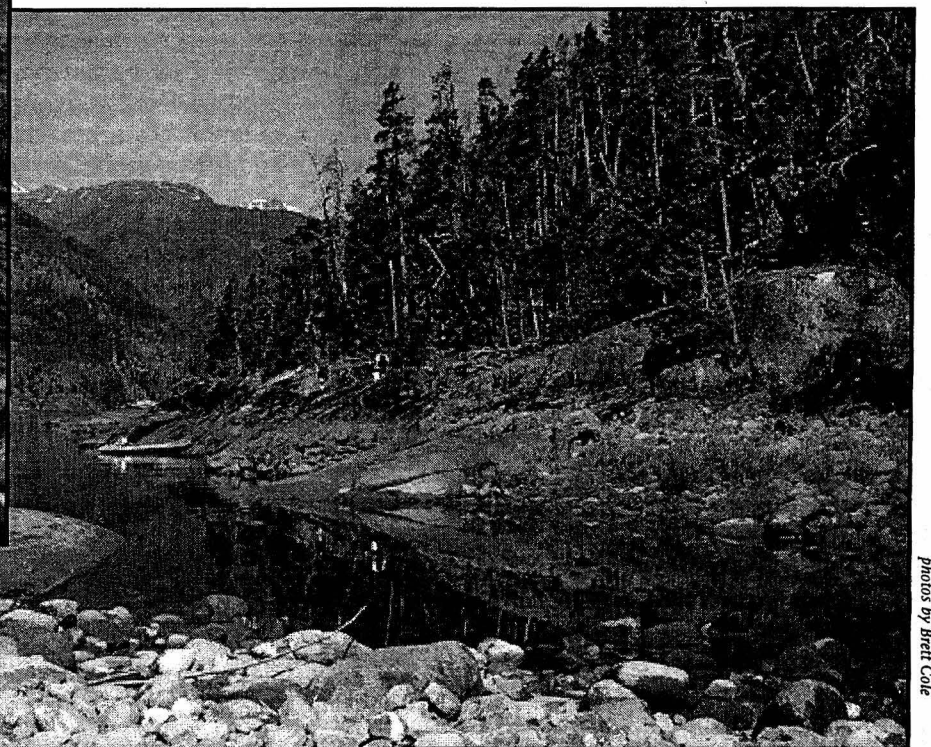
To become involved, join the call for an independent investigation. Call or write Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice, 5111 Main Justice Building, 10th St. and Constitutional Ave., NW, Washington DC 20530. Also contact Dan Lundgren, California Attorney General, 1300 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 445-9555. Emphasize that the pattern of violent treatment and endangerment of nonviolent protesters should be investigated, as well as David Chain's death.

Please help us continue to defend Headwaters forest and our fellow activists. Watch for dates in the pepper spray trial in November or December. Call Northcoast Earth First!, POB 28, Arcata, CA 95518; (510) 835-6303.

THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST



Roadbuilding in the Ingram Mooto wilderness in coastal British Columbia, July 1998. The Ingram Mooto Polallie watershed complex is the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest along BC's mid and north coast. The Ingram is home to bear, cougar, wolf, marbled murrelet, wolverine, salmon, elk, and more than 80 other birds and mammals. This pristine area is one of dozens throughout the Great Bear Rainforest slated to be clearcut by Western Forest Products (WFP) and other companies in coming years. WFP began roadbuilding in the Ingram this July. Activists from the Forest Action Network (FAN) in Bella Coola, BC, staged a virtual blockade of the road by taking pictures of the destruction with a digital camera and downloading them via satellite phone to FAN's Web site. The Western red cedar stump shown here is from a tree cut to make way for a road along Ingram Lake. The tree was roughly eight-feet wide and 900-years old.



The Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia is a vast complex of islands, snowcapped peaks and rainforest valleys containing the longest and deepest fjords on planet Earth. Rainforest valleys such as Sutslem, Swallow and Jump Across Creek (pictured above) are threatened by roadbuilding and clearcutting.

Photos by Brett Cole

RANSOM OR ECONOMIC REALITY?

BY DANIEL PATTERSON

"Howdy, partner! Can you spare some change? I'm trying to buy development rights to protect nature on Western private lands. No change? How about millions of dollars?"

As the West continues to rapidly grow and urbanize, and livestock ranching becomes more economically infeasible, pressure to develop large private land-holdings intensifies. A 22,000-acre private ranch along the Mexican border in Arizona's San Rafael Valley is caught in just such a land-use struggle.

When the Sharp family announced its intention to develop the San Rafael ranch, the Arizona Parks Department stepped in with a \$9 million offer to buy the "development rights" on the 34-square-mile spread, which is rich with biodiversity. Purchase money would come from the voter-approved Heritage Fund, which is supported by the Arizona lottery. The total value of the Sharp's Santa Cruz County ranch property is estimated to be around \$11 million, according to Arizona Parks Director Ken Travous.

While public buy-out deals are increasing across the West, this is the first time such a large deal has been proposed in Arizona. In the original \$9 million proposal, the land would continue to be owned by the Sharps. Grazing would continue, and the Sharps would retain semi-limited development rights on 320 acres, as well as mining rights. Public access, however, would be denied.

"This is not a conservation easement like Parks [Department] says—it's sort of like paying ransom to a rancher who says: 'Pay me or I'll develop my ranch.' For just \$2 million more, the state could buy it outright, and we could have full public ownership and access," says Jon Tate, president of the Western Gamebird Alliance, a Tucson-based hunting organization.

Kieran Suckling, director of the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity, agreed, "It's outrageous to pay a rancher public money to keep ranching. For \$9 million, the public should get the cows off the land—and access."

The Sharp family responded to the Parks Department's offer by demanding more money and listing the ranch for sale at \$24 million. The deal seems stalled, leaving the ranch at risk of a purchase by a developer. "Without public money, the valley is almost certain to be developed," says Luther Propst of the developer-financed and ranching-friendly Sonoran Institute, though it seems unlikely that a developer would pay such an inflated price.

Large private buy-outs of development rights, for better or worse, may be the future of private lands conservation in the West. Most Western states have outdated land systems and laws that strongly encourage subdivision and development. Until Western state land-use laws are revised to encourage conservation, the economic reality will force the development of large private land-holdings, resulting in more 36-acre "ranchettes" like those springing up across the West.

The ranchette boom is relatively recent, and it remains to be seen how many of the 36-acre parcels will be further divided and developed. It is a complicated issue, and there is virtually no research on the relative environmental effects of limited development versus grazing.

In Northern California, the Headwaters Agreement to payoff Maxxam Corporation, Pacific Lumber (PL) and infamous Savings and Loan scam figure Charles Hurwitz has been correctly rejected as a bad deal by leading environmental activists. It will protect only around 10 percent of the core ancient redwood forest area, at huge public cost, and allows Hurwitz to log

the rest of Headwaters. By threatening to clearcut all of PL's ancient redwood forest Hurwitz effectively forced the Interior Department and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) to craft a lucrative deal that falls short on conservation. In fact, when this deal was first evolving, the Interior Department allegedly planned to take money set aside to acquire desert tortoise habitat in the Southwest to pay Hurwitz. Sources within the Interior Department told me those funds could purchase about 300,000 acres of important habitat in the Mojave desert. At Headwaters, the money bought about 10,000 acres.

Ecologists and activists need not necessarily oppose the principle of paying to protect private land. We will not be able to adequately protect and recover endangered species and ecosystems using only pub-

would be given to the Canadian mining company Noranda for mineral extraction. The pay-out may have stopped mining outside a national park, but the cumulative effect on the land is the same, possibly even worse. This is not a "win-win situation" as described by Bruce Babbitt, except possibly for the mining company.

The Yellowstone deal set a precedent for federal buy-outs. It was no coincidence that shortly after that, Catellus Corporation (the largest private landowner in the California desert) declared that it was going to mine and develop its inholdings in the new Mojave National Preserve and BLM wilderness areas. Catellus said this was to maximize revenue from these lands (once public but given away to the railroads over 100 years ago to encourage development). It was largely recognized that Catellus was acting on the Yellowstone deal to leverage an expensive public buy-out.

In a related twist, the US Army's highly controversial efforts to expand the Ft. Irwin tank training base to an additional 300,000 acres of public land in the Mojave would reportedly involve a pay-out of public funds to acquire Catellus lands within the Mojave Preserve. This is considered a highly questionable mitigation measure to allow the Army to expand

high-impact training on threatened desert tortoise critical habitat.

Adding to the complexity, developers and politicians across the West often oppose public purchase of private land due to the already high percentages of public land in the Western states (average 50 percent). In some areas, such as the Las Ve-

gas Valley in southern Nevada, however, thousands of acres of public land have been "swapped" with developers for distant private land inholdings or sold for cash supposedly to fund habitat acquisition. The blight of today's Las Vegas is built on what was, less than 80 years ago, mostly a publicly owned biological delight of wetlands and upland desert habitat. Clearly, sometimes these deals work for nature and the public. Sometimes they don't, resulting in a net loss of public land acreage and habitat quality.

It is time for all Americans to decide if we really want these Western landscapes protected. If so, are we willing to pay for it? A bleak reality called urban sprawl is advancing forward from the edge of every Western city. Coastal Southern California, once a paradise of biodiversity, is now reduced to slices of viable wild areas. The West's future looks more paved, fragmented, polluted and biologically impoverished if we don't take action now to make real private lands conservation a reality. Buy-outs do

have potential to be positive but only if enough skilled activists steer the process toward true land conservation. Otherwise, buy-

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lic lands as a habitat base. Important biological migration corridors, springs, wetlands and riparian habitat are often in private ownership. Why not spend federal money on acquisition and protection of such important habitat? We must continue to demand that cash sources such as the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund are properly used in the future. Honest conservation easements or buy-outs can be a good deal for nature and the public.

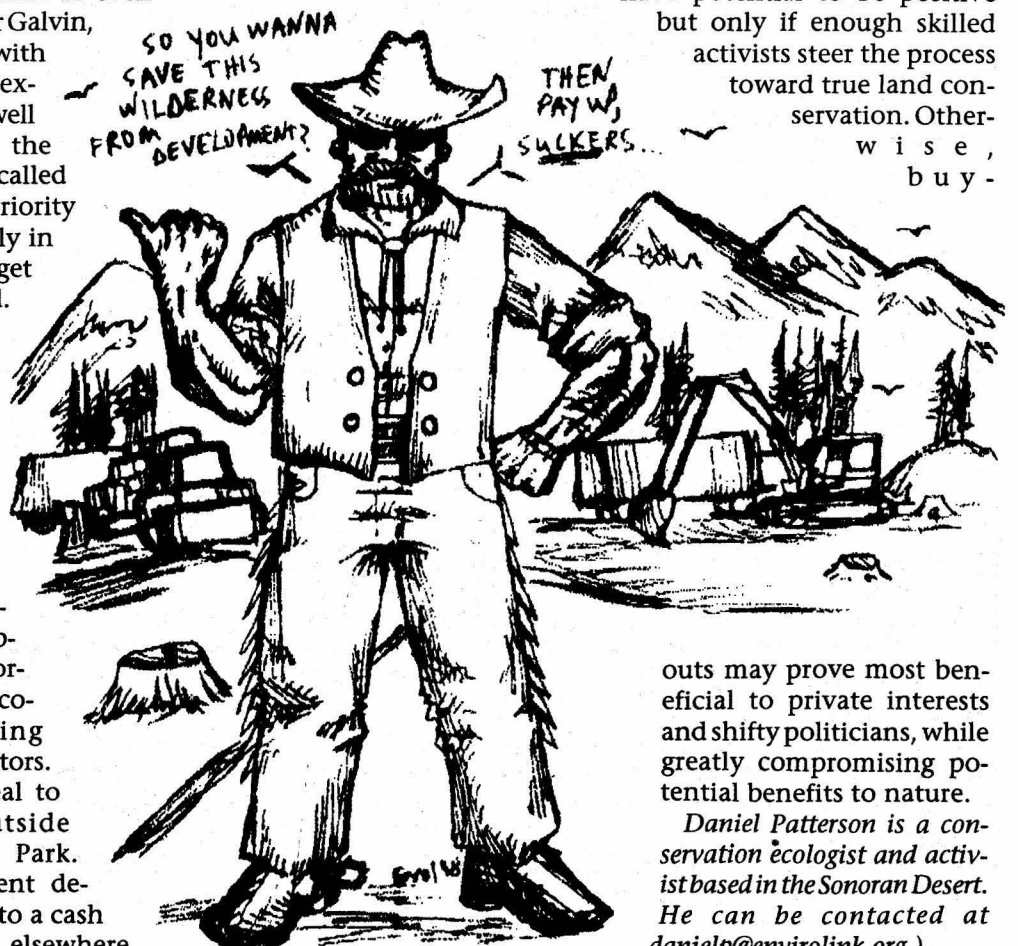
Some regions have implemented innovative funding measures such as the quarter-cent sales tax for buying open space and habitat in Boulder County, Colorado. Based on consumption, Boulder's tax raises money for private lands acquisition and protection agreements. To be effective in efforts to protect private land, we must remain open to the buy-out concept. But we must also be careful not to overlook the fine print or accept rip-off deals.

Certainly, Southwestern enviros are right to oppose a \$9 million pay-out scheme that won't remove ecosystem-damaging cattle or even

allow public access. Peter Galvin, conservation biologist with the Southwest Center explains, "No matter how well it's done, ranching in the desert can hardly be called preservation." A top priority of ranch deals, especially in arid zones, should be to get livestock off the land.

Simply blocking housing development, while continuing to allow livestock grazing on an ecosystem that cannot support it, is not a good deal for nature. Recent and evolving buy-out deals in Montana and California also have big problems caused by greed, corruption and a lack of ecological understanding amongst the top negotiators.

Look at the 1996 deal to stop mining outside Yellowstone National Park. The Interior Department declared that in addition to a cash payment, public lands elsewhere



outs may prove most beneficial to private interests and shifty politicians, while greatly compromising potential benefits to nature.

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BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR...

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He wanted to work compost (the communication shift), but she was not comfortable with him in that role so quickly. He came to me to complain about her treatment of him (not knowing that she and I had discussed it earlier and decided on a course of action), and he misrepresented what she had done. He was trying to play her off against me, thinking that I was a leader and could keep her in check. Ha, ha, the women are our backbone. This was strike three.

He also told me he was given \$300 dollars in petty cash by Buffalo Nations to use at his discretion to help out the Minnehaha campaign. This was strike four because as all Earth First!ers know, there is no such thing as surplus money.

By this time he was wandering around camp carefully checking out all of our key areas. We did a pretty good job of keeping him tailed. He felt that he was being watched and

resenting himself. They had asked him to leave.

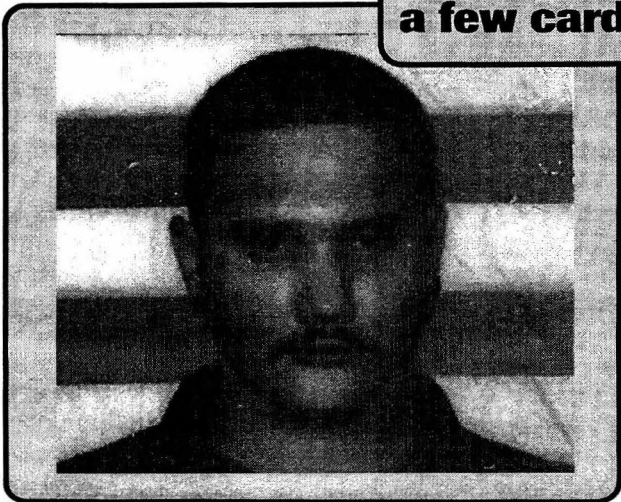
He then went to the Western Shoshone Defense Project (WSDP) and told them he was Mike Meese's best friend and he could bring a lot of stuff to their campaign. He split from their camp with over \$300 dollars (the money he said he had for us, I'm sure). When he departed there, he left behind a birth certificate under the name Jason Hammel and military identification under the name John Glass.

With all of this information piling up from Mike and a call to Mary Anne Alley from WSDP confirming what had happened, I approached the other



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cards from Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers and Buffalo Nations under the name Jason Hammel and a Montana fishing license under the name John Glass. He also left a knife and ax that had the name J. Montagne and an address in Vermont on it. He was a few cards



folks in camp, and we developed a plan to confront "Jason" and escort him from the camp.

We waited until we had a large number of people free from shifts and then asked Jason to join us by the sacred fire. We told him what we had learned and that we would like him to give us the money to return to the WSDP. Then we would escort him from the camp.

He did not make any arguments in his defense and only said that he would rather go to the Greyhound depot than to the airport because it was too late to catch a flight. He also said he would not be able to give us the money because he could not access it until the following day.

We wanted him out of camp so four of us got in a car with him and dropped him off at the bus depot. Not quite the end of the story, unfortunately.

When we got back to camp we found his cell phone, a cash card and emergency medical technician registration card under the alias Andrew Stines, business

short of a full deck as an infiltrator.

The following day, one of the elders in the camp said some of his friends had seen us drop off a guy at the station who immediately made a phone call. Half an hour later two guys in dark suits picked Jason up in a government car.

This made us even more suspicious and so we went around camp with our frequency counter. In the main tipi, base camp tent, communications post, mobile communications unit and the four sacred trees planted in the four directions, we picked up transmissions in the low 200 frequencies (military level).

While Jason was in camp, we heard rumors that we were going to be raided on September 1. On the first of the month several city police cars, state patrol cars and two vans with federal plates showed up with a national guard helicopter. Channel 5 news was there at the time, and we heard the police say over their radios, "Abort, abort the media is on site."

told me to call "his uncle" Mike Meese if we had any concerns, so I did.

When I spoke to Mike he told me that this guy had gone by the name John Glass. He had been at Buffalo Nations talking up what he could do and misrepresenting himself.

Got Dem John Glass Infiltrator Blues!

BY STAN WILSON

Oh god, not again! Yes, EF! is growing up. How can ya tell? I give you John Glass: thief, con man, possible agent. As they say on the cop shows, "be on the look out for" John Glass, aka Jason Hammel, aka Andrew Stines.

What kind of man is John Glass? As one can tell from his description, Glass is a fairly nondescript individual who could be anyone. People who have been in contact with him say the dude has his rap down. Gotta give him credit, Glass snowed a lot of people who are extraordinarily cautious.

He has hit Montana, Minnesota, Nevada and originally appeared on the scene back in 1997 at the Headwaters campaign. Glass has had his way with important computer files and video archives containing information not just related to the campaigns he infiltrated, but also movement-wide campaigns. He has stolen money and equipment. At one point he convinced an activist to loan him her truck. It was recovered only after she filed a police report and even then found just by happenstance. He has even convinced activists to loan him credit cards.

Who is John Glass? A few theories. John Glass is an FBI agent. He is here as part of the general FBI destabilizing effort and has been assigned to EF! to gather information. I'd think, however, that if this were the case, he'd have his shit together much more than he apparently does. He appears to be kind of a fuck up. That could be his cover, but the average FBI agent just isn't that clever.

Theory two: Glass is an agent provocateur. Well, he didn't get anyone to do anything they weren't already doing, and he didn't really seem to be pulling off the tried and true American Indian Movement (AIM)/Black Panther model of getting everybody lined up against one another. Glass really seemed to want everyone to like him.

This leads me to theory three. EF! has enough base camps going and has enough ties to other related campaigns to attract the same sort of predatory parasites that the Rainbow family has become so famous for. I was initially very willing to jump on just this sort of bandwagon, but one fact disturbed me. When Glass was taken to the bus depot in Minneapolis, he was met by

a very "men in black" sort of car, complete with tinted windows. Most parasites don't have friends of that class.

That brings us to my preferred option, theory four: COINTELPRO. The counter intelligence program was set up by the FBI and lovely 'ole J. Edgar Hoover to destabilize and destroy the anti-war movement and other groups like AIM and the Black Panthers. If you think this is all just paranoia and "our" government isn't that bad, you are playing the wrong game. Okay, so what is Glass' trip and how does he fit into COINTELPRO? I think that John Glass is a wing-nut independent contractor, possibly a Clausenite, who has been hired by the FBI/COINTELPRO to go from camp to camp spreading a whole new wave of paranoia, gathering intelligence and, of course, keeping whatever he steals. Real FBI agents aren't thieves (unless they are stealing information). Stealing money is the kind of thing either parasites or independents do. Theft of money hurts campaigns for obvious reasons, but it also hurts for less obvious reasons. When people are stolen from, especially by a "brother/sister activist," we all feel less safe and it becomes harder to let new people in. This kind of shit really busted up the Panthers. Fear and distrust become the order of the day, and yet another opposition group goes down the toilet. All in all, a good day's work.

We know who John Glass is. We have his photo. His days in this movement should be over. We can't get the money back, nor protect the information sources he already accessed. We need to protect ourselves, however, because these sorts of guys aren't going away. First, don't get any more paranoid than you already are. Move beyond fear into awareness. If a person feels "off," they probably are. Trust your intuition. In regards to records, computers and video, make them available on a need-to-know basis. Don't ever give access to records, funds or anything more than mundane resources to any new person, no matter who they claim to know. Name droppers are a problem for many reasons so don't ever let a chronic name dropper do anything! If a John Glass-like individual is uncovered, it is up to each group to decide what to do with the person, but no matter what, pass all photos and descriptions to radical publications to be published.

TIME TO GET SERIOUS

RETHINKING EF! STRATEGY

BY OSPREY

The recent death of David Chain and the increasing violence by loggers against nonviolent Earth First! activists illustrate the serious consequences our tribe faces while necessarily resisting the elevation of economic profit over all other values. Likewise, violence against activists of various movements by the police is escalating—the stakes are rising; tensions are increasing as resources diminish rapidly; and the struggle grows more bitter as the masses and the wealthy few each perceive greater threats. Is the Earth First! movement adapting to these changes and creating new, more effective strategies based on our experience? Effective enough, that is, to really bring about the systemic change needed to stop human-caused extinctions, global environmental catastrophe and societal self-mutilation and disintegration? Effective enough so that David (and potentially others) will not have died in vain?

As one who has been part of the EF! movement for 14 years, I'd say, in general, no. I am less inspired by the movement's strategic direction, even as I continue to be enriched by friendships with people in the movement. I'm not the only one who has noticed that Earth First! seems to be stuck in a rut—one of banner hangings; futile, isolated actions lacking a strategic-wide framework; fragmentation of effort by issue and locality; and internal group dynamic problems, including individuals' addictions to things like alcohol, pot and partying. Serious consequences of these ruts include: energetic, inspired new activists alienated and left out of cliques; older, more experienced activists dropping out of the movement or visible roles within the movement; and Earth First! activists increasingly equating "enjoying life" with mainstream, non-activist activities like watching TV, partying and stepping back from activism entirely, rather than finding fulfillment in a well-rounded activist culture.

There is an increasing tendency to focus on tactics at the expense of strategy and actions at the expense of long-term campaign goals. There is also a macho tendency to dismiss serious, effective legal campaigns and intensive value-changing educational work as not part of Earth First! because they are not direct action campaigns.

Another symptom of EF!'s malaise is the apparent decline in economic sabotage, even as the Animal Liberation Front continues to shut down the fur industry and challenge dominant anthropocentric values with high-risk liberation acts. Perhaps we would be wise to learn from other movements as well as from our own founding visions.

There is a striking failure within EF! (and other movements right now) to do the greatly needed work of face-to-face organizing. This means unplugging the elitist computer, fax, TV and other pas-

sive technological gadgetry and talking to people outside our activist circle—through cultural events, study groups, roadshows, workshops, potlucks, on their picket lines, in their demonstrations, at their homes and in their neighborhoods. A lot of this kind of work made activism in the '60s successful and inspiring. We need to learn from our own "our story." We need to build a stronger community among ourselves.

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What do I mean by learning from "our story" and creating our own strong community (to fill the void now filled with addictions, consumption, industrial technology and mass pseudo-culture manufacturing of consent)? Let's look at labor movement history for some examples. Until we democratize the workplace, democratic movements will be quite limited in duration because people have to go back to the same jobs (the same system) the next day. (This is what happened in the Philippines after the revolt against Marcos. Now they are under another business-as-usual government.)

Between 1860-1880, the Populist move-



ment in the US had a whole activist culture going, with its own co-ops, newspapers, cultural events and town meetings. We can learn how corporate power destroyed all that through the use of "regulatory agencies" and government co-option. The labor movement's momentum was lost because they got complacent with apparent victories, handed over their direction to the government via regulatory agencies, stopped organizing for broader goals and went into reactive mode.

Sound like the stagnation EF! finds itself in today? We would be wise to learn from the labor experience, allow ourselves to be shocked and enlightened by the similarities and start working with labor activists. Stronger alliances will get us beyond the government/corporate "divide and conquer" schemes and teach us what we need to know to be much more effective in our own issue work—and in our choice of issues, strategies and overarching frameworks of thought.

What do I mean by "overarching frameworks of thought?" Well EF! has

some good ones that need to be shared with the rest of society much more than what we've been doing—like biocentrism, the philosophical underpinnings of deep ecology and putting the Earth first, with no compromise in her defense.

But are these frameworks enough to move us forward strategically now? Probably not. So let's consider some additional overarching frameworks that can

each other and trade directly. Pretty soon people know most of the other members of their community. Gang violence goes way down because almost everyone knows each other. (It's hard for most people to hurt someone they know and with whom they have some shared connection.)

This is a system of local-level mutual aid that builds real community and real alternatives to corporate dependency. Let's do business with each other, not with corporations or others out to oppress us. How is this particular effort funded? By volunteers and low-paid staff who salvage usable building materials and sell them at low rates. It is a lot of work, not obviously heroic, but rewarding, and

it does not require some technological expert or government intervention. A lot of the best long-term solutions will probably be like that—local, humble, simple and meaningful.

If we really want to create significant lasting change, we need to be serious about what we're doing and how we're doing it. We simply don't have time to fool around while the Earth goes down. While it's important to take breaks and continually reconnect with the wild that inspires us, we're not doing enough to bring others into our struggle so that we can take it as easy as we would like.

These insights are like glimpses of moonlight in the dense fog of our colonized and routinized minds. We all need each other, and many others whom we haven't connected with yet, or we will remain lost, not even noticing the others groping around. The Earth as we know it may die because we stayed mesmerized by the toys and ploys of techno-society, techno-toys and regulatory agencies meant to distract us. Like rats in a maze, some may never look over the false walls dividing us, set up by the mad scientists of corporate greed. I've seen some of the rats look over the walls. If enough of us do...

Let's not forget to dream and not forget our dreams.

Suggested reading:

Radical Democracy by C. Douglas Lummis; *Mutual Aid* by Peter Kropotkin; *The Populist Moment* by Lawrence Goodwyn; *Cities Without Citizens*; *The Modernity of the City as a Corporation* by Enzin F. Isin; *Cities, and The Wealth of Nations* by Jane Jacobs; *The Search for Community, From Utopia to a Co-operative Society* by George Melnyk; and *Who Will Tell the People?* by William Greider.

For further background on how I suggest reframing our issue work (and why) for greater effectiveness, write or call the Program on Corporations, Law and Democracy, POB 246, South Yarmouth, MA 02664-0246; (508) 398-1145. POCLAD needs donations to continue its work, and we need your engagement in the growing movement to end corporate dominance and build real democracy.

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PLOWSHARES BEAT MISSILE SILO

Two plowshare's activists disarmed a Minuteman III missile on August 6 in Colorado. The following is one of the activist's testimonials:

I have always loved nature, unendingly. Before I began to prepare for what became the Minuteman III Plowshares action, I was organizing around anti-militarism issues at our local chapter of the War Resisters League in New Jersey. While I was always concerned about pollution and rainforest destruction, in my mind somehow, war resistance and environmentalism were complementary but distinct. When one of the crazy characters in our peace community, Bob Weiss, introduced me to the history and spirit of Earth First!, my mind was suddenly ablaze! I continued my life-long walks through nature and began more and more to think of war resistance as eco-defense and to understand the threat of war as affecting not only animal and human life, but the biosphere itself.

Perhaps these connections are obvious, but to me they were a revelation. The Pentagon is Polluter #1, and I would resist it, in defense of Mother Earth!

So here I am, years later, looking at the mountains of Colorado. Just 37 days ago, with my friend Daniel Sicken, an Air Force veteran from Vermont,



Sicken and Ko-Yin, sledgehammers in hand

I traveled to our local Minuteman III missile silo in Weld County, Colorado. With bolt cutters, we clipped the fence, unfurled a banner and painted a mural on the silo lid. The grasslands were so flat and quiet in the rising sun. With sledgehammers, we began to beat on the tracks that would let the silo lid open and release the missile of genocide and ecocide. The sound of our hammers on the metal tracks rang out into the prairie, the very sound of beating our nuclear swords into plowshares.

When we were done and waiting for the Air Force to come for us, we could see the shattered concrete around the tracks, the blocks of the tracks hammered right off, our blood-anointed painting of the broken rifle of disarmament and the grave stone with the letters H-O-P-E, all painted neatly on the silo lid. I knew that beneath us was the 335-kiloton monster, and I could say to the prairie and to the sky, "My Earth and her creatures be safe from this. We are tired of its threat, and we long for rest."

—SACHIO KO-YIN, SEPTEMBER 1998

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BARBED-WIRE SNIPPED IN THE BIG SKY

In mid-June, as the Wyoming Stock Growers Association was meeting in Casper, a carload of range warriors traveled 100 miles up and down Wyoming's dirt roads, cutting 260 sections of barbed-wire fence.

"Just in time for the welfare cowboys convention," read leaflets nailed to fence posts. No one has taken responsibility for the action. Now, in a throwback to the 19th century when fence cutting resulted in hangings in parts the West, violence lingers over barbed wire in Big Sky country.

"For their own safety, they better lay off," a local rancher said. "If the right group finds them, they might get shot."

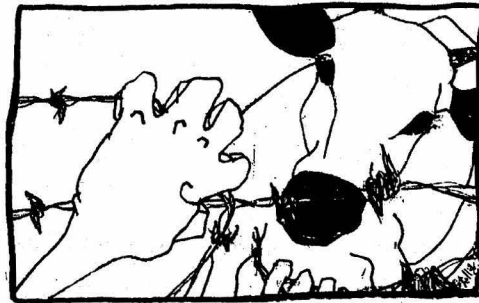
Environmentalists insist the government should not subsidize the environmentally destructive

grazing industry by opening public lands to the meadow munchers.

Frequent acts of wire snipping have ensued. Environmentalists also believe the barbed-wire causes lethal injury to birds, coyotes and deer.

The ranchers believe the wire cutting is directly attributable to an article that appeared in the Eostar '97 issue of the *Journal*.

(Information compiled from the *NYT*.)



FREDDIES HIT BY SLASHERS

In two separate incidents this September, the Forest Service had less hot air than normal.

On Sunday, September 6, graffiti was painted on the US Forest Service headquarters in Rutland, Vermont. "Earth First!" and "Save Lamb Brook" were spray painted on the building (see the Brigid '98 issue of the *EF!* for details about Lamb Brook). The headquarter's doors were also locked shut with chains, and tires were slashed on four Forest Service vehicles. Police believe the acts were tied to an informational weekend gathering sponsored by the Native Forest Network, a Burlington, VT-based group that opposes road building and logging in the Lamb Brook Roadless Area. The Native Forest Network says it was unaware of the vandalism at the Rutland building.

On September 26, the Forest Service in Asheville, NC, discovered tires slashed on 21 agency trucks. A Forest Service special agent suspects "environmental terrorists" may be responsible for the incident. In all, 82 tires were slashed causing an estimated \$5,000 worth of damage, according to an Asheville Police Department report.

The suspects apparently climbed over a fence to the Forest Service compound and used a knife to cut the tires. "The complainant believes it may have been done by an 'environmental terrorist' group that often targets the US Forest Service," the police report stated. It did not specify which group. The Forest Service special agent who filed the report slightly backed off that assertion later, saying that other groups or individuals may be suspects, too. "I am pursuing several other facets of the investigation," he said.

In the past, environmental groups have criticized the Forest Service for its logging policies in national forests, including the one million acres in Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests of western North Carolina.

ELF CHOKES YELLOW DEATH MACHINES

On September 20, the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) took credit for the sabotage of seven large yellow machines of death in Davis, CA. Gas tanks were filled with sand, chest-high tires were slashed, and wires were cut.

Minnehaha Liberated Zone

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Within an hour, more than one hundred people had come from the rally to the free state to bear witness to the action. Eight activists were arrested as they tried to stop the bulldozers. The police applied pain compliance holds, hurting several of the nonviolent activists. Protesters quickly took up positions to attempt to block the police van containing the arrested activists; seating themselves across on the road, they chanted "Let them go!"

Many other developments and victories have taken place since the occupation began three months ago. In early September, "Spiderman and the Green Lantern" scaled a 150-foot crane and dropped a banner that read, "Stop the Reroute of 55—Earth First!" When the police arrived, they commented, "We won't arrest you, but you can't do this every day." Spidey hung underneath the banner for about five hours until the strong winds forced him to descend. No arrests took place, but the rope and banner were confiscated.

A few days after Spidey's bit of guerrilla theater, tension in camp esca-

lated when workers and machinery from MNDOT and Minnegasco utility company arrived on the street to tear up the utilities. Everyone in camp was alerted with whistles, and in no time people were in position for a raid. Earth First! and the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota tribe decided long ago that we would block the progress of the road every step of the way. Just after the first front-end loader was rolled off the trailer, an activist named "Special Sauce" locked his neck to the hydraulic lift of the machine. "Solstice" then locked down to the other machine in a similarly precarious manner. The street began to fill with state trooper vehicles as well as a fire truck and Minneapolis police. Press releases were immediately sent out, and soon every local TV station was on site. Amidst all of the chaos, the MNDOT foreman promised that if the EF!ers would unlock, he would pack up and go home for the day. Both Solstice and Special Sauce made it clear that they were not against the workers, but that they were forced into their positions by MNDOT and that they would not unlock until the

reroute was canceled.

The foreman said he understood the protest and wanted no one to be hurt. He told police that he could have a person on site in 30 minutes to dismantle the equipment, but the police opted to use the "jaws of life" instead. Despite many pleas from the activists for the police to join the protest, the locks were cut and the EF!ers, who went limp, were carried to the police cars screaming "Earth First!" A vigil of activists sang songs outside the jail until both protesters were released on their own recognition later that evening. Solstice and Special Sauce were charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order.

The encampment hosted the Mendota Mdewakanton's first-ever pow-wow on September 27. More than 500 people came by the protest throughout the day to witness the very spiritual celebration of the sacred trees and the cold springs and to honor Mother Earth. After many hours of dancing and traditional tribal drumming and singing, the event ended with a giant feast. Also, a Midwest Regional Rendezvous was held at the Minnehaha Free State the second week of October.

The campaign to stop the reroute of Highway 55 will be continued until the project is canceled and all native land claims are upheld. The free state needs your help! All are welcome to join the fight to help change the way America looks at road building and Native American land rights. Contact us at Big Woods Earth First!, POB 580936, Minneapolis, MN 55458; (612) 362-3387/Minnehaha Free State (612) 728-0595; earthfirst@juno.com.

If you can't join us, you can help by contacting MNDOT Commissioner James Denn at (651) 297-1467; Representative Martin Sabo at (612) 664-8000; Commerce at the Crossings, #286 250 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401; martin.sabo@mail.house.gov; Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton at (612) 673-2100, City Hall Room 331, 350 South 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415, mayor@ci.minneapolismn.us. MN Attorney General Skip Humphrey at (612) 225-0726; Senator Paul Wellstone at (612) 645-0323; 2550 University Avenue West, Court International Building, St. Paul, MN 55114; senator@wellstone.senate.gov. Tell them to stop the reroute of Highway 55 and to support the Mendota land claim.

shit for brains

Shit for brains means letter to the editor. The letter is supposed to be under 300 words. Shitty brains is a reference to the intelligence of the editors. But if you mention that too much or send letters about Birth First!, you won't get printed.

Dear Shit for Brains,

The news of the death of Gypsy near the Headwaters grove deeply disturbed me, as it doubtless did every other forest activist. The feelings it brought out remind me of a fundamental principle, one that is sometimes forgotten: No Compromise in the Defense of Mother Earth!

When I heard that Gypsy was killed by a PL logger who failed to appreciate the seriousness of the activists standing around the tree he fell, I can't help but think of the "compromises" that must have set the stage for that disregard. When any activist makes a stand, to then back down even an inch is far worse thing than to never have made the stand at all—it taints the stands of others with the air of compromise. And when direct action activists are perceived as susceptible to bullying and threats, situations become immensely dangerous. Giving in and backing down in the face of danger may save your ass, but only at the expense of someone else's.

For my part, I'll admit to once coming down from a tripod under threats of, and actual violence from some very pissed off loggers. And I admit I should have done more after taking part in our action at Dillon Creek when an activist was run over by a log truck. We should have pressed charges and filed suit or done another action the next day, something, anything to show we couldn't be run down and scared away. But we didn't. We backed away from fear, compromised our position of moral integrity for one of physical safety.

The sole line of defense for the passive resisters is their uncompromising integrity. Judi and Darryl didn't back down after being bombed, Rod Coronado has refused to budge even after years in prison; "civil rights marches weren't dispersed when the fire hoses found their targets—and we must not water down our backwoods actions because of the insensitive act of a coward. Say it with me one more time just for the record: No Compromise in the Defense Of Mother Earth!

—A REPENTANT CHICKEN

Dear SFB,

I have been a subscriber to your publication now for two years and read every one of the issues cover to cover. I however see a certain frailty in your activism and your political strategies, and that is the fact that Earth First! is dancing around our common goal as monkeywrenchers and eco-terrorists. That goal in my eye is the destruction of the Glen Canyon Dam. Now I know that this is very hard and also nearly an impossible task, however if we all put our minds to it

we could find a way to do it without the risk of thousands down river. We are a smart enough and capable enough movement to bring the system to its knees and Glen Canyon Dam to the ground. Please get back to me on this, tell what you in Eugene, OR, are going to do about that grand hunk of concrete down here.

Greatly disapproved,
—JUNIPER.

Dear SFB,

They are running ads again against the Kyoto agreement. The ads are paid for by the polluting industries. If anyone wants to give a call and tell them where they can stick their bullshit p.r. the number is: 1-888-543-2287. This has two benefits; the polluters have to pay for the call, and they get an earful to boot.

—RONALD REAGAN

Dear Anti-Automobile Activist,

Ever notice how when police cars and fire trucks are in a hurry, with lights flashing and sirens screaming, the traffic signal lights always change for them? In some cities this is controlled by a switch at the dispatcher's office, but in a lot of communities it is done by a photo electric eye inconspicuously mounted on the traffic light which is triggered by the strobe of the approaching emergency vehicle.

You can buy a powerful strobe light with variable frequency control at Radio Shack for \$34.99. You will also need a \$79.99 inverter to run it off a car battery (available free at any parking lot). You can then experiment to find the right frequency and with a little practice at aiming, you can switch traffic signals back and forth at will, creating confusion and massive traffic jams. Two or three such units in one neighborhood coordinating their efforts could probably shut down a whole city.

In some situations control of traffic lights could also be used to facilitate escape from the scene of an action or delay the arrival of police.

Check out traffic lights on main streets near fire stations for inconspicuous photoelectric eyes to see if this system is in use in

your community. If it is, go play in traffic!

—TSINDAR

SFB

I became a parent through a combination of my own carelessness and manipulation by another. I have a perspective that is a mixture of "deep-



ecological anti-procreation" and a furious love for a growing child.

If I and my child were ever verbally insulted by a fellow EF'er for bringing another human into the Global Mall, I might kill out of a rabid defense instinct, but I would understand the person's perspective.

Jim Flynn and others are right



bear If you meet a bear in the woods, tip your hat and smile. Bears are large animals and they are very strong. People who know bears say you can't always be sure what a bear will do, especially Smokey.

that much of parenting is selfish and self absorbed, leading to self righteous and defensive behavior. Jim and Catia share similar attack styles in the "your raft is made of petroleum" and "your kid will drive a car" types of arguments. However, neither can completely defend all facets of their own lifestyles. All of this leading to the conclusion that the answer lies somewhere else.

There is a lot to be said for raising children within the tribe.

excess while accepting a very limited version of these activities. Excuse me now, I gotta go change a diaper.

Love,

—FRASER

To the Editor,

I still have every journal issue from my 14 year subscription. But I jettisoned the "Birth First" section of the Aug./Sept. issue (and almost, after reading it, my lunch). I was horrified (and nauseated) at

Practical reasons include keeping activists from becoming ex-activists through peer rejection, encouraging a mixture of ages and lifestyles, and, potentially raising an EF'er from scratch. This last is NOT a justification for having a child since planning your kid's politics is a recipe for disaster.

There is a lot to be said for discouraging this procreative behavior and encouraging each other to stand by our beliefs. I felt that pressure immediately upon being infected by EF! and didn't plan on becoming a procreator. However, if someone has a kid anyway, the solution doesn't lie in condemnation.

If the Rendezvous was any indication, EF! is not a haven for brazen breeders. We can rest assured

that, on the average, we have internally counteracted the dominant perspective paradigm. When pushed, we can also all individually rationalize our particular impure behaviors, whether we're snipped or not. Maybe the answer resides in some middle ground of discouraging consumptive and procreative

the blatant justification and promotion to further increase the already metastasizing human population on this over bloated, besieged, dying planet. Overpopulation is the root cause of all Earth's problems. Reduce humans to a fraction of a percent of their present malignant proportions and all the pollution, deforestation, and destruction they could throw at it would hardly phase the regenerative power of this planetary system. As it is, all conservation and preservation efforts are worthless in the face of the unrelenting onslaught of human reproduction.

Les U. Knight: "The intentional creation of one more of us by any couple anywhere can't be justified in the light of the tens of thousands of children who die from malnutrition each day and considering the millions of species going extinct as a result of spilling oil in Alaska and causing environmental destruction." "No compromise" is Earth First!'s battle cry. The view espoused by "Birth First" is far worse than compromise. "Birth First" means "Earth Last."

Those who protest the hypocrisy of environmentalists driving cars must admit the difficulty of living in this country without doing so. But where is the difficulty in living without children? There is no excuse or justification for such a heinous act against this planet and its dwindling species who are being shoved into extinction. For those who want to mother a human, adoption is a responsible and considerate choice, giving a place to an already existing human, instead of creating a human for which there is no place.

LOVE YOUR MOTHER. DON'T BECOME ONE.

—JOANNE COCKERILL

Hey!

I work with kids. Kids like to ask what your "favorite..." is. Can be color, music, etc. but the one I have fun with is "What's your favorite animal?"

I have to smile, "Well, I'm ashamed to admit it but my favorite animal is human beings." Usually we have to argue about

that for a while and they'll pin me down to liking a few other species as well but not before I've made my point.

I wish grownups were as easy to clue in.

The last two issues (late summer and fall) have brought out a lot of reaction but to me the weirdest came from the person who not only likes our species but believes us the crown of creation. ????? Why? I like my own species because we're one of the weirdest



and most versatile. Far from being highly evolved, we're way under evolved which is why we live successfully in most Earthly environments and can successfully subsist from Nature's larder on a wide range of food-stuffs. But we ain't the "crown of creations." We are *les enfants terrible*... A very young and immature species, bringing down the house we live in and in a fair way of not surviving to "grow up."

No human being can replace another species in the ecology of the world. You couldn't be an effective fox—could not replace the niche of the harp seal, the hawk or the mouse. And what human, ever, is as meaningful to "creation" as a tree? Or that lowly plant, plankton. No way. We may be interesting but we're too young to be useful. On the other side of the fence are those who believe we're such bad children that we should be put in a bag and dropped off a bridge (metaphorically and by intent).

I believe we're a species like any other on Earth. There's a reason we exist and I don't believe we are, necessarily, the "natural" equivalent of bubonic plague. We're obviously way off the track we're meant to be on—that we, the spoiled brats of the cosmos, have the interactive and synthetic potential to live creatively, successfully and happily as an integral part of the biosphere.

In August-September issue is a windy diatribe by Lynn Jacobs with a rebuttal by Dennis Martinez. What I perceive is the dichotomy of humans who believe themselves separate from other life on Earth and humans who believe themselves interactive *parts* of the life of Earth. In a given ecology *all* life interacts and is sensitive to each other's existence. When humans pop themselves into a biome and regard themselves as aliens and treat the indigenous as non-beings, we inevitably harm our relatives (the plants and other animal species). When we perceive ourselves as part of the biome and interact courteously, the biome is healthier. True, in a biome lacking humans, the intertwining lives of those living there have no problem being healthy without humans. No problem. But when we are within a biome, if we do not treat other lives courteously and reciprocally, we are a factor for creating illness in the life of the land.

It is because our species needs to grow up (fast, I hope) that conscious environmentalists should be supported in birthing at least some children to grow up in a new way with eyes open to the possibility. Simply siphoning off the disgruntled children of the middle class is not good enough. We have to recreate our species. Hang in there.

A Grandmother for the Wild,
—PENNY

Yo SFB,

After reading all the responses to Birth First as a mother and an activist I just had to respond. It never ceases to amaze me how otherwise intelligent, open-minded individuals can totally lose it over kids. I just about choked over the whole bit about how "activists make good parents but parents don't make good activists." Since becoming

a parent my activism has actually increased. I did go through a period of being uninvolved but that had everything to do with a chronic illness and not my status as a parent. Meagan, Stan and I were



building A building is a thing that has been put together with many pieces according to a plan. Your tree house may look pretty bad, but it is a building.

at her first protest when she was only two days old. The core of the Bison Action Group that caused such a stir in Montana in 1996/97 was our little family. Actually Meagan, at seven, is probably twice the activist than many older, childless activists are.

Next the issues of reproductive choices. I believe the reproduction is a choice and that means a choice to reproduce as well as not to reproduce. I question members of this movement that so freely embrace our governments' willingness to sterilize us. I believe that anything our government does for free is suspect. If Y2K does go down our tribe will be short lived if the sterile caucus has their way. I understand the population bomb issue but we are not talking about folks who have 8 or 10 kids, not even 3 or 4 but 1 or 2. I dare say that our family of 3 consumes less than many outdoor recreation junkies. Also Meagan's relatives don't buy her a bunch of plastic junk and until our bus burned we were still using some of Meagan's diapers as dish cloths. Oh, to all you people who chant "adopt, adopt..." Now that is the consumeristic choice. In order for any agency to allow you to adopt you had better at least make appearances of being a Good American Consumer and you'd better not have too much of an activist record.

One last thing. To all you folks who sacrificed their reproductive organs to Mother Earth. Bad news, the Earth isn't some weird guilt tripping Judeo-Christian entity that will smile upon your great sacrifice. If you choose to maim your body or simply choose not to reproduce don't blame the planet for it, take responsibility for your choices yourself. Mama Earth obviously loves life and birth and growing things, just look around you. But the Earth holds one thing more dear than life and that is balance. I agree that having 10 kids isn't balanced but declaring that all lovers of the Earth should remain more barren than an overgrazed, clearcut rainforest is even more absurd.

—DELYLA WILSON

PS—No comments in this letter are directed at any one person per the *Journal* collective demands.

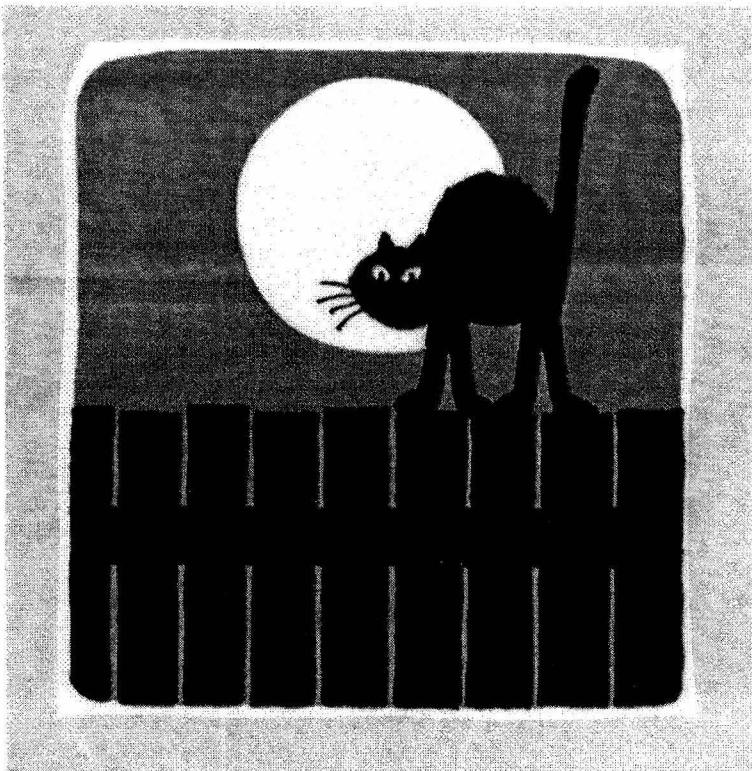
Dear Rabid Ewok Eco-Warriors, I'm an Earth First!er who has been reading the *Journal* for a year or two, and after some thought I've decided to write you guys a letter. You're doing a great job of talking about some

Let me quote an EF! primer which was just reprinted in the Mabon 1998 issue: "All natural things have intrinsic value, inherent worth." So even us messed-up little human monkeys have inherent worth. You can revolt

of the issues I'm involved in (or would like to be), and you've got people who know a hell of a lot more about these issues than I do, so I figured I'd write about something that I think I have some much needed input on—misanthropy. It seems like misanthropy is seen as a cool hard-

against the government, the multinational corporations, capitalism, consumerism, materialism, overpopulation, and all the things in society that are messed up. And please, please DO revolt!!!

You can struggle for the downfall of the institutions that are



core EF! stance for a lot of people. After all, it is people that are leveling whole ecosystems, so we should strike out at the root of the problem, that destructive Homo Sapiens species... right?

Wrong. That's exactly the kind of anthropocentric, anti-life rhetoric that a deep ecologist has to strike out at. The human race is not some destructive, unnatural abstraction standing above Nature that must be "stopped." We're basically a bunch of monkeys who have become alienated from ourselves, each other, and our Mother—and I never heard of anyone healing alienation by telling people that their whole species is evil!

Earth First!, as far as I know, is about the only massive deep ecology activist movement out there. Do we really want to broadcast the contradictory message to the world that deep ecology equals hatred of human life?

savagely destroying our beautiful world, and I'll be right there beside you. But if you hate humanity, you'd better take a long hard look at your hatred. Ask yourself what good it does to curse the darkness when you could light a torch. Instead of cursing humanity, why not just be content to educate and enlighten them through your activism? It doesn't let you vent as much anger, but it's much more productive and much more in keeping with deep ecology.

—JUSTIN O'NEIL

Dear SFB,

Much thanks to all the Cascadia Warriors—red & white, male & female, younger & older, single & married; gay, bi, & hetero; Earthmoms, midwives, misanthropes, & monkey-wrenchers—for helping me to finally attain a much needed vasectomy. Earth First!... without judgement calls.

—THE RADICAL WEATHERMAN

Dear *Earth First! Journal*,

I'd like to thank Dave Harper and Bradley Angel for the work they contributed in the Ward Valley campaign, where—despite Governor Wilson's virulent advocacy that the dump must go in—so far Mojave land has remained undesecrated. What an amazing victory for EVERYONE involved with the occupation, for the tortoise, for the integrity of the desert and for the people.

I was sad that work and family obligations meant I did not attend the actual occupation. Yet, my best hopes for respectful organizing, resisting the racism for which our movement is infamous, apparently were realized. Amazingly the Mojave felt okay about the alliance and were NOT offended—in all my work amongst Native Americans, successful alliance is a thing to celebrate.

In contrast, at Headwaters, key organizers as late as last October refused to meet with the Wiyot, ancestral people of that land. Twelve tribes came to celebrate the only Indian owned park in the US and the EF! office in Eureka would not allow us to use the phone to help environmentalist celebrate with the people.

We have a long ways to go.
—A MEMBER OF THE 7TH GENERATION AFFINITY GROUP FROM SCOTIA PEPPER SPRAY, BORN IRISH-COMANCHE

Dear Friends,

On October 4, 1998, Claude the Wonder Cat cashed in his ninth life. The cause of death is unknown.

Many of you knew Claude as my traveling companion. Claude was paralyzed from the waist down (if a cat had a waist) as a result of a kittenhood accident. While he required a little extra care, he possessed a fighting spirit that made him anything but a pitiful creature. Some of you have scars to prove it.

He was arguably America's most well traveled feline at almost a half a million miles. He survived many an Earth First! style roadshow as well as every Round River Rendezvous since '91. Bonesteel Films immortalized him in the 1995 video documentary "Travels with Claude."

It is fitting that he died in the shotgun seat of my truck where he spent so much of his time. And it is equally fitting that he spent his last night in a national forest. His body is laid to rest in the Hoosier National Forest near his last "home," laid out in the open for the worms, coyotes and carrion fowl.

Thank you for your kindness and understanding you all have shown down through the years. Dealing with Claude's situation was always a challenge and could have only been possible with your help. Someday I will look back and see what a bizarre situation this has been, I've been squeezing a cat's bladder three times a day for nine and a half years almost without a break. To do otherwise never made any sense to me. And we did this while traveling around the country hanging out with people who are making history.

Today somewhere Claude runs on all fours as the wild creature that cats once were, through a wilderness that we can only dream about.

Big hugs across the continent,
—ROBERT HOYT

MCCARTHY'S LAST STAND

BY SCOTT STOUDE

McCarthyism in America isn't dead, it has simply shifted its focus to environmentalism.

That's the message in Todd Wilkinson's new book, *Science Under Siege—The Politician's War on Nature and Truth*.

Wilkinson says political and institutionalized efforts toward scientific spin-doctoring of environmental truth take place today via a ruthless fanaticism that obfuscates the message by destroying the messenger.

"Politics... have become the cultural filter through which [environmental] truth flows," Wilkinson says. "A campaign of stifling attacks on the essence of scientific truth is present and thriving both within the ranks of the federal government and within the ranks of natural resource agencies."

Science Under Siege is a long overdue story of "whistleblowers" and "combat biologists" who have challenged the union of "Good 'Ol Boy" agency employees and politicians joined at the hip with industry.

Every chapter is the story of an employee or biologist assigned to seek scientific truth that, once documented, is suppressed, attacked or discredited by the very agency that assigned it.

When he first began researching the book, Wilkinson admits he was

skeptical about agency whistleblowers. But he changed his mind when initial inquiries resulted in insinuations of reprisal from both industry and government. If institutions could threaten him "for merely writing," he wondered what they were actually doing to people such as:

Bear biologist David Mattson, whose research for the US Fish and Wildlife Service clearly demonstrates the perils of delisting grizzlies; David Ross, an herpetologist whose research on frogs threatens fortunes from the exploding real estate speculation and development market in Utah; Al Espinosa, an Idaho fisheries biologist whose research on cutthroat and bull trout blocks the clearcut path of powerful timber interests.

Wilkinson tells the stories of conscientious agency biologists and public servants who take seriously

their public duties to protect the environment but are intimidated, ostracized and discredited for their efforts. In doing so, he uncovers a natural crisis augmented by institutional dogma that few Americans see, but many sense. Nobody epitomizes that crisis more than Jeff DeBonis, who in the late 1980s, stepped from the closed ranks of the Forest Service and founded Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEEE), a nonprofit organization that

protects employees who report agency transgressions.

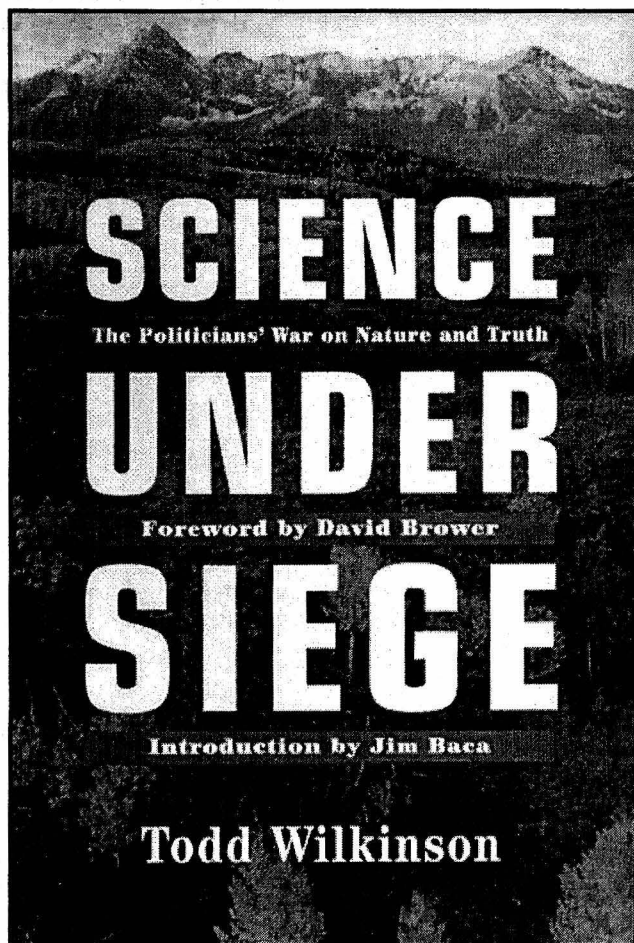
After 12 years of working as a timber sale planner and viewing landscape destruction caused by decades of clearcutting, road building and unsustainable timber cutting (and after repeated urging by superiors to alter environmental documents), DeBonis had to admit he was no longer working for an agency of foresters, but an agency of de-foresters.

"That's when I realized the system didn't work," he said. "The agency will only do the right thing if it's challenged in court or believes it will be exposed."

Wilkinson pulls no punches. The 350-

page book echoes with names. He points to Northwest politicians in particular who continually attempt to circumvent science and twist federal laws to cut more trees. He says politicians like Frank Murkowski and Don Young from Alaska and Larry Craig and Helen Chenoweth from Idaho, "have fostered an environment of lawlessness" by ordering the Forest Service to continue cutting even when and where the best science reveals destruction of species and ecosystems.

Wilkinson accuses these wise-use strategists of rhetorically blending ecology and economy in a redefinition of ecosystems designed more to enrich developers and industry than wildlife and nature. In Utah, he points to this new order of politically defined ecosystem truth as a direct result of a cozy relationship between wildlife agencies, developers and a coalition of Western politicians called the "Cowboy Caucus."



"What you don't understand," a biologist from Utah tells him, "is that rural politicians in this state believe it is still their duty to tame the frontier. Manifest Destiny didn't die at the turn of the century. It merely shifted from ranching to development, and woe to the environment caught in-between."

Science Under Siege sends a clear message that most Americans would rather not hear: Our natural world—the same pure water, diverse wildlife, lush forests and fertile soil that lured us to this continent—has been systematically destroyed within only a few decades.

And today's political answer to that message is to shoot the messenger.

Like Theo Colborn's *Our Stolen Future* and Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, Todd Wilkinson's *Science Under Siege* will take its place on the book shelf of the 20th century as one of the great wake-up calls regarding our natural world. But unlike Carson and Colborn, who uncovered hidden attacks against the structure of the natural world by deadly manufactured toxics, *Science Under Siege* uncovers a hidden attack against nature fueled by the heady toxics of politics, money and power. This is a critical book for anyone who cares about being involved with the future of truth and nature in the American West.

Science Under Siege is available for \$18 from Johnson Publishing Company, 1880 South 57th Court, Boulder, Colorado; books@jpcolorado.com

Reprinted from the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

ROSY CHAMBERPOTS

BY JIB BARNES

From the first authoritative chord strummed on an acoustic guitar to the madrigal-esque subtlety of vocal harmonies, Rosebud's *Thundermug Honeypot* CD lets you know that your ears are in the hands of a master musician. The versatility of Rosebud's voice, which ranges from a sweet lilt to an impassioned growl, is surpassed only by the eclectic diversity of musical influences. I'm not joking about the madrigals. Inside the studio-polished clarity of this sound basket are many fruits, all from one tree of personal style. The cohesion of this CD comes from Rosebud's wit and clarity of vision.

When someone says that a CD evinces careful studio work, I usually think of overdone strings and synthesizers. That is not the case here. Although balalaikas, telegraphs and ebos are played, there is a carefully wrought sparsity of sound that allows the clear direction of Rosebud's intent to come across.

This woman is a cultural architect, working at remodeling the dominant paradigm by preaching to the choir about the meaning of the words they've been singing. The title track makes some poignant queries like, "Where do you think all your crap really goes/when you're done stuffing fluff in your/bottomless holes," while the song Ma Gore uses some unsettlingly interpreted nursery rhymes to address the errors we make in educating our children about the world.

Every tune on the CD is ragingly political. But it is rescued from being one polemic after another by the delightful wit and the rather obscure enunciation style of the vocals. Reading the lyrics illuminates the double entendres created by occasional reworkings of language, such as "pharmaceutical kingdom companies."

This CD is not for the complacent. I don't think I'd listen to it everyday for a week. It's angry, intelligent and beautiful but not exactly easy listening. There are switches in tenor that take a song from one movement to the next with surprising ease. You hardly notice that you've been taken from one genre to the next. This woman is a freak, as the punks and old hippies (you know, the ones who were not making a fashion choice) call themselves.

To purchase the CD, send \$12 to the *Earth First! Journal*. Please use the order form on page 33.

SUPER HEROES FOR THE PLANET: A CARTOON BOOK OF TREE PROTESTING

BY ANN ARCKY

Copse—A Cartoon Book of Tree Protesting, by Kate Evans 1998, 208 pages, 8x12 in.

"This book is the subjective history, spoken history, a history of resistance and history in resistance. This book will infiltrate the British Library! This is the sucka m.c.'s who've spoken for us, who've mediated and twisted our words over the years... ideally this book would have as many authors as it does voices. No names on the cover, no names in the book. Stories arising out of nothing, like echoes from the underground."

This excerpt from an introductory rant in *Copse* demands that the book be taken at face value as an authentic representation of the "road rage" counterculture in the UK.

Copse is a gorgeous, coffee-table-sized book that zooms in on the dynamic anti-roads movement which began in 1992 and has borne such impressive tactics as tunneling and extensive tree village squats. "Cartoon Kate" Evans transcribed group conversations with 50 different activists about experiences at the Newbury Bypass, M-11, M-65 and A-30 campaigns, plus Welsh anti-opencast mining protests, and wove them together with graphics, photos and her clever cartoon strip stories. The resulting pictorial history is lifelike and homespun, with a good dose of freakish fantasy thrown in. Most of the photos seem like they could be right out of a North American free state, complete with traverse lines, cement barrels on tree houses, log walls, and plenty of dreadlocks and piercings. The images are sure to make any eco-defender's heart pound with delight.

A hodgepodge of how-to diagrams (ecofeminism, or how to piss in a harness), articles on the Criminal Justice Act, hairy eviction tales, photos, striking poetry, a hilarious glossary of terms and an amazing cartoon history of the Diggers' stand at St. George's Hill reflects the energetic and courageous spontaneity that has earned the spunky tree house pixies and tunneling trolls an honorable place in direct action history.

To order *Copse*, make \$15 checks out to Orange Dog Productions, POB 8959, London, N19 5HW, England.

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MUDSLIDE CURVE

Well I hopped into my pick-up
and I jammed on up the road y'all

To get out to the jobsite
Stop the truck and grab the chainsaw

When the coast was clear

We had a beer
Hell the harvest had been great

But then the sky it darkened
And opened like a gate
Down came the rains of autumn
The torrent couldn't wait
'Cause

Clearcuts Become Mudslide Curves!

Well the wall of mud it hit me
and my world began to tumble

Mudslide Curve, Duck and Swerve

As I surfed the wave of debris and

My truck began to crumble

Mudslide Curve, Duck and Swerve

But t'was the irony that hit hardest
With its awful crushing weight
That I'm trapped in a mudslide
That I have helped create
Each tree I cut my coffin
The rains just sealed my fate
'Cause

Clearcuts Become Mudslide Curves!

Well I begged him Jhonny
no don't go down that dark road
Your eco-system's gonna crash
But he didn't listen no
Instead of going slow
He sped up down the slippery pass
SMASH!
No No No No!

Well first is was the Spotted Owl
And now they say the Salmon

Mudslide Curve, Duck and Swerve

But they just wanna mess with me
I know what they're a scamming

Mudslide Curve, Duck and Swerve

But this is still my west
Get yer homes out of the way
And you wholesome white-bread families
This is your darkest day
For I've unleashed the killer mudslide
And yer ass is in the way

'Cause

Clearcuts Become Mudslide Curves!

Slughang

THE DEATH OF DAVID CHAIN

Tom Brokaw got on TV
And repeated the Big Lie
See the mill all boarded up
Hear the sympathetic sigh
He summed it up succinctly
With these vicious words
It's your paycheck or your planet
The loggers or the birds"

Pete Wilson and his freddies
Were nowhere to be found
They said "Big Timber is our business
And to the dollar we are bound"
Their absence was a message
"We'll turn a blinded eye
Don't expect us to give a damn
If anyone should die"

Charles Hurwitz told the people
"The battle lines are drawn
These eco-terrorists won't stop
'Til all your jobs are gone"
The PR team worked overtime
To build up every wall
"These bomb-throwers and tree-spikers
Just want to kill you all"

A man stood with a chainsaw
Knowing only what he knew
Every lesson that he learned
Said it's either me or you
His saw lanced through the redwood
Many hateful words were said
And several seconds later
David Chain was lying dead

Some will call this man a killer
Some will call this man a thug
Some will cover it with lies
And sweep it 'neath the rug
But from Oakland to Fortuna
Sacramento to D.C.
There is murder in the air
And there are killers running free

David Rovics

CLEAR AS CUT GLASS & JUST AS DANGEROUS

EVERYTHING IS BLEEDING

Majestic Redwoods
bleed shards onto the ground
leaving behind scarred stumps
a testimony to their wounds
Where forests once ruled
mud and slash and napalm
left behind as their only eulogy

A man's pride swells
as the latest giant smashes into the ground
its thunderous crash
the applause he will forever hear ringing in his ears
It's a conquest to him
his chainsaw victory over the defenseless victims
another trophy to decorate his imaginary wall

Trucks and trains
the hearses in this funeral parade
where Ancient Elders lay
stripped of their glory
bare for all to witness their shame

They line the highways
red walls of permanent death
It seems we've forgotten
the meaning of respect

I walk among the ruins
the graveyards of all that's past
tears fall streaming down my face
my aching so deep it threatens to overwhelm

I will rest my head on the moss
in the secret place where the ladyslippers bloom,
where the deer will bring me mushrooms,
where the granite heart of the earth beats,
where plant sway and needle drop
are songs on a sweet wind,
where love is what moves us all,
held close to the warm earth,
where we are at peace, at rest

Gary Lawless X

A scream splits the grieving air
I realize it's my rage I hear
my rage that I can't ever have this forest back
these trees are lost into eternity

I fall to the ground
laying my head to my Mother's womb
begging her forgiveness for the death of her children
my aching so deep
it threatens to overwhelm

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Friends of the Earth-Australia (FoEA) is hosting this three-day gathering in solidarity with indigenous people and the Earth. The gathering will emphasize aboriginal land management and how nonindigenous people can work with respect to the decision-making structures of traditional landowners.

The conference will be a combination of speakers, workshops and presentations all focusing on indigenous issues. For more information, contact FoEA at 312 Smith St., Collingwood, Australia; (61+3) 9419-8700; foefitzroy@peg.apc.org.

Organizers want to hear from indigenous people who would wish to speak at or attend the conference. If you wish to speak, send a brief summary of your topics.

CAMPUS DEMOCRACY CONVENTION/TEACH-IN

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- \$ health and well-being of humans
- \$ global dependence biotech corporations
- \$ corporate censorship of public backlash

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The video is available for \$15 per copy. If you are interested please send an email to k.armstrong@qut.edu.au, or write to Keith at 18 Agars St, Rosalie Qld, 4064; 07 3876 2304 or 0412 749 729.

Dear street reclaimers and assorted revolutionaries,

Yes it's us again pleading for you to send us some material for the Reclaim the Streets book/agitprop now provisionally entitled "Who Are These Lunatics? The Pleasures and Politics of Reclaim the Streets." The book will not have an academic or historical tone but will be a very alive piece of propaganda for the RTS movement. So we (London RTS) are still looking for contributions from non-UK groups. Do you have any superb photographs of your street parties or press cuttings or anything else that could be part of a book? (We will return all material sent to us.) If you have anything please send it to us, and we will send you free copies of the book. The submission deadline is Dec. 1, 1998, but please send stuff ASAP. Send material to: JJ, RTS Book, 75 Kitto Rd., Telegraph Hill, London SE12 5TN; rts@gn.apc.org or artactivism@gn.apc.org.

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TCHKUNG! vs. THE STATE, a one hour video documentary (NTSC), it follows the heartwarming relationship between an anarchist performance collective and their local police and fire depts. Exploding dumpsters, parades, riot cops, clowns, tall tales, and a lot of good show performance footage.
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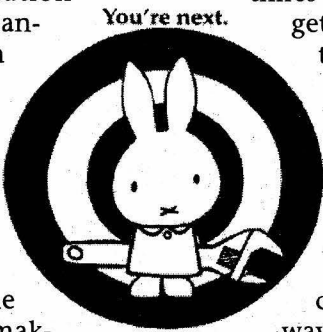
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INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHT

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It's that wonderful time of year again, when the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) calls for its annual International Earth Nights, the chance for all radical groups, be they Earth Liberation, Animal Liberation, anti-nuclear, indigenous land rights, women's, anti-fascist or revolutionary, to take the opportunity of uniting, making the damage done to those who are destroying this planet a hundred times worse. No matter the target, use the night constructively. We also ask this Earth Night to be especially a time of solidarity with the Zapatistas who are presently being forced off their land by the Mexican government. One Earth, one chance to save it. (As always, we call for no loss of life, only property.)



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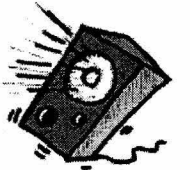
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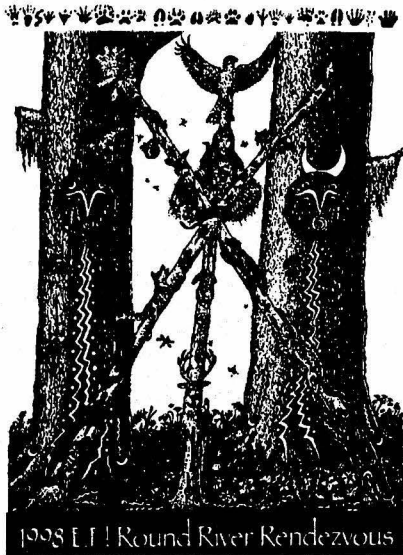
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