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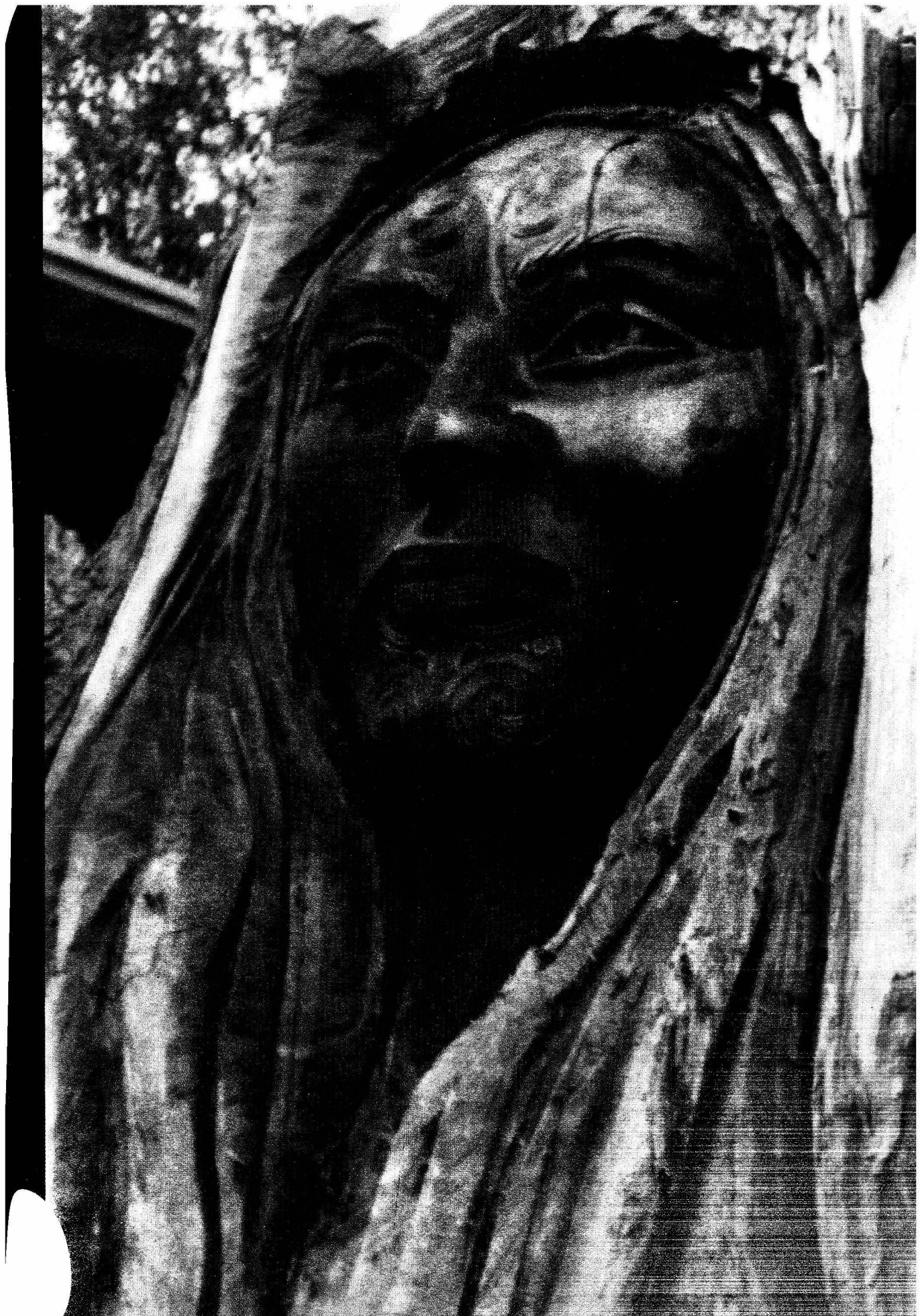
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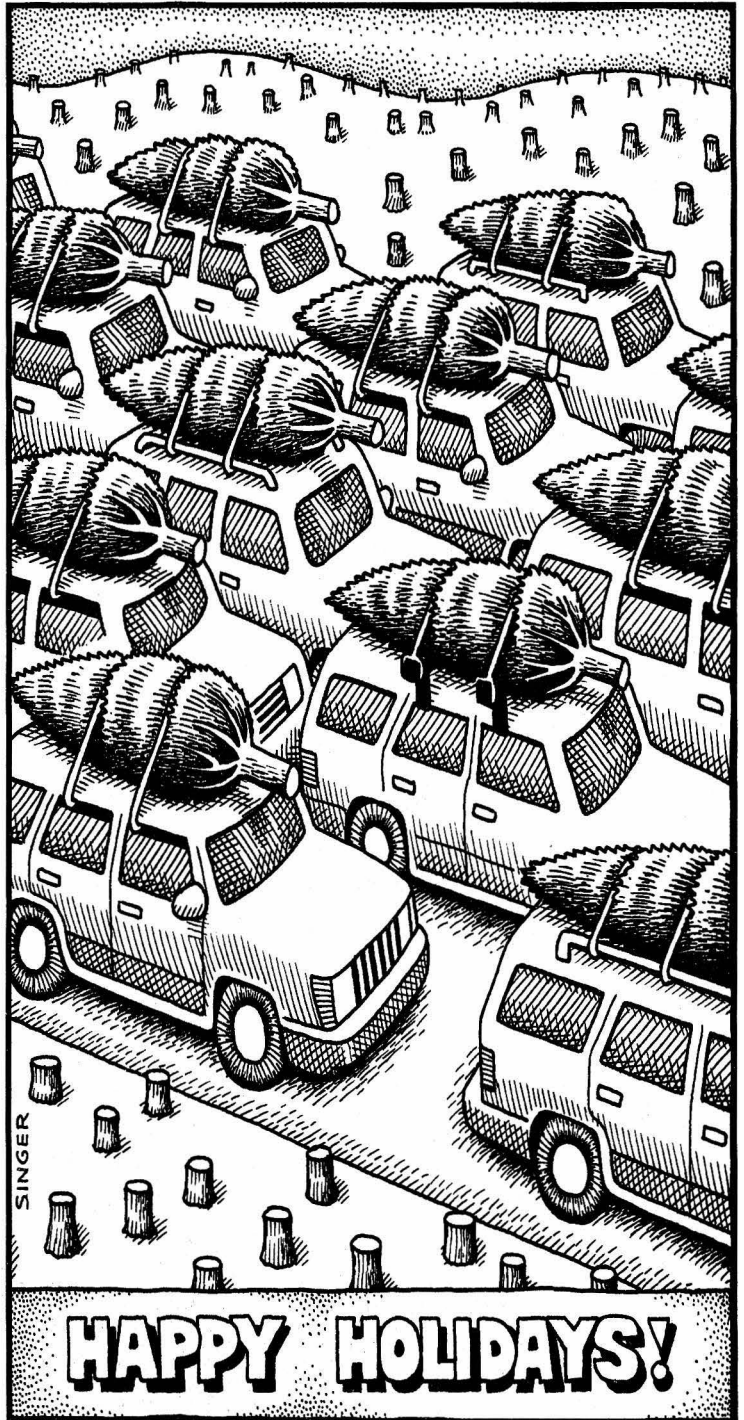


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# THE MOMENT IS RIPE

As says Su Negrin, begin at start. What is more elemental than nourishing ourselves through food? This most basic aspect of our lives, our very sustenance, has been usurped.

Do you know how the stewards of your food are treated, even on the organic version of your average industrialized food-production farm? How much burning petrol it takes to bring your food to the shelf? What is even inside the substances that you eat?

A decreasing majority of the people inhabiting this planet sustain themselves without a dependence on agribusiness. It is essential in providing the roots for local self-sufficiency. As DC guerrilla gardeners have said, "Gardens are revolutionary infrastructure." Indeed.

Let's not dissect the evils of corporate food—let's feed ourselves! The creation of a garden is as simple as you make it. Be it a barren patch of Earth newly liberated from the smothering embrace of concrete, a rooftop or a porch smattering of five-gallon buckets, it can take any form you desire. Be resourceful! Imagination can manifest square-foot primitive horticulture just about anywhere.

Redistribute the flowers in front of the bank. Hunt for seeds of native edibles in your bioregion, harvest rainwater and runoff. Rescue plants from construction sites. Gather random neighbors and be the impetus for shared gardens. Mimic the wild in your garden—forsake even rows and allow the abundant chaos of weeds to reign. With some research on the needs of your

plants and a focused attunement to them, your garden will grow itself!

For those that manage their energy in such a way that they feel too "busy" to grow their own food, I ask you: Have you forgotten that *you* are calling the shots here? We do what we make the time to do. Free yourself from wage slavery by eliminating the need to buy some or most of what you eat. Grow enough to feed the nomads among us. Ingesting fresh, native, seasonal plants gives us vibrant health. And how delicious it is to sink our fangs into a succulent squash that we first knew as a seed!

Agriculture is not the answer. I am not advocating the cultivation of every last expanse of Earth. The domestication of the wild has given rise to innumerable

plundering institutions. Until there is a chaos of wild greens, berries and fruit trees busting out of every tear in the veneer of tamed space, growing food is essential. Let us seed the Earth for future urban foragers.

Beyond your local co-op or dumpsters there lie scarred stretches of soil in need of some lovin'. The moment is ripe for reawakening our primordial instinct to feed ourselves. Let's build up our autonomous networks now and watch it all burn with full bellies! Each seed held in our hands is the ultimate metaphor. Plant! Place the seeds of wildness in the supple Earth, keep them moist and witness their stretch toward sky.

—aleksandra



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# Fauna Cabala

BY FAITH WALKER

Stumpy-tails (*Tiliqua rugosa*), large, long-lived, lumbering lizards of semi-arid Australia are monogamous odoriferous star-gazers. Also called sleepy lizards, these gila monster look-alikes are slow and peaceful. Even their dramatic open-mouthed threat display is unconvincing since their broad, black, leaf-shaped tongues are often studded with bright flowers, one of their main food items.

Upon reaching sexual maturity at three to five years, stumpy-tails select a partner who is the least related to them of all prospective mates in their home range. This inbreeding-

avoidance mechanism is likely important because they live to be 30 and don't travel far, and thus adults and their adult offspring often coexist. Once selected, members of a mating pair live separately for most of the year, reuniting in the spring to spend the six-week mating season together. They then part, and during the next five months the pregnant female's internal organs become increasingly squashed, causing gasping until one to three live young are born. About 85 percent of the

time all young are fathered by partners. The others herald from extra-pair copulation that occurs when females are not satisfied with the amount of attention given to them by their partners, a situation that can lead to divorce.

Most stumpy-tail pairs reunite for



Stumpy-tail snacking

years, a feat accomplished by celestial cues and smell. A "third eye" on the forehead has photoreceptors that enable these lizards to use a celestial compass to navigate and stay within their home area. Olfaction is also used to recognize who's who among stumpy-tails. Stumpy-tails thus rock the lizard world because they are the most monogamous lizard and because their homing behavior and individual recognition skills are refined.

## WE WANT YOU!

The *Earth First! Journal*, located in sunny Tucson, Arizona, has an opening for a new member of our editorial staff. It could be you.

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## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW SHORT-TERMERS

In addition to our current search for a new long-term *Journal* editor, we're seeking individuals who would be interested in working on one issue of the *Journal* as a short-term editor. This rotating position allows the *Journal* to grow with different voices and gives individuals an experience to remember.

And the wait isn't that long anymore. So think about it and inquire for details.

## Dear Shit Fer Brains...

Dear SFB,

A brief note on the question of strategy. Given the current climate of "Eco Terrorist" hysteria, it would seem an appropriate time for another angle than the "in-your-face" style arsons and the like. We know that effective, silent sabotage is seldom made public. We don't need to make heroes and martyrs of ourselves whilst adding fuel to their strategy of defile and destroy.

Remember that which is most effective, take what works and use it!

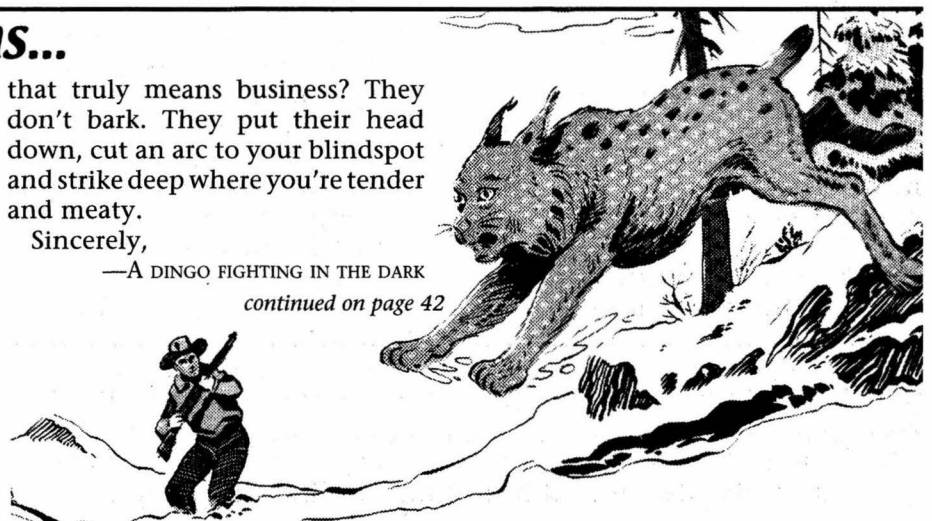
p.s. Has anyone met an angry dog

that truly means business? They don't bark. They put their head down, cut an arc to your blindspot and strike deep where you're tender and meaty.

Sincerely,

—A DINGO FIGHTING IN THE DARK

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# How Cascadians Made S&M Work for Them

BY R.T. VOLE

In the early 1990s, President Clinton engineered the Option 9 Forest Plan, otherwise known as the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP), to put an end to the ongoing "timber wars" of the Pacific Northwest. The NFP was meant to make both environmentalists and the logging industry happy. Years later no one is happy, least of all the forests, and the NFP has ended up being a recipe for ecosystem destruction and continued controversy and protest.

"Survey and Manage" (S&M) was one of the main selling points to Clinton's sell-out, compromise plan. The rationale of the NFP was that by surveying for and then "managing" rare and sensitive species, they could both log much of our last remaining ancient forests and protect and ensure the long-term viability of old-growth dependent species on the brink of extinction.

These meager, compromise provisions, thrown in to appease environmental groups, were not even being followed. Finally, in November 1998, the Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC) along with a coalition of 13 environmental groups won what is now referred to as the S&M lawsuit (see ONRC Action v. USFS), which forced the USFS to do the required wildlife surveys.

For the past four years in Oregon, people have occupied controversial northwestern timber sales—such as Clark/Fall Creek, Winberry, Harry Thomas, Slap, Snog and Eagle—by living in the upper canopy of these majestic ancient forests. Little did they know that their small, shy, not yet noticed neighbor would be the one to throw the veritable monkeywrench into the US Forest Service (USFS) and the timber industry's 2001 logging season plans.

The red tree vole (RTV) is one of hundreds of Survey and Manage species. It is joined on the S&M list by many mosses, lichens, mushrooms, vascular plants, insects, spiders, slugs, snails, amphibians and mammals.

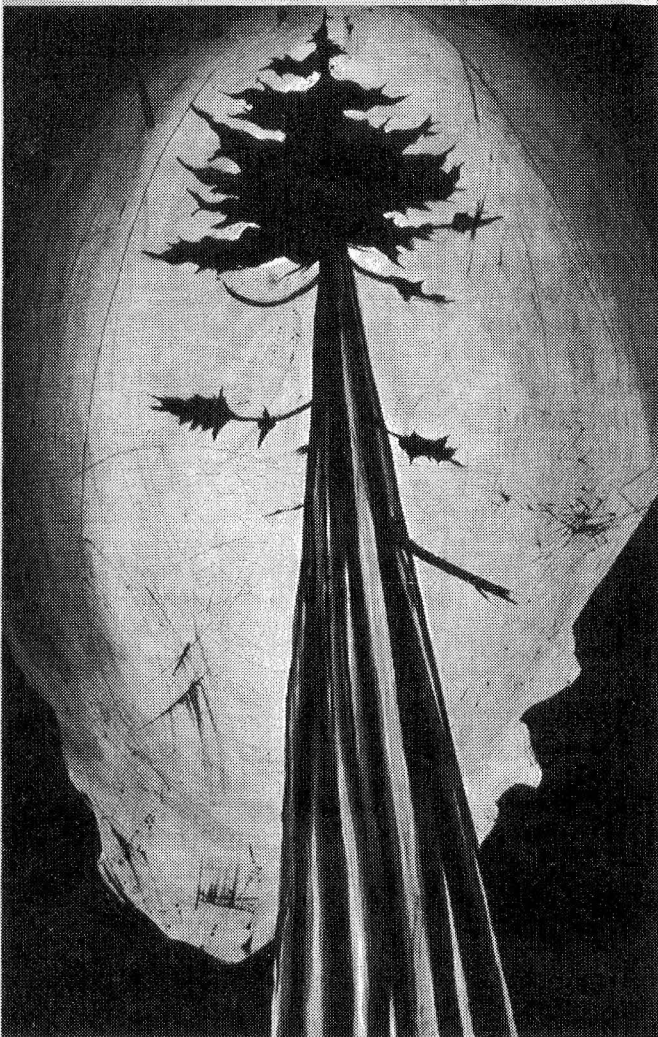
Depending on the particular species, the "management" aspect of S&M can mean anything from documentation (no protection) to the creation of a large protection buffer, referred to as a habitat area. Among the species given large protection buffers are the RTV (10 acres per active nest), the *Pseudocyphellaria rainierensis* lichen (20 acres) and the *Bridgeoporous nobilissimus* fungus, also known as the green pizza mushroom (600 acres).

The pizza mushroom would be great to find, but unfortunately it is very rare, with only six known sites documented. The catch with these "bufferers" is that they do not have to evenly encircle the species at risk. The species does need to be included somewhere in the "buffer," but the rest of the "buffer" (often times the majority of the "buffer") can be placed outside of the unit. Quite a trick, huh? Unfortunately, that's only the beginning of the trickery.

As we began monitoring the "official" USFS surveys, we realized how inaccurate, vague and inconsistent the survey protocols were and the extent of the loopholes in their management recommendations. The USFS surveyed for small RTV nests or a treetop lichen by simply walking along pre-set transect lines and looking up into the old-growth canopy. In most old-growth forests where the surveys are taking place, a person can't see more than 50 feet into the canopy before vision is blocked by dense branches and thick, hanging mosses. For RTVs they do climb under some circumstances, but for lichens (some of which are mainly found in the upper canopy) climbing is never part of the protocol! Surveyors are often given instructions that impair their ability to find species and that create an economic incentive to do hasty and inadequate surveys. One example is that the USFS directs the professional RTV climbers to only climb two-thirds of the way up the tree. Much of the time, RTVs construct their nest in the top third of the tree.

When we noticed what an inadequate job the USFS was doing for the RTVs, we began searching ourselves. At first it was difficult, but soon we got the hang of it, and our results made us wonder if the USFS was really trying to find these cute critters in the first place. Hmm... For each active RTV nest, they have to protect 10 acres of ancient forest? I guess it's not in their best interest as pawns of the timber industry to actually find too many of these furry friends.

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Big Cedar #1 by Allison Spain



artwork by Kate Evans

# Tale of the Red Tree Vole

ests, where it is high enough that all those ground animals can't get us and dense enough that all the flying ones can't see us so easily. Besides, we like it up here. And of course, the branch structure found in these parts is like nothing else for building nests. We're pretty small, about six inches nose to tail, so we don't take up much space. I've never been down to the ground myself, and I'd like to keep it that way if I can help it. Of course, it's not always up to us these days.

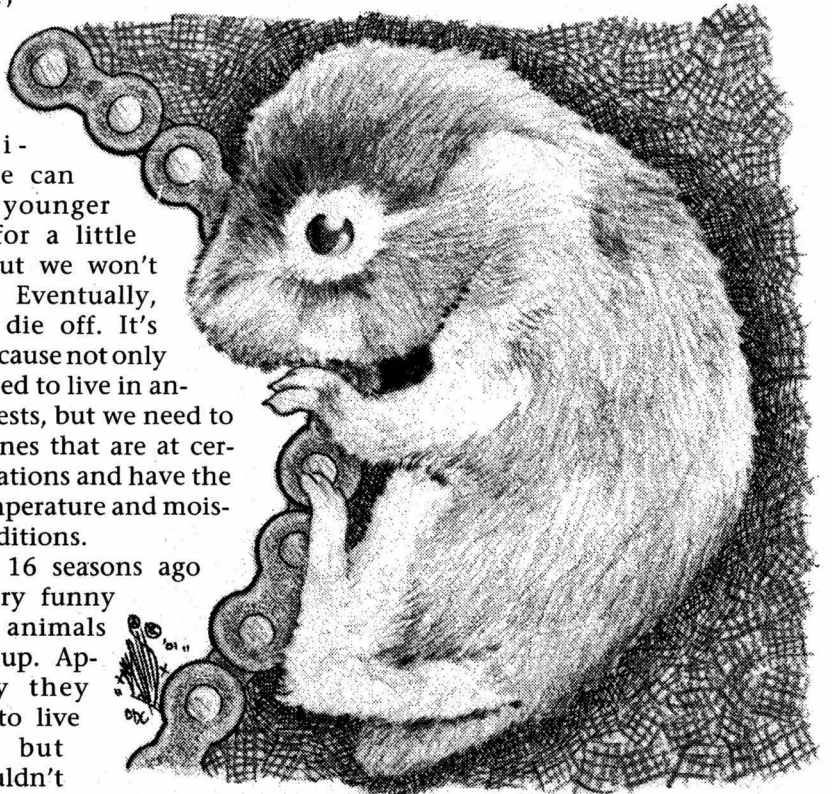
Spotted Owl, she's nothing compared to the humans and their big, loud machines. I've been somewhat safe in this little grove along Fall Creek, but some of my friends who have ended up here have different stories. It is not a real big place, and sometimes I feel really cornered by the clearcuts, especially back a few years ago when the big machines were coming around a lot and built that big nasty road. There isn't anywhere else for us to go. We travel from branch to branch, and we can't live in clearcuts.

Technically, we can live in younger forests for a little while, but we won't flourish. Eventually, we just die off. It's tough because not only do we need to live in ancient forests, but we need to live in ones that are at certain elevations and have the right temperature and moisture conditions.

About 16 seasons ago some very funny looking animals showed up. Apparently they wanted to live like us, but they couldn't

even climb. They had to use some very strange contraptions to get up into the tree and build their nests. Our friends who had come here from afar said these animals were humans, like the ones who had come in and destroyed their previous homes.

These humans just seemed to sit there though. It was very puzzling. Luckily, they were non-observant, to say the least, so it was quite easy for us to spy on them and listen in on their conversations to get an idea of what they were all about. They refer to themselves as "treesitters," "anarchists" and "forest defenders," and they want to protect our homes—not destroy them. There seem to be sightings of them in other forests as well. They're somewhat arrogant, messy, wasteful and have quite a way to go to really "connect with nature," as they say. All in all, they have been useful to us in protecting our home for now. But I'm looking forward to the day when we can travel from branch to branch once again without bumping into one of their stinky nests.



BY R.T. VOLE

Everything was going pretty well for us here in the forest. We just like to keep to ourselves, you know, do our own thing. We don't really bother anyone.

We wish no one bothered us, but that's another story. Spotted Owl, she's always circling around trying to find us to eat for lunch. We're her primary food source, or so the experts say. I guess everyone's got to eat, huh? Personally, I just eat Doug fir needles, like the way you may eat corn on the cob. Then I use the inedible spine to build my nest. I also drink the dew and mist that condenses on the needles and branches. Pretty sustainable, don't you think?

Anyway, we mainly stay up here in the upper canopy of the ancient for-



On October 26, President Bush signed into law a draconian piece of legislation with the impossibly ludicrous sounding name of USA PATRIOT Act (USAPA)—an acronym for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism. The rights we are being forced to give up under this law were described in the Mabon issue of the *EF! Journal*, but since then other laws have passed or are being considered which could have far-reaching effects on activists and their supporters.

## Secret Military Tribunals

Bush signed the "Military Order of November 13 pertaining to Detention, Treatment and Trial of Certain Non-Citizens in the War Against Terrorism" which allows the convening of secret military tribunals to try, and possibly execute, suspected terrorists. Under the order, the president determines who is a terrorist suspect to be detained by the Department of Defense, which is developing policies and procedures to govern military tribunals, rules of procedure and evidence, as well as qualifications for counsel in the proceedings.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld would then be responsible for setting up the meeting time and location of the commission, including whether or not it would meet outside the US. He is also supposed to "ensure that suspects are provided with care while under arrest and that their rights are not violated."

Although the order thus far applies only to non-citizens—including lawful permanent residents—it is not

hard to imagine that this new law will eventually be changed to apply to domestic activists as well, especially given that the definition of terrorism in US law is extremely broad and may include any bodily act alleged "to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; or to influence the policy of a government."

## JOIN THE WAR



## AGAINST TERRORISM

"The use of military tribunals would apparently authorize secret trials without a jury and without the requirement of a unanimous verdict and would limit a defendant's opportunities to confront the evidence against him [sic] and choose his own lawyer," said Laura Murphy, legislative director of the American Civil Liberties Union office in Washington, DC.

A military trial could be held secretly in a prosecution-friendly environment, where prosecutors could present evidence that would not normally be allowed in civilian courts. Hearsay evidence and information obtained from wiretapping—not allowed in some regular court proceedings—could be allowed in military trials.

Suspects will still retain the right to have a lawyer, but experts say it is unclear whether the defense would have access to all the evidence prosecutors would present.

When asked whether a tribunal would violate the rights of terrorist suspects, Vice President Dick Cheney said, "They don't deserve the same guarantees and safeguards that we use for an American citizen. They will have a fair trial under the procedures of the military tribunal."

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## THE NEW MCCARTHYISM: REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT MCINNIS CHALLENGES GROUPS TO DISAVOW "ECOTERRORISM"

Further fanning the flames of terrorism hysteria, Representative Scott McInnis of Colorado sent a letter signed by himself, House Resources Committee Chairman James Hansen and other members of Congress to national environmental organizations calling on them to publicly disavow the actions of the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front. The letter gave the environmental groups until December 1 to respond.

"In probing the threat of terrorism, it only stands to reason that Congress should probe the threat of ecoterrorism as well," McInnis said. "It is crucial that key environmental organizations join

with us in combating these underground ecoterrorist organizations."

McInnis, who chairs the House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, has scheduled a hearing to probe the "threat of ecoterrorism" in February 2002.

The October 30 letter, sent to the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters, World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation and the National Resources Defense Council, stated, "As our nation begins the recovery and healing process following the tragedy of September 11, we believe it is critical for Americans of every background and political stripe to disavow terrorism in all its

forms and manifestations. No matter its shape, source or motivation, Americans simply cannot tolerate, either overtly or through silence, the use of violence and terror as an instrument of promoting social and political change.

"With this understanding, we are calling on you and your organization to publicly disavow the actions of ecoterrorist organizations like the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front. Ecoterrorist cells like these have exacted a substantial financial and personal toll on scores of individuals and enterprises in all corners of the United States.

"We trust that you will join us in publicly condemning this source of domestic violence. Your statement would send a profound and powerful message to these organizations:

# Do You Know the Difference Between *Good Guys* and *Evildoers*?

Use this handy guide to tell the difference between terrorists and the US government.

**Terrorists:**

Supposed leader is the spoiled son of a powerful politician, from extremely wealthy oil family.

**US Government:**

Supposed leader is the spoiled son of a powerful politician, from extremely wealthy oil family.

**Terrorists:**

Leader has declared a holy war ("Jihad") against his "enemies;" believes any nation not with him is against him; believes God is on his side and that any means are justified.

**US Government:**

Leader has declared a holy war ("Crusade") against his "enemies;" believes any nation not with him is against him; believes God is on his side and that any means are justified.

**Terrorists:**

Supported by extreme fundamentalist religious leaders who preach hatred, intolerance, subjugation of women and persecution of non-believers.

**US Government:**

Supported by extreme fundamentalist religious leaders who preach hatred, intolerance, subjugation of women and persecution of non-believers.

**Terrorists:**

Kills thousands of innocent civilians, many of them children, in cold-blooded bombings.

**US Government:**

Kills (tens of) thousands of innocent civilians, many of them children, in cold-blooded bombings.

**Terrorists:**

Operates through a clandestine organization (al Qaeda) with agents in many countries—uses bombing, assassination and other terrorist tactics.

**US Government:**

Operates through a clandestine organization (CIA) with agents in many countries—uses bombing, assassination and other terrorist tactics.



**Terrorists:**

Using war as a pretext to clamp down on dissent and undermine civil liberties.

**US Government:**

Using war as a pretext to clamp down on dissent and undermine civil liberties.

**Terrorists:**

Weapon of choice: a three-dollar box cutter.

**US Government:**

Weapon of choice: a billion-dollar B1 bomber.

Americans of every background and political persuasion repudiate the use of terror in every form, including environmental terrorism."

Leaders of many mainstream environmental groups insist they have never overtly or silently tolerated acts of property destruction and call the letter "McCarthyesque."

The Sierra Club and Greenpeace returned curt responses saying they have always denounced ecoterrorism. "We have been denouncing ecoterrorism since before Scott McInnis knew it even existed," said Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope, who noted his group has offered rewards for the capture of eco-saboteurs.

John Passacantando, executive director of Greenpeace USA, wrote that elected officials should get to work rooting out

terrorists and protecting the nation from anthrax rather than wasting taxpayer dollars to harass environmentalists. Buck Parker, executive director of Earthjustice, said he did not want to dignify the letter with a reply.

Mostly, the response from environmentalists has been outrage. "I'm troubled by the fact there is a certain witch-hunt aspect to this," said Parker. He asked whether McInnis and his colleagues would send letters to anti-abortion groups such as the National Right to Life Committee and other conservative organizations demanding that they also denounce terrorism and murder inflicted by pro-life fanatics and anti-government extremists.

Why is it a good time to bash environmental organizations? Because these are the groups that are trying to

convince the public that drilling in ANWR—the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge—is a bad idea. These are the groups that are saying: "There has never been a better time to conserve and to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil," said Passacantando. "These congressmen are afraid of our message."

But not all the groups were offended. In letters published in the *New York Times* and sent to the congressmen, the National Wildlife Federation criticized the use of property destruction to push environmental objectives. Spokesman Phil Kavits said eco-saboteurs are a threat to the entire environmental movement and that "the use of violence or destruction of property is not an appropriate means of realizing environmental objectives."



# BURNING

## *A Setback in Opposition to Genetic Engineering*

BY MITCH FRIEDMAN

On May 21, some morons simultaneously torched a poplar tree farm in Oregon and the Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington in Seattle. The connection is that the Center houses a researcher, Toby Bradshaw, who studies poplar hybridization. Earth Liberation Front (ELF) activists took credit for the fire bombings and left graffiti at the Oregon site reading, "You cannot control what is wild." (see *EF!J* June-July 2001).

I don't use the term "morons" lightly. This action was incredibly stupid at every level, from the direct damage it did, to its larger strategic implications, to the way it reflects on people who engage in direct action. Here's why:

The communiqué from the ELF states, "Bradshaw, the driving force in GE tree research, continues to unleash mutant genes into the environment that are certain to cause irreversible harm to forest ecosystems."

But Bradshaw doesn't do "GE" and unleashes no more mutant genes than Mother Nature herself (without mutation, we'd all be blue-green algae now). His research instead involves hybridization, which is in essence the same process humans have used in agriculture for thousands of years. I realize that people opposed to industrial civilization may not like agriculture. But at the genetic level, what makes poplar farms for pulp any different from maize grown by pre-colonial Native Americans or even from your neighbor's organic raspberries?

For that matter, what makes Bradshaw's poplars different from the hemp, kenaf or any of the other fast-growing fiber plants that are widely touted by environmentalists as pulp alternatives to logging native forests? Most poplar stands are planted over agricultural fields, substituting for things like dairy cows or tulip bulbs rather than native forests. This not only could take pressure off native forests, but is a hell of a lot better for the streams and rivers.

The *EF! Journal* disputed Bradshaw's denial that he engages in genetic engineering and pointed out that he heads

the Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative (PMGC). So I asked Bradshaw himself to clarify. He said that his work does involve genetic research but not engineering. It's hardly uncommon, or considered dangerous, to study (or even map) genes these days. Five-thousand years ago a farmer would simply choose which maize plants to propagate based on visible traits like big ears or sweet kernels. These days, people have the ability to discern which specific genes control those traits. Yes, that does seem like something of an

invasion into the privacy of other species and certainly a transgression against the wild. But the point is that the reproduction process and breeding results are the same ones that farmers, orchardists and other plant breeders have used since probably before the first alphabet.

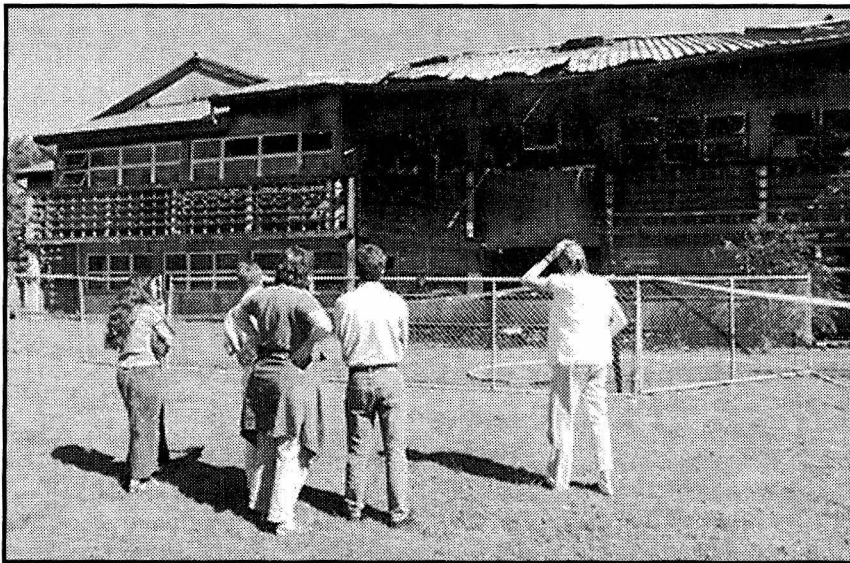
Bradshaw did admit to me that he thinks he will do genetic engineering in the future. He made some interesting points in its defense,

including that the relative risk of engineered genes running roughshod through wild ecosystems is minute compared to the damage done daily by common exotic species. The intellectual debate on genetic engineering isn't all that relevant here though, since apart from his personal views and future potential, Bradshaw was bombed for something he wasn't even doing.

Maybe your average ELFer would consider these petty details. After all, you can't tweak genes until you've mapped them. And we can't all be expected to understand molecular genetics. On the other hand, maybe somebody who aims to bomb people should be held to a higher standard of knowledge than, say, someone waving a placard or painting graffiti. Martin Luther King said the first step in preparation for civil disobedience is self-purification. Imagine the standard he'd apply to an arsonist!

This bombing caused extraordinary damage to the Center for Urban Horticulture, which housed a library with botany journals dating back to the 1500s and greenhouses in which people were cultivating highly endangered native plants to be transplanted into the wild as part of

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*The debate around GE trees takes a new spin at the University of Washington*

On May 21, the Earth Liberation Front burned down the office of Toby Bradshaw, the director of the Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative at the University of Washington. Meanwhile, another arson dealt a blow to Jefferson Poplar Farms in Clatskanie, Oregon. Since then, these actions have been heralded by some and frowned upon by others in the environmental movement, while geneticists continue to feel the heat...

# POPLARS

## *Join the Growing Resistance Against Genetic Engineering*

BY MARY HANFORDS

I don't like writing letters to politicians. I think it's a stupid waste of time to beg the government to make one tiny change in their grand scheme of turning the whole planet into factories and Wal-Marts. In fact, I think it's counter-productive. It gives legitimacy to the tyranny of industry and gives people a completely ineffective outlet for their feelings of sadness and rage at environmental destruction. But I will not condemn the many organizations that promote letter-writing campaigns. There is nothing to be gained by denouncing other strategies. This is what Mitch Freidman has done, and I believe his allegations deserve a response.

Mitch asks Toby Bradshaw if he genetically engineers trees. That's like asking Charles Hurwitz if Pacific Lumber practices sustainable forestry. The first step to genetically engineer a species is to map its DNA. Bradshaw freely admits that he is mapping poplar genes in order to later manipulate them. Mitch says that Bradshaw was inappropriately targeted because he is not yet actually producing transgenic trees. What better time to stop a project than before it has started? Is it inappropriate to demonstrate

against a proposed timber sale because the trees aren't being cut down yet? Wouldn't it have been great if nuclear proliferation could have been stopped before it was out of the lab? Mitch would rather wait until after the frankengenie is out of the bottle.

There can be no doubt that genetic manipulation is the ultimate goal of the Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative (PMGC). According to Bradshaw, head of the PMGC, "Genetic engineering will be required for tree domestication. Using genetic engineering, domestication could be compressed into a few decades instead of centuries of conventional breeding. Traits being genetically engineered in forest trees: herbicide resistance, insect resistance, disease resistance." (From *Terrorism in the Debate over Tree Genetic Improvement* by Toby Bradshaw). His literature doesn't mention the vital role that insects and disease play in a healthy forest. PMGC members, which fund Bradshaw's research, include Boise Cascade, Champion, Fort James, Georgia Pacific, Inland Empire Paper Company, MacMillan-Bloedel, Union Camp, Westvaco and Weyerhaeuser. These corporations turn forests into tree farms and now they want to improve their "crop" by genetically engineering

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## **Toby Bradshaw and His Genetically Engineered Trees**

In the aftermath of losing his office, 20 years of research articles, slides, memorabilia, a computer and the server for his Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative (PMGC) website, Toby Bradshaw claimed that he had "personally never genetically engineered a tree" (*The New York Times*, May 23, 2001). This statement is simply another product of the multi-million dollar public relations campaign the biotech industry has launched to defend its research and products.

Bradshaw directs the PMGC at the University of Washington (UW) and maintains a reputation as a world famous tree geneticist. When a global "who's who" of GE tree manipulators held a conference in Washington last summer, Bradshaw was the co-organizer, along with Steve Strauss, head of the Tree Genetic Engineering Research Cooperative (TGERC) at Oregon State University. The PMGC and TGERC are funded by the most destructive timber corporations and clearcut-happy government agencies in North America (see *EF!* June-July 2001). Both projects share many of the same pro-biotech funders, as well as research and researchers.

The PMGC research program includes transgenic poplar trees grown indoors at a greenhouse next to the torched office building (confirmed in the *NY Times* article mentioned above). Bradshaw's program also holds USDA permits for outdoor sites. One can view the current permit by visiting the USDA database of field test releases at <http://gophisb.biochem.vt.edu/cfdocs/fieldtests1.cfm> and doing a search for UW sites.



# Uwharrie EF! Descends on Syngenta

BY ANDREW PEARSON AND GWEN FRISBIE-FULTON

On October 29 in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, more than 20 demonstrators protested in opposition to the biotech industry. Complete with banners, puppets and costumes, Uwharrie Earth First! took their food safety and ecological message to the Syngenta complex.

Activists arrived to confront the corporation with concerns about food safety and the environmental effects of biotechnology. Protesters stood on a highway overpass with banners, signs and puppets. At the Syngenta complex, activists tried to talk to a company representative who

Syngenta is the number one agricultural chemical producer in the world and the second largest biotech seed producer. Syngenta has attempted to promote its products as an answer to a global food shortage and for struggling farmers everywhere—an attempt to mask the profit-motivation of the industry and Syngenta's attempts to dominate the food and seed market. This hurts developing countries and small farmers both here and abroad by making them dependent on Syngenta's products.

Additional concerns are the increased use of pesticides due to biotechnology, the environmental harm and possible food security risks due to monoculture crops, the lack of safety testing of the final consumer product and



refused to acknowledge their concerns or accept a gift basket of "mutant fruit."

"We were driven to take direct action because Syngenta repeatedly refuses to address the questions raised by the public, discuss our concerns or acknowledge the farmers and consumers who are directly effected by their product," said Earth First! activist Lauren Birch.

The nonviolent action called for greater public and government support for diverse, local and organic food supplies. "The irresponsible actions of Syngenta and Aventis—and all biotech firms—need to be exposed. Their actions put our natural environment, our health and America's farmers all at risk," stated Jon Perry of DownSouth RAGE.

the potential ethical questions raised by the manipulation of genes and patenting of lifeforms.

This is the second time since May that Syngenta has been a target of direct action. On May 14, 50 activists used performance theater and dropped banners to express their concerns about GMO foods.

North Carolina activists assure that they will continue working for a safe, secure and sustainable food supply that is free from genetically altered organisms. With more than 100 biotech companies and support services in the area, they won't run out of opportunities to get their message across any time soon.

For more information, contact Uwharrie Earth First!, POB 561, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; bison12@hotmail.com.

## NC Activists Under State and Corporate Surveillance

As it has been said, you might be paranoid, but they really *are* after you. This has been evidenced recently by some unearthed surveillance on activists in Katúah.

In preparation for a biotech conference in Asheville, North Carolina, industry smear-spreaders and the FBI set the stage for the silencing of the voice of opposition. Organizers of the "Rally for Real Food" were the target of a campaign of misinformation fed to the hotel hosting the conference. Distorted information of past actions and warnings of potential sabotage were the fodder. At least one person didn't lap it up: Sy Stanley, manager of a plaza where activists gathered, responded to the Asheville Police Department's attempt at instilling fear with the simple truth of the matter. "I told him that as far as I knew, y'all were just going to try to educate the public."

In addition, DownSouth RAGE and Katúah Earth First! email listserves have been monitored for months. The information obtained has been widely distributed among biotech companies, university researchers, "law" enforcement agencies and even the hosting hotels of biotechnology retreats. Infiltration and surveillance are alive and thriving, though an agent of the Asheville FBI denies it: "We're crawling through our butts trying to get this New York thing figured out. We don't have time for this sort of thing right now. Listen, if we want to talk to you we'll come and get you. Don't worry about it."

Regardless, with the new "Anti-Terrorism" Act, we would all do well to practice good security culture. Be aware of what comes out of your mouth. Never share unnecessary information. Stay alert!

# Gorleben Nuke Protests: DAY X5

On November 11, a transport train carrying six containers filled with vitrified high-level nuclear waste known as "CASTORs" left France. It arrived later than scheduled at the interim storage in Gorleben, Germany, after three days of actions and block-ades delayed the transport several times. The following account describes "Tag X5" (Day X5).

The train with the six Castors left the loading station at Valognes near the The Hague reprocessing plant. That was the start of Day X5 in the Wendland region, where the interim storage of Gorleben is located. This was the fifth time local citizens and anti-nuclear activists have tried to prevent the arrival of high level waste in the region.

Again, a police force of 17,500 was considered necessary to escort the transport at an estimated cost of at least \$23 million. The government is getting more experienced in perfecting its repression. There was a ban on demonstrations in the whole region, and people from outside the region were forbidden to stay in the area and were arrested when they refused to leave.

On the first day of transport, blockades with tractors and up to 2,000 activists took place in the Wendland region. Even 300 sheep were able to join the blockades when they "escaped" from their pasture and walked to the railway. Though blockades were nonviolent, the police used dogs, billy clubs and horses, which resulted in several injuries. The local hospital held their own anti-Castor demonstration.



Five of the 17,500 riot police defending the nuclear power industry at Gorleben.

Camping was forbidden and sports halls, which could have been used for accommodation, were sealed. People had to stay with local citizens, on farms and in churches. This kind of non-accommodation policy is a consequence of the new Christian Democrat-led local government, as the protesters found more support when the Greens were in the local government. In the last local election, many of the Greens' traditional voters refused to vote because of the nuclear policy of their party.

The local Bürgerinitiative (Citizens Initiative) was warned that merely calling for actions would result in prosecution. In spite of this repression, broad resistance took place throughout Germany and France. The train was diverted by hundreds of kilometers to avoid actions that had been announced in several cities on the original route. Close to Hamburg the train was delayed by three hours when the locomotive received the wrong type of diesel fuel.

The train arrived at the unloading station at Dannenberg two days later and continued its last 20 kilometers by truck. It arrived at Gorleben the next morning. It is expected that the next transport from The Hague will take place in May 2002 with as many as 12 Castor containers.

For more information, contact WISE Information Service, [www.antenna.nl/wise](http://www.antenna.nl/wise).

## BARE BONES

### Ludwig Released From Jail

Wiebo Ludwig, a former evangelical preacher convicted of charges linking him to a series of sabotage attacks on oil and gas installations in northwestern Alberta, Canada, was released on parole November 15.

Ludwig was the chief suspect in an investigation into more than 160 incidents of oil field sabotage since 1996. He blamed the oil and gas wells that now encircle his farm for the deaths of his livestock and three miscarriages among the women in his commune.

He was convicted on five of 14 counts related to a 1998 blast at an oil well and served 19 months in jail.

### Climate Change Forces Evacuation of Pacific Island Nation

The tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu became the first country to be evacuated because of rising seas when the Tuvaluan government announced in late November that the country's 11,000 citizens will abandon their homeland and relocate to New Zealand.

During the 20th century, the sea level rose by eight to 12 inches. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projects a rise of up to one meter during this century because of the melting of glaciers and the thermal expansion of the ocean as a result of rising atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide, largely from burning fossil fuels.

As the sea level has risen, Tuvalu has experienced lowland flooding, and saltwater intrusion has adversely affected drinking water and food production. In addition, coastal erosion is shrinking the nine islands that make up the country.

For the leaders of island countries this is not a new issue. In October 1987, President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives called his country of 311,000 "an endangered nation" in an impassioned address to the United Nations General Assembly. A one-meter rise in sea level would jeopardize the survival of the Maldives' 1,196 islands that stick up barely two meters above sea level.



# Attention Shoppers, Lockdown in Aisle Three!

BY MALUS AND JOHN LORAX

Staples office supply store is the nation's fastest growing office supply store (a new store opened every 48 hours in 1999). It is the evil \$11-billion-dollar plaything of multi-millionaire CEO Ron Seargent. Staples peddles paper made from virgin fiber stolen from endangered old-growth forests on public lands. Nearly one-third of the timber cut from national forests is used for paper production. Half of that paper ends up in landfills. Is the absurdity of this making your ears red yet? Thousand-year-old Doug firs from the Great Bear Rainforest are clearcut to make paper for exploitative corporate sleaze. Get pissed and act! Green Mountain Earth First!ers in Vermont did. They took eco-defense out of the forest and to the streets.

November 13 was the National Day of Action against Staples. There were more than 200 actions in 45 states and Canada. Thousands of people who care about forests, including scores of EF!ers, participated in the day of action. The Staples on Route 7, which cuts through Burlington, Vermont, has been an eyesore and a source of aggravation for a long time. In Vermont, forms of direct action such as banner drops and lockdowns are almost unheard of in the forest protection movement. Inspired, we

thought direct action would be appropriate to give the End Commercial Logging campaign here in the Northeast a radical kick in the ass.

Hearts were racing as we piled into the Econoline van and headed toward Staples. As we pulled into the parking lot the two climbers, Musky and John Lorax, jumped out of the van and began girthing up the 55-foot sign. Several minutes later an 81-square-foot banner proclaiming "Staples: Stop Destroying National Forests. Earth First!" was dropped. The South Burlington Police Department showed up and typical to the nature of authority in Burlington told the climbers to be careful and not to fall. They then entered the store to deal with the lockdown.

Simultaneous with the banner drop, Malus, another Earth First!er, locked down in the paper aisle with a kryptonite bike lock and proceeded to loudly alert shoppers to the injustices that Staples imposes on forests. He was immediately confronted and ordered to leave by the manager and the maintenance supervisor. Shortly thereafter five cops, a detective, two firemen and five Staples workers proceeded to try to remove the activist now in handcuffs. Within 15 minutes of the lockdown, a crowd of about 20 activists rallied in the parking lot with signs, props and a variety of anti-Staples songs. People also handed out literature and information about International Paper's work on GE trees (100 percent post-consumer waste, of course). Malus was arrested and charged with unlawful trespass. Musky and John Lorax escaped by running across a busy highway and disappearing into the woods.

Want to be a thorn in Staples' side? There are lots of fun and creative tactics that will drive them mad and get the message through. Organize a group of six to ten people, go on a "shopping trip" to your nearest Staples and make sure to fill your carts with lots of paper items. When everyone gets to the checkout counter ask the clerk if any of the products are made from old-growth forests. If they can't answer or give an unsatisfactory response, kindly say: "Sorry, I can't buy all this then." It will be a huge pain for them to reshelve everything and will force them to learn about the origins of their products.

Another effective technique is to go to Staples with a group, the more the better. Everyone go in separately with some pre-made signs. After filling a cart full, tape the signs all over and abandon it. Also, get yourself some stickers ([info@stopstaples.com](mailto:info@stopstaples.com)), sticker the hell out of the place or just discretely tape your own advertisements all over the store. These two fun methods are very low risk and easy to organize. They have proven successful for us in supermarkets targeting GE food, so why not give it a try on your local Staples? There are many other ways to go about it as well, like pirating their intercom system: "Sale aisle three, clearcut forests!"

Whatever you do, make sure you're not wasting time and paper with tactics like letter writing and tabling in a legal place where you're not creating a nuisance so people can just walk by and ignore you. No, you have to get right in the face of the beast and spit in it, or it will just ignore your concerns. Keep the pressure on, Staples will never care about the Earth. What it does care about is business as usual, that's why we have to disrupt business as usual until our demands are met. Eventually they'll give in, like Home Depot did.

For more information, contact [gmeearthfirst@hotmail.com](mailto:gmeearthfirst@hotmail.com); [www.stopstaples.com](http://www.stopstaples.com).

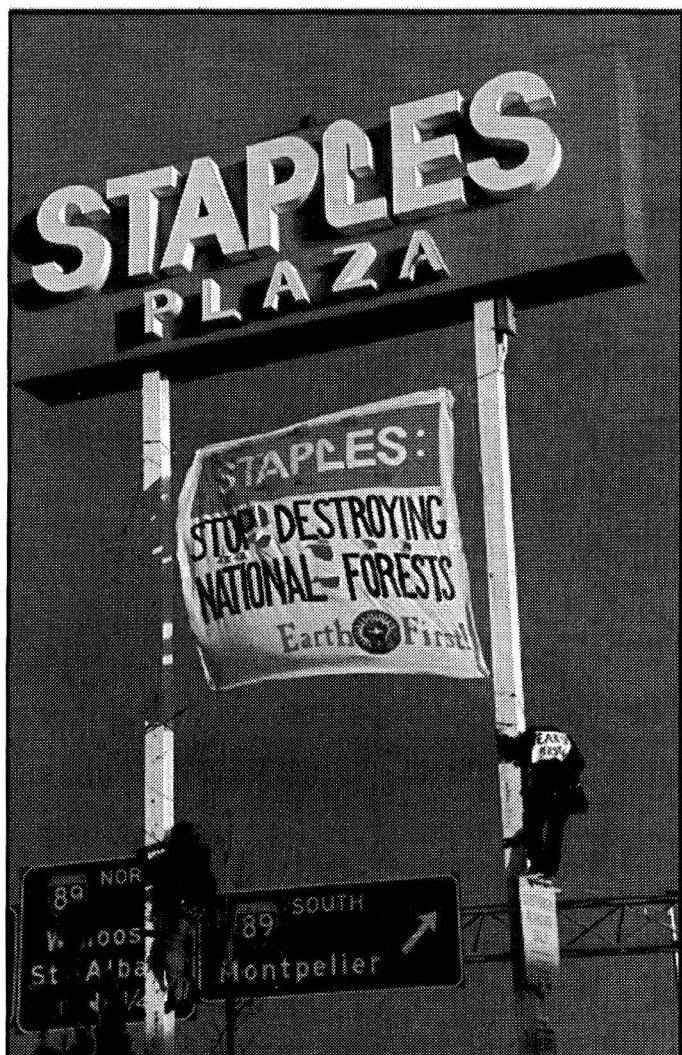


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# International Paper Destroys Carolina Wetlands

BY SHEILA MOORE

Columbus County in southeastern North Carolina is home to the Green Swamp—a patchwork quilt of herbicide-sprayed, industrial pine plantations owned primarily by International Paper (IP) and proclaimed “the nation’s greatest producing pine plantation.” Before the onslaught of the timber industry, the Green Swamp was a pristine maze of quaking Earth briars, alligators, orchids and quicksand.

Today, its lifeblood has been drained seaward through a labyrinth of canals necessary to dry the land for monoculture plantations of inferior hybrid pines. Once recognized as the second greatest source of freshwater in North America, this black hole of biodiversity now exists solely to feed the voracious appetite of IP’s Riegelwood pulp mill. Loaded pulpwood trucks are reportedly leaving the now dusty swamp at a rate of approximately one every 10 minutes, bound for the Riegelwood mill on the banks of the Cape Fear River. IP proudly admits to draining, clearcutting and spraying herbicides on more than 11 thousand acres of swamp-land every year.

The largest employer in Columbus County, as well as one of the nation’s largest polluters, IP freely contaminates the Cape Fear watershed with the poisonous by-products of paper processing. A choking, toxic fog belches from IP’s stacks, blanketing the small close-knit community of Riegelwood—whose residents all utter the same statement when asked about the odor, “Smells like money to me.” Like old-time mill towns, these folks live under the shadow of the mill, and as employees they live by its rules. Fearful of losing their jobs, they are forbidden to speak out publicly regarding IP’s environmental atrocities. As a result, scores of Columbus County residents

have developed an extremely high rate of cancer, immune system disorders and chemical sensitivities.

In the downstream city of Wilmington, the siren song of this timber giant and the lure of the dollar has even hushed criticism in segments of the environmental community. One well-known environmental leader has chosen to tout the so-called environmental prowess of IP while secretly bashing the efforts of hardline environmental activists.

Water samples were taken from the toxic sumps and were promptly analyzed by a state-certified laboratory. The results were indistinguishable from the lagoon water sampled on the same day, and the laboratory proclaimed each water sample unfit for crop irrigation and in violation of North Carolina water quality standards. Recreational boaters fished along the shoreline as members of the SWAT team photographed viscous, white slime



photo by Gean M. Scay

*A SWAT team member surveys the devastated landscape left behind by International Paper.*

Last Spring, members of the Brunswick County-based Swamp Watch Action Team (SWAT) reviewed aerial photographs of dead vegetation in the river bottomland surrounding the IP mill. Visiting the site, SWAT members wore protective equipment and walked carefully—dodging sumps, streams of toxic liquid and thick, odorous slime oozing from the pulpwood mill. Dead cypress trees and wetland vegetation stood like ghosts, draped with dried foam debris blown into the swamp from the 127-acre unlined waste lagoon and industrial landfill. Although amphibians and reptiles were conspicuously absent, there were telltale tracks left by deer, raccoon and other small mammals.

from the pulpwood mill leaching into the waters of the Cape Fear River.

Even though detailed reports of these water quality violations were distributed in September to the US Army Corps of Engineers, North Carolina Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency, no action has yet been taken to alleviate this problem.

The Swamp Watch Action Team is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of North Carolina’s forested wetlands. We make no deals—compromise is not part of our vocabulary!

For more information, contact SWAT, 200 Benson Road, Leland, NC 28451; [swampwatchteam@aol.com](mailto:swampwatchteam@aol.com).



# The Great Bear Rainforest

## A critical look at the proclaimed

BY ROBERT THOMPSON

On April 4, the "Great Bear Rainforest Agreement" was announced by government, industry and big enviros—Greenpeace, Sierra Club British Columbia, Forest Ethics and Rainforest Action Network (RAN)—proclaiming victory for British Columbia's rainforests and an end to the "War in the Woods." Some readers of the *Journal* may remember seeing a two-paragraph blurb in the Beltane issue, stating "Victory for BC's Rainforests" (most likely coming from a Greenpeace or RAN press release).

But is this really a victory for BC's rainforests? In short, *no*. Was it a victory for the marketing and public relations campaigns of government, industry and big enviros? *Yes!* Once again, we see industry, the state and a few professional enviros negotiating behind closed doors, deciding the fate of unceded Native land and pristine wilderness.

First, a little background. What is the Great Bear Rainforest and why is it special?

It is a name invented by Greenpeace and other big enviros working to "protect" the temperate rainforest on the central coast of BC, because they thought it was a catchy name and would attract people to the campaign. This forest is the largest contiguous temperate rainforest in the world, containing many pristine valleys which are home to grizzly bears, the Kermode (or spirit) bear, wolves, salmon, eagles and many other endangered and threatened species. For the past 100 years, logging companies have ravaged the coast, obtaining tenure from the government to log on native land. The "Great Bear Rainforest Agreement" came out of the Central Coast Land and Coastal Resource Management Plan, which was a government process to attempt to solve land and resource disputes and negotiate between big enviros and the logging industry. It was a five-year process that is still continuing until all of the decisions from this agreement are implemented. Despite what the

greenwashed marketing spin said, the announcement on April 4, was not a final decision or agreement, but three land use processes were declared: Rainforest Solutions (headed by big enviros), Joint Solutions (more industry involved) and the Turning Point process (which seeks to form a government-to-government protocol agreement). The agreement established different "protection" strategies: It established 19 "protection" areas (which is a vague protection status),

put 69 pristine valleys under a one to two-year moratorium until government and industry determine "ecosystem-based logging plans" for these areas and designated other areas as First Nations lead areas (where supposedly band councils, and in certain cases hereditary chiefs, are to decide what happens on their land). In exchange, the four enviro groups signing the deal were to call off their Great Bear Rainforest campaigns, particularly their markets campaign (which had been somewhat successful at canceling some contracts for BC wood).

One of the primary problems with this deal is that it does not recognize the inherent jurisdiction of Native people on the coast over their traditional territories. Ninety-seven percent of BC is unceded Native territory, meaning that no treaty has been signed giving the BC government or Canada legal jurisdiction over these lands. The Great Bear Rainforest Agreement continues the tradition of genocide through land theft and denying Native people control

over their land. In many protected areas under the jurisdiction of the BC or Canadian government, Native people are denied their right to use their land for fishing, hunting, edible and medicinal plant gathering and other cultural uses. It is particularly appalling to see enviros committing this act of genocide and legitimizing land theft. Greenpeace, for example, has signed numerous protocols with the Nuxalk Nation Hereditary Chiefs (whose territory is around Bella Coola on the central coast) stating that they will not make any decisions on Nuxalk land nor speak on behalf of the Nuxalk about their territory. Greenpeace and others have



Waterfall in the Skowquiltz Valley, Nuxalk Territory.

photo by Alan Struhnkoff

# Agreement: Whose Victory? victory in "BC's" rainforests

sponsored tours for Nuxalk Chiefs and people around Europe, the US and Japan. Only two months prior to signing this agreement, Greenpeace signed a renewed protocol agreement, but they quickly forgot it and went behind the Nuxalk Nation to broker this deal. By signing this agreement, Greenpeace and the other enviros have shown that the sovereignty and culture of indigenous

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peoples is less important than environmental agendas.

This agreement works to cement control of multinational logging corporations over the forests. Now that the enviros have given the green stamp, the BC forest industry can claim around the world, "We've changed, we're doing things differently, we're environmentally friendly." The annual allowable cut on the coast has only been reduced 15 percent and that reduction will most likely be made up elsewhere, in the interior and the northern boreal forests, where there is less vocal opposition to logging. Clearcut logging in old-growth forests is still the predominant logging method in BC. Multinational corporations, such as Weyerhaeuser, Interfor, Western Forest Products and West Fraser, still control the majority of forest tenure. By signing this deal, the big enviros have effectively marginalized more radical groups and any First Nations or groups that continue to oppose industrial logging. The system hasn't changed, only a few scraps were thrown down from industry's table.

Which brings us to the root of the problem with this deal: Forestry reforms don't work, and they don't "save" forests. This deal is 100 percent liberal enviro strategy—avoiding root problems of the system and instead going for flashy media-friendly victories. People campaign against a certain company or government to get a certain area protected. Customers are told not to buy from this company until the company changes. When (and if) that area is protected, the enviros declare victory and are able to boost their image and funding. The companies suffer a small loss and begin logging elsewhere, while the enviros go and campaign elsewhere. Broader social and systemic analyses are avoided in favor of cute pictures of bears and big trees. Capitalism, the industrial resource extraction machine, and the state are not discussed, as all effort and attention is focused on a company, their forest practices and a certain endangered area. Enviros often work to get certain areas "protected" by the state, while ignoring that the state is working for the

corporations that are destroying the forest and that the government always protects the interests of industry and capitalism. Analysis such as this is thrown out in favor of working toward "achieving practical goals of protection." Agreements such as the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement are signed because "well at least we're protecting some areas." But in reality, protecting a few areas does nothing to stop the wholesale slaughter of the Earth for profit or change the resource extraction capitalist mindset and power structure which has brought us to this point. If anything, they aid it by putting forward small reforms that give a positive face to logging and the government.

Even the "protection areas" in this deal are still threatened. In May, the BC Liberal Party came into power and replaced the quasi-leftist New Democratic Party. With this change in government any previous environmental regulations and agreements may be overturned. That's clearly happening with the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement. For example, in the Spring of 2002, Interfor hopes to log the Tahlio Hot Springs, a sacred healing place for the Nuxalk. This was supposed to be one of the "protection areas."

As someone who has been involved in the direct action resistance to clearcut logging in BC, it has made me examine the tactics and strategies of past and present actions. And it has brought up many questions: Is it really effective to target single corporations while many others are doing the same thing? Is it effective to focus on one pristine valley or area when logging and resource extraction happens all over? Are short-term protection strategies detrimental to long-term revolutionary change? Is it effective to even work in coalition with large enviros or any environmental group that lacks a broader analysis of capitalism, industry and the state and that is willing to negotiate? These are questions that everyone in the forest

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defense movement should ask themselves.

A critical look at tactics, strategy and message is important to avoid falling into the ineffective trap of liberal environmentalism. As radical environmentalists and eco-anarchists, we should not consider small concessions from industry and the state "victories," but instead should continue to oppose all forms of ecological destruction and exploitation in this world.



# The Ins and Outs of Prisoner Support

BY NORTH AMERICAN EARTH LIBERATION PRISONERS' SUPPORT NETWORK

Leafing through the *Earth First! Journal*, most readers have probably seen the page devoted to Earth and animal liberation prisoners. The page contains names, addresses and short descriptions of individuals being held captive by the state for acts of Earth and animal liberation. The question that may be asked is: Why does the *Journal* list political prisoners, and why should I do anything more than give a short glance to its contents?

As the EF! and larger ecological defense movements have grown, more militant and direct actions have occurred, particularly in the last four years. The introduction of genetically engineered crops, the continued decimation of the last old-growth forests and the expansion of development projects into the last wild places have spawned a new generation of warriors more likely to physically destroy the opposition's machines and buildings than to hold signs or petition the government for change.

The proliferation of actions taken against industry (claimed by the Earth Liberation Front, Animal Liberation Front or unclaimed) is enough to warm the heart, especially after the reactionary stances taken by many radicals post September 11. As we have seen in the Pacific Northwest, every action has a separate and equal reaction. The state apparatus is expanding rapidly in order to hunt down "terrorists" wherever they rear their heads. The FBI/ATF budget is expanding exponentially, and we have to come to terms with the fact that this war being fought against industry will yield prisoners of war. It would behoove us to do more than just cheer when we hear of wild horses being freed by elves in the night, McDonald's burning down or a beheaded Columbus statue.

The point is simple: No serious political struggle which has any chance of attaining revolutionary potential can afford to ignore its prisoners. To turn our collective backs on prisoners is to ensure that our movement will stay small, relatively mild and will never be a threat to biocidal industry. Who would want to take

action if they knew their support would be minimal if they got nicked?

Below are some ideas on the many ways we can support the prisoners that are listed on the *Journal* prisoner page, as well as some guidelines for doing support work.

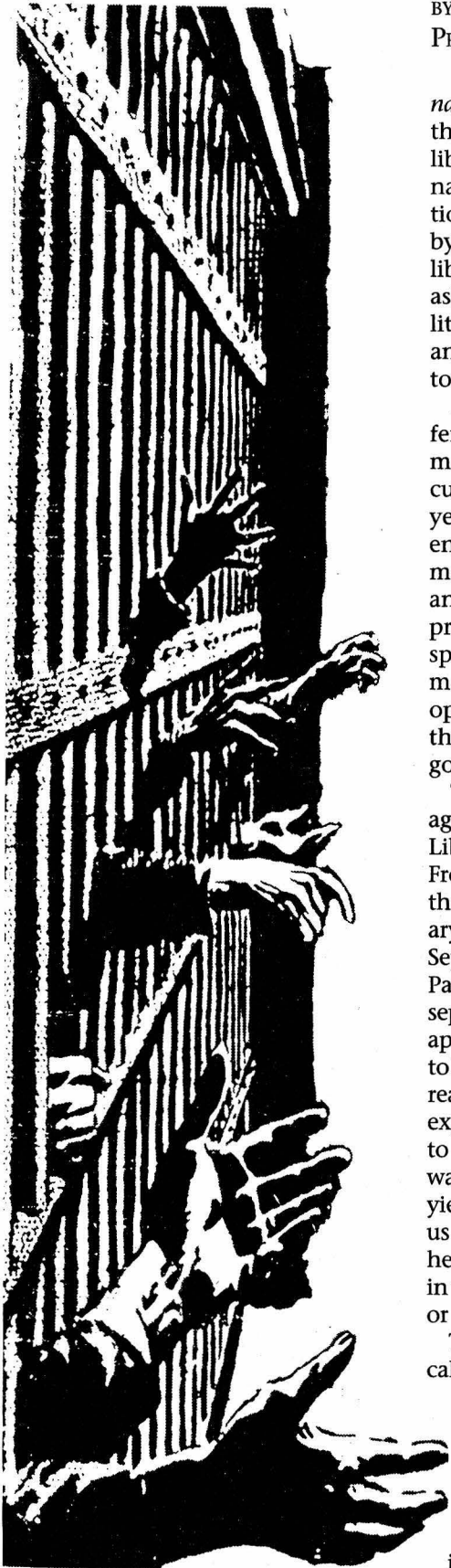
## Corresponding with Prisoners

Letters quite simply help bridge the gap between the "inside" and "outside" worlds. They help inform the prisoner of what is going on in their movements, the world and even their community. The penal system exerts a massive strain on prisoners to break ties with the outside world. Communicating with prisoners helps work against that strain and ensures that they do not feel completely isolated.

Often people say, "What would I write to someone in prison? I wouldn't know what to say." It's simple. Remember: They are human. They have needs and interests like anyone on the outside. Share something about your life with them. Ask about what life is like on the inside and what they plan to do when they get out. Offer some assistance. An unexpected letter from a supporter can be a welcome break from the daily monotony of prison life. Don't feel intimidated by the person you are writing to—they are not a superhero; just someone that had the courage to act for what they believe in.

Consistency is paramount when communicating with prisoners. Commit to writing to one prisoner and do it well—they will appreciate it more than a short, hastily written letter. The examples of people attempting valiantly to keep up with writing to 10 prisoners and then having to scale down to one or two are innumerable. Consistent support is always better than short-lived "flash-in-the-pan" support. That being said, people should not feel the responsibility to commit to writing to prisoners for the length of their sentence. Prisoners will generally appreciate a letter with some kind thoughts and may not even have the time to keep a steady correspondence with everyone who writes them.

Keep in mind that there is a very good chance that what you write will be read by any or all of the above: prison guards,



wardens, other prisoners, FBI, CSIS (Canada), the new Office of Homeland Security. You should assume that what you write can be used against the prisoner, yourself and your community, so be careful and have discretion.

Many prisoners are targeted by prisonrats for being political, receiving large amounts of mail or for the "subversive" content of the mail they receive. It is important to know the guidelines concerning prisoner mail. First, ask the prisoner what they may or may not receive. Usually, they have a fairly good idea of what is appropriate to send and what will not make it past the censors. Prisons are known for having strict regulations for what a prisoner can receive, i.e. new books only, first-class mail. If that does not work, write to the warden of the prison requesting a list of regulations.

A tool commonly used to disrupt prisoner support is the "Mail Violation Notice." The prison can (and sometimes does) reject mail for any reason they want, including the presence of a "circle A" on a zine or the use of the word "anarchy" in a letter. Don't be discouraged by these tricks—either file an appeal (which you have little chance of winning), modify the package to appease them (easiest and most likely to work) or send it again (hoping a different mail censor sees it). Whatever you do, do not give up and allow them to further alienate the person inside.

### **Fundraising**

If there is one thing that all prisoners and those on trial need, it is a large amount of financial assistance. Legal fees are exorbitant and many political individuals will not receive any reduction in these fees based on their principles or the action they took. Prisoners often need assistance with setting up legal defense funds that will be maintained by trustworthy individuals who are prepared to make hard choices with little money. Because of their imprisonment, the act of setting up a bank account is impossible for a prisoner. It is important to set up a way for people in the movement to help out financially. Ideally, these accounts would already exist in cases of emergencies, but that is rarely the case. Setting up a bank account, a post office box for people to send checks to and a person/name who will act as a recipient of those checks is key and should be a

high priority. The prisoner needs to be fully informed and in control of the money that is raised on their behalf. Never underestimate the generosity and solidarity of our movement and your own community. Thousands of dollars have been raised for people facing imprisonment from small benefit shows, zines and t-shirt sales.

Keep in mind that prisoners are always in the position of having to buy from the incredibly expensive (and monopolistic) prison commissary, which is the only place a prisoner may buy envelopes, stamps and even soy milk. A consistent flow of funds is one of those things that makes prison life bearable. A contribution of as little as \$10 a week can cover a prisoner's postage fees, thus allowing them to communicate with supporters and friends on the outside. Often funds can be sent directly to the prison and deposited into the prisoner's account.

### **Solidarity Actions**

Many people will feel drawn not to writing letters or raising funds but to continuing the struggle that the prisoners are fighting. Some call this concept revolutionary solidarity—an action committed in solidarity with a prisoner that may or may not focus on a similar target.

When anarchist prisoner Nikos Maziotis was sentenced to 15 years for the attempted bombing of the Greek Ministry of Development, multitudes of actions were committed by others in solidarity with him.

Similarly, when Rod Coronado was sentenced for action relating to the ALF's Operation Bite Back, many felt that his jailing would stifle actions taken for animal and Earth liberation. The ALF responded with a series of fur farm liberations dedicated to him.

Former prisoners have commented that the only thing that freed them was the pressure on the streets and the threats of continued action. A former Black Panther and political prisoner had this to say about this premise: "But I learned that the movement in the streets determined whether you languish in prison or are released, not the state. If it becomes strong enough, it can compel a favorable outcome, even if the officials swear that you will be executed or die in prison."

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## **BARE BONES**

### **Board of Game to Allow More Grizzly Hunts**

The Alaska Board of Game loosened hunting restrictions on November 5 to allow the killing of more grizzly bears on Northwest Alaska's Seward Peninsula.

Complaining that the bear population on the Peninsula had reached an all-time high, residents had asked the board for help, alleging that bears are decreasing the moose population and destroying property.

In response, the board changed hunting regulations to allow residents and non-resident hunters to take one brown bear annually, except in special subsistence areas—increased from one bear every four years.

The board will also open the brown bear hunting season in August instead of September to expand the boundaries for the special subsistence hunt and to increase the number of permits for non-resident hunters.

State biologist Kate Persons said the relaxed bear hunting regulations have not helped moose populations elsewhere. Older male bears, prized by sport hunters, help to regulate the population by killing younger bears. If too many big males are killed, more young bears survive, possibly resulting in even higher moose kills, she said.

Critics of the new regulations said the state lacks sufficient data to show that bear numbers have increased, fearing the rules will lead to overhunting of a species with a naturally slow reproductive rate.

### **Fee Demo Project Extended**

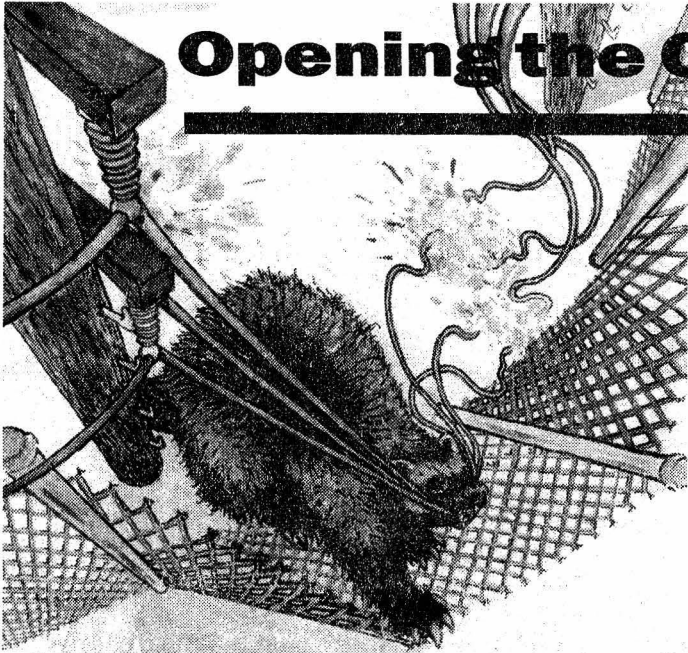
On November 5, President Bush signed the Interior Appropriations Bill which included provisions to extend and expand the controversial recreation fee demonstration until September 2004. The "test" program, originally set to terminate in 1999, had been extended twice before and was to have expired on September 30, 2002.

Congress also removed the 100-sites-per-agency cap on the number of recreation sites where fees can be collected, a move that, according to many activists, is paving the way for Bush's anticipated permanent fee program scheduled to be introduced next Spring.



# Opening the Cages with the ALF

## An Interview with David Barbarash



BY DERRICK JENSEN

*The North American Animal Liberation Front (ALF) Press Office has several basic functions, all of which are designed to explain why the ALF carries out actions, how it does and how nonhuman animals are treated by our species. David Barbarash acts as the spokesperson for the press office and had an opportunity to chat with Derrick Jensen recently.*

*DJ: What is the ALF?*

DB: The Animal Liberation Front isn't really an organization, but more of an international movement of animal liberation activists who believe conventional methods of protest aren't enough to obtain the goals of animal liberation, and that there is a moral justification for taking action outside the law. Activists operate anonymously, usually at night, in cell-like structures of two to eight or more people. Sometimes you could have an ALF activist going out alone to spraypaint a wall, but usually even for simple actions like that you'd want someone looking down the street.

Members of the ALF follow a strict code of nonviolence. This means that there will be no harm, injury or death occurring to any animals, human or nonhuman, during the course of an action. We don't consider the destruction of property a violent action, because we don't believe you can do violence against something that isn't alive, that cannot feel pain.

The goals of the ALF are to liberate animals from laboratories or other places of abuse. We set them free into the wild whenever it's feasible, as in the case of mink or fox from fur farms. For obvious reasons, animals liberated from laboratories aren't set free in the wild, but they are placed into homes. In fact, finding homes for these animals is just as much a part of the action as taking them out of the labs.

As well as liberating animals, the ALF participates in what we call economic sabotage: We destroy property used to abuse, torture and kill animals. We draw parallels with the freedom fighters in Nazi Germany, who liberated

prisoners of war and destroyed equipment used by Nazis to torture or kill their victims. There was moral justification for taking action then, and we believe there is today as well.

*DJ: What's the scope of the ALF? Is it six people doing one action per year?*

DB: It's hard to gauge the scope because we don't hear about every action, for example spraypainting walls or going to McDonald's and breaking windows. We do hear about the main actions—the arsons, the liberations—and the last few years have seen a sharp increase in actions against laboratories and university research facilities. Prior to that, those kinds of actions had dropped off for quite awhile, as those facilities had become more aware of our tactics and increased their security. But just last year, we had four or five attacks on university research facilities or vivisection labs in North America, including animal liberation from these labs, in addition to any number of smaller raids on slaughterhouses, fur retailers, fur farms and so on. Also we're seeing an increased use of fire through the use of incendiary devices.

*DJ: Which of course necessitates getting the animals out first.*

DB: Fires aren't set at any structures where lives could be involved. I guess it's possible that if all the animals were released the facility would be burned, but normally the ALF are only able to remove a certain percentage of the animals.

*DJ: How does someone choose which to remove?*

DB: It's very hard emotionally, especially when you know what's going to happen to those you leave behind. I was faced with that dilemma in a raid I was involved with in Edmonton. We took out 29 cats, but had to leave the rest behind. We also had to leave the dogs and all sorts of other animals. You have to find homes for the animals before you do the action, so if you've found homes for 30 cats and five dogs, that's all you can take, unless you want to risk trying to place them afterward.

For basic security reasons, the people who house the animals likely aren't the same as those who release them. Instead, the people who create sanctuaries for these animals are part of a loose network we call the Underground Railroad, after the slave liberation movement.

*DJ: How is contact made between the actual liberators and the Underground Railroad without giving away identities?*

DB: That's a risk. ALF activists have to personally approach individuals they think are sympathetic and able to care for animals. When I talk about the Underground Railroad, I don't mean there's a formal network communicating with each other. Instead, it's an informal group of people who care about animals and are willing to take them in. If there are real security concerns, the ALF activist would have a trusted intermediary make the contact. The ALF always operates on a need-to-know basis, generally only talking about actions among themselves. If the activists are smart at all, they don't boast or brag about their actions to other people, use the phone or anything like that.

DJ: How heterogeneous is the ALF?

DB: Since it's an underground movement, we obviously don't know precise demographics. But we have an idea based on who's been arrested and convicted. In North America, we've had everyone from young punk kids, anarchist teenagers, to people in their 20s and 30s like myself and my cat rescuing partner, Darren Thurston, to grandmothers and older women like some of those involved with the Chatham Five, who were convicted of releasing mink from a fur farm in Chatham, Ontario.

DJ: How do you respond to the label you get often in the corporate press, about being ecoterrorists or animal rights terrorists?

DB: I completely reject the terrorist label. People who have a vested interest in abusing or killing animals aren't going to want to understand what the ALF is about and will try to make sure no one else understands either. So they paint ALF or ELF activists as terrorists. But here's my question for them: Where's the body count? Show me the people who've died or even been injured as a result of animal liberation actions. Show me even a firefighter injured putting out a blaze caused by the ALF. They can't, because no one has ever been injured.

I'll tell you what has happened, though. Activists have been bombed. Activists have been shot. I can show you people who've been beaten up and put into the hospital at regular fur protests, and people who've had all their teeth knocked out with baseball bats. I can tell you about ALF activists who've been shot in the back.

DJ: It seems the level of effort that goes into squelching the ALF is often out of scale with the damage—and I'm thinking of the liberations and sabotage—they actually do.

DB: The level of repression is out of scale only if you use a common-sense philosophy of how the world should work. The ALF may not be dangerous

in terms of actual damage we cause, although we have caused millions of dollars of damage to industries like fur farming, but we're very dangerous philosophically. Part of the danger is that we don't buy into the illusion that property is worth more than life, which is one of the fundamental and generally unstated assumptions of our culture. We bring that insane priority into the light, which is something the system cannot survive.

DJ: What would you hope ALF and ELF actions ultimately lead to?

DB: I'd hope they lead to a larger number of people understanding that it doesn't take a special person to take action, that anyone can take action, and that we have a moral responsibility and obligation to take action against torture and abuse, whether of humans, nonhumans or our environment. Our planet is being killed, animal species are being killed, and we have a responsibility to stop this killing any way we can.

I would hope that after hearing about the action at Vail, some people would stop and think, "Wow, some people felt strongly enough about the lynx that they burned down five structures thousands of feet up a mountain and got away with it." I would hope a lot of people would be inspired by that, and they would take action on the issues that are close to their own hearts. I would hope that these actions would cause them to stop and think about their own lives. How many people are disgusted by slaughterhouses? If a couple of normal, everyday people can go into a slaughterhouse and remove chickens—give these chickens their lives back—and in so doing make a strong statement of their opposition to those kinds of horrendous crimes against nature, then anybody can do it.

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## BARE BONES

### Smugglers Export Millions of Animals from Brazil

An estimated 38 million animals are stolen from Brazil's forests each year, according to a report released in November.

The report, produced by Brazil's National Network Against the Trafficking of Wild Animals, estimated that local traffickers of endangered animals earn about one billion dollars a year, causing untold losses to the country's native species.

The survey, which includes detailed maps of traffickers' routes for live cargos of everything from rare parrots to snakes, estimates that less than one half of a percent of the total number of animals smuggled each year are intercepted by police.

Prices fetched abroad vary from \$20,000 for a Jararaca snake to \$60,000 for a rare Lear's macaw. According to the report, a jaguar skin can be sold for \$20,000 in the United States. Many species of parrots and parakeets can be bought throughout Brazil at town fairs and markets for between five dollars and \$100.

### Japan Begins Porpoise Hunt

In defiance of a resolution passed by the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in July, the Japanese whaling fleet began hunting Dall's porpoises on November 1.

The IWC Scientific Committee expressed "extreme concern" over the numbers of Dall's porpoises killed each year. It is the largest direct kill of any cetacean in the world, with up to 18,000 porpoises killed each year in Japanese coastal waters.

In the last decade more than 130,000 Dall's porpoises have been reported killed.

Japan declined to give the IWC data on the numbers of porpoises in its waters or those killed. Japanese officials said that because the cull took place in Japanese territorial waters, it was outside IWC jurisdiction.

"As the population plummets," warned Clare Perry, a campaigner with Environmental Investigation Agency, "hunters are targeting lactating females with calves. The dependent calves are left to die, and they do not figure in official catch statistics."



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## FREEDOM FOR FUR FARM PRISONERS

BY ROD CORONADO

Crawling up to the guard fence surrounding the mink barns, I wiped the dew from my camera lens and began filming the 300 cats at Fraser Fur Farms in Ronan, Montana. Lynx and bobcats that have been live-trapped in the Bitterroot Mountains spend every day pacing the narrow length of their prisons while the very mountains of their ancestral homelands lie visible beyond the wire.

Only after nine months of infiltrating the fur ranching community had I gained the trust of ranchers that allowed me to witness the atrocities I observed. What began as a quest for video and photographic documentation slowly turned into an investigation of animal and Earth abuse.

After having been arrested for smashing up fur shops in Vancouver, I decided to trade in my wrist-rocket and paint-bombs for a video and 35mm camera. With so little evidence available about fur ranching, I decided that more could be done to destroy the industry with film than with bricks... at least for now.

So began what became an 11-month investigation of fur ranching. Mink, which are naturally aquatic and fiercely territorial, with a range of more than 10 miles when free, are forced to spend their short lives in cages 16 by 20 inches. For fox, also natural roamers, cells tend to be three by four feet, if they're lucky. Bobcats and lynx are forced into a wire box five feet square.

Techniques used to kill fox and mink include anal electrocution, neck-breaking, carbon dioxide gassing and

crushing. Bobcats and lynx are either shot in the head at point-blank range with a .22 caliber short bullet or darted using a blowgun with an overdose of drugs.

By December, we had obtained more than 300 photographs and 10 hours of videotape revealing the conditions and killing techniques on fur ranches. Believing my cover of being interested in starting my own mink ranch, a fur rancher named Bruce Campbell had an offer. He would sell me 40 of his best breeder mink and all the equipment to start a fur ranch. I called him back to ask if he wanted to sell me all his mink, his four bobcats and two lynx as well. The first guerrilla fur ranch rehabilitation project had begun.

I called on a friend of mine who had been a wildlife rehabilitator for eight years. With her assistance, we would attempt to give every animal an opportunity to be what they really were: wild animals. The Coalition Against Fur Farms (CAFF) as we now call ourselves, believe that the only rightful home for a lynx, bobcat or mink is in the North American wilderness. No cage is big enough to hold the spirits of these animals, and despite offers to permanently house them at a sanctuary, we refused to sanction further imprisonment for any reason.

No regulation, law or guideline would be used to determine these animals' chance at freedom. If they could prove efficiency in hunting and were in good health, we would give them the liberty they had been denied. It made little difference whether we followed the law or not. Already we knew it to be illegal to rehabilitate captive-bred animals. You could gas, electrocute, crush, shoot, trap or poison them, but release them back into the wilderness and you are a criminal.

Once Spring began, we hoped to begin releasing mink. Already we had eight males in larger enclosures complete with logs, rocks and baths, subsisting on a diet of mice, rats and any domestic cat-killed rodents. With the introduction of live food, the minks' disposition changed dramatically. A measure taken to prevent a threat to any wild population of lynx, bobcat and mink was to have the animals' blood tested for any disease; they were all found to be disease-free.

We established general rules for release: animals would only be released into areas on native habitat; all animals would be released in areas of little or no human intrusion; no two mink would be released where they might find each other and reproduce. We only wanted our mink to breed with wild mink and their genetic difference from them to disappear.



photo by Rod Coronado

*A mink experiences freedom for the first time.*

Once we recognized a possible release sight, we would scout the area for signs of prey. We decided to release all animals near a water source. Prior to our first release, we had the animals blessed by a Blackfoot Medicine Woman from Montana. In the first week of April, we began releasing the mink. The next five weeks were spent driving thousands of miles delivering mink to wilderness areas across the Northwest.

Routinely we would drive as far as roads would take us, then hike in with the mink on our backs, one per-

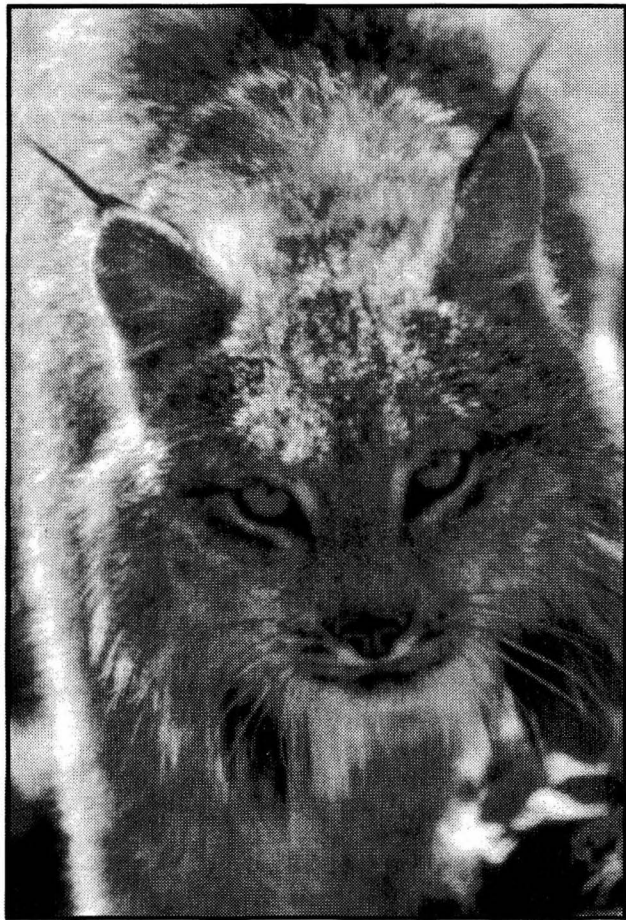


photo by Rod Coronado

*A lynx peers from the confines of his rehabilitation enclosure, soon to be released into his native Northwest habitat.*

son always on watch for hikers or hunters. As we searched for release sights, it became evident how little we could guarantee safety for the animals once freed. There were logging operations to be avoided, hunting and trapping to be considered and campsites with Spring vacationers. The sober reality of just how little true wilderness still existed made us sick with disgust for the destructive nature of white man's society.

As the mink successfully completed our rehabilitation program, we shifted

our focus to the four bobcats and two lynx. In the beginning of May, we began releasing cats. We constructed a carrier box two by four feet, covered by a tarp and with a removable wall. Once we carried a cat to a release site, we would cut back the tarp and allow the animal to get acquainted with the surroundings before opening the door. Within 15 minutes of every release, the cats would disappear into the forest.

As we hiked out of one release site, I caught a glimpse of motion. When I turned to look, all I saw was the southend of a bobcat, as it galloped through the forest, gazing upward at the old-growth Douglas fir trees. I yelled and threw rocks at her, reminding her of the threat all humans pose.

With the conclusion of our fur ranch rehabilitation project came a new dimension in the war against the fur trade. CAFF is 100 percent behind any illegal direct action directed against the fur ranching industry and willing to speak on behalf of any actions that do not kill anybody. For the lynx, bobcat, mink and fox nations, act now. Find a fur shop in your area and smash or etch its windows. Liquid steel ruins locks. If you live in an area where furs are worn, fill a squirt bottle with red dye or battery acid and let fly. If you're presentable enough to get into a

fur shop department store, take a razor blade and slash the coats. In England, direct action has reduced the fur industry by 70 percent.

We must stand up against the government's threats and not be intimidated by their anti-nature rhetoric. We must remind ourselves what it means to put the Earth first. It's more than a slogan, it's a way of life. Now let's stop talking and get to work.

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## BARE BONES

### USDA Poisoning Six Million Birds

The US Department of Agriculture has recommended that six million red-winged blackbirds, yellow-headed blackbirds and common grackles be poisoned with DRC-1339-laced rice.

The poisonings are planned for eastern and central North Dakota. Smaller scale poisonings already took place between 1994 and 1998.

The three blackbird species are targeted because of the damage they do to sunflower crops in the fall. According to Larry Kleingartner, executive director of the National Sunflower Association, the blackbirds eat only two percent of the \$315 million annual sunflower crop. He says some farmers are hit much harder than others, however.

Thirty-two species of grain-eating birds have been observed in or around sunflower fields at the time of year the poisonings are planned. In addition, birds of prey, especially avian predators such as prairie falcons and Cooper's hawks, could easily fall victim by eating poisoned birds.

### Black-Footed Ferrets to be Reintroduced in Colorado

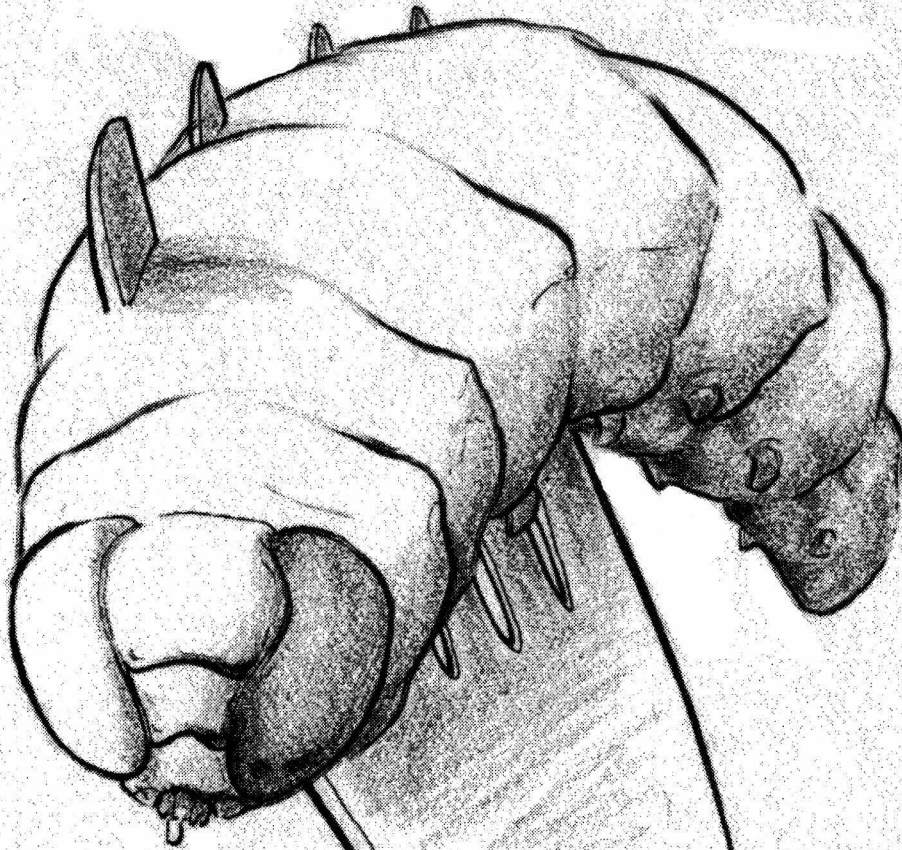
Twenty years after black-footed ferrets were discovered near Meeteetse, Wyoming, biologists are preparing to reintroduce the endangered species to Colorado. The last confirmed record of ferrets in Colorado was in 1946.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service listed the black-footed ferret as endangered in 1967 under a precursor to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

The only ferret native to North America, it once ranged from Canada to Mexico, but came to the brink of extinction in the early 1980s—with a total population of only seven animals—primarily due to the extermination of its main prey base, prairie dogs.

The planned release follows the October 2 release of about 100 ferrets in northwestern Chihuahua, Mexico, also part of a recovery plan that calls for releasing 1,500 breeding adults in at least 10 populations in Western states and Mexico.





# Wiggle and Squirm:

## Insects As Sustainable Food

BY ANTEATER

Even the most straight edge, hard-core vegan will have inadvertently consumed more than a pound of insects in their lifetime. I am not speaking of the occasional insect that flies down your throat. All of us have been eating flour beetles, weevils and other insects that infest granaries since we stopped suckling. If we were fed processed baby food and fruit drinks, we probably developed a secret liking for these insects that continued into adulthood. While this may present a quandary for the most well-meaning vegans, it also leads to issues of sustainability for those with different diet ideologies.

Entomaphagy, or the eating of insects, has roots back to the beginning of human time. Mormon crickets (*Anabrus simplex*) were one of the food sources of early Native Americans. Crickets were collected from bushes

and in grasslands, though they often reached the greatest densities along bodies of water. In modern day experiments, researchers have discovered that crickets collected in fields provided more sustenance for Natives than all other local resources, with the exception of small and large game animals. One person collecting crickets for one hour yielded more than 18 pounds, the protein equivalent of 86 hamburgers.

Although entomaphagy is not presently commonplace in North America, it is a regular component of a healthy diet in other countries. Insects are important to Australian aborigines, as well as to African, Middle Eastern and Asian populations. Filipino farmers flood their fields to capture mole crickets, while the Thai people eat crickets, grasshoppers, beetle larvae and dragonflies. In China, bee larvae is eaten raw or fried.

Insects are a good survival food and could be an integral element to an environmentally sustainable lifestyle. Many species of insects are lower in fat, higher in protein and have a better feed-to-meat ratio than beef, lamb, pork or chicken. Compared to growing soybeans, insects are a more efficient and sustainable food source and just as functional in a multitude of recipes. Insects can be dried and ground into flour, mixed in a soup as thickener, bread, cakes and other flour-based food.

There are 1,462 recorded species of edible insects. Most ants and ant larvae are edible and tasty. Black ants can be eaten raw, whereas fire ants are not considered to be edible. The formic acid, which gives ants a vinegar flavor, mostly disappears when they are boiled. In Thailand, ant juice is sometimes substituted when recipes call for lemon. Larger ants can be squeezed onto your fresh wild salad. Both the adults and larvae of cicadas, Japanese beetles, June bugs and flour beetles are edible. Caterpillars are edible, but the smooth ones are best. Survival manuals recommend not eating the brightly colored ones or those that feed on toxic plants. On the other hand, the brightly colored tomato worm is edible. Mayflies, waterbugs and silverfish are also edible and can be prepared like most insects.

It may be hard to believe, but cockroaches are edible yet low in nutrition. Obviously, they are a prime candidate for gut purging due to their poor food source. Crickets and grasshoppers can add protein, calories, fat and vitamins B1 and B2. Mole crickets, Mormon crickets and grasshoppers are the most common insects eaten worldwide and are edible at all stages of their life cycle. Termites are the second most eaten insect in the world. Live termites provide about 350 calories per 100 grams with 23 percent protein and 28 percent fat. If you find a collection under a log, you can throw them in whatever is for dinner.

Earthworms raw or cooked have a nice concentration of 70 percent protein and are abundant to collect. You can even raise them in your home compost pile. Honey bees and wasps are accepted around the world as a favored food. They are edible at all stages of growth. Boiling tends to break down their poison and soften the stinger. Pounding them before boiling is also effective.

Insects are best if cooked or frozen while alive. Once insects die, they can become unpalatable. To prepare most insects for eating, those that are alive will have to be slowed down by placing them in a refrigerator for several hours. They can be kept alive for several days in a refrigerator. When ready to eat, place them in a kitchen colander and toss them while blowing on them to separate the debris from the insect. The small debris will pass through the colander and the other will blow away. Pour out the crickets on a paper towel or wax paper. If you have not removed the dead ones before refrigerating them, remove them now. Rinse in cool water, drain, pat dry with a paper towel and use immediately or freeze in a plastic bag for later use.

You may or may not want to remove the legs and wings. Some recommend removing the heads because they have no food value, but others prefer to not remove anything. If you prefer to remove parts, the procedure works best when the insect is frozen or already dry roasted. Insects with a hard outer shell have parasites and a few are transferable to humans, so cook them before eating. Grasshoppers, in particular, can carry several parasitic worms that can be passed to humans. Most other insects can be eaten raw, but cooking normally improves their taste.

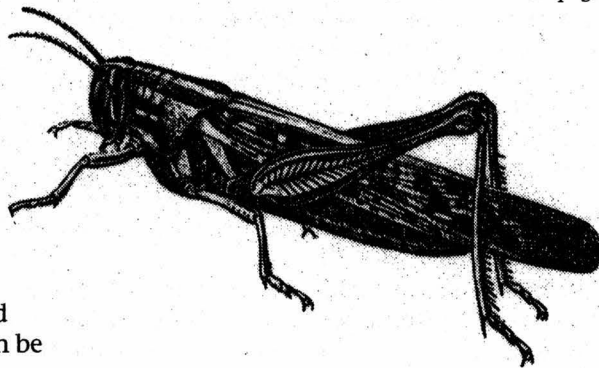
In general, it is best to crush or use a blender on your insects and cook in a stew to disguise their appearance. If at any time you find you cannot eat your gathered insects, do not despair. Boil them in a pot of water. The fat will rise to the top. Scoop it up and drink. Or as is done in Japan with grasshoppers, boil in soy sauce to get a grasshopper that tastes sort of like a soy sauce-flavored potato chip. Dry insects can be

baked on a cookie sheet at 150-200 degrees for at least one hour until dried. An alternative is to freeze insects in a plastic bag overnight, then blanch them to remove any debris or contaminants. Next take off the head and legs and bake them for about two hours until dry. You will now have an insect that will fit into most recipes. In the outdoors, they can be killed and then placed on a hot rock to be solar dried.

The faint of heart should skip this next section on fly larvae because they are maggots. Fly larvae are commercially available for biological research and as food for some animal companions. In nature, they are easy to capture and often found in clusters around roadkills. One way to remove the larvae from decomposed meat is to place the meat in a box with openings in the bottom corners and containers under the openings. The larvae will crawl to the corners where they will fall into the containers. Bright lights seem to aid in driving the larvae off into the containers. Wash in cool water and cook.

One insect that is easy to prepare and is a tasty addition to any recipe is the mealworm. Like crickets, mealworms have an oily, nutty flavor. Prepare as with other insects. For a starter stock, they are readily available from pet dealers along with directions for raising them. The mealworms you purchase will be packaged with bran or newspaper. They are easy to raise if you have a source of bran meal. Begin with shoe boxes or plastic containers. Fill with four inches of bran meal or cream of wheat and add 25 or more mealworms. The moisture and additional food required for growth is provided by an apple or potato slice placed on top of the bran. Replace moisture source every seven to 10 days. A thin layer of shredded paper is placed on the meal for the adult beetles to crawl on. No cover is needed because the

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## BARE BONES

### Federal Agency Issues Citations to Kentucky Coal Company

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration issued two citations on October 17 to Martin County Coal Company for its October 11, 2000, spill of 300-million gallons of sludge into tributaries of Kentucky's Big Sandy River (see *EF!* December-January 2001), saying that the company could have avoided the disaster.

The agency stated that the company failed to respond early enough to indications that water and sludge were leaking from a 70-acre impoundment "pond" into a mine below it, culminating in a spill that buried surrounding land up to seven feet deep, killing fish and fouling drinking water.

After having already spent more than \$40 million to clean up the mess, the company may be fined up to \$110,000 for the two violations. Company officials plan to appeal the decision.

### Man Pleads Guilty To Torching Luxury Homes Near Mountain Preserves

On November 7 Mark Sands pleaded guilty to eight counts of extortion affecting interstate commerce and one count of using fire to commit a federal felony in connection with eight fires near Phoenix, Arizona's mountain preserves. He faces 15 to 20 years in prison.

Sands said that he intended to prevent encroachment near mountain preserves, but that he did not realize until later the fear he had caused the owners of the homes.

"It was never my intent to cause any (personal) harm, but on reflection, I realize that did happen, and I regret that," he said.

Sands became a suspect in April after a surveillance camera caught him, wearing a hat and gloves, writing "CSP," the arsonist's acronym for Coalition to Save the Preserves, with a red marker at a construction site near his home.

His sentencing is scheduled for February 11.



Down goes the first one, down goes the second one,  
Oh how they wiggle and squirm...



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beetles will not crawl out of the container. Add additional meal as needed. Once the pupa emerges as a beetle, it will lay 400-500 eggs that hatch into larvae in two weeks. Then they become adults in two or three weeks. In a survival situation, mealworms will eat any crushed grain or weed seeds.

Moths that you find flying around your lights are edible and taste pretty good, a little bit like almonds. Moth larvae provide about 265 calories per 100 grams. They are about 63 percent protein and 15 percent fat.

Pill bugs, or roly-pollies—actually crustaceans and not insects—are found under boards and rocks in moist places and can be boiled in water and eaten as a crunchy protein source.

To eat scorpions—also not insects, but arachnids—remove any hard parts as well as the tail.

Snails and slugs are not insects, but they are also a good food resource. Both aquatic and terrestrial snails are edible. Boil slugs in vinegar to remove mucous then stir fry in olive oil or butter and garlic salt.

From vegetables to cows, people kill for their survival. I'm not going to argue that eating insects does not contribute to the suffering of amazing creatures. Whether you wildcraft them or raise them, a personal relationship is formed. Since insects need to be eaten freshly killed there is no middleperson in the process, unlike in restaurants or grocery stores. You also have to know what you are eating and educate yourself about your food source. These skills will be instrumental in any survival situation in the wilderness or at an action where food sources may be taken away. Or after industrial collapse when the soy powder runs out.



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### Ten Thousand Protest US Army's "School of the Assassins"

On November 18 in Columbus, Georgia, 10,000 people gathered to demand the closing of the US Army School of the Americas (SOA) at Fort Benning. Thirty-one people were arrested for blockading the road into the base.

More than two dozen people were sent to federal prison last year after committing acts of civil disobedience at Fort Benning, including EFLer Josh Raisler Cohn, who is serving a six month sentence at a prison camp in Sheridan, Oregon. Cohn began an 18-day hunger strike against the continuing existence of the SOA on November 1.

After the September 11 attacks, authorities at Fort Benning sealed off the base and sought an injunction to keep the annual protest from happening, citing the threat of terrorism. In the week before the protest, the city of Columbus had filed an injunction to prohibit four SOA Watch organizers from participating in the annual march to the entrance of the base. The injunction also sought to create a no-trespassing zone 50 feet before the fence. However, a US magistrate ruled against the city and lectured its lawyers on the First Amendment.

### Thousands Protest Large Dams in Lesotho

More than 2,000 demonstrators converged on three major dams in the southern African nation of Lesotho on November 19 during a massive, internationally coordinated protest. Police responded violently at Mohale Dam, injuring three elderly women. The demonstrators, all impacted by the Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP), were protesting the lack of fair compensation for property lost to the dams and unfulfilled promises of development in affected communities. They demanded to receive a 10 percent share of royalties generated from the dams and a commission of inquiry into the project's impacts on local people. In a petition that they delivered to project authorities during the protest, the protesters state, "We have tried by all possible means to get a fair and reasonable compensation for our property, but this was all a fiasco. We were promised development, but this has not materialized to date."

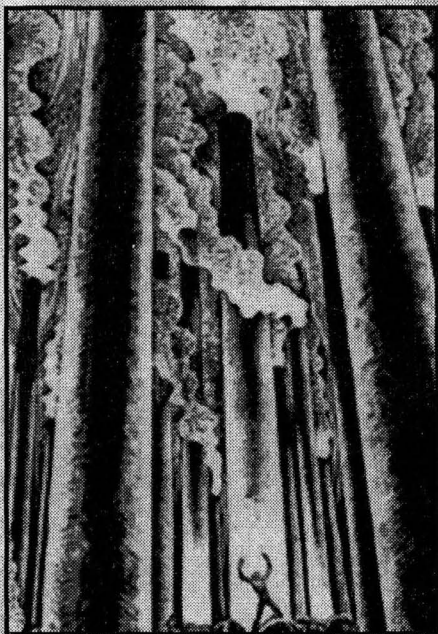
The World Bank-funded LHWP is the largest infrastructure project in sub-Saharan Africa. The five billion-dollar project is designed to divert water from



# Environmental Injustice in Hunter's Point

Greenaction has joined with community and youth organizations to fight for environmental justice in the Hunter's Point neighborhood of San Francisco, California. This low-income, predominantly African American neighborhood suffers from toxic and radioactive pollution, with high rates of cancer and asthma.

Greenaction has begun a campaign to shutdown the polluting Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Hunter's Point power plant. It is also working to oppose the expansion of Mirant's Potrero power plant and to support renewable energy, conservation and energy efficiency. In addition,



Greenaction supports the community in pressuring the US Navy to do a thorough cleanup of radioactive contamination at the Hunters Point Shipyard. Greenaction and community allies held a march and rally at the PG&E power plant in August and co-sponsored a September town hall to discuss the environmental and economic injustices facing Hunter's Point.

The community demands clean air and environmental justice, not more asthma and pollution!

For more information, contact Greenaction, 1540 Market St, Ste 325, San Francisco, CA 94102; (415) 252-0822; (415) 252-0823 (fax); [www.greenaction.org](http://www.greenaction.org).

Greenaction's mission is to mobilize community power to win victories that change government and corporate policies to protect health and our environment and to promote environmental justice.

Many of the differences in environmental quality between black and white communities result from institutional racism. Institutional racism influences local land use, enforcement of environmental regulations, industrial facility siting and where people of color live, work and play.

Environmental racism provides benefits for whites while shifting costs to people of color, yet the environmental justice movement is changing the way scientists, researchers, policy makers and educators go about their work.

To learn more about the growing environmental justice movement, contact the Environmental Justice Resource Center, 223 James P. Brawley Dr, Atlanta, GA 30314; (404) 880-6911; [www.ejrc.cau.edu](http://www.ejrc.cau.edu).

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Lesotho to the urban and industrial Gauteng region in South Africa [including Johannesburg] through a series of dams and tunnels blasted through the Maloti Mountains. The first three major dams in the six-dam scheme affected 27,000 people. Approximately 2,000 of them were resettled.

### Three Thousand New Zealanders Take "Green Gloves" Pledge

In the wake of increased governmental support for genetic engineering (GE) research and field trials, 3,000 New Zealanders in Auckland signed a "Green Gloves Direct Action Pledge" vowing to pull up genetically engineered crops. "The government has betrayed the majority of New Zealanders who do not want GE field trials and preparation for commercial GE releases. They sold out to the GE lobby. That leaves the public no option but civil disobedience to protect our country from GE accidents and contamination," stated Green Gloves spokesperson Logan Petley. Inspired in part by the precedent set in England which determined that crop-removers were acting in the public interest, Green

Gloves organizers plan to launch a massive campaign to take back New Zealand from the would-be engineers of life. "Green Gloves is announcing its plans openly so that GE companies and research institutions are in no doubt about our intentions. These will not be secretive activities, but rather open, colorful and unstoppable," said the Green Gloves coordinators.

### Maori Activists Demand that GE Records be Made Public

More than a dozen Maori activists hung anti-GE banners, sang songs and spread soil on the office floor of the Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) on October 31 in Wellington, New Zealand. "We cannot afford to let the country go GE. The public want to know what's going on," stated protestor Angeline Greensill. The ERMA evaluates GE research project applications, and the activists were demanding that records be made public. They would only speak Maori during the occupation. A simultaneous anti-GE *hiko*, or march, weaved its way through most of the North Island on its way to Parliament.



# KODAK'S TOXIC COLORS:

BY MIKE SCHADE

Behind the glossy image of Kodak's film lies one of the largest emitters of toxins in the United States. Thousands live in the shadow of one of the biggest corporate polluters in the world and the largest emitter of recognized carcinogens in New York: Eastman Kodak.

Eastman Kodak—a multinational corporation with headquarters in Rochester—is New York's number one manufacturing polluter. Kodak has a long history of environmental violations, contamination of the Rochester community, dumping of hazardous wastes in Kodak Park and advocacy for the weakening of environmental regulations.

## What Develops in Kodak's Dioxin-Spewing Incinerators

The true picture of Kodak is their towering hazardous waste incinerators, which burn more than 70 million pounds of toxic chemicals every year, releasing cancer-causing chemicals like dioxin and hexavalent chromium into the air. In fact, just one of Kodak's two

hazardous waste incinerators releases more dioxin and hexavalent chromium (both known human carcinogens) than all the other tested hazardous waste incinerators in New York combined.

Kodak annually releases 544 million adult doses of dioxin into the air from their incinerators. Commonly referred to as "the most toxic chemical in existence," dioxin builds up in body fat and is linked to health problems such as breast, prostate and liver cancer, reproductive disorders and birth defects.

Dioxin is particularly harmful to children and the elderly. The Environmental Protection Agency has recently classified dioxin as a known human

carcinogen that is 10 times more hazardous than previously thought.

## Environmental Justice Issues

Thousands of people live near Kodak Park. Twenty percent of the residents within a half mile of Kodak are under 10 years old. Twenty-one schools are located within just three miles of the Kodak site. Within a half mile, the average household income is \$7,343 lower than the county average.

## Increased Cancer Risk

Health studies indicating risks from Kodak's pollution are of great concern to New Yorkers. In 1995,

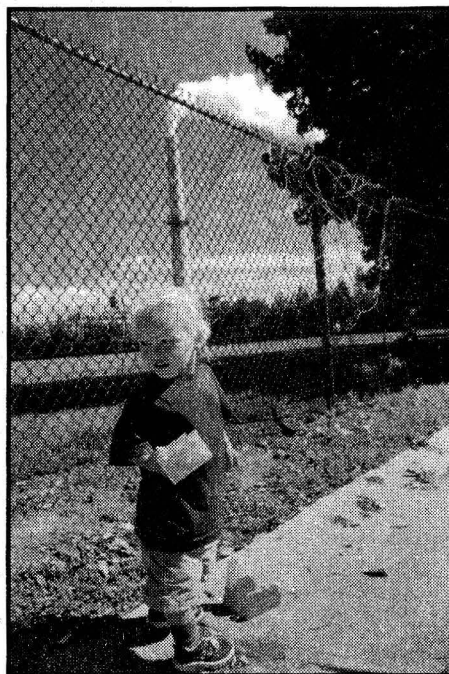


Photo courtesy CEC

Children live under the shadow of Kodak.

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### ELF Spikes Trees in Idaho

A communiqué received on November 5 from the ELF claims responsibility for spiking trees throughout the Otter Wing Timber Sale in the Nez Perce National Forest. This action was taken in protest of the wholesale destruction of "public" forests by private companies and the degradation of pristine ecosystems leading to habitat destruction affecting hundreds of species of fish, insects, birds and mammals.

The group claimed no single area or issue as a sole focus—but included in its message a warning to the US Forest Service in Idaho: "For too long, the forests of central and north Idaho have been under assault from industrial forestry. The Boise, Payette, Clearwater, Idaho Panhandle and Nez Perce are some of the national forests in Idaho that have been scarred from excessive logging. The timber sale program—nothing but a financial drain as well as an ecological disaster—must end. The Otter Wing Timber Sale has destroyed a once pristine ecosystem on the South Fork of the Clearwater River. It is an area which hosted abundant wildlife, such as fish, birds, mammalian predators, ungulates and a beautiful mosaic of different forest vegetative patterns. Now most of that area has been logged—aside

from the spiked units. We are serious. This is our first act of sabotage in Idaho. We may feel compelled to act again."

### Attempted Fire at GE Tree Facility

Federal law enforcement officials consider environmentalists as suspects in an attempted arson at the Michigan Tech University (MTU) campus in Houghton, Michigan.

Three five-gallon jugs with wires leading to timers were discovered early November 6 by campus public safety officers doing routine patrols at the U.J. Noblet Forestry Building and the US Forest Service Engineering Laboratory.

The university claims to have received email threats from the ELF in April.

On July 4, the ELF torched an executive office of Weyerhaeuser in nearby Detroit as a protest against the company's part in funding Oregon State University and the University of Washington's poplar and cottonwood genetic engineering research.

MTU received a grant worth several million dollars last Spring to begin research on genetically altered aspen trees. Researchers hope to find trees immune to crop dusting and beetle infestation.

# the true picture of New York's largest corporate polluter

a study by the Department of Health concluded, "Women living near Kodak Park had approximately an 80 percent greater risk of developing pancreatic cancer." The same study reported that women who have pancreatic cancer are nearly twice as likely to live near Kodak Park as elsewhere.

The study found that when only the women who had resided in the area for at least 20 years were considered, living near Kodak Park was associated with a 96 percent increased risk for pancreatic cancer.

A concerned parent whose child had brain cancer uncovered the names of 119 children under the age of 21 diagnosed with cancer since 1994. Of those children, 64 had diagnoses of central nervous system cancer: cancer of the brain or spine.

## Hold Kodak Accountable!

During the last five years, the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC) and the Kandid Coalition have been working to eliminate Kodak's toxic pollution through grassroots organizing and advocacy.

We have challenged Kodak wherever and whenever appropriate, trying to shine public light behind the curtains of corporate business as usual.

CEC and the Kandid Coalition continue to work toward reducing Kodak's dangerous emissions and need your help to continue working for environmental justice in Rochester.

You can send Kodak a strong message to shut down its toxic incinerators. By confronting Kodak in your community, you will be joining and strengthening a network of groups working for environmental justice both in New York and around the world.

Organize public demonstrations and street theater at corporate chains (such as Wal-Mart, Target, CVS, Rite Aid, etc.) that sell Kodak film, put up posters around your community, hand out flyers in front of stores that sell Kodak film, organize teach-ins, write letters.

Call Kodak at (800) 242-2424 or leave a message for CEO Daniel Carp at (716) 588-9050 and tell Kodak that it should be leading the film industry by phasing out its incinerators.

For more information or to get involved in the campaign to

eliminate Kodak's pollution, visit [www.kodakstoxiccolors.org](http://www.kodakstoxiccolors.org).

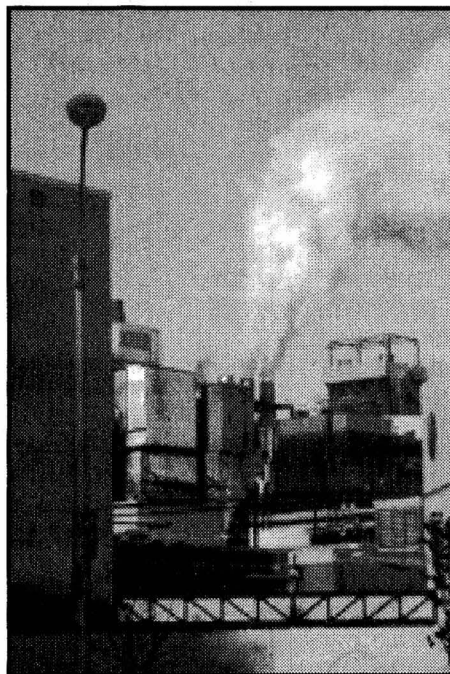


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Pollution reigns number one in Kodak Park.

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### Logging Continues Around Gods Valley

Loggers continue to chainsaw portions of the last two percent of naturally re-seeded coastal temperate rainforest in Oregon's Tillamook State Forest despite the presence of two treesits in the immediate area.

Solace and Rise, the first treesits to take root on Oregon state lands, have remained standing for more than three months as loggers fell trees within 30 feet. Logging of Area IV of the Acey Line Timber Sale in Gods Valley should be completed soon and yarding is expected to be done by the end of the year. All units in Gods Valley could be cut in late 2001 or early 2002 if logging is not halted. Activists from the Cascadia Forest Alliance and Hard Rain Alliance continue organizing to stop further logging in this beautiful mixed Sitka spruce, hemlock, Douglas fir and Western red-cedar forest.

This is the same timber sale where the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) trapped and almost killed Tre "Ridge" Arrow in early October after he free-climbed a tree to support the sitters in Area II during active logging operations (see *EFJ* November-December 2001). Sixteen people were arrested the same day in protest, bringing the total numbers of arrestees to 20. The Gods Valley

20 have been arraigned and trial dates are being set. Ridge is doing better, is walking now and appreciates everyone's support.

### Korean Climate Actions

Korean activists have recently developed a network for climate action called Risingtide Korea. On November 3, the group took action to interrupt the departure of industrial representatives going to the sellout "COP7" climate conference in Morocco at the Incheon International Airport. On November 7, the network simultaneously conducted rallies in front of five different places such as the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy; Shell Korea; the American embassy and the Korean Congress building, entities which are making the climate crisis worse. Large corporations in Korea intend to address the crisis of climate change mainly through the unacceptable process of carbon trading.

On November 9, the last day of COP7, climate activists gathered to take action and march in Seoul with an anti-WTO demonstration. Afterward, the group held a festival in the street with singing, dancing and theater.



# Night Action Confronts Rapist: A Harm to One is a Harm to All

BY PANGAEA AND OPAL

Kevin Kunzler, otherwise known as Huckleberry, came to Olympia, Washington, from Bella Coola, British Columbia, about two months ago. A week before he was supposed to leave, he became physically involved with a womyn here. They verbally discussed sex but decided not to go that far. She soon became uncomfortable with his constant visits and told him so. He confessed that he had issues with womyn, that once, when he was 16, he had raped a girl. He told her that he was healing from that.

One night there was a party that involved alcohol and nakedness. During the party, she tried to explain to him that she didn't want to be involved with him anymore. He told her that she was drunk and not making any sense. She left and headed out to her cabin. She was barely conscious: fatigued and under the influence of alcohol. She remembers only that he climbed into bed with her. He penetrated her, shattering the boundaries she had set when awake and sober, violating her while she lay nearly senseless and powerless. If sex had been money, it would have been said that he stole it. Furthermore, he broke trust and treated her as a pleasure object, not as a multi-dimensional, incredible person.

Several days later, he became aware of the full extent of his betrayal. Kevin awoke, at three a.m. in his tiny cabin, to a cacophony of voices. Thirteen figures, mostly masked, surrounded him. The womyn he had raped threw a cup of menstrual blood on his head. She directed what followed, secure, in the power of the group, to face her rapist without fear. It was a poetry slam of rage and resistance. We spoke in turn about our anger, then our pain, then our hope for his healing. When he protested that rape was not a violent act, she punched him in the face.

We chose not to do this in the daylight because we wanted him to fear. We did this so he would know what it was like to be naked in the dark and vulnerable. We also acted because we will not tolerate rape as a community, and because he was leaving for Big Mountain the next day. We repeatedly asked him how we could know that he

wouldn't do it again. He had no answer.

Kevin's current feelings about his act are a mystery to us. In the first email he sent after the act, he wrote: "I raped a woman. That was absolutely wrong, there are no excuses." A few days later, he was convinced that what had happened was a simple "drunken mistake." In his most recent email, he wrote, "I have raped, but I am not a rapist, because I

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**A rape devastates everything that a womyn and a community depend upon: a sense of safety, integrity and trust. He shows awareness that he has done wrong, but has never shown that he understands what this action means.**

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### ALF Targets Iowa Animal Exploiters

In mid-October, the ALF targeted two animal exploitation facilities in Iowa, releasing thousands of mink from a fur farm and rescuing numerous birds from an animal research breeder. Both places had been previously targeted by the ALF.

In the late hours of October 16, the ALF visited Scott Nelson's fur farm in Ellsworth, Iowa and opened all the mink cages, releasing an estimated 2,000 mink into the surrounding area.

The ALF activists stated in their communiqué that they will be "tearing up fences, breaking down walls and opening cages to free the animals" until the animals' "blood stops spilling."

Then in the early morning hours of October 18, the ALF entered several sheds at Double T Farms in Glenwood, Iowa and cut the wire mesh fencing to pens holding pigeons, ducks and geese, releasing an estimated 162 birds. The activists also state that the sheds were damaged or destroyed. This is the second time ALF activists have targeted Double T Farms—on September 9, 2000, ALF activists rescued and released 215 pigeons.

Double T Farms breeds various species of birds for use in animal experimentation—"a cruel and senseless death at the hands of vivisectors," states the ALF. The activists say that "There will be further visits until (the) operation is shut down."

The ALF then performed a second raid back at Scott Nelson's fur farm on October 23, where the same activists returned and released all the mink which had been recaptured following the first release.

### Students Dump Tainted Milk in Protest

On November 2, students, staff and faculty were joined by Elsie the Cow, a mad University of Wisconsin (UW) Scientist and other concerned citizens to dump milk on the steps of Memorial Union at UW-Madison. This protest is in the wake of UW's recent decision to stop certifying dairy products sold on campus as "rBGH free."

As early as 1986, UW was caught selling, on campus and at the hospital, experimental milk from the Babcock dairy herd without FDA approval. Since then UW has continued to peddle rBGH dairy products and other GMO Frankenfoods without proper labeling.

acknowledge I've done wrong and am changing it—and that isn't justification. I still have done wrong. I have forever changed [the womyn's] life. I wish for a circle—in the light—without masks. I am afraid for my life and not because I might take it." Most of the email, however, was dedicated to explaining how violated he felt. He told us our night action would make the oppressors proud.

He shows awareness that he has done wrong, but has never shown that he understands what this action means to her life or to the community he violated. He speaks the right words, but do those words come from his heart? We are not content with a promise because his act was a broken promise of the worst kind. Kevin was our friend. He is more than just a cardboard cut-out villain, but he and all men need to know that we will not tolerate violation and will no longer be silent.

A rape devastates everything that a womyn and a community depend upon: a sense of safety, integrity and trust. For Kevin, everything he depends upon will also change forever. If, in the face of this, he acts with compassion, integrity and is honest with

others about what is in his heart and mind, then we may after time begin to trust him once more. But there will be no business as usual, no matter how many conferences he organizes or how much work he does for Native sovereignty or the forest. We believe his actions have made him a liability, which he will continue to be until he accepts full

responsibility. Responsibility means understanding exactly how rape affects a life, how it feeds the system, why it is wrong and how to prevent it.

Kevin is a tall, slim man with broad shoulders, a light olive complexion, brown eyes and long, wavy, dark brown hair. He may cut his hair off and sometimes he wears glasses. He is recovering from a broken hip and an injury to his right knee. He wears Carhartts pants with handsewn patches. He carries a handmade, tan canvas bag filled with tinctures, salve and Bach flower remedies. He came from Missouri, has hung out in Eugene and Portland, and he has worked with Forest Action Network and Native sovereignists in BC. Most recently, he organized a



*Kevin Kunzler, aka Huckleberry*

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### ELF Acts Against Wild Horse Roundup

The ELF has taken credit for placing timed incendiary devices at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Litchfield, California, Wild Horse and Burro Facility on October 15. The resulting fire caused approximately \$85,000 in damages when a barn was burned to the ground. In addition, the group cut through four 60-foot sections of wooden fence corrals holding more than 200 wild horses in an attempt to liberate them from the BLM.

Their communiqué states that, "In opposition to the BLM's continued war against the Earth—the Earth Liberation Front targeted the Wild Horse Holding Facility in Corvallis, California. For years, the BLM has rounded up thousands of wild horses and burros to clear public land for grazing cattle. Many of these wild animals are sent to slaughter.

We cut through and removed four 60-foot sections of wooden fence to corrals holding more than 200 wild horses in order to free them from captivity. After moving domestic horses to a safe distance, we set four timed incendiary devices aimed at destroying two barns, two vehicles and an office building.

In the name of all that is wild, we will continue to target industries and organizations that seek to profit by destroying the Earth."

### Bank Targeted in "War Against Terrorism"

The "Special Operations: HLS" cell of the ALF continued its campaign against UK-based animal research giant Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) on October 26 by attacking the Long Island offices of their major investor, Bank of America.

A communiqué states that, "The Animal Liberation Front has joined the United States in their noble War Against Terrorism! We visited the office of the known terrorist organization, the Bank of America in Long Island, smashing more than 30 windows, including three huge display windows.

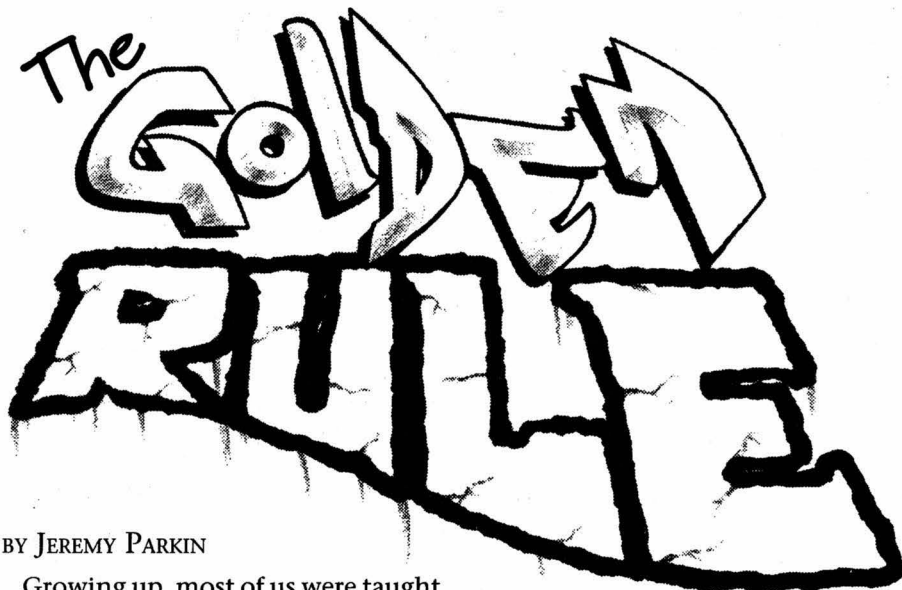
The Bank of America is responsible for the deaths of 500 animals every day at HLS as a result of their involvement with [HLS Investor] Stephen's Inc. The Bank of America is a known enemy of freedom for animals, and until they sever all ties with Stephen's and with HLS, we will continue to make them pay for their crimes."



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West Coast tour of Native sovereignists. He does not readily answer personal questions and can be subtly controlling, and at times pushy, when he doesn't get what he wants. He has an alpha male vibe. He knows all the right spiritual and politically correct lingo to make it sound like he is speaking from the heart, but his vocabulary is not reflected in his interactions with people. He loves to talk about patriarchy and how he is taking it down.

We ask communities that he may visit to not compromise in their defense of womyn's safety anymore than they would in defense of the Earth. Like the web of life we fight for, we are interconnected and a harm to one is a harm to all. If your community decides to harbor this healing sex offender, an important action to take might be to confront him if he doesn't inform the community in an organized way. Let him know any oppressive behavior toward womyn will invoke a very serious, immediate and collective response. Although we realize this article will create tension within certain communities and will damage Kevin's reputation, we believe that an organized and informed community is safer and more cohesive than one that is left in the dark by rumors and half-truths.



BY JEREMY PARKIN

Growing up, most of us were taught what is almost universally known as "the golden rule"—a way of living that basically states "treat others how you would like to be treated." The basics of such a concept are simple. You don't want to be hit, don't hit others. You don't want to be lied to, don't lie to others. This is a very nice and almost utopian way of living.

During the last two months, I confronted what has been one of the most difficult times in my life. It has brought a new understanding of the true meaning of the golden rule. I

came out to my family and friends that almost three years ago, at the age of 18, I was sexually assaulted. Not just by someone I knew but by another activist. Taking advice from my therapist and closest friends, I posted an email message on the Utah Animal Rights Coalition's (UARC) message board stating what happened—as the perpetrator was Art Eggertson, the media coordinator for UARC at the time, also my neighbor and boss. Soon after the message was posted (less

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### Protests Return to Headwaters Forest

On October 23, Pacific Lumber (PL)/Maxxam began cutting a long-fought logging plan dubbed the "Hole in Headwaters" because it sits entirely within the publicly owned Headwaters Forest Preserve. Timber Harvest Plan 520 contains more than 700 acres of redwood and Douglas fir forest that runs alongside the South Fork of the Elk River, which, though heavily impacted, is considered one of the best coho salmon streams in California.

Forest activists have been fighting 520 since it was first filed in 1997 because of its salmon run and because it is virtually the only buffer to the virgin old growth of Headwaters Grove, now protected in public hands.

Even before a direct action campaign was mounted, PL/Maxxam upped the ante on October 26 when they filed a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation against nine activists who came to check things out on the first day of logging. Like the lawsuit filed by PL/Maxxam against Mattole forest defenders earlier this year, it names 200 "Jane and John Does" in anticipation of future protests and seeks punitive damages.

There has been a sporadic action camp, despite the rainy weather, and a hike into the site days after logging started

drew more than 100 people. Protests have occurred and more are planned for the future.

### ALF Destroys Equipment at San Diego Lab

The Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service received the following communiqué:

"On the evening of November 11, the Animal Liberation Front gained entry to the contract animal research lab of Sierra Biomedical in San Diego, California. The death camp was subsequently smashed to pieces from the inside out for several hours. "Vital" equipment was destroyed and file after file was soaked in muriatic acid. No piece of equipment was left intact. A transport van located outside had its tires slashed, was doused in paint and was just simply worked over. It is almost unbelievable that such a benign exterior could house such abhorrent acts as those performed in this lab. No high-priced contract is worth murder nor is it worth what the ALF will do to stop these murders. We were thorough and determined, they will not soon recover from our visit. We struck not with anger, but sadness in our hearts of the lives taken before our arrival and for the recent death of our friend Barry Horne. The ALF is always watching."

than 10 hours), it was removed because it was "not relevant to the animal rights scene, and as it happened more than two years ago."

UARC failed to respond in any manner, until at last the pressure from the public grew so strong that it was faced with losing its meeting hall. Only then did UARC apologize. But does that really make things better? Does that change the fact that it did and continues to uphold the silence that perpetuates sexual crimes, while at the same time discouraging others to come forth?

What UARC did was wrong, and many were quick to point out that fact. UARC tried to ignore an issue when it was brought forth, but do you confront people every time you see a misogynist, sexist, homophobic or racist act? In an average day, it is hard to go a couple of hours without witnessing at least one of these things.

While traveling across the country on a bus about a year ago, I stopped in Reno, Nevada, around two a.m. When I stepped into the lobby of the bus station, I witnessed a heated verbal argument between what I assumed to be a girlfriend and boyfriend. I noticed this couple because the male was screaming at the woman, calling her a whore, bitch and slut while she stood there in tears. There were about 150 people in the bus station, and we all sat there and watched this man completely belittle this woman. I felt that this man could get physically violent at any moment and sure enough he slapped her across the face. We all witnessed these things take place and still did nothing to prevent or stop them. Not even the security guards in the bus station tried to break things up.

I am haunted and ashamed of myself for that night. Yet I fail to see how not stepping forward in the bus station is any different from what UARC did. No matter what the actual act is, big or small, not confronting it cannot be justified. No matter what movement or political beliefs you attach yourself to, we are all trying to make the world a better place. We get wrapped up in our causes and knee deep in personal politics. At times we seem to forget that we don't just do what we do for you or for me, but for everyone and everything.

We always hear statements such as, "We need to call each other on our shit." I couldn't agree more. Wouldn't it be more effective to actually help change one person's mind

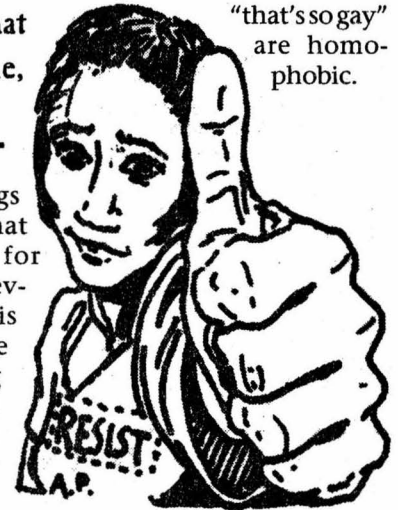
toward a sexist act or comment? To confront the person who might not understand that comments like "that's so gay" are homophobic.

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It is these little things that go uncontested that lay the groundwork for larger crimes against every living thing on this planet. The golden rule isn't just about being nice and kind toward others. It's also about helping others to do the same.



## Frontlines

### ALF Claims Responsibility for Coulston Fire

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility for a million dollar fire set in a maintenance building at The Coulston Foundation (TCF) in Alamogordo, New Mexico, on September 20. According to the ALF communiqué, TCF holds the largest colony of captive chimpanzees in the world, and the USDA has brought more charges against the facility than any other research lab in the US.

"Chimpanzees share more than 98 percent of the same DNA as humans and live in complex social family groups in the wild. At TCF, they live isolated in prisons of concrete floors and metal walls, with no other "enrichment" items besides an occasional ball, tire or TV set. During nights of observation, we heard the chimps and macaque monkeys periodically scream and crazily pound on the walls, sounds we will never forget.

"Every precaution was taken to avoid injury to the animals, personnel, security and firefighters. We intend for this act of nonviolent economic sabotage to bring an end to this truly evil institution. If any investors consider bailing out TCF, they'll have to factor in large financial losses from direct action."

### Russians Protest Nuke Waste Transport

On October 24, more than 200 anti-nuclear activists in six Russian cities went to protest the nuclear waste transport being secretly moved from Bulgaria to the Russian nuclear waste dumping site Krasnoyarsk-26. For the first time, the anti-nuclear movement attempted to blockade Russia's largest railroad—the Trans-Siberian Railway—shortly before the train with nuclear waste was expected.

In the middle of October, the anti-nuclear group Ecodefense discovered that an international shipment of nuclear waste would soon take place.

Toward the end of October, actions took place in Yaroslavl, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk and Krasnoyarsk. It came as a surprise that police did not arrest anyone at the actions, most likely due to the large presence of the media at the protests. The majority of the Russian national media supported the action against nuclear transportation and attacked nuclear industry about the safety of the transports.

Another historic event then happened on a governmental level. For the first time in its history, the Russian government called for a special meeting of ministers to discuss the safety of nuclear waste shipments.



# Wolves and Poodles



A patriot-shredding wolf to Katie Sierra, a 15-year-old self-described anarchist who was suspended from Sissonville High School in West Virginia for wearing a t-shirt that stated, "When I saw the dead and dying Afghani children on TV, I felt a newly recovered sense of national security. God Bless America!" A school board member accused Katie of "committing treason" for trying to start an anti-war club.

A wolf bowed in deep respect to the memory of village activist Jurin Ratchapol of Thailand who was murdered earlier this year. For seven years, he dedicated himself to protecting the mangrove swamps and forests of Phuket from the hands of money-grubbing global industrial prawn farms. These elitist farms destroy wetlands, poison waterways and communities and generate more than \$26 billion annually in sales of black tiger prawns to fancy dining tables.

A wolf with that winning smile to the residents of Worcester, Massachusetts, who voted no to fluoridation of the public water system. Despite hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on fluoridation propaganda, Worcester voted against fluoridation for the fifth time since the 1950s.

A whip-cracking wolf to the Deputy Governor of Cambodia, Seng Tong, who has declared that rare wild animals should be taken off restaurant menus for good. Raids by wildlife protection officials this year have rescued more than 1,300 endangered animals from kitchens in Phnomh Penh.

A Swiss chalet-smashing wolf to anti-globalization protesters for their annual economic sabotage of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. In 1997, before protests, security cost \$137,500; in 2002 officials estimate it will cost nearly seven million dollars.

A bloodswilling-redneck poodle to the Nature Conservancy in Devil's Den, Connecticut, for plotting to kill deer in the preserve while handing out brochures claiming that hunting is not allowed. Despite the existence of non-hunting alternatives, they claim that these hunts are necessary to preserve flora and, ironically, to decrease vehicular deer collisions. Biologists note that hunting in November will stimulate birth rate and necessitate an extension to the hunt.

A five-eyebrowed, catfish-lipped genetically altered purple poodle grandchild to Al "Earth in Balance" Gore for his recent employment with Metropolitan West Financial, a genetic engineering investment firm. Gore's main responsibilities entail developing strategies for international expansion of biotechnology. Vote for Gore's genetic manipulation in 2004.

A poodle choking on sand to the annual Thanksgiving gathering of 200,000 off-roaders in Southern California for ripping up protected sand dune habitat, for offing two of their ilk and injuring 200 more.

A greasy, tourist agent poodle with a bloody ice pick to Sven Ludvigsen, Norway's fishery minister who wants to give families on holiday ice picks to kill baby seals. "Seal hunting should be sold as an exclusive product to tourists. This could be a hit!" spins Ludvigsen about the government perceived "overpopulation" problem. Seal hunting was banned in 1989, but the Norwegian cull was restarted in 1995 despite international outcry.

A bloated, stagnant, bureaucratic poodle to the big green five—the Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited and Sierra Club—who together control a budget of more than one and a half billion dollars. In an election year, if these five groups directed only one-tenth of their budgets to feralizing poodles they would command \$320 million, more than the National Rifle Association and the Republican National Committee combined.



A swastika-branded poodle to University of Arizona (UA) president Dr. Peter Likins for his hypocritical statement to alumni on the character of the university community, "We gather people from all races and religions of the world, and we all belong here." Despite the fact that his pursuit of the UA Mt. Graham telescope on sacred Apache land has been adamantly opposed by Apache traditionalists.

A capitalist ass-kissing, oil-sucking poodle to Interior Poodle Secretary Gale Norton for altering findings from the US Fish and Wildlife Service concerning effects of oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. She also misled Congress with a British Petroleum-sponsored study that stated oil drilling had little impact on the caribou of Prudhoe Bay.

A poodle lost in a black hole in his head to Stephen Hawking for his space-colonizing propaganda as an answer to the anthrax scare. He warns the public that the human race is likely to be wiped out by a doomsday virus before the end of the millennium unless it starts to colonize space.

# Fat Cat Spam Attack, Yo!

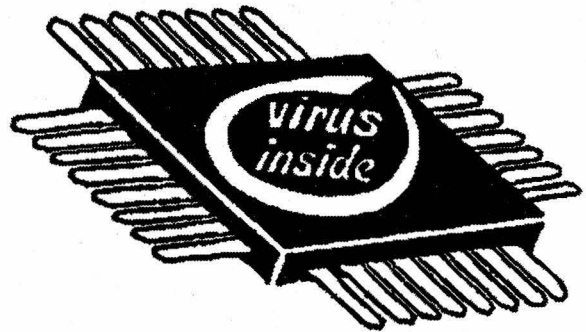
BY RICK LEWISS

If you're reading this, it's possible that you are one of the few who understand the concept of ecocidal mass extinction. You may also understand that millions are hungry and enslaved in sweatshops while those in the industrialized "First World" are evermore immiserated. These realities won't be explained to you again here. Instead, these words present a method to hinder and destroy the system of destruction.

Unsustainable techno-industrial mass society and the path it's paving are facilitated and empowered by mass-communications which allow corrupted ideas to be spread and acted upon. If we as a collective of revolutionary individuals can determine where the paths of communication bottleneck and where the information is processed, we can send false orders and junk information by the proverbial shitload to these central points.

In many ways, even just one person can seriously complicate things for the materialistic exploiters of information technology. There are many levels of participation one can engage in. For example, some websites send out hundreds of automated confirmation messages instantly when you submit an address, and you could enter corporate email addresses repeatedly. If you didn't want to "spam" just one target at a time, you could create your own customized message and send it to all of your targets at once.

One could throw in seemingly legitimate messages from another account requesting information from the target. This would waste the target's time in two ways—first by having to sort out the spam from legitimate messages and then by unwittingly



responding to insincere requests. This would take time away from the real consumers whom they assist and also make their service distrustful.

For the email spam attack, I suggest targeting banks, brokers, the stock markets and the corporate business media. Acting on Friday night after business hours will allow spam to accumulate during the weekend. Another good way to acquire a target is by watching the stock market and seeing who the biggest gainers are. Pay attention to the corporate press for earning report dates.

What we are basically talking about is information overload as a basic tactic of information warfare.

This tactic can also be used with the phone service. Now that the holiday consumption season is upon us, we can reduce the damage to the Earth by complicating business as usual. I suggest getting all your comrades together to call your local Wal-Mart repeatedly. Ask about hours, a product, to speak to the manager or just hang up and call again. Call from the store's payphone. Revolution requires action.

If we coordinate these spam attacks with other forms of protest, we can beat the system. We can revolt. We can win. Your help would be appreciated. The beginning of the end is at hand. Act quickly and act often.





# Dear Shit fer Brains ...

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Dear SFB,

In response to the Mabon issue's "Arctic Delusion" article, I must say I find the author's vendetta against the campaign to save the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain completely bizarre. The author seems to suggest that this is a pointless issue compared to others, but he is so colossally mistaken, it borders on complete ridiculousness.

He suggests that the statement by some that protecting the Arctic Refuge is "symbolic" means that it is somehow worthless. The Arctic Refuge has been called "symbolic" because were the refuge to be drilled, it would all but open the gates to oil drilling in protected areas everywhere. It would effectively make the definition of "Wildlife Refuge" worthless. This issue has become one of such high visibility that were it to be lost, it would be a blow to all environmental issues everywhere.

The author suggests that the campaign to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not as important as one to stop a natural gas pipeline. The fact is that such a pipeline is still in the distant future. Nothing on its scale has ever been attempted.

The Arctic Refuge could be opened to oil drilling this week. Between the time that I write this and the time it goes to print (if it does), there will almost definitely have been as many as 10 attempts in the Senate to open the Refuge.

Would you prefer that these groups hadn't taken up this cause? Would you prefer to have oil derricks sucking a

meager supply of oil out of the Refuge right now?

The fact is that the groups that the author seems to hate with such a passion have kept oil companies out of the Refuge for the 30 years that they've been trying to get in. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is still a refuge because of the efforts of these groups.

So you don't agree with the tactics of groups like the Alaska Wilderness League; fine, that's ok. Do things your own way, but dammit, don't waste your energy by labeling other environmental groups the enemy. It's exactly what oil companies want to see. Infighting will only weaken the movement as a whole.

—TOM SIMCHAK  
OBERLIN COLLEGE EARTH FIRST!

Dear SFB,

My, my... everyone worried so about the *J* moving south, but the way it looks from here, the movement made a great decision. The collective has breathed new life into the *Journal* and the interview with Free by Georgette and Turtle was a new high point. Free's heartfelt defense of direct action on behalf of Mother Earth was so moving. More of us should act with such authentic conviction; Free's a true eco-warrior.

There is only one *EF!J* and it is better than ever; the collective deserves our support and thanks. Cheers you guys, what you are doing is so important.

LWOD,

—TK IN THE UK

Dear Everyone,

This is on the subject of using *fire* for economic sabotage. This is something that



Vulcan  
The  
Greek  
God of  
Fire

I have spent countless hours sitting in my room weighing the pros and cons of and trying to decide where it is most applicable, and when the environmental/pro-corporate consequences outweigh our desired economic damage goal. Here's what I've concluded:

The reason fires cause so much damage in dollars is because they ruin everything in the building. On the surface this seems ideal. But to *ruin* things, it ultimately causes a tremendous waste of many resources. If a building is torched, consider: all of the 1000s of feet of steel pipe is trashed; the carpet (linoleum, tile) is burned, so it is ripped out; the drywall is ripped out; all the wiring is thrown away (in older buildings, some wire is asbestos-coated); the computers are trashed; all the outlets, lights, and circuit panels are thrown out (if replaced, that just helps GE, who is moving to the

front of the business as the leading supplier); the toxic insulation is burned; all of the wood is trashed and no longer usable. As is the nature of the beast, all this shit is just thrown away and practically *never* recycled or reused.

If the mark is not insured, or doesn't receive compensation for the loss, then I tend to think it *is* worth it. On the other hand, if they are insured, it turns out to be quite a kick in the teeth to us...

To rebuild, their insurance company gives them money. They then give their money to the enemy—the gigantic lumber companies, the vastly polluting wire industry, all the sleazy monopolistic manufacturers of the light fixtures/drywall/office furniture/computers/slave-labored clothes/laboratory equipment/etc. (unless of course they go out of business!)

Then much of the money goes to help Home Depot

and Sam Walton continue their parasitic, unwavering expansion and consumption. Don't get me wrong—there are situations when fire is most favorable/even necessary; I just urge everyone to weigh the consequences and make the best decision for our Earth mother.

—MASKED MOLE

Dear Shit for Brains,

OK, so the *Journal* has been in Tucson for four issues now and I'm wondering where the hell is *Ecodefense* on the snake oil and trinkets page. I've seen overpriced songbooks and folk CDs, but no mention of a book that you would think the *Journal* would want people to have access to.

Other than that and the continued inclusion of Environmental News of the Weird (which is stupid) the new *Journal* staff is doing a great job. You shouldn't hesitate to change as the ecological defense movement changes, no matter how much the old-timers fear new tactics and strategy. I think the first four issues out of Tucson have shown great promise, and I hope they continue to get better and support all actions in defense of the Earth.

Sincerely,

—DESIGNATED EF! CRITIC #31

p.s. The reason I ask about *Ecodefense* is it seems the *Journal* is the only place that distros it.

Dear SFB!,

I write you fools with the question of your, and my, sovereignty. With all the newly passed "anti-terrorism" bills, and huge amounts of money given freely to those whom "enforce" those laws, I am worried about Earth First! Has EF! come

under closer watch of The Man since September 11? Because if they haven't started to make life more difficult for you yet, I'll wager they soon will. To the dull, dim-eyed: what you, and I, believe in is considered "terrorism." Just ask Judi Bari. Once this Bush the Second was propped up into office, one could practically see the writing on the wall. A man who can't speak straight, but mongers war, is all that the redneck will ever be.

So here we all sit. Have these people of "power" stopped to ask the question: "Gee, if my house gets bombed, or gets *two* airplanes smashed into it, then maybe, just maybe, I have caused some people to be very angry at me." But no. The huge message they came up with was: Buy. Spend. Consume. What does it take to bring someone to shut up and question themselves? Leaders...? No. They are only politicians. Bureaucrats. Definition from my dictionary: an unwieldy administrative system deficient in initiative and flexibility.

What I have learned is this: What cannot *flex*, and remains hard and stiff, will break or fail when put under enough stress. Keep that in mind. Enough stress... by enough people and their actions... and it will break. Oh, is that statement now considered a "terrorist threat?" I wouldn't doubt it for a second. These people confuse patriotism with militarism, flag waving with thoughtful insight. Never give them an inch. They bring small-mindedness and limited views with them everywhere they go.

Sincerely yours,

—DREW FEUER

Dear Earth First,

I'd like to comment on Mafundi's statement in the Samhain issue. Mafundi! I know you hit some positives notes on the *Journal*, and you was talking about coverage of the Afrikan communities, and the waste that's dumped there.

Well, as a homeboy from the barrio, I know what you're talking about. But it's up to us to bring this forth to the people.

It's not a black or white *thing*, and the waste that's being dumped in your community is all of our problems, because it's the Earth we need to save, which is all of the communities combined.

True! There are more white activists than there are black or hispanic. But again it's because our lighter-skinned brothers and sisters are working it. It's up to us to get people in our community involved. It's hard, I know, but even one extra person is better than none.

I am hispanic/white, and I grew up in Los Angeles. Diversity is the way, but it is up to us to diversify it.

Sincerely,

—RODNEY MARCO WADE

Earth First!,

I was really disgusted to read in the Lughnasadh issue about the eco-executives' salaries. For what other reason, than to buy "stuff," do these people have these salaries for? Buying "stuff" is the antithesis of the environmental movement. These hypocrites are repulsive. I bet they each own a Chevrolet Suburban.

Signed,

—CHARLIE RYKES

Dear SFB,

Half artist, half prisoner who loves Mother Earth would love to hear from like-minded people. Am I alone?

—JOHN ADAMS #768543

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# ARMED WITH VISIONS

## CLEAR AS CUT GLASS & JUST AS DANGEROUS

### Killing the Recordkeepers

beluga beach near the St. Lawrence  
like melting  
polar ice caps  
rotten pond lilies regurgitated by  
the sea  
humpbacks rest on  
Stinson Beach  
purple-black  
like discarded  
eggplant husks

the recordkeepers lay bloated and jaundice

the elders  
our grandmothers  
are being shot murdered  
"beaching" on Cree land  
at James's Bay  
and near St. Regis  
protecting salmon spawns  
protesting  
hydro dams  
hear the keening  
of coastal clan mothers

the recordkeepers lay in crimson tides

you blamed Indians for 40,000 missing  
salmon which had  
not returned to  
spawn  
you said traditional spearing  
was murder  
while  
aluminum choked waters forced  
salmon downstream  
in a toxic fog  
to find  
other places to  
breed

the sea's blood is curdled  
with inky stains  
what matter of octopus  
is this  
secreting poisons which  
choke and destroy  
all of life  
rather than as protection  
from enemies, used in doctoring and healing  
such a cruel mimicry

must this obscene spill  
of humpback,  
manatee  
beluga  
sacred recordkeepers  
of all our history  
most precious cargo  
continue  
until the sea raises her girth  
swallowing cities  
drowning "en masse"  
her waves  
salty tears acidic  
testimony to your greed

clan mothers' pleas/whalesong echoes through  
the deep

—Abena Songbird

### Apple-Checked Fisk

Come apple season, the fish glisten  
with time, geomagnetism, instinct's silver beat,  
clicking like starlight, what little sprinkles down.

Water gushes in through their gills, trembling,  
like the scent of alder leaves recalled  
through the smell of torrential silt,  
the sky's shower of silver arrows pelting down  
and a female salmon, mykiss, swells to the call.

Once she rises out like a candle, shaking loose  
from the current's embers,  
full flame from cheek to stomach  
and the willow corridor trembles in one body,  
blowing through water, through her hundred eggs:  
their olive oil light, their pebble eyes—

Each alder leaf, buckeye whispering  
of the long, gold thread of smell  
the young will swallow next spring  
recalling her, turning her body  
into a thousand mile journey  
back to salt water.

—Maya Khosla

Send poems to: Warrior Poets Society, POB 14501, Berkeley, CA 94712

Ode From a Waterfowl  
-Mallard-

Mallard—Mallard—  
Mallard! Mallard! Mallard! Mallard!

Before I make my highway  
going out the flyway  
I'm flapping—quacking real hard  
trying to be a bard  
so pay attention to me  
or you might lose me  
maybe even shoot me  
but listen real close  
be very still—  
Hear my singing wings  
beating up and down the valley rivers  
skimming on the coastal waterways  
shadows in the moonlight  
in the sunlight  
whirling all around each other  
shiny feathers  
splashing out across the marshy wetlands—

Mallard—Mallard—  
Mallard! Mallard! Mallard! Mallard!

But if you still gotta shoot to kill  
pluck out my quills  
propose us a bill  
I'm quacking out the facts  
but You write our acts!  
Since pre-colonial 1600  
half of 220 million acres of our wetlands lost  
but you wanted to grow  
since you're the boss  
ducks gotta go—  
Did you know where—or care?  
Good God  
is that genocide's shadow on your side?  
California 1820—land of plenty  
Four million acres among wildflower meadows  
and all across the marshy valley  
we're feeding and breeding  
swimming out among the water plants and willows  
but the present tally  
only 270,000 acres remain  
rice is the grain—grown for your gain  
but you're saving us to kill us for a game  
reserves aren't the same  
as the wetland Wilderness—

Mallard—Mallard—  
Mallard! Mallard! Mallard! Mallard!

Our end's getting near  
selenium deposits  
percolating with the irrigation  
valley's getting like a cesspool  
with death ghouls!  
American front—main brunt—every year  
33,000 acres prime, prairie wetlands drained  
filled in, plowed up for other kinds of grain  
and all around the nation—every year  
458,000 acres cleared for your crops.  
Why you pay farmers not to grow your crops?  
Stuff that in your craw—go and eat crow!  
Whoaaa—just a figure of speech.  
I'm not here to preach  
I like to hear them screech!  
But keep killing off each other  
or get the facts—write your act  
control birth and live with the Earth  
leave alone my sisters and my brothers  
fathers and mothers  
we like to keep our shiny warm feathers  
live in our homes  
nourish healthy bones—

Mallard—Mallard—  
Mallard! Mallard! Mallard! Mallard!

Hey, I'm quacking too long  
appreciate you listening to my song  
but my throat's getting hoarse  
I got to set my course  
with my honey hen.  
Spring's in our mood  
and we want to come again  
work on our brood  
down in the valley bayou.  
She's about due.  
Says we gotta go  
keep a tight time clock  
to catch up with the flock  
and I'm moving too slow  
leaving this quiet, glassy water way  
quacking—splashing—flapping  
cross the river waves  
back to where we come from  
arctic tundra—northern lake lands.  
Listen to our singing wings  
flying low over misty river rapids in the morning sun  
rising from the marshy wetlands  
silver cloud—beating wings—

Mallard—Mallard—

—Chris Olander



# In the Face of Freedom, the Fight for Justice Continues

## Rodolfo Montiel and Teodoro Cabrera Released from Prison

*"When someone kills many people, he is guilty of genocide. Someone who kills a lot of trees is guilty of ecocide. When I see a tree cut down, it wounds me inside."*

—RODOLFO MONTIEL FLORES

In a seemingly sudden move by Mexican President Vicente Fox, Mexican environmental activists Rodolfo Montiel Flores and Teodoro Cabrera Garcia were released from prison on November 8. The terms of their release are not yet fully known, and Fox stopped short of describing the Earth defenders as innocent. Still, human rights activists and environmentalists around the world celebrated their freedom.

Fox claims that his interest in their case arose on December 1, 2000, in response to numerous requests by Mexican and international human rights organizations.

This story began in 1995, when logging giant Boise Cascade signed a five-year deal and started operations in the southern state of Guerrero, Mexico. According to Montiel, "We didn't know the name of the company back then, but whoever was behind it, they were taking everything: old trees, new trees, dead trees, live trees. If they had a permit for six thousand cubic meters, they'd take ten thousand."

Hillsides began eroding, while streams and springs began drying up. "By 1997, there was nothing but garbage and

plastic in the riverbed," says Montiel. "Everyone knew it was the fault of the logging."

Later that year, Montiel and other local campesinos formed the Organization of Campesino Environmentalists of the Sierra de Petatlán and Coyuca de Catalán. Sick of watching the forest being hauled away by the truckload, they educated others about the effects of uncontrolled logging and wrote letters to the government. When their letters went unanswered, they set up road blockades and turned back the logging trucks.

As the climate intensified between environmentalists, government officials, Boise Cascade and the local landowners, the Mexican army used intimidation to track down the leaders, threatening innocent townspeople with murder or torture if they refused to give information on the whereabouts of Montiel and the others. After months of hiding in the mountains, Montiel and Cabrera were arrested on May 2, 1999. Hardwood logging resumed almost immediately.

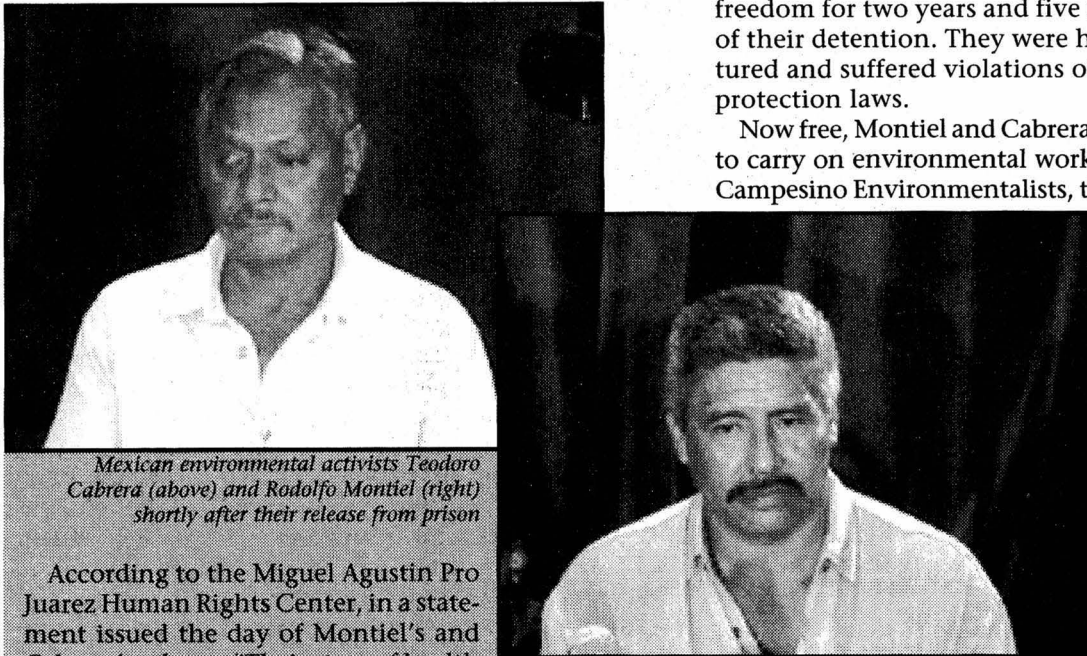
Following their arrest, they were beaten, tortured and forced to confess to drug and weapons-related charges. On August 28, 2000, Montiel and Cabrera were convicted and sentenced to six-year and ten-year jail terms respectively. An appeal was later denied.

Montiel and Cabrera were arbitrarily deprived of their freedom for two years and five months as a consequence of their detention. They were held incommunicado, tortured and suffered violations of due process and judicial protection laws.

Now free, Montiel and Cabrera have said that they intend to carry on environmental work with the Organization of Campesino Environmentalists, the same work which led to their detention.

Their case is not an isolated situation, as environmental activists both in the area and throughout Mexico face a dangerous future defending the Earth, their land and their rights.

The fight to obtain justice will not end at the prison gates. According to Amnesty International, "Only by securing justice for Montiel and Cabrera will it be possible to assist in dismantling the culture of impunity that exists in Mexico and to make sure that similar cases do not occur in the future."



Mexican environmental activists Teodoro Cabrera (above) and Rodolfo Montiel (right) shortly after their release from prison

According to the Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center, in a statement issued the day of Montiel's and Cabrera's release, "Their state of health

has deteriorated as a direct consequence of the acts of torture that were committed against them, and an act of justice in this respect would be to accord due compensation for damages, as well as to identify and punish accordingly those responsible for these events. This is why we insist: The demand of the campesino ecologists, which national and international civil organizations echoed, has been partly complied with, but still pending is that they be absolved, that they are fully compensated for damages caused to them, the guarantee that there will not be impunity of any kind and the adoption of measures by the Mexican state so that acts such as those committed against Rodolfo and Teodoro are not committed again."

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# SOLIDARITY MEANS INFORMED CRITIQUE

## A RESPONSE TO COCKBURN AND ST. CLAIR

BY PATRICK REINSBOROUGH

The *EF! Journal* inadvertently printed a version of a *Counterpunch* article that contained some blatant misinformation about Rainforest Action Network (RAN) and our involvement with the World Bank/IMF protests. The article was written in the week after September 11 and was widely circulated among different groups and activists organizing to protest the Bank meetings. The article's misinformation and cynical tone damaged the organizing of a number of people and groups. Valuable time that should have been spent strengthening our movements was spent reassuring allies, rebuilding alliances and correcting false and divisive information. I'm writing this response not only to clarify the issue but more importantly to address basic parameters of collaborative interaction. Our movements must engage in effective self-critique. But we must do so based on accurate information and in a constructive manner that is not subject to exploitation by the very forces we work to change.

The article entitled "America's Greens Rally to the Flag and Run for Cover" states, "The Rainforest Action Network, based in San Francisco, has called for the cancellation of the protest and said that in the event it goes forward it will not participate." When the article was written on September 14, RAN's only public statement on the matter did not address withdrawal. Organizationally as an endorser of the Mobilization for Global Justice, RAN was awaiting the decision of the DC spokescouncil (September 15) before making any decisions. Originally, I took this to be merely an unfortunate example of bad journalism. However, as I dug a little deeper I found a more interesting story that has lessons for us all.

*Counterpunch's* later version of the article claimed that they had received calls from disgruntled RAN staffers complaining about the lack of spine in the leadership. Because RAN has a small staff and the fact that the complaints that *Counterpunch* allegedly received didn't reflect RAN's actual decisions, it was easy to establish that nobody from RAN had made these calls. Put in

the context of the ongoing attacks against RAN, such as the Wise Use movement's efforts to revoke RAN's tax exempt status and a related media campaign designed to label RAN as "ecoterrorists" (see *EF!* August-September 2001), this incident raises some interesting questions.

Spreading the rumor that RAN had called for the cancellation of the protests just days before the critical spokescouncil was to decide these issues was a very strategic way to cast doubt on



coalition alliances. Perhaps this was a coincidence, perhaps not. The readers of the *Journal* hopefully need no lessons on the mechanics of COINTELPRO and other efforts to derail social movements by exacerbating existing tensions. I've gotten no response from Cockburn and St. Clair about their safeguards against spreading divisive misinformation. However I think it's worth all of our reflecting on how we can ensure that our communications, critiques and organizing are building stronger movements without compromising our analysis or ability to fight for the Earth.

Strong movements are diverse. In order to ensure that our diversity is a strength rather than a fault line to be exploited by our enemies, I think we

need to follow some of the basic rules of intelligent radicalism and movement solidarity. This means losing the blanket categories (like "all NGOs") and resisting the temptation to spread rumors and gossip. This means not expressing uninformed critique. Now please don't get me wrong. Critique is essential as long as it is based on accurate information. A basic rule of activist critiques should be to confirm the facts with those involved before passing judgment and certainly before publicizing that judgment.

I don't agree with Cockburn and St. Clair's critiques lumping groups like the International Rivers Network and the Ruckus Society with the "avoid-controversy" stance taken by the Sierra Club. To do so is, in my opinion, politically naive and represents an armchair organizer's viewpoint that is out of touch with the on-the-ground realities of public campaigning and movement building. However, at least these critiques were based on accurate information. Publicizing rumors, inaccuracy or generalizations as they did in the case of RAN merely catalyzes destructive and divisive conversations that waste time and challenge the precious trust that holds movements together.

We all know that many sinister forces are attempting to disrupt movement building at this critical time. The anti-capitalist/anti-corporate movement is particularly vulnerable because it is so new, with great ideological diversity and few unifying institutions or common experiences. This means we all have to be extra vigilant about how we build, and more importantly maintain, our alliances. Informed constructive critique will only make us stronger, while shit talking and rumor mongering only serve our opponents. Let's leave the spreading of misinformation to the wingnuts and infiltrators and instead focus our energies on revealing the truth about this pathological system and the movements we are building to transform it.

To learn about RAN campaigns, visit [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org).

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# Snip 'n' Tie

~A Teste-monial~

BY TABITHA VAS DEFERENS

There are two positive direct actions that a man with breeder potential can make for the Earth and its inhabitants. He can raise a healthy, happy Earth-loving child low on the consumption chain, or he can sign up for the procedure affectionately known as "Snip and Tie." Although a vasectomy is infinitely less complex than nurturing children to adulthood and beyond, it is a commitment of its own. Many appreciative womyn would call this act a modern ritual of manhood. It is a gift to a relationship where you already have children or where having children of one's own is not of interest for personal or political reasons. Compared to the hysterectomy method for womyn, the snip and tie is a less invasive health risk and can be done as a do-it-yourself procedure using appropriate technology. There are many insurance plans, sometimes state sponsored, that will provide the procedure for free or for a co-payment as low as five dollars.

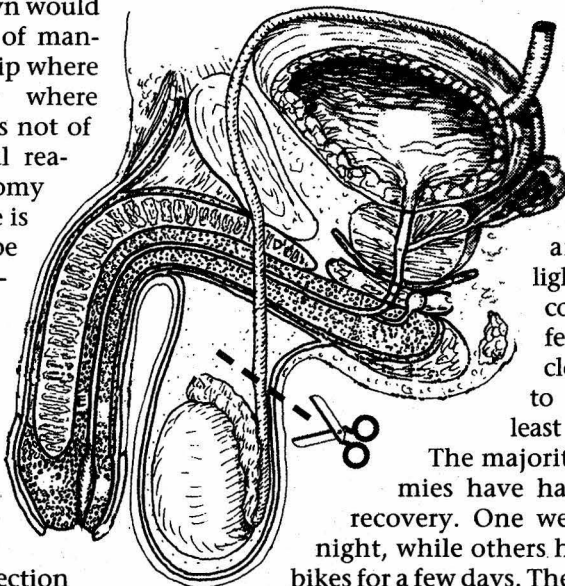
Although there are variations, a vasectomy is relatively straightforward. It is a safe, simple and quick surgical procedure and can be done in a clinic, office or home with proper infection prevention procedures. Sometimes the medical establishment makes it hard for men in their 20s to get the procedure done. They figure not wanting to breed is an act of temporary insanity that will be relieved in time. Little do they know, many men with vasectomies are actively participating in other children's lives by providing additional support to families and single moms. A vasectomy is not castration and does not effect the testes, nor sexual ability. In some ways, it enhances one's sexual life, when the fear of unplanned pregnancy is not a specter hovering in the shadows. Unfortunately, sexually transmitted diseases still lurk in the alleyway so there are still precautions to take.

To perform a bilateral vasectomy a small scalpel cut is made in the man's scrotum (the sac of skin that holds the testicles). The vas deferens are pulled out and clamped on the outside of where the next cut will be made. After the cut has been made, the ends are then cauterized and tied off with surgical stainless steel. One end of the newly cut vas deferens is then temporarily sewn to some tissue at the back of the scrotum to prevent the possibility of the two ends reuniting before they have fully healed. The cut in the scrotum is then sewn up. The same procedure is performed on the other testicle. Essentially, this keeps the sperm out of the semen. The man can have erections and ejaculate semen, while his sperm no longer makes a womyn pregnant. If you change your mind in the future, a bilateral vasectomy is considered to have a higher

reversal rate than a mid-line procedure, ask your doctor about the options available. In general, folks suggest that you should approach the decision to have a vasectomy as a permanent one.

The vasectomy has been found to be very effective as birth control. In one study, only one man out of 700 was still fertile after the procedure. It is even more effective when correctly used. Correct use means using condoms or another family planning method consistently for the first 20 ejaculations or for three months after the procedure, whichever comes first. The minor short-term complications of surgery can be sensitivity and discomfort in the groin and a slight feeling of lightheadedness. More uncommon complications include bleeding, infection at the incision site or blood clots in the scrotum. So it's worth it to keep those genitals clean for at least two weeks after the procedure.

The majority of men I know with vasectomies have had an easy procedure and full recovery. One went to a punk show the same night, while others have not been able to ride their bikes for a few days. The vasectomy is currently stigmatized in common culture as being a slam against virility, but if you ever speak to the partner of a man with a vasectomy, she'll probably smile to herself and tell you it's just not true. For more information before you make this important decision, visit [www.vasectomy-information.com/index.asp](http://www.vasectomy-information.com/index.asp) and [www.vhemt.org](http://www.vhemt.org). *The EF! Journal* is currently offering a half price discount on *Thank You For Not Breeding* stickers.



## Operation by The Circle Jerks

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I went to see rabbi, got dissed by his advice

B A G A  
I want an operation, I will not fatherize

Chorus:

E C D  
Operation, operation—snip and tie, snip and tie

E C B  
Operation, operation—snip and tie, snip and tie

They sent me to a preacher, a really thoughtful guy  
He said my idea's crazy, I should not even try

Chorus

But I've just seen the surgeon, and with a knife he cut  
I cannot father children, this world is such a rush

Chorus

I had an operation, a statement of our times  
They tied my balls together, what's inside is not alive

# EF! KIDZ Activity Page

*Hey kidz of all ages! We've seen you at the basecamps and protests showing us what it is all about. We are dedicating this page to you 'cuz you are an important part of this movement.*

## Prank Call Action

Here's a free long distance call you can make from the school payphone on lunch break or recess. Oneida Victor, Inc. is one of the world's largest manufacturers of cruel leg-hold traps. Hunters leave them out to trap wild animals. The animal wriggles in pain as their arms or legs are cut leaving them to bleed to death. Call (877) 688-7277. You can tell them what you think or just keep calling and leave the phone off the hook, so it costs them money. You can also jam up their answering machine with messages. Fun for the whole family! Or write to them at Oneida Victor, Inc., 1068 E. 134th St., Cleveland, OH 44110.



## Build a Bird Blind

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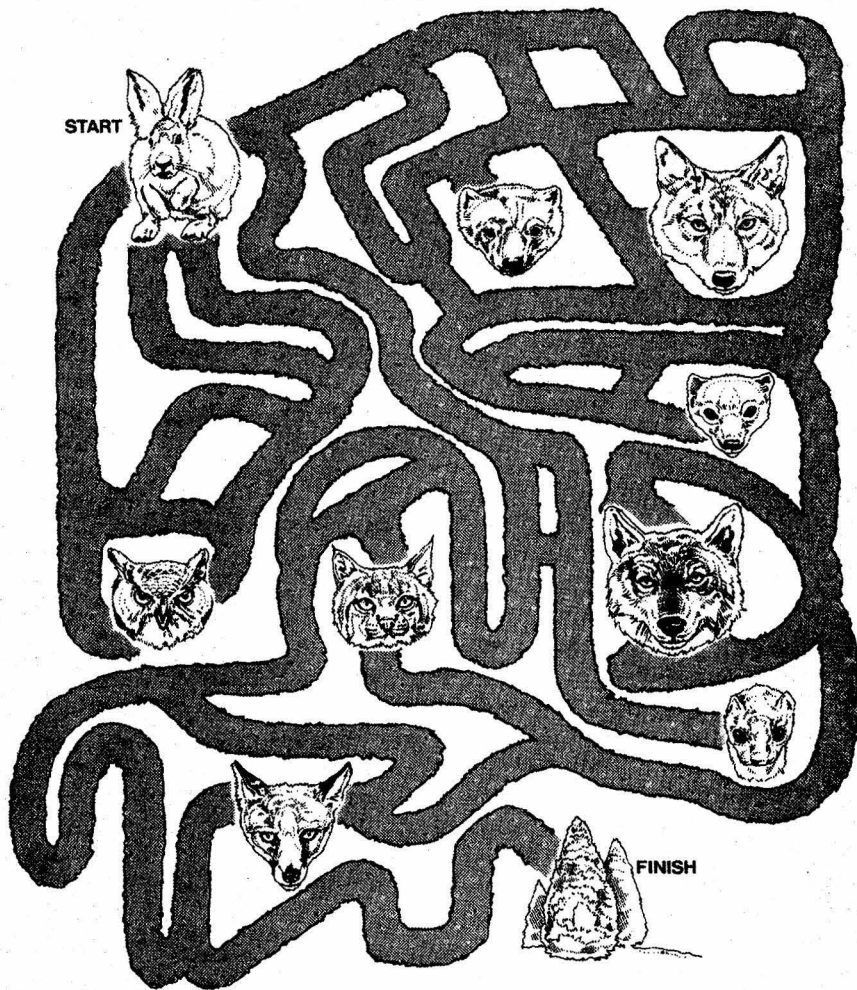
- A big cardboard box
- A box knife
- An adult to help you

Open up a big cardboard box so it lays flat. Cut off the top, bottom and one of the longer sides of the box. You should now have one flat side wall and a support wall on either side, so that it stands up on its own. Now draw a small window slit in the main wall at your eye level. Cut out the window slit and there you have a recyclable bird blind. Dress up in your warmest clothes and sit quietly behind your bird blind to watch the birds feeding at the bird feeder or trees and bushes with edible berries.

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## Color in Snowshoe Hare Maze

The life of the snowshoe hare is a very dangerous one because it has to be careful to avoid predators. Try to get the hare safely to its home at the bottom right corner of this picture—and watch out for those sharp teeth and claws.





# Save The Devil!

## OREGON TREESIT UPDATES

BY GROMMY

Greetings from Cascadia! Resistance to save the forests of Cascadia has been strong during the 2001 logging season. Several direct action campaigns—like Fall Creek and Winberry—have been continuing and several new efforts sprung up during the course of the summer. Many dedicated individuals devoted their summer to saving the temperate rainforests here in the Pacific Northwest. We came from all points of the globe to converge in the Cascade Mountains, where some of the last of the old-growth forests remain. We combine timber sale monitoring, communication with other environmental groups, lawsuits against government agencies and direct action campaigns to create hope for threatened ecosystems. Here is a brief update.

More than half of the Clark Timber Sale, site of the Fall Creek treesit, as well as additional acreage outside of the sale area is now off limits to logging! This September, the Forest Service released a "Changed Circumstances" report which created habitat areas, a.k.a. buffers, for the red tree vole. This is an acknowledgment that a diligent combination of direct action, community organizing, citizen survey efforts and paperwrenching can work to protect forests. Unfortunately, approximately 40 percent of this amazing ancient forest still remains under threat, and the contract between Zip-O Mills (the purchaser) and the Forest Service has not yet been modified—so there's still much to do! Since the report came out, we have found more nests in the remaining unprotected areas. At this point, we are hopeful that we can get the entire sale canceled, but we need lots of help to really make it happen.

The Slap Timber Sale, about an hour from Eugene, Oregon, was the site of the first new treesit—placed about 175 feet up in an old-growth Douglas fir. Activists promptly started a survey effort for red tree vole nests. The Forest Service's surveys had only found a few, but we found 16. Data was verified and should result in buffers being set up and a lot of happy tree



Fall Creek treesit, Clark Timber Sale, Willamette National Forest, Oregon

voles! The theme of the action was "Slap Back!" Everyone who worked on the Slap campaign got along real well, learned about the forest and had a great time while helping to save this high elevation old growth. Another goal of the action was to give womyn involved in the tree campaigns an opportunity to build a treesit with minimal assistance from men, which they did. It turned out to be one of the most solid ever, and lovely white butterflies flew all around it for weeks. When the first Forest Service law enforcement officer showed up, all she could say was "nice platform!"

Another action took place in unit 14 of the East Devil Timber

Sale. This is near the site of the 1995-'96 Warner Creek blockade. Old growth, waterfalls, lots of wildlife, lakes and Native cultural sites made for an incredible setting. East Devil, however, is a lousy setting for another Roseburg Forest Products replacement volume sale. A treesit was constructed 150 feet up in the middle of the unit as immediate protection against chainsaws, and our crew commenced searching for tree vole nests. Nests were found in two units and the survey effort continues. The theme of this campaign is "Save the devil!"

Last summer was very busy in Cascadia, and we think a productive one to boot. We have been training activists from other groups in our survey methods and continuing to teach others to safely climb trees. We encourage people to make sure they have received proper training and develop their skills over time to ensure their safety. Donations of gear or money to buy these items really help us to continue to defend the forest. If you want to learn more, contact Cascadia Forest Defenders/Oregon Forest Research and Education Group, POB 11122, Eugene, OR 97440; (541) 684-8977. Or just write and tell us you give a shit—this means more than anything! Peace, love and anarchy!



Old-growth Douglas fir, Clark Timber Sale, Oregon

## How Cascadians Made S&M Work continued



photo courtesy ONRC

*The critter that's stopping timber sales, the red tree vole*

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The USFS hates it every time we show up at their door with a new sample. Each new sample found costs them money and slows them down. Similar to many direct action tactics, climbing huge trees to look for RTVs is a potentially dangerous, yet fun activity, and as such people are putting their lives on the line to protect forests. Many of the Oregon treesits now function as upper canopy research stations as well as frontline defense, illustrating a good example of how direct action and legal strategies can work together. This has also been a great outreach opportunity, with experienced climbers and researchers, as well as the usual suspects, coming out of the woodwork to help out.

Resin ducts, the technical name for an RTV's leftover lunch, are the telltale sign that a nest is in fact an RTV nest and not some other critter's. What we do is climb a tree, locate a nest, take a small sample (not the whole nest) mainly consisting of resin ducts and fecal material, mark the tree with flagging, draw a rough map so we can get back there and drop the sample off at the nearest USFS office. The next step is to bring a USFS biologist out to the tree that has the nest in it so they can map it on their computer. Then the USFS sends out one of their own contract

climbers to verify our findings. We don't know the effect this process has on the voles, but it seems a better option than clearcutting. We would rather not do this and wish the USFS would protect the forest for its own sake—and not have the sick need to dissect and categorize every part of the forest. For now, I add it to the list of hypocrisies.

So far, some timber sales have been canceled, all or in part because of the presence of the RTV and other S&M species, in combination with direct action and education efforts. In Oregon, some of these sales include: Helldun, Harry Thomas, more than half of Clark, portions of Slap, Straw Devil and East Devil, as well as six sales on Bureau of Land Management land. Many more sales are sitting on USFS desks awaiting final modifications or cancellation. Furthermore, hundreds of sales have been held up because of S&M, tying up the USFS bureaucracy in their own red tape.

Will any cancellations or modifications be permanent? Will the Forest Service recreate these sales under different names in the future? Will they cancel or reverse buffers if S&M ends up getting gutted? Predicting the permanence of any protections gained from S&M is mainly an educated guess, however if we can get some timber sales canceled along the way, the forests get

another chance. From what I can gather from talking with various lawyers, paperwrenchers and USFS officials, it seems S&M will work for as long as it works. Most people seem to think that the buffer/habitat areas that are successfully created will not be reversed, unless a species is completely dropped from the S&M list.

Many species have already been dropped, though others are harder to drop completely because of legalities. Many predict that regardless of what we do, the USFS will try to get rid of the whole S&M deal and this strategy will become obsolete. So, the majority opinion is to make S&M work for a forest near you, while the time is right!

As the old forest defense adage goes, "Victories are temporary and losses are permanent." Even so, it seems worth a shot to try and get the most out of this while we can, especially if you're the type who likes taking long, purposeful hikes or climbing amazing old Douglas fir trees, rather than sitting in a meeting or in front of a computer screen. As Cascadian forest defender Al Rubra commented recently, "It's a good way to learn the rare species of Cascadia, and for now it's one tool to stop or slow timber sales in the short term. I don't have much faith in the Forest Service or in S&M in the long run. But for now, it seems to be working, and it's a great way to sway public opinion."

Folks in Cascadia have gained a lot of experience in surveying for RTVs, especially in and around the Fall Creek, Winberry and Slap treesits, which seem to be hot spots for RTVs. Cascadians are raring to share their ideas and experience. Many workshops have taken place all around the Pacific Northwest. If you'd like to set up an RTV survey training or to get involved with treesitting and/or support work, contact Cascadia Forest Defenders/Oregon Forest Research and Education Group, POB 11122, Eugene, OR 97440; (541) 684-8977.

If you'd like to set up a lichen and moss survey training or receive a zine about easy-to-identify S&M species, contact Cascadia Defense Network, POB 11426, Olympia, WA 98508; wildcascadia@yahoo.com. Donations are always welcome!



# ★ POLICE STATE NEWS ★

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Stressing that a military commission was the most appropriate place to put terrorists on trial, Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "Foreign terrorists who commit war crimes against the United States in my judgment are not entitled to and do not deserve the protections of the American Constitution."

## Big Brother is Listening

Another frightening development in the "War on Terror" appeared in the *Federal Register* on October 31 amid changes to rules governing the Bureau of Prisons. It is now legal for the government to listen in on conversations between prison inmates and their legal counsel.

The new regulation removes all judicial review from eavesdropping, allowing the government to listen in anytime John Ashcroft believes there exists "reasonable suspicion" that a conversation between an inmate and counsel has any connection to "terrorist activity." Murphy says that this would "discourage inmates from having full and open conversations with their own defense attorneys about the facts of the case, information which is a prerequisite for good legal advice."

The Department of Justice claims it protects inmates' Sixth Amendment right to assistance of counsel in this new rule by establishing a "firewall" within the department to prevent prosecutors from getting ahold of privileged information, but who can trust that?

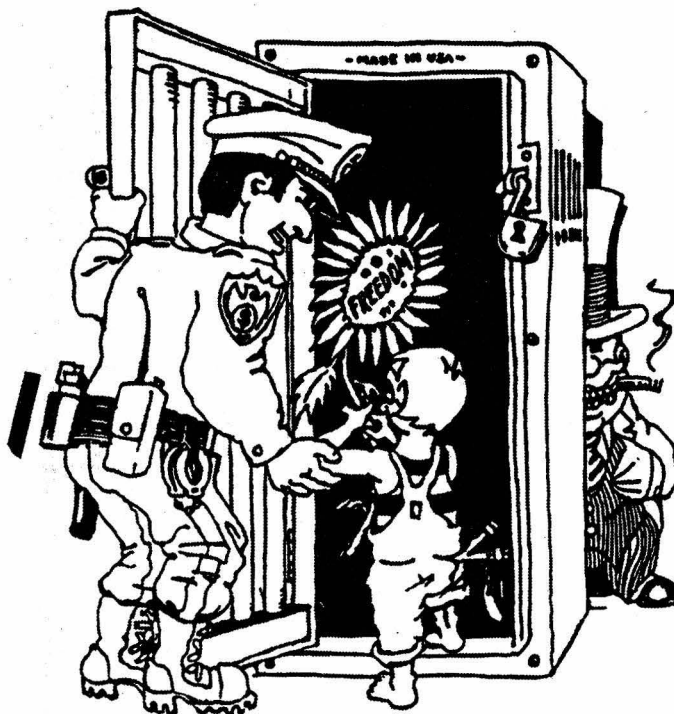
## When Questioning Just Doesn't Work

Perhaps the most terrifying aspect of the new "homeland security" state is the consideration in official circles of legalizing torture to obtain information from suspected terrorists who refuse to talk.

An October 28 article in the *Washington Post* began, "FBI and Justice Department investigators are increasingly

frustrated by the silence of jailed suspected associates of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network, and some are beginning to say that traditional civil liberties may have to be cast aside if they are to extract information about the September 11 attacks and terrorist plans."

FBI interrogators have tried all the legal methods of extracting information—such as promises of shorter sentences, money, jobs and new lives in



*"We better keep that in a safe place"*

the witness protection program—from the four main suspects in the September 11 attacks to no avail. The *Post* article quotes an FBI agent involved in the interrogation: "It could get to that spot where we could go to pressure... where we won't have a choice, and we are probably getting there."

Options being weighed include "truth" drugs, pressure tactics including physical or psychological torture and extraditing the suspects to countries, such as France or Morocco, whose security forces routinely employ threats to family members or resort to torture.

So far in the US, evidence extracted using physical pressure or torture is inadmissible in court, and interrogators

can face criminal charges for employing these methods. However, investigators suggest that the time might soon come when a truth serum, such as sodium pentothal, would be deemed an acceptable tool for interrogators.

Of course if the FBI feels hampered by human rights laws, there's no real need to subcontract out torture to other countries. In practice, the US has never been a stranger to using tortures of various sorts in its interrogation rooms and prisons. Remember Abner Louima, the immigrant who was "interviewed" by police who committed unspeakable acts on him with a toilet plunger?

Among the various methods that have been illegally employed by police and prison guards in the US are electroshock (often to the genitals—a method taught by the CIA), oxygen deprivation, hanging on hooks, beatings on the testicles or soles of the feet and sexual assault. Some prisoners receive 50-thousand-volt shocks from stun guns or are thrown into "secure housing units" where they are kept in solitary confinement in tiny concrete cells for years.

There is no shortage of US "allies" whose security forces have been schooled by the CIA in methods gleaned from Nazi interrogators. And now with the CIA free to operate domestically in the "War on Terror," how long will it be before investigators grow

weary of activists who refuse to talk about incidents of economic sabotage—actions that were dubbed "ecoterrorism" long before the attacks of September 11 shattered the nation's false sense of security?

Stay tuned to the *Earth First! Journal* for more terrifying news of the growing police state. Hail to the Republic!

*"If this were a dictatorship, it'd be a heck of a lot easier, just as long as I'm the dictator."*

—GEORGE W. BUSH, ON CNN ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC, AS PRESIDENT-ELECT, DECEMBER 18, 2000

# After the Fall: Analysis of the Events of September 11

BY DOUBLE AGENTS OSAMA BIN BUSH AND GEORGE W. LADEN, CRIMETHINC EX-WORKERS COLLECTIVE REVOLUTIONARY TASK FORCE ON TERRORISM

We are not soothsayers. But here is some advice:

Don't panic. Most of us don't need to run to the hills just yet. Remember that paralysis—a state of powerlessness or incapacity to act—is generally the least effectual reaction to threatening stimuli. Doubtless the road will become more difficult, but don't blow this out of proportion. You will see that many things have not changed. Do not contribute to the demoralizing hysteria that is understandably running amok amongst us.

This unexpected development has thrown most of us for a loop—to say the least—but we need to accustom ourselves to the fact that the times have changed somewhat. We need to realign ourselves to this new situation, and we need to do it quickly—or we risk becoming irrelevant as all of the ground we have won recently is lost.

Stay up on what's going on but don't watch the television. It immobilizes you, to say the least, and it is designed to scare you and make you feel isolated. Go outside. Talk to people. Figure out the mood on the street. Try to casually slip in your analysis of the situation in conversation with random people. There are thousands, if not millions, of people who are looking for answers who distrust the government and the media implicitly. Find them. Make plans. We are not alone. Revolutionaries are hiding around every corner in your town.

This is not going to blow over. We cannot afford to lose momentum, it may be much harder to regain it in the near future. Right now is the best opportunity we will have to move, not after this madness has been given more time to develop. This is urgent. Everything is at stake. At this point, we're fighting for our lives—and more im-

portantly, for everything that makes them worth living.

None of the conditions that have motivated our activity have changed in character. To renege on our attempts to bring the empire down from the inside would sabotage any such attempts to do so from the outside, because at this point it is this empire which ultimately enforces the entire world order. Such spineless behavior on the part of American revolutionaries would reveal an immense amount of arrogance and privi-



Tears by Eric Drooker

lege, since most of the world does not have that option.

The smoke has cleared, and the stakes have been raised. Our resistance was becoming comical and scripted. Our actions were repackaged and sold to us as harmless videos, with ritualized, predictable and no longer dangerous roles such as "The Black Bloc," "The Direct Action Protesters with a Three Letter Acronym," "Puppetistas" (a group engaged in valiant art but possessing a name absurd to the Zapatistas and Sandinistas who actually died participating in armed rebellion rather

than providing the papier-mâché backdrop) and so on. Hopefully, now that these roles will no longer be as safe, we will be willing to abandon them, change our masks and charge headlong into the future.

## If Their Explosion is Their Message

The explosions on September 11 did not happen in a social or historical vacuum. The Twin Towers were a nerve center of a global economic arrangement in which a very great many of the world's people are impoverished and dispossessed. The Pentagon is a nerve center of the military might that is capitalism's ultimate guarantor and possibly the world's most potent symbol of that might. The hijackings are the fairly predictable result of this government's particularly foul and odious behavior in the Middle East, which has caused untold suffering, sorrow, starvation and humiliation.

## What is Our Message?

The climate has changed after September 11, but the instincts and desires that fuel us have not. We cannot forget what we are trying to do with our lives. Destroy what must be destroyed, and create what must be created, by any means necessary.

We must realize that people are legitimately terrified and angry. They know that they are in danger, and this changes what we can do. Often we have dealt with problems that could be ignored. Children dying in Iraq and clearcuts in Northern California are relatively easy to avoid if you don't happen to live there,

and no one really knows how to explain what the World Trade Organization does anyway. But the attack on the World Trade Center made many people fear for their safety. They want to know why this happened, and they want to know what to do about it. They are not nearly as sheepish as the media pretends or as activists believe.

We must produce our own analyses and our own programs. We need to present a course of action that makes more sense than worldwide state-sponsored butchery.

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When kids start returning in body-bags people will be even more sad and angry than they are now—and their rage will need something to focus on. Anarchists should try to channel that valid rage against the real culprit of the government that put the world in this situation to begin with, otherwise they will channel it back to the government-approved targets such as the Afghans, Osama bin Laden or even us.

While we may lack the complete control over the corporate media behemoth to shove our viewpoint down the throats of everyone, we have the even more potent weapon of talking to people while not being arrogant pricks about their ideas. Many people are already anarchists at heart and simply do not know the word for their feelings, feel alone or lack the heart to stand up. Anarchists must present to people why such carnage overseas is murderous to everyone everywhere on all sides, ruinous to the Earth and that it is possible to stop it. Anarchists should offer concrete assistance on attempting to destabilize the system at home, which is inflicting the destruction in the first place. We should not expect others to read our anarchist papers or come to our social events. Instead, we can find ways to make ourselves relevant to people by propagating our ideas in a form that can be understood and digested by them. The good old toolbox of wheatpasting,

newspaper wraps and guerrilla theater are just a few among the many tactics we can imagine. Yet the tactics that have not yet been imagined—those are the ones that will prove vital in the coming days.

### **This Moment Despair Ends— and Tactics Begin**

Just as “America’s New War” will operate across borders, so must we.

parative safety, can acquire resources quickly, can broadcast struggles overseas to a great many possibly sympathetic audiences and have relatively easy access to the entrails of the war machine. We can make the most of what we have and attempt to aid our sisters and brothers. Revolutionary forces such as the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan are fighting for their lives against



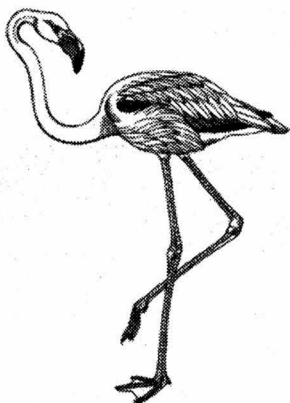
We are much more effective if we work in concert with others who can do things we cannot do. For example, it is easier to obtain money, books and replicate propaganda in this country than it is in Bolivia. Unlike many anarchists overseas, we operate in com-

both the clerical fascists and US foreign policy, and they are ever in need of assistance.

We should also adapt to the place and people we are fighting with, and realize that anarchism in Afghanistan will be different than anarchism

## **CRUSADE AGAINST THE WILDLIFE OF AFGHANISTAN**

BY CRANE HERON



Afghanistan, a landlocked country, was once very rich in flora and fauna. In a recent report, Save the Environment Afghanistan disclosed that the past civil war followed by severe drought drastically affected forests and wildlife in Afghanistan. In 1983, more than 30 percent of the country was forested, and in 1989 it was clearcut to approximately 25 percent. Today, the unrelenting US bombing on Afghanistan is playing havoc with the biodiversity of this war-devastated country. The snow leopard, an indicator of the diversity of high-altitudinal habitats, is particularly threatened.

Afghanistan has also been a prime sanctuary

for a variety of migratory birds. As a result of continued air strikes, there will be an estimated 85 percent decrease in the number of migratory birds coming from Siberia and Central Asia to Pakistan and India via Afghanistan. Roughly 90 percent of waterbirds enter Pakistan from Afghanistan with Kabul, Kandahar and Jalalabad acting as the main routes. According to recent reports, the Ajar Valley wildlife reserve in central Afghanistan, Band-i-Amir National Park (the only breeding place for the greater flamingo in Afghanistan) and Lake Hashmat Khan southeast of Kabul are in critical condition.

About 200 species of birds—including the Siberian crane, shoveller duck, crested poacher and arctic tern—usually stop to

for American train-hoppers, but just as effective and important. If in some parts of the world the impulse toward a dignified and egalitarian existence does not self-consciously identify itself as Anarchism with a capital "A," then let us work with whatever segment of the population seems most likely to tear down the existing local and global hierarchies. A cross-pollination of strategies, tactics, material assistance and general activity will aid us all.

### One Solution—Revolution

We were always for the war, and we will always be for the war—and our war is not the same as the hate-mongering wars of any religious fanatic or any foul government. We are for the war which we fight every day when we struggle to live and die with dignity, in harmony with the Earth and each other. Our war is being waged by all those who suffer under the thumb of this insane world order, by all those who realize that we have nothing left to lose control over—and our own lives to gain.

*In memory of all those who have died in any battlefield, in any office complex, in any nursing home or from bombs of any nationality falling from the skies. Your deaths are not in vain.*

*And in urgent anticipation of the day that will come when we can sleep under the stars without fear of airplanes, bombs, missiles, stock markets, governments, civilizations or buildings falling down.*

## US CONSIDERS NAMING OREGON, WASHINGTON "ROGUE STATES"

US Congressman George Nethercutt of Washington is pushing an "anti-terrorism" bill in Congress that would increase penalties for criminal acts committed by "domestic groups" to a mandatory five years in prison that would turn into a mandatory death penalty if lives were lost in the process. The provision would work as an "enhancement" based on the "hate crime enhancement," and would increase penalties for people who commit crimes while being a member of a dissident political group—violating the First Amendment right to freedom of association.

Two groups—the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF)—were explicitly named as "domestic terrorist organizations" in the discussion of the bill.

But in what is perhaps a more important question for the people of Oregon and Washington, given that their states have now been identified as harboring known terrorist groups, some are wondering if Pentagon officials will soon be calling for an all-out bombing campaign against the Pacific Northwest.

"We have to accept there will be

some collateral damage," proclaimed a lead editorial in the *National Review*. "But we cannot let the people of Portland or Seattle think they can continue to harbor these groups without fear of retaliation."

Officials in Washington and Oregon say they have "no idea" as to the whereabouts of the ELF and ALF bombers, but administration officials have indicated that they are rejecting those claims.

"These officials know that these terrorists are somewhere in their territory, and we simply cannot believe that they cannot produce anyone we believe is living in that territory at will," one official commented privately.

In the meantime, t-shirts with pictures of "Lake Oregon" and "Lake Washington" were sold across America today, while protestors waving signs saying "Nuke Them 'til They Glow" called for the absolute destruction of Oregon and Washington in order to properly "root out" the terrorist cells. A guest editorial in the *Washington Post* reluctantly called for the use of tactical nuclear weapons to "rid the world of evildoers."

refresh themselves in the wetlands of Afghanistan during their roughly 4,000 mile journey to sanctuaries in India. Although disruption of their migration route is expected, even less is known about the long-term effects the contaminants of bombing will have on these majestic birds.

Ornithologists fear that chemicals released from the bombing could enter the birds' bodies, store in their fatty tissue and affect breeding cycles in the future. The chemicals could be passed to their eggs like the pesticide Aldrin, which has adversely affected peregrine falcons in the past. In this case, the eggshells became so thin they were crushed by the weight of the mother. If one chemical could have that much impact on one species, imagine the devastation that could be attributed to many chemicals on a diversity of birds. It will not be known until the full moon of January when the majority of birds usually would have arrived in India how severely they have been accosted by America's bombing crusade.



Arctic terns visit Afghanistan's wetlands on their arduous migrations

photo courtesy BFI Archives



# BURNING POPLARS

## *A Setback in Opposition to Genetic Engineering*

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species recovery efforts. This was more like a biodiversity facility than a Frankenfoods lab.

Worse yet, the center is not only a university research and educational resource, but it is also a community gathering and learning place for gardeners, composters and even conservationists. I have given several speeches there over the years, and the center once hosted the Ancient Forest Rescue Expedition. Isn't this the kind of place that we want to support? It fosters community and conservation values that are consistent with even the most utopian, anarchistic, post-industrial vision. I wonder how this arson attack affected the opinions of community members who use the center on the subject of genetic engineering?

You might wonder if the ELF has sent a follow-up communiqué saying, "Oops, sorry." Not. ELF spokesman Craig Rosebraugh has of course offered no opinion on the action. Activist Josh Harper, quoted in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, referenced the above impacts as "collateral damage." Better activists rightly criticize the military for brazen euphemisms like that.

This ain't a great way to win a war, much less friends. You won't see this type of tactic advised in Foreman's *Ecodefense*, Paul Watson's *Earth Force*, Frank Rivers' *The Way of the Owl*, Musashi's *A Book of Five Rings* or Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*. For every Boston Tea Party and John Brown uprising, there are dozens of wannabes who just can't get it right.

I am not commenting here on whether or not people should engage in sabotage. I know this is a matter of strong opinions, and that ultimately individuals will reach their own decisions based on such factors as how desperate the situation is and how tyrannical their oppressors are. I venture that almost anyone can envision a scenario in which it would be ethical to undertake forms of resistance, and even perhaps some situations in which it would be unethical not to do so.

In the mid 1980s, I was a leader in Washington Earth First!. I observed things then that made me question the effectiveness of monkeywrenching as a tactic. It is easy to teach techniques, such as "put wrench A on bolt B and turn counterclockwise." It is much more difficult to impart the insight and wisdom that generates intelligent political strategy. In contrast, this ELF action is something one would expect from terrorists trained at the US Army's School of the Americas.

Josh Harper told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* that his goal is "the complete collapse of industrial civilization." It's easy

to hold that opinion, and an increasing number of people do. But as the poplar hybrid avengers so adeptly demonstrated, it is much harder to know how to act constructively on this view. Arbitrary attacks lead most likely to strategically negative outcomes, not to mention severe grief among individuals—often innocent ones. Anyone advancing arbitrary destruction falls closer to the definition of sociopath than guerilla warrior or even rebel.

There are alternatives. Thoughtful and dedicated people throughout history have successfully brought about changes big and small by carefully choosing and implementing strategies that make their message increasingly clear as they escalate their challenge against the status quo. Some have chosen violent means, others nonviolent means. But

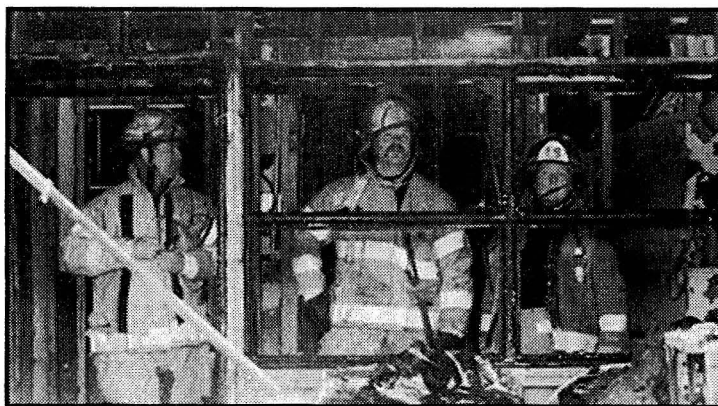
the highest on the scale of repugnance are those who have chosen random violence and destruction. The only reason I can think of for adopting a random strategy is the complete desperation of a marginal cause.

Standing up for nature is not a marginal cause. We have all the popular support we could want or need, so long as we don't alienate that support by choosing inappropriate tactics and targets.

I am going to offer this simple axiom for not blowing popular support for the protection of nature and wildness: The more extreme your tactic of choice, the more responsibility you have for knowing the culpability and appropriateness of your target, and for thinking through the human and strategic implications of your action. This axiom, which I assume all readers wish would be consistently followed by the military and police, applies to activists as well. No exceptions for youth, enthusiasm, friends to impress, righteous indignation or any other emotion or cause.

Responsibility is the key word in that axiom. I think that monkeywrenching is supposed to be a reference to the tool used, not the intelligence and irresponsibility of the user. For my part, I would like to see whoever burned the center and the poplar farm put behind bars. They did a disservice to forest protection, biodiversity research, education, community, the ideal of industrial collapse and the notion of individual responsibility that is the backstop against tyranny. They probably even set back opposition to genetic engineering.

*Mitch Friedman describes himself as one of the first treesitters and an organizer of the first civil disobedience actions for spotted owls. He also helped nationalize old-growth support through the Ancient Forest Rescue Expedition. In 1989, he founded the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance, which he still directs.*



*Firefighters examine the remains of the Poplar Molecular Genetics Cooperative*

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## *Join the Growing Resistance Against Genetic Engineering*

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the seedlings and releasing foreign gene combinations into the wild. Mitch parrots the industry propaganda that genetic engineering is no different than traditional methods for breeding plants. Yet even school kids know that fish genes have never before been inserted into tomato plants or Roundup Ready into poplar trees.

At the time of the attacks, the Center for Urban Horticulture had transgenic poplars from the Tree Genetic Engineering Research Cooperative (TGERC) in Oregon. The PMGC was not only growing GE trees indoors but outdoors as well. Steve Strauss, head of TGERC, announced that he was scaling back his GE research because of numerous actions against GE trees. Certainly these actions form a coherent and effective strategy. They were not random, as Mitch claims.

It is unfortunate that several assistant researchers' work on environmental projects were lost as well. The elves also expressed this in their communiqué. However, these scientists cannot be the environmental saviors that the media portrays them as, otherwise they would have protested their colleague's potentially catastrophic research long ago. There can be unintended consequences in any action, even lawsuits.

Although it is crucial to analyze the effects of each action, we cannot be paralyzed. As the ELF communiqué states, there should be a high price to pay for any university that provides space and funding for GE research. Universities have hidden behind the false pretense of academic objectivity while providing both basic and advanced research for the profit of the military, petrochemical companies, agribusiness and other destructive industries. Tampering with the fundamental blueprint for life—the genetic code—crosses an even more ominous threshold. Swift and decisive action is needed to stop such emerging technological menaces before they escape the lab.

Mitch suggests that the ELF be subject to a higher standard of knowledge because of the higher impact of their actions. I don't like the idea of a double standard: We are all doing our best to save the planet, and you don't have to be perfect to defend the Earth. If he does insist on some kind of elitism—as a supposed "leader in Washington Earth

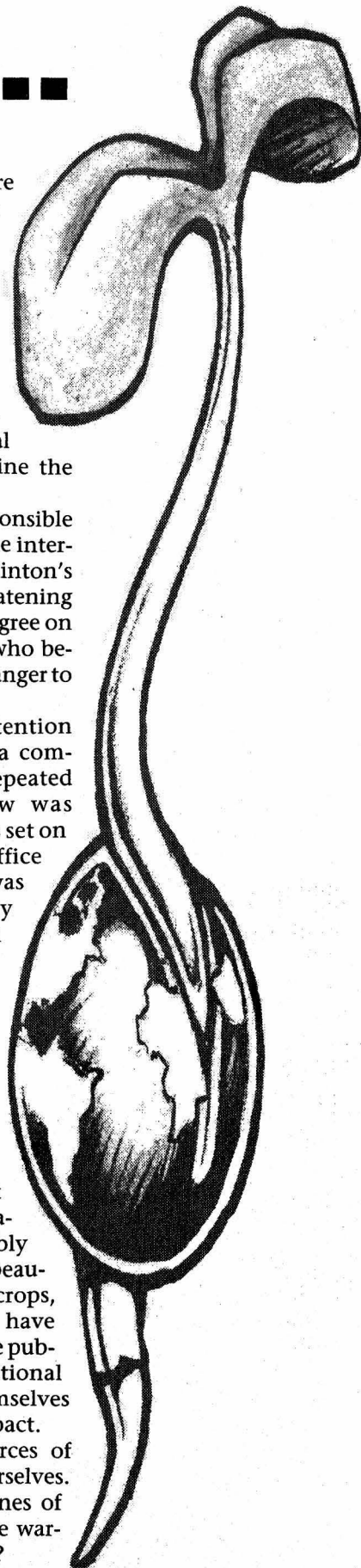
First!"—I suggest that those who are not fighting with all the tools at their disposal be subject to the higher standard of proof. Those who sit in offices, write letters, petition the government and point fingers at other activists while the planet burns. Prove that your actions aren't detrimental to the movement. Does your article contribute to tearing down the industrial death-machine or does it undermine the efforts of dedicated Earth warriors?

Mitch would like to see those responsible for the action go to jail. Years ago, he interrupted a planned protest during Clinton's Timber Summit in Portland by threatening to turn in the activists. We may disagree on tactics and strategy, but someone who believes in jailing fellow activists is a danger to the movement.

Since Mitch wants us to pay attention to "petty details," let's examine a common misrepresentation which is repeated in his article, that "Bradshaw was bombed." In reality, a building was set on fire late at night, destroying his office and some of his research. He was never in any danger. An incendiary is not a bomb; a fire is not an explosion. This is common sense, but the terms are intentionally interchanged to sensationalize the attacks and turn people against the ELF. It isn't surprising that police and media do this, but such slander shouldn't appear in the *EF! Journal*.

The ELF deserves our support. Such a complicated operation must have required a lot of work and preparation. The elves are risking incredibly long jail sentences to protect this beautiful planet. The destruction of GE crops, seed warehouses, offices and labs have stunted research and drawn massive public attention to this crisis. Traditional methods of public outreach by themselves would never have had such an impact.

We need to be fighting the forces of ecocide, not arguing amongst ourselves. The battle is raging on the frontlines of destruction. Will you denounce the warriors or join the growing resistance?





# Remembering Barry Horne

## Imprisoned ALF Activist Dies on Hunger Strike

BY ROD CORONADO

It is with great sadness that Earth and animal defenders everywhere learned that imprisoned animal liberationist Barry Horne died on November 5, after 16 days on hunger strike. He was 49 years old with two children.

In 1997, Barry was sentenced to 18 years in prison for a multi-million pound arson campaign against animal abusers in England. It remains the longest term of imprisonment dealt to an animal rights activist. In February 1999, Barry lost his appeal against the conviction.

Barry gained international attention in 1998 when he embarked on a 68-day hunger strike to demand that Prime Minister Tony Blair follow through on his promise to establish a Royal Commission of inquiry into the use of animals in experiments. The hunger strike left him with damage to his liver and vision, but prison and state repression never affected Barry's vision of a better world for animals.

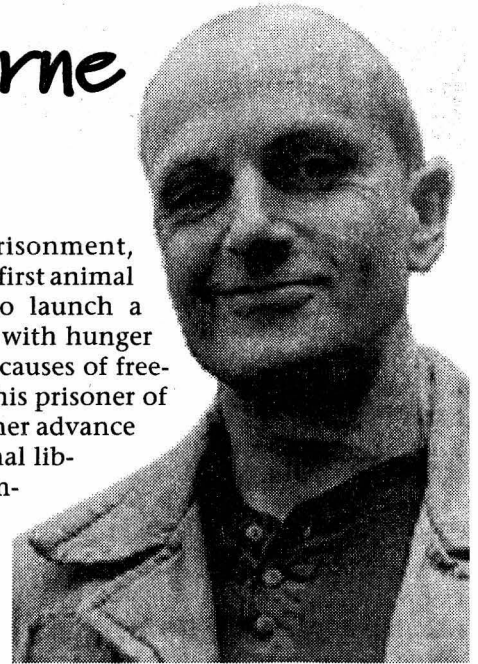
I began corresponding with Barry in 1998 and found not just a comrade in our resistance to ecological and animal abuse, but more importantly, a friend. He once wrote, "The circle of life did, and does, link us to the Earth and all life on it, in the understanding that should we love and cherish Mother Earth, then so will Mother Earth love and cherish us in return. When we move from that, the link grows weaker and our hearts more corrupt. Only in the hearts of a few is the circle still strong."

Barry demonstrated that strength, first by fighting for years in England against vivisection, factory farming and blood sports and later in life as a warrior with the Animal Liberation Front and other direct action groups. Throughout it all, Barry carried with him both the blessing and the curse of those consciously aware of the suffering inflicted upon the animal world. Like many of us, he fought depression, often winning through his strategic use of direct action.

After his imprisonment, Barry became the first animal rights prisoner to launch a hunger strike. As with hunger strikers for other causes of freedom, Barry used his prisoner of war status to further advance the cause of animal liberation, thus demonstrating to his opponents and allies that the obligation of the Earth warrior does not stop in prison.

Among warriors engaged in the direct action defense of Earth and animals, few can humble you as Barry could. Instead of angry rhetoric, Barry's letters from prison were filled with compassion and a steadfast determination to remain committed to his beliefs, despite circumstances that would break many of us.

Following his 1998 hunger strike, Barry wrote about death in his last letter to me. "If no one is pleased that you are dead then your life has been a failure, but if people are pleased you're dead then your life has had meaning and been worthwhile. Next time around we will meet my brother, as I'm sure it was in the past. May the Goddess be with you, blessed be. For the cause, Barry." Rest assured my friend, many are celebrating. But the rest of us will remember your ultimate sacrifice as you would like us to, not with weak words, but with action. See you around, brother. In this struggle, some people risk their lives to defend what they love. Barry did more than that for the Earth and her animal children—he gave his life.



### The Fox Outwits Them All in the End

He used flamboyant tactics like putting metal caps on the tops of toxic smokestacks, leaving behind notes signed "the Fox." James Phillips, the notorious Fox, died on October 3 from complications of diabetes at the age of 70.

Phillips, who led a double life as a middle school science teacher and as an ecological saboteur, never revealed that he was the Fox.

The Fox collected nearly 50 pounds of sewage that a company had spewed into Lake Michigan and dumped it in the company's reception room. He plugged sewer outlets

in Illinois and left skunks on the doorsteps of the executives who owned them.

"I got tired of watching the smoke and the filth," he said in an October 1970 interview with *Time*. "Finally, I decided to do something—the courts weren't doing anything to these polluters except granting continuance after continuance."

Many of the Fox's activities were illegal, though he eluded capture by local police. A police sergeant told *Newsweek* in October 1970, "It's kind of hard to lift fingerprints from the inside of a sewer."

*All things must come to pass as one  
So hope should never die.*

*There is no height or bloody might  
That a free man can't defy.*

*There is no source or foreign force  
Can break one man who knows,*

*That his free will no thing can kill  
And from that freedom grows.*

—Bobby Sands

## Brazilian Environmental Activist Murdered

*Why must capitalist power sink its claws here into this wonder of nature?*

—ADEMIR FEDERICCI

On August 25, Brazilian environmentalist Ademir Federicci became the seventh leader of regional labor, religious and environmental groups to have been killed since July.

A lot of people in Brazil's Amazon state of Para wanted Federicci dead, and some did not hesitate to say so. Not since the murder of Chico Mendes, the rubber tappers' advocate, has a single death caused such an uproar in the Amazon.

The "official" version of his death claims that he was killed after catching a thief trying to steal his television in the middle of the night. Yet according to his widow, Maria da Penha Feu Federicci, "The killers didn't even touch the television, but went straight into our bedroom."

Federicci had previously received death threats from a wealthy logger who told him it was time to "buy some wood" for his own coffin. The logger had been illegally cutting trees on an Indian reservation, which Federicci had reported to the police.

At the time of his death, he had become a leader in the movement against the construction of dams on the Xingu River. In addition, Federicci denounced corruption in the Superintendency for the Development of the Amazon, a government agency which favors wealthy ranching, logging and mining interests. He tried to organize communities, unions and cooperatives to work for the sustainable development of the Trans-Amazon region.

Remembering her husband, Maria explained, "I have never known a person with more of a knack for understanding complicated things and explaining them in a simple fashion. He was a fighter for the forest and for the rights of the ordinary people in this region, and God knows there is plenty to fight about."

*Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.*

—George Orwell

## Her Death Must Not be in Vain Human Rights Lawyer, Digna Ochoa, Killed in Mexico

One of Mexico's leading human rights lawyers, Digna Ochoa y Placido, was found shot to death in her office on October 19. Ochoa, who had been kidnapped twice and had received death threats in the past for defending clients, was a well-known role model for all human rights defenders.

Next to Ochoa, a note was found threatening activists at the Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez Human Rights Center where she worked in Mexico City. Her death is believed to be linked to a heated battle between loggers and ecologists in the western state of Guerrero.

Ochoa represented Rodolfo Montiel and Teodoro Cabrera, two environmental activists from Guerrero who were imprisoned in May 1999 on drug and weapons convictions (see page 46).

Montiel and Cabrera contend that they were arrested for challenging the government and private logging interests. After their arrest, they were tortured for several days by Mexican soldiers until false confessions were extracted from them. Ochoa was an outspoken critic of the military's history of torture, killings and disappearances.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights issued a resolution urging the Mexican government to protect Ochoa in 1999. As she faced increasing threats, Ochoa left the human rights center in August 2000 and went to work with the Center for Justice and International Law in Washington, DC.

She returned to Mexico earlier this year and was representing two brothers accused of planting bombs that exploded outside a Mexico City bank in August. The brothers are suspected members of a small Marxist guerrilla group.

Human rights organizations worldwide have condemned Ochoa's murder and have urged Mexican President Vicente Fox to bring those responsible to justice.



photo by Jonathan Prince/KillYourTV.com

# for the living ~ Mother Jones



# The Ins and Outs of Prisoner Support continued...

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Here comes the tricky part: There really is no way to know the effect that an action or a communiqué can have on a prisoner's case. For example, three days prior to Jeffrey "Free" Luer's trial last spring, 36 SUVs were torched at the same car dealership that he took action against a year prior. The communiqué that came out stated that the action was done in solidarity with Free and Critter and against their unjust imprisonment. There is no way of knowing the impact of this statement prior to Free's trial, but these are Free's observations (from *Break the Chains* #9): "My critique is this: This act would have been just as significant and more beneficial to me if my name were not mentioned in the communiqué. That said, I would like to extend my revolutionary thanks to those persons unknown. To those responsible for these actions, please know my gratitude."

This is not meant to be a criticism of this action—just a reminder to people that we all need to proceed with caution when it is other people's freedom that we are dealing with.

## Work on Projects That are Prisoner-Directed

The most successful prisoner support projects are those that are conceived of and directed by the prisoners themselves. Two examples of such projects are the Victory Gardens Project in Maine (started by NY3 political prisoners) and the Anarchist Prisoner Legal Aid Network (APLAN—started by anarchist prisoner Rob Thaxton). They are successful and long-term because the prisoners themselves are leading them and working in conjunction with outside support to achieve their aims. Another prisoner-directed project is

the publishing of prisoners' writings and artwork through zines. This could include receiving the letters, typing, copying, distribution and fundraising. It's a big task, but many examples exist of excellent prisoner-directed zines.

## Prisoner Support Guidelines

Support prisoners and people facing imprisonment (and their choices) unconditionally.

Barring a major transgression such as snitching on a co-defendant or other individuals, those facing heavy sentences need to be fully supported without the "carrot and stick" approach. For



example, say that a well-known activist gets busted for a number of different actions and is approached by supporters who want to help with her legal situation. When the activist decides that she knows what is best for herself and wants to take a plea bargain, she is attacked as not being righteous enough and unworthy of support. This dynamic, albeit slightly exaggerated, has played itself out before between people being held in jail and others who claim to want to lend assistance. People need assistance with legal options but do not need to be told what to do or how revolutionary their choices are. When it comes down to it, they have to deal with being in a cage, not you.

## Drop Your Lifestyle Issues

One thing we need to get past is the focus on issues relating to a prisoner's lifestyle whether before their arrest, on the run or while in jail. For example, the ALF Support Group has a policy of only recognizing a prisoner as an Animal Liberation Front member/prisoner if they fulfill clause three, "One must be vegan or vegetarian." This archaic clause (written presumably by the people who started the ALF in England) creates a really absurd basis of support. What if a person eats meat but decides that they are going to destroy 12 vivisection labs, liberate 5,000 mink, spike a few timber sales and sab hunts? If they get nicked, who will be lifestylist enough to tell them, "No, sorry. You are most definitely *not* a member of the ALF and will

not receive ALF prisoner support. Please refer to clause three." This sounds exaggerated, but it really isn't too far from an actual example and could happen again in the future.

If we are going to enter into relationships with prisoners, we need to understand that they are not going to be carbon copies of ourselves. They will eat things we don't like, do things we don't like and we may even have enough time to spend sitting around endlessly dissecting the merits of their action.

Those items are irrelevant when it comes to providing principled and strong support for prisoners. On that note, we would strongly suggest that the ALF support group (in every country it exists in) drop that clause as a basis of their support.

For more information on how to support Earth and animal liberation prisoners, for a copy of our newsletter *Spirit of Freedom*, or if you know about an Earth and animal liberation prisoner that needs help, contact the North American Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network, POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97440; naelpsn@tao.ca; www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk.

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# Prisoners in the Struggle: *Support Them!*

## Earth Liberation

•Jeremiah Rush Bowen, #108016, DCC, 1140 East 10 Road, Delta, CO 81416. Serving two years for the attempted arson of a townhouse in Boulder, Colorado, in the Summer of 2000. Release date: February 2002.

•Jeffrey "Free" Luers, #13797671, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Sentenced to 22 years for the arson of Joe Romania Chevrolet and attempted arson of Tyree Oil.

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

•Helen Woodson, #03231-045, FMC Carswell, POB 27137 Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for robbing a bank and then setting the money on fire while reading a statement denouncing greed, capitalism and the destruction of the environment.

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

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

•Silvano Pellissero, Com. Mastrolierto, Via Ferrerinoli no2, Sanponso, 10080 Torino, Italy. Italian anarchist serving six years for sabotaging a rail line construction site in the Northern Italian Alps. Silvano can read Spanish, Italian and French.

## Animal Liberation

•Neil Bartlett, FW7083, HMP Lewes, Brighton Rd, East Sussex, BN7 1EA, England. Arrested on August 28 on suspicion of making telephone bomb hoax calls to various animal and Earth abusers.

•Dave Blenkinsop, EM7899, H.M.Prison Birmingham, B18 4AS, England. Serving three years for causing "grievous bodily harm" to Brian Cass of Huntington Life Sciences.

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

•Geert Waegemans, Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. Serving five years for an attempted arson against a judge's car, two arsons against McDonald's and two arsons against the meat industry. Geert has named police informant Anja Hermans as an accomplice after she named him as an ALF activist and tipped off the police about one of his actions.

## Anti-Globalization

•Rob Middaugh, c/o Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross, POB 3671, Anaheim, CA 92803-3671; blackcross@disinfo.net. Sentenced to three years imprisonment for his involvement in the Mayday 2001 "Reclaim The Streets" celebrations in Long Beach, California. He is currently in the Los Angeles jail awaiting transfer to prison.

•Robert Thaxton, #12112716, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Rob threw a rock at a cop at the 1999 Eugene J18 RTS and received seven years as part of a "mandatory minimum" sentence.

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

## Indigenous

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

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

## MOVE\*

*Although many of the MOVE prisoners are listed together, they must be written to separately.*

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

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

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

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

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

\*MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group that was consistently persecuted by the Philadelphia police during the '70s culminating in the police firebombing of their commune in 1985. The "Move 9" were framed for the murder of a cop and sentenced to the maximum prison sentence of 100 years each. In 1998, Merle Africa died under very suspicious circumstances in prison. The pamphlet *20 Years on the MOVE* is a comprehensive account of this story.

## Prisoner Support Groups

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

•Friends of MOVE, POB 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

•Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, POB 583, Lawrence, KS 66044; (913) 842-5774.

•North American Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network, POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97440; naelpsn@tao.ca; www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk.

•UK Earth Lib. Prisoners Support Network, 16 Sholebrooke Ave, Chapelton, Leeds, England LS7 3HB; earthlibprisoner@mail.ca.



# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS OF THE WEIRD



## Bureaucrat's Home Destroyed By Errant Boulder

Jack Burns says he isn't certain if his four-year-old home will ever be rebuilt now that a massive boulder has taken over most of his bedroom. Burns, an assistant manager for natural resources at Zion National Park, awoke to the sound of glass breaking and something crushing the roof above his head.

"I never had a chance to hop out of bed. I just screamed and closed my eyes," Burns said. "I knew something very devastating was happening."

A huge boulder, nearly 16 feet in diameter, had rolled off the cliff above his home and lodged into the side of his house—destroying the bedroom and bathroom, he said. The boulder came within two feet of his head.

"I didn't realize the magnitude of what had happened until it got light outside," Burns said. "There was dust and debris everywhere."

Insurance representatives who visited the home initially told Burns his policy would not cover the damage, but later reopened the claim.

An avid collector of Native American rugs, blankets and other artwork, Burns said he remains hopeful some of his pieces escaped in reasonable shape.

"But it's just stuff. Everyone keeps telling me I'm lucky to be alive," he said. His chocolate lab, Chocko, was traumatized by the incident, Burns added.

"I yelled for Chocko when it happened. If he had been sleeping on the other side of the bed, he wouldn't be here right now," he said.

## German Yuppies in Ecotage Action

A Berlin car recycling center has come up with a novel way to attract customers and reduce the public's need for therapists: car smashing.

Andreas Schmidtke, managing director at the Autopresse Tempelhof, said that for the equivalent of two dollars customers can swipe at junk cars with a sledge hammer for up to an hour. He said most had left with a smile after just 10 minutes of destruction.

"It's a form of stress relief for people who might otherwise be in need of a therapist," Schmidtke said.

"They let out their frustration on the car wrecks before we put them in the press. The people who've tried it out so far seem satisfied. They leave here feeling better."

## Hayduke Lives!

Neil Godfrey arrived at Philadelphia International Airport around 9:30 a.m. on October 10. His brother's girlfriend dropped him off with plenty of time to spare before his 11:40 a.m. flight on United Airlines. Godfrey was on his way to Phoenix, where his father lives.

When Godfrey stepped up to the ticket counter, the United clerk informed him that he had been selected for a random baggage search. As he passed through a metal detector, an airport security guard furrowed his brow at Godfrey's reading selections as they disappeared through the conveyor belt. On the cover of his *Hayduke Lives!* book by Edward Abbey was an illustration of a man holding several sticks of dynamite.

"For the first time, it occurred to me the book may be a problem," Godfrey recalled. He proceeded through the security checkpoint and sat down to read near his boarding gate. About 10 minutes had passed when a National Guardsman approached Godfrey. "He told me to step aside," Godfrey says. "Then he took my book and asked me why I was reading it."

Within minutes, Godfrey says, Philadelphia police officers, Pennsylvania State Troopers and airport security officials joined the National Guardsman. About 10 to 12 people examined the novel for 45 minutes, scratching out notes the entire time.

A United Airlines employee then came over and informed him that he wouldn't be allowed to fly for several reasons, in particular the fact that Godfrey was reading a book with an illustration of a bomb on the cover.

# NATURE BITES BACK

## Duck Kamikazees

A Florida man died after a duck hit him in the head, knocking him off of a jetski and into a lake, according to sheriff's officials.

Leon Resnick, 31, was driving the watercraft at a lake in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Deerfield Beach while a friend watched from the shore.

The friend turned to get a radar gun to check the vessel's speed, then noticed Resnick was missing from the craft. He found him several minutes later in the water, pulled him ashore and unsuccessfully attempted to revive him. The medical examiner listed the cause of death as blunt trauma to the head and drowning.

Both men worked at a company that sold personalized watercraft. Resnick was traveling about 55 mph when the accident occurred, the sheriff's office said. The duck's carcass was recovered and turned over to investigators.

## Two Die in Pig Shock Horror

The annual pre-Christmas swine slaughter in a southwestern Hungarian village came to a shocking end after one man died of electrocution while trying to stun a feisty pig with a homemade device.

Celebrations at the pig-killing party in Darvaspuszta then took another turn for the worse as a local man ended up in the hospital with an irregular heart rhythm after attempting a rescue by trying to unplug the device.

The accident so upset the pig's owner that he suffered a heart attack and died. There was no word on the fate of the pig.

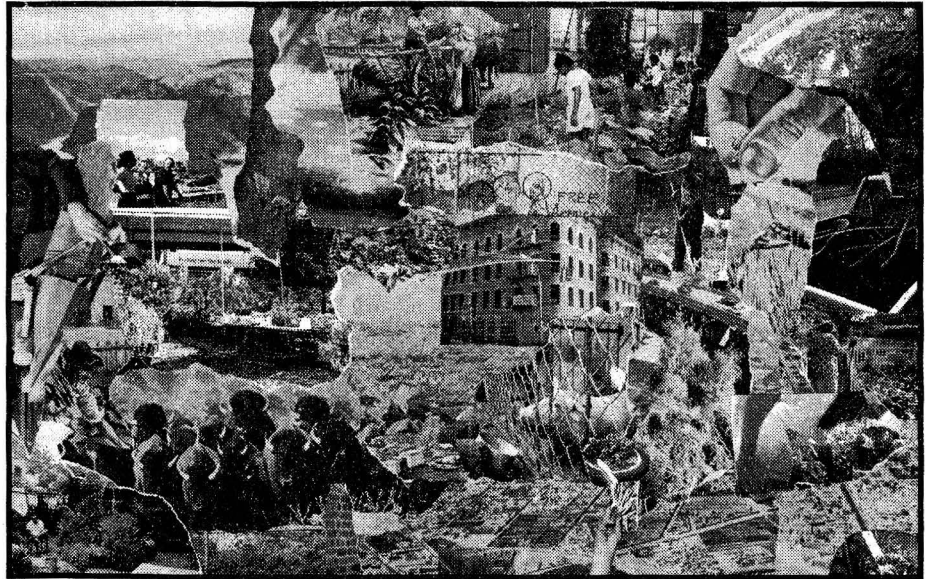


# Dig for the Revolution: A Review of *Urban Wilds*

BY MONKEYPOD

Gardeners have a secret they want to share with you, an answer to these times of environmental destruction and capitalist chaos. Even in the pale, dirty grey of cement-drenched urban areas, one can find some respite and inspiration working with the soil to create a lush green oasis of food, shade and fresh air. These places become edible community social centers for the young and old.

*Urban Wilds: Gardeners' Stories of the Struggle for Land and Justice* tells these stories one after the other from neighborhoods in the Bronx, New York to Tacoma, Washington. Edited, compiled and partly written by Clea, *Urban Wilds* draws on her travel experiences with community and guerrilla gardeners in urban environments. From fruit tree planting, rooftop and homeless gardens to handy permaculture techniques and lawn stenciling, this book feels out the lively pulse of fresh, green blood flowing into these communities. In one of her articles, Clea writes about Melanie's Garden in the South Bronx. This garden, Melanie's labor of love, was going to be razed for a parking lot. Melanie talks about that time, "After 17 years, they told me they were going to take



This photo montage from the cover depicts "gardeners stories of the struggle for land and justice."

away my garden. I kept repeating, over my dead body. I'm going to lay down in front of this garden. And if you remove me I will come back again and lay down."

There are also stories and "how-to's" on guerrilla solar installations, urban wildcrafting and swaling parking lots. In the chapter "Compost City," Clea writes, "It will take an agricultural revolution that brings farming back into the realm of nature, brings nature back to the city and restores the land presently farmed, mined, logged and grazed to death so that wild creatures

can have space as well." An example of this is in an article about gardening in Havana, Cuba. Permaculturist Justo Torres talks about "Zunzun, a once rare hummingbird that has come to feed on the flower of the giant banana tree that grows out of his compost pile."

Inspired by stories like these you'll soon be planting rhubarb seeds in the sidewalk cracks to support the Earth's return to wildness and renewal.

*Urban Wilds: Gardeners Stories of the Struggle for Land and Justice* is available from the *Earth First! Journal* for \$10.

## CARtoons

BY JEFFREY D. GUERRERO

You may recognize the name Andy Singer. Andy is a cartoonist who loves bikes and hates cars, a fact made crystal clear in his new 98-page book entitled *CARtoons*.

What makes this book unique is that it is neither a comic book, nor a traditional text. It is comprised of about 60 percent artwork and 40 percent editorial material. Almost every *CARtoons* is accompanied by an interesting and/or related quote (the sources range from Adolph Hitler to NPR's *Car Talk*), and the facts are backed up with footnotes.

The editorial content is just as entertaining and impassioned as the artwork, presenting a wealth of information in the form of many short essays. This format is particularly well-suited for mountain-bikers, because upon returning home in the evening from a good ride, many of us just want to unwind for a short time before getting some sleep. I found it really nice to leave the television off, pick this book up, read an essay or two, check out the cartoons, then delve into a siesta thinking about

tomorrow's ride.

Although the subject matter is serious, Andy's cartoons will make you laugh. This paradox is beautiful because it makes you think while you're absorbing the art. I found myself laughing out loud repeatedly. For example the *CARtoons*, "Car Exhaust," depicts two cars with human posteriors "farting" their carbon monoxide emissions.

Using humor to bring attention to serious issues is not a new concept. In high school, one of my history teachers regularly showed WWII-era cartoons, such as Bugs Bunny, which urged people to conserve resources and encouraged them to plant "Victory" gardens. Many people refuse to confront serious issues, so humor is often the proverbial "spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine go down."

*CARtoons* is published by the brilliant *Car Busters* ([www.carbusters.ecn.cz](http://www.carbusters.ecn.cz)), a group of four international volunteers nestled in Prague who produce, among other things, a quarterly magazine dedicated to the car-free movement. *Car Busters* staff member Randy Ghent (formerly involved with North Coast EF!) and Jane Holtz Kay also contribute their literary gifts to *CARtoons*.

*CARtoons* is available from the *Earth First! Journal* for \$10. This review originally appeared in *Dirt Rag* #89.



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## Check Out the McKenzie Printers Guild

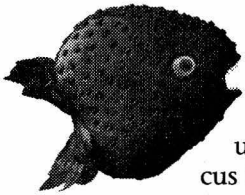
A few former *EF!* Journalists and Eugeneans have formed the McKenzie Printers Guild, a collectively run outfit that specializes in layout and design of environmental literature. We are currently working on various campaign newsletters, newspapers, magazines, media kits, etc. We are able to accommodate your layout needs. If your group or campaign uses Joe Blow graphic designer, it is time to give us a call. Keep the work in the movement and keep it wild! For more information, contact the McKenzie Printers Guild, POB 10384, Eugene, OR 97440; (541) 683-1645.

## BlackRhinos

BlackRhinos Environmentalists, on their newly launched website, gather in one place more than 750 annotated, clearly categorized and mapped links to environmental action alerts promoted by more than 200 ecological campaign groups.

[www.blackrhinos.org](http://www.blackrhinos.org)

## Directory of GE Resistance



A SEED has re-launched the online version of the "Directory of GE Resistance," a guide to organizations campaigning against the use of genetic engineering. The focus is on groups in Europe, but there are many contacts from around the globe. You can also add or update your group's details online. If your group is not listed, please take time to fill in the short form so we can make it an up-to-date resource list. The directory is a work in progress, and all comments and suggestions are appreciated.

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## Biotechnology, Agriculture & Racism

January 4-8, 2002 · Plainfield, Vermont

Genetically engineered crops have raised widespread controversy throughout the industrialized world. While the biotechnology industry's \$50 million-per-year advertising campaign paints this technology as the savior of the world's hungry masses, activists and critics have argued that this is very far from the case.

This four-day intensive study will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the politics, science and economics of biotechnology and the connections between biotechnology, racism and agriculture. The course will also offer a critical perspective on the developing political opposition to biotechnology worldwide.

For more information, contact the Institute for Social Ecology, (802) 454-8493; [biotech@social-ecology.org](mailto:biotech@social-ecology.org); [www.social-ecology.org](http://www.social-ecology.org).

## Anti-Capitalist Convergence Against the World Economic Forum

The CEOs of major corporations, hundreds of top international government officials and just plain rich people have been meeting every year in Davos, Switzerland. This is where the schemes that lead to atrocities like GATT and the WTO are actually hatched. And this year, the dining club for the world ruling class will be held at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in midtown Manhattan.

This is a provocation. While thousands of New Yorkers are trying to patch together shattered lives, the richest and most powerful men on Earth have decided to come and party on the wreckage. We are calling for a joyous, creative resistance to the WEF—actions based on principles of non-hierarchy, passionate opposition to patriarchy and the vision of a world in which no one has to live in fear or daily terror.

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## Go Cow-Free with Phoenix EF!

On the Tonto National Forest in central Arizona, livestock have been grazing away the basic elements needed for a healthy, functioning desert ecosystem. As a result, wildlife populations are in decline and many others are being threatened with local extinction. Phoenix Earth First! has been working to help ensure the Tonto goes cow-free. We are organizing a series of direct actions against the Forest Service's main office in Phoenix this February. So come to the Organizers' Conference for strategy planning, fun and to experience the beautiful Sonoran Desert. For more information, contact Phoenix EF!, POB 5564, Phoenix, AZ 85010-5564; [phoenixef@excite.com](mailto:phoenixef@excite.com).

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## Against Patriarchy: A Conference for Everyone

January 25-27, 2002 · Eugene, Oregon

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Free and open to the public. Food will be served, housing can be arranged, child care and "safe spaces" will be provided. Spanish or ASL translators available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. All genders welcome.

For more information, contact POB 5841, Eugene, OR 97405; [fruitiondesign.com/againstpatriarchy](http://fruitiondesign.com/againstpatriarchy).

### New York City IMC Video Collective

**J20: Not My President—28 min.**

Re-live the Orwellian presidential election coup of 2001. On January 20, more than 20,000 people converged in Washington, DC to protest the inauguration of George W. Bush. Committed to truthfully representing the depth of dissent in our country, more than two dozen independent videographers and editors collaborated in documenting the outrage of thousands in the streets of DC.

*Not My President* has incredible riot footage, police brutality and the horrific scenes of Bush's limo cascading by en route to the White House through a sea of middle fingers and shouts.

**Criminalization of Dissent—7 min.**

NYC IMC journalists interviewed the ACLU and victims of state violence from Philadelphia to Prague. Issues explored include how activists are discredited in the media, surveilled, harassed and viciously attacked physically in a coordinated effort to discourage and criminalize dissent both in America and globally. We feel this is an increasingly relevant subject given the reams of "anti-terrorist" legislation passed in the wake of the September 11 attacks, specifically targeting activism and intensifying the criminalization of all forms of civil disobedience and freedom of expression.



### Film Projects Available for Distribution

**9.11—28 min.**

The NYC IMC video collective responded quickly to the tragedy of September 11 in New York City. Within 48 hours, the IMC had assembled footage of victims and emergency response professionals, as well as interviews with professors, Middle East scholars and Muslim clerics condemning the attack as an insult to Islam.

#### Film Projects in Development

#### **Freedom of Speech in Union Square**

This film captures the intense debates being exchanged in Union Square as a newly galvanized citizenry grapples with the terrorist attacks, a frightening new war and the future of our nation. The footage movingly captures the truth of a vivid and dynamic social phenomenon as it unfolds in Union Square.

#### **Homeland Defense/Civil Liberties**

Massive amounts of "anti-terrorist" legislation and mandates have been rammed through Congress with virtually no public scrutiny and debate. This film will explore the threat to our civil liberties and fundamental Constitutional rights posed by the Anti-Terrorist Act of 2001, as well as Bush's disturbing Homeland Defense initiative.

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# celebrate, relax, plan our attacks!!!

EF! North America organizes two gatherings a year: the summer Round River Rendezvous, which is more of a jamboree and orientation to EF!, and the Organizers' Conference and Winter Rendezvous—a strategy and organizing event. We hope that folks from different regions and struggles around the world will join us this winter (if you can call it winter down here) in Southern Arizona for the 2002 Organizers' Conference.

## earthfirst! organizers' conference 2002

We hereby invite y'all to the Southwest winter and challenge you to activate this movement, whilst taking time to gather our strengths, make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy this beautiful region, including Eden Hot Springs.

We will be creating a more structured agenda this year, focusing on goals and strategy. Please send us ideas of what you feel we need to address, position papers, etc. to the address or email below. Workshops will include an introduction to organizing, bioregionalism, sustainability/permaculture, how-to-climb, bike projects, deconstructing racism, nonviolence, border issues, wilderness defense, magical activism, billboard defacement and much more. This will be a skill-share, if you would like to host a workshop, please contact us and come prepared.

This private property site located near the base of Mt. Graham has a large Bordeaux style house (pictured below) with a large industrial kitchen. This is where all cooking should happen, however, there will be an area for personal outdoor cooking. We will be cooking two vegan meals per day for you **during the meeting days only**. During the rendezvous there will be a *community* kitchen, this means bring food to contribute *and* help in the kitchen—or starve. We suggest you bring snacks as well. We can guide you to the best dumpsters in Tucson... no excuses. It's best to do all your errands in Tucson or Phoenix.

What to bring: camping gear (if you don't know what to bring, just ask us), warm sleeping bag, warm weather and freezing weather clothes (you may find yourself hiking naked all day long and in the evening have icicle boogers), rain gear, a couple of sturdy *personalized* water containers, a dish, utensils, mug, toilet paper, snacks, a towel and info./propaganda for the Information Market/Trading Bazaar about your bioregion and campaigns. If you can't make the event or are travelling light, please send us your literature beforehand.

No Dogs, cats, birds or hedgehogs! Sorry, but this site has pet peacocks and is undergoing restoration projects. Leave your non human friends at home. **You will be turned away, no exceptions.** Please, no weapons.

Directions: Find southeast AZ on a map. It's likely you'll be coming from the east or west on I-10. Look for Hwy. 191 north (used to be 666 'til the locals realized what that meant) which is several miles east of Wilcox. Take 191 north until you hit the main intersection in the town of Safford (last gas) which will be Hwy. 70. Go west (left) through strip-malls, farms and small towns for 15.7 miles. Look for mile marker #313. There will be a large metal barn before you turn north (right) on Eden Rd. Go 1.2 miles (across what's left of the Gila River) to Hot Springs Rd., go west (left) 1.9 miles (turns to dirt at 1 mile) to a gate that appears in front of you as the road veers to the left. This is it—go on inside and let the friendly caretakers (be nice) tell you where to park. From the west on Hwy. 70 (shorter from Phoenix) look for mile marker #312 and then the Eden Rd. turn-off to the north (left).

If you are in need of financial or logistic travel support, please contact ride coordination at (520) 566-0002.

**Setup** February 13—Folks who would like to participate will hammer out the agenda and the rest will make camp.

**Organizers' Conference & Strategy Session** February 14-16—Please start thinking about what you would like to accomplish in these meetings.

**Night to Howl!** February 16 (evening)—The Warrior Poets Society will kickoff the Winter Rendezvous. EF! performers, poets, dancers, musicians, etc. are welcome to entertain us. If you don't, we'll demand it!

**Winter Rendezvous** February 17-18—A time for action planning, campaign discussions, workshops, campfire music, rejuvenation, hiking and other illicit activities.

**New Orleans Mardi Gras Style Costume Party** February 17—Dance party in the old hotel with DJ Ozone (No costume, no attendance...!)

**Tucson Benefit** February 19—Pack up, cleanup and sum-rad-kinda'-action day. The *Earth First! Journal* invites you to come to Tucson for a benefit concert Tuesday night.

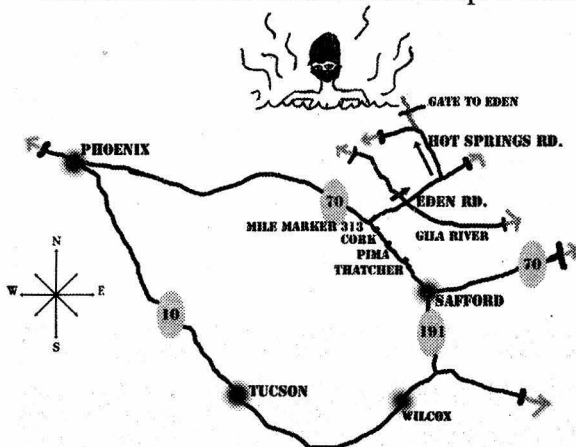
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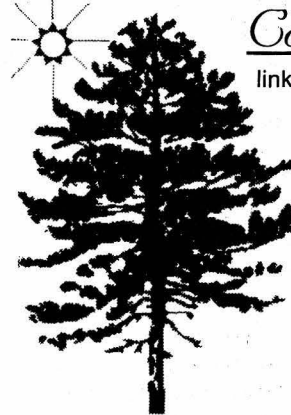
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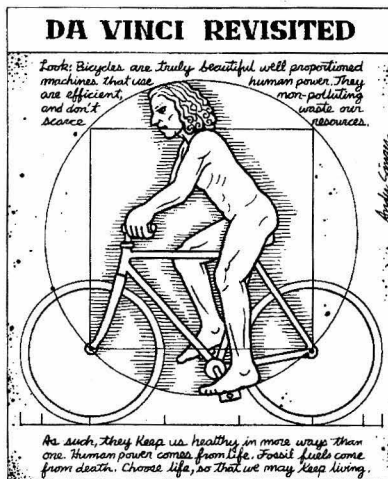
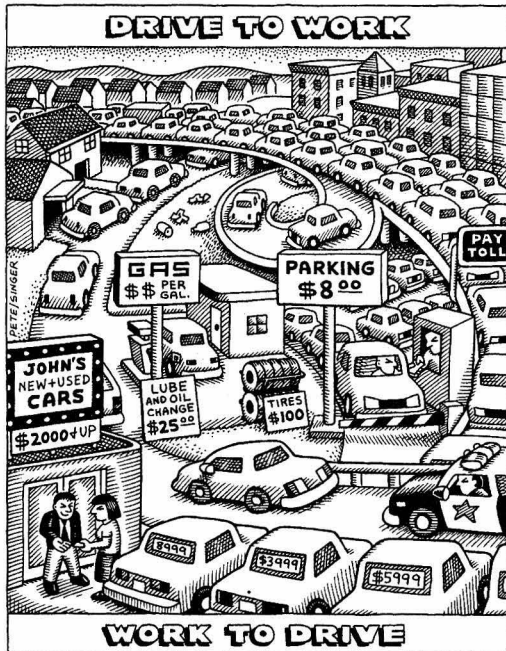
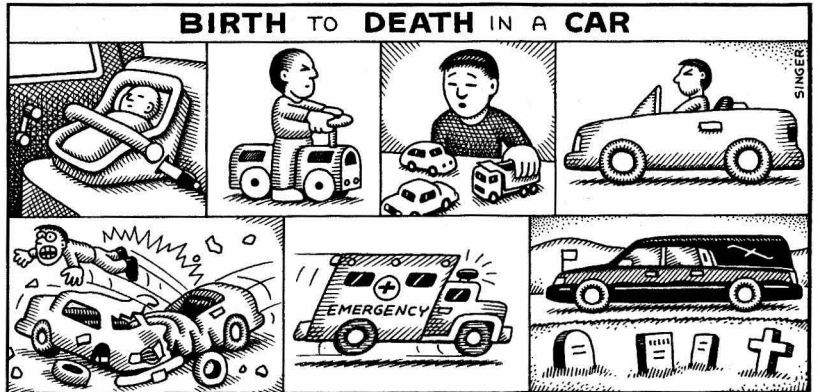


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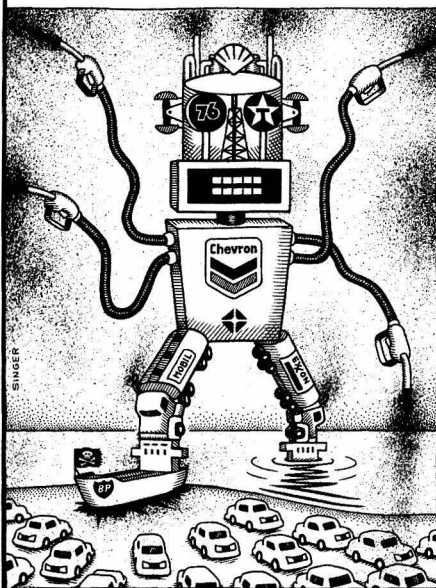
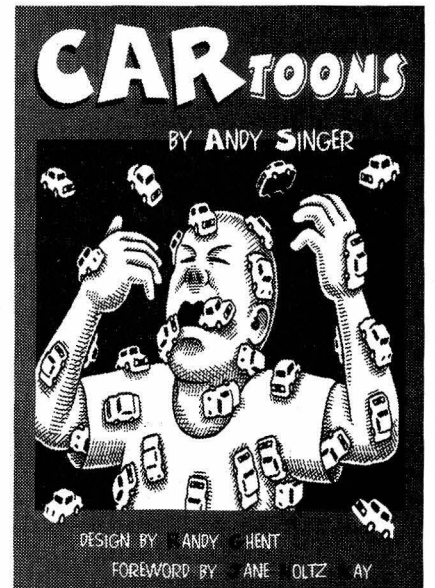
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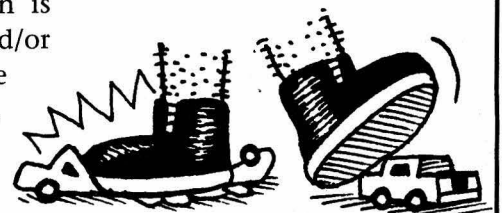


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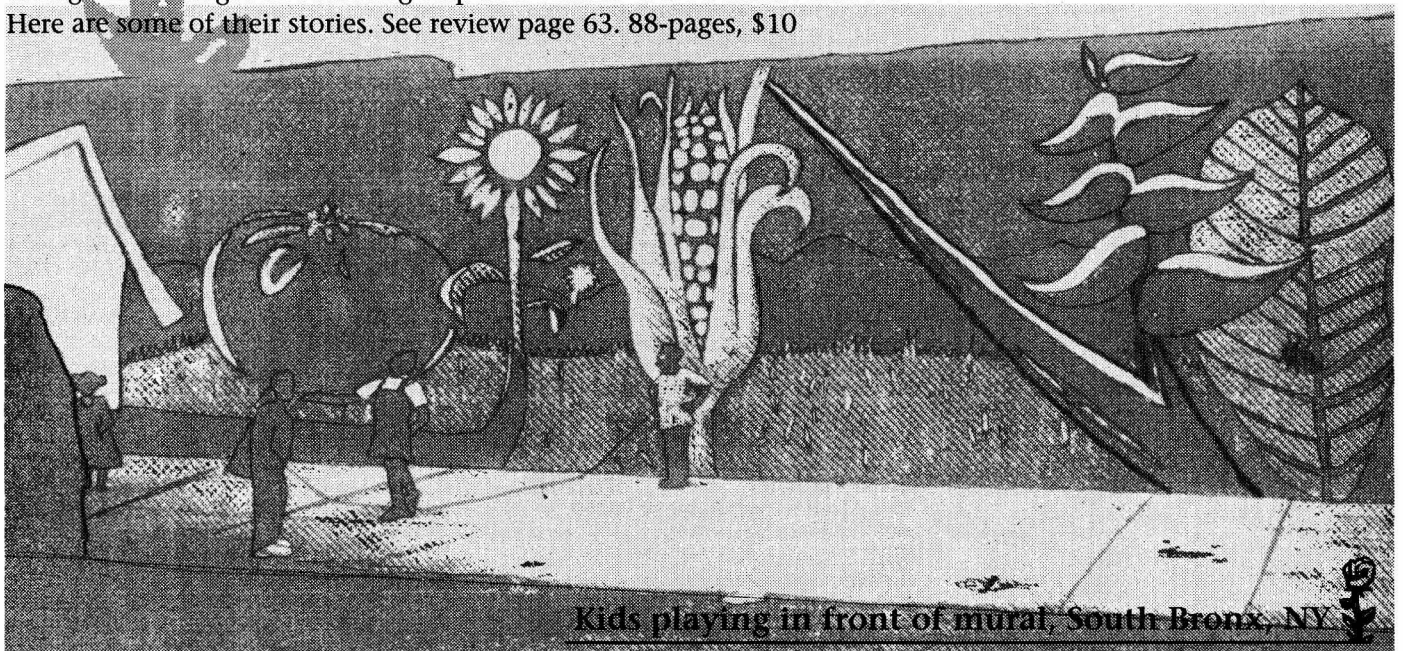
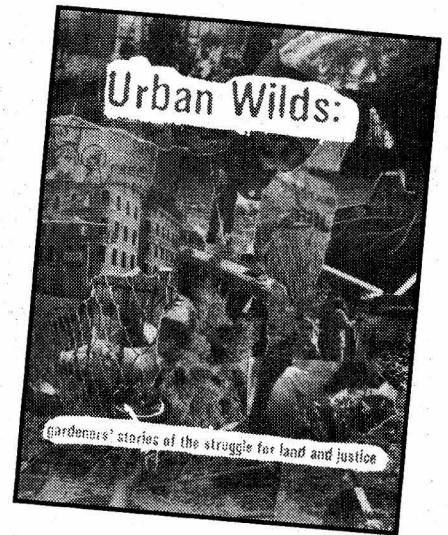
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Kids playing in front of mural, South Bronx, NY



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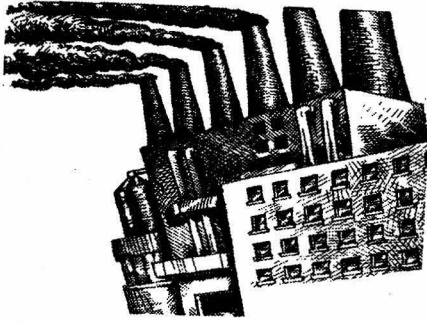
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**It** is the high residues of hazardous and potentially lethal chemicals inside your fat cells. It is you watching television on a beautiful day. It is shopping when you are depressed. It is the feeling you get that something is missing. It is your worry that a fire may destroy all of your possessions. It is the thought that tells you to go on a diet. It is the excess fat on your body. It is the headache that won't go away. It is the bleeding in your intestines from years of pain-alleviating drug use. It is the child with a birth defect.

**It** is your killer when you die from a car accident. It is the savior you worship to fill that aching void. It is your carpal tunnel syndrome. It is your tumor. It is your expensive coffin. It is the bulldozer that destroyed the woods you knew so well. It is the towering skyscraper that makes you feel forever tiny and powerless. It is your boss. It is minimum wage. It is maximum wage.

**It** is your prison, sometimes with bars, sometimes without. It is the fear that keeps you up at night. It is the lock on your door. It is the bullet in your gun. It is your noose and your tie. It is the turned cheek. It is the cold shoulder. It is the new appliance that you never knew existed but you now can't live without. It is inequality. It is the sink-or-swim economy. It is the thing that has categorized you and stopped you from doing the things you want. It is what makes you jealous. It is your hate. It is your clenched fist. It is your mace spray.

**It** is the police. It is the nightstick. It is the protester and the media that tells you not to listen to them. It is the corporation that creates a new truth for you daily. It is the gold star earned in kindergarten. It is your bill for the

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medicine you bought to "fix your brain." It is your weakening eyesight from the incandescent institutional glow. It is your hearing loss.

**It** is the white noise that drives you crazy. It is the tears that pour down your face after a sad movie. It is your longing for a dramatic romance with a happy ending. It is your lust. It is the objectified woman and the powerless man. It is the rapist. It is the murderer. It is the thief. It is the profiteer. It is the worker. It is the dead union organizer.

**It** is the soldier who is willing to kill and die for cheaper oil. It is the indigenous activist hung for saying they don't want to be killed for profits. It is the rubber bullet. It is pepper spray. It is extinct species. It is the dying world. It is polluted air. It is tainted water. It is the accident at the nuclear power plant. It is the break in the pipeline. It is the brakes that failed.

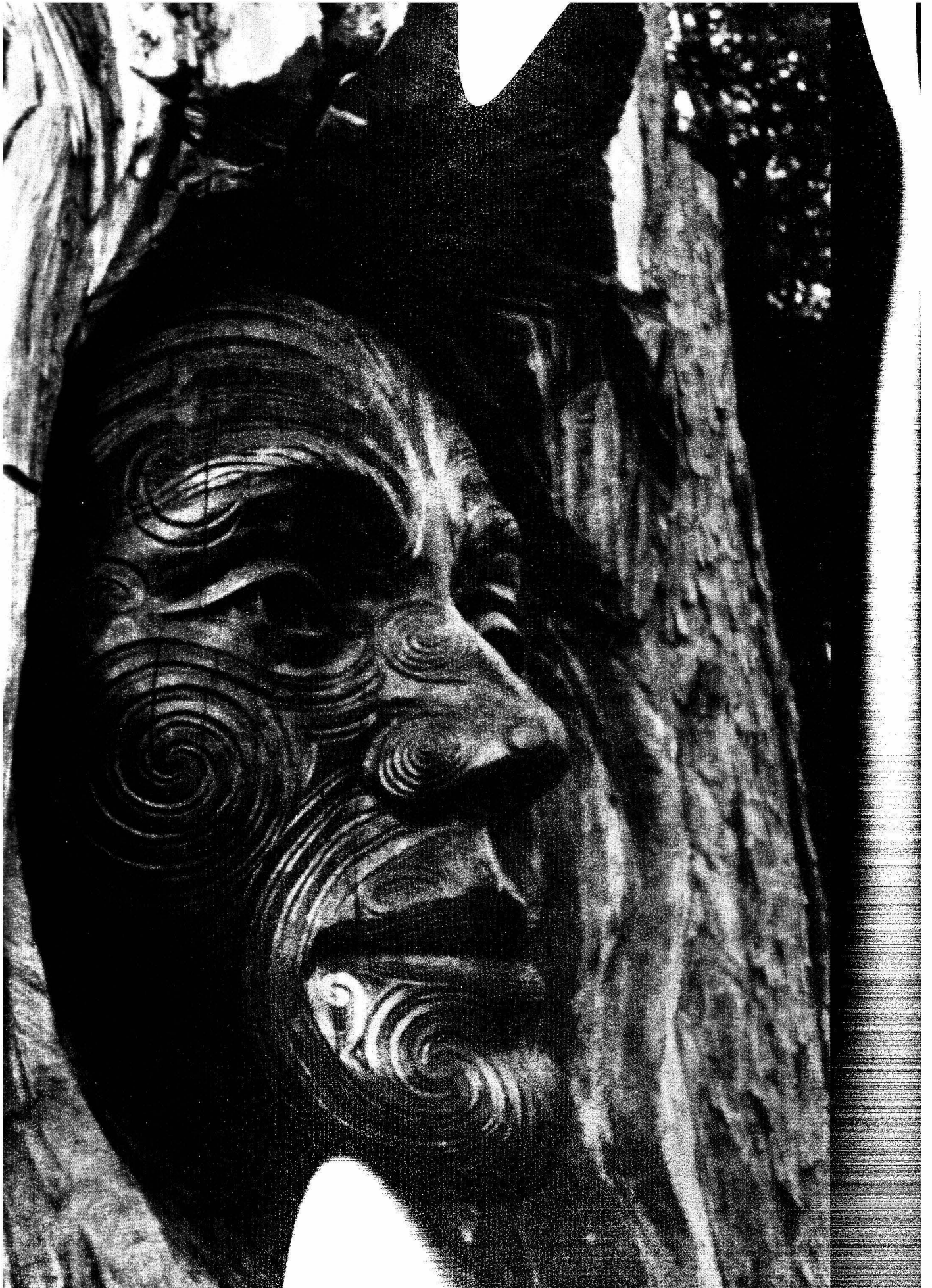
**It** is the patented seed. It is the farmer poisoning himself with the pesticides that were going to make life better. It is the concrete beneath your feet. It is the train that went off the tracks. It is the plane that blew up. It is the boat that

sank. It is the drugs you take just to forget it all. It is your misery. It is your world. It is everything to you.

**It** is what makes devastation seem not so shocking. It is what gives you nightmares. It is your feeling of not having accomplished enough. It is your desire to have a child to complete yourself. It is the physical and mental barriers of civilized life. It is civilization, and it has become you. It is a mindset. It is the feeling of superiority which supplies the reason to destroy all else. It is unnatural. It will fall, but will you fall with it?

**Its** defeat is needed for our liberation, as well as for everything else that humankind has set out to overpower. Freedom is only a thought away. Liberate the mind, and the body will follow.









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