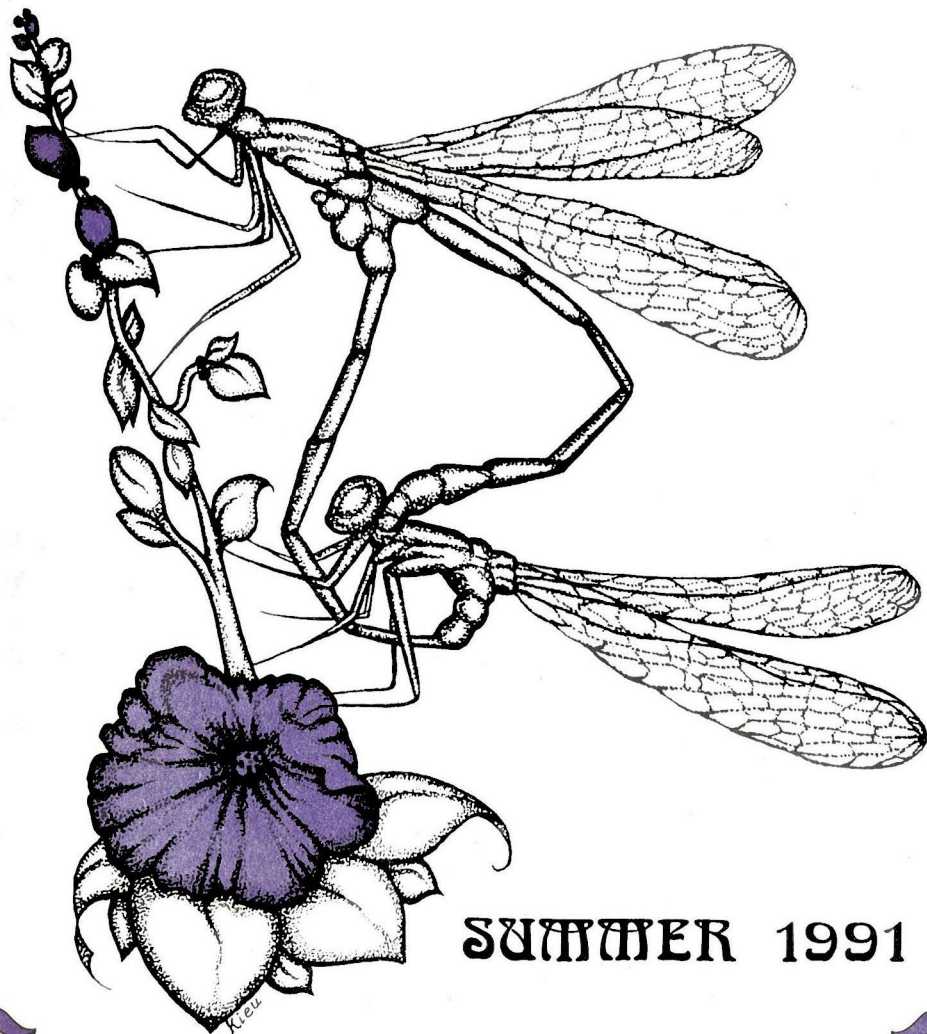
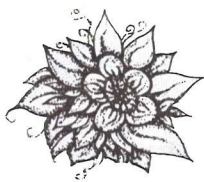


ALL WAYS FREE



SUMMER 1991



*Welcome home
Been away too long
From the leaves that cover you
From the feathers that crown you
And the glory all your own
that surrounds you...*



*It is said that when the earth is weeping
and the animals are dying
that a tribe of people who care
will come. They will be called
the Warriors of the Rainbow.*





WELCOME HOME * CHILDREN * OF EARTH



A Short History of the Rainbow Family

Around August, 1969, a group of young people were camping in the Big Sur area of California. Like many groups of youth who had come together in those days, they called themselves a family-- the Salmon Creek Family-- from the creek where they were camped at Big Sur. They had the hope of some day putting on a large gathering of counter-culture people in Colorado in the Rockies. As they knew, the previous year in the summer of 1968, there had been a completely unplanned gathering of thousands of young people in the hills west of Boulder, Colorado. The Salmon Creek Family hoped to do the same thing, but with more planning and with a silent prayer circle for world peace as the central event.

As fall drew on, the Salmon Creek Family decided to leave Big Sur to get away from the harassment that was coming down on them-- especially from hunters-- because of their "freaky" life-style. One of them stuck her finger on a map, touching the northern part of the state of Washington. So they went up to northern Washington, near the town of Marble Mount, to a valley where they saw three mysterious lights with no apparent source. A woman in the valley let them camp on their land, and they became known as the Family of Three Lights. One group of this family went off to camp by themselves. They had some horses and mules and they helped draft dodgers and deserters cross over the border into Canada. This group was known as the Marble Mount Outlaws.

Some of the Marble Mount Outlaws went down to the Renaissance Fair in Eugene, Oregon, in the fall of 1969. At the fair, they met up with the Temple Tribe, a group of crafts people which also had the dream of some kind of counter-culture get-together. In May, 1970, people from the Temple Tribe came up to Washington State and camped with the Marble Mount Outlaws. They began making definite plans to put on a gathering.

As a practice for their own gathering, the two groups did the co-ordination for Vortex, a free rock festival near Portland, Oregon, over Labor Day weekend of 1970. About 75,000 people came to Vortex. The co-ordination was done out of Rainbow Tipis borrowed from the Eagle Scouts. From the Rainbow Tipis, the two groups took one identity-- the Rainbow Family.

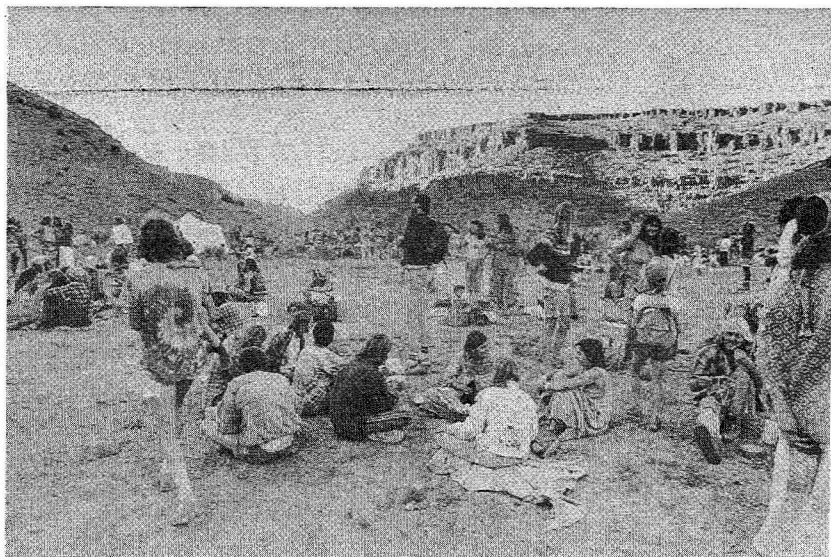
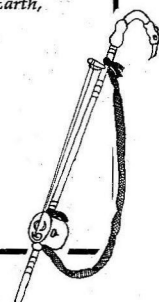
For the next year and a half, members of the Rainbow Family traveled around the USA distributing invitations to the gathering-- and finding a site near Granby, Colorado. Every member of Congress was given an invitation to the gathering. So was every delegation to the United Nations. Almost 5,000 copies of

*"In the beginnings, we sprung as "flower children" upon the winds of the Earth,
Our roots were deep in her story, his story, of the past,
Our presence, our stem, our mingling, our friendship
To the skies, to the Earth, to all relationship, full flowering,"
"From flower to the garden" (Donovan, '67)*

*Onward to the Frontiers of Consciousness, Lotus,
Homes, families, neighbors, friends, children,
Seed, flower, lotus, bud, seed, new flowers,
Life flows on,
Generations of humanely interested people with friendly eyes,
HIPeyes.*



excerpt from "Where Have All the Flower Children Gone?" by Barry "Plunker" Adams



the Rainbow Oracle-- a collection of poems, drawings and articles on alternate life styles, were given out for free by the Rainbow Family.

When large numbers of people started showing up in Colorado for the gathering in June, 1972, Governor John Love had the roads blockaded into the gathering site. People started hiking across the mountains to the site-- a three-day hike. Finally 4,000 people stood in front of the road block asking to be let into the gathering. The road block yielded-- the people walked eight miles up the road to the gathering site.

By July 4, there were 20,000 people at the gathering. Before daybreak on July 4, several thousand of these people walked to Table Mountain, seven miles from the site. They walked to the top of the mountain and made a gigantic silent circle until the afternoon-- praying and meditating for world peace.

The people who had planned the first Rainbow Gathering had not intention of calling another one until in Spring, 1973, the word came that an individual who had been to the Colorado Gathering was calling a Rainbow Gathering on his own-- on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, with the express disapproval of the tribal council. He had already sent out announcements around the country, and there was the possibility of mass arrests if people went onto the reservation. So some of the people who had put on the first gathering hurried to Wyoming and talked with the Forest Service and found a site in a National Forest where people could come and not get arrested.

At the end of the Wyoming Gathering, someone left a sign saying "Next year in Utah." And so it was Utah in 1974. Since then the gathering has been an ongoing Happening. *Jodey Bateman*

Thanksgiving 1990

Council for the Northeast Gathering

Rainbow Family
of Living Light

Nov 24-25
Wendell, MA



CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE LIVING MEDICINE

C.A.L.M. -- Welcomes All

Notes & consensus decisions copied by Peacery from notes on the wall at Council. A bullet (•) means consensus. We have omitted decisions relating only to the Council process and agenda, etc.

The Council divided into four sub-councils.

MATERIAL sub-council (Post Office, Banking, Supplies, Kitchens)

• Members of Banking Council: Joan, Paula, Dana, Sun Bear, Joan, Odd Job, Gabe, Red, Ray and Michael Stewart.

• Before the Gathering, the Magic Hat is for supplies and outreach only, unless agreed by Banking Council.

• Magic Hats at the Gathering will go into a central fund for food and medical expenses. Other collections (habit hats) will not be designated as Magic Hat.

• Council authorizes Banking Council to devise a system for Magic Hat at the Gathering, and to COMMUNICATE the plan to the family, before & AT the Gathering, with a rough draft by Spring Council at the latest.

• No hats will be collected at the gate. There will be a sign to that effect at the gate, saying where people can take their \$.

(Tabled discussion on what items are prohibited for payment from the Magic Hat.)

• Spring Council will be the weekend of April 5-7, 1991. (Location to be announced— call 508/544-2978 for recording with location and directions. Diane & Jimi will focalize.)

PHYSICAL sub-council (Site)

(Recommendation: no consensus on site until Spring Council. The criteria: central meadow for main circle/council (#1); water supply & purity; environmental impact; parking; access including handicapped; swimming; possibility of toxins; drainage/roads; other meadows; isolation; local political climate; impact on local community; firewood; travel logistics; bugs. Jimi will focalize scouting info, 508/371-2502.)

POLITICAL sub-council (Legalisation & issues external to the Gathering)

Recommendation: that James Bay issue be a focus of the Gathering, with action to follow the Gathering. Importance of communicating political issues. (note: "James Bay" refers to a gigantic hydroelectric project planned in northern Canada which will destroy millions of acres of wild watershed. Much of the electric power produced is for the Northeastern U.S. energy market—ed.)

Legalisation (D.C. Crew)
P.O. Box 5604
Takoma Park MD 20912

• There will be a POLITICAL INFO CENTER separate from the Info Center

• There will be time set aside at Spring Council to discuss Media/Publicity

SAFE SPACE/SPIRITUAL FOCUS sub-council

Physical layout of the Gathering—the 4 directions

Stuff to be worked on:

Clans: Kid Village, Sister Space, Brother Space, Workshops

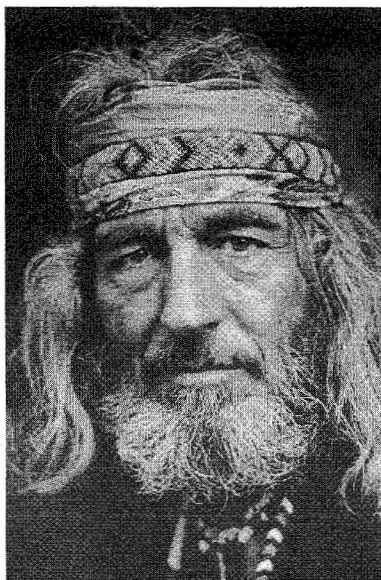
Healing Space: Massage, Substance Abuse, Meditation/Quiet Space.

Storytelling/poetry. "Special needs" folks.

Council Process: Council council, Process workshops, kids council, Welcome Center.

There will be a Front Gate Council at Spring Council.

Rainbow '91
P.O. Box 116
Wilton, NH 03086
603/ 878-2022



When you are home, you are home. CALM- Center for Alternative Living Medicine is a home inside a home. Everyone is welcome to share in the health care aspect of the Rainbow.

CALM is a loose affiliation of health care practitioners and support group that offers to the Rainbow support in their life, whether that may be physical, mental or spiritual. We have a complete range of practitioners and helpers. It is very interesting to watch and be part of the inner workings of such an affiliation to see how this harmonizes into action. There is little if any separation between the practitioner and the person receiving help.

When you are in need you will find a helper that will serve your personal needs. There are enough practitioners to serve most needs. CALM also provides a safe space to just sit and be. Quiet time, active time, what ever your personal needs may be. A hug, a bandage, or some herb tea you will be able to find a home in CALM that will serve you. Feel free, be free anytime - CALM is there to serve.

If you want to be a part of CALM- just come by and you are. We can use any skills you may have. We don't even need skills, we just need you. There is a place in the Rainbow for all, as there is a place in CALM that is for you. You are welcome.

CALM also provides physical medicine for the Rainbow, and hence is often in need of supplies. Any supplies that you may feel you have, bandages, herbs, medical supplies of a wide variety, can be used by CALM. By centering our medicine in a local, we are able to distribute them through the Rainbow in a focused fashion. We thank you for any supplies that you can provide, they will be well used. We are very often in need of just what you have, so please don't hesitate. The temple that we mutually build is the temple that we are to reflect light on the world.

Welcome Home
In Love and Light
Allways

Stuart Watts - CALM member



excerpts from 1990 Thanksgiving Council C.A.L.M. Consensus Notes

• C.A.L.M. is an interdisciplinary team.

• C.A.L.M. must become more tribal, more cohesive. We will encourage a village atmosphere in all camps including C.A.L.M. Central.

• We will make contact with and be supportive of all people doing healing at the Gathering. This includes N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous), massage, and any independent workers. No one should be seen as competition; we are one.

• Somewhere in the Gathering, possibly close to A-kitchen, in full cooperation with their focalizers and N.A., a Detox Center will be established. Through counselling, N.A. meetings, herbal and acupuncture relief methods and a Drug-Free/Denial-Free Space, we will help all who truly wish to help themselves.

• Due to the many differing systems represented at C.A.L.M., we have the unique opportunity to begin true holistic, synergistic healing; mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Every effort should be made to approach treat-

ment on more than one level and by more than one avenue.

• There is a bank account in Santa Fe. Please encourage donations for larger capacity water purification system and general C.A.L.M. supplies

C.A.L.M. Bank Account
c/o Stuart Watts, 1161 Maez St.
Santa Fe NM 87501

• A more direct effort to manifest the C.A.L.M. manual will begin. Everyone please write-up their diagnosis techniques, helpful hints, sticking to first-hand experience information only.

C.A.L.M. Manual
c/o Sylvia, 417 Long Plain
Rd. Leverett MA 01054

Welcome to Vermont

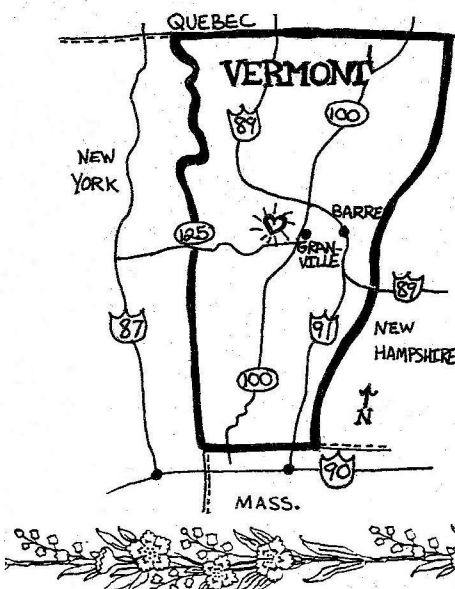
Vermont

Sisters and Brothers! Welcome Home to the 1991 Northeast Rainbow Gathering of the Tribes.

The Northeast bioregion is a land of many lakes and rivers, deciduous forest, and old mountains. The highest mountain in the east is Mount Washington, elev. 6,288 ft., in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. It is the coldest spot east of the Mississippi, with frosts all year round and roaring winds. We are bounded by the east by the rocky shores of the Atlantic. And we are international: our bioregion includes Quebec and the maritime area of Canada.

The Northeast gave birth to the American Revolution and the dream of true democracy on the earth. More and more of us are coming to understand that this dream was inspired and nurtured by the people who walked these lands before anyone in Europe knew it existed. For hundreds of years before there was an American Constitution there was the Great Law of Peace of the Iroquois Confederacy, from which Ben Franklin and others derived the model for our representative form of government. There was nothing in Europe or anywhere else in the known world at that time to compare with the combination of maximum personal freedom and community values embodied in the Great Law and the Grand Council of the Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. Ben Franklin even wanted to name our Congress the Grand Council in recognition of the true well-spring of American democracy. This *crucial history* is being re-membered in the nick of time as we turn to our Native elders for counsel on how we are to proceed to revive the vision of freedom and justice in this land.

Many other nations still survive and struggle in the Northeast. Because they were subjected to the first contact with the English, and in many cases massacred and scattered, they struggle especially hard to preserve their cultures in the face of age-old oppression. The northeast abounds with rivers and lakes and mountains and roads whose names preserve the heritage of those who have always been here.



The people of the Northeast, native or not, are strong and independent. We go our own way and value our personal freedom above all. That makes the Northeast Rainbow Family diverse and cantankerous! This clan of the Rainbow tribe has to work hard to weather long hard winters and tough times on rocky soil. We also live in medium cities, college-towns, and small towns. Many of us live on the land as farmers and homesteaders. There is no label that fits us. We are the Rainbow. We have a lot to offer the family, materially and spiritually. And with all our hearts we welcome you home.

Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation and spokesman for the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy:

"We are the Haudenosaunee. That means 'People of the Longhouse.' We are made up of Six Nations. Each of us is equal. Each of us is sovereign. And we come together in a Confederacy. Our business is peace, not war... In issues of peace and war and other major matters we sit together and make our decisions. There is no single authority. We do not vote. We must reach a decision that everyone agrees with. And we have a Central Fire, and we have three sides of the fire. Our Elder Brother, the Seneca and Mohawk, sit one side of the fire; our Younger Brothers, the Oneida, Cayuga, and Tuscarora, sit on the other side; and in front sit the Onondaga, the keepers of the Central Fire. Each side of the fire has one speaker, and he speaks on behalf of those he sits with. A problem is presented from what we call the Well. From there it goes to each of the sides for discussion. Each side agrees or disagrees among itself and sends its decision on the problem back to the Well. There it is adjusted to confirm with the decisions of the others. Then it's sent back to the Well again. This goes on until the issue is unanimously decided. This is a very old Indian-style government. It requires complete unity of decision. It takes time. But the decisions, once made are very firm. If there's a problem we can't

seem to resolve, we consider it another time. If, after a third time there is still no unanimous decision, then the Tadodaho, or presiding chief—who comes from the Onondaga, the keepers of the Central Fire—will announce a compromise decision. But if the problem is still divisive, the Tadodaho will say, 'We will not address it at all,

because there is no problem that's important enough to cause division among the people. (Italics) The Peacemakers who founded our Confederacy told us, we must be of one mind. Those are good words to remember today—or any day."

From Wisdomkeepers: Meetings with Native American Spiritual Elders, by Harvey Arden and Steve Wall, Beyond Words Publishing, Inc., 1990.

What to Bring:

Aside from yourselves in all your glory, here are some particulars. Bring raingear and extra tarps for shelter. It is naturally rainy in the Northeast, and we bring rain to the driest places, so be prepared! It cools off at night. It has been known to go below freezing every month of the year (especially around the full moon, which will be on June 27th) so be serious about keeping yourself and your brothers and sisters warm: NERFs are renowned for being soft and cuddly!

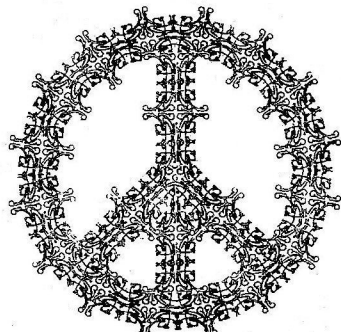
There will be bugs, particularly blackflies. The local remedy is Avon Skin-So-Soft to keep'em off you, and witch hazel if your bitten up. You should know that Lyme disease (from deer-ticks) exists up here, but is not an epidemic, yet. Another good reason not to bring your doggies is that they will increase the danger of Lyme disease for everybody.

We have an urgent need for PVC pipe; bring all you've got. There is beautiful water in most places, but to ensure safety and health we should pipe it off mountain springs from as far away from the site as possible.

As of today (April 20), we are scouting a number of possible sites in New Hampshire and Vermont, and even one in Maine/New Brunswick area border. But no matter where we gather, there are some things we should all remember: this is not the West. The National Forests are tiny, and we probably won't be far from a small town wherever we go. We must be very mindful not to overload the resources or overtax the friendliness of very tiny towns. We want them to remember us with fondness, after all.

Wherever we go, we are bringers of light. One reason for this is that we are so diverse, so different, one from the other, and yet with a unifying vision in our hearts. Distinct clans come together and compose the nation. Diversity is life! Struggle is part of the stew and we don't have to fear it. All of us will be there, sometimes noisily, sometimes silently, vibrating together. OM!

p.s. Taco Mike says to bring some Spam!



Rap 151: The Flip Side

If you see someone drinking, it is not necessary to become a hippie cop and drag them off the Gathering site. Nor is it appropriate to inflict help on them by telling them all the reasons they should heal themselves.

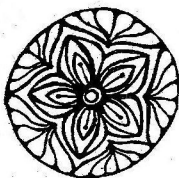
So how do you deal with the problem?

First of all, if you're not good with people, don't try to do it yourself. Or if you have an attitude toward a drinker, back off. Know your limits. If you have any doubts about your ability to be effective and respectful, don't make the situation worse. A drunk person might be fun and charming in the appropriate setting, but they can be obnoxious and aggressive if you come on with a self-righteous vibe.

This does not mean you have to ignore it. Bring it to the attention of someone you trust to be able to deal with it.

If you are panhandled by a drunk, it's okay to say "no." If someone who you think might be scamming for booze money approaches you with a sad story about a medical problem, a sick kid, or a broken truck, it's okay to say "maybe later." Check things out. If someone has a legitimate problem and you want to help them out, fine. If you don't want to help them out and their need is real, they can appeal to our commonwealth, the Magic Hat, through C.A.L.M./M.A.S.H or the Cooperations Council.

Most important, remember that it takes all colors of the spectrum to make a Rainbow.



Welcome Home

We Love You!

Hugs, love, working to set up,
connecting with loved ones from all over,
I wish this lasted longer...

I am home here

**Camped in my usual neighborhood -
the Judgement Free Emotional Support Uplifting Space.**
Traded, worked, hugged, counceled, shared, helped, networked, walked, walked, and walked,
healed, prayed, danced, laughed, cried,
comforted, created, gave away lovegifts, sang,
listened, reunited.

July Fourth arrived so quickly...Early morning silence.
Long walk to Main Circle. Quiet hushed in Great Spirit God
**speaks to me: "No need to come to God with a heavy heart, come lightly,
be a peacemaker..."**

**Then Ommm... Give Peace a Chance... Invocation to end War,
drums begin... Celebration. I give away lovegifts that I made, after the silence and after the
Om is finished**

One Big Circle
We join hands, could not see around for the many bushes.
**The following days go as the wind blows, ... healing circles,
goodbyes, until we meet again, always be in spirit.**

Cleanup ...and where to go from here?

**I left the ninth...Out here and on
the Rainbow Trail again...**

I Love You All

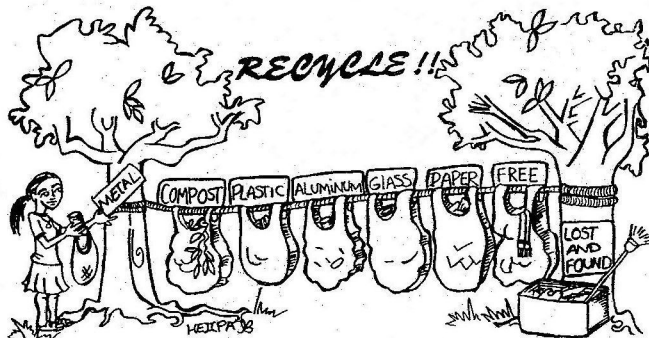
Iris Springflower



Rap 151

It has long been a tradition in our family to discourage the use of alcohol on the Gathering site. There are many reasons behind this tradition. The most obvious one is that we get plenty high without the use of alcohol and hard drugs.

There are more practical reasons, too. Our kids need a safe, sane environment in which to grow and flourish. We as individuals need an atmosphere of respect to maintain our health and happiness. We as a community need a sanctuary where we can work towards our goals of peace and healing on this planet. It is almost impossible for these things to exist side-by-side with alcohol abuse. If you want to have a drinking party, this is not the place. If you have an alcohol addiction that you are trying to overcome, our healers at C.A.L.M./M.A.S.H can help you through it. Folks have many different purposes in coming to the Gathering. Some people come for spiritual celebration and renewal. Some people come for personal growth and healing. Some come to enjoy the beauty of nature and the satisfaction of community sharing. Some people come simply for R & R, a change from the pressures and stress of the mainstream culture. A heavy alcohol scene is incompatible with achieving all of these goals.



- **Metal**—Open cans with a clean edge so that they can be used as drinking cups.
- **Aluminum**—(beer and soda cans) Crush.
- **Glass**—Supplies and C.A.L.M. are always in need of clean jars with lids.
- **Paper**—BURN all paper garbage nightly.
- **Compost**—Organic matter like orange peels, apple cores, leftover food and leaves.
- **Plastic**—Clean bags and containers can be used in every kitchen.
- **Lost + Found**—Find something lost? Turn it in at the nearest kitchen.
Valuable property should go to the co-operation lodge.
- **Free**—Anything you'd like to give away. Whatever free stuff is leftover will go toward cleaning P.E.A.C.E. villages.



**EVERY CAMP SHOULD
HAVE VOLUNTEERS
TO OVERSEE THEIR
GARBAGE. PLEASE!**



Thanks, Swami Mom

Voices of our Ancestors

"My great-grandfather said to me, 'When you see the rainbow it is an indication that the holy spirit is strong in the people's bodies as a result of ceremonies done correctly.' If there were no rainbows after the ceremony it would mean that somehow the connection was not complete between left and right, mother and father, moon and sun in ourselves. We can make it complete by honoring the beauty of our mothering nature if we are wearing a man's body and the power of our fathering nature if we are wearing a woman's body. Everything we are, every form, has within it the energy of the mother and the father, the seed of the rainbow."

Dhyani Ywahoo, chieftainess of the Cherokee

Quick, someone light up a Rainbow... it's dark in this century!

by Garrick Beck

Over the decades since the flowering of the movements of the nineteen-sixties, there has evolved a broadbased Peace Culture- not a peace or civil rights movement with protests, marches, interlocked activities, but a culture with interwoven economic bases, ecological practices, educational attitudes and a general view that life itself, in all it's wonder and splendor is best served by a cooperative human species. This kind of relation to the Gaia-sphere - of all the Life that surrounds us - opens us to the simple vision that all we humans are in fact and in living spirit a family, a vast, marvelous, diverse, multi-colored family. This family is more ancient than the nation states that oppress us, more ancient even than the tribal customs that separate us; more ancient still than the racial heritages that distinguish us. We are and have always been a family of all people.

The Rainbow Gatherings are a celebration of this family. The gatherings, which are open to everyone and held upon public lands, are dedicated to actualizing the harmony that is possible when people from every different background choose to respect each others differences and cooperate for the common good.

This is not a dream, this is not an imagining. This is a really-occurring event that each of us can participate in.

The Rainbow Gatherings have occurred every year since 1972 on public lands. The largest of these events have hosted up to 30,000 people and even smaller events in the past decade have peaked at about 7,000-8,000 gatherers. These week-long village experiences take place in forested or remote natural areas where we create, for the time, neighborhoods, council circles, tipi villages, a children center, workshops, playshops, and all-acoustic entertainment at dozens of woodland stages. Everything that needs to be done is done by cooperative people power with neither pay nor profit other than the uplifting experience of helping this event to be.

The gatherings in this country occur every year at the same calendar time, July 1-7, although there are now a profusion of regional gatherings, picnics and potlucks that occur throughout the seasons. The July 1991 Rainbow this year is our 20th annual gathering. The 9th annual European Rainbow will be held in Southwestern Poland July 17-27, 1991- our first Gathering East of the Iron Curtain Divide.

The idea is to spread peace by example.

Each year, a vision council held on the 7th day of the Gathering chooses a site for the following year. Last year's council for example, at the end of the 1990 Minnesota Gathering, chose the Northeastern U.S. as the bio-zone for this year's event.

In November a Thanksgiving council convenes, beginning the organizing processes that will lead to H2O supply systems, food supply depots, parking crews, liaison meetings with Forest Service rangers, and the 1,001 particulars that must come together each year.

Over the deep of winter we network by our "numero uno" method: word of mouth. No matter how humans use the media, the most personal, powerful method of communication is still person-to-person and this is our primary means of keeping in touch. Even so, there is our rainbow newspaper called All Ways Free, published periodically, and our Rainbow Guide which is a list of contact names and addresses. The way to get a guide is to come and put your name in. Both of these publications are independently produced, freely distributed, and accept no advertising-- only donations.

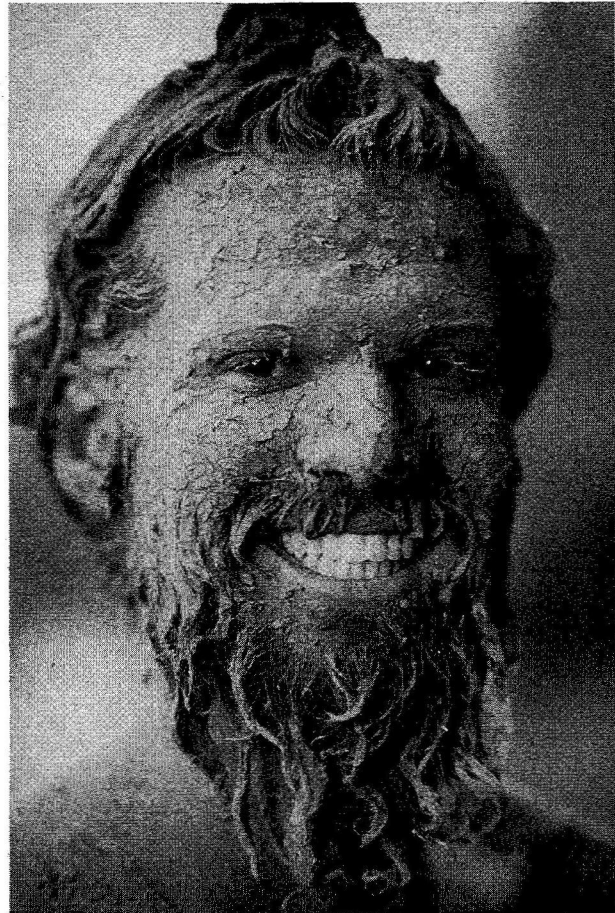
In the springtime the Spring council meets, and the complex arrangements for the Rainbow Village begin to become full-time processes. All of these councils are open to everyone who chooses to attend.

Participation is the key.

When the mountain snows have melted, and the site has been selected, the seed camp - an early camp of volunteers - moves into the site to begin the set-up for encampment that is on its way. The first people to land on the site protect the water sources, and the work begins.

An orderly pattern for car parking is mapped out and a Bus Village area established for live-in vehicles. Shuttle sites and turn-arounds are planned.

At the trailhead a Welcome Center is built and the hiking trail toward the main site is clearly marked. Within the site itself as many as 60 neighborhoods are set up in the groves and meadows of nature. At every step, great care is taken to blend in with the surrounding environments. Bakery ovens



are built of natural stone, areas for kitchens are placed strategically, an Information and Rumor Control center is established at what looks to be the crossroads of the Rainbow.

Works crews meet in the mornings to set about hauling in supplies, digging latrines, laying temporary water pipes, stacking firewood, and setting up tipis and other larger community tents. There are certain community centers that take special care: the Welcome Center, Kid Village, C.A.L.M.(our health care facility), and the Council area and Recycling centers.

The Welcome Center has a front gate crew and is where incoming vehicles are met and directed toward parking and shuttles. There is also a trailhead Tea Kitchen where the introductory "Rap 107" is handed out. Rap 107 is a one-page "guide to the gathering" and its full of information on ecological care of the site.

Kid Village is our children's center - a special fun and secure place for the kids. It features outdoor play, arts, nature study, music and crafts, as well as a quiet space, a nursery and an exceptional kitchen. Health and sanitation standards at Kid Village are even higher than most other areas of the Gathering, and the kitchen makes sure that kids and parents have all the food and drink they need.

C.A.L.M., our healing center, is an acronym for Center for Alternative Living Medicine. We have an emergency and evac unit as well as preventive medicine, workshops, an herbal apothecary, classes, massage, visualization, nutrition and first aid. C.A.L.M. can be a busy place. Even though we reach for natural harmony within the Gathering, we have lots of the problems in this world. No one should be under the illusion that these Gatherings are some perfect Utopia. We surely have people with illnesses, with emotional troubles. We have a very open door, so we see all types of people. But we get to deal with these problems with supportive, understanding methods that we believe are healing.

Related to the healing aspects of C.A.L.M. is the Shanti Sena camp. Shanti Sena (which translates loosely as "peace center" or "peace scenes") are volunteers who work to smooth and resolve conflicts that arise between people during the Gathering. In addition to preventing and responding to problems around the camp, they provide workshops on peaceful conflict and resolution and help people learn the techniques of peacekeeping.

Near the village center should be found the Council Circle where, each day, there assembles a council open to everyone who wishes to speak or to listen. The council is like a grand forum wherein each person is given their chance to be listened to. It is a slow and amazing process. Sometimes smaller

See: LIGHT UP A RAINBOW ON 22



Thunder

The lightning thought struck
a perfect pulse of energy
the voice of the sky, the Earth,
the trees and mountains.
I bow as I kneel
within this planetary hoop,
to the all-knowing gods of the North,
South, East, and West.
In your wisdom,
enlighten us,
Gaia.

David A. Sheppard



Welcome to the gathering. This is a wonderful space to be in. It feels very free and safe. We want to maintain that feeling, yet at the same time it is necessary to be sensible in order to keep our children safe and healthy.

As time change, society in general has developed more problems and illnesses. Some of these, unfortunately, can carry over into our safe haven here. To ignore these problems is not sensible. They do exist, therefore we as a family must take measures to prevent them.

Here are some helpful ideas that work and we stongly suggest you take them to the heart for the sake of all of our precious children.....

1) Please keep track of your children. Know where they are and when they should be back to your camp sites or meet you.

2) If someone else is caring for your children, please make sure you really know! who that person is and that you have spent time with that person. (Sometimes, unfortunately, those persons who would harm our children have a facade that "feels ok" and a very trusting pleasant personality. This is not to say don't trust your feelings or other people, please just take some time and extra care--our children deserve it.)

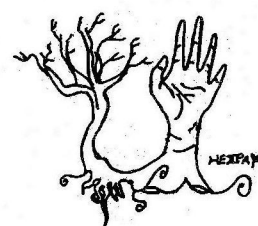
3) When you leave your children at Kid Village please sign in and out and leave word where you can be found, if possible.

4) Older children need to know how to find there "home camp" and parents. They also should be shown safe areas (Kid Village, info centers,



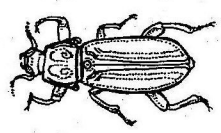
Trees and Humans

The trees in-side-out
resemble their human friends
we are backwards trees.
-cedar98



Philosophy:

you are the Maji
you have a Nation
Nurture BEEDS
AND KEEP your world growing
Anything and Nothing
is possible
in the i-maji-nation.
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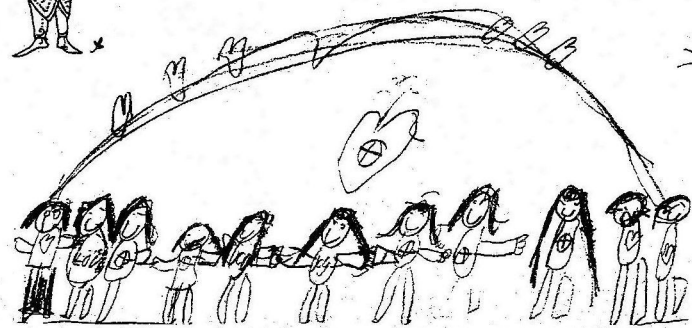
kitchens) to go to if they are in trouble, lost or hurt. They should know how to describe you and your camp area verbally. For younger children who cannot talk well and might wander off, use tags--pin a piece of paper to their backs (so they can't pull it off) with their name, your name and directions to your camp. Use safety pins or tapes.

5) If your child gets separated from you or lost please don't wait long to act. If after a search for your child in the immediate area they are still lost, immediately inform child search at the nearest information center or Kid Village. We need to be told quickly to do the best job, especially if it is close to nightfall. Better safe than sorry.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you notice anything that looks or feels "not quite right" or a child that looks distressed or frightened, please don't look the other way. It's better to check it out than to let tragedy occur.

As parents, please keep in mind that if someone cares enough to interfere and asks questions about your parenting that it is from the heart and is meant in the interest of all of our children's best welfare. Please try to be understanding.



EUROTOPIA

POLAND * 1991

The first scouting and preparation meeting for the 1991 gathering was held in Polish autumn countryside. It was blessed with gorgeous weather and lots of laughing Rainbow energy. We were about 20 strong, mostly from Poland, with a handful from Germany, England and America. The Polish side of our family had done some pre-exploring and short-listed a couple of possible sites for our consideration, so we travelled together for a week to explore these, partying and planning on the way. We all felt that one of these had a great energy and would make a beautiful home for the family, but it has yet to be fully cleared with local people before we can confirm it as our gathering site. The other is great and useful as a back-up site.

After much serious discussion we unanimously decided to bring forward the gathering dates to 17th to 27th July. Because of respect for the Vision Council we did not do this lightly, but felt we had the responsibility to make the best possible choice arrangements for Rainbow, and so the duty to change the dates because of the following reasons. The vision of the gathering was for the family to spread eastwards. This growth needs consolidation by our loving Rainbow energy being spread around after the gathering by people joining together for projects and travelling. An August would not leave much time for this before the cold weather sets in. On top of this we have lots of feedback that August would cause problems for people with children at school in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Sweden.

We hope that this information about this change of dates spreads quickly along the information network, and that everybody gets the news. It would be sad if anyone does not get the news and comes late.

The next full preparation meeting will start on the 27th April near Ustrzyki Górne, see inset map for details. Anyone with energy and ideas for preparing the next gathering is totally welcome. The Polish Rainbow Info Center is:

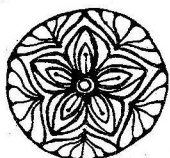
Jim Forrester, ul. Podkarpacka 1/416 35-082 RZESZOW

and Lech Wajler, tel: 53-772, and also in Krakow +48-12-340102.

This address and numbers are good till at least the beginning of June, any problems, or need more information, or can help in any way. It would be useful if you could give the info center some feed back about materials things you can supply or bring to the gathering. These include 4 wheel drive vehicles, wheelbarrows, big tents, kitchen equipment, water tanks and filters, walkie-talkies and anything else you can think of. Could focalizers please send the Info Center details about prices of bulk whole food (preferably organic) and possibilities of transport for them. Details of quantities used at previous Rainbows are also needed.

If you have any donations or can do some fundraising to help with the advance costs of preparing for Rainbow then please pay the money into this bank account:

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Deepest blue nighted sky alive and freckled
with some billion glimmering stars
and each one smiles back,
listening, knowing
and i wonder

how many wishes were wished upon this infinity of stars
spun together
as a myriad of lights like glowing orbs of dew
on a vast, unseen web,
a carpet of dreams above our heads
entirely One
a melded wish, the Uni-verse...
One thought, one heartsong, one love
Praise Jafi!

Kieu



Don't forget that people of most countries will need visas to visit Poland. This can take up to a week to get, and costs the same for any period up to 3 months, but this might be different in your country so please check before hand. On the visa application form it asks for the address in Poland you are visiting-you can answer this question with the name of the a town you plan to visit or tour around.

Everyone at this preparation meeting has a very good feeling for this Polish gathering so with love and positive energy from all we can look forward to a strong and joyous gathering of our tribes.

a letter from the other side of Home ...

Dear Ones:

Horse and T-Bird are a high-spirited, hard-working/playing North Carolina Rainbow couple who are likely to be found in the Katuah/Florida kitchen at gatherings, and/or playing drums, guitar, harmonica, tambourine, etc. and singing wherever they may be.

I last saw them in Minnesota, in July '90, when they and friends unloaded me and my gear from their "No Bozos Blues Bus" van in Duluth post-Gathering, so that I could travel on a solo journey exploring the north shore of Minnesota's huge, cold and beautiful Lake Superior, and upward into Thunder Bay, Canada before returning home to Gainesville, FL. They travelled onward to the Ithaca Gathering, and from there to the Austrian Gathering which took place in August '90.

They have remained in Europe since that time, travelling, playing their music and singing for their livelihood, and, of course, learning from and sharing with our brothers and sisters on that side of Home. They plan to remain in Europe at least until after the Poland Gathering this August, and have strongly encouraged us and other Rainbows to come on over for the experience of a lifetime.

Following is an open letter to all Rainbow Brothers and sisters which they sent to us, asking that it be shared in All Ways Free and Ho! (the S.E. Regional Rainbow newsletter).

Peace, Sharon Sheets

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Having attended the Europa '90 Gathering in Austria, it is my hope that as many American Rainbows as are able will come to the Europa Gathering in Poland this year. More information will follow about what will be required of U.S. citizens to enter Poland. Last year the Polish government would only issue "Transit Visas," which meant that Americans could enter the country only to pass through to another country, i.e. Russia or Czechoslovakia, but that they weren't supposed to stay, visit, or whatever from say, Germany, and return to Germany.

However, things are changing fast. They have a new government; Walesa is the new president, and it's anyone's guess what will happen this year. I am in touch with the Europa Rainbow Family and I will forward any information I get as soon as I get it. The dates are July 17-27, 1991.

The consciousness of the Europa family is very different from the American family, and for your information, I would like to relate a few things, observations, what-have-you, about the Europa family. First, we all come from "the Land of Plenty," as the U.S.A. is known, and you will be entering a continent which has been the arena for two major wars (so far) this century, and things are very different here.

Although American Rainbows are very welcome, there is definitely a mistrust of America which takes some time and a lot of love and understanding to overcome. We can all expect to be questioned about America's political bullshit, especially in view of the war in the Gulf, which has Europe scared shitless. But we were treated with love and kindness at the Gathering, and all over Europe, by the freaks as well as by some (but not all) of the general European population.

The kitchen scene at the Austrian Gathering was totally different from America: two meals a day. Breakfast was very informal with tea, coffee, japatris, bread, honey and jams. The next meal was at sunset, or later, and usually there was enough for everyone to eat. But the "gorp" attitude which we are used to does not exist here. The evening meal was all together with 1200-1500 family all sharing and serving together; no individual family kitchens serving 200-300 folks, and no opportunity for going from one kitchen to the next eating everything in sight, all day long.

Personally, I think the European consciousness about food is higher than American, and no one can expect to "fatten up" at the Poland Gathering. Jonathan was there from America, and constantly bitching about not getting enough to eat, and going for second helpings before everyone else had been served the first time. This brought several comments about "some terrible Americans," of which he was more than likely conscious, and perhaps he learned something in Austria.



Another highlight in Austria was the "circus," which was a talent-sharing event lasting three to four hours, and it was wonderful: music, dance, mime, acrobatics, firewalking—all the highest entertainment we've seen anywhere.

The plague of staph reared its ugly head in Austria, and thanks to the American C.A.L.M. donation of medical supplies, I, and others, were able to treat many cases on a daily basis. I suspect that the staph was brought to the Austrian Gathering by the Americans from the Minnesota Gathering, but it is also prevalent among the Europa family.

Here, I had a chance to talk about hygiene with the people I was treating and they are receptive to knowledgeable information on the subject. The Europa family has a lot to learn about personal hygiene, i.e. individual utensils, washing, etc. They are *not* into using chlorine bleach because they fear that it is detrimental to the environment. Again, this is something that can only be taught to the Europa family through conscious action, and not by words alone. The health of the planet seems more important to them than their own, individual well being, and we can't fault them for this attitude. Teaching by example is always the best way to approach our family members, and, as in America, they are responsive to being handled with love and respect.

As I've already said, I'd like to see more American family over here for the Poland Gathering. I don't think a big American kitchen is necessary, although it might evolve that way ... I don't know. My idea is that we have a popcorn kitchen open all day. Italy is the only county which seems to be hip to popcorn, and it's all loaded with salt. We know better! Bring lots of pocorn, herbs, and nutritional yeast for sharing. Small packets of seeds for starting popcorn at home would be wonderful. And it would provide folks who may not be getting enough food at dinner with quality nourishment.

Another area—there was no "Kid Village" in Austria, and individual parents were taking total responsibility for their own kids with no time off to do anything else. Many parents in Austria wished that they had somewhere healthy and responsible, where their children could be watched and loved, and the parents could participate in other activities. We may want to think along these lines.

The most important thing is to come with an attitude of humility, an eagerness to learn and share with the Europa family. They are strong; they are willing. Hopefully, they will learn in Poland that the Rainbows from the U.S.A. are different from the capitalist pigs who invade their continent in warm weather, spending U.S. dollars everywhere they go, and leave when the weather turns cold, taking only souvenirs and photographs home with them.

Finally, T-Bird and I are in Italy, south of Salerno, at a time when a major war is only two time zones away. America has a bad reputation, especially now. We're involving ourselves with the Italian students in the peace movement which is very emotionally volatile. We are singing, demonstrating. We are trying to change things. But, as usual, it is the rich who support the war and the poor who fight and die in the war. God willing, we will see you in Poland.

Ho!

Horse



Rites of Conscience



Tribute to No Guns

All things that must be
must be in balance
and that takes practice.

(Tony Schearer, *Lord of the Dawn*)

In a white dress
pounding her chest
No Guns chanted her peace poem,
the first person to welcome me home
to the Seventeenth Annual Rainbow Gathering,
tribal meeting of the brothers and sisters,
family gathering of an entire spectrum
this year in the Angelina Forest of East Texas.
Five years ago
at my first gathering
in Watersmeet, Michigan
there were Forest Rangers, law officials,
helicopters and cameras...but
no guns.

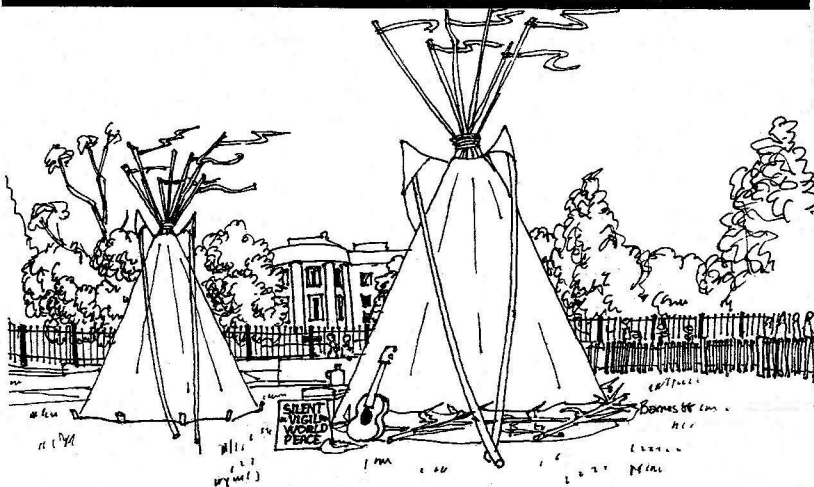
Three years ago in Mark Twain's land
troopers in green were still gunless,
but in eighty-seven
in Cherokee country in the Nantahala Mountains
of North Carolina
guns appeared
around the waists of the men in green
who said they were there to protect us
and in eighty-eight
No Guns is run down
by a brown painted heap
of steel with four-wheel drive
speeding through the virgin forest
threatening to mow down

long-haired hippie-freaks,
Texas lizards, or naked children
playing in the puddles
brought by the rain
that followed our fourth of July
high-noon meditation,
celebration
under the half-circle
of the half-hidden rainbow
circling the sun
like we circled around No Guns
the night before, healers
and prayers of human warmth
and light.

The framers of the Constitution recognized
the eternal principle that man's relation with his God
is above human legislation,
and his rights of conscience inalienable.

Reasoning was not necessary to establish this truth; we are
conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is in this consciousness,
which in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs
in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was
superior to human enactments and that man could exercise no
authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle
which nothing can eradicate.

(USA Congressional Documents, Serial #200 Doc#271)



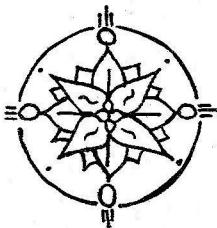
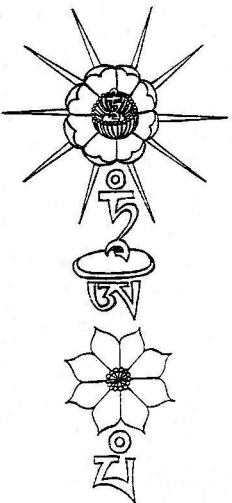
Under a tree by the light of the moon
her thirteen year old son wept
for his earth mother
whose ribs had been fractured,
whose lung had been punctured,
paradoxically by a beer-drinking son
of the man who owned the land
where the cattle - the beasts
roamed around us - the lambs
of the fertile field
as we practiced forming
a chalice, a grail to peace.

From her hospital bed
No Guns urged "Forgiveness, no vengeance."
The perfect sacrificial animal,
she was a woman who was not afraid
to look down the barrels of guns,
speeding cars,
harsh words or gestures.
In silence
we reflected on her plea, and
the strong, stout men in green,
with name-tags and bullets,
filmed our sacred ceremony
as if we were available for PTO broadcasting,
or conspiring to crime.
We continued No Guns' plan
of Civil Obedience



We gathered
to preserve our American Right to free assembly,
free speech, free worship - freedom.
Actions suspect to criminal intent
to the iron forces of the mean green machine,
Ed Meese, and the U.S. Department of Justice.
Hands held in a circle of love,
arms outstretched to the heavens,
drums beating our hearts
into the ground,
holding us here
while our thoughts of peace
soared out
in all directions...

Kathianne Osburn



THE EARTH IS IN CRISIS!



Our Dance of Destiny

I have been a lucky man. To feel the intimacy of brothers is a marvelous thing in life. To feel the love of people who we love is a fire that feeds our life. But to feel the affection that comes from those whom we do not know, from those unknown to us, who are watching over our sleep and solitude, over our dangers and weaknesses - that is something still greater and more beautiful because it widens our boundaries of our being, and unites all living things.

There is no unsurmountable solitude. All paths lead to the same goal: to convey to others what we are. And we must pass through solitude and difficulty, isolation and silence, in order to reach to the enchanted place where we can dance our clumsy dance and sing our sorrowful song - but in this dance or in this song there are fulfilled the most ancient rites of our conscience in the awareness of being human and of being in a common destiny.

(Words of Pablo Neruda, the South American poet whose work won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971)

Nogun's Song

rainbow family

thank you deeply for the nevada site, that
medicine walk, i know wasn't only for me
(it looked good for lots of us over 40
crowd)

however...

i wanted to tell you how much healing it
gave me
i breath deeper, clearer, and the exercise i
couldn't bring myself to do, stretched me
beyond the fear of my pain
i feel happier, more able to move around, i
bike across town now.

great spirit people - bless you all for
giving me that sacred space
place to meet you in

i am deeply clear as to the ways we have
failed in our responsibilities
to one another equals the tribe of all
peoples, and to our planet
how can we assist in it's healing unless we
are a people

a people

hitler's way is what happened at this
year's gathering when people would not
stand for taco mike regardless of whether
he was 'drunk' and exhibited 'bad
behavior' or not - i realized folks
had forgotten why we gather

to sort of quote barry, though not directly,
it's not for a rock concert to be frisked on
the way in and then rush off to the next
boogie or market place.

to heal - i want all of us together - we've
been saying all these years we are all one
then no matter how bad 'assed' anyone is -
let us heal together

how can we cut off our own arm or leg -
some of our 'roughest' folks are the very
people who have made it possible for us to
gather all these years - the ones who are
free of babylon enough to come early and
stay late doing without taking time to
be/stay neat and tidy and clean as i and
others do...
so deep is the level of how they serve us -
we who come for our very superficial
reasons so affluent in our upbringing
(read 'training') and some through extreme
profits on our sacred, au naturelle,
metaphysical elements (read sacraments).
certainly i, like many of our yuppi folks, i
want everyone clean, healthy and shining -
vibrant as the purest crystal

however, when i study crystals i see that
they grow in the earth and before they go
through their acidic bath to literally eat
off the earth that clings to them, they look
'dirty' - even when 'cleaned' many are
broken, chipped and nicked

i am a broken, chipped and nicked human
being - though neat, tidy, and clean
i was taught by masters of the life path how
to garden, bike, hike, and live in balance of
earth and water
wearing white clothes

Spider's
fallen
lips
weaving me
into his
eternal web

i know it is one of the issues that divides
us almost more than the drunk/meat 'vs'
veggie/sober issues

when i dropped away from us several years
back, it was over the clean issue not the
other stuff

i never eat at our kitchens unless i work in
them and i only eat out of the dishes i make
- that's how i grew to do it
when i felt i could not work it out with the
brothers over man/woman ancient 100's of
years old issues i retreated to only doing
town crier and now

pack in my own food and out my own
garbage best i can.

i try not to come as a person who needs a
service and not just to serve any more
when i run out of food i eat 'safe' to me
my style sprouts type stuff or a whole
piece of fruit

and i have never gotten sick at a gathering
since '72 - those rainbow runs which i feel
are the result of the Am Chem and Bio
warfare sabotage on us. It works so well
because our hygienic standards that work
in our own homes (tents or vans/buses)
don't in the large mass gathering - our
thing in many parts of our circle is so
loose they (they govt) can really mess with
us.

also one person in an infectious condition
unknown to even themselves can infect a lot
of folks at a large gathering

on the issue of FEMA people and the DEA
folks and my performance art -
it is important to know who FEMA is and
why it is so important to not let them do
what they do without firm creative
response to it.

a brother carl from santa cruz should be
sending an in depth report on FEMA that i
hope you will print and read and check out
the research documentation personally
Folks, friends, people
that is the only way
in the end
to know where the truth is

i am sorry i couldn't be there to roll the
boulder off the road
i was honored it was there

i do feel our ambulance act a bit
unnecessarily elitist at times
mash- calm needs to work on it's
presentation also - not to officialdom, but
to our people
and all of us need to wonder why we fall
again and again to working for the rangers
and pleasing them and against our own
gatherers - we come not to reach them but
for each other to be real and healing

bet some say look who's talking -
hey in all my flaws here i come also
On the day of the vision council on the 7th
- i chose to block consensus - on the level
of the two hats being passed -
one for "landowner."
first, i don't believe in land ownership -
care taking yes, but owing anybody for the
right to gather on land - i do not respect-
though i loved the site, i personally don't
like the idea of saying he was nice enough
to let us be on the land.
hey - man belongs to the earth- earth does
not belong to man - to quote my new button.
so what irked me is the hat for the indians
had barely a few dollars in it
but for landowner 40\$ immediately -
i say cover what the indian needs first,
then the "landowner"

remember how the land changed hands -
and what indian does with it (\$) does it get
to stated purpose - who cares people raised
money for me last year and i never got a
penny of it - and does it matter that a few
people made money off my encounter with
the jeep -

i say no

please, can any one see the point here

so when a brother got up and said no one
voice should be able to block
that's when i left

i don't expect the tribe to go my way, so i
leave the tribe - i let the tribe go it's way
i go mine

i may come to gather - if i do it will be
about headlice and scabies and cleansing
center and to sing my insights or incites
however you take it

at this point, i don't think the tribe needs
me to hassle it's head in areas it
does not want to go

again, let us walk a few more miles down
the path and up the path together
and become such a groovie honorable
people
that no thief
could bear to walk among us
without becoming us

noguns

on earth or in the
universe
a concept struggling
to live on earth.

The Light You Must Find

The Peace Park Vigil in Washington D.C. circles in prayer with you this Independence Day.

On August 6, we will circle to commemorate the burning of Hiroshima and to lift up the spirit of Peace at the White House gates. We invite all the tribes of the Rainbow to join us. From the Oval Office, tourists every day can see the rainbow on one vigil's sign. That day, may they see many.

For seven years (24 hours a day since June 3, 1981) the Vigil has been voicing the world's silent cry for Peace. On July 4, 1985, we declared Peace Park/D.C. a Nuclear Free World Territory governed by compassion. One month later we joined Peace Park/Hiroshima by radiotelephone link to observe the 40th anniversary of the suffering that fell there.

This year let's honor the future as well as the past by filling Peace Park with a living vision of Peace. Come help create and sustain a week's encampment. Volunteer your expertise: cooking, child care, supply & sanitation, health care, music and celebration. Kitchens must be mobile and self contained; the Vigil is allowed no structures. To circle there our commitment to Peace must be total. The energy we need is loving, in word and deed-- in short, a Rainbow. (No alcohol, please.)

The Peace Park Vigil urges peace, compassion, communication, unstinting negotiations between the superpowers. We vigil for an end to the testing and production and deployment of nuclear weapons, and the dismantling of all arsenals by the year 2000. We vigil to make all war illegal. Our proposed amendment to the constitutions of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. calls on each to use its military budget "to convert all weapons industry employees, processes, plants, programs, and complexes smoothly into constructive peacetime industries" within three years of its ratification. We have gathered 50,000 signatures of visitors from over 100 countries and all States in the U.S. during the past year.

For copies of the petition and other updates on Peace Park, send an S.A.S.E. to Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil, P.O. Box 27217, Washington D.C., U.S.A. 20038, or call 202/462-0757.

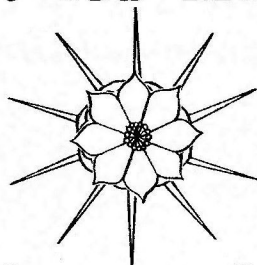
As I write this, I'm locked in a cell in a D.C. jail, surrounded by 50 women in cages shrieking their nightly cacophony of frustration.

Since January 28 I've been caged in shackles on an incredible journey through our penal system-- from court to D.C. jail; by prisoner air transport to Lexington, Kentucky federal prison; by commercial airline (in custody of three marshals); to an Alexandria, Virginia jail; then back and D.C. Jail on writ. I'm awaiting transport back to Kentucky to finish my 80-day sentence. All at taxpayers' expense, of course. I'm actually quite grateful for this grueling trek, because every dollar spent on my "punishment" is one less dollar spent on weapons ...

My outrage with our "justice" system balloons-- I've met entirely too many people suffering unjust laws and sentences, and brutal enforcement policies ...

My "crime": wrapping in a blanket in 32-degree weather while tending anti-nuclear signs outside the White House in Lafayette Park, historic First Amendment front line and birthplace of the Peace Park anti-nuclear vigil, from which Peace Park has now taken its name ...

For four years I've worked in Peace Park beside my husband [William Thomas initiated the vigil over seven years ago -- eds.] without ordinary comforts or protection from the elements other than the clothes we wear, whatever blankets are required to keep out the cold, and a piece of plastic draped over our bodies and literature as needed to keep off rain or snow. We use no tent or other tupe of shelter. Although we may fall asleep involuntarily, we remain responsive to anyone-- police or public, friend or



Long ago the Ancient Ones told us that this would be.

The white man would kill the Spirit of the People and take it to a far place, but after a while it would come back again. It would be born again.

In time a new Spirit would come into the world and we should look for it.

Like the raindrops gathering in the clouds of springtime so would the Spirit come to a thirsty Land and a dying people.

Let it grow! Let it grow!

This Light you must find.

When you seek for your vision on the mountain top you will be told how to find it.

For it will be something so big and so wonderful that in it all Peoples of the World can find shelter and in that day all the little circles

will come under the big circle of Understanding and Unity

The Rainbow is a sign of that which is in all things. It is the sign of the Union of all Peoples

Like one big Family.

Seek the vision. Become a Warrior of the Rainbow!

Let it grow! Let it grow!

From the Rainbow Oracle

"foe"-- who may address us. That is, after all, why we're there. We leave our signs in the custody of others while we perform hygienic and other biologically necessary functions; while we cook, telephone, type and lobby. All property we store outside the park in the limited space that friends make available.

Yet we're accused of using Peace Park "for living accommodation purposes," and have been convicted on the evidence that we took precautions to keep from freezing to death. The justification given for our incarceration was boldly stated by Judge Charles Richey in sentencing us: "to deter others from adopting your lifestyle." (The harshness of that lifestyle has so far been a more-than-adequate deterrence.)

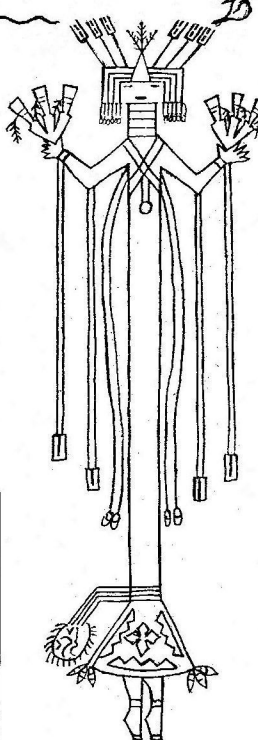
Without public protest, Peace Park anti-nuclear vigilers may be doomed to repeated and more prolonged imprisonment for peacefully exercising their religious beliefs. (Maximum sentence for "camping" in Peace Park is six months.)

I therefore urge you to write to the President, your Congresspersons, Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Court of Appeals, and particularly the press, protesting the Government policies which are barring peace activists from public view and sending them to jail.

U.S. Park Police and U.S.

Attorneys, (often, we are told, under "orders" from above) have brought us to court many times under the "camping" and other absurd Peace Park regulations. Usually charges have been dropped, dismissed, or have brought acquittal. This is the first time that any judge has imprisoned any of us for a "camping" conviction ...

We "American" humans, no matter how much we admire our country's principles-- the Bill of Rights-- must see we have a major overhaul ahead of us to bring reality in line with potential. Yet our time is so short and we each must choose our causes carefully.



I still believe that nuclear annihilation is the most compelling and unifying threat facing humanity. Perhaps in resolving that problem, we'll resolve many others, but oh! how it hurts not to be able to help everyone suffering because of the insensitivity and warped priorities of our brothers and sisters ...

Special greetings to the peace community in prison. Special thanks to our friends in the D.C. area and everywhere. Blessings to all workers for Global Peace.

Fema

* The Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) was set up under the Carter administration to come to the aid, supposedly, of distressed communities in the event of a natural catastrophe such as a flood or earthquake.

FEMA has the power to coordinate all other agencies - state, police, private, and federal, and thusly can manifest a federal takeover of any community, country or city:

* Under the Reagan-Bush regime, the Federal Fascists saw FEMA as a great instrument to impose their military rule (Martial Law) over communities they felt could pose a threat to their national (Fascist) security in the event of their illegal, immoral, military invasion of another country.

* FEMA is now in place in every community wearing the mask of a benefactor, buying the goodwill of community leaders with monetary handouts.

* What happened in Panama was an illegal invasion breaking every rule of national, international, and moral law. The massive genocide of 2,500 poor ghetto dwellers is a FEMA 'trial run' for use here. Thousands of panamanians are illegally detained in military hangars.

* FEMA has been in control of Puerto Rico since the time that hurricane Hugo gave them the professed reason to set up.

* How does FEMA operate? First a State of National Emergency is declared, in our case, the excuse would be the so called War on Drugs.

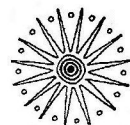
The Federal agents would then send into our communities a massive force of the National Guard. They are prepared to round up about 400,000 people nation wide, people who are, to them, the "undesirable elements": people of color, poor ghetto folks, political dissidents, homeless, AIDS victims, those who "break" strenuous drug laws, and all others who might be considered a "nuisance to society" - and imprison all in stadiums, detention centers, empty schools, military hangars, armories, etc.

Does this ring a bell? It should remind you of the massive roundups the Nazis did with all the german political dissidents, gypsies, and Jews under Hitler!

* Bush will use the mask of the War on Drugs to call upon FEMA.... only the CIA drug pushers and other governmental friends will not be jailed. Bush Wants You! What to do? Tell everyone about the FEMA fascist program - before it's too late. Refuse the National Guard in your community. Refuse the use of armories as jails.

Locate and publicize your local detention centers. Organize your community for self defense against this violation of rights.

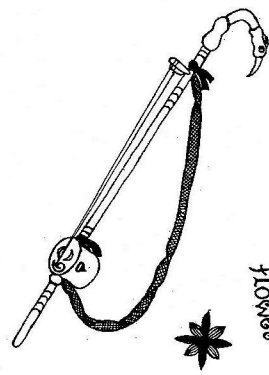
Atlantis Rising and Luna



Sisters and Brothers, Men, Women, Children, Family:

Rainbow family, Tribe, Rainbow Gathering Tribe, Folks I Know, Folks I don't know yet, People in general, you in particular, and anybody I may have missed, you, me, somebody else, etc... plus all other critters, great and small, some of those, yes, even them, birds, animals of all sorts, Buffalo for sure, wolves, insects, all ocean and sky beings, rock, Earth things that matter, matter, space, time/no-time, any dimensions, aliens, or other elementals in Creation, plus attitudes, feelings, friendships, and fears.

I address all of this/these... I would appreciate it if whoever reads this, would give these words a fair hearing, pass this letter on so others may express themselves, about it, or what I may bring up... I am sending this around to Thanksgiving Councils, Friends, any focalizers etc... as many of you know, I am "assertive" in my voicing my perspectives. I have no wish or will to offend with any of these words. I want only to communicate well with beings I respect and love.



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children gone?

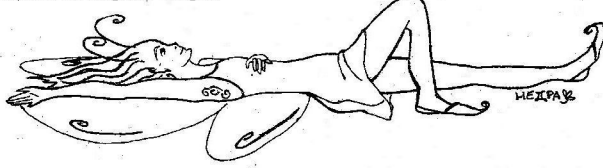
Howdy Folks,

I was born July 27, 1945, full moon of Christ, Alice A. Bailey channeled a Great Invocation... writing down the words expressed through the "teacher". Alice A. Bailey was somewhat a human tape recorder, a scribe. She felt it worthy to write down everything this Tibetan said... he made no claims but seemed to channel some other-being. It is said ('1945') that the Etheric Veil was ripped asunder because of the pain of World War II. A great great showering of Light poured upon the Earth, and since that time. Similar to the Ozone layer depreciation. The Etheric Veil, that mists this Planet from the "flood of light" from Creation/Great Spirit, opened because, I believe/know, that the Stress, the "intense need", of the angels and Beings of Earth was such a plea/prayer, that some Grace was bestowed upon this Earth, help arrived.

Many children born of this time and subsequent to that time have been born "Questing soul", souls looking for answers to the salvation of humankind. Many soul/people I know feel very strongly that they have been here before, here upon this Earth, at other times, other lifetimes. Many persons I know channel energies, of many kinds. Many people I know, are training their "powers", learning to share these special energies with many others. Many others are awakening, opening to the Way of Life, with full use of their Energy. Recently, I met a young girl/woman, who was afraid to dream. She had found, this 17 year old, that all her dreams were coming true. These dreams (ones she remembered) kept happening. It was scary... I spent some time talking with her, speaking to her of "shielding", "directive dreaming" etc... so now, I hope, she "moves" within her dreams, enjoying them, without having to live them out. This young'un is one of my people, who have "energies", some of whom know little of what these energies are... some do... oftentimes, perhaps you have seen these young'uns/others of other ages, at a Grateful Dead Concert or a Gathering, "handling" energies... some would argue these energies are from drugs/herb, most of us/I know better. Many of us awoke in the Sixties, realized that we have been awake from early childhood, "born awake", put to sleep by the society through enculturation process.

We were simply not given all the "facts of life". We learned (I did) later in life that Spiritual/Magical/Awake People have been alive/doing their best for the Earth and All Being All Our Relations; right along with the "War Culture", their has been an Active Peace Culture (my terminology for the difference)... We met in various places, Haight-Ashbury, Washington Square Park, Earth People's Park (Vermont) etc... in a hundred ways, in a thousand places... when we met, we recognized our "kinship"... In the Early Days of the Haight-Ashbury (1966-) we people, called ourselves brothers and sisters, Tribal brothers and sisters...

In Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1969, there was a Rainbow People's... calling themselves a Tribe... (articles: Ann Arbor Sun) they held Councils, outside, in City Parks... John Sinclair went to jail from that Tribe... at Vortex, in 1970, the clean-up crew, calling ourselves Rainbow Fair Family, rode out of Vortex I, later becoming Rainbow Family Tribe, somewhere in all this, some of us opened Rainbow House, in Eugene, Oregon



... out of that we Incorporated as a Church, in the state of Oregon... Rainbow Family of Living Light Inc... for the purpose of opening a way of Bureaucracy (state, local) to legally place young people with us... Rainbow House, Harold, Jeannie, others, myself became a legal foster home, State of Oregon... As a Church inc. we into a niche in the Bureaucracy... through this method we were able to help a number of young people. After a year, we did not renew the Incorporation... at the time we have used the name... lately, the name Rainbow Family of Living Light is becoming the "name of choice" for the Rainbow (or so it seems)... Rainbow Family Tribal Council has been the (preferred) name of choice for our legal battles... up to now... names have connotations... as long as they speak to the all-inclusive vibration of the People, for my taste I accept them.

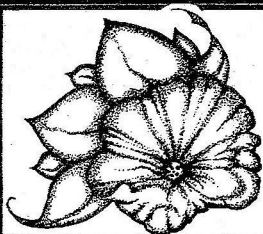


In Montana, as a 5yr. old, I recieved dreams/visions that stayed with me until adulthood, and which were re-awoke within me, in the Haight-Ashbury in 1966. Walking these Visions/Dreams, I met others with similar visions/dreams. We became Found-In/ers, in a Gatherings of Visionaries/dreamers, World Family Gathering July 1972, near Granby, Colorado near Table Mountains... "Your fat king and lean beggar, are variable service, but to the table, that is the end... you may eat fish that ate of a worm that ate of a king"... Hamlet--Shakespeare... This World Family Gathering was sponsored by the Rainbow Family Tribe... Visions/dreams of my childhood/other peoples visions/dreams ... happened.

New Jerusalem, Mandala City of All People, at Strawberry Meadows ... Strawberry Lake. We wrote a book Rainbow Oracle, or How to Blow Minds and Influence People! We gave 5,000 copies away free... I don't even have a complete copy.

Sitting upon the Mountain (Table on the Fourth), on the morning of the 5th of July, I looked out upon the parking lot, of the People... and I saw folks loading their vehicles with their gear... They were leaving... back where they came from... all through the clean-up of that wonderful Gathering, I was amazed that the folks left! Year after year, since then, the people have Gathered... and left! Sometime back a feller wrote a poem about the Gathering and the Scattering. Since 1977, I introduced the P.E.A.C.E. Village to the Gathering People... I have introduced my idea to many groups... there are now Peace camps (encampments) in many parts of the World, in many movements... Positive Energy Alternative Community Environment Villages have yet to manifest. In the ebb and flow of the tides of life, I have many times, end each year, sought the People and resources to manifest a P.E.A.C.E. Village... Ultimately, to manifest New Jerusalem, Madala City for All People... still awaiting Spiritual Magic of the miracle of the people coming To-Gather--not leaving--not leaving!

A number of years ago, I determined to ask each year for a gathering of (minimum) 1000 people for one year for world peace... not counting children... One day soon, perhaps... I await the day. Last year I invited People to join me during Solistice 1992, near Granby Colorado, near Table Mountain, for the Second World Family Gathering --June 21st, 1992 ...perhaps folks will attend and proceed onto the Rainbow



CEREMONY

This article was chosen from Barry "Plunker" Adams' book Where Have The Flower Children Gone

(Message to Rainbow People: this section on Ceremony of Silence, is the only actual part of the book with hip story of Rainbow People.....)

All the rest of the book is Rainbow affiliated people and others doing different things. I decided to include one story, my version of the July 4th. West Virginia, because of the self evident elements. Specifically, to honor our sisters whose deaths sparked such compassion from the West Virginia hill folk. This is not "official" Rainbow Family History. It is what happened, as far as I can say. Each year, at various Gatherings, I relate the Hip stories of the Rainbow Family. I felt this book needed one truly Rainbow Story. If ever a book of Rainbow Hipstories is produced (we have been working on such a production for years) I will offer this story of this Ceremony of Silence to that book, free. This is in tune with keeping my karma straight on the Common Ground and with the Magic Hat. Thank you.)

Ceremony of Silence. July 4th 1980 at noon, Barley Meadows, Three forks of the Williams River, near Marlinton, West Virginia at Rainbow Family Tribal Healing Gathering.

Rainbow Family Healing Gathering: a gathering of this cultural, nomadic, Spiritually Oriented Ecologically Minded Social Environmental Extended Family is held each year in different parts of the country. Suffice to say that each year the one continuing ceremony that has a definite formal that is utilized each year for a centering process is the "Silence on the Fourth of July at Noon" to give honor and respect to all those who have ever aided in the positive evolution humankind or will ever aid and to give honor and respect to all species on Earth and to listen to hear within the Silence and to Pray for Peace on Earth, our blessed and beautiful planet home.

Ceremony of Silence:

This year's Silence Ceremony was as unique as ever; throughout the years of the Gatherings there has always been a quality of diversity concerning the Silence.

It is the one time throughout a Gathering when we opt to listen to each other by sitting with one another in non verbal ways. This year it was going to happen in the center of camp, in other years it happened at different places near or within the camp.

Due to the unique Political Atmosphere, law enforcement confrontation relationship, we had tight Shanti Sena in effect (security). This Shanti Sena consisted of people stationed as lookouts throughout the entire camp. We had been threatened with State Police and at the moment two or three Law Enforcement Forest Service Officers were at our Front Gate, greeting people on their way to a Spiritual Religious Gathering with guns on and with scowls on their faces. This condition caused us to have to deal with the situation in dramatic ways and we were on the morning of the Fourth of July prepared to position our plans, an operation we called "Operation Space"

It became part of the Ceremony of the Fourth only because it is necessary for all kinds of psyche spiritual physical laws necessary to have a clear passage from the World Surround to the Center Fire at the Gathering and out again when the Silence Ceremony occurs.

Operation Space consisted of us planning the night before a way that we could have the Officers (armed, scowling) to move back from the Front Gate of the Gathering (a road leading into the area) and give our people some "space" to greet our incoming friends, brothers and sisters, neighbors or just curious folks with the kind of loving, gentle, mellow, happy, enthusiastic "vibrations" that we ourselves would want to greeted by.

Consequently we devised this plan which was to simply ask every interesting character who came by at Operation Tipi or along the trail to go up to the Front Gate and do whatever they could to cause the officers to "back off". Peaceably naturally. Non aggressively as possible. The final character was named Bilbo Baggins a bubble blower who has dealt with many Policia over the years in various street gatherings. Very intuitive, creative, stubborn, street wise to know just how far to go without getting arrested.

In addition, we had Gray Eagle, family photographer, who has been snapping pictures at "actions" since early civil rights. Gray Eagle recorded the whole thing for posterity and proof.

Pictures taking is disconcerting to some Policia. Since early Haight Ashbury days many of our people have found cameras



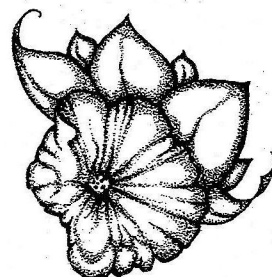
a key tool in the kit for any Peacemaking group. A brother Stony Tony went up to watch what happened, to keep things from happening that might lead to blow up, his main job was to come in at the right moment and help to resolve whatever was happening and persuade the Ranger Officers to allow our Shanti Sena to deal with the Front Gate situation.

Also we had folks stationed at either end of the road approaching the Gate, out of sight of the Rangers., letting folks coming in know what they should do, not get alarmed, not move fast, but to move as slow as possible without getting arrested. A "slowdown" in the middle of the woods, with only one road, with hundreds of cars arriving creates a huge traffic jam. We asked folks also to ask the Ranger Officers to repeat what they said, acting if they didn't hear what was being said, standard civil disobedience procedures for actions, learned at nuclear power plants, gatherings, street marches for years in the streets of the good Ole U.S.A. hummph! The goal was to free the Front Gate by Noon.

It worked extremely well, with the final act being either the frustration of the Officers, or the ribbing they were getting from the State Police, who had shown up to watch (actually, we responded because we deliberately announced our intention to "put Operation Space into effect at 10 a.m., over our C.B. radio being monitored by the State Police and Rangers:



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unbeknownst to us, one D.E.A. agent was undercover operating our c.bs).

Bilbo blowing bubbles on their official car in the middle of the road is what finally got to the Rangers. They appealed to Stony Tony for aid in dealing with Bilbo, who totally frustrated them, and Stony spoke with Bilbo and persuaded him to cease and desist.

The Rangers officers moved back and sat in their cars while we worked the traffic at the Front Gate and welcomed our brothers and sisters into the Gathering. This happened before noon. Two busloads of State Troopers showed up before 10 a.m. on the fourth (expecting trouble), stood around looking mildly irritated.

Operation Space was successful. Immediately we began being mellow towards the Rangers, became friendly. Instead of giving them uncooperativeness, we gave them cooperation. It had an amazing effect on them, to point that they later, in the person of Pete Ziegler were downright respectful, him covering his gun when he came into the Gathering on the 6th. Meanwhile during the whole day of the Fourth the Ceremony of Silence was being instigated throughout the camp.

I say instigated because in a way, everything is subject to change. If the time came that we went around the camp and

asked folks to respond and respect our request for Silence and most folks said forget it, then we would have to withdraw off of the Center Fire and go to some quieter spot.

The request is always made, at each step of the way, either formally or informally throughout the camp. If there are no major objections then what is to happen continues. Only when there is major objection and one strong enough that the events must be placed in "limbo" until such time as the objection is resolved can any event at a gathering continue.

Consensus among 6,000 people with little or no communications technology must be done on other levels other than mere speech or mechanical devices. Some folks would laugh if I were to say that the subtlest of levels psychic or spiritual are used.

On these levels is Agreement through interpretation of the Waves of Psychic Energy, or gossip or rumor. Within moments at a Gathering, almost every person is tuned into every other person through the mass gathered circle of unified field magnetism relationship in an empathetic way.

A mixture of Pure Mind Science sensitive to Pure Heart Feelings.

When you ask five thousand people scattered over 100 acres to respect the Silence at the Center Fire, you have to explain what the Silence is, have to ask folks that don't want to be silent to move to the outreaches of the Camp so that the Center will be Silent. You do this beginning the afternoon of the third, and the morning of the fourth. Of course you have the request on the invitation, too.

Walking to the Center Fire I walked up to a group of folks that were in a Circle, assumed assumed that they were there to act as "starting group" to begin and I walked up and said Howdy and asked them all to help clear the skies. They stopped and looked at me and one of them spoke and said that they were a dance group and just happened to be there in a circle. I apologized, but they said "far out" that they would like to go ahead and be the starting group and in this way the Silence Ceremony began.

We first prayed and "omed" for clear skies. It was a cloudy day, looked rainy, but within moments the sky began to clear. We all stood and centered and focussed on the image of sun shining through the clouds and within moments the sky opened right above us and we had clear skies for the rest of the afternoon. That was alright "Visualization".

Then we gathered and turned to one another and passed the word outward from the center to ask people to be silent if they would and move back to the outer fringe of the camp if they wanted to go on playing music etc. Within moments the entire camp except for the outer fringes and a (very) few persons along the trail doing bartering fell silent.

The children, by the way, were at this time in a camp of their own, Kid Village, within the main camp but not close to the Center Circle. Enough Adults were with them to care for them.

For the next two hours, some 3,000 to 4,000 folks sat in silence, with waves of sound coming towards the center, then quieting. It was very beautiful. At one point toward the very end of the two hours prior to our traditional "breaking up", a very loud sister came near the center where several thousand people were gathered and she was yelling "Peace, Love, Revolution" over and over... some people turned and spoke to her but from a thousand voices the gentlest om came forth and swept the air and then was a return to silence. The sister saw what she was yelling about happening.

During the silence there were several people who did silent, pantomimed prayers, another unusual occurrence. Usually, folks just are there together, comfortably.

True equality exists in that Circle of Unity in Silence. True Equal relationship to everyone and everything. Many folks can be orators and be highly respected but everybody can be silent, it takes no special skill and it is a great equalizer. ... It has been difficult at times, but it is a powerful Ceremony and it transforms people, from a sense of insecurity or inequality to a sense of unity, purpose, respect, and security. You just know that everyone else in that Circle is willing the best, most positive things to happen on Earth and to you, a great Ceremonial exchange. How impressive years ago when Dr. Martin Luther King was buried and the world paused for a moment of Silence, giving his efforts the respect in Death that they have done in Life....

... Silence is a wonderful thing and contemplation of all the good folks that have kept the good light shining bright down throughout the ages, known and unknown. It is a good way to reflect on the roots of humanity. The Ceremony of Silence was effective. The Encampment enjoyed it.

Gathering ... (Always a chance they will be near to one another).... Potential of War in the Persian Gulf, and every where else, would seem to dictate that Peace People should unite...Stop the War on Earth! Any of Us who have gathered know that when people are To-Gather We have real Magic; We have the Way to Stop the War on Earth! Anyone know a 1,000 People of Peace? If so, please contact me, all 1,000 People and we will go for it! Love---

2) Discussion of Centering Councils at Rainbow Gathering: Garrick B. will present this (potential) plan. After many years of thought and struggle as to how to aid the Centering of the Gatherings, particularly with Councils in mind...a thought!

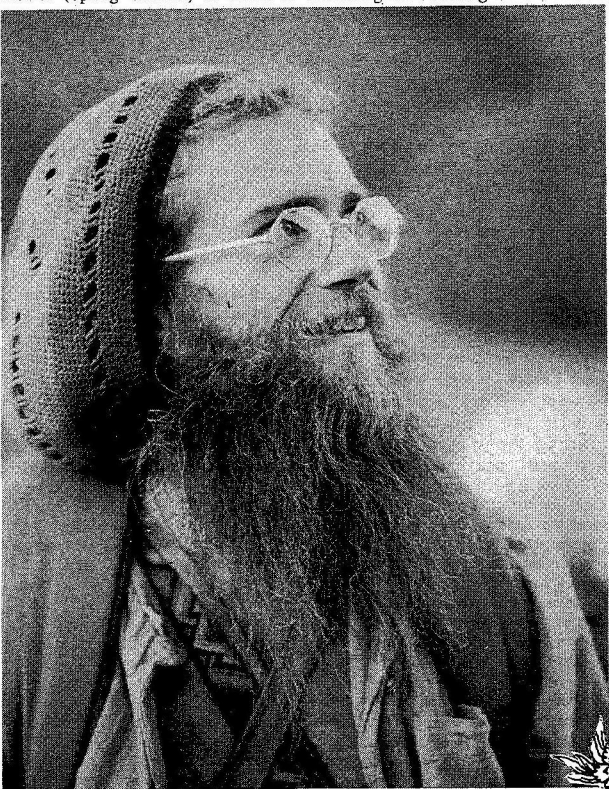
In 1979, the Illuminated Elephants came to Arizona Gathering, bringing with them the idea of a Ceremony---presenting the plan, they proceeded to go from camp to camp, within the Gathering and invite the different "clans" to come to a peace pagent...and on the 6th of July, the first Peace Ceremony was held. It focused energy on Peace, Centered the Family, helped folks to identify themselves with their own space/place within the texture of the Weave of the Gathering. Since that time, Ceremonies have come and gone, yet the idea of Functional positions i.e. C.A.L.M. Mash, Information Center...in other Ways, folks affinity with one another and become a Unity...Taco Kitchen, Loving Oven, Hobo Hilton,...on occasion such crews as Parking Lot, Shanta Sena, Bus Village etc...many,many adhoc crews---unity similar to clans---Some of these Units have lasted for years...some form and re-form at each ...and with the advent of the many, many smaller Regional, local , community Gathering/Picnics/Full Moon Festivals/ Get-Togethers/ Councils---the formation of Unities of many natures is commonplace.

(note: it is my estimation that between July 7th,1988 to July 1, 1989, there were a hundred Gatherings large and small...between January 1st, 1990 until July 1st 1990, there were over hundred Gatherings---great and small---between July 7, 1990 and now, November 16, 1990, there have been over 30 Gatherings, great and small---last year, over Thanksgiving, I estimate there were over 50 Councils---great and small...I base this date on Newsletters/phone calls, letters etc...I have read or people connected me into...I would have loved to have a map, with pins on it, with every Council/Gathering on it...someday.. perhaps a video linkup...Council of the Air...)

Considering, that perhaps, within the next couple of years...regardless whether there is War or Not...Peace People, one end of the Earth to the Other,are Gathering, will Gather, need to Gather. I envision, in a Hundred Years the advent of Tribal Earth...an Earth operated within the Consensus Process...with the Earth's Peoples voicing there "yammer" (two senses worth) to one another through Worldwide Communications...Council of all the Tribes...Earth Tribes...Center-Eyes-ing the Gathering become a -paramount issue. Many, many people have chewed on this idea for many, many moons.

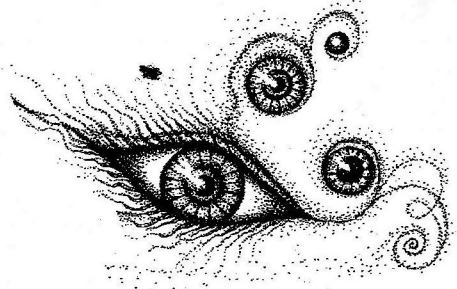
Perhaps what is needed, is something very similar to the Peace Ceremony of 1979...

Imagine, if you will, this scenario: By the time that this year's Gathering moves from Scout Encampment stage to Seed Encampment stage to the Spring Council stage...Affinity Groups begin to form...(I base my date on the number of Seed Encampments I have been in...I have taken the Full Ride,(as I call it) from Scout Encampment to Seed to Flower (Spring Council) to Lotus to Scattering and Folding of the Flower



(Clean-up) many times.

As people collect in their Unity,often times this takes the form of the Kitchen ...to Gathering, equipment, tools, food,resources etc...and their own Council process,within thier group...mingling and gathering with others,who may have thier own versions of this mingling,is difficult to achieve...We have always had a wide variation of peoples who appear at Gatherings ...straights,meateaters,vegetarians, fruitarians,you name it, many different peoples...the co-mingling of all these peoples and working it out,is the hallmark of Our People...Council Process...People Counciling with one another, keeping the energy warm, personal yet maintaining the Workings of the Gathering is an amazing task...very difficult or easy depending upon who is Counciling with whom at the time...Breakdowns between Crews/ kitchens/ peoples within the Gathering. ..over various thing,has happened many times... Minnasota was ,in my perspective,the most anarchistic Gathering we have had...this was an element I loved about it...systems worked good,yet People rarely outright Councilled with one another. Councils took place in every kitchen,every encampment ...and in each person's indivual heart and mind. People lived their version of the consensus.



The few,interested persons who attended actual Council council,found themselves sharing information with very few persons.Variou Statements were issued out of these small Council councils...some of them at odds with long-standing consensus,of the Family, traditional consensus...such as one involving a Consensus Decision that the Family will never turn over any one to the law enforcement for jail or treatment. This Spontaneous Consensus is in variation with Long-time Consensus of the Family and Council...which is that each and every case is dealt with in a case-by-case basis.

We have,in the past, as Shanti Sena and as Rainbow Family,we have made "citizen arrests" on a number of individuals,for a variety of crimes: sexual assault,child molestation, and have taken several individuals to treatment centers because We, as a People have no facilities for them...Family and individuals and law enforcement have gathered evidence, aided one another in prosecution of some indivuals (see Ramos case later in this document), Lack of participation in Council process, i. e. Actual Presense at the Council Arena...(with the site of council in question, it is no wonder that few People attended physically at Councils)...plus lack of knowledge of some of the Long-term Consensus of the Rainbow Family Tribal Council,gave rise to this particular council consenses decision---plus the need of the People to speak out for a better way to deal with criminals and so-called crazy people---which I agree needs a solution. Iwas not at the Council,nor did I accept its Consensus,but I do strongly support the aim and purpose of thier will...

As further example I offer Texas '88 Council...(this is all leading to a need to Center-eyes the Council with a Ceremony....bear with me....)

After the Silence on the Fourth, as the Party began, I asked for an interruption of the Celebration for a Moment of Council...(a young woman spoke to me later,stating her objection to my even Asking for any interruption---I'm chewing that one over...in many ways she was correct...the occasion was to Ask Persons to move their vehicle off the Front Lawn/Council/Circle area of the Gathering ...many vehicles were in very close...I facilitated and People agreed---easily---to Consensus to move their vehicles...folks even made impassioned speech about why the Spirit and a variety of Deities have spoken into their hearts and minds to move their vehicle...We all held a moment of Silence, Consensus---in the Light of Day---then we went on to the Celebration...How many people moved their vehicles? Estimate one! The People Lived their Consensus!

People lived their Consensus---their agreements--as was done in Other Tribes, all over the Earth...People simply living their Consensus is okay, in my opinion,if they are an informed People...People gain information at Councils, either in their own Kitchen/ crew/ unity/clan area or in the Greater CouncilInformation leads to debate,discussion folks chew over what is to happen or not happen...speak up for what they can and then agree,with full heart and mind,Live the Consensus they Agree too---this is a choice way to go...

How to inspire People to come to Councils is the task! Good issues ain't enough ...however...if, at every Council Circle there is a Place made on that Circle for the Various Unities---example: each Region have a place on the Circle(several sitting places) each kitchen has its .Standard, its Symbol of its Unity, at a place on the Circle---naturally,next to each Region, next to each Kitchen or Crew Position, their would need to be

space /place for Individuals...This Circle of Symbols/ Standards would be similar to an Astrological chart...as each Kitchen begins at a Gathering--perhaps, persons from the Sitting Circle, could approach the in-coming Kitchen and formally invite them to send Representatives and their Standard to the Circle Each Day.

In this Way, a Ceremony of Greeting is done for each kitchen, or Arriving Crew...for those who come as a Unity...they can announce their Presence, bring their standard to the circle. A Greeting would then be extended, a Greeting and Welcome by the Circle...by the time of Spring Council a variety of Standards could be positioned at the Circle. Representatives could come each day and fill-in/seat themselves at the Council, at their Standard. Always there would be positions on the Circle for Individuals...a blend of Representative and representing Democracy takes place.....

I feel very strongly that Position on the Circle, Welcoming and Greeting Ceremony, Standards representing Unitys....all of these could become attractive ways that Persons, areas, kitchens, crews will feel a sense of Connection to the Circle and the Council, Circle Ceremony.....a thought!

(3) Ramos Case:

In the summer of 1986, at the Penn. Gathering, a man known as Michael Jose Antonio Ramos, was found by some Shanti Sena people to be in the company of a child, a breaking of his word/agreement with the Shanti Sena and the Rainbow--stemming from a 1983 (Michigan) incident and his presence at the 1985 Missouri Gathering. Jose was under agreement because of his illicit behavior with children (boys). At that time, myself, John Buffalo and other Shanti Sena removed the child from his presence and he was encouraged to go "down the road".....we tracked him out of the Gathering, while we approached the parents of the child. Subsequent to this set of circumstances, Jose Antonio Ramos, was found to have (sexual criminal assault of a child, one count, plead guilty October 1990).....see (All Ways Free, issue Summer 1990.) Jose Antonio Ramos has been in prison as a result of harming two other children (family, Rainbow connected people,) in August 1985. Jose Antonio Ramos's case was brought before Shanti Sena Council and Rainbow Council 1986--at that time there was a vote of confidence in carrying out the prosecution of Ramos, on all charges--Shanti Sena people (volunteers--myself others) worked on that case all this time. Recently, as part of the case I seperated myself out "as an individual" in this case....because of the Federal Interface connected with this case--at this time that status remains...

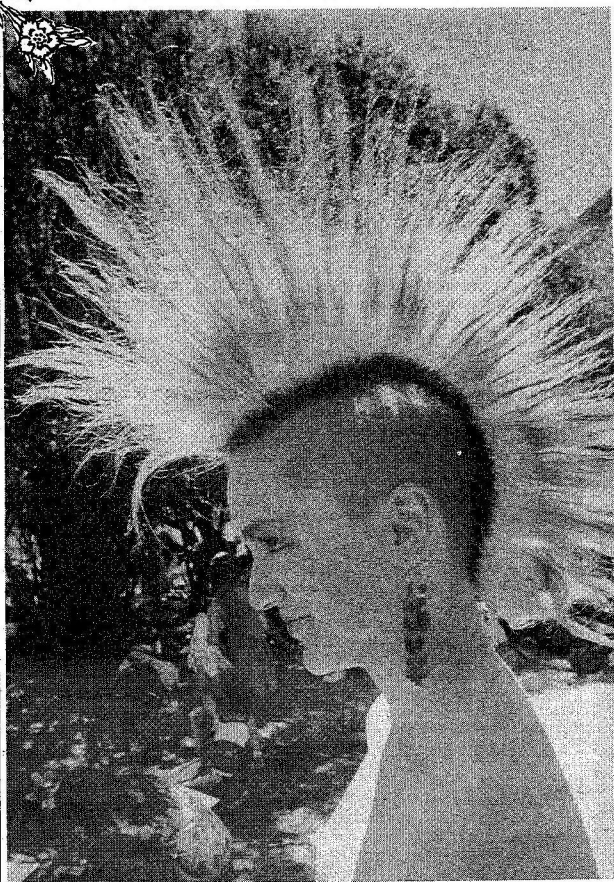
However, as per my agreement to Rainbow People, other Shanti Sena people and interested parties...I am reporting to this Thanksgiving Council, that November 29, 1990...Warren County, Warren Penn. Jose Antonio Ramos will be sentenced....it is my opinion that Ramos should be given the maximum sentence allowed within the law.

This could be a period up to 20 years in Prison. Additionally, I would like to be on the record for stating that during this 20 year period that the Rainbow should use Ramos's case as a way to focalize an effort to establish a Treatment(Healing) way for such persons. Society, at this time, has no actual alternative for Prison for such people. Sex Abuse programs are few and far between. These persons, ill to the extent of exploiting children, are generally sent into Prison Populations, where they are, in turn, exploited by other prisoners, sometimes guards ect...It is well known data that younger prisoners, in jail, are victimized by placing them with "hardened" prisoners---these ill persons, like Ramos, become the bottom end of the Pecker Order...consequently, younger prisoners learn to victimize child molesters...and in turn, many of them come out of prison and find that only children are available for their exploitation skills---this is an ugly cycle...children who are victimized many times grow up to be victimizers themselves...during the years, since 1983 (Ramos was also our first "known predator") there have been several such characters...one named Rainbow Bill, in Missouri, 1985--sexually assaulted a 7 yr old girl, with in 100 yds. of Kid Village--Rainbow Bill worked in Kid Village for a time...he was captured/ arrested by Shanti Sena. We made a "citizens arrest"(of sorts), turned Rainbow Bill over to Missouri Law enforcement, subsequently aided in gathering evidence to convict him (we sought evidence to clear him until the child i.d. Rainbow Bill---Bill is now doing up to 15 years in the Missouri State Penn.) We have tightened security around Kid Village since then...Ramos operated out of Bus Village...in 1989, in Nevada, a young guy, 26 yrs. old named Chris Joytalk, was finally discovered (some kids tripped us off) to illicit behavior with children...

However, we had no actual charge on him that we could prosecute...he was escorted to San Francisco, by volunteer Shanti Sena escort, brought before his counselor... was immediately turned loose

..Chris Joytalk told us many things about his messed up life...his "play with kids" as he calls it, is exploitive in nature---both to him and any children he encounters...sad, but matter of factly, there is no real place where Jose and Chris can get help. Both felt they sent to the Rainbow, in some way, for healing...so it is my recommendations an individual (or as a Shanti Sena on detached duty) as an individual of the council... that our people issue a strong statement (on November 30th, 1990 or the day(or moment) after Ramos is sentenced... a statement concerning the fact that society should strive to find the Healing Way for characters like Ramos... my rec:

(1) All persons, like Ramos in prison be removed to a separate treatment center---Voluntary and Involuntary Treatment Center...all child sexual assaulters, etc... should be removed to this separate Treatment Center so that they will not be contaminating other persons



in prison, especially young prisoners.

(2) That Treatment of these Persons be something the Rainbow stays connected too...these folks, out of a society riddled with such folks, show up at the Gathering...we must take a hand in this matter...for the children...

3)move the society toward treatment through processes as they came to us....

4)least we forget, we focalize Ramos as a symbol of a a symptom of illness in Earth Society,that need to be addressed....Jose Antonio Ramos is one-sad individual...he needs all the healing prayer he can get...(we are all still searching for victims of Jose,we estimate many children (possibly directly connected with the Family) have been exploited by Jose Antonio Ramos

5) Our people be vigilant---deal with these folks with compassion but stand strong in support parents, children, victims of sexual assault situation---in this case the family involved, their children and themselves have been heavily affected by this character Ramos victimizing their family...

Our prayer for these folks should be strong, good vibrations, healing vibration... Support the Victims of Criminal Assault--- Support of the Victims---in our prayers and in our action---I will never accept a Consensus of Any Council that declares they shall never prosecute persons for such "heavy" crimes--No Consensus can ever be made that Violates our basic Agreements of "looking after one another and our children"---I support wholeheartedly a Consensus to find a healing way in all these matterseventually,when such a healing way is found there will be no jails,no prisons,no institutions...in themeantime,I Support the Victims---Shanti Sena Council,on such matters, over many years,has stood in Consensus to Support the Victims ---and Rainbow Family Tribal Council,long time Consensus,Traditional Consensus---has always Supported the Victims,in all Cases...Case by Case Basis...Open to Debate,but Supporting the Victims,in my opinion,is not Open to Debate-----

6) if possible,a Resolution in support of a Healing Way for such persons(whether defined or not)a Resolution that there be found a Healing Way, put our people on something to find a solution to it...and sooner or later a Way will be found...

7) a Resolution in Support of the Victims,in this case a Family of four,Two young boys, mother,father...a Resolution for their Healing...folks in need,indeed...

8) a great deal of media is involved in this case, because of Ramos connection to all other cases...and some are currently contemplating stories about my connection to all this and Rainbow...a brief statement to the Press would be nice...some Shanti Sena observers and folks connected to this case will be at Thanksgiving Council---a clear statement in support of the Victims and in support of the Healing Way to be found---could be presented to the Press....right after the

a WELCOME HOME for the HOMELESS?

Thank you for listening. There are a lot of homeless people caught up in a vicious circle of making only so much from day labor forces; receiving food stamps and not having kitchen facilities thus ending up with poor eating habits; harassment from the public and police in major cities; and day-to-day living in major cities takes its toll.

I'd like to see a space set up at gatherings that can provide information on: food stamps; in-house job training at shelters; how to set up a shelter; squatters rights; and establishment of a food kitchen network (so people on food stamps without cooking facilities can get more nutritious meals and have a healthier diet).

I'd also like to organize an effort to let homeless at shelters in the vicinity of gatherings know that a gathering is being held (flyers distributed beforehand); transportation arrangements for a day-long or overnight trip for the homeless who haven't yet been to a gathering; and healing for those in attendance might be accomplished, as well as new ideas which may come from the information center.

Spiritual healing centers for the homeless are also very necessary; teachings on visualization, meditation, and self-esteem.

We have an opportunity to enhance someone's well-being and self-esteem; we can improve a person's skills in self-sufficiency and one's knowledge of and respect for the earth. We can provide work experience that would promote dignity and self-respect, as well as a respect for the land. If homeless children were given the opportunity to participate in our efforts, wouldn't this kind of participation raise the social, educational, health and dignity levels of homeless children?

I'm just asking you to consider that there are a lot of homeless men, women, and children who had no choice in the matter, they are at a loss for what to do; they're in an unsparingly precarious situation and would appreciate your assistance.

Please let me know where you'd like to help. Can we get together on this? Thanks.

June Korda
c/o HOI P.O. Box 5455
Atlanta GA 30307

Homeless Solutions Unlimited #1

Howdy Folks,

Accurate count of the Homeless? I pray the intelligence is shown to multiple whatever figure they reach by at least 10.

I have had extensive involvement with the crisis and am aware of some basic ways the cities can help. A way that would allow many of the homeless families solve their dilemma in which they will help themselves is that the cities of our nation have custody of property that was detained through delinquent taxes. If it's owned by the city, in reality it belongs to the people, does it not? Thus, it stands to reason that the homeless should be allowed "squatter's rights." Let them have these buildings and give them 3 years to bring them up to all inspection standards (re: fire, health dept.). Once they pass the tests, allow them to keep the property for tax income or else give them a 99 year lease of a set reasonable amount not exceeding tax levels. Continue to build low income housing by all means, but give these people an opportunity to work for their own path out of desperation and oppression. Remember, shelters are not homes and many of them present more danger than the streets. Plus, a majority of them are closed now that its past winter.

In New York from September 1987 thru June 1988, I was involved with a Temple of the Rainbow Food Kitchen. It was only the first step of the true vision, and worked very well with all of it's support from the private sector. We fed over 1,000 homeless a day and the people who needed this program were the volunteer's who made it work. There was extensive coverage and local police support. We demonstrated you can fill an empty belly with good nutrition for a dime. This was a field kitchen table to move in one day and still have food on the serving line, 3 - 10 pm.

Our vision was to eventually move to an abandoned school where we would secure the food, serving 24 hours a day plus, turn classrooms into temporary shelter with a criteria that children come first and keeping families together. In return these children's parents will work to help keep a kitchen functional in open choice of hours and will have 90 days in which to seek a new home before a first review. There is much more that this develops into and need not be funded by the government involvement beyond providing a place to do it in. Media involvement helps and those of us who worked the kitchen on the Lower East side of Manhattan relieved

donations from as far away as Hawaii because media got the word out.

Not everyone that has a grasp on the American Dream is so selfish as the Not IN My Backyard (N.I.M.B.Y.). Outside of the Bay Area, it is hard to find a good program for the homeless because of those of us who will establish a way are harassed by police and health departments, often incarcerated for not obtaining non-existent permits. This is part of what I mean as practice of N.I.M.B.Y.

When the new deal was established it should not have set up the welfare system as an on going endless, nonpersonal bureaucratic organization. Although it is currently under going overhaul, it still fails to get people back on their feet in a manner of self respect and it made the private sector of America grow calloused to itself. Instead of communities sharing and caring about each other, we have developed a cold shoulder to our neighbor's needs telling them to go to gov't for needed assistance.

The desire for education and the reduced percent of drug consumption will manifest as people are able to pursue the American Dream with the security of good nutrition and stable homes. You cannot solve another person's problems, but you can establish a way for them to have healthy minds and bodies and a path to these basic needs.

Through such programs as people working together to eat right and create roofs over their heads for themselves, the quality of life in our community will improve. With the knowledge shared through the media to the private sector, it will undoubtedly be supported by the people making need for government involvement very small indeed. We also demonstrated that doing this way costs less by \$7.90 per person, according to statements made by former Mayor Koch.

I am willing to go over this issue with anyone, especially with the media and government officials that are interested in changing for a better America, the way this crisis is being handled. First steps are to share the wisdom of how to alleviate this nation's embarrassment. I will also go into much greater detail and have a media journal from New York.

You may leave a message for me (415) 341-3110 ext. 1407, or write to: 2228 South El Camino Real #22, San Mateo, CA 94403-1853. Basically, my hours are open and I must rely on public transportation.

Sincerely,
Cascades Beacon

(a sidebar:)

CAN YOU APPLY FOR EMERGENCY FOOD STAMPS?

—Did you make less than \$150 in the past 30 days?

—Do you have less than \$100 in cash or savings?

You are entitled to what's called expedited service. This means getting food stamps no more than 5 calendar days after you apply. You have the right to file your application the same day you go to the Food Stamp office (in the U.S. Gov't pages of your phone book). The office must talk with you on the day you apply to see if you qualify for expedited service. If you have any trouble filling out the application, someone from the Food Stamp office must give you the assistance you need. If you qualify, you need to know your Social Security number, and you need I.D. If you have no I.D., the Food Stamp office must try to call someone who knows who you are to check your identity. You do not have to live in a permanent dwelling, have a fixed address or cooking facilities. You can not be turned down because you live in a car, on the streets, in a homeless shelter or a spouse-abuse shelter. You have the right to receive a written decision.

I realize that A.F.D.C. (Aid for Dependent Children) and many other public benefits programs have many pitfalls and can prohibit a person from pursuing a fruitful, productive life. They cause frustration. However, I tend to view obtaining food stamps—especially emergency food stamps—differently. For one thing, it

doesn't have to be an ongoing benefit, and as far as I can tell, one doesn't have to get caught up in it by using food stamps from time to time as a last resort. (The benefit is based on the prior month's earnings.)

It seems a shame that basic food is a commodity in the first place—seems unnatural, when with respect for nature we could rely on its abundance to feed every-

one. Right now there are simply not enough shelters to house and feed all who are homeless. Of course, if there are other sources, such as food cooperatives or pot-lucks, that's a better alternative, and we should work on cultivating land donated as soon as possible. Thank you for listening. I'll pass the feather to you now.

—June



The love that flows through our laughing bodies
is like a beautiful spring day
after an afternoon shower
leaving behind a Rainbow

Tom Bantle
P.O. Box 106
Butner, N.C. 27509

Greetings Rainbow Family-

My name is Tom. I'm writing from a Correctional Institution. I'm serving a seven year sentence for LSD. I'm not doing too bad though. I'm seeing a lot of weirdness. I'm getting first-hand experience at how bad things really are. I've mostly avoided these kind of people most of my life. But now I have to live closely with them. I used to feel contempt for these people. But now as my self-righteous attitude is fading, I'm developing a much deeper compassion for their confusion. After all we're all human, and we are dealing with things the best we can. For some people the system's brainwashing and conditioning has taken away their true being and left them with a role they feel they must play. We can only do our best to teach them and help them understand the true essence of our nature. Gently and lovingly we can help these confused spirits. Society is a mean nasty ugly monster that's taken over people's minds, hearts and spirits. By setting our example and helping people understand that there is a better way, and that no, they can't lose by giving up on society. The world that man has created is starving their spirit. The things that "society" has to offer are all bullshit compared to the beauty of Nature's spiritual realm.

For me this time I'm spending here is a time of intense Growth. This journey through the dark side is helping me to understand people and what went wrong. It seems as if a beautiful child doesn't have much of a chance, what with the T.V., Mom and Dad's world, their teachers and the environment they grow up in. It's hard for a being to stay true to his nature in "society". All a person is meant to be, it seems, is a part in society's machine. We must tear down the machine and learn to live again. Would you please send me a copy of All Ways Free, and other stuff I might like to read. This can be a really lonely place at times, and I'd be grateful for any good-loving-energy you could send my way.

Rainbow Love,
Tom.

Ronald P. Sabo
79687-011
3901 Klein Blvd.
Lompoc, CA 93436

I am fifty years old and currently a prisoner in the Federal Penitentiary at Lompoc, CA. A failed bank robber, I nevertheless strongly support the idea of self-sufficiency, and embrace the ideal of self-determination.

Department of the Army
Gresham, Michael W.
Box #73204
Drawer 'A'
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
66027-7140

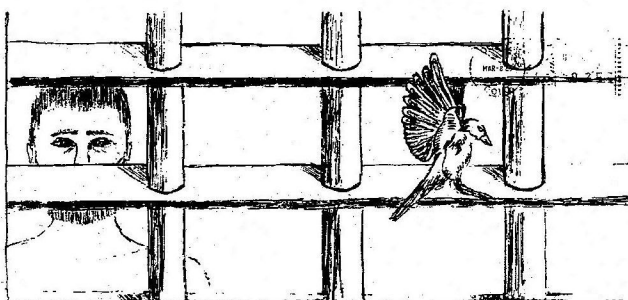
Saw a copy of AWF left down here in the 'hole' to be passed around... this paper is beautiful, just beautiful...Bright blessings!

Dale R. Gowin
91-B-0209
P.O. Box 500
Elmira, NY 14902

I was busted in a sting operation in which an undercover cop tricked me into acquiring for him a forbidden mind-manifesting magical medicine (a Liberating Sacrament of Divinity.) I ended up with a conviction of "Conspiracy" and a 6-12 year sentence. Looking forward to hearing from you, and wishing you all the best of health, happiness and success...



Without Sky



Danny Fallon #83259-022
P. O. Box 5000
Sheridan, OR 97378-5000

I'm looking for Dusty!

It is also desirable for me to hear from anyone who would be interested in comforting "the sick or those in prison." I love reggae music. I love what the Rainbow Family and its Gatherings stand for. Even though I have never attended a gathering my heart and my mind has gone there numerous times and is with you forever.

Michael Maguire
4711 Sandy Camp Road
High Point, N.C. 27265

I'm locked up in North Carolina and I wanna know how it's going out there where there is love and light. I need a miracle...Peace

Greg Lowe #40025-080
Bldg. 5
P.O. Box 9000
Seagoville, TX 75159

I would like to learn all I can about the Rainbow Family and the Gatherings...

Michael S. Rader, Jr.
Reg. No. 57163-065
P. O. Box 5000
Sheridan, OR 97378

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Well, here I sit in prison. I made a boo-boo and got in trouble. But as giving as life is, I received your address from a fellow brother. He said to write to you and you might have something to cheer me up...

David Myrick
P.O. 266
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Freedom

Freedom is where? It's within all our minds & Souls and keeps growing within, our Gods have chosen us to set our minds free from society and all its negativity. We are the brothers and sisters that will follow through with our destiny and make these changes that need to be done. The father of the world has picked us the Rainbow Family to show peace, love and harmony the Irie sensation will come about all of society, brothers and sisters I love you all.

David.

Eddie Jarvis 38311 7D25
Farmington Correctional Center
1012 W. Columbia
Farmington, MO 63640

You are all very beautiful people!

Lisa Chilson #158594
Box 7
Shakopee, MN
55379

Hello,

I attended the Gathering in Minnesota last year. It was one of the most beautiful, enlightening experiences in my whole life. We, (my friends & I), couldn't help stay longer than we had planned (10 days instead of 7). It was wonderful. It was my first. I would have loved to go this year, but unfortunately, I can't. I'm incarcerated for the sale of LSD. My first offense. I'll be here for 36 months.

Have a wonderful time at this year's National Gathering. My spirit will be with you all.

Thank you & peace
Lisa Chilson

Geoff Gordon
999 West Mathews Rd.
French Camp, CA 95231

Was hitchhiking in CA one day and got picked up by Family and brought to Mt. Shasta Gathering...what I encountered up on that volcano turned out to be the most incredible experience. In prison now for Psilocybe Cubensis...please write, I want to know more...

Carl Livingston 1/B
1655 West St.
Redding, CA 96001

after the summer:
Carl Livingston #937883
P. O. Box 1000
Stellacom, WA 98388

Used to go to Gatherings with my parents...need to talk to some real people, so please send letters!

see PRISON on 26

Without Sky

Where would clouds live?
How could the sky mother's tears
moisten my hot cheeks,
my burning eyes?

Who would wash the dust
from the canyons in my chest,
cleanse my heart with soft rain,
and water spring's seedlings?

How could the Moon light my path,
gently tugging the tide-strings of my heart,
whispering "trust me" in the cobalt midnight.
Coyote laughs as stars burn
their slow arcs across my spine.

When would Sun play?
For all dark tales eventually end,
and as grandmothers and shamans know
and every one else assumes,
the Golden One returns at dawn.

David A. Sheppard



experience of living without money exchange teaches the basics of cooperation. Very quickly, even the most casual partygoer sees that for all this to "keep on keeping on" each of us must do our share. And so newcomers from all walks and ways of life are drawn into the cooperative and creative processes that we hope belong to the future. But these processes are being used already, and are currently evolving as we renew our familiarity with them each year at the Gathering.

Only when we learn through actions to be cooperatively responsible will we be able to escape from tyranny, aggression, repression and economic violence. If we want a new world instead of a new world order, we are going to have to create it with love, with a spirit of tolerance, and with cooperative action. This is the way out from the abuses of governments, greedy banks, military profiteers and corporate interests that degrade the individual and the environment.

We are exploring new ideas and new forms along with ancient village techniques to create a habitat that is beautiful and provident. With 20 years experience, we know that it can be done. But this is a small example in the scope of this world. And we are, perhaps, only in the first steps of a long journey. I like to think that this is part of a much larger plan yet to unfold around us; that there may be many people who are yet to walk along this path with us and that all of us already involved are just like the first page of a long, long book.

*Let new seeds be planted.
Let the cocoon be torn, and the
butterfly be revealed.*

(Author's note: the items in bold are from the Family's Howdi-Folks, All Ways Free, and the Rainbow Oracle)

90' Minnesota Site....PRISTINE!!!

All Ways Free--

We have gathered again at Barker Lake! Last weekend we held a Minnesota Regional and family Reunion and clean-up at the site of last summer's gathering -- as you can see by the enclosed newspaper clipping, the Forest Service assisted with our reunion by getting the word out through several media that Rainbows would be Gathering.

The "Media" was bad -- in the papers, on the radio, and on the T.V. news. Was the Site a mess? No. **There were a few things to be cleaned-up:** a couple of fire-rings, a grate, the infamous bag of lime, and **a few other things.** HOWEVER, Lots of what we pulled out was obviously left by others, including several shot-gun shells. The site is used by snow mobilers, dog sledders, hunters, etc...

Anyway, it was beautiful to be back at THE SITE and gather again as brothers and sisters. The Minnesota family is strong and beautiful!

And here's a few dollars -- could you please send me 3 or 4 All Ways Free when/if they're ready?

Love Sarah

P.S.-- The site is now Pristine. By the way, we were visited by a very Large black bear who was absolutely non-plussed and non-chalant by our feeble pan-banging!

"Reprieve From Babylon"

excerpts of an essay by Michael Morgan

The atmosphere at a gathering is harmonious and joyful. Describing the Rainbow Family never does it justice because to really understand the Rainbow one must experience a gathering firsthand.

..The individuals share a common desire to promote peace, love, and reverence for the earth. Rainbow people gather to share, teach, and learn. There are classes on yoga, massage, how to make and prepare tofu, political poetry, abalone art, herbal medicine, and anything else one has to share. Workshops to be held are posted on the message board near the main meadow and are all free of charge.

The Rainbow is a non-commercial event. "Green energy" or the exchange of money for goods and services is emphatically discouraged. There is usually a barter circle where people trade items of all kinds, from handmade jewelry to candybars. If money were allowed to enter the scene, the whole tone of the gathering would change. People would attend with all kinds of things to sell. Rainbow trinkets of every kind would materialize. Hucksters would appear with nothing on their minds but turning a profit. Selling things at the Rainbow would make it as tacky as some big city carnival. Commercialization of the Rainbow would absolutely spoil it.

...It seems that every attempt to describe, explain, or analyze the Rainbow Family is analogous to one attempting to capture the breeze in one's hands. Every attempt to clutch it makes it more obscure. To call it unique, which it is, does the reader no good because the reader has nothing to compare it to.

...The expression or communication of any memorable experience must come from close scrutiny by the intellect, although in harmonious cooperation with an enlightened intuition. The Haiku poet, for example, retreats into the world of symbolic language while synthesizing a precious moment into a work of art to be shared. The difference between the poet and the photographer, in this sense, is that the symbols made with the camera are made at the time the event is unfolding, not in retrospect. The Haiku poet attempts to strike a familiar chord with his reader by hinting at a sip of wine which they both have tasted at some time in the past. ...The challenge is that the Rainbow is such an extremely rare vintage.

(Ed. note: Thank you, Michael, for your beautiful photographs that you've shared with us in this issue! Family can reach Michael at 1320 St. Bernadette Ln, Florissant, MO 63031)

groups take on specific problems and come back to the main council with their conclusions. Often there are poems spoken or subjects hotly debated. The decisions are by consensus in silence. Very often it is more valuable to hear all the different views and gain a broader understanding than it is to get everyone to agree on one set result.

In fact, it is this tolerance for our differences that lights up our rainbow. We find strength in our spectrum of diversity. We are made up of all the religions and most of all the political and social views mixed together. From this we have a peaceable community; from this we all get fed, we are all cared for, we all get mutual support. And we are all able to celebrate life together.

Besides campfires with acoustic music and storytelling, there are drum circles, ceremonial music and dance, puppet shows, clowns, pantomimes and all kinds of pageants and parades. We have floated a rainbow-patterned hot air balloon over the tipi circle, and led a children's parade through the woods with an elephant!

Along with these lighthearted expressions of the human experience are serious ceremonial dances, prayers and meditations that encompass human culture from the many continents, tribes and religions.

On the fourth day of the gathering we hold a "meditative, contemplative silence." We simply sit together under the sky, on this our Earth, together at peace.

For some, this is a time of prayer or of contemplation; for others it is a time for merely being together. Not everyone attends - no one has to. But for those of us who do it is the centerpiece of the gathering. Traditionally, the Silence ends with a children's parade that tambourines its way from Kid Village to the site of the meditation... Quiet and contemplation yield to music and merry celebration.

it's all done with faith and elbow-grease.

What impresses me most as a social phenomenon is not the decentralizing cooperative systems nor the council processes for decision-making and settling disputes; neither is it the wild wonderful woodsy colorful encampment. The single phenomenon that strikes me as the most unique is that all this goes on free from the exchange of money.

There is a only a Magic Hat which is passed though the gathering, into which people donate freely and from which supplies for the village are purchased. Food is free, health care is free, classes, workshops, playshops are free, cooperative childcare is free, help with your shelter - if you need it - is free, even parking is free - because people together make it that way. And this strikes me as a wonderful effect.

It shows by example that there can be a society without division into "haves and have-nots." It shows that there are alternative ways for organizing human behavior. The

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A Walk Across America to Open Hearts

Only recently we, in Europe, have started to realize how much the native Americans (South, Central and North) have been oppressed and robbed of their possessions, their culture and eventually their identity. Unfortunately this idea is far from being accepted generally. Worse, the oppression and robbing is still continuing today, think of:

- The Indians in the Amazon who are in danger of losing their means of life because of deforestation.

- The Innu in New Foundland, Canada, who suffer from low-flight tests over their homelands and hunting area.

- The Shoshone in Nevada (U.S.A.) whose homelands are taken by U.S. government to be used as a nuclear test area and whose holy mountain (Yucca) is nominated to be 'promoted' as a permanent store for all U.S. high and medium radioactive waste.

For such behavior against our fellow-men, we Europeans should be ashamed.

In 1992, five centuries after Columbus, we want to cross to the U.S.A. as Peace Pilgrims. Not only because we feel guilty about what our ancestors did to the Indians, but also to acknowledge our responsibility for what is happening to the Shoshone today. We will march to the Nevada desert, talking with everyone we meet, asking for peace, and a halt to the tests, and an end to the production of nuclear weapons. In this way we hope to contribute to Justice, Peace and the safeguarding of Creation.



The Year of Indigenous People: THE 1992 ALLIANCE

"It is time to re-discover the American Indian, to re-learn the contributions that Indians have made to our lives, to re-awaken our concern for the survival of Indian cultures, traditions, and beliefs, and to re-kindle our dialogue with Indians so we may yet learn what Indians still have to offer the world."

So begins the call of the 1992 Alliance, a major national initiative by Native leaders to counter the Columbus celebrations scheduled for 1992. Proposed projects include: a special memorial to commemorate both the Indians placed in slavery by European explorers and colonialists and the Indian nations that have disappeared since the arrival of Columbus; a public campaign to petition the king of Spain, Juan Carlos, to adopt an Apology to Native People of the Western Hemisphere; a Sunrise ceremony to greet Columbus Day, 1992, which the public would be invited to attend; a statement prepared by the elders and intended to promote a better understanding of Native philosophy, to be distributed to churches, schools, and organizations and to be read on Columbus Day.

COVENANT excerpts

European Peace Pilgrimage 1992 (EPP'92) is a Walk across America with a double focus in mind. EPP'92 wants to focus firstly on the ongoing oppression of Native Americans in the whole of the American continent and secondly on the continuing uranium mining, nuclear testing, and production of nuclear arms. By walking from the East Coast of the United States to the Nevada Test Site in Newe Segobia, Western Shoshone homelands, Pilgrims urge to stop the oppression of native Americans and to declare a Comprehensive Test Ban. ...

Our attitude— as conveyed by words, actions, and symbols— will be one of openness, friendliness and respect toward all people whom we encounter. ... If provoked we shall respond without verbal or physical violence.

In group decisions we will respect inclusive processes such as taking decisions by consensus. ...



The intention of this walk is to bring together people with different background and ages, and form a peaceful community of various nationalities. We want to show that we have to find and actually can find an alternative for the constraining consumptive lifestyle and the violent attitude towards the environment, imposed upon us by an aggressive market in the media.

It should be clear that further "pilgrimage elements" can be added to this walk. It would be very useful for those who stay at home to find forms which they can use to travel in spirit with those who walk and thus extend the pilgrimage to a broad participation.

How you can help making EPP'92 a reality

In general: you can promote EPP'92 at Peace Walks, demonstrations, congresses, rallies etc. and by asking the editors of (alternative) press to write or publish about EPP'92. If you need fly-sheets, let us know.

You can do research and send us names and addresses of possible contact persons along our route, and of foundations, trusts, congregations, etc. that might be willing to financially support EPP'92.

In the U.S.A.: we are still looking for persons or groups in the U.S.A. who take responsibility for one or all of the following tasks:

- establishing an EPP'92 clearing house or office in the U.S.A., e.g. for handling Pilgrim applications of U.S. participants;
- opening a bank account for EPP'92 and doing its administration;
- organizing a non-profit organization status for EPP'92, making gifts tax deductible;
- doing phone calls and/or multiplying and mailing the EuroPilgrim newsletter or other mailings, since phone calls and mailings are much more expensive when done from this side of the ocean.

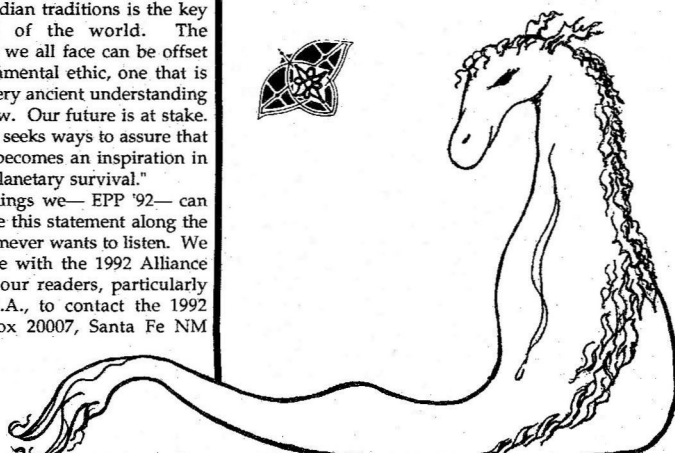
Of course you might think: "Well, I won't bother about the project now. In 1992 I'll just put on my walking boots and join the Pilgrimage." But the actual Pilgrimage gets much better if YOU decide to help NOW!

For information, call or write:

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The Elders Circle requires: "We call upon the responsible churches and governments to cease further aggressions against the indigenous people and nations and to enter into a time of grace and healing by acknowledging their past actions at by atoning for them in symbolic and substantive ways." The Alliance Statement again: "The 1992 Alliance is organized on the premise that the survival of Indian traditions is the key to the survival of the world. The ecological threats we all face can be offset by a new environmental ethic, one that is based upon the very ancient understanding of the Natural Law. Our future is at stake. The 1992 Alliance seeks ways to assure that the Indian voice becomes an inspiration in our struggle for planetary survival."

One of the things we— EPP '92— can do, is to distribute this statement along the route and to whomever wants to listen. We hope to cooperate with the 1992 Alliance and we urge all our readers, particularly those in the U.S.A., to contact the 1992 Alliance, P.O. Box 20007, Santa Fe NM 85704.



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Rob Stegall #37598 7-D-13
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Dear All Ways Free, and Rainbow Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you so much for the issues of AWF you sent me. I have shared them with many others here in prison who are in search of the truth. Ed Jarvis and Russell White Cloud Basler, my brothers in peace here at FCC have spread issues around too, so between the three of us, we have been able to bring some positive energy into this camp. Thanks again!

We do need help in here though. It's the kind of help that only Rainbows, and like-minded people can give. The oppressive Missouri Department of Corrections, along with the Missouri State Courts have condemned our right to freedom of expression. They do this in many ways, most notably in their Hair Length policy. Our brothers here in the Shadow Light Medicine Clan have a law suit pending now in the 8th District Federal Court concerning the Hair Length policy, a sweat lodge, and other Native American Indian matters.

That, however, does nothing for the incarcerated Rainbows, old Hippie types, and the regular Joes who just want to have the right to grow their hair. The institution has a field day holding disciplinary hearings on violators of the hair policy, charging us fines in dollar amounts.

We need people to write, call, or even visit the Governor, Lt. Governor, the Federal Judges, and prison administrators to show them that there are people out there who care about rights. This is the 1990s for Peace sake, not some Nazi concentration camp where a persons right can be trampled with total disregard for an individual's preference.

Missouri lawmakers recently passed some bills into law that are eerily reminiscent of Nazi Germany in the 1930s. One bill allows the state to seize an inmates assets to off-set the cost of his or her incarceration. (Germany 1930s) Another recent law makes it impossible for inmates to file law-suits against the state in state courts because of mistreatment, or constitutional rights violations. (Germany 1930s again) All these recent laws are leading up to the same type of system the Nazis employed in the early 30s to gain control of Germany. So please Brothers and Sisters, help us now, and you will be helping all people in the end.

Peace and Love,
Rob Stegall

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Believing that time with our family is far more important than making a lot of money we have lived mainly by A.F.D.C. For the past 3 years we have been working part-time in building up a business which we had planned to take to full time by the time our youngest goes to school next September. I am an excellent woodcarver. Besides making a variety of original items I also do replacement pieces for local antique dealers. My wife deals crystal and silver jewelry. Together we make a variety of pop fashion accessories (earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc). By going full time in our business we can make a good deal of money. Even in prison I can make items for my wife to sell. While remaining in jail, the best that I can do is to trade drawings for cigarettes and candy bars.

If you could offer us any advice and/or assistance, forward our name, situation, and address to anyone who could, and/or send us the name and address of anyone who could help, just inform us of how and when we could repay you.

Please, we need help and advice and we need it soon. We do not have much time. Yet. Fourteen years ago I was arrested for sales of marijuana. Believing the selling of marijuana to bring bad karma I have not sold since then. Seventeen years ago I was arrested on possession of marijuana. Because of these priors I believe that I am looking at prison time.

Ivan C. Wiser

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Department of Corrections and Human Resources
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8th District Court Building
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Randy Reimold "109083
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I'm doing a five year bit in the New Jersey (yuck!) State Prison system for LSD w/intent...I was in Minnesota last summer and loved it. I truly believe it has made my time here easier just because of the places in my head that I found while I was there...thanks for doing what you do.

Larry W. Giddinger
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Leavenworth, KS 66048

Anyone that wishes to write is welcome. I'm in prison and have been for 12 years, and don't know when/if I will ever be "paroled".

K.M. Kelly 210-064 Q2-A42
M.C.T.C.
Hagerstown, Md. 21746

I'm going to be locked up for awhile and sometimes things get sort of rough... (please write) Love, Peace, and Rainbows...Kevin.

Richard Sisco
17 Mallison Falls Rd.
Windham, Maine 04062

I am in for "violation of probation" 'cause I had a joint. I am very interested in starting a program to legalize hemp.

May 14, 1991

Hullo,
I obtained your address this week from "A New World Rising", and I would love to be able to receive the "Rainbow Family News". I am incarcerated at the present time, but I am not a criminal. Albeit I admit to being a non-conformist, an autonomous "Citizen of the Earth", into a country-oriented alternative lifestyle, I am in no way a threat to society. There are a thousand inmates and about 250 government staff at this facility, but I am very lonesome, as I just don't fit in to this system. There is very little interest or concern for Mother Earth, peace or love in this hate-filled, dehumanizing environment, as you may well imagine. I am reaching out wherever I can in hopes of meeting like-minded, environmentally conscious advocates of naturalism. I get out in '93 and will return to the country as fast as I can get my hands and toes into the dirt. In the meantime I would like very much to correspond with some down to Earth country folks. I earn very little money here but I will be glad to send you a few dollars for your newsletter or whatever.

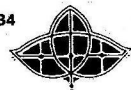
I anxiously anticipate hearing from you.

Love,
JBeau

Simple man, Simple Dream

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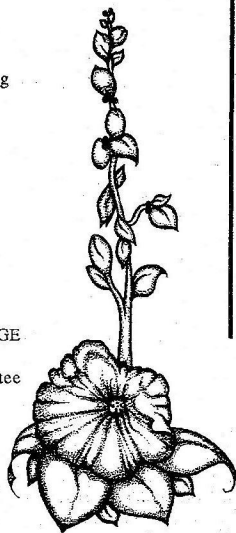
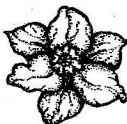
Do you think there's some cosmic significance in my parole date being on July 7? I don't know, but I do hope that I can convince the board that I am "rehabilitated and ready to re-enter society." Please keep me in your thoughts, prayers and meditations on July 7, because I'm going to need all the strength I can gather.

Keeping the faith and spreading a little light inside walls, but I am looking forward to joining camp again soon. Keep love in your heart and light in your eyes because the world needs us all desperately now. I love you all!

Peace, love and light,
Donnie

see PRISON on 30

ACTION ALERT: U.S. Intervention in the Middle East Violates U.S. and International Law.
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PLUNKER from 18

sentencing---until a better Way is found, Jose Antonio Ramos must be
confined, for as long as possible...
I,we know many things about Ramos...I use the term child"predator"
when I discuss his case...in some ways Ramos epitomizes exactly how
fouled is our society...after four years on this case,I would love to say
that this is it...however,I would like to say that there is much more
involved in this case,possibly other "missing children"...etc. all which
is information that we/I am developing...our interface with the Federals
involved in this case,may become less endless...the person U.S. Asst.
Prosecutor Stuart GraBois,involved in this case has been
diligent,forthcoming,I have a "friendship" of sorts with this
feller...built upon elements of mutual respect...a small,delicate bridge
of cooperation has developed between us/me...and this particular
Prosecutor...whether this develops into myself/us /Rainbow
maintaining a "channel of communications" between Us and the
Federals, during the time of War (War on Drugs is a War upon our
People)...I respect Stuart for carrying through the entire
process...doing his duty---as many of us know,when any one in
Government or Society begins to work with us/cooperate with us---
oftentimes,it places them at risk...in thier lives and careers. Whatever
the result of this case has been!... Ramos an admitted
exploiter...perhaps a small bit of justice for the Victims...perhaps a
warning to folks who would come to prey upon our children or Us,as a
people...in all of this,there has been this interesting communication
channel opened between the U.S. Attorney's office (in New York City)
and Rainbow, through me/our team of volunteers. this may continue...or
fade away...what ever the media I do upon this matter...I will take
responsibility for this matter...I will take responsibility for my
actions...try to act responsibly...maintain my individual viewpoint.
However, I am still on "duty", as per Shanti Sena and Rainbow council,
Penn. 1986, if folks can understand what I am saying here... therefore, I
serve the Great Spirit and the People.
I explain my continued involvement, after all this time, in the simplest
possible manner..."what if it were your child, or one of my children?---
wouldnt you/Iwant your/Isupport, all the way"...as people we have few
ways to protect ourselves, eachother from those that would victimise
Us/me---We have not advanced to the place where we are Operating
Healing Centers, for Victimizers (we do know that Prison is no solution)
Society may take many years before it finally deals with this
problems...it is a little busy with so many others...this problem
(victimizers) is common in Society and in many ways part of every
Culture on Earth... Problem defines the Solution...I Seek the Healing
Ways ..Our People, Rainbow People Seek The Healing Ways... as long
Rainbow People seek the Healing Ways, Support the Victims--I will

Ride with Rainbow People...options for dealing with these problems are
limited, at this writing, however...One fine day, we/I/people will find
the Healing Way...thank you...
Last but not least, by any means, I strongly support letters to the
National Park Service concerning their new regulations...targeted
toward Lafayette Peace Park in Washington D.C. but definitely aimed at
restricting our People... similarity to the National Forest Service
Regulation (that we lobbied against Spring 1990) ...particularly,
concerning literature and equipment...could easily be imposed upon
our current National Park Lands Gathering (All Ways Free, summer
1990)...and "direct linkage" with National Forest Service
Regs...currently under process, in the Forest Service offices concerning
restrictions upon literature...seems to indicate this regulation in D.C.
to limit persons in Vigil across from the White House...could
subsequently be applied to all Rainbow Gatherings(not on private
land)...lobby against it...
write letters "one duffle bag for one demonstrator for one day"...is an
omnious warning---ultimately, this could lead to Our Gatherings being
restricted to one day...no set-ups...no kitchens...re-read Legal
Liasion Council statement (All Ways Free, summer 1990) about the
fact all positions of responsibility...kitchens, parking, all forms of
service...are elements of the Essense of our Ritual---
Supreme Court decisions are based, traditionally upon the Essense of
Ceremony; Ritual, Religion...however, the recent Peyote rulling...will
impact Our Gatherings...attention, all awake people---write letters
before Dec. 3rd...if we stop the reg. now... before Action...down the
road, we may not have to face it in Court...Peace Park's position and
Rainbow are now woven together in our Legal Battle to preserve Our
Right to Gather...ignore all rumors that Peace Park and Rainbow
Gatherings are cancelled...love you all...and this has been a pre-
recorded writings...love you all and send my spirits and good vibes for
Good Council...

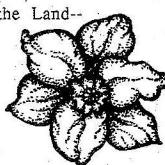
By the way, I am trying to make it to Warren County, Penn. on
November 29th, the day of the sentencing... the Feds have gone on a
tight budget... any help would be appreciated...any folks that have any
information on Ramos, concerning his activities and whereabouts over
the past number of years dating back to 1975 ect...please
connect...Dave Massey, G. Beck others have familiarity with this
case...some details are confidential--need to know basis--

Earth People's park seems to be in some dire straights...Look
out for one another,there is a ten year plan on the War on Drugs ...War
on the People read that...new, new, new...International Counter-
insurgency Academy (I.D.I.C.A.) ININDICA - - new school, in
California for Narcs...all sorts of cops...Forest Service, park service,
Fish and Game, Cops and Cops...get the picture...look out for one
another...Perhaps soon to come...Rumor Hotline, Information, Center (
operated like All Ways Free) available for the Family to cull rumors,
ask questions ect...Call Service for the people...checking into it now...

Oh, Yeah, Gatherings for NorthEast for the North American Gathering of
the Rainbow... *funny, how life goes...love it...thousands of Gatherings in
a couple of years...amidst the War Culture Society, the seeds, sprouts of
Peace Culture Arise, Growing Like Weed, these Budding Flowers, Herbs,
Herbes, grow out of hand, out of the Earth itself, out of the People,
come the People, come the people, to help the people Overcome the
Trials and Tribulations of Life...In the Struggle, in the Spirit, in the
Vision, In the Body of the People...this one voice sends you a note of the
Song...*

Respectfully, bless you in your Circling on the Land--
Barry E. Adams, Plunker
Montana,1990
Year of the Horse

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To remember my Brother Alabama...

I don't know whence he came, or how he got here. What I do know about this good brother is that he worked hard without a lot of headtrips. Oh yes, he had some strong opinions, and under the right circumstances, he let them be known. Nor would he put up with any bullshit. If the bullshit came down, and the rectifying voices were not heard, he would quietly leave. This quality of quietness was an element in almost everything he did. He was never one to be rowdy or boisterous. Another of his qualities was he was always ready to defend others, especially one who appeared weak, or at a disadvantage. This quality cost him his life. Sometimes I can feel his spirit still lingering around his last home, perhaps attempting to wrap up some unfinished business in this regard. One final note... within moments of his death, (less than 5 minutes as close as we can figure), a sister was born to a good friend. This is, perhaps, a more fitting memorial to him than anything we could do and exemplifies his values.

Alabama, peace brother, and rest. You died not in vain and the world is a little better for your passing..

Your Brother, Learner



Sioux Prayer

*Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.
I come before you, one of your many children. I am
small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.
Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold
the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the
things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have
taught my people, the lesson you have hidden in every
leaf and rock.*

*I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers,
but to be able to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands
and straight eyes, so when life fades as a fading
sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.*

Yellow Lark
from the Rainbow Oracle

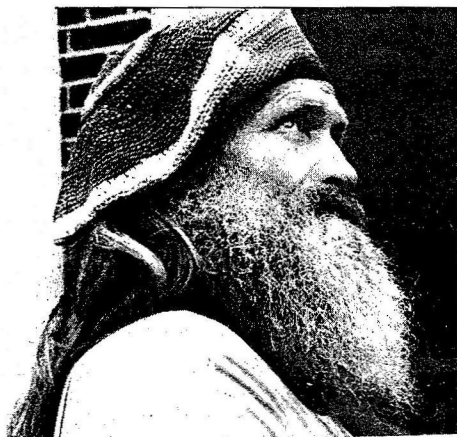
Alabama was 48 years old when he went to the skies. He had lived here at the White Wolf Community for most of his last three years, having been a frequent visitor in the years before. Prior to this, he had hitchhiked around the country for ten years. He had no living relatives except his daughter in Yuma, Arizona. She has been contacted. In the spring of 1985, Whitney Lowman and a bus load of Rainbows picked up Alabama on the highway and brought him here. We were his first exposure to the Rainbow Way. He was loved by all and was at home in any of the Rainbow Communities. He had much regard for our community where we offer support to mothers and children needing to be off the road and out of the cities. Alabama gave much help to our visitors but most of all, he gave his love and attention to the children. He had a grandfather relationship with my son, Isaiah, and many other children. He will always be close to our hearts. The burial ceremony consisted of more sweats and prayers at sunrise. This time the children entered the lodge with the adults. After the sweat, we formed a large circle and offered the pipe. Each person spoke of an experience they had with Alabama. A portion of his ashes were put in a vase and buried four feet down, in a shaft-like hole. The vase was covered with sand, two feet of dirt, and a 100 lb. Quartz crystal cluster over the top. A statue of St. Francis was placed next to the spot. This was all done on the very spot that Alabama had left his body, a grave marker was placed which reads: Jerry Davis "Alabama" Born 1948 Died: Jerry Davis 1990

"We are not the body"

What is life?

*It is the flash of a firefly in the night.
It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which
runs across the grass and loses itself
in the Sunset.*

Spoken by a Native American called Crowfoot ...in his last hours of life in April of 1890. Though these were his dying words, he spoke of Life. It is in this essence that we will all-ways remember our brother Alabama.



To Alabama
Because there was that quality, that aspect of him,
That we have cultivated in ourselves as a family all these many years
To call ourselves the Rainbow Family of Living Light
By setting an example on the path of service, humility, and graciousness
He was a teacher, a do-er, a worker
Ever so quietly
Seeing the most difficult task and responding
Taking it upon himself to pick up the shovel and dig the holes for our health
And always cleaning up after
Because his personal God showed him: it was the way of life.
That in order to celebrate, the work must get done, is the essence of our true Celebration.
Through our own involvement and evolution in life's teachings and trials,
We are able to experience, to love, and to share in those special forces of peoples.
In Life. As in Death. So in Life.
Our brother is gone
But we celebrate because we know he is with the One and the One is with us.
He died protecting our rights. But in his nature he understood
That there are those souls who forget how to love themselves in others.
He left his body, still believing that this essential Love exists in everyone,
So that our Spirits may understand...
An Honorable way.

PRISON from 26

Michael King
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Mayslanding NJ 08330

Dear Friends,
I am presently incarcerated for possession of LSD and while I'm here I'm trying to spread the Word about Peace. I'm lacking in written material to show facts about what I'm talking about, for example: Saving the Rainforest, Vegetarianism, Rainbow Gatherings, Animal Abuse, Human rights abuse etc. If you would be so kind, please send me any information you may have concerning these subjects. Also, if you see Lynn from Kiddie Village tell her that Michael King said to say hello.

Thank you for your time.

Peace & Love

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Michael

Greg Anderson #108660
Wharton Tract Unit
RR #8
Vincentown, NJ 08088

...I was meeting lots of people I never met before, but it sure felt like I had known these people all my life. When I get released from this place I sure have to experience that type of love, being able to love a stranger...

Randy Reinhold
167 Eastland Ave.
York, PA 17402

Howdy Folks,

I'm doing time & I'm doing fine.

Wish I could make the gathering this summer, but alas, I won't be released 'til Autumn.

Peace & Love,
Randy

My Call to Gather

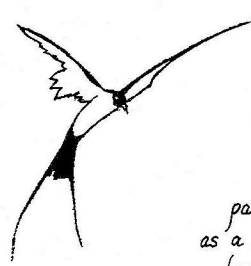
Who is the builder of these things, the master of our fire? Who has set things in our hearts? So we learn our true desires? I don't wish to hid from answers, or to twist the thought. I only wish to understand the reason why we've fought. Is this problem something new, perhaps something we created? What allowed such things to be? When our circle seperated? Perhaps it is all part of us just attributes of our thoughts. Can we cast out of ourselves? Please, consider friends the costs. I want so badly now to see to announce the call to gather. Not to just another prayer. To an ending of this matter.

Please my friends, seek earnestly, the purity of your heart. Casting out those wheels of fear. That's keeping us all apart. Can't you feel the pain my friend? All the sadness that I feel? I am sick of wheels of nothing lets go back to what is real!!! (Rainbeau Dancer)

Howdy PeLAND



P.S. If you know any good lawyers please let me know!



The sacred rights of mankind
are not to be rummaged for among old
parchments or musty records. They are written,
as a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature
by the hand of the divinity itself; and can
never be erased or obscured by
mortal power.

~alexander hamilton~

Ho Family.....

Our thoughts and the power they have to create and transform the world around us allow us the opportunity to heal and nurture each other. What we do with our Heart of Hearts, sets in motion the synchronicities that create the vision of our future.

Every thought is a seed.
what we plant in our I-Maji-Nation will grow.

Sow a thought, Reap a Word;
Sow a Word, Reap a Deed;
Sow a Deed, Reap a Way;
Sow a Way, Reap a Being;
Sow a Being, Reap a Destiny;
Sow a Destiny, Reap a Soul

We have been endowed with precious gifts,
Our thoughts create the world around us.
To share the miracle of our Gathering is to know the
Divine inheritance of our common spirit and the essence of
living.

Namaste'

Real Eyes



Oceana

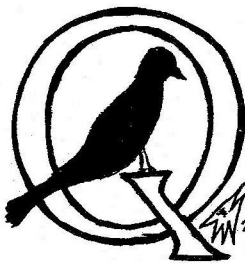
Of deep night my sleep was bathed in the etheric blue light
of a waning moon whose whispery fingers slid into the recesses
of my mind, and pulled gently, drawing me out...slowly, slowly
and turning me under and back.
I became the tide of the ocean...
Roaring of waters filled my Being.
The monotonous crashing and thunder of the waves,
containing the Mystery of the Continuity of all things,
rocked me in pendular arms to a deeper, darker Peace
Where resounded the laughter of children and faintly crying gulls
mingling with the delicate taste of water's salty essence
Until. All became still.
Profound silence, a cutting edge,
mirrored in the blackness of Abyss.
My mouth turned bitter
as the salt became that of the tears of children,
piercing cries - chilled Soul
of anguished Spirit - peoples and creatures,
The Land, the Wind crying,
the Oceans...dying.
Quaking thunders...War!
Roaring metallic echoes
shatter the mirror.
and...I am once again in... of waves
swaying back and forth,
tickled by millions of tiny bubbles
crackling in the foam that sprays in the breeze,
The breeze that beckons me from sleep.

Ever wider,
widening circles--
perception's eyelids
creep open,
morning's light blooms within
our subtle human senses
enrich, inspire
our journeys within and without
barely reveal
the tides and currents,
continuing creation.

Ask to see
and open not merely an eye,
but a heart,
a being willing to listen,
a path willing to bend--
you will find
harmony in the thunder,
joy in the rain--
and in the stillness
of answered questions unasked

one clear note
rings gold across the waters
good morning, sun child
welcome
to a newborn day.

David A. Sheppard



Mama
Nature's calling you...
Let your spirit free
Your soft hair down, caressing the breeze
with billowing skirts as wings
and unbound breasts
draw in deep breath
of jasmine's sweet perfume
Amidst moonbeams splintered through the trees
Stand tall
and wise your beauty is
a timeless dance of ebb and flow,
birth and life and dreaming



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- ... bringing increased awareness to the
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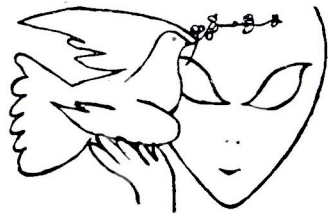
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