All Ways Freed JANUARY 1997



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Calendar of Regional Events

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~Potluck picnics: third Sunday each month at noon. Rotating locations: Jan. 19th at Toad's (314) 966-8495; Feb. 16 at Digger's (314) 771-8576.

~Coffeehouse: folks meet every Wednesday evening at Mokabe's, corner of Grand & Arsenal. Drink fantastically strong coffee, discuss the ORB, the Guide & the local scene with fellow fun-loving freaks. 7:30 pm to 10 pm or so. ~Drum Circles Sundays in good weather, Delmar Loop in

University City, 1 pm on. Every Tuesday, drums at Papadunba's 7403 Manchester Rd, Maplewood, 8:30 pm. Contact 256-7393

Second Wednesday, drum circle at Emerson Chapel, 73 Strecker Rd, Ellisville, 7pm. Contact 256-7393

~New for '97 Columbia-style Heartsong circles 7 pm every Tuesday at Natrosious' (314) 895-4606.

Kansas City

~Full moon drum circles at various locations due to the closing of Infinate Sun Recycling (S) Contact Patch (816) 361-8404.

~Potluck & Giveaway: Jan. 26th at 3 pm at Kristee's 4440 Summit. Bring items to giveaway & share.

~Coffeehouse meetings every Wednesday at 7 pm at the 39th St. Coffeehouse.

~Contact Kevin & Lora Gentle Bear 3940 Mercier KC, MO. (816) 531-5784.

Tulsa

~Full moon drum circles at Little Bear Farm. Call (918) 428-5876.

~Full moon sweats at Little Bear Farm. Call first!

~Dance to the sounds of the Rhythm Lizards!

Springfield. MO

~Potlucks: 2nd Sundays each month at 4 pm. Rotating locations Call Dean at (417) 869-7073 No collect calls!

Columbia, MO

~Potlucks & Heartsong circles Every Sunday nite at 7 pm. Rotating locations Call Jason at (573) 499-3864. These are incredibly warm & loving circles that have changed people's lives.

Southern Illinois

Potluck picnics, first Sunday each month in Evergreen Park. Call Gandolf for info, (618) 549-8050 or Time-Lloyd at 457-6424.

LIGHT-LINES CALL FOR INFO

Mid-Atlantic Rainbow Light-line (202) PYREMAL Great Lakes Rainbow - Mich. (313) 761-4243 New York Rainbow Light-line (212) 560-7111 Philadelphia Rainbow Family (215) 928-4946 Piedmont Rainbow Light-line (770) 662-6112 SCROLL (S. CA) Light-line (619) 226-5797 Northwest Tribes Light-line (503) 284-6600 First Amendment Hot-line (312) 409-0018 Colorado Light-Line (303) 595-1077



MORE INFO: SASE to GREAT LAKES RAINBOW - MICH P.O. BOX 3433 ANN ARBOR, MI 48106-3433

•February 13 - 16: Winter Regional, Nordhouse Dunes •May 31: Picnic at Gallup Park, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2:00 to dusk •June 13 - 21: Michigan Regional Gathering

e-mail: gonzopolis@aol.com

TAMPA FL-weekly circles-Josh 813-6226533 PO box 2995 Tampa FL 33601

S.Diego-ev. SUNDAY- eve drum circle 6/4-226-5747

SE BIRMINGHAM ALA-last Sun. ev.

month-PICNIC Rhoads Park 205-820-2453

ALA CONSENSUS: NO Spring gathering this year

ATLANTA-drum circle 3rd. Sat. ev. month 770-662-6112

CHAPEL HILL (coastal NC)

Rainbow Dancer 919-967-6599

circle& potluck ev. weekend CHARLOTTE NC-weekly potluck, new&full moon circles 704-563--7144(aft 8 pm)

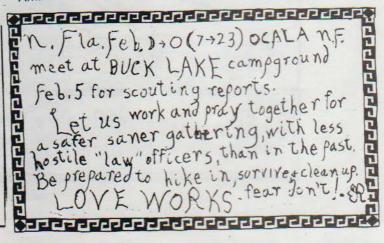
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March 21st-23rd Ozark Regional Spring Council at the 1985 National & 1995 Regional site near Dillard, MO. This is not intended to be a proposed regional gathering site or holding camp.

May 1st-11th Ozark Regional Rainbow Gathering Scouting efforts continue for a good site in Missouri or Arkansas. Help out by scouting areas near you if you can.



Rainbow Family Thanksgiving Council Rainbow Farm - Drain, Oregon November 1996

OPENING

Thanksgiving dinner Thursday night. Friday morning, the children opened the council with stories and songs. Next, introductions, stories, and heartsongs. Brief history about the Rainbow Farm (also site of Thanksgiving Council 1979).

BUSINESS:

It was proposed that the very first consensus be, to re-affirm the spiritual nature of the gathering.

Consensus #1: Thanksgiving Council affirms the spiritual nature of the gathering.

Some discussion about related issues: the primary expression of our spirituality being the silent prayer for peace on July 4th; and concern that the spiritual nature is being violated by people engaged in commercial activities.

Consensus #2: Contact address (office) for the upcoming gathering...

Rainbow '97 PO Box 5577 Eugene, OR 97405



Note: If you would like a reply BEFORE the Howdy-Folks (map) are mailed out next Spring, 'please include a SASE (self-addressed-stampedenvelope). Donations of stamps, phone card credits, and green energy are also helpful. Checks and money orders can be made payable to "Rainbow '97." If you want your contribution to the Magic Hat to go to something specific (e.g., scouts, office expenses, medical supplies, water pipe, hardware for seed camp, etc.), please say so.

There is no phone or e-mail contact for the Rainbow '97 office at this time.

Consensus #3: An Office crew was established to respond to Rainbow '97 mail and help focus early preparations for the gathering.

Nine people volunteered to help. Others who wish to join in are welcome.

Consensus #4: An interim banking council was established.

Outline of procedures: Accountability will be supported by keeping receipts and detailed books; no reimbursements should be expected without prior approval from the banking council; at least two people should be present when opening mail; all donations will be turned over to the bank, with any funds earmarked for specific things duly noted. The banking Council will attempt to reflect the needs and wants of the family as a whole and will endeavor to avoid personal agendas in allocating funds. Duties will pass to next banking council when it reforms at Spring Council.

Consensus #5: Have more fun.

This came about through various heartsongs that we focus on doing more theater, perhaps have an entertainment camp; have bands, drumming, and a cookie kitchen at the front gate; and generally to lighten up.

Consensus #6: Scout rendezvous date, May 1

Initial scout rendezvous will take place by the waterfall at Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane. People wishing to participate in scouting can contact the office to find out how to get in touch with the person coordinating scout communications Consensus #7: Spring Council date: the weekend of June 6.

The "purpose" of Spring Council was a lengthy discussion. It was generally agreed that:

- A main goal of Spring Council is to help the focus of Seed Camp by identifying and planning for the early needs of our Gathering (i.e., site development);
- Having a later date for Spring Council would help to accomplish its goals, as well as accommodate the scouts' need for a later scouting start (depending on snow and other weather factors);
- Spring Council will help facilitate communications between the office, the scouts and others who want to be involved in the beginning logistics of the Gathering;
- Spring Council will ratify the choices of the scouts in selecting the site for the Gathering;
- Spring Council is a good time for folks to bring as much "hardware" as possible to help support Seed Camp (e.g., plywood, twine, tarps, tools, sign material and all other needed things).
- We should be ready to move directly onto the land from Spring Council, prepared to work.

Consensus #8: The site of Spring Council '97 will be determined and announced by the office in communication with the scouts and others.

Consensus #9: Seed Camp begins on the day that we move onto the site of the '97 gathering. Any early encampments are selfsupporting. We encourage our brothers and sisters who arrive early in preparation for the gathering to take care of each other and the land in the spirit of the Rainbow vision.

This consensus came about after a longdiscussion expressing various concerns about the "holding camps" that have appeared in recent years prior to the actual gathering. There was a strong feeling to raise consciousness among early arrivals about the purpose of Seed Camp and Set-up, and a desire to promote selfsufficiency.

Consensus #10: Thanksgiving Council reaffirms the non-commercial nature of the ENTIRE Gathering. We ask that people not buy, sell, or profit in any way, especially from our sacraments. We support giving and sharing from our hearts.

OTHER BUSINESS:

 All Ways Free Report -- The All Ways Free Council recently met and scheduled a Winter issue. Anyone

with items for the Calendar of Events should submit entries by late-January. Also, any submissions for the summer issue are welcome especially artwork, jokes, and songs. Send all articles and calendar entries to...

> All Ways Free PO Box 284 Arroyo Seco, NM 87514

 Banking Report '96... Total left over from last summer's gathering: \$1262. By agreement of the '96

banking council, 50% was allocated to scouting for the '97 site and 50% to the Magic Hat at Seed Camp on the '97 Gathering Site.

Thanks were conveyed to the recycling and clean-up crew who did such a wonderful job in-Missouri.

Not Discussed - which State - It seems that many people have asked council attendees which state was

decided on, Washington or Oregon. Actually, it never came up for discussion. As we all understood the decision of Vision Council, both states were included because no one was sure if an adequate site could be found if only one state were available for scouting. Nor were there any discussions or assumptions about which state the gathering would end up in. It just seemed to be taken as a matter of course that the scouting expeditions and the Spirit will reveal the best site for us to go to, and it doesn't really matter which state it's in.

Heartsongs, Visions, and Other Matters



In addition to the above business matters and consensus, many offerings were made to the group, and folks discussed their fondest wishes. There was no formal consensus to the following items, but much support for many of them.

Cooperation's Camp -- A major discussion centered around the strong desire to implement & support a

Cooperation's Camp. It was noted that in years past, a Cooperation's Lodge staffed 24 hours a day was available to help facilitate the day-today operations of the gathering, being a central clearinghouse for communication, crisis management, Shanti Sena matters, issues around law enforcement, information about areas of the gathering that need more volunteer help, and other such logistical needs of "doing" a gathering.

It was noted that the functions of Cooperation's do, indeed, continue whether or not there is a designated area for it, but that it has been very difficult lately for most people to identify where they can go if they want to help plug in. In recent years, these functions have been scattered all through the gathering, giving rise to sketchy communication, a less than comprehensive response to both routine gathering business and emergency situations; and concerns about inaccessibility and elitism.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, a call was made for an all-encompassing Cooperation's camp to be established somewhere near the center of our gathering, open to all, with the hope that this space will focus our needs & volunteers in a more effective manner. A commitment was made for a large canopy to help with the beginning of this camp, as well as several people committing to help focalize early needs in creating this vision. Those interested in helping with the early planning stages are encouraged to contact the Rainbow '97 office to be connected with others now working on it

 Cop stuff (bits & pieces) -- A reminder that when dealing with any governmental or law enforcement type

person, at least two family members should be present. Three is better.....treat LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers) with the same respect you would treat any human being, but remember that no matter how nice they might appear to be, they are still cops and must do their job.....They do not set the policies themselves, they just follow the directives of their higher-ups.....A desire that we all hold in our hearts the intention of healing when we deal with LEOs and other governmental type persons.

 Trading Circle -- Though "trading circle" is a welcomed thing to many in our family, it has lately created

many unnecessary hardships on us. Those interested in trading should help to create a space with trees for shade and visible to all, yet off the main trail. The strong desire to see trading get OFF the main trail can not be overemphasized. A suggestion was made that Traders' Row be encouraged to become Traders' Circle or even to start a camp of their own Children and Councils -- A request was made that all councils make room for the children to be heard, and

that time be set aside at the beginning of all Heartsong and Visioning portions of councils so this can happen. We did this for the duration of Thanksgiving Council and everyone seemed to like it.

Short Heartsongs (these generated a lot of "HO!s" but not much discussion)

A Healing Arts Village or Healer's Meadow dedicated to workshops and related holistic healing activities, with its own bulletin board to post scheduled events Hopes and prayers for a quality gathering, that it be healthy, environmentally friendly, and that it bridge relations between "kids, middles, and elders," that we treat all with respect and teach newcomers about Rainbow A suggestion that Shanti Sena could focalize peaceful conflict resolution training (sometimes called nonviolence training) through the kitchens at the gathering because these are natural affinity groups.....Rekindle the PEACE Village idea/vision where all doors can be open to everyone, especially newcomers, to prepare for the future (they are coming!).....Be careful of the sensitive areas and aware of the effects our gathering will have on wildlife and forests A hope that no person or persons would sign a permit this year as someone did last year in a misguided attempt to "save" the gathering and reminder that we are a non-representative nonorganization made up of individuals - No one can speak for the family as a whole, or be designated to sign a permit for the sister Shanti energy in whole.....More Sena.....Get in tune with sanitation, organic food purchased locally, safe cleaning products, recycled toilet paper.....A strong sister's space.....A tipi circle.....More theater, an for camp.....More time entertainment heartsongs Have more fun!.

DISCLAIMER

The Rainbow Family Thanksgiving Council does not speak for the Rainbow Family or for the Rainbow Family Tribal Council. No one individual, or group of individuals, can speak for the family as a whole. The Rainbow Family Tribal Council, our collective family voice, meets on the land July 1-7, and can speak only for itself.

RAINBOWS IN COURT

Go to law for a sheep, and lose your whole herd of cows."

-Anonymous

There are currently (Jan. 1997) two actions being brought by U.S. Government agencies against Rainbow People for attending Gatherings in violation of "outdoor group use rules" that demand a permit for Peaceable Assemblies. These people are defending the rights of people everywhere to be able to be free to assemble without having to ask for and receive the government's permission.

In a third case, Rainbow attendees are bringing a case as individuals against the government to try to break the pattern of harassment of stopping people on their way into gatherings.

This summary maps out the status of each case and where <u>you</u> can contact to offer support or get more information.

1. At a regional gathering in the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina in June of 1996, five Rainbow attendees were charged with assembly in violation of the new US Forest Service regulations prohibiting more than 75 persons from gathering on public forest lands without a permit.

The case against one was dropped at the first hearing, as were charges against two others (cited separately) for hollering "Guns in the Church!" when Forest Service Police were entering the site. That left four Rainbow attendees still charged. At their first hearing in November 1996, they argued that there weren't actually 75 persons present, but the Forest Service testified otherwise and the court ruled in favor of the Forest Service and sentenced each defendant to 8 hours of community service or a \$50 fine.

However, the constitutionality of the regulations in this case is still being contested. This issue itself is still before the court. No exact hearing date has been set.

Info and Support: Katuah Family Defense Fund

PO Box 114 Hot Springs, NC 28743

2. At the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rainbow over Labor Day Weekend 1996 two Rainbow attendees were cited under the same new Forest Service regulations for, " Occupation and use of National Forests without a special use authorization when such authorization is required." In this case there were surely more than 75 people present. So the two individuals are each planning to argue the Constitutional question from the beginning. There is a court date going to be set for February or March 1997.

Info and Support:

Rainbow Defense P.O. Box 1554 New York, NY 10003



3. Two Rainbow attendees in Missouri were stopped and harassed on their way in to a regional gathering there in 1995 and again at the annual 1996 July gathering. They have taken the Forest Service, the county sheriff, and the state highway patrol to Federal Court in Kansas City, MO asking for an injunction prohibiting "verification" roadblocks enroute toward any Rainbow Gathering in the Mark Twain National Forest. While this is not directly affecting gatherings in any other areas, it could set a precedent that can be a model for the return of our rights to assemble peacefully without selective harassment nationwide. A hearing is scheduled for October 1997 in Springfield, Mo.

Info and support: Rainbow Defense c/o Attny. Dave Garner 202 West Schwartz Salem, IL 62881



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Rainbow Junction: PO Box 291 Adin, CA. Vince wants to share converted bus and 40 acres of a live alternatively in a drug, alcohol and violence

Earth Village Institute: POB 23 Gunnison, CO 81200. Community on 200 forest and wildlife. Working toward self-sufficiency and cohousing projects the alternatives; Involved with Terra Dome Construction o. and encourage visitor experience

GA: Yonders Farm; Rt. 2, Box 108, Jeffersonville, GA 31044. 110 Acres with few people their own structures; open to people looking for places for regional gatherings, peace vi or a weekend visit to come up and help. The community is trying to discourage alcohol. The Open Door Community; 910 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta GA 30306-4212. (404 work helping the Atlanta homeless with meals, clothing and showers, and also minister Visitors welcome, with advance notice.

TN: The Farm: A focused, working farm on 2000 acres that needs no new members, very experienced members willing to teach farming skills to those who want to learn." Alternative Energy Fair in Summertown yearly, and some members are involved in th Ecovillage Training Center, listed under "RESOURCES" ; RD 1 Box 149, Pitman, PA Short Mt. Sanctuary; A 200 acre land trust on a steep mountain with a small amount sanctuary for queer people, with decisions made by consensus, and vegetarian living. chickens and beehlves. Write : Rt. 1, Box 84-A, Liberty, TN 37095.

OR: OWL Farm: 147 acres of open women's land held by the Oregon women's land wimmin and girls are welcome to visit their beautiful meadow, forests, gardens and or into about visiting this lesbian community, please write in advance: POB 133, Days C

IL: Peace Garden; need help with their LARGE organic garden used to provide food at (crash space for like-minded willing workers, also focusing on tradition. Write/call (not co Garden c/o Generous Wolf, 23857 Plignm Rd, Sterling, IL 61801. (815) 336-2384. COLLE Balle

MN: Common Harvest Community They are working a few of their 40 acres, and are encouraging homeless participation.

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Contact is Dan Guenthner, 2406 31st Avenue South Minneepolis, MN 55406 (612) 729-8695.

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WV: Back to Eden: This is a spiritual retreat, with a healing focus, on 97 acres, Write:137 Rd, West Union, WV 26456 (304) 873-1851.

New Vrindavana; RD # 1, Box 319, Moundaville, WV 25041 (304) 845-1207. A Krishna Vi scently opened up and become an Interfaith city of God. About 3000 acres houses a tota sufficient community. Very accepting of other religions that include the Spirit.

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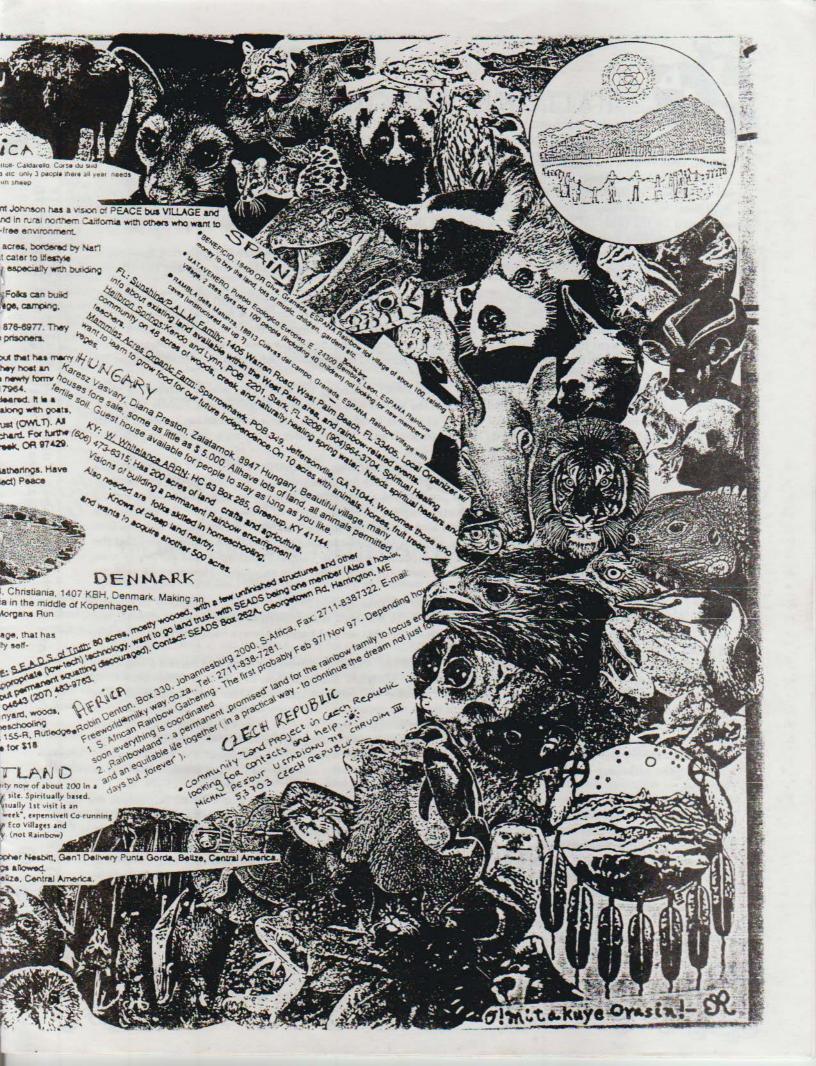
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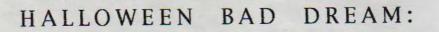
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Oct. 31, 1996: Four of the five Katuah gathering defendants found "Guilty as charged" in the first phase of the case.

The case of United States v. Spirit Owl, John Johnson, Uncle Bill, Laughing Man and Stephen Wing-- accused of being "leaders" of the 1996 Katuah Summer Solstice gathering-- began with a hearing about the facts of the case, with constitutional issues scheduled afterward. Sean Devereaux, a local attorney, represented Gallagher and was appointed by the court (at our request) to represent the three who qualified. Brian Michaels of Eugene OR, a longtime gathering participant and civil rights attorney, represented Wing.

Tues. Oct. 29: First we heard testimony from Wilt Stribling, LEO of the district where the gathering took place. Then we watched the video he took before, during and after the gathering, including the evening the officers came to cite the "leaders" (June 17). Like

an honest cop should, he took care to document his own muddy tiretracks up our main trail to the site. His testimony showed the gathering attempting to comply with all his requests, moving a tarp, taking down a tent etc .-- all except for signing an application for a permit when the number allegedly reached 75. It also showed the lengths the officers went to, hiding in the woods, using binoculars etc., to keep a daily count. The defense asked Stribling if he was aware that other people, such as bear hunters, held regular gatherings of a similar size in his district. He was not.

Next we watched a Forest Service training video about enforcing the new regs, which differed in severa respects (none considered "relevant," of course) from the way it was enforced in Pisgah Forest. Finally we saw a civilian video which covered the events of June 17 at a little greater length, plus a conversation between North Carolina chief LEO Malcolm Jowers and a Congressperson's aide. Jowers states on the tape that these regulations were written in direct response to losing the '88 Texas case.

Wed. Oct. 30: We heard testimony from Frank Roth, the regular Ranger in charge of the area of the gathering; a county sheriff's deputy on the National Forest detail; and NC's head technical advisor on special use permits testified. For the first time we found out that a permit had actually been drafted in anticipation of a signed application. After cross-examination, the prosecution rested. Devereaux moved for aquittal on the basis of the testimony so far, which was denied. Michaels then took a turn, and the constitutional issues began to come into play. The magistrate, the Honorable Max Cogburn, while sympathetic to the gravity of these issues, stated that the regulations appeared constitutional to him, that the procedures used in Pisgah Forest appeared proper to him, and that refusing to sign a permit appeared to him a matter of form rather than substance. However, he said the same thing about the FS's insistence on a signature.

In a surprise move, the prosecution moved to drop the case against Stephen Wing-- apparently in hopes of removing Michaels from the case. No one objected. Michaels, however, was allowed to continue as co-counsel; the magistrate made a point of complimenting him on his arguments several times. "Always happy to hear what Mr. Michaels has to say," he said once.

On the third day the remaining defendants testified. All four did a fine job on the stand and earned a collective compliment from the magistrate as well. Wing followed. Michaels' final question to him was rather broad: "Is there anything you want to add?" The magistrate overruled an objection and heard him out. The defense then presented a local Hot Springs man who testified to the many groups of 75 or more who use the National Forest in Roth & Stribling's district without permits, including the notorious bear- hunters. At one point the magistrate felt moved to lecture the prosecutor about how cowardly modern bear-hunting is. Then a wildlife biologist who was called in to survey the damage to the gathering site testified that it was minimal. Of course, the environmental impact of the gathering -- and the fact that it went away completely after cleanup-- was ruled totally irrelevant to the case.

The defense next called its secret weapon: secret because we didn't even know it existed until Ray Johns, the technical expert on permits, mentioned the draft permit he had prepared "just in case." Michaels called Johns back to the stand and had him read a few clauses of the "contract." These included holding the permit-signer 100% liable for everything that happens at the event -- even though the regulation itself says the signer is an "agent" who bears no legal responsibility; holding the government exempt from any liability at all; and revoking the permit because of "objectionable conduct" or simply at the "discretion" of the Rangers. All of this will hopefully help to prove in the next phase of the case that the permit itself is unconstitutional, and therefore a signature on an application is moot.

The prosecution tied up its case by contending that the testimony of each defendant amounted to confession" that they knew about the regulation and broke it anyway -- an alleged case of "civil disobedience 6 e

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The defense countered with a brilliant series of arguments that the prosecution's case was never proven "beyond a reasonable doubt." The key points were the lack of intent to commit a crime, the total lack of any documentary evidence whatsoever that 75 people were gathered, and the fact that three of the defendants were picked for exercising their constitutional rights-- Johnson for writing down the officers' names, Uncle Bill and Laughing Man for speaking with them -- and Spirit Owl, the fourth, simply because he lived nearby and was first to be questioned about the gathering by Stribling.

These arguments proved the defense's case beyond even the shadow of a reasonable doubt. Cogburn seemed to deeply regret having to ignore that fact in his ruling of "guilty as charged." Evidently he was unable to convince his direct superior, the district judge, that the facts of the case should overrule the political consequences of an aquittal (though we got the sense he tried). The district judge is notoriously conservative, so that's no surprise.

Somewhat delirious with victory, prosecutor Les Ascik invoked the spirits of Thoreau and St. Thomas Aquinas in demanding a fine of \$500 apiece, for the sake of completing the "dignity" of their "civil disobedience." The magistrate imposed a \$50 fine or 8 hours of community service for the Hot Springs Ranger office, plus a \$10 fee. When the Rangers objected that they had nothing for the defendants to do, Cogburn said in that case the \$10 fee would be enough. Most likely, they'll come up with something if any of the defendants chooses community service.

But the case still may be thrown out when the constitutional arguments are heard. This will take the form not of another hearing, but a series of legal briefs to the magistrate. The attorneys on both sides have 2 weeks to get their briefs together. If we lose that phase as well, the defendants still can file an appeal to the 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, VA, which must be adjudicated before the sentencing -- and the legal precedent set by this case -- takes effect. Stay tuned.

(Katuah scribe)



THE DUST STILL HASN'T SETTLED ON FOREST SERVICE ROAD 3173

Everyone who visited the 1996 Annual Gathering in Missouri remembers the remote gravel road that led to the site in the Mark Twain National Forest. Less than a mile from the Front Gate and Parking Lot, US & local law enforcement set up a "checkpoint" for two weeks, stopping thousands of vehicles. Working around the clock, the cops gave out hundreds of tickets & made a couple dozen arrests.

I was stopped twice at the roadblock. Not for committing any crime --Forest Service law enforcement officer said it was just "routine"-- they wanted to stop and check everyone. But I wasn't caught by surprise. For months, people in the Gateway Rainbow Circle had discussed what to do if the feds moved in on the Gathering. In the summer of 1995, federal officers harassed a small Ozarks gathering with the same tactics. We expected trouble this time, and we were more prepared to make a peaceful change.

During the Gathering, June 28th through July 10th, various people gathered every day at the Liberty Tree to spend more hours talking about how to remove the roadblock. The Forest Supervisor for Missouri promised to put an end to it, but he was overruled by the Chief in Washington, D.C. The cops continued to stop people simply for coming to the Gathering. Finally, an agreement was reached under the Liberty Tree.

On July 24, 1996, a federal lawsuit was filed in Kansas City, MO asking the court for an injunction to stop future roadblocks in Mark Twain National Forest. The defendants in this case are the US Forest Service, the Oregon County Sheriff, and the state Highway Patrol. The plaintiff is Zoe Love (but the court calls me by my "legal" name, Tracie Park). No one else wanted to stand as plaintiff, but after all the discussion, they agreed it was the right thing for me to do. I'm not suing the government on behalf of the Rainbow Family or anyone else. I filed as an individual, because the cops violated my Constitutional rights to free assembly (the 1st Amendment) and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure (the 4th Amendment).

This case is an important one, because the Forest Service can't legally target "members" of a "group" that assemble peaceably on public land. But they have imposed roadblocks on Rainbow Gatherings for years. So we could gain a big victory in Missouri anoput an end to this kind of harassment. But it's a huge undertaking -- 4 Rainbow-friendly attorneys are contributing to the legal effort.

Where the case stands now: it was transferred to a federal judge in Springfield, where we will most likely have our day in court in October, 1997. It seems the feds want this issue decided too, so both sides are preparing statements from witnesses and other paperwork. We are circulating copies of the arguments and responses to other folks who are facing legal action. Rainbow brother and lawyer Dave Garner has set up a trust fund for the suit, so people can make donations to help cover the cost of official statements, copying, and postage. Send to: David Garner, 202 West Schwartz, Salem, IL 62881. Thanks for your support!





Dear Robbie,

Please forgive me for taking a long time to write. I received your letter and the two issues of All Ways Free a month ago, and although I've been meaning to write, too many things seemed to keep me proccupied. Better late than never, I hope, and at the very least, this gives me a chance to say, "Happy New Year!"

I did enjoy reading the issues of All Ways Free, and I have shared them with others. I must admit that I was a bit surprised by your subject matter and theme. My friend that gave me your address had implied that you were more New Age or Pagan. Not that I was in any way disappointed in the content though.

I would like to tell you more about myself, since you asked. I was born in 1970, and have lived my entire life in Missouri. I don't think that I am in any way a typical Rainbow person. I mean, I don't especially favor drugs, the Dead, or any of the old '60's ideals. In a way, I do support all of these things: I'm not against them. I am a modern young adult into living a fulfilling, peaceful and spiritual life. I study religion, philosophy, and politics. After all, aren't they all aspects of each other?

Freedom of mind and spirit means a lot to me. Of course, being incarcerated, those are my primary freedoms right now. I do not like to talk about what put me here. That situation seems like part of someone else's life, not my own. That was during a time of confusion and alienation, and a time when my heart was hardened to many things.

I found my peace in prison. It seems sad to think that a person would need to come here to say that, but I'm not

alone. Many people take this route to find themselves. Today, I am a very peaceful and loving person. I find a lot of joy reading ancient mythological stories and philosophical works. I especially enjoy the Tao Te Ching, and most anything published by the Theosophical Society. I am not a Buddhist, Taoist or anything else, I follow the Spirit of God as it flows in me, the most any of us can ever truly do.

Each of us in the world belongs to the same family, but we are also each individuals with special roles to play. I am because the universe needs me to do my part, you are because the universe needs you. Nobody could ever fill your place better than you, although each of us has a responsibility to grow and help others grow so that we can all fill our roles the

I hope that All Ways Free remains part of the world. It exists to fill a need. Maybe someday there won't be a need, best way we can. hopefully soon the world will unite in peace and joy. I would like to continue receiving All Ways Free, and I will continue to share it with others. You do not need to print this letter although I don't mind if you do, I'm just writing to say, "Hi, and thanks. I love you, too, brother."

Peace and love. Jason

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A Step Toward Community

The Community Land-Link Network is a publication put out by Rainbows, for Rainbows. While not attempting to represent the Rainbow Family in any way, we try and connect folks within our circle who are community minded with some communities and resources they might find useful on their path to learning about cocreation of community. And it is hoped that the communities who choose to be listed can use the help they may receive from this listing.

This publication always welcomes input and potential listings of resources or communities willing to try out self-motivated, hard working new members. Each sommunity or resource is asked before being listed. and PO Boxes are strongly encouraged. For more information, and to find out abour happenings involving Rainbow in the Pacific Northwest, and elsewhere, or about the Big Mountain Native American & Peabody Coal struggles in the SW, or about ways to help out in the efforts to save the last of this nation's forests, please send S.A.S.E. to:

Starfire **Community Land Link Network POB 75704** Seattle, WA 98125-0704 starfire@welcomehome.org (206) 361-0481-- no collect calls please!!



Greetings!

I've been attending annual Rainbow Gatherings for the past six years, and have developed more and more interest in "coming of age" ceremonies. These "passages" which wimmin and men go thru as they change and age are very important both individually and collectively. All ancient tribes had separate secret societies which educated wimmin or men into the "mysteries" that were appropriate to their particular sex. This knowledge helped to keep the energies of the tribe balanced. We still see evidence of these ceremonies for the young in bar/bat mitzvahs, confirmation, vision quests, etc.

In older societies, there were other ceremonies along the way to maturity. One of those rituals becoming more acknowledged with the aging of baby boomers and the rising consciousness of wimmin is a "croning" ceremony to celebrate the cessation of menopause. Many cultures believe that when a womon stops bleeding and begins to hold her "wise blood" inside, she has access to special powers and wisdom. The role of the Grandmothers— the Elders— the Crones— in all societies was an esteemed and respected one. The Grandmother Clan was the basic unit of society for hundreds of thousands of years.

Last year, in New Mexico, I helped organize a "croning" evening which was attended by 8 wimmin over 50 and 22 young wimmin who wanted to support these old wimmin. We found that young wimmin are hungry fro the stories of their elders and old wimmin need to celebrate their aging and pass their stories on in a more formal way. We were all pleased with the result.

This year, we duplicated that ceremony with over 70 wimmin. We also designed a "menarche" ceremony for wimmin celebrating their first blood flow (also for all who had the opportunity to celebrate their coming into womonhood.) Both ceremonies were very empowering for all who participated and for all who heard later about them. We even announced the honored crones at main circle to much applause and approval! To acknowledge and honor these changes publicly, in a society which demands "forever young" as the only desirable state, is to dispel the myths of powerlessness and see our way to the next step of Being an Elder in our Tribe. Everyone seemed to really appreciate these community rituals and we hope to do them again next year.

Some old men have asked me what a wise old man is called. I don't have the answer to that. Men, themselves, must begin to research and design their own "passages" ceremonies. (Men, in general, have not been in "consciousness-raising" groups since the 70s like wimmin have, and, therefore, need to really get going on serious communication with each other.) I began "seeding" this year with all the old men I knew. I feel we need rites of passage for old men to move into their "grandfather" energy. Enough already of the predatory energy of men in patriarchy. As men age, they need ceremonies that help them recognize that these young wimmin are their daughters and granddaughters. Old men are to protect, advise, and care for young wimmin (and young men). Public rituals encourage and strengthen our resolve to act as Elders. We'll see what comes of this "seeding"— I'll be watching and advising when asked.

Since I see such a need among younger folks in particular, I'm hoping Rainbow will begin to recognize and honor this need by encouraging various rituals to help with these energy passages. We must move on in our lives to embrace our changing and maturing energies. To remain flexible and open is wonderful. To refuse to "grow" is unfortunate. There are many different adventures and challenges as we move along Life's path. I, personally, want to taste them all! Contact me for details:

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Dear Family of Mine,

In June, 1996 at the Katuah Family Gathering the U.S. Gov¹t cited five of us for not signing an application for a permit to peaceably assemble. We decided for the highest law of America and did not sign.

Our court case was both a Family Gathering and a learning

Lots of brothers & sisters came for a silent prayer vigil and many stayed in the courtroom for the whole experience. The love imparted by the Family kept us focused on the Family. Our own love was returned ten-fold.

This case (we were found guilty) is being appealed but is also under review in Asheville, NC. That sorta gives us one extra step in the appeal process.

Holding the Family in my aura. I am Uncle Bill.



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So what is this thing called Vision Council anyway? To some it is a chance to express visions of what our Rainbow Family can become and our impact on the world. To others it is simply to decide where our next gathering will be. To yet others it is both.. All perspectives are equally valid. It allows those who are there for site selection to hear the hearts of brothers and sisters about what we have become and where we might be going. It also allows people to participate in the site selection process who would normally not have been interested.

In the six Vision Councils I have attended, I have experienced a growing concern about what I see as a very real disfunctionality in our Vision Councils. I see very loving brothers and sisters turned into yelling, frustrated people who are clearly not listening and respecting the voices of others. I see the process abused by people who use it as a way to proselytize and push their own agenda that may have nothing to do with the subject of the council. I see impatient people deride those who do not speak specifically about "where we're going next year". I feel that this creates a council that is uncomfortable, difunctional, and impractical.

As a solution to what I see as a very real problem, I would like to propose some possible options. How about separating the process into Vision Council and Site Selection Council? Vision Council would last one day, possibly July 6th, and would be held specifically to share hearts and visions for the Family. Site Selection Council would be held specifically to determine the relative location of the following year's gathering. It would also allow brothers and sisters to choose which council (or both) they would like to attend.

Another option would be to hold a pre-council Council, possibly July 6th, to determine next year's site. The difference would be that **no consensus could be made**. This would allow the circle to come to a general understanding so that when Council begins on the 7th the process could move along much smoother. It is **not** a behind the scenes, closed door decision and would be open to all, as is any council.

I feel that either suggestion would be a help in making our current Vision Council more harmonious and flowing and could very well lead to less difficulty in future councils. I humbly ask you all to consider it and plan to see you in the Pacific Northwest this July. I wish you much love and light.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR 1996 MAGIC HAT

"Magic Hat" 1996 Total

16,548.00



Food	11,040.
C.A.L.M.	1,140.
Supply and shuttle gas	446.
Non food supply and seed	213.
Getaway road dollars	675.
Vehicle repair	278.
Scouting	200.
Landfill	442.
Shanti Sena and local bills	197.
Batteries	408.
Trash crew supplies	247.
Forward to '97 (checks & foreign !	\$) 1,2

Comments: Many thanks to Dakota and crew for the excellent job on recycling. I didn't break it down into main gathering versus cleanup. This is an itemized total for the whole gathering. I saw forest rangers resurrected from grave doubts to smiling faces and words of praise. Many thanks to cleanup crew. Magic Hat includes every thought, word, and deed that comes from hearts of love.

Thank you Rainbow Family for all yourbeautiful loving gifts. May the peace and blessing of Jah be with you all.

With love & peace, Riff Raff

Statement of Intent

(reprinted in each issue since All Ways Free #1, Winter 1985)

All Ways Free is an actualization of a need to expand communication among the people of the planet. We offer a forum for:

- ... sharing heartsongs, dreams, visions, and the realization of peace
- ... updates on the events of the world and those in our own backyards
- ... expressing creativity in poetry, cartoons, short stories, drawings
- ... bringing increased awareness to the difficulties and problems facing us, as well as potential solutions, our progress and accomplishments
- ... most importantly, sharing of love for one another and our planet home

All Ways Free is an inclusive experience, with input from any and all. A volunteer staff meets before each edition to combine the collective effort into a polished product. We have chosen not to sell All Ways Free, or any space within it. Instead, it flies on love, energy, money, and materials freely given. With this process we hope to bring about a shared vision of love, peace, justice, and freedom, through a strong, broad, common unity.

Editorial Policy Humbly, with respect, compromise, we will serve you. This ussue is by merbarrick Bill of R Becks Scott Shuker. Cover by Howard Prietss hack by Palmer Coxcentero officer my Granpy's books) I bre you my relatives. An Open Letter to the U.S. Forest Service

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Brothers and Sisters Under the Uniform:

People who like to go to gatherings in the woods are an *un*-group in the same sense as people who gather on the public beaches, in city parks, in churches, and so on. Some among us don't agree on anything but the right to assemble and argue about our differences!

Try thinking of gathering attendees as citizens like anyone else with a legitimate right to enjoy the forests. Try thinking of Rainbow gatherings simply as one more "multiple use" of the public forests — one which is growing, while hunting and fishing continue to decline. Do what you must to protect the forest, and do what you

can to help the citizens gather in peace α and safety. We could use the help.

It might be useful to regard the gatherings not as a group or an event, but as a living *folk tradition*. If this is not a legal term, let me define it: a folk tradition is a widespread practice which someone may once have started, but no one could possibly stop-short of mass arrest. If you continue to pursue your intention (or follow your instructions) to outlaw Rainbow gatherings, I think you'll come to understand what I mean.

Choosing a few citizens to hold responsible may sound good on paper. In practice, it demonstrates precisely why your rule is unconstitutional. North Carolina's chief LEO Malcolm Jowers explained the procedure to me in person: "Just go to the kitchen and see who's making the biscuits." This is far too much *prejudicial discretion* to place in the hands of people as blatantly biased as Jowers and Stribline.

The sad fact is, you have a long way to climb from your current level of trust among our Family before a proposal like this could possibly work. You could start immediately: by dropping the charges against the Katuah 7 and the Allegbeny 2, and withdrawing this revised, and *still* unconstitutional, "new" rule. Please think it over. Your boss could use the votes. -Stephan Wing

- SROBBIE GORDON JOIN THE FIGHT FOR TOP-FREE EQUALITY!

SMOKE

In February of 1996, Kayla Sosnow and 2500 other Rainbows gathered in Florida's Osceola National Forest to celebrate life in harmony with nature and each other. In this environment, Kayla felt comfortable acting on what she knew: women's bodies are different, but no more obscene than men's.

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One morning. Kayla and her friend Eric, both top-free, innocently went about their morning chore of filling up water jugs. About twenty-five other Rainbows were present in the area of the water tower when the National Park Rangers approached and asked Kayla to put on her shirt. Kayla asked why they weren't making the same request of Eric. The Rangers returned to their vehicle to radio for backup. Kayla and Eric, finished with their task, attempted to return to their campsite. The Park Rangers detained them, until two more Ranger cars, and three Sheriff cars arrived. The Sheriffs asked Kayla to put on her shirt. Again, Kayla pointed out all the shirtless males who were not being asked the same. Two Sheriffs grabbed Kayla by County Jail.

Since there is no law against being top-free, the Sheriffs had creatively charged Kayla with the statute for obscene literature. Eventually the State Attorney changed the charge to indecent exposure. The public defender then filed a motion to dismiss, since indecent exposure requires lewd and lascivious behavior. The State Attorney, determined, changed the charge again, finally settling on disorderly conduct. By this time. Kayla had spent four months travelling back and forth to Baker County Court.

Kayla was convicted by a jury in Baker County, where each juror knew at least two to three of the others. The Judge

sentenced Kayla to thirty days in jail. suspended after she spent five months on probation, paid \$600 in fines and fees, performed fifty hours community service, plus other requirements.

Kayla attempted probation, but was thwarted when requested to sign a blanket waiver of her privacy rights. Kayla was arrested again and exact the

of her privacy rights Kayla was arrested again, and spent sixteen more days in jail before the privacy waiver was found improper and stricken from use.

Are you outraged by Kayla's arrest? Do you want to put a stop to discriminatory arrests of this type? Then please, send a contribution to Kayla's legal defense fund! Make checks payable to Jim Miller, atty., and send them to Kayla Sosnow Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 13082, Gainesville, FL 32604. Letters also welcome, especially from other women who have been arrested for going top-free, or just enjoy being top-free! For more information, or to help. please contact (352) 373-5789.







Rainbow Events:

2.2. Winter Scoutmeeting europ Gathering 1997 Scotland, contact : Leyline Tom, Se dges the green Stalham, Norwick NR 129 PU England U.K. 0044/1692/580650 Email: 101475.2261@ Compuserve.com. or see below: Adam + Maya

Spring 97 Small Gathering at Schwäbische Alb contact: Harald+ Marina, Wagenburg Kunterbunt, 1 07074 Eisenhutstr. 66, 72072 Tübing en, Do (3692 68

10. - 24. June, Rainbow healing gathering in Jtaly, Toscana, Rquachetta

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10,5-24 06.97 Inst part in Scotland, U.K. contact via Adam, George & Maya, c/o P. George & Maggi Scott, Flat 2, 19 upper Grove Place, Edinburgh, Scotland Tat: 011121/2255 0955 (number will change soon) (suggested to be extended until July)

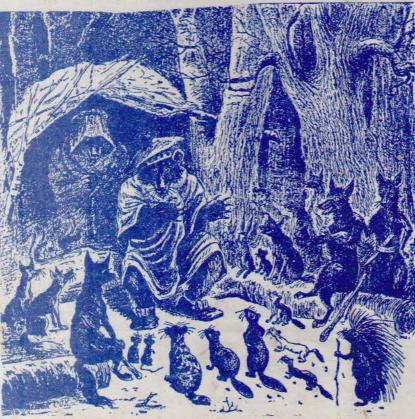
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or call Anna Marie at 1-888-356-4774 (Missing Children Clearing House) we love you- Uncle Bill

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