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a news/love letter to/from the Rainbow Tribes of the Southeast



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## Family Calendar • Fall 1999

November 19-21

Katuah Thanksgiving Council on private land in north Georgia (near Clayton): 770/662-6112

November 25-28

Rainbow Family Thanksgiving Council (a circle of people giving thanks— no more or less) on private land in Montana: 406/825-0044

March 6-April 4, 2000 (seed camp Dec. 21)

World Gathering of the Tribes in New South Wales, Australia: PO Box 645, Kyolge NSW 2474, Australia; phone 011-61-3-951-73546; email worldgathering@hotmail.com; www.worldgathering.org

### Ho! Update:

After Summer issue's layout problems, the printing was delayed; can anyone out there take a turn printing newsletters? The good news is, Ho! may soon have a website. Thanks for your support!

In workshops, I often tell this story, for it describes the work we aim to do, and the training we engage in. It is about the coming of the Kingdom of Shambhala, and it is about you, and me. It is a prophecy that arose in Tibetan Buddhism over 12 centuries ago. I learned of it from my Tibetan friends in India when, in 1980, I heard many of them speaking of this ancient prophecy as coming true in our time. The signs it foretold, they said, are recognizable now, in our generation. Since this prophecy speaks of a time of great danger— of apocalypse— I was, as you can imagine, very interested to find out about it.

There are varying interpretations of this prophecy. Some portray the coming of the kingdom of Shambhala as an internal event; a metaphor for one's inner spiritual journey independent of the world around us. Others present it as an entirely external event that will unfold in our world independent of what we may choose to do or what our participation may be in the healing of our world. A third version of the prophecy is the one given to me by my friend and Dharma brother Choegyal Rinpoche of the Tashi Jong community in northern India.

There comes a time when all life on Earth is in danger. At this time, two great powers have arisen; these are the *lalo*s (the barbarians). One is in the western hemisphere and one in the center of the Eurasian landmass. Although these two powers have spent their wealth in preparations to annihilate each other, they have much in common: weapons of unfathomable death and devastation, and the technologies that lay waste our world. It is in this time, when the whole future of sentient life seems to hang on the frailest of threads, that the kingdom of Shambhala begins to emerge.

Now you can't go there, for it is not a place, it's not a geopolitical entity. It exists in the hearts and minds of the Shambhala warriors— that is the term Choegyal used— warriors. Nor can you recognize

## The Prophecy of the Shambhala Warriors



by Joanna Macy

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a Shambhala warrior when you see her or him, for they wear no uniform, no insignia, carry no banners. They have no barricades on which to climb to threaten the enemy or behind which they can rest to hide or regroup. They haven't even any home turf; for always they must move on the terrain of the *lalo*s or barbarians themselves.

Now the time comes when great courage, moral and physical, is required of the Shambhala warriors, for they must go into the very heart of the barbarian power, into the pits and pockets and citadels where the weapons are kept, to dismantle them. To dismantle weapons, in every sense of the word, they must go into the corridors or power where decisions are made.

Now the Shambhala warriors have the courage to do this because they know that these weapons are "*mano-maya*." They are "mind-made."

Made by human mind, they can be unmade by human mind. The Shambhala warriors know that the dangers that threaten life on Earth are not visited upon us by any extraterrestrial powers, or any satanic deities, or any preordained evil fate, but they arise, rather, from our own choices, our own lifestyles, our own relationships.

So in this time the Shambhala warriors go into training. When Choegyal said this, I asked, "How do they train?" They train, he said, in the use of two weapons. "What weapons?" I asked, and he held up his hand in the way the lamas hold the ritual objects of bell and *dorje* in the lama dance.

The weapons are compassion and insight. Both are necessary, he said. You have to have compassion because it gives you the juice, the power, the passion to move; when you open to the pain of the world you move. But that weapon by itself is not enough. It can burn you out, so you need the other.

It is insight into the radical interdependence of all phenomena— their interconnectedness, their deep ecology. With that wisdom you know that it is not a battle between the good guys and the bad guys, but that the line between good and evil runs through the landscape of every human heart. With that insight into our profound interrelatedness you know that actions undertaken with pure intent have repercussions throughout the web of life, beyond what you can measure or discern.

By itself, that insight may appear too cool, too conceptual, to sustain you and keep you moving, so you need the heat of the compassion. Together, within each Shambhala warrior and among the Shambhala warriors themselves, these two can sustain us as agents of social change. They are gifts for us to claim now in the healing of our world.

## A CONSTITUTION IN SUSPENSE . . .

One lost, three cases pending as courtroom drama continues; stay tuned!

Sept. 15, Portland, Oregon  
9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Oral arguments were heard in the appeal of the lawsuit filed by six individuals against the Forest Service (see "excerpts from Barry Plunker's email"), which was dismissed by a lower court.

According to Garrick Beck, the plaintiffs made their case on both technical and constitutional grounds. The judges weren't interested in the technical grounds at all, and hardly interested in constitutional ones— though they seemed to understand.

"We understand that your group has no organizational quality," Garrick sums up their position. "We've read your briefs, and we see the Rainbow as closer to an idea than an organization. But you still have to play by the rules like everyone else."

Lawyers for the plaintiffs tried to explain the complexity of the dual signature requirement, the trap of additional terms that no one could possibly assure that other attendees would keep. We re-

minded the judges of their own recent decision in the Bough case, where a Parks System (Interior Dept.) permit scheme was found unconstitutional for being overly burdensome and asking the signer to promise things he or she could not assure.

The judges were hard on the plaintiffs, even harsh, but in Garrick's estimation they were equally hard on the defendants. They asked one government witness where else the Forest Service imposes a similar permit scheme. He couldn't name one. They asked where else in the Dept. of Agriculture such a permit scheme existed. He had no

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## A CONSTITUTION IN SUSPENSE

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examples. Then they asked where else in the entire U.S. government such a scheme existed. He couldn't say . . . A ruling is due within 90 days.

**September 27, Springfield, Missouri  
U.S. District Court**

Tony Nenninger, a.k.a. Goodwater, was found guilty of a permit violation at a May 1998 regional gathering. The charge against Kirk McFadden was dropped. Goodwater says he'll appeal (see below).

**October 6, 1999, San Francisco, California  
9th Circuit Court of Appeals**

Strider's acquittal in the Arizona '98 permit case is in danger of being overturned after oral arguments were heard in the government's appeal. He faced a hostile panel of judges who did not allow him to present the arguments he had prepared. The government made several deceptive claims about the regulation and its interpretation by the FS. In the interim, the U.S. Dept of Agriculture even enacted a new interpretive regulation that seems suspiciously targeted at undermining Strider's case. He did not learn about it in time to address it adequately at the hearing.

"I don't expect a favorable decision," he writes in an email communicate, "not because I am wrong but because I perceive the judges didn't like me, have no idea what a Rainbow Gathering is like

(their questions involved Earth First!), and don't understand the regulatory scheme and will just buy the Gov't's deceptions . . ."

One of his arguments hinges on the fact that according to the regs, an "administrative appeal" process must be exhausted before a permit-holder can take his or her case before a federal judge. This could take longer than most permitted (or unpermitted) events would last. The government responded, untruthfully, that the appeal process only applies to commercial events, not non-commercial ones like Rainbow. The government's very deceptions, however, encourage Strider to believe that his arguments are valid chinks in the armor of the bureaucracy— if a judge will listen.

**Oct. 20, Erie, Pennsylvania, U.S. District Court**

Garrick Beck, Stephen Principle and Joanne Freedom are charged with a permit violation for the 1999 Pennsylvania Rainbow Gathering. An team of local lawyers weighed in on their behalf before a senior judge who seems to take the case very seriously— partly because of the constitutional issues and his own suspicions of the regs, and partly because both sides have declared their intent to appeal if they lose. After denying the defendants' motions to postpone, he announced that he wasn't going to simply rule from the bench after hearing all the testimony, but would set a briefing schedule to deal with the deeper issues.

Four people testified on the government's behalf: Incident Commander Bill Fox; LEO Robert

Poegh; District Ranger John Schultz (who in early June 1999 replaced another District Ranger who proved too friendly— who was interrogated afterwards for useful intelligence, under oath); and Steve Burd, the actual ticketer.

All four said a lot of nice things and painted a friendly picture of the Gatherings, giving a careful impression that the FS has no animosity toward Rainbow. They testified at length about publications, web sites, newsletters, our children's village, food supply, radios, parking, minimanuals and more— all in a positive way— to convince the court we're really an organization in disguise.

All four witnesses were then cross-examined by the defense. "Being restricted in our cross-examination to what was elicited in direct examination hindered certain issues which we would have preferred to pursue," Stephen Principle complained. "As the government bureaucrats we would have preferred to question were not 'available' to us, and one defendant's attorney had concerns about what was available— and in the belief that we ourselves had little to offer, as it is the law itself that's at issue— we rested without presentation."

Which means we had to be content with cross-examination of these same four witnesses. Asked by the press afterward why he hadn't testified, Stephen said, "It's not about how eloquently and beautifully we can paint the Rainbow. It's about an issue of law and justice, and our brief will explain it to the judge." The defendants' briefs are due on Nov. 8th; the prosecution's on Nov. 15th. —scribe

## MAN FINED FOR ILLEGAL GATHERING

*Tony Nenninger is found guilty in Rainbow Gathering's lack of permits*

**Tues. 9/28/99:** A Bourbon man who took part in a May 1998 Rainbow Gathering in the Mark Twain National Forest was found guilty Monday in Springfield's U.S. District Court of occupying National Forest Service land as part of a group of 75 or more without a permit.

Tony Nenninger, who was also found guilty of constructing a water line on National Forest land without a permit, said he'll appeal federal Magistrate James C. England's decision and the fine of \$70 the court imposed.

Friends and supporters of Nenninger who came to the day-long trial said Monday the principles of the gatherings don't allow any of them to sign a use permit. That's the offense Nenninger was ticketed for first at the gathering in Oregon County.

Rainbow Gatherings, open to anyone, are known for attracting free-thinkers bent on promoting world peace and cooperation.

Donald Mangogna, who was with the group in Mark Twain National

Forest, testified Rainbow Gatherings have no leaders or organization capable of deciding who should sign a use permit. Mangogna and others objected to the idea that any one person had the authority to assume responsibility for other individuals at the gathering.

"I find that absurd on the face of it," Mangogna said.

The charge against a second man ticketed at the May 1998 gathering for refusing to sign a use permit— Kirk E. McFadden— was dropped Friday. Both men could have faced up to \$5000 in fines on that charge alone. Nenninger said after the trial that he will continue to appeal the \$70 fine and England's verdict because he doesn't want to live in a fascist society.

Another supporter from St. Louis, Scottie Addison, said those familiar with the gatherings will continue to support Nenninger.

"He shouldn't have to stand alone," Addison said.

—Traci Shurley, Springfield (MO) News-Leader

I've always joked about becoming a monk, dropping out of society and devoting myself full-time to spiritual practice. Thanks to one of those amazing coincidences I find myself a "monk" participating for six weeks in a silent Vipassana meditation retreat with 100 other men and women.

Vipassana meditation is a simple, direct and powerful practice— the moment-to-moment observation and investigation of the mind/body process through the development of a calm, focused and balanced awareness. As stillness deepens a quality of being develops, a natural spaciousness of mind that is pre-verbal, pre-conceptual.

Much of our daily lives we are lost in our heads, churning out thoughts of memories, regrets, plans, worries and judgements, and the present moment of Reality is barely noticed.

In Vipassana meditation, one starts to pay attention to Be, Here/Now, to the truth of the present moment. Using the breath as an anchor, one brings the wandering and clinging mind back again and again to the present experience of sounds (hearing), smells, tastes and touch



### Cup of Tea

"Bring back a wife!" my friend said as I left, or was it "Purify your life!"? Perhaps they go together, like honey stirred in a hot cup of tea on a cold night.

### Forest Path

Walking on the forest path there appears a huge pine tree with a companion a smaller maple tree wrapped around him in a spiral I know trees are androgynous but, keep wondering if these two are lovers rooted together in the earth reaching upward, mates for life

(body sensations or feelings).

The breath is the key. Right now take a deep inhalation and exhale completely. Now, breathing naturally (not trying to control), close your eyes and notice your breath coming in/out of the nostrils and the rise/fall of the abdomen/chest . . . Which is more noticeable? . . . Pick one and let that be your present moment anchor to relaxation, to peace, to letting go . . .

In Eastern philosophy there is not two separate words for heart and mind. Purification of mind purifies the heart. Wisdom leads to compassion and compassion is wisdom.

Meditation is about understanding this deeply conditioned, constantly changing mind/body and learning how to accept and be with ourselves, our feelings, our breath. We realize the power and beauty of sitting still and quiet, doing nothing. We also awaken to the truth that spiritual practice is always here/now, without end. We commit ourselves to breathe into infinity and SEE all living beings with compassionate eyes.

—blessings of peace & lovingkindness,  
Jahom (Laughing Man)

**The 2000 Montana/Idaho Gathering**

World Family Gathering of the Tribes 2000, NorthWest Rocky Mountain Region, Montana/Idaho, sponsored, in part, by the Rainbow Family. This Gathering is one among many held each year, in different places on Planet Earth, in hearts and minds everywhere, and in Universal communion with all other like minds and hearts.

How totally enjoyable— what a blessing the Gathering is headed out here in the Rockies. I love Montana, this whole area, born and raised here and for sure, this Gathering, come July 2000, will be further fulfillment of Visions I personally have experienced of the coming Transformation of the Earth and all its peoples, all the relations. Some of these I have outlined in the various books and writings and hundreds of hip-stories I have shared around the fires of our Culture.

... I have spoken with mucho folks around these hyar parts and folks is pleased as punch and Judy Gathering is coming our Way. Folks up this way never wanted to be lobbying one way or t'other about where Gathering goes, and folks from here warn't down at the Vision Council either in Arizona or Penn.— but dang, we are way into the Gathering— and many of us have been way into Gatherings for years.

**A Council Arbor for the Tribe**

My intentions are to fully participate in this coming Gathering, right up to and including clean-up and restoration, and in every capacity I am capable of— with an emphasis, upon my part, of aiding in constructing at least one Council Arbor, wherein folks can Gather, Council, in relative comfort. I have been to many powwows, other ceremonies, of other Tribes, and when they Gather they set up Arbors that offer them shade, some protection from rain, etc.

One in Missoula set up years ago, used every August, has some 300 poles, provides shelter for hundreds of people. One for the Gathering would require a comparative shelter for thousands. I feel positive that if an adequate Council Arbor were built with an open center for Free Speech, this would do as much for Centering the Gathering as is possible.

Seems environmental conditions have a lot to do with our Gatherings. This last year the Gathering was immense, so spread out, and the Circles were, dare I say, at times spaced-out. If there is a designed Council Arena— an Arbor— like every other Tribal Culture on Earth have learned, people comfortably counciling can commune consensus, I am convinced.

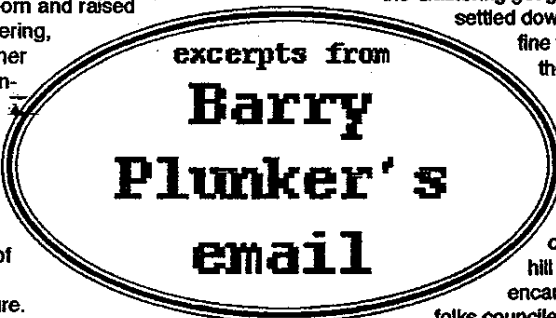
The right kitchen or theatre scene, set up (i.e. Granola Funk etc.) provides opportunity for feeding or entertainment. As far as our Council trip goes, ain't it about time to get down with it? I reckon construct a Council space, folks will come Council in this place, and hang out and be— when folks is with each other doing anything at the Gathering don't it help Center the entire Gathering, in one way or another? I am volunteering for this task this Gathering, and hope Spirit will open the Way.

For many years at past Gatherings it seemed like we came to Gather and Centered a Gathering and Councilled with each other— thousands of folks— I see the Irish Gathering on Intermut and I see hundreds of folks Centering with one another and it brings back good memories of other Gatherings, of when we all would come ToGather and Be with one another— 5,000, 10,000 folks— looking and listening about one thing or another, together. It was a fun scene. New Mexico 1977, when us thousands

gathered and listened to Grandfather David, Hopi elder and friend, who spoke to nearly the entire Gathering.

**The 1976 Montana Gathering**

Last time around, for those of you who have been around you will remember, and any folks since 1976 might have heard: vibes up here in Montana in 1976 got mighty raucous and rowdy, and sorta dangerous. It warn't until late June, once the Gathering got going, that vibes settled down and we had a fine time— even though that year two distinct encampments, one fully Vegetarian and one for meat-eaters, emerged. Councils were held on a hill between the two encampments, and folks councilled and partied together ... but eating together was a dance and a half. Those days folks was real definite about being around folks who was eating different. All in all it made for an interesting Gathering. There is a video of the Montana Gathering. We was wild, young, rockin' ...



**Peace Vortex 2000**

PeaceVortex 2000, August 1-14, located somewhere near to the Gathering, with filming of PeaceTribes 2100 "documentary" (at minimum) and staged dramatic movie (at maximum)— hope you all will feel invited, and will participate in one way or the other— more on this as time goes by, read the Script on our Website. Find your place in it or write in your self. Remember, if it comes down to it, PeaceVortex 2000 will become a Gathering (with folks agreeing it can be filmed)— as an Expression of Peace, and the main Message will be the Message for the Generations— heartsongs on parade, more or less. If you are doing some task and are speaking up, this may be another opportunity to get your message out to the peoples. Contributions of action, cash, cameras, communications Welcome— whatever degree of contributions will determine the scope of this enterprise.

**The 1999 Pennsylvania Gathering**

Loved the Gathering this year in Penn.— amazing— the Generations have unity, through the Gatherings. The energy is passin' on forth: what a wonderful scene. Respect ... blessings on Sun Bear, a good soul gone to the skies, who I never heard say a bad word about any other person: good friend, good family.

A word about the various ticketing and arrest scenes at Penn. Gathering. On the tickets for No Permit: if you take up with any of the volunteer tasks of Gathering which may bring you into contact with the

Forest Service directly or indirectly and they come to know who you are ... you are likely to be targeted for a ticket.

This year in Penn., Incident Command targeted T.C., Ruthie, and Joannee Freedom for tickets. Eventually they decided that Garrick Beck, Stephen Principle were acceptable persons to ticket, based on their criteria and because they were available and easy to ticket ... and Joannee Freedom.

Garrick, Stephen and Joannee have Court cases in Penn. Federal Courts: pray that they experience justice, and will not be held culpable for all other Gatherers' actions. This form of sad injustice will continue until those self-same thousands, each and every one of them, in a Spartacus-like manner, stand up for their rights ... and take responsibility. Good luck to our friends in the Court.

Another type ticket was "interference with officers," and many of these tickets were for folks engaged in Cop Watch, folks acting as "fair witness" of various police actions. One could say that these individuals stuck their necks out, perhaps too far in some cases, in an attempt to intervene where [they saw] injustice on the part of officers who seemingly were harassing various gatherers.

I hope folks will wake up sooner or later and share not only the good vibes, but ALL the vibes of Gathering. Join in folks ... as Bob Marley so eloquently sang, "Get up, Stand up for your rights!" I add: support the folks who do!!!

**Lawsuit Against NFS, Now Under Appeal**

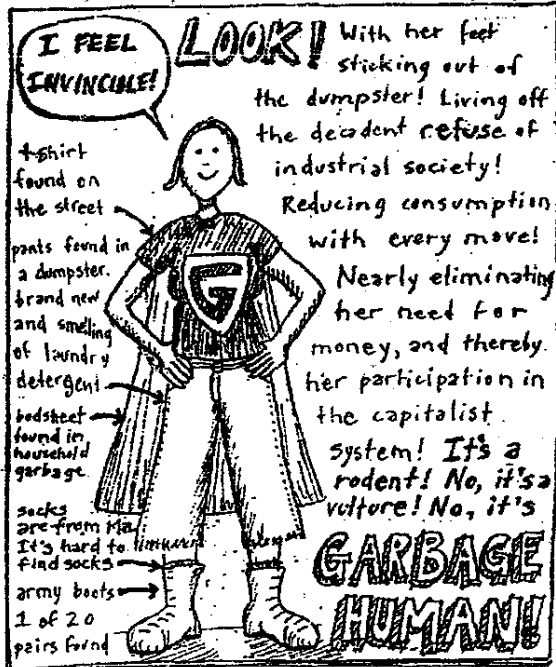
Continuing to pursue the Court case as Plaintiff, ongoing since 1997. My intention in suing the FS is to stop their, in my opinion, illegal and unjustified continuous harassment against the Gatherings, particularly my rights as an individual, in being an attendee and volunteer— part and parcel of my spiritual and religious pathway, and in violation of my Free Speech right and right to petition for redress of grievance of my government— my expression of peace, etc.

Readying myself for the Court scene in Portland, Oregon, September 15th, 1999, with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' judges. In the Spirit, I pray for the "daily bread" to be able to travel there and back, with knowing Kasha Rose Montana and Su got enough "daily bread" to keep them going while I be rolling and rocking. Seems like I be panhandling, passing a hat, just to get by many times— in fact traveling out to Penn. to the Gathering and

back was just such an experience— and here I am again, a couple of hundred dollars needed just to make this trip ... praying and panhandling.

Prosperity consciousness reminds me the "bread" has always appeared, and I feel good about it all ... Leastways one way or t'other I manage to go on and on, with help from my friends or family or whoever it is that has given it up to help me/us on our way ... and for all of them folks, over the years and tasks, who have shared and given— many thanks!

—Barry Adams, Plunker Missoula, Montana



"Now many of us, raised in the Age of Excess Light during the '30s, '40s and '50s (way back before hardly anyone you know was born) were trained, nay, programmed to never ask for anything . . . So, I would like the youth of our tribe to realize that many of us curmudgeonly crones and coots simply find it easier to say nothing, haul our stuff until we just can't anymore, and then stay home. . .

We cannot afford to treat our elders as they do in the covean world— abandoned in warehouses of woe, at worst, and belittled and humoured at best. Because, kids, old folks R us, and you're all going to find that out."

—Tutu Twylah Feedthroat, pagan tribe elder

"It seems that women in Britain and maybe in other cultures are brought up to help old people. That it's just as natural as offering to help a hostess at a party. But in America we are not taught that we should give the seat to an old woman or automatically take over any job we see an older person doing.

Now I was brought up to be independent and competent, handling my own needs. So when somebody offers to help me I become ambivalent, because I don't want to be seen as incapable of doing it. But at the same time if I'd relax, I might say, "Yes, please do." . . .

A solicitous attitude makes me think I am being pushed into aging a little faster than I want to go."

Jean Mountaingrove, lesbian tribe elder

#### SOUND OF ONE WING FLAPPING

## Old Rainbows Never Fade Away, They Just...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Move into a Winnebago at Bus Village? | <input type="checkbox"/> Check into a nearby hotel and ride the shuttle?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retire to the old folks Home?         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in an 4x4 wheelchair with giant tires?      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Train grandchildren to carry gear?    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stop showing up some year, never to be seen again? |

It was no accident that I ran into Medicine Story exactly where and when I did: in the kitchen at Kid Village up in Pennsylvania. It was simply one more step in the lifelong spiritual journey that all my travels to and from gatherings seem to belong to. This summer, an eerie pilgrimage into the not-so-distant future of my own old age.

So when I ran into the silverhaired elder of the Wampanoag tribe, I had to ask him my question.

"The biggest difference I see between Rainbow Gatherings and the Native American gatherings I go to," Medicine Story told me, "is the attitude toward older folks." Among his Native relatives, he said, "It's always 'Grandfather, can I get you something to drink?' 'Grandmother, do you need anything?'" While among his Rainbow relatives . . .

Looking around, I realized that alongside our commitment to our children the Rainbow Family needs to cultivate an equal commitment to the elders among us.

My pilgrimage had begun two weeks earlier at the Katuah Summer Solstice Gathering. As it happens, my 69-year-old father finally retired last year and this summer for the first time was free to visit this other family I had told him about. I was expecting him to arrive on the final day of the Katuah gathering and join our circle in honor of the Solstice.

At our beautiful Tennessee site, the trail to Katuah Kitchen crossed five different rock and log bridges, the trail to Coop Kitchen crossed four, and the trail between the kitchens crossed two. I helped build the crossings during the week— and rebuild them after a heavy rain— thinking the whole time about making the gathering accessible for my dad.

Midway through the week I was trying to get a council going, because— well, because the gathering was half over and we hadn't counceled yet. "Why?" people asked. I could see their point: for the second year running, Katuah Tribe was having no problems at all. What was to council about?

That was when it dawned on me that I was in the middle of a pilgrimage— the longest one of all.

If this year's gathering is cool and copacetic, what about next year's gathering, and the next? Could we conceivably make a good thing better? Do we have any vision or direction for the long-term sustainability of our tribe? How can we make sure that our greatest natural resource— the folks growing older among us— keep on coming back? How can we keep our gatherings from becoming something people must eventually retire from?

As it turned out, my dad wore his sneakers and made it across all the stepping stones just fine. But many 69-year-olds could not. Neither could anyone confined to a wheelchair. And at some point

in the future, I began to realize, neither could I.

So when I reached Pennsylvania, I began to ask the silverhaired people I met for their thoughts and feelings. Several felt they were close to the end of their Gathering days. Others planned to move up to Bus Village. Some had already made the move, which explained why I rarely saw them. But none summed up better than Medicine Story how far we have to go in our quest to be a tribe.

Then came my walk with Plano Dave up the Red Trail, where the metaphor of the pilgrimage and the pilgrim came literally to life.

I was posting a sign at Info, completing my commitments for the day, when an old man with long white hair and beard and bright blue eyes sort of swayed toward me and spoke. I couldn't hear a word he said above the downtown hubbub, but I saw his lips move, so I bent closer.

His name was Plano Dave, and he needed help. He talked so quietly that it took me a minute to understand that he was meeting his ride at the top of the Red Trail, and needed help with his things. One helper was enough; he didn't have much. I seized the opportunity to be of service.

Don't misconstrue my action as unselfish. The older I get, the more acutely I feel the sad shortage of silverhaired elders in our tribe— our movement that started out as a rebellion of youth, and is still so young. I keenly felt the honor of helping Plano Dave, and several times refused to share it with a deserving brother or sister.

Though I would have loved to ask Dave the same question I was asking the other silverheads around camp, I didn't dare. He was laboring with all his might just to make it up the trail. Where it got steep or muddy, he had to concentrate on negotiating each footstep in turn, leaning on his stick, and I

had a nice meditative rest between every step. During our occasional longer rests I got a little conversation out of him, but I could tell he was being kind. His main agenda was just to regain his breath.

Plano Dave lives in Cambridge, Mass., where he works at a homeless shelter and has a long history as an activist. He'd come to his first Rainbow Gathering in Vermont in 1991, and thought Pennsylvania would probably be his last. I told him I hoped not.

All the way up the trail I could see Dave struggling against the need to rest. He had a ride all the way back to Cambridge, and didn't want to keep it waiting too long. But as we neared the trailhead two strong, brown sisters met us, coming the other way. I handed over his things and they thanked me for helping Dave. I thanked them in turn. All the way back down into the Gathering I kept wondering how those of us who value the silverheads among us can work together to make them more welcome.

Robbie Gordon camped at Katuah this year; he's hauled his bum leg into enough gatherings to qualify as an honorary old-timer. So I asked him the question, too. Together we visualized the "Rainbow Rickshaw," a human-powered taxicab with a luggage compartment and cushioned upholstery for hauling those too old, disabled or sick to transport themselves. One or two such vehicles could be stationed at every entrance to the Gathering, crewed by volunteers who want to build up a little good karma before their own turn comes.

And lo, before our eyes, it manifested! Someone had used one of those big-wheeled garden carts to haul in supplies; someone else had brought in some inflatable pool furniture. One night a brother was carried into Katuah camp who was too sick to walk. The next morning he headed up the trail— bouncing on rubber tires, cushioned in an armchair of upholstered air.

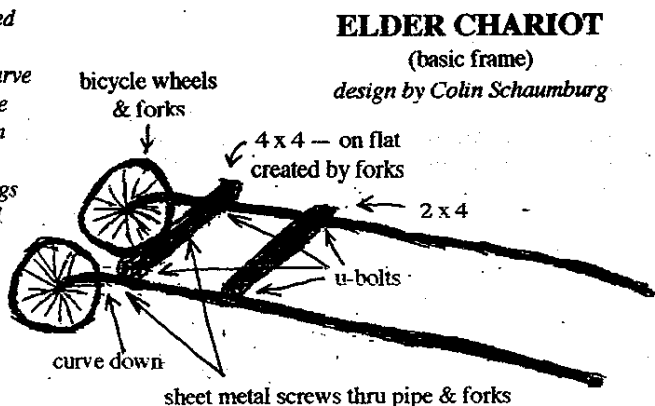
Robbie and I also brainstormed the idea of an "Elder Camp," perhaps near Kid Village, where younger people would cook for the elderly and make sure they had what they needed. And lo, not exactly before our eyes because it happened before we'd even arrived, it manifested: so many elders of the tribe camped up along the road this year, keeping an eye on things!

Another idea Robbie and I talked about was to make events at the Gatherings more accessible to keep them within the reach of everyone. And lo, what do you think happened? A Main Council consensus moved the site of our Fourth of July prayer circle up to the high meadow close to the road, where so many older family were camped.

I didn't make it up there, due to a prior engagement with a shitter cover I had hauled from Georgia, but I heard it was a beautiful circle. And I had a lovely walk in the Silence, meditating on all these things, traveling a few more steps on my long pilgrimage into old age.

—Stephen Wing

- Can be dismantled for transport
- Use forks with curve down for clearance
- Be sure to tighten u-bolts super tight
- Armchair with legs cut off can be used for seat
- Can be equipped with brakes for downhill run
- Wrap pipe with cloth for comfort



#### Materials List

- 2 - front forks from a bicycle
- 2 - 24" bicycle wheels with tires
- 4 - u-bolts with flat washers
- 2 - 6' or longer pipe (to fit over pipe on forks)
- 1 - 4 x 4 x 30"
- 1 - 2 x 4 x 30"
- 2 - #10 x 1/2 sheet metal screws

**FORGET PERMITS TO USE YOUR NATIONAL FORESTS FOR FREE... INTRODUCING THE "ADVENTURE PASS"!**

The Adventure Pass is a pilot program to determine the willingness of the public to pay to use their National Forest. It is presently being conducted at 100 locations throughout the country. Federal funding was intentionally cut by 30% by Congress to justify implementation of this program. Free Our Forest L.A. is actively protesting the Adventure Pass and working diligently to inform the public about this corrupt recreational-fee pilot program.

The Adventure Pass was created by a large group of American corporations calling themselves the American Recreation Coalition (ARC). ARC lobbied Congress first to legally privatize and commercialize recreational facilities on public land for profits. Second, they know they can better sell their recreational facilities if they do not have to compete with free access to public lands. They have joined with our government to steal our public lands and a piece of our freedom so as to sell it back to us at the rate of \$5 a day or \$30 a year.

If this pilot program becomes permanent law, it will apply to all public lands. It is our understanding that Congress will act to make this program permanent law as soon as possible (sometime in 2000, unless we write a lot of letters). All citizens will be required to show a permit to gain access to our own public lands which should be our birthright in this free country. Write your congressional representative today. Ask them to support the Capps/Bono bill (H.R. 786) or any other legislation to stop the recreational fee demonstration programs.

Presently this program is voluntary. The Forest Service is trying to force compliance by deception and intimidation. They do not write violation notices which carry a penalty. They do, however, write "notices of non-compliance." These "notices of non-compliance" carry absolutely no penalty to you if you choose not to comply. Every Adventure Pass sold is a vote for the program.

Our group believes that access to public land is a right of all people. Recreation fees are double taxation and discrimination against low-income people. We are also opposed to the industrial-strength



recreation proposed by ARC. Our goals are: 1. Stop the recreation fee programs; 2. Stop privatization of public lands; and 3. Demand Congress restore federal funding to the public land agencies.

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*"Recreation is going to be our business in the future."  
—[former] USDA Undersecretary Jim Lyons at the Western Summit on Tourism and Public Lands, Dec. '97.*

*"Rarely is recreation and tourism on federal lands understood as a revenue generator. Instead it has been perceived as an amenity, something extra that we are privileged to enjoy. Fortunately that's beginning to change." —USFS Chief Mike Dombeck, speaking at a meeting of ski industry executives, December 1997.*

*"If the Forest Service policy won't allow that [public-private partnerships], we'll change the policy. If we have to cut off the funds to get your attention, we'll cut off the funds." —Senator Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska*

*"We'll keep cutting their budget back until they squeal."  
—Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska*

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**FORGET LOBBYING CONGRESS TO SAVE TREES... PRESENTING THE "GLOBAL FREE LOGGING AGREEMENT"**

Before it's too late, let your government know that you oppose agreements that benefit multinational timber corporations at the expense of ancient forests, forest communities and threatened eco-systems.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) and its 135 member countries are meeting at the end of November 1999 to write new international trade and investment agreements, including the "global free logging agreement" (GFLA) being spearheaded by the Clinton Administration. The GFLA could dramatically impact our ability to protect the world's remaining forests.

The GFLA will lead to forest destruction and the removal of forest protections in two ways. First, by rapidly eliminating tariffs on all wood products without putting necessary environmental protections in place, increasing consumption, production and unsustainable logging. Second, by opening discussion of the elimination of forest protection laws that the WTO considers "non-tariff trade barriers." Vital forest protection laws that could be eliminated include protection against invasive pests, recycled-content requirements, eco-labeling and "smart wood" laws, and bans on the export of raw logs and wood chips.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) has written a letter to President Clinton opposing this attack on forests and forest protection measures. Senator Boxer's letter is modeled after a letter by 48 Democratic and Republican members of the House of Representatives opposing the GFLA that was sent to the President on July 28, 1999. We hope to have at least this many signatures on the Senate letter.

Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202/224-3121 and ask for your Senators' office. Ask for the Legislative Assistant who handles the Environment. Ask him or her to advise the Senator to sign Senator Boxer's letter to President Clinton opposing attacks on forests and forest protection efforts at the World Trade Organization.

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**Right Side Up**

Berhane Kassa

*Western societal culture is literally insane: profoundly disturbed and imbalanced. Caring is either an illegitimate value or to be provided through state programs, removing individual responsibility and leading to slavery anew.*

*The solution is the Divine Mother. To care for all things and rest in the arms of the Nurturer of all. One of her names is Isis (Auset), The Stone Seat. The solid, secure foundation. We may rest securely on Her. Her star is Sirius, the double star representing perfect balance between the male and female energy.*

*Balance promotes confidence and courage. True love of self and all that the self encounters, except of course selfishness which is rejected.*

*How is this practiced, moment to moment? Through conscious relaxing of the body, deep slow breath and prayer inwardly. The element of remembering is an issue here. Individual responsibility is the key: gently making the effort to do those practical things when you remember.*

*A flexible schedule of twenty minutes a day is one idea. It is to be remembered that Jah is Love (desire to impart highest beneficence) and does not operate by fear or force.*

*Meditate and pray when you legitimately feel you should.*

*The waves of life are impermanent and both pleasure and shame come and go. The Most High operates in you gradually in a dynamic way, easing the shields of ego (which are the cause of your underlying pain) down, by degrees. The Taoists affirm, true change is never sudden. Sudden changes are impermanent.*

*Learn from the scarab (Khepra), a major symbol of the ancient Egyptians (Khemites). The lowly dung beetle patiently rolls its eggs in the direction of the sun until, with the right balance of time, sunlight, earth and water from the Nile, the newborns emerge in winged splendor. Khepra is the symbol of synergistic (individual effort with divine help) transformation, par excellence.*

*To follow Jesus Christ is not to simply idolize him but to be like him. Do His work.*

*Do not be afraid to speak your truth. Be your self, even if it leads to loss of employment or personal rejection. The consequences of suffocation of your Higher Self are much, much worse.*

*I repeat, Babylon is insane. You must make the effort to put your feeling-thought right side up.*



# Prepare to Meet Your Y2K!!

**What if the Babylon System you depend on for food and water should fail?**

Information courtesy of the American Red Cross & the Federal Emergency Management Agency

In an earthquake, hurricane, winter storm or other disaster, you might not have access to food, water and electricity for days, or even weeks. By taking time now to store emergency supplies, you can provide for your Family. This brochure was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During and right after a disaster, it will be vital that you maintain your strength. So remember: eat at least one well-balanced meal each day. Drink enough liquid to enable your body to function properly (two quarts a day). Take in enough calories to enable you to do any necessary work. Include vitamin, mineral and protein supplements in your stockpile to assure adequate nutrition.

**CLEAN WATER** is a top priority. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts a day. Hot environments can double that. Children, nursing mothers and ill people need even more. You'll also need it for food preparation and hygiene. You should store at least a two-week supply for each Family member— at least one gallon per person per day. If you run low, never ration water. Drink what you need today, try to find more for tomorrow. Minimize the water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool.

Store water in thoroughly washed plastic, glass, fiberglass or enamel-lined-metal containers. Never use one that has held toxic substances. Plastic containers like soft drink bottles are best, unless you buy food-grade plastic buckets or drums. Seal water containers tightly, label and store in a cool, dark place. Rotate water every six months.

If a disaster catches you without a supply of clean water, use the water in your hot-water tank, pipes and ice cubes. As a last resort, use water in the reservoir tank of your toilet (not the bowl).

Do you know the location of your incoming water valve? You'll need to shut it off to stop contaminated water from entering your home if you hear reports of broken water or sewage lines.

To use the water in your pipes, let air into the plumbing by turning on the highest faucet in your house. A little water will trickle out. Then obtain water from the lowest faucet in the house. To use the water in your hot-water tank, be sure the electricity or gas is off, and open the drain at the bottom of the tank. Start the water flowing by turning off the water intake valve and turning on a hot-water faucet. Do not turn on the gas or electricity when the tank is empty.

If you need to find water outside your home, avoid water with floating material, an odor or dark color. Use saltwater only if you distill it first. Do not drink flood water.

In addition to having a bad odor and taste, contaminated water can contain microorganisms that cause diseases such as dysentery, typhoid and hepatitis. Purify all water of uncertain purity before using it for drinking, food preparation or

hygiene. There are many ways to purify water, none perfect; the best solution is often to combine them. The two easy methods below will kill most microbes but will not remove other contaminants such as heavy metals, salts and most other chemicals. Before purifying, let any suspended particles settle to the bottom, or strain them through layers of paper towel or clean cloth.

Boiling is the safest way to purify water. Bring to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes, keeping in mind that some water will evaporate. Let cool before drinking. Boiled water will taste better if you put oxygen back into it by pouring back and forth between two clean containers. This also improves the taste of stored water.

Household liquid bleach kills microorganisms. Use only regular household liquid bleach that contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite, not scented or "colorsafe" or bleaches with added cleaners. Add 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water, stir and let stand for 30 minutes. If the water does not have a slight bleach odor, repeat the dosage and let stand another 15 minutes.

Other chemicals that do not contain 5.25% sodium hypochlorite as the only active ingredient, such as iodine or water treatment products sold in camping or surplus stores, are not recommended and should not be used.

While these two methods will kill most microbes in water, distillation will remove the other microbes as well, plus heavy metals, salts and most other chemicals. It involves boiling water and then collecting the vapor that condenses back to water. Fill a pot halfway with water. Tie a cup to the handle on the pot's lid so that the cup will hang right-side-up when the lid is upside-down (make sure the cup is not dangling into the water) and boil the water for 20 minutes. The water that drips from the lid into the cup is distilled.

**FOOD**, unlike water, may be rationed safely, except for children and pregnant women. If activity is reduced, healthy people can survive on half their usual food intake for an extended period and without any food for many days.

Though it is unlikely that an emergency would cut off your food supply for two weeks, you should prepare a supply to last that long. The easiest way is to increase the amount of basic foods you keep on hand. Keep it in a dry, cool spot, dark if possible. Keep covered at all times. Open boxes or cans carefully so you can close tightly after each use. Empty opened packages into screw-top jars or airtight cans to protect from pests. Inspect all food for signs of spoilage before use.

If your water supply is limited, avoid foods that are high in fat and protein, and don't stock salty foods, since they will make you thirsty. Stock up foods your Family will enjoy that are also high in calories and nutrition, that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking. (Canned food also contains water.) Babies, toddlers, elder-

ly, nursing mothers, and those with special diets and allergies will need particular attention. Make sure you have a manual can opener. And don't forget nonperishable foods for your pets.

If the electricity goes off, first use perishable food and foods from the refrigerator, then foods from the freezer. In a well-filled, well-insulated freezer, foods will usually still have ice crystals in their centers (meaning foods are safe to eat) for a least three days. Finally, use non-perishables.

For emergency cooking use a fireplace, a charcoal grill or camp stove outdoors, candle warmers, chafing dishes and fondue pots. Before heating anything in the can, open it and remove the label.

Here are some guidelines for keeping emergency foods edible. Use within six months: powdered milk (boxed); dried fruit, crackers (in metal container); potatoes. Use within one year: canned condensed meat/vegetable soups; canned fruits, fruit juices and vegetables; ready-to-eat cereals, uncooked instant cereals (in metal containers); peanut butter, jelly, hard candy, canned nuts, vitamin C. May be stored indefinitely (in proper containers and conditions): wheat; vegetable oils; dried corn; baking powder; soybeans; instant coffee, tea and cocoa; salt; noncarbonated soft drinks; white rice; bouillon products; dry pasta; powdered milk (in nitrogen-packed cans).

You may not have time to gather food from the kitchen, fill water-bottles, grab a first-aid kit from the closet and a flashlight and a portable radio from the bedroom. Have all these packed and ready in a handy place before disaster strikes, with at least a three-day supply of water and foods that are portable, nutritious and ready-to-eat, plus medical supplies and first aid manual; hygiene supplies; portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries; shovel and other useful tools; household liquid bleach to purify drinking water; money and matches in a waterproof container; fire extinguisher; blanket and extra clothing; manual can opener.

If you are interested in learning more about how to prepare for emergencies, contact your local or State Office of Emergency Management or local American Red Cross chapter, or request any of the following publications by writing:

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## ARIZONA '98 PERMIT CASE

*Representing himself, Strider won our only victory so far in the current round of legal action. The Forest Service took 6 months, but finally appealed. Oral arguments were heard Oct. 6th. Cross your fingers . . .*

Presently, my case is before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upon the Gov't's appeal . . . and I am awaiting the decision of the court. There is not much to add right now — but as an aside, oral argument did not go well and the Gov't pulled a couple of last-minute maneuvers, including enacting a new interpretative administrative regulation specifically designed to undercut my argument — but which in fact undercuts many of the Gov't's arguments — and asserting a deceptive claim that the administrative appeals process contained in the regulations does not apply to non-commercial group use authorizations.

I have sent three e-mails to the lawyers handling these cases detailing how they should respond to these arguments; I was unable to do so at oral argument because the Justices bombarded me with questions, some of them off the wall. . . . I don't expect a favorable decision — not because I am wrong but because I perceive the judges didn't like me, have no idea what a Rainbow Gathering is like (their questions involved Earth First!), and don't understand the regulatory scheme and will just buy the Gov't's deceptions . . .

However, I am even more convinced today that my arguments are correct than I was a month ago. The Dept of Agriculture's enactment of a new interpretative regulation on Sept. 2, effective Sept. 9, actually undercuts the Gov't's arguments and strengthens mine.

Unfortunately, I was unable to adequately respond to the new interpretative regulation as I did not know about it until approx. Sept. 14th or so. The Gov't also snookered me in a second way, by making a new argument in their Reply Brief— 1) that the Administrative Appeals System does not apply to non-commercial group use permits and 2) that a person standing in my position would not be a party in an administrative appeal of terms and conditions and therefore doesn't have to exhaust the administrative appeals process but can go immediately to court and obtain prompt judicial review.

These last two arguments about the Administrative Appeals process are not true, and a deception by the U.S. Gov't on the court— I believe a deliberate deception advanced merely so they win. Unfortunately I was unable to respond to this deception as it was advanced in my case for the first time in the Gov't's Reply Brief and I thought I could respond at oral argument— I did not get an adequate opportunity to do so.

The lengthy, actually indefinite, and extraordinarily complicated administrative appeals process precludes prompt judicial review of a F.S. decision re a term or condition . . . It is not just a "term and condition" decision that has to exhaust the administrative appeals process. The duration decision— how long the fed. gov't will allow citizens to exercise their First Amendment freedoms and thus limit their right to exercise their First Amendment freedoms— is also subject to the administrative appeals process.

The Gov't states: "[Strider's] error is that the administrative appeal process, see 36 C.F.R. 251.80 - 251.102, by its own terms is applicable only to a limited class of parties, a class that does not include [Strider], or other applicants for a noncommercial group use permit. Only persons who are responding to a formal solicitation from the Forest Service may invoke the regulations' administrative remedies. See 36 CFR 251.86(a). And, the Forest Service has consistently interpreted this portion of the regulatory scheme to make administrative appeals available only when the agency formally solicits applications."

But 36 CFR 251.86(a) does not require a formal solicitation. It provides, and the Gov't ignores, that it applies to an applicant who, in response to a prospectus or written solicitation OR OTHER NOTICE by the Forest Service . . . [emphasis added]. So if a Forest Service officer says . . . "you have 75 or more people here and you now need to apply for a permit," this will qualify as "other notice by the Forest Service." . . .

And here lies the severe— in fact overwhelming— problem with the lengthy time periods found in the administrative appeals process and I must tell you that the Gov't is trying to pull the wool over this Court's eyes. (Goodwater, this is where your Judge was just plainly wrong— he accepted the Gov't's argument that all applicants for a noncommercial group use permit may challenge a term or condition directly in court and do not have to go through the adm. appeals process).

The Gov't states: "Even if the Court were to reject this argument and find that the administrative appeals process applies to noncommercial group uses (and thus prevents prompt judicial review), that [sic] Court should sever the appeals process from the noncommercial group use regulatory scheme . . . ." The Gov't is suggesting that the administrative appeals process does not apply to noncommercial group uses (again, they ignore the fact that even commercial uses may implicate First Amendment freedoms, including expression).

[The] clause imposing group liability (which arises out of a separate subsection to the regulatory scheme, 251.56(d): "Holders shall pay the United States for all injury, loss, or damage") works as follows: The Forest Service will not allow a person to apply for and sign a permit for a Rainbow Gathering, either regional or annual, as an individual. They told Gary Stubbs this at the

# Focalizer Update

Fall 1999



Howdy, Focsl

The Hol crew has added the active focalizer list to our regular mailing of Hol, enclosing this Update. *This is an experiment that will continue only if the focalizers support it financially.* Please send a donation if you can. Like all who receive Hol you are responsible to write once a year (every 3 issues) to re-confirm your address, or you'll be dropped from the list.

Neither Hol, this Update, nor us individual volunteers represent the Rainbow Family or any tribe or clan thereof. Focalizing is just our way of spreading the Vision that we are all one Family.

Information of interest to focalizers is needed; absolute "live-lines" are Jan. 15, May 15 and Aug. 15. Use the Hol address or my email; email or phone me about anything last-minute. But help maintain peace in my home by not calling before 10 a.m.

The Update still has no access to the Web. Share it with the rest of us! As always, focalizing is a cooperative venture; your participation is the key. Get in touch if you can help.

Anything you see here or in Hol may be reprinted or reproduced in Family newsletters, etc., as long as they're free. Many blessings and happy focalizing— let us know what you're up to!

—Stephen Wing

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1998 California all-state gathering. They will only allow a person to sign as a representative of the Rainbow Gathering or in their minds the Rainbow Family.

Thus, if someone were to apply and sign the permit, it can only be as a representative or agent of the Rainbow Gathering or Rainbow family. Thus the person signing the permit is the Signatory and the holder of the permit is the Rainbow Family.

Well, if the U.S. wants to sue for damages, including the costs of fire suppression, they sue in the name of the Rainbow Family, not against the signatory. If the U.S. obtains a judgment against the Rainbow Family, as holder of the permit, the U.S. can then collect the judgment by going after any member of the Rainbow family who may have the assets to cover the judgment. Perhaps they will only go after an individual's assets who actually attended the gathering in which the liability arose . . .

Strider Eugene, Oregon

### Rainbow Kitchen Mini-Manual Under Way

Yes, the long-rumored, long-procrastinated Rainbow Kitchen Mini-Manual has finally reached first-draft stage. A draft has been circulating by email, but by its author's request has been withheld from publication till the next Hol! If you'd like to see a current copy send an SASE to Kitchen Mini-Manual c/o Atlanta Rainbow, PO Box 5341, Atlanta GA 31107, or email c/o steve@newleaf-dist.com. The health of thousands could depend on your input!

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donations etc. welcome at all of the above— organize a benefit, pass a hat, send your article or artwork to AWF, your address & heartsong to the Guide— your participation makes it happen!

**More on How to Get a Ticket for Peaceable Assembly**

... if you fulfill what seem (now) to be their criteria, as described by I.C. Fox— (a) be a recognized person who is aiding and abetting the Gathering taking place, an active volunteer; (b) be someone who communicates or has contact with Forest Service or other public officials; apparently, if you speak up or actively participate, i.e. promote free speech through action/expression AND if you communicate with your government officials— i.e. petition for redress of grievance or try to communicate and work things out with government officials ... you are likely to be targeted for a ticket. This means anyone who visibly promotes Gathering and comes to the attention of Forest Service personnel (or other govt officials) are certainly likely to be targeted and ticketed.

Joanee Freedom ... was a reluctant persona, who did not want a ticket and only took one under "actual duress"— i.e. FS pursued her, threatened her, went through many gyrations, and after a long dance, Joanee Freedom finally received a ticket, from Bill Fox personally— on video tape and with two "fair witnesses" (right on!) who observed, reported, recorded.

In the midst of all this dance, the fact the FS wanted Joanee (dropped their demands for T.C. and Ruthie) and would not settle for someone else became a real problem— FS targeting someone specifically as being the responsible person for Gathering, whilst ignoring the fact that thousands of persons take individual responsibility for their actions in the Gathering and do not accept that anyone else can be held responsible for their actions, one of the basic themes, one of the essential values held as integral to the Gathering texture.

**More on How to Get a Ticket for Interfering with an Officer**

Perhaps some of these folks should have been more cool, been less interventionary, stood back or not taken some of the overt actions they seemed to be charged with. I don't know: it is a tough judgement call. I have been in many circumstances, at Gatherings, where intervening when injustice was so apparent has garnered me threats of arrest and tickets. And in other years, and even at certain moments at this year's Penn. Gathering, I stood in the way and turned the Forest Service's well-fed LEOs away from the Bus Village— away from driving through where children and others were playing, gathering.

FS chose persons to be ticketed— it could have just as well been me. I likely would not have pleaded "No Contest," as one of these defendants was wont to do; however, I can't fault him for his pathway in the Courts, nor fault these individuals' actions, nor anyone else who were pursuing their Constitutional rights to Gather, whilst withstanding intense harassment, particularly on the roads, etc., and in one way or another during their Gathering process were interrupted and harassed and finally targeted and ticketed by official-dums.

Certainly, speaking up in various ways through the years has been difficult, but I believe to be a Citizen of this Country and an Earthling, in hopes of one day experiencing simple Constitutional Freedom of Peaceable Assembly and living in Peace on Earth, requires my standing up for my rights. Good Action, well worth the legal mumbo-jumbo hassle, if such should come my way. Gatherings, now slowly

gaining momentum in many places on the Earth, would have never been able to take root and grow except for the personal sacrifices made by the few on behalf of their own freedom, which in turn has benefited the many. From the many, emotional support, financial support, psychic support, spiritual support coming from other persons, even long-time Gatherers, is seldom forthcoming.

Once you stand up, in many ways, one is on one's own— and in fact, one can wind up being called by other Gatherers an "ego-tripper" or too "radical." So obviously, if you are on such an "ego-trip" or are too "radical" in some way or another, you probably deserved a ticket. This has been

some of the attitudes I have had had to contend with over the years concerning the fact that I have stood up against the official harassment of the Gatherings. For me, these kinds of vibes and trial by "tongue fire" is simply part and parcel of the process toward eventual liberty and justice.

This includes the apparent indifference of the thousands who regularly attend Gatherings who do not seem to feel they need to take some responsibility in the form of support of persons who become "targets" for official harassment. I can testify it is no fun to be one of the targeted, and yet thousands of other "family" simply go on with their lives and take no heed of what personal hassle this harassment can be for someone, even someone like me, who seemingly has an adversarial-style personality— which I feel is more out of necessity rather than from any personal will or desire.

**Other Ongoing Legal Work**

Continuing to work on various "cases," including the ongoing West Virginia murder case; prayers and support are needed in order to try to keep the killer/s of Nancy and Vicki in jail or put them there. This year is a crucial period. Jake Beard may be tried again. He was found guilty in 1993, after 13 years of active investigation on the part of volunteers in service to justice ... i.e. Apple Blossom investigators. Beard was sentenced to two life terms without chance of parole. He is currently on release pending new trial, etc. —sad, but true. And next year will be a return to Jose Antonio Ramos, who comes up for parole: 1986 sexual assault of children at Penn. Gathering. This case has taken years and much energy of every sort, on the part of the few, in hopes of protecting the many from predators like Ramos.

**Diamond Dave's Morning Mantra**

I'm up for it  
I'm down for it  
So let's go for it.  
Because nobody needs to be in for it or out of it  
Don't worry be hippy  
Fuck 'em if they can't take a joke

—Dave Whitaker  
Rainbow Pennsylvania

**The U.S. Forest Service & Martial Law**

The "Forest Service"— read that "Forest Service Law Enforcement Division under funding by Federal Emergency Management Agency"— directed by "Professor" John Carpenter, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco GA, Roswell NM, Waco TX, Tucson AZ (Home of the Southern Command, overseeing the War against Central and South America). The Incident Command system, as written up in Arizona Gathering Report 1998, includes Study Teams led by Dennis Neil, deputy Incident Commander, Wyoming Gathering, who commanded the forces trying to stop volunteer firefighters from fighting the forest fire within the HomeSpace of the Wyoming Gathering.

I have no doubt the martial law tactics and strategies used against the Gatherings will be used here in this country. FLETC trains ATF and FBI, the "boys" who did Waco— where Army Special Forces were used, in one capacity or another, as many suspected and know. The Government has to finally cop to it; their hand is weakening.

Obviously, when you are openly coming against "folks of difference," i.e. Waco, Rainbow Family et al, no question as to the fact that at some point you will slip up, and sometimes it happens, you are exposed. In the case of Waco, the "bad uns" are being revealed, maybe— not so, yet, with the Rainbow.

The Gatherings are in jeopardy, and when the government publicly declares that the Gatherings will be ending in the next couple of years, as they did in news reports middle of July in Pennsylvania (Information Officer Rose Davis quote) there is cause for serious concern. Folks when they come to the Gathering got to take up with the government this issue of the government issuing what I would call a "veiled threat"— threatening to end Gatherings of the Peace Culture, Rainbow Family et al, on public lands— by whatever means.

Somehow or another the Great Spirit (whatever) opens the Way and the people come home to Be and then Be Gone, on public lands. However, in this public statement and in the Court cases, the government is stating more than less that either the people who Gather accept the authority of the Forest Service over the gatherings, i.e. sign a permit, be "managed," OR leave the public lands. Banning Peace Expressors, hippie-types, and the like.

Practicing for Y2K etc., all these years, on Gatherings— implementing martial law, and no one, even extremely few news reporters ever understanding and then reporting this fact out to the general populace.

**Where Have All the Flower Children Gone? & WEEP Restoration Project**

Task— maintaining Wounded Earth Environmental Project (WEEP) lands, in Garnet range— long-term restoration project/worship i.e. task. Been buying 20 acres for Restoration and for a staging area for restoration processes ... ongoing. Stop by, drop in, help out. Contributions of action and green energy welcome.

Incidentally I have some 60 books: *Where Have All the Flower Children Gone?* (c.1988). I am willing to trade, or gift exchange for any help, to anyone who does help with any of these tasks, with one of my books ...

This has been a long letter, full of this and that comments ... hopefully, this will be e-mailed and become a letter that is sent on, to each and every single ear and eye who would hear or see. Please communicate this further, if you will, help if you can ... send prayers, good vibes, or come by and help out your own self ... whatever ... much thanks ... see ya,

Respect, Barry "Plunker"





Dear Family,

Ho! I just received my new copy of Ho! and was very happy to see that you've included my name, number and address. I'm all ways happy to receive mail but particularly so to get news from Family! So again I want to thank you, please keep up the good work and include my name and address in "Tear Down the Walls."

Now I would like to inform our Family of something that I feel is very important! I know that our Family as a whole does not promote or encourage illegal drug use. But as a diverse Tribe there are those of us that do continue to use and traffic in illegal substances. At the time of my arrest on drug trafficking charges I was ignorant of the extreme consequences or possession of even a small amount of LSD in Ohio. In Ohio 10 hits is considered bulk and being convicted of trafficking in bulk possession can carry one to five years. One hundred hits or ten times bulk carries 7 to 25 years. One thousand hits or one hundred times bulk, you can receive fifteen years to life as I said. So dear brothers and sisters be very careful out there. The laws in many states are comparable to that of Ohio. If I would have known the consequences beforehand I may not be here today.

Thanks again! Your brother *Toby*

Nial Napier #332-891  
Warren Corr. Inst. 2-A/214  
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Lebanon OH 45036

Howdy Folks,

Well I'll be the Michigan Grassman. I'm new to the ways but my good friend the Canadian Tramp is enlightening me to what I've been missing all these years.

I've fallen to my lusts of the inner city, crazy life and the demon (speed). I come from the woods of Michigan's thumb, so I'm very in tune to nature and pure everything. So I'm in need of a new group of friends and a people that aren't so centered on self-destruction. So I say howdy to the Ho! I welcome any correspondence. Most greatly being on your mailing list would enhance many things.

I send this letter with light and love in my heart upon the winds. May the Good Lord lift your spirits.

Grace & peace, beautiful brothers & sisters,  
*Michigan Grassmann*

Joel Grassmann #95924  
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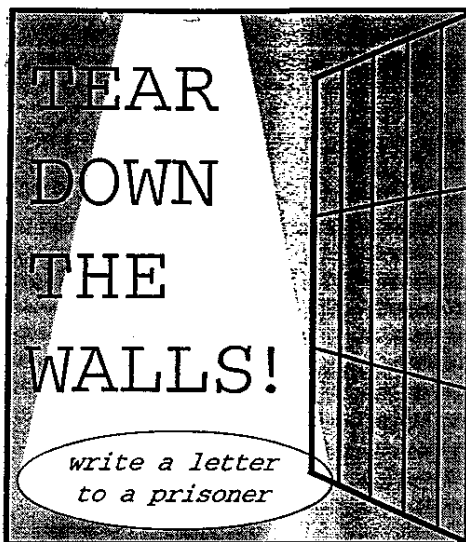
Dear Brother and/or Sister,

Please put me on the mailing list for your newsletter, and any other type communiques. Although I took this fall, I would still like to be able to keep in touch the best I can about gathering, etc.

I'm unable to send a donation at this time, due to being locked down in brown clothes. I'm hoping that that will change shortly. Thank you very much. Keep on keeping on!

Sending my love, always,  
*Brother Down*  
*Charlie Brown*

Charles K. Brown  
977 Camp Rd.  
Salisbury NC 28147



Hey now!

My name is Isaiah L. Kohre. I'm also a POWDs. If you could, could you please put me on your mailing list? I would dig that.

I am an incarcerated Dead Head/Rainbow. I got caught up in an LSD sting and am now serving 10 to 25 years. No matter how hard and painful this is I find much of the hope I need in the tunes that meant so much to me. I look forward to the days when I can feel a hug, a laugh and the magic of the music and family once again.

We all need each other and part of the magic of our family is the love we have for each other. Today we are in need. Tomorrow you may be in need. We all need love— always!!

Remember your family behind the walls. We all sure remember you!

JAH Love, *Little Bear / Eyez / Isaiah*

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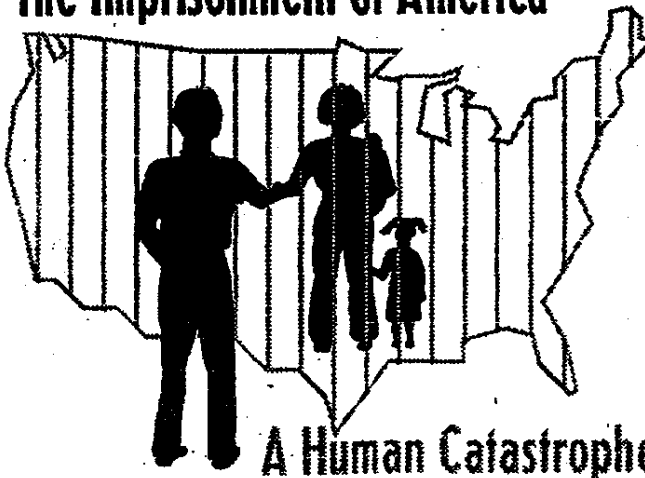
Hello!

My name is Bill. I am writing concerning any information on your newsletter. I would like to receive it. I am looking for a true friendship. Any information on the newsletter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, *Bill*

Bill Cerveniak #222-376  
LORCI  
2075 South Avon Belden Rd.  
Grafton OH 44044

## The Imprisonment of America



Dear Brothers & Sisters HO!

My brother Toby and sister Redmoon-song both, at different times, sent me a Ho! It was good to see anything about the Family.

The Rainbow Family gathers under the 1st Amendment of Constitution, right? What I would like to know is about the part to seek a redress of grievance. Like the war against the people, more known as the war on drugs. I'm doing 16-1/2 to life for drugs. I never hurt anyone!! And never would. I love people and mother Earth and every aspect of life. I know peace/love is the only answer to all the questions life has!

Please! brothers and sisters *please* help end this senseless waste of humanity.

I would love to get the Ho! But I am po! Could you please put me in "Tear Down the Walls," I love to hear from any family.

Your brother *Kegger Dave*

David Carpenter 332886  
A.C.I. P.O. Box 4501  
Lima OH 45802

Dear Brother or Kind Sister,

When I got got, I got got! Whew— now I'm going through this D.A.R.T. movie, drug, alcohol rehab treatment center. I got nabbed on a DUI on my way to Ocala gathering last February.

Please write and tell me about the Nationals this summer— I had heard it was to be held in Penn. this year. Almost killed me to miss it— I am from Mt. Airy NC, not far from you. My last gathering was at War Woman in June last year. I rode up from Atlanta with Steve Wing— I got to see Laughing Man and Hugger, two old friends, only Hugger was upset because they had chosen Laughing Man's site for the gathering instead of hers. Lots of family there— I had a great time. I missed the Nationals though in Arizona. Even Bobcat was at War Woman. Sorry I didn't mean to ramble on so— please send me the newsletter, anything else laying around like that. I would love a *Rainbow Guide* . . . peace & love always. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Give yourself a big hug from me.

Much love, your Rainbow brother  
*Stairway*

Walter M. Jones #0219076  
P.O. Box 600  
Nashville NC 27856

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I'm Greg Moore (Turtle). I'm locked up in North Carolina at the time. I ran into Stairway High. He asked me if I was on your mailing list and gave me your hook-up. I would like very much to receive the Ho! newsletter.

Having someone to talk to while being here who is somewhat on the same plane makes a world of difference. It just lets me know how small the world is and that we are everywhere.

Once again thanks and I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Your brother, *Greg (Turtle)*

Gregory D. Moore #0288894  
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Mt. Pleasant NC 28124

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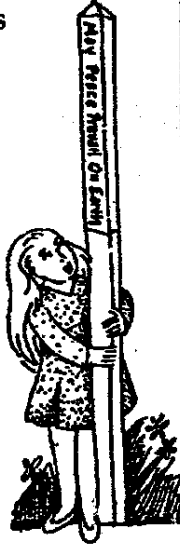
from San Francisco (January 15th)  
to Washington DC and the United Nations

Gathering perhaps more than a million people around the Washington Monument on Columbus Day, October 12, 2000, to dedicate it as a Peace Pole (symbol of the message of peace) and offering a Global Peace Platform with a great cry together to the heavens for "Global Peace Now!" . . .

Using examples at <http://www.globalpeacenow.org> and by collaborating with us at [GPZone2000@aol.com](mailto:GPZone2000@aol.com) and [gear2000@lightspeed.net](http://gear2000@lightspeed.net), we can help you obtain city, county and state proclamations of support (municipal Global Peace Zone designations) which will be compiled and carried to DC and the UN and posted on this website immediately and emailed all over the world with your local officials' (and organizations, churches, regular folks' etc.) messages for global peace.

Thus we can demonstrate in DC next Fall, during a few days over three weeks before the national elections, that we mean business when we say "Global Peace Now!" for all folks in this country and around the world, which after all is the official membership roster of the Rainbow Family, isn't it?

—David Crockett Williams



## some RAINBOW FAMILY FOCALIZERS

& ongoing events in the southeast

ATLANTA Rainbow, PO Box 5341 Atlanta GA 31107 Drum Circle 1st & 3rd Sat. every month, dusk to midnight — potluck/picnic the following day: 770/862-6112

AUGUSTA Rainbow, c/o Wes, 1129 Magnolia Dr. Augusta GA 30904 Picnics every 1st & 3rd Sunday, Riverview Park, N. Augusta SC: 706/733-8351 (Travelers welcome to call)

Beautiful ALABAMA Rainbow Family, PO Box 3863 Montgomery AL 36108: 205/690-9712 Picnics in BIRMINGHAM 1st Sunday every month, Rhoads Park (middle park on Highland Ave.)

MISSISSIPPI Peace Tribe, 13129 Dillon Rd. Pass Christian MS 39571 Cera Galadron Rainbow House, 41441 W. I-55 Service Rd. Hammond LA 70403 (S.E. LOUISIANA): 504/419-2618 (no collect calls)

Jim Hicks, 215 Patterson MEMPHIS TN 38104

CUMBERLAND Family, PO Box 31 St. Francis KY 40062

Greg Kelth, 8000 Mississippi Ave. CHATTANOOGA TN 37405 One, 4710 Belmont Pk. Terr. NASHVILLE TN 37215 Drum circles every Sunday at flagpole hill in Centennial Park

FLORIDA KEYS Rainbow, PO Box 4558 Key West FL 32246

ARK, PO Box 2545 Key West FL 33045-2545

Campa TAMPA, PO Box 2995 Tampa FL 33601 Picnic 1st Sunday every month in Flowlett Park, Tampa, 1 p.m.-5:30; Drum Circle 2nd & 4th Sat. in Ft. DeSoto Park, St. Pete, 7:30: 813/231-4317 or 258-5488

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Ocala Defense Fund, 408 N. Johnson St. Box 2545 Hawthorne FL 32840: 877/278-7110: pronoid@gator.net

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Rainbow Weaver, 2215 Mt. Sinai Rd. Chapel Hill (EASTERN) NC 27514

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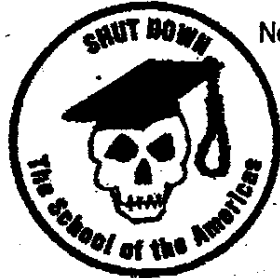
"Everyone focalizes who helps the Family get focused. A focalizer is a person who takes on the responsibility of passing on Rainbow information year-round, and serves as a contact if listed in the Rainbow Guide. We council together every year at 3:00 p.m. on the 6th of July; our Family is welcome." Focalizers Council, July 6, 1992, Colorado

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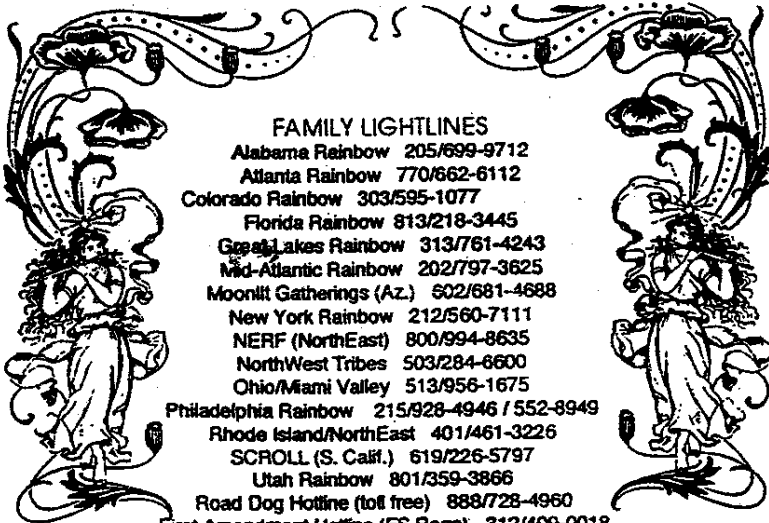


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SCROLL (S. Calif.) 619/226-5797  
Utah Rainbow 801/359-3866  
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### FAMILY WEBSITES

Unofficial Family Welcome Home Page  
<http://www.WelcomeHome.org/rainbow.html>  
Ozark Welcome Home Page  
<http://members.tripod.com/~lookingheart/index.html>  
ORB Web Page (St. Louis) <http://www.whollstic.net/rainbow>  
SCROLL Web Page (S. Calif.) <http://home.earthlink.net/~kzirk/scroll/>  
Illinois Rainbow Family Web Page  
<http://www.geocities.com/Rainforest/1349/>  
Philadelphia Rainbow Family Web Page <http://www.libertynet.org/rainbow/>  
Pacific Rainbow Family Web Page <http://www.efn.org/~rampac/>  
at.gathering.rainbow is an e-mail based discussion group — a UseNet Newsgroup.

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### This is Your Newsletter! Ho! needs:

- someone to answer letters
- people with online access to download relevant info for the rest of us
- artists to send fresh artwork — photos welcome too
- someone at every gathering across the land to write a letter or postcard
- people with page layout abilities
- donations to cover mailing costs (printing donated)

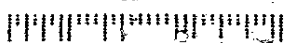
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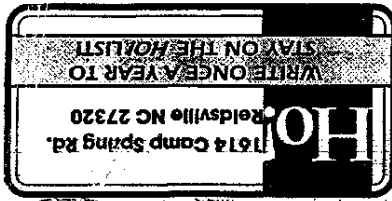
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# Once Upon a Time

Gathered on a hill in Bethel,  
the youth of the World's richest nation  
saw through the illusion of materialism,  
recognizing in itself the seeds of peace, love and beauty.

We ride the tides of time and history.  
A generation raised in pride, power and plenty,  
rose above its own anxiety, fear and ignorance . . .  
. . . daring to dream.

Decades later, that wave has reached the cultural shores  
of Europe and the Orient.

We, the Woodstock Generation, are, curiously,  
the most ancient of modern peoples.  
For we have seen the future and we know the way home.

Since the mid-sixties we have set sail on a voyage  
for meaning, identity, authenticity and roots.  
The adventure of the founding of the Woodstock Nation  
is a tale of strange wonders and sudden shipwrecks,  
of clowns and monsters, magicians and fools,  
of great soaring hopes and keenly suffered disappointments.  
And most of all, of costly victories as we persevered in the  
quest for priceless treasure.



art:  
Anne  
Marie  
Drolet



**'Behold, the days are coming, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says Yahweh. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach a neighbor and each a brother or a sister, saying, 'Know Yahweh,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says Yahweh; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.'**

Jeremiah 32:31-4

We, the SURVIVORS of the WOODSTOCK EXPEDITION report:

We put our faith in matter, hoping to find happiness there. Painfully, we felt the imbalance. Seeking our true identities, we discovered that materialism was the magnified reflection of personal anxiety. This emphasis is overwhelming our true nature, which is Spirit.

When we cut ourselves off from the renewable healing energies of Nature and the Spirit, we become sick and unhappy.

WHAT PEOPLE HAVE EVER AND WILL ALWAYS WANT  
IS  
LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

Beyond fair health and moderate economic surplus, this can only mean a direct and personal experience of the spirit. It is our nature to seek the Creator. Nothing less will ever satisfy our yearning for Life in Abundance.

We, the Woodstock Nation, bear witness to the folly of our own illusions and desires. We can testify that the harvest of materialism is alienation with untold suffering. Seeing the suffering of all sentient beings, we are moved by compassion to share this  
Vision of wholeness which leads to Harmony.

We are the DREAM WEAVERS.  
By the power of our FAITH, we dream BEAUTY into being.  
We weave the tapestry of a NEW BECOMING.

—author unknown



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—schde

Jack, a cleanup worker quoted from e-mail, calls the bill "nicking." "I fully agree that this billing for cleanup is the FS strategy of the future. Surprised they did not think of sooner. ... Even the rangers and fish and game folks I ran into thought the site looked pretty good. I took pictures of what they wanted done and what we did."  
Two people were cited at the Arizona Gathering this July, Strider and Jacob. Strider showed up for his first court appearance and got a continuance. Jacob did not (nor his other charge) and got a bench warrant issued, so the two Arizona permit violation charges are definitely separate cases. Strider's trial will be sometime this fall. John Buffalo's permit violation case stemming from the California regional this May will probably be heard in December. Meanwhile in Missouri, three cases are in progress. Goodwater and Captain Kirk have filed briefs in their defense against permit violation charges stemming from the Missouri regional last year. A sister who was sexually harassed by two officers at the 1996 Missouri Gathering decided to sue them when she saw one of them up to the same thing at the regional. And Zoe's roadblock harassment case is still going

Surprise! A federal judge has dismissed the lawsuit filed in Oregon last year by six people who were charged with violating Forest Service anti-gathering regulations at the 1997 Oregon Rainbow Gathering. Meanwhile, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond Va. has scheduled a rare oral hearing of the appeal of the Katuah 4 (convicted in Oct. '96 on the same charge) for Sept. 25, 1998. If you receive this in time, please attend (8:30 am, 1100 E. Main St.). Without ever seeing all three days of the trial record, the Western North Carolina District Court upheld the Katuah convictions last year. If the judges in Richmond do likewise, we can consider it due notice that our Constitutional guarantee of free assembly has been rescinded in the Southeast. Meanwhile, out in Arizona, the Forest Service has submitted a bill for \$22215.24 to "Rainbow Family," in care of five individuals, for "Rehab for closing of road created/opened by Rainbow Family participants during the 1998 gathering." Payment is due by 9/19/98, or will be subject to a "Late Payment Charge."

**LEGAL UPDATE**

I spoke too soon about the Russian government in the Summer '98 Ho! Police raided the recent European gathering in Russia and gave everybody 10 minutes to leave. Of about 300 people present, a large number were arrested. All have been released however and as far as we know, no outstanding charges filed. The gathering relocated to another state, where more than 600 held a second, trouble-free event.

Sincerely yours, Stephen Wing  
the future of this entire planet is at stake. Please do not repeat the mistakes of the past; you have violated are the ones who will show the peaceful world, these peaceful ones whose rights shall die by it. If we are ever going to have a teaches violence, and he who lives by the sword Violence is not the answer. Violence only are watching. And your own children are watching. We learn to tolerate diversity among your citizens. We of Stalinism and the suppression of human rights, freedom. If you ever hope to overcome the history regime as free people gathering to express their Nothing seems so frightening to a totalitarian must be retracted.

So your government too is afraid of peaceful people. You may think that violence against unarmed people shows how strong you are. But the behavior of your police at the recent Europa Rain-bow Gathering on Russian soil only betrays how weak and full of fear you are. Please convey to the Russian government that this action must be redressed and the ugly statement you have made

Date: Wed, Aug. 12, 1998  
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