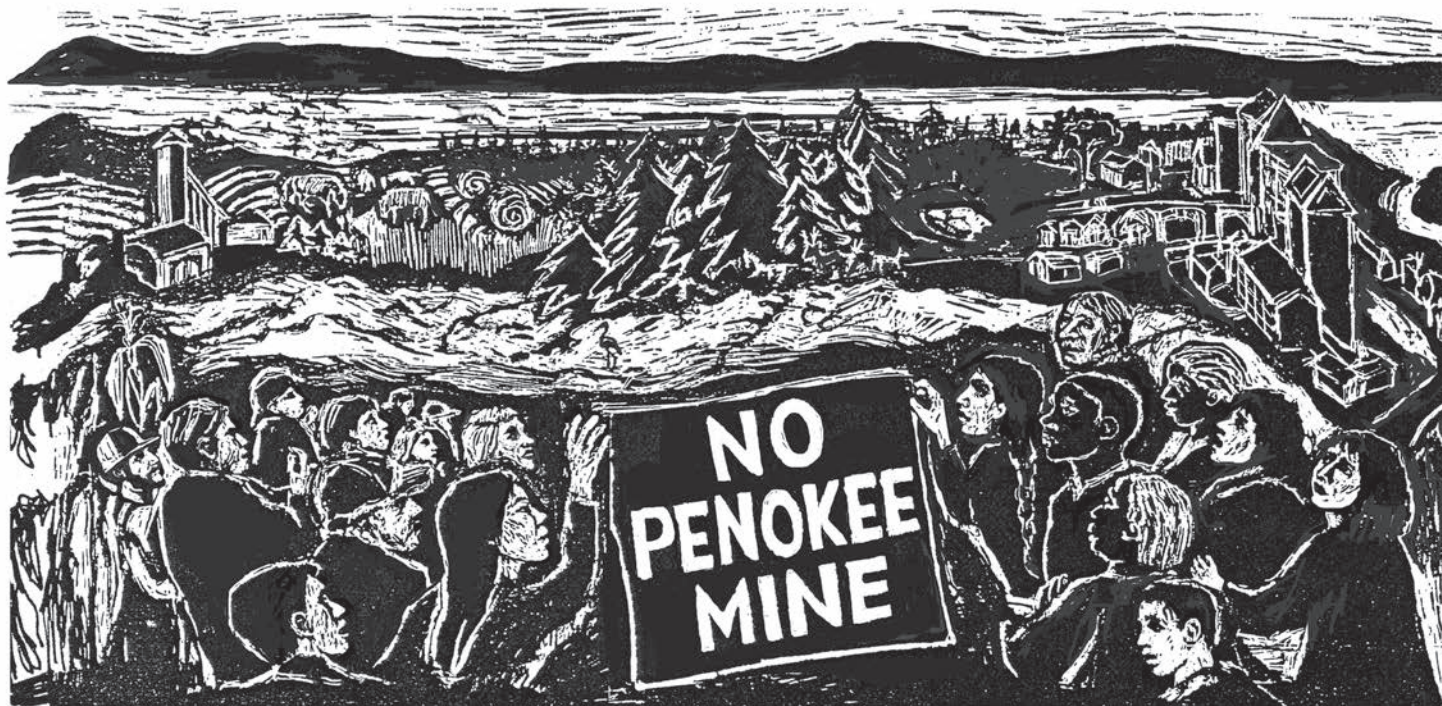




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NEWS FROM THE ECO-WARS

Dec 1—Istanbul: ELF Sabotages Road Roller

Members of the Earth Liberation Front/Insurrectionary Solidarity Faction broke windows and cut the cables of a road roller in the Kocasinan district in solidarity with Greek anarchist prisoner Nikos Romanos, who was 24 days into a hunger strike after the prison denied him educational leave.

Dec 5—Mexico: Activists Self-Immolate, Sew Lips Shut in Demand for Release of Indigenous Activist

Three protesters with the "Peasant Front Ricardo Flores Magon" anarchist movement crucified themselves in front

of the State Congress building in Cintalapa, while five others sewed their lips shut to mark the beginning of a 15-day hunger strike. Another set himself on fire, burning for half a minute before the fire was put out. The protesters demanded the release of Florentino Gomez Giron, who had been imprisoned for six months on charges of cattle rustling while defending indigenous rights.

Dec 6—BC: Gitxsan Chiefs Blockade Highway in Opposition to Gas Project

Gitxsan hereditary chiefs blocked Highway 16 in New Hazelton to protest recent liquid natural gas project approvals by the BC Environmental

Assessment Office, which chiefs say could collapse the salmon population in the Skeena River if built.

Dec 8—Canada: Protesters Clash with Police at Anti-Mining Demonstration

Crowds gathered to protest Quebec's proposed Northern Plan mining project in Montreal. Protesters hurled paint and plastered stickers to the windows of the Palais de Congres, and attempted to block the streets when riot police fought to disperse the group. Arrested protesters were charged with assault and with the P6 bylaw infraction for wearing a mask.

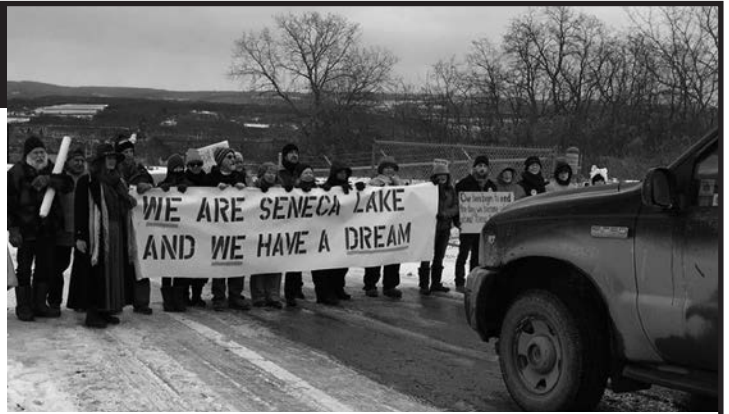
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Dec-Mar—NY: Civil Disobedience Continues at Seneca Lake

The We Are Seneca Lake movement has been conducting an ongoing civil disobedience campaign to stop Texas-based energy company Crestwood Midstream from expanding methane gas storage near the town of Reading, NY. The company plans to store millions of barrels of liquid petroleum gases (propane and butane; so-called LPG) in depleted salt caverns, threatening Seneca Lake—which is a drinking water source for 100,000 people.

On Dec 16, about 40 were arrested at the gates of Crestwood Midstream's gas storage facility on the shore of Seneca Lake. On Dec 22, nine people dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves were arrested and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct as they blockaded the gates once again.

On Jan 21, twenty more arrests brought the total number of arrests to 200 since the actions began late October.



On March 18, Reading Town Justice Raymond Berry granted a motion to dismiss all charges “in the interest of justice” brought by 42 We Are Seneca Lake protesters. The district attorney also agreed to accept identical dismissal motions from the nearly 100 other civil disobedients whose cases are still pending. Defense attorneys called the en masse dismissals “historic.”

Dec 10—Nicaragua: Thousands Protest Canal Project

The \$50 billion canal project is set to link the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as a direct rival to the Panama Canal, and locals fear that entire villages will be forcibly displaced as a consequence. Protesters marched to UN offices in the Nicaraguan capital Managua, demanding transparency and adequate compensation for those displaced.

Dec 12—Coyote/Raven EF! Protests Ongoing Permitting of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in OR

A pile of bones from various road-killed animals, as well as the rotting corpse of a coyote, were left at the door of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. A banner left at the site read: “DEQ Stop Permitting Extinction. Fossil Fuels Kill Everything.” The remains were scavenged from a Department of Transportation roadkill dump site.

Dec 12—Australia: ALF Burns Down Slaughterhouse

From the anonymous communiqué: “Public notice: As of 02/12/14 the Oberon NSW slaughterhouse will be out of order . . . We do this for the love of it, the love of liberation, so no payment or gratitude necessary. Surely this will cause an inconvenience to profiteers of

animal abuse, and for this we generously offer any future services to those affected free of charge . . . **All workmanship is guaranteed, if for any reason the owners decide to rebuild, we will return to complete all original work.**”

Dec 15—Ontario: Tar Sands Activists Lock Doors to Banks and Offices

Individuals in over nine cities participated in locking dozens of Enbridge affiliates out of their workplaces. Doors to banks and offices were locked or otherwise disabled, and notices posted on the doors read, “[T]oday we call attention to companies that enable Enbridge to continue destroying for profit—their financiers and contractors; their facilitators and publicists. Those who manage their security and their planning, approve their permits and projects—and any other players who passively take part in eco-destruction while operating business as usual.”

Dec 16—Brazil: Indigenous Protesters Clash with Police Over Land Rights, Shut Down Congress

Around 30 indigenous Brazilians armed with bows and arrows attempted to break into the National Congress building to protest a bill that would give the Brazilian Congress powers to demarcate indigenous lands. Police

used pepper spray and blocked access to a committee that was due to vote on the proposal, and protesters fought back, shooting police with arrows and knocking officers to the ground. Indigenous communities worry the new bill, known as PEC 215/00, could legitimize the occupation of large parts of their land in the Amazon by farmers and loggers.

Dec 16 & 17—New England: FANG Holds Two Actions Against Natural Gas

On Dec 16, Fighting Against Natural Gas (FANG) occupied NY Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's office to protest his support of the Spectra natural gas pipeline. The next day the group shut down the offices of Spectra Energy, deploying a 24-foot tripod and multiple banners in the office lobby, and demanding that funders divest from the company due to its projects' negative impacts on local communities and the climate.

Dec 17—Peru: Indigenous Woman Defeats Mining Company

For over three years, indigenous Peruvian farm worker Maxima Acuña de Chaupe refused to allow a US-based multinational corporation to turn her land into an open-pit gold mine, withstanding multiple violent eviction

attempts by corporate and state agents. An appeals court finally struck down a lawsuit levied by the Yanacocha mine—which is 51% owned by Colorado's Newmont Mining Corporation—that had sought to expel and imprison her family for “invading” their own land.

Date Unknown—Cyber Attack on German Steel Mill Inflicts Serious Physical Damage

According to an annual report by the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), unknown hackers inflicted “serious damage” to the mill by using a “sophisticated spear phishing” method to break into internal networks and access the factory's main controls, causing significant damage to a blast furnace and outages that disrupted the controlled manner of operation. The BSI didn't mention which plant was targeted nor gave any reference to the time of the attack.

Dec 22—Myanmar: Woman Shot Dead at Protest Over Mine Project

Khin Win had joined around 60 farmers from villages in the country's Sagaing division trying to stop contractors hired by Myanmar Wanbao Mining Copper Ltd. from erecting a fence around farmland for which they had not received compensation. It is unclear whether she was shot by police or mining company security.

Dec 24—Coal Train Blockaded in Australia

A man suspended himself from a rail bridge crossing the Namoi River, blocking a coal train being loaded at Whitehaven Coal's controversial Maules Creek mine from leaving the site. The train is believed to be the first load of coal to leave the site since a test train that was disrupted twice by activists the week before.

Throughout December—Italy: Acts of Sabotage against Rail Construction

TAV high-speed rail construction—an environmentally devastating and corrupt project that stretches from France to Italy—was attacked with six separate arsons throughout December, while militant groups like Armed Operational Nuclei (NOA) called on activists to join in armed struggle against the project. One fire at Bologna's Santa Viola station destroyed the regional train traffic control system, halting the entire rail network in northern Italy until it could be repaired. More good news: On December 29 three anarchists accused of blocking machinery and throwing molotovs at cops had their terrorism charges dropped.

Dec 31—UK: Eco-Warrior Used Home-made “Stingers” Against Police Cars

An environmental activist used nail-filled pieces of plywood to disable three police

MINING COMPANY PUSHED OUT OF WISCONSIN'S PENOKEE HILLS

by Bailey

After over five years of front lines resistance from indigenous and environmental rights activists, the mega-mining company Gogebic Tacaonite (GTAC) declared in late February that it is shutting down its offices in the town of Hurley, Wisconsin—an area known as the Penoque Hills—where it had been test-drilling for a planned lignite mine. Though it initially seemed that GTAC was still pursuing the construction of a mine in the area, on March 24 they withdrew permits and declared that they had canceled plans to mine the Penoque Hills.

The decision to withdraw was based largely on an extensive environmental investigation of the site, which revealed that there are more wetlands present than anticipated, making major continued investment unfeasible both in terms of cost and adherence to federal EPA regulations. GTAC has used its power and influence to cheat environmental concerns in the past. They donated \$700K to Governor Scott Walker's campaign, which led to a mining lobbyist rewriting Wisconsin's mining regulations. They were also caught lying about the possibility of asbestos-related chemicals being aired during the mining process. Yet, in this case, federal regulations proved to be too strict for their planned mine, which was slated to sit just above the Bad River watershed, which flows into Lake Superior and runs through Ojibwe wild rice lands.

GTAC's planned mining project prompted dedicated and heavy resistance from the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe and anti-mining activists in the area. Opponents

of the mine worked and lived in a permanent encampment called Harvest Camp, set up along the mining site, which acted as a base for activists as well as an education center.

Resistance also came in other forms. On June 11, 2013, a group of anonymous people stormed the GTAC test-drilling site, jumping on trucks and a collection tank, and throwing tools and equipment into the woods. Fences were knocked over and broken, and the road to the work site was barricaded before the activists made their escape.

GTAC responded to the escalating resistance by posting paramilitaries armed with assault rifles in the Penoque Hills, revealing their willingness to use deadly force to subvert ecological direct action. As a result of the June 11 raid, one activist, Katie “Krow” Kloth, was arrested and sentenced to nine months in the Iron County Jail—where they are currently serving out their sentence—as well as five years of supervised release. (*See: From the Cages, page 7*)

In response to GTAC canceling their plans for a lignite mine in the Penoquees, Krow said: “My spirits are rejuvenated in seeing that people can really make a difference. We *must* stay vigilant and *never* stop fighting; striving and preparing to be more on the offensive is *always* a good plan. The Penoquees are *not* truly saved from the threats of industrial resource extraction, just like *anywhere*, until they are *intentionally* set aside for something *other* than slated destruction (whether it be mining, logging, etc.), or permanently ‘looked after’ by some kind of protectors/Ogichida, etc.” ✂



Jan 24-28—Canada: Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Blockades Manitoba Hydro

In a series of actions, Cree activists laid blockades, set up teepees, and ignited a sacred fire in the path of the planned Bipole III hydroelectric line. The project plans to clearcut trees near burial and spiritual sites of the Sapotaweyak Cree Nation for the construction of a transmission line, two new converter stations, and two ground electrodes.

cars responding to emergency calls out of action on New Years Eve. Emma Sheppard positioned the homemade traps outside a police station near Bristol which led to the police vehicle tires being punctured.

Jan 2—Denmark: Fur Farm Vandalized, Mink Dyed and Freed

From an anonymous report: “Between 01:00 and 04:00, cameras were destroyed, wires were cut and destroyed, slogans were graffitied, paint bombs were thrown, and most of the minks’ pelts were colored with red/orange non-toxic hair dye. All the remaining mink were released into the compound.”

Jan 4—Pheasants Freed From Game Bird Exhibit in Oregon

From an anonymous report: “A pen was cut open at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife game bird exhibit located in the EE Wilson Wildlife Area giving 3 ringneck pheasants a chance to escape into the wild. Holiday greetings to earth liberation prisoner Marius Mason and to the accused mink liberators brought up on federal ‘terrorism’ charges for allegedly freeing mink from a midwest fur farm. -A.L.F.”

Jan 5—Protesters Arrested Blockading Gas Pipeline Testing Site in PA

Eight of roughly three-dozen protesters were charged with trespassing after refusing to leave PPL property which contains a sacred Northern Arawak site, shutting down drilling for about three hours. Chief Carlos Rivera of the Northern Arawak Tribal Nation was among those arrested.

Jan 6—Spain: Thousands of Birds Liberated from Game Farm

During the night of the Spanish “Kings” holiday from January 5-6, members of the Spanish ALF liberated more than 1,000 partridges, quails, and some pheasants from a farm where they were destined to be bred for hunting. They also liberated hundreds of sheep who were kept in a nearby farm.

Jan 6—Algeria: Thousands Protest Exploitation of Gas Reserves

Two thousand people gathered in front of the city hall of Algeria’s regional capital Tamanrasset to protest exploitation of the country’s shale gas reserves. “We are determined to continue our protest and general strike until the government meets our claims, including the immediate stop of the drilling operations, and the withdrawal of all drilling materials and machines from targeted shale gas fields,” said Abdelkarim Ouanili, a local activist in Ain Salah.

Jan 7—Ecuador: Indigenous Warriors Shut Down Oil Facility

Seven Waorani warriors invaded the Petrobell oil field in the Amazonian province of Pastaza, causing enough damage to shut down 11 oil wells operating at the facility. Ecuadorean military were called to the scene and six soldiers were wounded in the clash with the warriors who were armed with blowguns, shotguns, pistols, and spears. Most of the arrested Waorani warriors will be tried for sabotage and paralysis of public services.

Jan 8—Argentina: Animals Liberated, Research Facility Set on Fire

From an anonymous statement (translation): “...We decided to start a fierce campaign against animal testing in particular at the National University of La Plata.... We liberated every cat, guinea pig and mouse in one of the animal research facilities... and then set fire to the facility.”

Jan 9—Chiapas: Indigenous Tseltales Injured Defending Against Police Occupation

The adherents to the Sixth Declaration of the Lacandon Jungle faced off with police at the waterfalls of Agua Azul while defending their land from occupation. The state police placed barricades and shot at them from vehicles with rubber bullets and live ammunition. There were thought to be two injured by rubber bullets.

Jan 17—Lebanon: Angry Residents Block Entrance to Naameh Dump

Angry residents blocked the entrance to the controversial Naameh landfill and demanded the government shut it down, warning of more actions in the future if they continue to permit the operation. A spokesperson for the protesters called on Environment Minister Mohammad Machnouk to resign. The landfill now receives 2,850 tons of waste a day, five times its intended capacity.

Jan 25—BC: Rising Tide Disrupts Kinder Morgan’s Dinner

Demonstrators interrupted Kinder Morgan’s employee dinner by holding

photos of the damage it has done to communities along its pipelines, as well as those affected by tar sands development. The company plans to twin its existing Trans Mountain pipeline and triple its capacity, aiming to send 890,000 barrels of diluted bitumen to the coast every day.

Jan 26—Florida EFlers Storm Developer’s Offices and Lock Down

Over 20 protesters rushed the offices of the branch “Kolter Urban” with signs, banners, and noisemakers, demanding that the deeply flawed permits for Kolter’s development of the Briger Forest be revoked. Amidst the chaos, two eco-warriors entered the lobby and locked their necks together, disrupting business for 2.5 hours.

Jan 30—Activists Barricade Logging Road in OR’s Elliott State Forest

A road accessing 11 Creek #3, a 41-acre timber sale auctioned to Scott Timber Company in December 2014, was blocked with a slashpile. The blockade impeded the continued clearcutting forest near a Marbled Murrelet Management Area, a state-designated habitat zone.

Jan 31—Istanbul: Anarchists Tear Down Fences of Kısırkaya Animal Camp

Hundreds of people gathered in front of the camp to protest a new animal “shelter” used to house eradicated street animals. Fences and gates were torn down and desecrated. Solidarity actions were also held throughout the nation.

Feb 1—US Oil Workers Stage First Large-Scale Strike Since 1980

The United Steelworkers Union (USW) began a strike at nine different sites after failing to come to an agreement on a labor contract due to expire. A full walkout of USW workers, who represent workers at more than 200 different national refineries, threatened to disrupt as much as 64 percent of US fuel production.

Feb 1—England: Treesit Defends Community Farming Project

Around a dozen protesters set up camp in trees that border the Stapleton allotments and the Feed Bristol site that were about to be cut down as part of the MetroBus development.

Feb 2-8—Animal Rights Activists Nationwide Storm Skanska USA

Offices and the homes of their executives were targeted to tell them to say no to building a new animal lab at the University of Washington. Protests took place in at least 10 different cities nationwide, and ended with activists in Stockholm, Sweden, storming Skanska headquarters.

Feb 3—Activist Scales Crane at LNG Construction Site in MD

Maryland teacher Carling Sothoron climbed a 150-foot-tall crane at a construction site in Lusby that is part of the Dominion Cove Point LNG export terminal project. She hung a banner reading “Dominion get out. Don’t frack Maryland. No gas exports. Save Cove Point.”

Feb 5—Brazil: Dogs Rescued from Puppy Mill

According to the report, this action took place a few months ago, but is being disclosed only now that dogs have received veterinary care, were neutered and transferred to responsible adopters.

Jan-Feb—Peru: Indigenous Communities Take on Big Oil

Starting in **early January**, Kichwa men, women and children from numerous communities protested oil shipments along the Tigre River for nearly a month. They barred the major Amazon tributary with cables, stopping oil company boats from passing. Oil companies have operated in the region for over 40 years, and have been linked by local people to pollution that has led the government to declare “environmental emergencies” in the Tigre and other river basins.



On January 28, three to four hundred indigenous Achuar and Kichwa protesters gathered at the oil wells near Peru’s border with Ecuador, suspending production and blocking transportation on a stretch of the Tigre River. The protesters demanded compensation for land used for 14 oil wells from Argentine oil company Pluspetrol.

On February 12, Pluspetrol said it would stop operations in a region of central Peru known as Pichanaki, allowing

for a temporary truce following days of violent community protests. The deal was brokered by the central government after violent protests during the week left one protester shot dead and at least 75 protesters and police officers hurt.

From February 20-22, Quichua and Achuar natives occupied Pluspetrol airfield and left it inoperable. The community of Nueva Jerusalem of Loreto also blocked a road leading to a camp where Pluspetrol employees live.

JUNE 11: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH MARIUS MASON, ERIC McDAVID, & ALL ECO-PRISONERS

Transition: The Struggle's Not Over *from the June 11 Crew*

The last year has been full of transitions for our imprisoned comrades and for those of us engaged in struggle on the other side of the walls. It is not often that we get a chance to truly mix celebration and struggle—but now is one of those times! On January 8, the Eastern District Court of California ordered Eric McDavid released from prison. Our comrade Marius came out publicly as a man and began seeking resources for his physical transition. We believe these are both transitions worthy of celebration and reason for continued struggle.

Originating as a day of solidarity for eco-prisoners, J11 remains anchored in ecological defense and struggle against a society based on exploitation and confinement. As the focus shifted to solidarity with Marius and Eric—two eco-anarchist prisoners serving roughly 20-year sentences—people have expressed their solidarity through letter-writing nights, fundraisers, educational events, demonstrations, and attacks.

Last year Marius Mason publicly shared his new name and use of male pronouns that better reflect his masculine gender identity. To quote his lawyer, Moira Meltzer-Cohen, who is assisting with the legal aspects of his transition, Marius is someone “whose courage and integrity are made even more salient by the fact that his own liberation and autonomy have long been severely circumscribed.” In the face of a world that systematically subjects trans people to violence, isolation and abuse, we hope that everyone shows their support of trans liberation by supporting Marius and the many imprisoned trans folks. This struggle should extend beyond mere fundraising. Trans prisoners are struggling not only for the material necessities of existence, but are also struggling against systems of domination which will stop at nothing to prevent them from simply being who they are. Our solidarity needs to be as creative and varied as the state's tactics are cruel and oppressive.

Eric McDavid was released from prison after nine years of incarceration. Eric returned home to his friends and family after a federal court granted his habeas corpus petition, stating that the FBI withheld evidence during the trial phase of his case. Eric's incredible determination and the awe-inspiring support from his family, friends and comrades have not only contributed to his emotional and physical well-being while behind bars, but also to his eventual release. Eric is now faced with building a new life after almost a decade of incarceration. This is a new phase of struggle for him, and we are committed to continuing our solidarity with him post-release.

Although he is no longer living his life in a cage of concrete and razor wire, Eric still constantly faces the repressive apparatus of the state. His movements are restricted, his communications monitored, and his time is spent in ways that aren't always of his choosing. All of this limits his interactions with the communities he has been away from for so long. We must figure out how to lessen the impacts of these kinds of restrictions and how to enable as smooth a transition and homecoming as possible.

A specific element of this process is building our capacity for ongoing prisoner support. There have been victories and setbacks over the past year as anarchist and other rebellious prisoners have waged struggles against their conditions, including hunger and work strikes. Greek anarchist Nikos Romanos' hunger strike and the accompanying revolutionary solidarity reminded us of the subversive possibility of struggles coordinated across prison walls. But as anarchist prisoners, like Sean Swain in Ohio or Michael Kimble in Alabama, conduct similar fights, the movement has frequently lacked the connections or strength required to offer meaningful solidarity. This is not a criticism of the dedicated support crews working with these rebel prisoners, but is directed to the rest of us, indicating the importance of generalizing active forms of solidarity with prisoners.

An important aspect of the long-term project of prisoner solidarity is maintaining old connections while building new connections with other prisoners in struggle. Recently released comrades Amelie and Fallon encompassed this idea well in their February open letter. Generalizing solidarity means escaping the space of the small “activist scene” to allow new relationships to form. Part of our proposal this year is to build stronger relations of solidarity with trans prisoners in struggle, both to offer immediate personal and political support, and to prepare to offer more meaningful aid in future struggles for safety, hormones/other medical resources, and dignity. We were inspired by Chelsea Manning, who won access to hormones despite very adverse conditions, indicating the possibility of future victories for other trans prisoners.

We will continue to adapt to a changing landscape produced by the victories won by our imprisoned comrades and by ongoing transformations of the repressive machinery. These transitions mark the expansion of the project and not any sort of stopping point.

“The struggle is not over ... it assumes new forms. No matter what its face, no matter what the time, it's still war.”

FROM THE CAGES:

ECO-PRISONERS, SNARED LIBERATIONISTS, AND HOSTAGES OF THE STRUGGLE

This information is compiled by the joint effort of the EF! Prisoner Support Project and the EF! Journal Collective. A broader list of prisoners from allied struggles, along with our handy updated Informant Tracker service, can be found at EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/PRISONERS. To get in touch, email: EFPRIS@RISEUP.NET or write: EF!PSP, PO Box 163126, Sacramento, CA 95816.

US PRISONERS

Walter Bond

#37096-013, USP Marion CMU, PO Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA

Serving 12 years (until 03-21-2021) for the “ALF Lone-wolf” arsons of the Tandy Leather Factory and the Tiburon Restaurant (which sold foie gras) in Utah, as well as the Sheepskin Factory in Colorado. SUPPORTWALTER.ORG
Birthday: April 16

Katie “Krow” Kloth

Iron County Jail, 200 Taconite Street, Hurley, WI 54534, USA

Krow is an environmental and indigenous rights activist who was convicted of charges stemming from a June 2013 Penokee Defenders protest that disrupted GTAC bore hole drilling at a mine site on the Penokee Range. On January 21, 2015, Krow was sentenced to 9 months (until 11-01-2015) plus 5 years of supervised release, and may face additional charges for “bail jumping” for allegedly entering a forest that was off limits while the case was pending. (See page 3)

Rebecca Rubin

#98290-011 FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street – Camp Park, Dublin, CA 94568, USA

Rebecca is serving 5 years (until 04-07-2017) for arson and conspiracy charges stemming from ELF actions that occurred between 1996 and 2001, including the \$12 million fire that destroyed a ski resort in Vail, Colorado. She accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement.
Birthday: April 18, 1973

Marius Mason

(Address envelope to Marie Mason)

#04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA

Serving 21 years and 10 months (until 09-18-2027) for his involvement in an ELF arson at a university building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. Marius also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out ELF actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. Join the campaign to move Marius from the extreme isolation at FMC Carswell.

SUPPORTMARIUSMASON.ORG

Birthday: January 26, 1962

Kevin Olliff

(Address envelope to Kevin Johnson)

#47353-424, MCC Chicago, Metropolitan Correctional Center, 71 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL 60605, USA

Kevin is an animal liberation activist who completed a 30-month sentence for “possession of burglary tools” on 10-21-2014. He is now being held in federal custody, awaiting trial for additional charges under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for allegedly releasing 2,000 mink and foxes from fur farms in the Midwest.

SUPPORTKEVINANDTYLER.COM

Birthday: March 27

Justin Solondz

#98291-011, FCI Loretto, PO Box 1000, Loretto, PA 15940, USA

Serving 7 years (until 08-31-2017) for a 2001 fire-bombing of the University of Washington’s Center for Urban Horticulture.

Birthday: October 3

Brian Vaillancourt

#M42889, Robinson Correctional, 13423 East 1150th Ave, Robinson, IL 62454 USA

Arrested in Chicago on February 9, 2013, for an alleged attempted arson at a McDonald’s. He took a plea deal for 9 years.

Birthday: September 5, 1964

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Check out Marius’ new support fliers at
SUPPORTMARIUSMASON.ORG

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INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS

Marco Camenisch

Strafanstalt Bostadel, Postfach 38, CH-6313 Menzingen, Switzerland

Serving 18 years: 10 for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and 8 for the murder of a Swiss Boarder Guard while on the run. In 2002 Marco completed a 12-year sentence for destroying electricity pylons in Italy.

Birthday: January 21

Alfredo Cospito and Nicola Gai

Both at: *Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy*

Nicola and Alfredo were arrested on September 14, 2012, for shooting Ansaldo Nucleare manager Roberto Adinolfi in the knee—an action carried out by an Olga/FAI/FRI nucleus on May 7, 2012. Alfredo was sentenced to 10 years and 8 months; Nicola to 9 years and 4 months.

Karl Häggroth

Box 3112, 200 22 MALMÖ, Sweden

Richard Kliinsmeister

Box 248, 593 23 Västervik, Sweden

Ebba Olausson

Box 1005, 718 92 FRÖVI, Sweden

Ebba was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months for animal rights actions directed against fur farming. Karl was arrested later and is now in custody pending an appeal to the Supreme Court, and then will probably go to prison where he will begin his 2 year and 6 month sentence. Richard was then sentenced to 1 year and 9 months for the same actions.

Debbie Vincent

A5819DE, HMP and YOI Holloway Parkhurst Road, London N7 0NU, UK

Debbie was sentenced to 6 years in prison for campaigning against Huntingdon Life Sciences, Europe's largest animal testing corporation.

Adriano Antonacci

Casa Circondariale, Via Arginone 327, 44122 Ferrara, Italy

Gianluca Iacovacci

Via Casale 50/A, 15122 San Michele, Alessandria, Italy

Adriano and Gianluca were arrested on September 18, 2013, by the special operation department units of the Italian police. The two are accused of thirteen attacks, executed by different direct action cells ("Animal Liberation Front," "Direct Action for the Defense of the Earth," and "Informal Anarchist Federation-International Revolutionary Front"), against banks, a fur outlet, branch offices of energy companies ENI and ENEL, and the Albano landfill project.

Graziano Mazzarelli, Lucio Alberti and Francesco Sala

CC via dell'Arginone, 327 - 44100 Ferrara, Italy

Davide Forgione and Paolo Rossi

CC Via Maria Adelaide Aglietta 35, 10151 Turin, Italy

Prisoners of the No TAV Movement, a campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon highspeed rail link that has been fighting the project for 20+ years. Lucio Alberti, Francesco Sala and Graziano Mazzarelli were arrested on July 11, 2014, in connection with an action at the Chiomonte TAV site. Davide and Paolo were arrested on August 30, 2013, after police stopped their car and found material considered "suspicious" by the state.

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Feb 5—Poland: Farmers Blockade Motorways Across Country

Thousands of Polish family farmers protested in over 50 locations across the country. Over 150 tractors blocked the A2 motorway into Warsaw and hundreds more continued to close major roads and picket government offices in other regions. The farmers are vowing to continue the struggle until the government agrees to enter talks with the unions.

Feb 6—Anti-Fracking Protest Shuts Down CA State Building

People blockaded the three doors and shut down the street with a large mock-

up of an oil derrick, unfurling an Idle No More banner while Buddhists joined in meditation on the front steps. Twelve people were arrested.

Feb 6—Horse-Drawn Carriages Torched in Chicago

Fourteen antique horse carriages were destroyed by fire at the Noble Horse Theatre. The words "Freedom" and what looked like "Free Slave Horses" were spray painted at the site. The owners say that this action follows a history of "threatening letters from radical animal rights activists." In September 2012, six carriages were destroyed at the same location.

Feb 7—CA: Largest Anti-fracking Demo in History

Eight thousand people marched in Oakland to demand Gov. Jerry Brown end the use of fracking in CA.

Feb 8—Oil Worker Strike Spreads to OH and IN

Workers at two BP oil refineries in Ohio and Indiana walked out as part of a nation-wide oil worker strike being led by the United Steelworkers Union. Citing unfair labor practices and dangerous conditions, including leaks and explosions, the approximately 1,440 workers joined nearly 4,000 that began striking on February 1.

Feb 11—Algeria: Mass Movement, Blockades Halt Fracking

The people in the province of In-Salah occupied a drilling site bringing the rig activities to a halt. Adults and children formed a human wall around the site, some chaining themselves to electric poles. On the same day, the activists successfully blocked the entrance to the In-Salah Gas site. Activists intercepted delivery trucks to inspect any chemicals being delivered to the drilling site.

Feb 17—Indonesia: Villagers Drive Out Illegal Miners, Heavy Machines

Hundreds of residents from four villages on the slopes of Mount Merapi in Sleman regency, Yogyakarta took a stand by driving out heavy machinery from the sand quarry and blocked hundreds of sand trucks from leaving the region.

Feb 21—Steelworkers Union, Occupy Wall Street Dump Manure at CA ExxonMobil Refinery

Protesters in hazmat suits dumped a pile of manure at the refinery in Torrance to protest ExxonMobil's delayed response to inquiries about whether the ash-like debris released from the refinery posed any health risks.

Feb 23—Activists Block VA Dominion Headquarters

A group of over 50 activists blocked vehicle access to Dominion Resources' Tredegar Campus in Richmond to

protest the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Activists stretched banners across the road and paraded large puppets around the scene, while two others remained suspended from a pedestrian bridge with a banner reading "Stop Selling Our Futures."

February 24—India: Massive Rally Against JP Hydro Company

A massive rally by workers and farmers was held at JP's headquarters in Tapri, Kinnaur. More than 5,000 tribal people from different villages participated.

Approx. February 24—AZ: Occupy Oak Holds Ground at Camp Threatened by Copper Mine

The San Carlos Apache Tribe lead a three week occupation of the Oak Flat Campground, which is being threatened by the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange Act—an act that has given Australian-British mining company Resolution Copper access to a vast underground copper reserves in sacred land. This occupation followed a 45-mile trek and four-day protest that took place in the beginning of the month.

February 24—CO Activists Protest and Destroy Cages in Opposition to Prairie Dog Trapping

A local group in opposition to a new shopping center, Castle Rock Promenade, has been protesting plans to build the mall on one of the largest prairie dog colonies

in the state. One woman trampled traps right in front of a camera, saying she was "buying the animals more time."

Feb 25—Internet Outage in AZ Due to "Vandalism"

Northern Arizonians could not use the Internet, their cellphones, or landlines for several hours after someone sabotaged a fiber-optic line that brings communications to a large part of the state. Businesses couldn't process credit card transactions, ATMs didn't function, law enforcement databases were unavailable, and even weather reports were affected in an area stretching from north of Phoenix to Flagstaff, about 100 miles away.

Feb 26—BC: Kinder Morgan Returns to Burnaby, Protesters Block Trucks

Protesters began to rally when Kinder Morgan (KM) commenced operations at a new drilling site in New Westminster. People blocked traffic and demanded that KM acknowledge that they are on unceded First Nations land. Some 100 people were arrested last fall as local settler people joined with First Nations to protest the laying of the Trans-Mountain Pipeline, which was set to triple the amount of tar sands oil sent to export.

March 1—Algeria: 40 Police Injured in Anti-Fracking Protests

In response to Sonatrach's completion of its first pilot drilling in the In-Salah

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February 13-18—Australia: Lockdowns and Treesits at Maules Creek Mine

About 250 people gathered at the Leard State Forest in northern NSW to stop Whitehaven Coal from clearing the forest to make way for its proposed Maules Creek coal mine. The new mine is the largest coal mine under construction in Australia. It is projected to mine 13 million tonnes of coal a year for 30 years.

Twelve people locked to bulldozers and several hundred people rallied at the mine gates. More than 300 people have been arrested protesting the project since resistance began over two years ago.



COLUMBIA: GAS PROJECT IN U'WA TERRITORY DISMANTLED

by Bailey

This February, almost three years after extraction permits were drafted—and a year after the U'wa announced an “avalanche of heavy machinery” from Ecopetrol SA had arrived at an exploration site on their territory—the equipment has been removed and the Magallanes gas station sits quiet.

This relief comes after elongated on-the-ground opposition from within the U'wa community—including the threat of mass suicide if the drilling began—and national/international solidarity. When operation was underway in 2014, the U'wa blocked worker and machinery access to the zone with a permanent encampment, demanding that the Magallanes project be stopped, the oil pipeline diverted to bypass their territory, and the damage to the community be recognized “and repaired.” The Colombian government responded by asking locals to allow workers to fix the broken Caño Limón pipeline that had been destroyed by armed guerrilla groups and was contaminating the Cubogón River, and by attempting to facilitate dialogue with U'wa community leaders. During this “remediation” process, Megallane paused its operation, but never formally withdrew, and continued to draft proposals.

On February 24, 2015, a communiqué from the U'wa announced that Megallane and its partner, Ecopetrol SA, had finally evacuated, and stated that the company's retreat marked a “gesture of respect towards basic indigenous rights, but we reiterate to the national

government that this is only a mere step in understanding and mutual respect for protecting ancestral communities of Colombia.”

The looming arrival of the oil and gas industry within their territory and shallow governmental response is not new. In the late '90s and early 2000s, U'wa successfully defended their homelands against Shell's and Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum's designs to drill in their territory, triumphantly aiding in the desertion of all plans in 1999 and again in 2002.

For the past two decades, since oil exploration began to shadow their homelands, paramilitaries, guerrillas, and army factions have crowded the territory and made the area unsafe. In 1999, three US activists were kidnapped and killed, and in 2000 three children drowned in the Cubogón River while fleeing from helicopter-bound national police.

The Caño Limón pipeline is still eroding the environment and the community, and regional armed factions still endanger lives. Yet, despite persistent state repression, the U'wa continue to fight for the land and its inhabitants.

“For Colombian people and to the world: As one of the communities that have predicted the ill consequences that result from blind exploitation of natural resources and hollow development, we accentuate the necessity to rethink your actions that are degrading the very existence of this dynamic Madre Tierra.” (24 Feb communiqué)

El pueblo unido jamás será vencido! ✂



Late February, U'wa people hold a banner celebrating victory over the Magallanes gas project.

OFFICE OCCUPATION HALTS OVERFISHING IN HEILTSUK TERRITORY

by Bailey

The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) had been in intense negotiations with the Heiltsuk First Nation in late March and early April, when a Heiltsuk chief councilor and several others locked themselves inside the DFO office on Denny Island, off the west coast of British Columbia, to protest the controversial re-opening of a herring fishery.

The Heiltsuk insist that herring populations are on the verge of collapse—as had been previously agreed upon by the DFO—and were not anticipating renewed fisheries to begin netting. “The government has allowed the fishery to open, and we’re here to tell you, it’s not going to happen,” said Joann Green, Heiltsuk hereditary chief, at the DFO office protest.

The Heiltsuk utilize a traditional method of obtaining herring roe, known as spawn-on-kelp, which involves placing kelp in the water and waiting for the herring to lay eggs on it. This differs greatly from the seine boats or gillnets used by huge commercial fisheries, which kill herring in the process of gathering roe.

In a 1996 Supreme Court decision known as the Gladstone Decision, it was found that the Heiltsuk had been engaging in their own small-scale commercial herring fishery since before contact with settlers, and therefore maintain those rights today. The decision also included a “Doctrine of Priority” that laid out the order in which fish should be allocated by the DFO. First priority is conservation; then the aboriginal right to food, social, and ceremonial fish; then an aboriginal commercial fishery; and finally a non-aboriginal commercial fishery, which can only be established after all local needs have been met and if fish populations are not threatened.

The re-opening of the herring fishery last year kindled controversy as leaked emails revealed that even government scientists thought re-opening the fisheries was a bad idea.

“For the three [herring fishing] areas showing signs

of recovery, it is recommended that they remain closed in 2014,” DFO scientists warned. The email became public during a recent and unsuccessful legal attempt by five coastal BC First Nations in federal court to close the fishery.

Disregarding the Heiltsuk’s wishes and the advice of their own scientists, on March 22 the DFO opened a commercial herring fishery on BC’s central coast. On March 29, the Heiltsuk First Nation held their lockdown and demonstration inside the DFO offices, demanding that the fishery be closed and that herring populations be left alone to recover and thrive once again. They occupied the office for three days, until, on April 1, the federal government gave in to their demands, announcing a closure of the fishery. The DFO offices remained occupied until the last commercial gill-netters were escorted off of their territory by Heiltsuk patrol boats.

“This victory belongs to the whole community,” said Heiltsuk First Nations councillor Jess Housty. “Grateful for our relatives from other Nations, our allies everywhere...And work is already beginning to ensure this issue is never pushed to such extremes again.” ✕



Photo from March 31, the third day of occupation of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans offices.

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region, tens of thousands of people joined blockades and marches. Riots soon erupted in which police officers were injured; the police headquarters and barracks, the chief's house, and a police truck were all set ablaze.

March 5—Brazil: Landless Movement Occupies Biotech Meeting, Destroys GMO Eucalyptus Seedlings

About 300 peasants organized by La Via Campesina occupied a meeting of the Brazil National Biosafety Technical Commission discussing the release of three new varieties of transgenic plants in Brazil. The seeds of genetically engineered eucalyptus trees were destroyed during the protest.

March 7—London: 40,000 Climate Change Protesters March Before COP21

Demonstrators flooded the streets to urge strong action for the upcoming Paris climate conference in December.

March 9—Environmental Protesters Arrested as China Suppresses Viral Air Pollution Film

Activists in a northern China city bearing face masks and anti-air pollution signs were arrested during a protest that followed the release of *Under the Dome*, Chai Jing's film that highlights the smog crisis in China and its impact on public health.

March 10—Burma: Bomb Destroys Mining Company Truck

An explosive blew up a truck loaded with silicon mineral stone in Aung Myittar Ward, Namhkam Township, Northern Shan State. The destroyed Chinese-made six-wheeled truck belonged to the Ngwe Kabar Kyaw mining company. No one was injured.

March 12—New Zealand: 500 Year Old Kauri Tree Will Not Be Cut

Developers pledged not to cut an ancient Kauri tree after a local man occupied it for four days. Those in solidarity have also promised to take

their campaign to Parliament to address the country's environmental laws.

March 12—England: Fracking Protesters Halt Trucks at Drill Site

Despite heavy police presence, folks demonstrated and pitched tents at the entrance to Europa Oil and Gas test drilling site—making it one of the first direct action demonstrations in North East Lincolnshire for decades. One person also climbed onto a lorry, stalling traffic for nearly four hours.

March 12—England: Eco-Activists Resist Eviction from Bristol Treetops

Security workers failed to extract environmental campaigners from trees where they have camped for more than a month fighting a bus development that will ruin allotments and damage a community food-growing project.

March 12—England: Squatters Barricade Themselves into Community Farm on Millionaire's Land

Having farmed land in the Forest of Dean for more than two years, squatters barricaded themselves into the site (now called Yorkley Court Community Farm) after receiving an eviction order. One of the farmers said: "We are here, we are determined and we will not leave quietly."

March 13—Hundreds Protest Demolition of City Park in New Orleans

Two people established treesits in City Park in opposition to the proposed golf course, which, if built, would impede on community space. Hundreds of other protesters gathered in solidarity.

March 14—Canada: Thousands Rally Against Stephen Harper Anti-Terrorism Bill

Vancouver's streets became gridlocked as crowds gathered to oppose the bill which was introduced in January. If passed, it would give police much broader powers, allowing them to detain "terror suspects"—a label increasingly used to vilify eco-warriors.

March 14-15—Germany: Giant Coal Excavator Occupied

Activists of the Hambach anti-coal movement occupied the 800 by 300 foot excavator inside the opencast-mine, Inden. One person locked down while three others climbed the digger with harnesses. A banner reading "Lignite kills. Everywhere" was dropped.

March 15-16—Bristol: Slingshot Attack on Construction and Newspaper Companies

Several windows were broken on the Balfour Beatty and Evening Post buildings to protest the construction of the controversial metrobus route that will eventually destroy the landscape to cart people to and from their daily boredom.

March 15—Turkey: Police Deploy Tear Gas Against Large Anti-Power Plant Protests

Some two thousand protesters marched against three hydroelectric power plant projects in the Black Sea province of Tokat. Police built a barricade in front of the construction site and used tear gas to prevent protesters from reaching the site. However, the villagers moved off the road and took to the fields to continue their march.

March 16—Germany: Arson Attack Against Power and Communication Lines

From anonymous statement: "The axis of the rabble has struck. We set fire with the intention of considerably impairing the power supply and the grid connection of the large data centres of Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Börse [*that operates the Frankfurt Stock Exchange*], and many others in Eschborn. The ground cables of an electricity pylon and three distribution boxes of Vodafone went up in flames on the outskirts of Eschborn near the A66 highway."

March 18—Italy: Sabotage Against High-Speed Railway Line

Two construction machines at Terzo

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DEAR NED LUDD: GUERRILLA GARDENING IN URBAN LANDSCAPES

Dear Ned Ludd,

Forced to flee from my roots, as many of us millennials seem to have been, I exist now in an apartment three stories above ground level, counting down the days to when all my surroundings crumble at the loss of global industry. (You know, freedom.) I've had to scavenge for what knowledge I have now, and unfortunately this shitty, dilapidated apartment which barely passes for living space provides me no access for growing food. Know of any subversive, rad ways to get some seeds sprinkled into the cracks of these streets so I don't have to succumb to the nefarious fingers of mono-ag giants?

Yours,
unenchanting urbanite



Dear unenchanting urbanite,

Germinating seeds and cultivating alternative means of gaining nutrients within cemented furrows can prove quite tricky. Unfortunately, since I am unfamiliar with the layout of your surroundings, I cannot provide detailed suggestions as to how the landscape can be transformed into pockets of sustenance. However, I can surely pass on a few general tips.

Firstly, it's vital to know which plants flourish in your specific bioregion and which conditions (whether it be shade, sand, full sun, seasonal, etc.) they thrive in. Once you have an idea of the array of seeds you wish to nurture, you can begin to explore the contours of your neighborhood. Finding long-term garden havens calls for creative interaction with local traffic patterns, buildings, parks, water sources, and, especially if creating a vertical garden, the fluctuating climate. Avoid sections of the city that are heavily manicured and sprayed with chemicals, as well as soil that may contain high levels of heavy metals and other contaminants. While it may be unfeasible to have a soil test done, take time to learn about the general history of the land, so you don't start sowing an old hazardous waste site. I tend to gravitate towards roof tops of apartment buildings, loosely landscaped courtyards, green areas near water (spraying is usually prohibited in these parts), edges of parks, and foliage between fences and roads (making sure there's enough of a buffer to not leave seedlings to choke on exhaust).

When sowing seeds, you may wish to start them indoors and carefully transport them in a bike basket or cart along with extra soil/compost and a small shovel. Go out when traffic is light and the sky is dark. Take into account how much space a plant will need to mature, and find a location

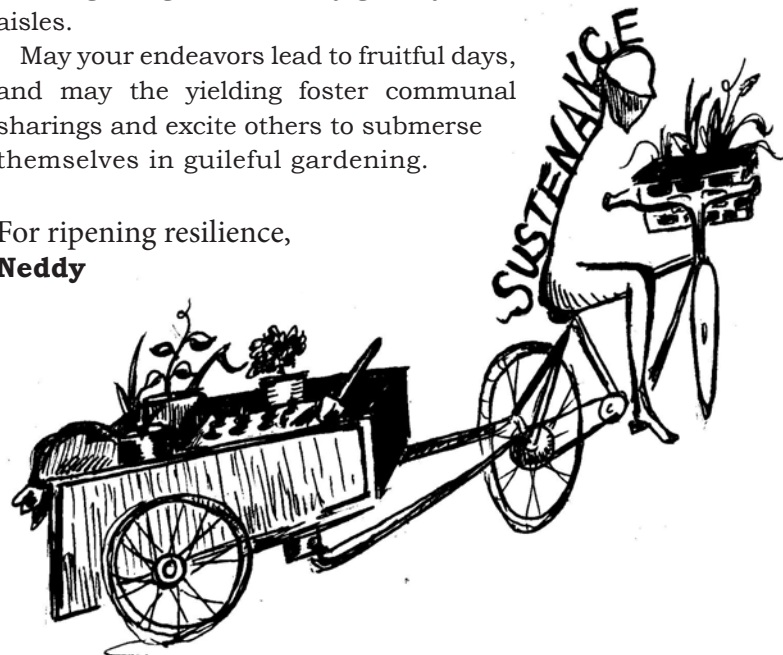
where it can remain camouflaged throughout its growth. For example, tuck tomatoes along the edge of a parking lot among other plants that produce red fruits or flowers; cucumbers and peas along a fence that is already clothed by vines; potatoes in an abandoned apartment courtyard where there is deep sandy soil; and rosemary, fennel, and thyme by the bus station so you can pluck seasonings on your way home. Be realistic as to how far you can travel to care for and harvest the herbs, fruits, and vegetables and know which ones may need extra watering. If you're able, set up a rain-catching system by maneuvering gutter piping to fill buckets, or removing drain grates to place buckets beneath. Start a compost bin with worms in your home and keep a range of seeds sprouting indoors to replenish cyclical growth.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that there may be an already energizing mixture of untamed native plants growing in your area. It is surprising how nourishing (and medicinal) common "weeds"—such as dandelions, borage, milk thistle, Queen Anne's lace, plantain, stinging nettle, purslane, and clover—can be. Find a local forager or book to learn more about each plant's properties and vitamin/mineral content.

So, while you may feel confined by the lack of gardening space in your current nest, don't be deterred by seemingly harsh urban landscapes. Remain buoyant. Interweave furtive nutrients into the cement jungle. Provide sanctuaries for insects, birds, and other animate creatures—while avoiding being swallowed by grocery store aisles.

May your endeavors lead to fruitful days, and may the yielding foster communal sharings and excite others to submerge themselves in guileful gardening.

For ripening resilience,
Neddy



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Valico ("third mountain pass") were put out of action in Voltaggio. An anonymous report reads: "It's a quiet night, with no wind, only a few machines, but then something unexpected happens, a flash... a bolt of lightning comes out of the clear sky of Voltaggio, and strikes two Caterpillar machines dedicated to the construction of the Terzo Valico project. An excavator and an asphalt compactor are rendered useless."

March 20—CA: Nestlé Water Bottling Plant Blocked

Holding plastic "torches" and "pitchforks," people formed human barricades at both entrances to the Nestlé Water bottling plant in Sacramento, effectively shutting down the company's operations for the day. Representatives of the alliance said the company is draining up to 80 million gallons of water a year from Sacramento aquifers during a record drought.

March 21—Activists Destroy Road Leading to Elliott Forest Timber Sale in OR

A three-foot-deep trench was dug into the road leading to the sale, and long lengths of rebar were cemented into holes in front of the trench, preventing bulldozers from easily reconstructing the road. The anonymous communiqué said: "To the Oregon Department of Forestry, the State Land Board, Roseburg Forest Products and all others who seek to destroy our wild and sacred forests: We won't stop until you do."

March 23—BC: Kinder Morgan Equipment Stolen from Burnaby Mountain

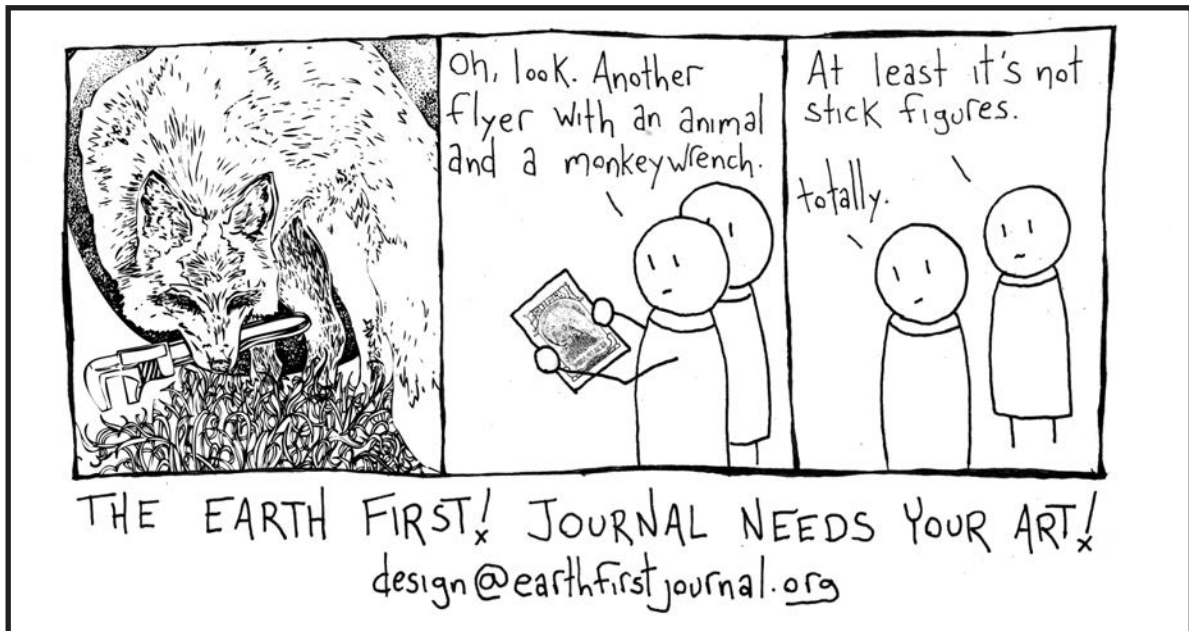
Activists allegedly broke into a vehicle on Burnaby Mountain and stole surveying equipment. A Burnaby RCMP spokeswoman said police were called to the area and are conducting an investigation.

March 30—Australia: Climate Change Protest Halts Coal Train

In solidarity with farmers in the Hunter Valley and Maules Creek, a group of people in Newcastle halted the coal rail line leading to the world's largest coal export port. One woman from the group attached herself to the tracks in front of the trains and refused to move. The protesters said they would not let trains enter or leave until industry leaders committed to winding back exports.

March 30—Hawaii: Protesters Block Telescope Construction

More than 50 demonstrators formed a roadblock outside the Mauna Kea visitor center, blocking about 15 vehicles transporting workers up the mountain. The protesters called the \$1.4 billion project a desecration of the mountain. ✕



The Earth First! Design Collective is, fittingly enough, a collective of designers and artists associated with the Earth First! movement. We offer free graphics to direct action groups working on environmental, indigenous sovereignty, or related issues. We also maintain and build archives of art from *Earth First! Journal* covers and Round River Rendezvous posters.

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We're a small collective that is looking to expand. If you're a movement artist or designer and want to join or contribute, get in touch at DESIGN@EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG

Have you ever dreamt of finding yourself curled in a hardwood copse full of glacial erratics, beneath maple and ash leaves, listening to the inquiring twitter of the oven bird and the soul-stirring and strangely nostalgic harmony of the hermit thrush's song? Or jumping into a deep, green, kettle pond? Or sharing stories around a fire of encounters with the wild, nearly averted disasters, and your heart's deepest desires of freedom and insurrection? Well then, this is your chance! If you have never been to an Earth First! Round River Rendezvous before, you are in for a real adventure. It will consist of a week of workshops, trainings, storytelling, music, and poetry, with plenty of opportunities to hear updates on campaigns and struggles, to connect with lots of amazing folks from all over the continent, and to bond during the post-Rondy action (keep your eyes out for a public action callout).

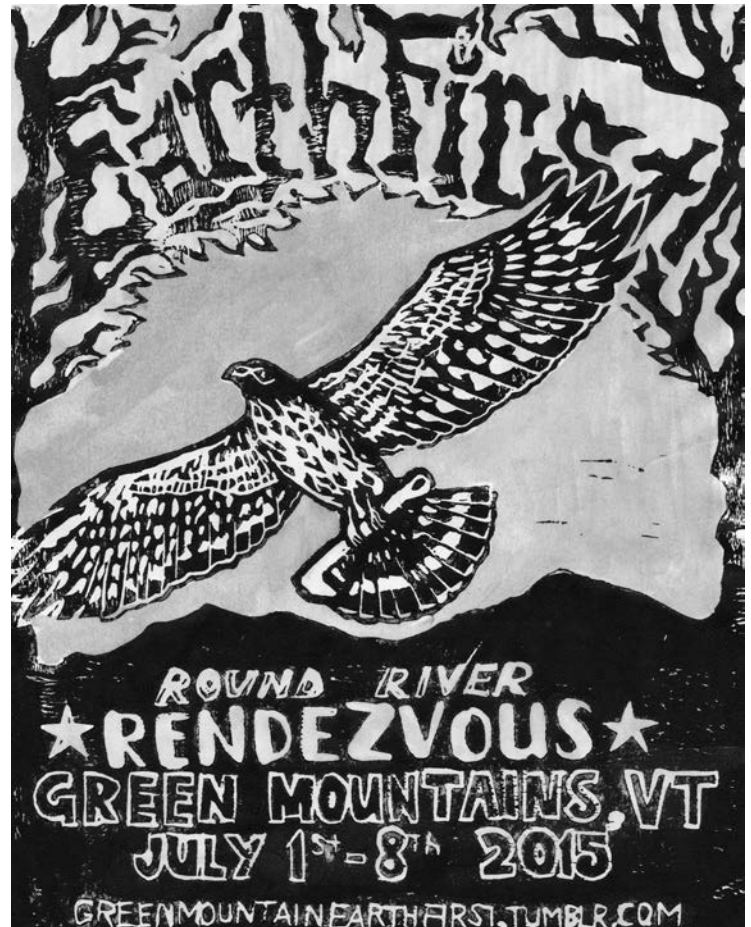
The 2015 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous, hosted by Green Mountain Earth First!, will be held on occupied Abenaki land in so-called Vermont, July 1-8. The ancestors of today's Abenaki are the original inhabitants of what is now Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Southern Quebec. The word *Abenaki* is derived from *Wobanakik*, which means "dawn land" or "eastern land."

Many of the people organizing this summer's gathering are currently involved in a campaign to stop a fracked gas pipeline that will run along the Lake Champlain valley and the lake Champlain watershed—home to beluga whales!

The process of collective liberation has been a challenging part of the last several EF! gatherings. The intention of this RRR is to firmly root our work together in growing truly intersectional movements. We are excited to continue to address questions of how to build from past conversations.

We recognize that the same violence which permeates our relationships with the Earth permeates our relationships with one another and ourselves. Biocentrism + Deep Ecology + Anti-Oppression + Solidarity = Eco-liberation! We cannot confront the forces destroying the Earth without confronting the systems of power destroying subsistence cultures and exploiting people of color and other oppressed groups around the planet.

We are excited to extend an invitation to learn from, lend our strength to, and deepen the ties of solidarity with the collective future we are dreaming into being.



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