



Starhawk

and philosophy of Wiccan witchcraft. She has taught magic, workshops, ritual and Wicca.

Starhawk's study and practice of Earth-based spirituality led to her concern for the environment and to activism. Her life changed when she went to the WTO protest in Seattle in 1999.

She writes in *Webs of Power*, "I went to Seattle reluctantly. I went with somewhat the same attitude with which I used to go to synagogue as a child — thinking I would fulfill a somewhat unpleasant duty, feel absolved of my guilt for a little while, come home and resume my life. Instead I found myself galvanized into a new level of political activity."

Since Seattle, Starhawk has focused on global justice. She trains activists through role-play: acting out dangerous situations and trying different responses and tactics stressing flexibility and centeredness. Training also includes planning techniques for pre-action, survival techniques in jail and post-action support (debriefing, trauma counseling, etc). In 2000 Starhawk trained activists in Washington, D.C., Prague, Brazil and Argentina. She participated in the April 2000 IMF/World Bank blockade, the 2000 World Social Forum in Porte Alegre, the Quebec April 2001 action, and was in Genoa in July 2001 as a witness to the brutality there.

Starhawk organizes, facilitates, and builds

alliances between groups such as labor, churches, and NGOs that are striving for justice. She writes eyewitness accounts of these experiences and inspirational fables, clarifying and sharing issues that are otherwise clouded with propaganda and brutality.

Starhawk will conduct workshops at Lost Valley, Dorris Ranch, Grower's Market and the WOW Hall. She will speak at the EMU and hold a book signing at Mother Kali's. She will also lead a Ritual for the Earth at Dorris Ranch. For more information, visit www.lostvalley.org/starhawk.html or www.starhawk.org/ — *Paula Hoemann*

WILD NATURE AT STAKE

The brewing battle over Biscuit fire "salvage" logging is about more than trees. Four people made history when they sat down on the Bald Mountain road in southwestern Oregon 20 years ago. Arms linked, they blocked a bulldozer and heavy equipment that were building an illegal Forest Service road into the rugged, roadless backcountry of the Siskiyou National Forest. A series of blockades ensued, bringing 44 arrests and national attention. A federal judge halted the road-building and the Bald Mountain Blockades quickly became for forest activism what the Rosa Parks incident was for the civil rights movement.

Twenty years after Bald Mountain, events in the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area are again making history. Eugene area residents have a chance to learn more about the longest sustained forest protection campaign in Oregon at 7:30 pm Monday, May 19 in the UO EMU Fir Room. Lou Gold, nationally-known storyteller

and "Sage of the Siskiyou" will share his firsthand accounts as well as a new retrospective video. — *Rolf Skar*

BURN OUT

The city of Eugene projects that at least 14 of its firefighters will retire this coming year due to the threat of cutbacks in the state PERS pension system.

Although replacing senior workers at the top of the pay scale with new workers making starting wages often saves employers money, the city is projecting a big initial financial hit. The firefighter retirements will cost \$300,000 next year, the city estimates. That includes

\$100,000 in required payoffs to retiring employees; \$55,000 in hiring and promotion costs for replacements; \$150,000 in pay for a dozen new hires to attend a 12-week training course; \$20,000 in new uniforms/equipment and \$50,000 in firefighter overtime to cover shifts until new staff are hired and trained. — *AP*

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Regarding our story last week on "Livestock with Fins," the owner of Fisherman's Market on 7th Avenue tells us he has never sold farmed Atlantic salmon, "and never will."

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