CLOSE HLS

DRIVING HUNTINGDON INTO BANKRUPTCY

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AT THEIR HOMES.
AT THEIR OFFICES.



AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN.



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What is worth fighting for? In a world where so much seems wrong, and where those who try to stand up for what's right are so often pounced upon by the powers that be, it is easy to lose your ambition or, worse yet, to lose hope. But losing hope is little more than losing sight, losing perspective on the long struggle for animal liberation in which we are engaged.

Martin Luther King Jr. famously stated that "The arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice." That wasn't empty rhetoric he was spouting - in 1957 King himself was federally indicted for his part in the Montgomery bus boycott on charges of conspiracy to hinder and prevent the operation of business without "just or legal cause." The modern civil rights movement was still in its early years, and it would have been easy for King to give up hope. Though the absurd charges and arrests kept coming - he was harassed and jailed for everything from speeding to tax evasion to loitering to trespass - King maintained perspective on how long the fight for racial equality has been and will continue to be. To lose that perspective, or similarly to expect to win animal liberation in the next five years, would be to lose hope, and to lose resolve.



King and other civil rights leaders from his era are now honored as heroes, and many African-Americans have more of the rights and freedoms that all people deserve. But what about those who dropped out of the civil rights struggle? Those scared away by government intimidation, those whose personal feuds with others led them to stop fighting for the cause, and those who simply gave up struggling because it was easier or more pleasant to ride the bus, to go to the movies instead of a rally, to put their comfort and security ahead of the needs of others. To them is owed nothing but contempt for prolonging the day of justice and liberation.

Now more than ever we must strengthen ourselves for the journey ahead. Now as always we must make the choice between giving our all to the struggle, or giving up in hopelessness because we wanted instant gratification and easy victory. Which isn't to say there won't be victories along the way: every time a fur farm, hen house or laboratory is raided, every time a company abandons animal testing due to public pressure, every time a vivisector gives up her trade for fear of being hounded by activists. We must always battle for those victories, while never losing awareness of how long the struggle will be.

SHAC-7 defendant Josh Harper, in a letter to fellow activists written from a New Jersey jail cell shortly after being found guilty, stated: "Many of you reading this will treat animal liberation as a passing fad, something to be given up when it becomes inconvenient. Only a few of you will stick with it and not let yourself fall victim to the lure of comfort and wealth. To those few of you, thank you from the bottom of my heart, and good luck."

While SHAC-USA has had to (temporarily) shut its doors, the campaign to shut down Huntingdon carries on as strong as ever. In the last few months alone, 9 more U.S. companies - including customers, suppliers, market makers and investors - have abandoned HLS. The lab has been kicked off of the Over the Counter Bulletin Board and even the Pink Sheets, and lost its last institutional investors. A comprehensive new web site, www.CloseHLS.org, has been launched, with news, targets, tips, and more. As both industry and government have made clear, the fight isn't just about HLS but about the future of vivisection as a whole.

The SHAC-7 have had their ability to fight for the animals inside HLS stripped away from them; the rest of us must stand and fight like never before. History, and the animals crying out for help inside Huntingdon Life Sciences, will be the judge of us all.

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STANDING TALL IN THE WINDY CITY

Dozens of activists in Chicago gathered to protest the Biotechnology Industry Organization's 2006 conference, where HLS, its customers, and all of the other nasty players in the Bio industry gathered to hobnob, talk shop and (of course) talk about "how to deal with the animal rights movement." Of course, there's really only two words they need to know for dealing with the animal rights movement: "Give in." It's going to happen sooner or later anyway, might as well save yourself the trouble!

For four days Chicago activists shadowed the convention at its opening banquet, career fair, workshops, and closing ceremony, consistently driving home the message that vivisection is bad science and that if you deal with HLS, you answer to us. The large rallies garnered national print and TV media attention, shaming Huntingdon and highlighting the incredible reach that good organizing can have. See you in 2007, Huntingdon - if you're still around!



THINGS THAT GO 'CRASH' IN THE NIGHT

Once set to list on the NYSE, HLS's financial reputation has fallen as far down as it can possibly go. After years of targeting the notorious market maker Legacy Trading finally dumped HLS, and the lab was booted from the NASDAQ Over the Counter Bulletin Board. After months of actions and right before scheduled demos during World Week, Vertical Group and Seaboard Securities (New York) followed suit and HLS was kicked off the Pink Sheets onto the nebulous Grey Market.

No market makers will trade shares in HLS for clients, and to top it off HLS's last institutional investor, Bank of America, dumped their $3 million in shares after worldwide pressure against them. Ouch! Hey Baker, it's lonely at the bottom isn't it?

CUSTOMER & SUPPLIER SHAKEDOWN

After being targetted by protestors in Philadelphia and Rochester NY, 2005 HLS customers CerexAgri and Litron Labs have called it quits and vowed to never contract with the lab again. Likewise, suppliers Eagle Global Logistics (Ohio) and Penn Century (Philadelphia), and HLS share-trader Scott Trade (Long Island/NYC) responded to protest pressure by swearing off HLS for good. Call it the HLS diet if you will - swear off the lab and the effects on your company's health and well-being will be miraculous!





Customer Knock-Out



Name: Abbott Labs
Aka: Abby Gooseneck
Hometown: Abbott Park, IL
Also fights in: AZ, CA, GA, IL, MA, MI, NJ, OH, TX, UT, VA, Canada

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Care about human health, do they? In 2004 Abbott Labs increased the cost of its anti-AIDS drug Norvir by 500%, from $1500 to $7800 per year. Norvir is a main ingredient in the cocktail drug regimen used by many HIV+ people, and dramatically raising the price put the pinch on those who needed the drug most, forcing many to go without it and leading to an unknown number of preventable deaths. What's particularly infuriating is that the original research for Norvir was paid for by the goverment as a means of dealing with HIV, meaning the rate increase was nothing but a money grab by Abbott. In fact, they have made over $1 Billion on Norvir. In 2006, the Justice Department took Abbott to court for inflating prices on its drugs as part of a fraudulent billing scheme alleged to have cost government health programs more than $175 million over 10 years. A whistleblower report revealed Abbott bumped up the reported price of intravenous drugs as much as 18 times the actual price.



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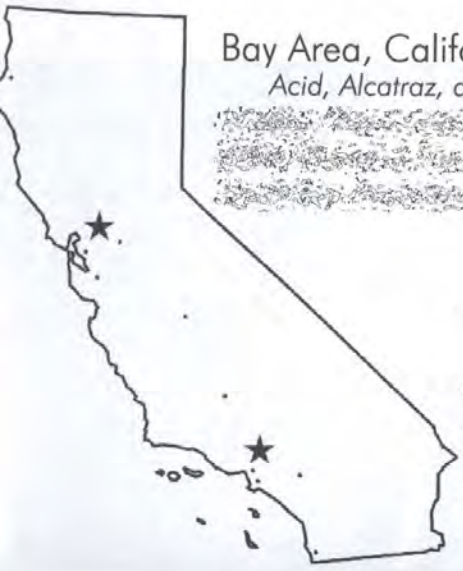
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Additionally, in 2005 Bristol Myers cut c charges of breaking federal security reg safety record of Vanlev, a hypertension a blockbuster new medication, aiming f gerous side effects became apparent.

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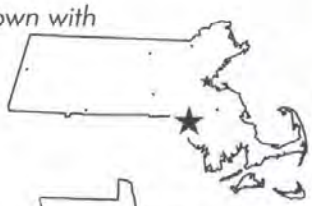
Who says it's wrong to pick on the little guy? While they might not be as crucial top customers, Huntingdon has plenty of smaller customers that often don't know history of animal abuse or the campaign to shut it down. They also don't have th motivation to b punching bag.

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Bay Area, California
Acid, Alcatraz, and

Boston, Massachusettes
It's a Bean Town showdown with





Southern California
Even more hideous than Tori Spelling, it's

St. Paul, Minn
Minne-what?

"C'mon HLS...put your dukes up!"



Say hello to HLS's top moneymakers. These are the contenders, the top bills, the baddest of the bad. HLS has stated that 50% of its revenue comes from just 10 companies; it's time to step in the ring with these goons and take them down, no matter how many rounds it takes!

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ts in: NJ, NC, NY, MI, MA, anada



Name: Roche
Aka: The Swiss Cockroach
Hometown: Nutley, NJ
Also fights in: NJ, CA, CO, SC, IN, Canada

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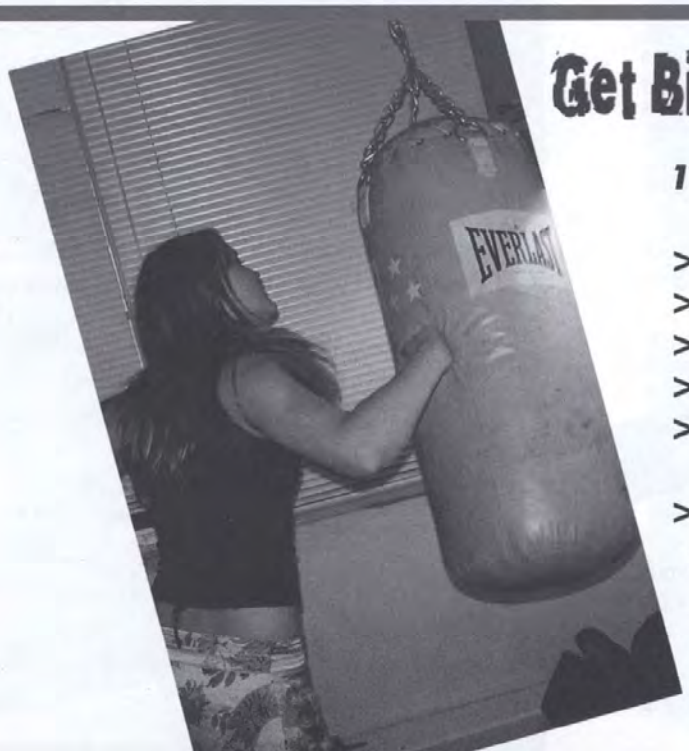
$185 million settlement deal on ulations by not publicizing the poor drug. Bristol Myers hailed the drug as or $4 billion in sales, even after dan-

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The next time someone tells you that animal testing is necessary to save human lives - and that benevolent pharmeceutical companies are bringing the world to a happier, healthier place - point to Roche and their blatant disregard for the threat of a bird flu pandemic. Though they did not develop or deisgn the drug, Roche owns the patent rights to Tamiflu, the main drug that could be used to reduce the risk of fatality and stop the spread of the avian flu. Ignoring pleas by the United Nations, health officials in numerous nations and consumer advocacy groups, Roche is refusing to allow generic versions of Tamiflu to be produced - putting hundreds of millions of people at risk should a pandemic break out. While Roche could never hope to produce as much Tamiflu as has already been requested by just the U.S. government alone, they still refuse to allow a generic version to be made for fear it might cut into their steep profit margin.

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Get Big! Training Schedule:

1 hour per day x 4 days per week

>> 20 phone calls
>> 50 emails
>> 2 home demos
>> 1 office visit
>> 30 minutes online research

>> Supplement with campaign videos (www.solidaritydesign.net/winnertakeall.mov), undercover HLS footage, and adequate sleep with companion animals

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Another HUNTINGDON APPROVED Disaster

A short while ago the New York Times broke a story on yet another drug tested safe on animals that is now putting human beings in the hospital and, sadly, in the grave ("Halt Is Urged for Trials of Antibiotic in Children," June 8, 2006). Ketek, an antibiotic developed by longtime HLS customer Sanofi-Aventis and used to treat minor ear infections, has caused fatal liver failure, blurred vision and loss of consciousness in many of its users. Less than two years after appearing on the market, the Food and Drug Administration had received reports of 110 cases of liver problems associated with Ketek, including four who died and 35 who reported serious liver injury or liver failure. In one case, a 49-year-old woman took no more than two doses of the drug before becoming nauseous and vomiting. She was hospitalized five days later and died. Blurred vision and loss of consciousness have also been reported by other users.

> "One of the investigators on the study is now in federal prison; another lost his medical license...Nevertheless, the drug received FDA approval."

It is estimated, since reports of side effects are only submitted voluntarily, that between 1,100 and 11,000 people have experienced liver damage or other adverse reactions from taking Ketek to treat minor ear infections that typically go away on their own in a few days. Perhaps a review of the "good science" behind yet another toxic drug is in order?

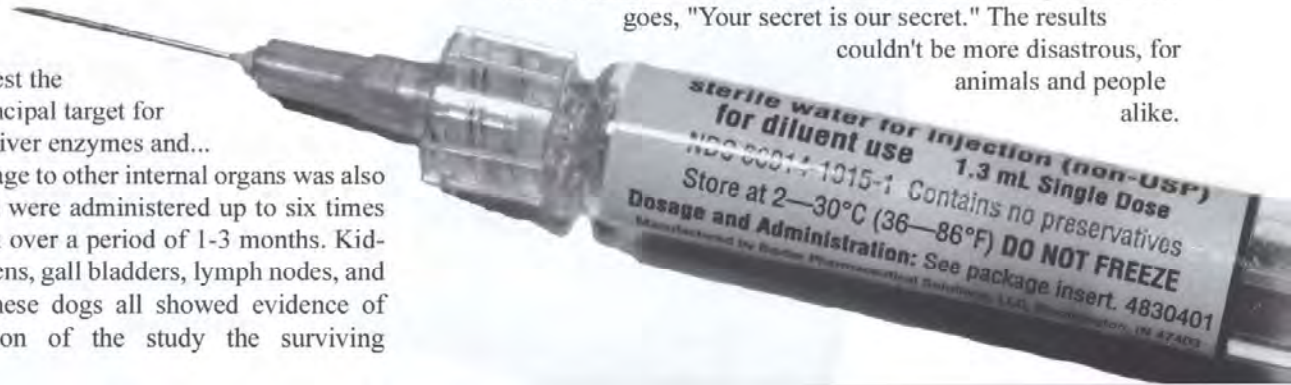
Sanofi-Aventis documents show that Ketek, likely tested at Huntingdon Life Sciences, was researched through 1, 3, and 6 month toxicity studies conducted on primates, dogs, rabbits, and pregnant rats. Up to 10 times the HUMAN dose of the drug was administered to these animals, and the results were not pretty.

In the primates, dogs and rats that were forced to ingest the drug, the "liver was the principal target for toxicity with elevations of liver enzymes and... evidence of damage." Damage to other internal organs was also observed in beagles, which were administered up to six times the human dosage of Ketek over a period of 1-3 months. Kidneys, lungs, thymuses, spleens, gall bladders, lymph nodes, and gastrointestinal tracts in these dogs all showed evidence of damage. At the conclusion of the study the surviving animals were killed, and Sanofi-Aventis had but one thing to say about the results of its animal toxicity tests: "The significance of these findings for humans is unknown" (http://products.sanofi-aventis.us/ketek/ketek.html).

And so, with hundreds of primates, beagles, rabbits, and rats having been poisoned and killed yet no "significance of these findings for humans" having been attained, Ketek was brought to the FDA for approval. Sanofi-Aventis first asked the agency to approve the drug in 2000 but officials declined, citing reports of side effects. Sanofi-Aventis then undertook a study of Ketek in 24,000 patients to prove its safety. According to the Times, "The trial was marred by fraud. One of the investigators on the study is now in federal prison; another lost his medical license."

Nevertheless, the drug received FDA approval two years ago, and since then more than five million prescriptions have been written. With reports of liver failure and other reactions pouring in to the FDA, what does Sanofi-Aventis do? Why, begin testing their toxic drug on infants and children, of course! Ketek is currently being tested as a treatment for ear in fections and tonsillitis in nearly 4,000 infants and children in more than a dozen countries, including the U.S.

"How does one justify balancing the risk of fatal liver failure against one day less of ear pain?" noted Dr. Rosemary Johann-Liang, an official in the Office of Drug Safety at the FDA (an organization notorious for coddling to the pharmaceutical industry). And how do HLS and Sanofi-Aventis justify poisoning and killing hundreds of beagles, monkeys, rabits and rats to produce another worthless and toxic medication? As Huntingdon's motto goes, "Your secret is our secret." The results couldn't be more disastrous, for animals and people alike.







4,000 infants and children are the latest test subjects for Sanofi Aventis' drug Ketek, which has already killed dozens



Toxicity tests were conducted on pregnant rats, which were forced to ingest ten times the *human* dosage



Damage was observed in the kidneys, lungs, thymuses, spleens, gall bladders, and lymph nodes of young beagles

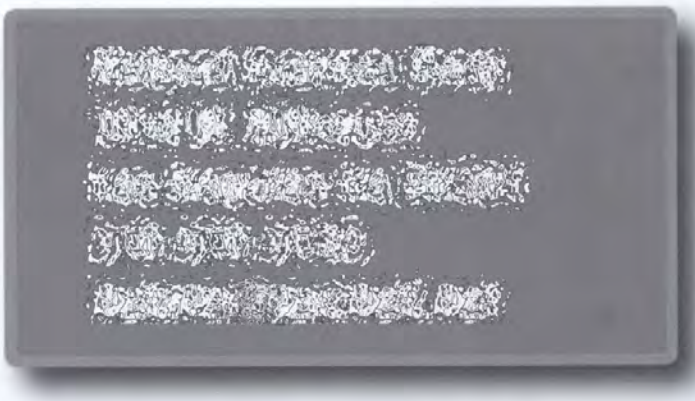
And here are the bastards that

Made It Possible



PDP and Hubnet are two logistics companies absolutely essential to the functioning of Huntingdon. At the end of 2005 a worker at HLS revealed that PDP were dealing with over half the shipments into HLS's UK office from foreign customers (which represent 75% of Huntingdon's sales). Many of these sales were coming from Japan, where a company called Hubnet deals with the Japanese end of things then passes the shipments on to PDP. PDP are not to be trusted, as they have previously issued statements saying they would not work with HLS again but were caught flat out lying.

Grab a phone, a pen, or a placard and take it to PDP and Hubnet. Inside sources close to HLS have told us that if they were to lose PDP it would be a major logistical blow.







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SHAC-7 Sentencing
>>Trenton, NJ

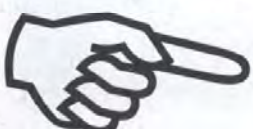
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National Demos against HLS
>>East Millstone, NJ

THE CAMPAIGN TO SHUT DOWN HLS JUST GOT A MAKEOVER

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