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Coronado Indicted

ALF member faces 50 years in jail if convicted of all charges

GRAND RAPIDS (MI) — A federal grand jury investigating "animal rights" terrorism handed down an indictment against a member of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) for the fire-bombing of a laboratory at Michigan State University (MSU).

On July 16th, U.S. Attorney John A. Smietanka announced that Rodney Coronado was being charged with five counts relating to the February 28, 1992, fire set in the laboratory of Dr. Richard Aulerich and Karen Chou. The raid caused more that $200,000 in physical damage and destroyed over 30 years worth of research.

Coronado is a self-described spokesman for ALF. He is currently in hiding. Extensive efforts are underway to locate him.

If convicted of all the charges filed against him, Coronado could face a maximum of 50 years in prison, $125,000 in fines, and 15 years supervised release. Charges brought against Coronado include:

- actual and attempted malicious destruction of the property of Aulerich and Chou by means of fire and explosives.
- traveling in interstate commerce (Oregon to Michigan) with the intent to facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, and act of unlawful entry, and to facilitate a plan of extortion.
- devising a plan and purpose to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce through planned and actual extortion, and instilling fear of economic and physical harm through a pattern of violent activity.
- willingly using fire to interfere with commerce through extortion.
- knowingly and unlawfully transporting stolen items.

Smietanka said the investigation of animal rights terrorism is continuing. He said the evidence already accumulated suggests Coronado did not act alone, and all available leads are being examined.

The indictment noted Coronado sent a Federal Express package containing research materials stolen from the lab to

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Rodney Coronado

A Meaty Victory

NY Legislation OKs Venison Donations

ALBANY (NY) — On June 30th, New York Governor Mario Cuomo signed legislation into law that will allow venison donated by sportsmen to be distributed through community food banks to help feed the needy.

Last year, Jim Whipple, a Putting People First chapter coordinator in central New York, tried to start a "Hunters for the Hungry" program in conjunction with local food banks. He was thwarted, however, by government red tape. New York agriculture law forbade donations of game meat for public consumption because of safety concerns about how the animal was slaughtered.

Whipple pointed out to legislators that sportsmen in New York consume over 8 million pounds of venison every year with no ill effects. In addition, similar programs are successfully operating in over 38 other states including the neighboring states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

Provisions of the new law require all meat donations be professionally prepared and labeled at the hunter's expense.

Lynn Needelman, executive producer of LI CARES, Inc., said, "Our initial concern is that the meat is safe. But we are always looking for different ways to feed people who are hungry."

Last fall, the program collected over 10,000 pounds of venison which could

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No Abuse by Wise Use

"60 Minutes" victim's claims proven false

TALLAHASSEE (FL) — Police have concluded an environmentalist's claim she was attacked by employees of a local factory because of her views is not true.

Stephanie McGuire, who was featured in several media reports as a victim of violence from wise use advocates, claimed she was attacked by three masked men at a fish camp on the Fenholloway River. McGuire, a member of Help Our Polluted Environment (HOPE), said she was attacked because of her opposition to the nearby Buckeye cellulose plant, which was owned by Proctor and Gamble at the time of the attack (they have since sold 51% of the plant to Buckeye executives).

Law enforcement authorities, however, are now doubting the attack ever took place. "During the exhaustive investigation, many of McGuire's statements could not be verified and were, in fact, contrary to the available evidence," noted a statement from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). In addition to FDLE, the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and State Attorney Jerry Blair took part in the investigation, which lasted over a year.

McGuire claimed she was beaten by the men. She also alleged they burned her breast with a cigar and poured river water into the wound, saying, "Now you'll have something to sue us about." HOPE is protesting the cellulose plant because of allegations the plant is polluting the water.

Since the alleged attack, McGuire — who is described by friends as "painfully shy" — was featured in a "60 Minutes"

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Big Business Footing the Bill for Pirate

Patagonia and others contributing to Watson

by Chuck Diaz

VANCOUVER (CANADA) — *The Vancouver Sun* reveals IBM, Digital, and Patagonia Clothing donate to "Captain" Paul Watson and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.



Watson has declared war on the nation of Norway, took credit for (but later denied) a failed attempt to sink a 65-foot Norwegian whaling boat, and claimed credit for the previous sinkings of three Spanish and Portuguese whaling ships with mines. He is currently believed to be on his way to Norway to do even more damage. Last month, Watson met with outrage when he announced 20,000 trees on Vancouver Island in British Columbia had been spiked.

Putting People First contacted Attorney General Janet Reno to ask her to put a stop to Watson's terrorism by classifying his actions as piracy. Under the law, any boat purchased, outfitted, or held for the purpose of sinking another vessel must be seized. In addition, Norway has issued an arrest warrant for Watson in relation to the attempted sinking, for which he once proudly took credit.

While IBM and Digital drew headlines in the *Sun*, their donations were more of a small mistake, amounting to

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The Garbage Collector

Sifting through the "animal rights" trash

• The slippery slope into more extreme activism is made apparent by an excerpt from the March, 1993, *AV Magazine* excerpted in the *ARIES Newsletter (vol. 5, #4)*: "It should be realized that vivisection occurs routinely on animals raised to be consumed. Boycotting animal flesh, like boycotting products tested on animals, makes sense for those against vivisection. There is another reason why those who oppose vivisection often become vegetarians. The consumption of animals and animal products greatly increases people's chances of developing heart disease, several forms of cancer, strokes, diabetes, and many other diseases. Millions of animals are used in research to cure these various diseases. . . ." It goes on and on. It's just like the Rifkin theory likening cows to Satan — ruining our rainforests, eating our grain, and farting us towards global warming. *Pay no attention to the men behind the curtain, Dorothy.*

Cheers to ARIES (the Animal Rights Information and Education Service) for printing the statements of Carla Drozdowicz, a laboratory animal caretaker for Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc. Unwilling to remain silent, she told the *Orange County Register*: "If there was a better way to do research, I'd happily volunteer to be in the unemployment line. No scientist wants to hurt animals. Besides, a stressed-out, unhappy or abused animal skews testing results. What's our choice? Sacrificing an animal or sacrificing the potential we have to save more humans? The more people who can see us, up close, and realize we're not monsters who hate animals, the better."

Although skewed toward "animal rights," ARIES bills itself as an "educational organization dedicated to promoting respect for animals and the promotion of a compassionate lifestyle by disseminating information.." We salute them for showing both sides, and reprinting a lot of our stuff!

• More dirt on the RSPCA: Fresh from its prosecution of a woman trying to mail her pet spider home (see May/June *People's Agenda*), the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals set its sights on the homeless.

Justifying its prosecution on the premise rats have human-like feelings, the RSPCA sought and won a fine of almost $200 against a homeless woman. Lisa Chapman was fined $120, and will have to pay $75 in court fees for leaving her pet Ziggy for six days with only a piece of cheese. Chapman, who's unemployed and without shelter, said, "I didn't actually abandon him. I had no choice." The RSPCA and court thought otherwise.

This sort of thing worries *London Daily Telegraph* writer Auberon Waugh, who believes the group is "losing touch with reality." Along with Boris the spider and Ziggy the rat, Waugh is concerned about the RSPCA taking legal action against "a Maidenhead man for neglecting his tropical fish . . . and an Irishman for deep-frying his pet gerbil." RSPCA Superintendent Mick Flower, retorted, "Who is to say that cruelty to one species is less of a crime than cruelty to another? We take the view that cruelty is cruelty." Waugh understands Flower's statement to mean "we cannot slap a fly or a wasp that lands on our forehead."

• Hollywood starlet and "animal rights" activist Kim Bassinger recently lost a breach of contract dispute with Main Line Pictures over her decision not to star in the film "Boxing Helena," with a court forcing her to pay close to $9 million in damages. With total assets of only $5 million, Bassinger was forced into bankruptcy.

Thanks to *Globe*, a supermarket tabloid, we see how Kim spent her money. Examining her bankruptcy papers, *Globe* was shocked to find she spends an average of $6,724 a month on pet care (almost twice as much as she spent on water, gas, telephone, food, laundry, and medical during the same period)! Individual expenses included $3,003 to Bon's Tropical Fish (keeping animals caged is a crime, Kim), $2,507 to Bone-A-Venture pet care, and a $240 donation to the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

Globe quoted "a top Hollywood accountant" commenting, "Looking at all those numbers, I'm not surprised she's been forced to file for bankruptcy."

• If you are looking for a job with the Greens, it pays to leaf through *Environmental Career Opportunities*. Sandwiched in between ads for openings for a writer and fundraiser is one marked "President."

It reads: "The Wilderness Society is seeking a President for their $17 million budget, 134 staff, 310,000-member organization. . . . Will report to 27-person Governing Council. Requires the ability to articulate and implement mission; the ability to manage a complex organization which places premium on building bridges to other groups; . . . and dedication to public service and to the conservation of natural resources. Must have demonstrated ability as a fundraiser and in working with the media."

The last president, George Frampton, loved public service so much he jumped ship to serve the Clinton Administration at Interior. Frampton, who would like to turn the entire state of Alaska and lots of the continental U.S. into off-limits wilderness areas, was so zealous to serve his country he got into ethical trouble for issuing orders to government employees *before* he was confirmed by the Senate, almost costing him the job.

Another opportunity advertised in the magazine is a public relations internship with the Humane Society of the United States. "We have successfully placed stories in *The Washington Post*, National Public Radio, *USA Today*, and just about every other media outlet you could name," the ad boasts. "We aren't paying anything, but the experience and the contacts you will make are priceless. If you care about animals and are looking for a summer internship, this is the place for you."

Summer School Goes to the Dogs

TORONTO (CANADA) — Students at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute can learn about "puppy mills and factory farms," but they won't be learning about hunting from any hunters.

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"Animal Rights: Issues and Options for Action," promotes "understanding and awareness of human domination over non-human animals." The six-session, non-credit course is taught by Maureen Balcombe, a retired school principal. Along with hunting and fishing, the course is also expected to discuss rodeos and zoos. The course has openings for 30 students.

Balcombe was quoted in *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine saying she felt hunting was a "frivolous waste of animal life." She added the course will not discuss the issue from the point of view of the hunter.

Hunters have the opportunity to promote their own point of view in the class, Balcombe noted, as long as they paid the $99 to enroll.

School Chickens Out to Humane Society

MANATEE COUNTY (FL) -- A ninth grade agriculture teacher's plan to slaughter a chicken in class to show students how it is processed into food was canceled after the parent of one student complained to the Humane Society.

"I originally planned to have a chicken slaughtered and show them how to dress it," Manatee High School teacher Mack Williams told Associated Press. "I think it's better to have a hands-on educational experience. It worked for me."

Unfortunately, this is one learning experience the students won't have an opportunity to benefit from.

The disgruntled parents filed a complaint with the Humane Society of Manatee County, who in turn succeeded in getting the school to cancel it.

The school's principal Patricia Lucas said she was surprised about the flap, saying it might have done the students some good. "I think it was blown completely out of proportion," she said. "Lots of these kids think that drumsticks just grow on trees or something."

Kids Book Off Target

A children's book equating the conduct of hunters with that of law-breaking poachers has drawn sharp criticism from ethical hunters across America. The ensuing outrage over the book led Target to remove the offending publication from their shelves until it is corrected.

Will We Miss Them? Endangered Species, allegedly written by 11-year-old Alexandra Wright, blames hunters for driving some species to extinction. "Some [species] are becoming extinct because hunters kill them for their horns, tusks, skins, or fur," claims Wright. Another passage says, "It is against the law to kill rhinos, but hunters still kill them for their horns, which are very valuable."

J.C. VanKirk, president of the American Hunting and Fishing Ethics Bureau, and other critics of the book are quick to point out that poaching is illegal, and should not be equated with regulated sport hunting. In addition, hunting has never caused a species to become extinct.

"If she is a real person, she obviously has no knowledge of the difference between illegal poachers and ethical hunters, who are the finest examples of conservation in the world today," said VanKirk. "This book bashes hunters, and links them with people who are enemies of wildlife."

The book also takes a swipe at farmers, claiming, "Elephants are endangered because of two problems — hunters and farmers."

VanKirk said the young author has been influenced by "animal rights" advocates, and is being used to turn other children against hunting. His organization feels that Target Stores should not carry "this kind of 'animal rights' garbage."

In a letter to Target's headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, VanKirk urged Target to remove the book or face a possible national boycott. He pointed out that "there is a vast difference between poachers and ethical hunters." He noted the book is an "attack on people who really do care for the welfare of wildlife."

Complying with the requests of VanKirk and others, Target did remove the book from their over 500 stores nationwide. In addition, Charlesbridge Publishing, which put out the book, has acknowledged the book did misrepresent hunting as a contributor to the extinction of species.

The book is being rewritten with the word "hunter" being excluded.

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not be distributed. The meat had to be stored in freezers. A typical deer can yield up to 50 to 60 pounds of meat.

Whipple thanked the legislators and the governor for letting "good old fashioned horse sense" prevail over red tape. He also thanked the members of the New York chapter of the Ted Nugent World Bowhunters for their help in getting the law passed.

Hunter enthusiasm for the legislation is high. One hunter, John Meringolo, was quoted in a local newspaper saying, "There's no question that I'll start donating my own deer meat."

"The sportsmen of New York really came through last year, and our program was operational in only five counties," said Whipple. "With a statewide program we expect over 50,000 pounds to be donated by sportsmen this fall."

To contact Jim Whipple, see page 13.

Suspect Arrested in Hunter Murders

KALAMAZOO (MI) — Police have a suspect in custody whom they believe may be behind the slayings of up to eight hunters and outdoorsmen in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

Thomas Lee Dillon is a suspect in the murders of Doug Estes and James Bennett. Both men were hunters. The double murder took place on November 17, 1990, in the Fulton State Game Area. Although the dead men did not know each other, their bodies were found within 20 feet of each other. It is believed that they passed by coincidence, and were ambushed by the killer.

The investigation of the murders baffled police for over two years, but they now report their case against Dillon is "mushrooming."

Evidence against Dillon, who was arrested in November, has become so great the investigation is expanding to include similar slayings of other outdoorsmen in Ohio (three), Indiana (one), and Michigan (two). He denies he is the killer.

Dillon, who was nicknamed "Killer" by his co-workers, is also the target of an FBI probe into the murders. FBI spokesman Dave Hanna said, "We've been able to assemble a significant amount of evidence, but we're still in the middle of investigating."

Detective Bruce Wiersema of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department told *The Detroit News*, "It's the most aggravating murder I've ever seen. Usually, a murderer leaves a clue behind, or someone sees him. This guy, it's like he came out of nowhere, killed for no reason, and disappeared again. People just don't shoot hunters."

"The wounds, the way the bodies lay," said Kalamazoo Sheriff's Captain James VanDyken, "we knew immediately it was a homicide. What we didn't have was a motive." One theory is that "animal rights" activists are behind the slayings. In the United States, several animal rights groups currently organize activists to harass hunters, scaring animals and blocking their aim. The Hunt Retribution Squad said, "the next stage would then be to take a hunter out completely." So far, no evidence has been brought to light linking Dillon to the animal rights movement.

Circumstances surrounding the deaths of Estes and Bennett baffled police because both were family men from blue-collar backgrounds — not the sort of victim targeted by hit men or similar conspiracy-style murders. Also, the overwhelming majority of hunters do not fire on targets they are unsure of, removing the possibility the murders were an unreported hunting accident. During their investigation, police did administer lie-detector tests to a dozen hunters. All of them passed.

Gibbons Goes Public

WASHINGTON (DC) — Dr. Shu Chien, the outgoing president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, received a reply to a letter he sent to Dr. John Gibbons, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, asking his position on "animal rights."

During his confirmation, Gibbons' wife's membership in People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) and his own views towards animals in research became a point of contention for some senators.

Chien wrote: "Giving [PeTA] any validity whatsoever is detrimental to the health and well-being of our nation and the world. Such negative impacts would be greatly magnified when the validation comes from the highest office of science and technology policy of the world's leading country in health research."

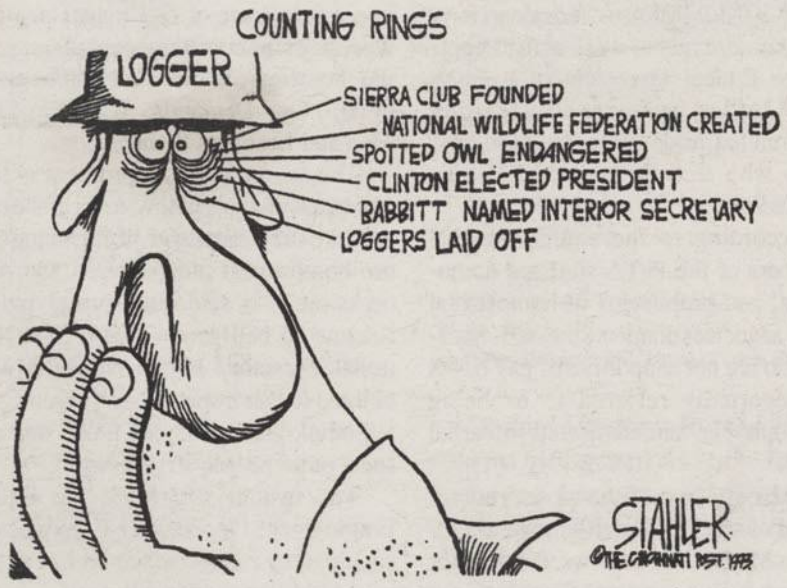
In his reply, Gibbons said: "I fully concur in your view that many advances have occurred as a result of using whole animals in research, and that there are many research questions which cannot be satisfactorily addressed at this time without their use.... I deplore abuses of all types, whether among the animal rights community or among animal users."

Greenpeacers Arrested in London

LONDON (ENGLAND) — Police arrested 33 Greenpeace activists and one member of the British Parliament during a protest against Norway's decision to resume whaling at the Norway House on July 26th.

MP Tony Banks was arrested after he chained himself to a railing outside the building. Greenpeace activists blockaded the lobby of the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, and hung a banner across the front of the building that read "No Way Norway." The activists also altered the Norway House sign to read "Norway Kills."

Greenpeace activist Andy Ottaway said, "No one arrests the Norwegian whalers for breaking international laws, but by boycotting Norwegian goods we can show Norway that killing whales is bad for business."





An Open Letter To Interior Secretary Babbitt:



It's admirable for you to come West and listen to what the folks here have to say. We doubt it will do much good since you've already stated you're in favor of raising grazing fees, locking up federal lands, and shutting down timber harvests. We do understand the need for a good show, though.

You see, sir, if you were genuinely interested in the truth about federal lands grazing, you would only have to turn to own department's reports to find that the federal lands are in better shape than ever, with a majority in good to excellent condition, thanks to good management by ranchers. And there are many studies that show the current AUM [animal unit months] formula is fair and equitable. So, in reality, the grazing issue is a moot point.

Therefore, we request honesty and fairness of you.

Would you please be honest with the American people? We're tired of this "exploitation" rhetoric and other excuses. Why don't you just come out and tell the people the real agenda includes:

Federal Acquisition of Private Lands

Many ranchers are a combination of federal grazing leases and private lands. Many don't operate without their grazing leases. So this offers the opportunity for purchase of private lands by the feds or non-profits who later sell it to the government for a profit (something you heartily support). You should also tell the public that they have to pay all expenses forever for the management of federal lands that are not logged, grazed, or mined.

Federal Lands Lock-Up

Now, Mr. Secretary, you and I both know that logging, mining, and grazing are not under attack by you and your nature-worshipping friends (the Greens) because of exploitation or other problems. They're under attack because they are commodity users of federal lands. Once you get the commodity user off the federal lands, you can kick everybody else off with no problem. After all, recreational users don't provide jobs and contribute to local economies like commodity users.

Population Reduction

This is the bottom line, isn't it? Al Gore said it was in a recent interview. Worse yet, we enterprising Americans have figured out a way to feed all those people, haven't we? So we have to raise the grazing fee to put some ranchers (those nasty people who put food on the tables of millions of Americans) out of business. Please be honest and admit population reduction, either voluntary of mandatory, is the real agenda! As one Green wrote, *". . . the extinction of Homo Sapiens would mean survival for millions, if not billions, of earth-dwelling species. . . . Phasing out the human race will solve every problem on earth, social and environmental."* (*Wild Earth*)

Our other request is for fairness to American citizens and equal treatment under the law as provided by the United States Constitution. You did swear to uphold the Constitution when you took office, didn't you?

The Bureau of Land Management, an agency in your department, has shut down predator control on federal lands. And Compound 10-80, an effective canine and rodent poison, has been outlawed for predator control for years. Therefore, would you see to it that Compound 10-80 is no longer used to control rats in the major cities across the country? After all, the Constitution says citizens have equal treatment under law. Is it fair that cities be allowed to use 10-80 to control rats since ranchers cannot control predators eating their livelihoods?

Also, Mr. Secretary, concerning fairness and seeing the threatened lawsuit stopping predator control was from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), would you see that your department immediately files suit against HSUS to stop them from doing their own predator control – that of eliminating unwanted dogs and cats which they kill by the thousands every year in cities all across the country? Certainly those animals have as much right to live as any predator. And we don't want HSUS to be hypocrites now, do we?

Perhaps, Mr. Secretary, you should consider using your position and influence to see all nuisance animal controls eliminated. There isn't much justification for the use of poison to kill mice, rats, cockroaches, flies, spiders, ants, and such. How about termite control and mosquito spraying? Surely those animals have rights, too. Wouldn't you agree?

Now, let's see – mice and rats could spread the Bubonic plague in the cities like predators here in the West. Mosquitoes could transmit malaria. Stray dogs and cats could carry rabies just like our predators, too. These public health hazards would certainly reduce some population. Surely the city folks wouldn't mind such public health hazards since we already have to live with them here in the West.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your time. Once again, we beg you to just be fair.

Respectfully Submitted,

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a residential address in Bethesda, Maryland. Federal Express employees in Memphis, Kentucky, discovered Coronado's package, which used a false account number, and alerted federal authorities.

Commenting on the important role played by law enforcement authorities in the indictment process, prosecutor Donald Martin said, "We are seeing the results of some excellent police work, and taking advantage of breaks when they happen. They did a very good job." Dr. Bruce Benson, chief and director of the MSU Police Department, added: "It is important to note that these indictments do not signify the end of this investigation. Additional indictments against other persons are possible through Michigan's grand jury as well as grand juries in Washington, Oregon, and Louisiana."

At the time their lab was fire-bombed, Aulerich and Chou were researching mink. As a result of the raid, 30 years of "invaluable and irreplaceable" data on mink populations was destroyed. Aulerich was studying the effects of pollutants in the reproduction and health of minks, while Chou was researching fertility problems in endangered species to determine how to increase populations of minks and other animals.

MSU Vice Provost Fred Poston told the *Washington Times*, "Essential research that would have benefited the surviving mink population was lost. The whole thing seems ridiculously counterproductive."

Coronado is the founder of the animal rights group the Coalition Against Fur Farms.

When asked to comment on the Coronado indictment, Dan Mathews of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) told *The People's Agenda*, "We have no statement for you all," and hung up. In the past, PeTA has served as the liaison between the press and police and ALF and other violent animal rights groups. PeTA leaders Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco submitted fingerprints and handwriting samples to the FBI in accordance with a subpoena from the grand juries.

Mathews did tell the *Times*: "We applaud the work [Coronado] is doing to document animal cruelty." Explaining the PeTA-ALF relationship, Mathews added, "The link is, we do the above-ground work they can't do in hiring lawyers and taking matters before Congress. We do receive word from them after their raids about cruelty to animals in research labs."

After the MSU raid, however, Steve Simmons, a spokesmen for PeTA, told the *New York Times* ALF sometimes informs PeTA of their raids before they happen. Simmons is no longer employed by PeTA.

Chou responded, "I want people who give to PeTA to understand that their money is doing the opposite of what they intend." Poston added, "These mink [used in the lab] are specially-raised and can't survive in the wild."

Coronado is also a leading suspect in a similar raid at Washington State University (WSU) in August, 1991. Judge Fremming Nielsen has jailed two people, Jonathan Paul and Rik Scarce, for not cooperating with the grand jury in Spokane, Washington. Paul is a former roommate of Coronado, and Coronado was house-sitting for Scarce at the time of the WSU raid.

Coronado is 27 years old. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has brown eyes and black hair. He has previously used the aliases of Jim Perez, James A. Perez, James Corrigan, and Frank Garcia. Anyone having any information about Coronado is encouraged to contact their local FBI or Bureau Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms office.

Kim Stalls *Animals' Agenda*

A lack of money and falling subscriptions has led *The Animals' Agenda* magazine through another radical restructuring, canceling at least one issue.

According to a report in *Animal People*, acting editor Jim Motavalli quit the publication in late February. Two weeks later, acting publisher David Patrice Greanville was fired, and the salaries of two staffers were cut in half.

Greanville, who was also a member of the board of director of the Animal Rights Network (which officially publishes *The Animals' Agenda*), was given a glowing tribute in the May/ June issue. It said he was leaving "to pursue new, and, we hope, deeply rewarding directions." It added he was "working on a spate of 'green' business projects designed to support a new foundation capable of financing major anti-speciesist campaigns via radio and television, and fostering *Agenda*-type publications throughout the Third World." Greanville also heads the Voice of Nature Network and Anti-Roadkill Project.

Also in the May/June issue, Motavalli wrote he "will remain as a member of the board and an active contributor," but will be transferring the editorship to Kim Stallwood. Stallwood, a former executive director of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, will be moving the magazine's operations to Baltimore Maryland. The move and staff change is forcing the magazine to suspend publication for one issue — with the next issue being sent out in September.

Other candidates who were under review included Kim Sturla of the Fund for Animals, Gerald Linck, and freelance writer Phil Maggitti. Applicants were reportedly told they could relocate the publication to their own areas from Connecticut, despite the fact the magazine is still liable for $14,000 on its present lease.

Motavalli wrote: "There will be some changes in *Animals' Agenda* in the months ahead, but don't expect any watering down of the message! Kim sees as his goals: 'educating the general public about the human/non-human bond'; and 'fostering cooperation among individuals and organizations in the animal advocacy movement by publishing for a wide-ranging audience."

Greanville told *Animal People* that *Animals' Agenda* subscription renewal rate fell from 80% to 35% during the last eight months. In addition, issues of the magazine had been consistently late over the past year.

The Animals' Agenda, a high profile "animal rights" magazine, fired longtime editor Merritt Clifton a year ago. Clifton's firing precipitated the departure of fellow editor Kim Bartlett, who is married to Clifton. The couple later created *Animal People*.

Leaches Sue FOA

CHASECITY (VA)—Noel and Mozelle Leach filed suit against Friends of Animals (FOA) and several individual "animal rights" activists on May 24th. The couple seeks damages for trespass, interference with contract, defamation, and civil conspiracy.

The Leaches, both in their 70's, are longtime residents of Mecklenburg County. In 1966, they started Leach Kennels on their farm in Chase City, Virginia, where they accepted unclaimed animals from shelters across Virginia and North Carolina. The kennel provided stray and unwanted animals to medical research institutions, including Georgetown University, National Institute of Health, and Children's Medical Center.

In the lawsuit, the Leaches claim the Connecticut-based FOA and other defendants conspired to put Leach Kennels out of business. One of the goals of FOA is to stop the use of animals in biomedical research. The Leaches claim the defendants hired two former U.S. Army Green Berets as investigators. They say these "investigators" trespassed onto their farm, broke into, and entered the locked kennel area. Photographs and videotapes of areas they disturbed were made in efforts to create the appearance the Leaches were cruel to animals. FOA and other defendants then made defamatory statements to the media, causing researchers to stop purchasing unwanted animals from the Leaches.

The elderly Leaches were planning to leave their kennel business to their four children. As a result of FOA and the other defendant's actions, Leach Kennels has been forced to close. They are seeking $1,175,000 in compensatory and punitive damages. The Leaches are being represented by the law firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

Anti-fur activists suffered yet another setback recently when the Nordstrom's department store chain announced they would be re-opening a fur salon at their store in Northbrook, Illinois. The salon will be serving as a test to see whether furs are once again marketable. To add to the blow, Macy's is also thinking of re-opening the salon at their flagship store.



Please write to Nordstrom's and Macy's to thank them for giving fur a second chance. "Animal rights" activists are busy planning their attack, telling their followers to cut up their credit cards and tell the chains they will not shop at any location until they're once again "fur-free." Please address your letters to: Mr. Ray Johnson, President and CEO, Nordstrom's, 1501 - 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101; and Mr. Myron E. Ullman III, President and CEO, Macy's, 151 West 34th, New York, NY 10001

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PeTA Can't Even Think Straight

ROCKVILLE (MD)—"You don't have to be homosexual to work at the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals [PeTA] office, but it sure helps!" writes a disgruntled insider at the "animal rights" group who recently contacted Putting People First.

According to the source, several members of the PeTA staff are homosexual, and proponents of homosexual rights advocates dominate the staff. Staffers who are not supportive of gay rights are reportedly referred to as being "homophobic" and subjected to verbal abuse.

The only "out of the closet" homosexual on the PeTA staff known to PPF is Dan Mathews. Mathews, the director of international campaigns, was featured in a recent issue of *Out* magazine. He was one of the contributors in a feature in the homosexual-oriented publication titled, "Our Demands: What Do Gay Men and Lesbians Want?"

The source says the problem is liberal heterosexuals in low-level positions who are the most active in enforcing the pro-homosexual atmosphere. On one occasion, it is said, "the proselytizing became so belligerent that [PeTA National Director] Ingrid Newkirk was obliged to call a special staff meeting to tell employees to 'knock it off' and respect other people's opinions."

The insider suggested the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should keep a close watch on PeTA for possible reverse discrimination.

Mystery Bomber Targets Researchers

Two American scientists have been seriously injured by mail bombs sent by what law enforcement authorities conclude to be a serial bomber.

The first incident involved the explosion of a parcel in the home of Dr. Charles Epstein, a professor of pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco on June 22nd. Two days later, another letter bomb exploded in the office of Associate Professor David Gelernter, director of undergraduate studies in computer science at Yale.

The California blast blew out windows and screens, and ripped the top off a kitchen table. Epstein lost several fingers, and suffered a broken arm and burns to his hands, face, and abdomen. He was hospitalized in fair condition.

Epstein, a prominent geneticist, is editor of the *American Journal of Human Genetics* and the founder of the Medical Genetics Institute at UCSF. He is a pioneer in the genetics of Down's syndrome and Alzheimer's disease. He uses mice in his laboratory work, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The explosion targeting Galernter occurred on the fifth floor of Arthur K. Watson Hall, a computer science center. Galernter suffered severe wounds to his abdomen, chest, face and hands, but was able to run a block to the university's Health Sciences Center for treatment. He was taken to Yale-New Haven Hospital for surgery, where he was admitted in critical condition.

Shortly after the explosion, Galernter's brother Joel received a call telling him "you are next." Joel, who is also employed by Yale as a psychiatrist, however, is not believed to be a target.

According to Americans for Medical Progress, Galernter, a computer scientist, is "reported to have been involved in biomedical research." His brother has done psychiatric research at the National Institutes of Mental Health, and his wife has done epidemiological research in genetics. In an AP story, his colleague, Vladimir Rokhlin, said Galernter is "an outspoken person who has written articles on a variety of topics that reflect his fairly conservative views."

Both bombings are under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Postal Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. John Covert, agent in charge of the FBI in San Francisco, would not rule out "animal rights" as a motive. John Sennett, an FBI spokesman in New Haven, said "obviously we are looking for commonalties" between the incidents, and with other recent bombings.

The FBI believes these recent bombings may be part of a string of at least 12 bombs sent to university or technical facilities since 1972. A 1989 personality analysis of the mystery bomber, named "UNABOMB," states the bomber may have a grudge against science and technology. Also, because of the bomber's methods and bomb-making techniques, it is also believed he may even be employed as a lab technician or research assistant.

FBI national headquarters in Washington, D.C. has issued a national warning and advisory to laboratories and scientists. Potential targets are advised to beware of letters or parcels with the following recognition-points:

- Restrictive markings, such as "confidential", "personal," or "eyes only."
- Excessive postage or foreign post mark.
- A postmark that conflicts with the return address.
- Handwritten or poorly typed address.
- An incorrect title.
- Misspellings of common words.
- Oily stains or discolorations or odors (Many explosives smell like shoe polish or almonds).
- Excessive envelope weight (two to five ounces).
- Rigidity in the envelope, lack of uniformity or thickness, or unbalanced appearance.
- Protruding wires, tape, or string.

Putting People First urges all scientists, researchers, and laboratory personnel to exercise the utmost caution in receiving mail. When in doubt, do not open anything. Suspicious letters or parcels should be turned over to the authorities unopened.



Edgar's enthusiasm for the cause rapidly diminished when he discovered that his spray paint was loaded with chlorofluorocarbons.

Bomb Scare Rattles D.C. Researchers

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (MD) — In the pre-dawn hours of July 6th, "animal rights" extremists placed suspicious-looking packages on the front steps of the homes of four people involved in medical research using animals.

Bomb squads, using a bomb-sniffing dog, found all four packages to be identical: a shoe box wrapped in brown paper and tied with twine. The boxes contained a brick, a plastic rat, a fuzzy bear-paw slipper, and a cut-and-paste note which threatened "bodily harm" to the researchers and their families. The rat and slipper had been splattered with red paint to resemble blood.

In April, three of the researcher's homes and cars were vandalized with spray paint. Also during the past two years, the home of one of the victims — Sharon Juliano — has been heavily-picketed by animal rights activists. Juliano uses animals to research the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

The bomb scares occurred on the same day the Montgomery County Council voted on a bill that would ban picketing in residential neighborhoods in front of homes. The bill was introduced because of the harassment of Juliano.

Larry Cunnick, another victim in the bomb scare, believes the action was meant not only to intimidate the researchers, but to keep them from attending the council meeting at the time of the vote. Cunnick is president of BIOCON, a firm providing rodents and support services to medical researchers. He is also a member of Putting People First.

Later that day, after heated debate, the council sent the bill back to committee for a rewrite without a vote. Some council members and the American Civil Liberties Union claim the bill, which has received the support of the police department, violates animal rights activists' right to free speech.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) spokesman Dan Mathews told reporters: "We understand what drives some activists to go beyond the pale to get their message across. As long as no one is hurt, I find it difficult to find sympathy for [the people who were targeted]." PeTA also is located in Montgomery County, near Washington, DC.

In response to Mathews statement, Cunnick said: "PeTA is a group that is not interested in people. They are only interested in money and political power they gain through intimidation."

Law enforcement authorities presently have no suspects, but are continuing the investigation.

Scientists, Companies Receive Threats by Mail

Putting People First has obtained a copy of a letter sent to a well-known medical researcher and two cosmetic companies by an "animal rights" terrorist group.

The letter to the researcher threatens that "unless you concede to the demands of mainstream anti-vivisection groups" and stop using animals in research, the terrorists will wage a "campaign of destruction and bloodletting upon your facilities and person more devastating than you can possibly conceive of."

Signed by the Animal Liberation Action Foundation (ALAF), the letter charges the researcher with "atrocities," warning him "your time is short."

The writer asserts evidence of ALAF's ability to execute their threats will be forthcoming. Claiming "the law is powerless to protect you," they vow to be relentless in their pursuit of the researcher: "There are too many hours in too many days (and nights), and my colleagues and I are too well structured and committed." The threat ends, "take immediate action, or bear the consequences."

The letter has been turned over to the FBI, which is currently investigating a number of arsons at research facilities in which animal rights terrorists have claimed responsibility.

L'Oreal and Gillette have also received threatening letters from ALAF. Both companies use animals to test their cosmetics and personal care products.

Similar to the one sent to the researcher, the writer admonished, "you have continually refused the reasonable appeals by my contemporaries regarding the use of live animals." It threatened that "unless you concede to the demands of mainstream anti-vivisection groups, my organization will engage in a campaign of destruction and bloodletting upon your facilities and person more devastating than you can possibly conceive of." It also boasted, "you are now dealing with an entirely different element altogether." It continues, "the law is powerless to protect you" because the group was "too well structured and committed."

L'Oreal and Gillette are long-time targets of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) and other animal rights groups. Last November, PeTA demonstrated outside the home of actress Cybill Shepherd, who does promotional work for L'Oreal. PeTA spokesman Dan Mathews claimed L'Oreal "fried live mice to test their sunscreen makeup." Two years ago, PeTA protesters wearing black hoods and carrying a stuffed rabbit in a coffin demonstrated outside the home of Gillette's president in Massachusetts.

Research Imposter Sighted in Texas

HOUSTON (TX) — A man claiming to be a researcher gained access to an animal research facility at the University of Texas Medical School. Once inside the facility, he was able to videotape the area for approximately 40 minutes.

An address given by the man was found to be the British Union for the Abolishment of Vivisection (BUAV).

The school was later contacted by someone claiming to be with the British tabloid *Today*, who said they were doing an expose of the university's treatment of animals. When *Today* was contacted, however, they said no such story was scheduled, sparking speculation that someone with the infiltrator made the call.

The infiltrator is a white male in his late 20's, about 6' 3" tall, weighing 180 lbs., with a British accent. He is known to go by the names Tim Kensy and Chris Davis. He was accompanied by a white woman whom he said was his fiancee. She was described as about 5' 6", 170 lbs., with brown hair pulled back in a barrette and wore no makeup.

Chairman's Message



Kathleen Marquardt

I sure have learned a lot since 1990. When I started Putting People First in March of that year, I figured the best way to stop "animal rights" extremism was to pull together a grassroots citizen's group, join forces with friendly lobbyists here in Washington, DC, and pressure Congress to pass a bill making crime illegal, so to speak. So I xeroxed up a batch of petitions to Congress, and PPF started off out of a back corner in my husband's office.

The first inkling I got that my strategy would have to change was when our early supporter Mike Ohlmann and his Louisville chapter started Hunters for the Hungry. It took off in local communities all over America. This wasn't the federal government imposing a solution — it was ordinary local people just looking for a little leadership to fight a problem on their own.

Then, as we struggled through three sessions of Congress trying to pass the Stenholm Bill (which now provides federal protection against animal rights terrorism), I watched PPF supporters and our allies pass state versions of the Stenholm Bill in statehouse after statehouse across our land. Same goes for hunter harassment laws — except we still don't have one of those at the federal level.

And all this time, my members were telling me that politics isn't where it's at — PPF was getting the strongest responses to our letter alerts designed to shape up the media, put some backbone in wavering businesses, and showing support for beleaguered researchers who had picketers outside their front doors.

So a federal solution isn't the answer, and the U.S. Congress doesn't play much of a role in our fight. What about the third part of my plan — joining forces with Washington lobbyists?

One of the nicest things about my job at PPF is working with other groups and associations. Both their leadership and their members have been true allies, and I have made hundreds of friendships that will last the rest of my life. But with some notable exceptions, the hired lobbyists here in the nation's capital have a different agenda than I do, mostly revolving around keeping their jobs.

Why should I put up with the insincerity, power struggles, and expense of Washington when the real fight is out in the heartlands of the U.S. and Canada? That's a question that got harder and harder to answer during the last year.

So, by the end of October, my family, PPF, and I will be relocated in Helena, Montana — my birthstate. After two decades "Inside the Beltway," Bill and I can't wait to get back West.

Putting People First will maintain a small operation in Washington — after all, there are some things that still have to be done here. But all of our major programs can be done anywhere there's a phone line and an airport — letter alerts, press releases, our fax program, Hunters for the Hungry, state and local lobbying, the schools program, speeches and conventions, rulemakings, and giving advice. There is going to be one big difference, though. Our overhead in Montana will be about half of running this show in Washington, so everybody's donations will go that much farther.

Bill Clinton is on the right track when he talks about "gridlock" in our nation's capital. But I don't think he or any other federal official is likely to solve it soon from this ingrown city, which is too far from the people not only in miles but also in mindset.

Our real fight is taking place out in the states, provinces, and communities, and I'm not just talking animal rights. We are still a democracy, and a democracy begins with its people. The people are in the communities, not the capital.

What we must do is teach the people that they are the bosses; that Congressmen and Senators and Members of Parliament work for them, not the other way around. Once we all know that, we can begin to clean up our mess by taking back our responsibility and, with it, the reins of government by the people.

We already have a place to live in Helena, and I'm headed back in a few days to get office space and phones. As soon as I do, I'll write all our members and friends to give you our new vital information, and to extend an invitation to come and visit. Montana already has welcomed us with a very friendly newspaper story that got picked up all over the state, and even made it into *USA Today* and the AP wire.

During the next few transition months it may take me a little longer to answer letters and phone calls. We're cutting our faxes down to four a month from the usual seven, and we may even miss a few of those. Most of you have made big moves like this, so I'm sure you'll understand. We will be in full operation all the time, though maybe just a little harder to find.

It is so important to take our citizens' movement out to the grassroots — back to the individual states and provinces. That's what moving Putting People First to Montana is going to do. Besides, I've promised myself that as soon as we get settled in, I'm going to treat myself to some fishing. By then, it'll probably be ice fishing, but either way I'll prove that food doesn't come in styrofoam packages.

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Letters to PPF

I have recently become involved in something many *People's Agenda* readers will be interested in. As anyone familiar with personal computers knows, Compuserve is the world's largest computerized information service. I have been a subscriber for many years, but only recently became interested in debating issues "on-line."

Just the other day, I learned the Humane Society of the Unites States has its own forum (command "GO HSUS")! In the Earth Forum ("GO EARTH"), there is a new section entitled "Animal Rights." There are other forums pertaining to pets ("GO PETS") and hunting ("GO OUTDOORS"). In the Earth Forum, I have been engaged in extended debates about "animal rights" with other Compuserve members for several weeks now, and I even posted some information about Putting People First. At first, it appeared anti-animal rights sentiment was high, but there are more and more messages in support of animal rights being posted. There is even someone going by the name Ingrid Newkirk (most likely, however, this person is an impostor).

I urge others to come join the fight against these zealots on-line. My CIS address is 72125, 263.

TRAVIS C. HARRISON
Arlington, TX

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You asked for any ideas about how to keep "animal rights" extremist groups out of our schools. That thought has appeal, since it would save us from fighting brush fires all over the nation. I don't claim to know any magic formula, but perhaps I can help with a thought or two.

The quickest, easiest fix would be to play the game like so many other people are doing — petition for legislation to keep the activists out. I do not, however, favor adding to an already restrictive, coercive government.

Logically, this leaves the free market answer. You must make it unprofitable for the activists. If we can stop them at every school, they will decide it is not the place to spend their time and money.

I don't know what you're doing right now, but it appears you are already started in the proper direction. Build a network of members and groups who can report every instance of animal rights efforts in our schools. Then prepare a very positive and comprehensive rebuttal.

Children want to learn. They spend their entire childhood trying to learn to be adults. At the same time, children want to be logical. The learning process is an orderly, natural, and building progression of information. Each new thought or bit of information must build on stored knowledge, creating a natural, logical progression. Any discussion of rights would have to build from something familiar to the child. Information out of context can only be learned by rote which seems illogical to children and they rebel or simply ignore it.

Animal husbandry will be alien to most inner-city children and adults. Most people are quick to pick-up anything they see as unfair. Thus, they become susceptible to the emotional appeals of animal rights groups. One recourse is to show the logical consequences of those emotional reactions.

Another consideration is most teachers and administrators have now been steeped in an educational process which tries to use behavior modification as a teaching tool. They are trained to accept and use an illogical approach. Worst of all is the fact few will have any clear idea of what rights should be.

MILTON BENNETT
Irving, TX

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As a farmer, I would like to see more done about the "animal rights" activists who are trying to keep us from having sows in farrowing crates and things of this nature. Extremists in Europe have already done this, dramatically altering the livestock industry there. I am afraid this will eventually happen here, too.

It is hard enough to make it out here as it is. If these people stop us from raising our livestock in an economic way, there will be more of us forced out of business. Putting a sow in a farrowing crate for three to four weeks to raise her young is no different than putting a baby in a crib or playpen. It is for her own safety and well-being, and to keep her from crushing her young.

CRAIG VON EHWEGEN
Dickens, IA

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Joanna Waugh's article ("A Skeptic Celebrates Earth Day," March/April) is generally on the mark. I must, however, cavil at one part.

It is all well and good to talk about the replanting of trees or reforestation. Unfortunately, in the southern part of the United States, much of the reforestation has led to the creation of a pine forest monoculture in places where there were once mixed forests of softwoods other than pine as well as hardwoods like oak.

The change to a pine forest monoculture dramatically reduces the habitat for wildlife, particularly deer and turkey. The impact is also negative for "lesser" species. In so many words, it messes up my huntin'.

I also appreciate your printing the names and addresses of the appropriate people to write to in complaint of less-than-rational statements or actions (Merrill Lynch, NBC, etc.). It is very helpful to those of us who care enough to "let 'em know!' how we feel.

ART EATMAN
Thomasville, GA

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Outdoorsmen have heard over and over that the general public will determine the future of hunting and fishing.

I belong to several organizations fighting for our rights. Not one of them, except for Putting People First (which is not just an outdoor sportsmen organization), is getting through to the general public. The reason for this is because the others are preaching to themselves. The only members they are recruiting that way are of a single interest — hunters, fishermen, and trappers. We cannot win the war alone, and we need the majority of the public on our side.

"Animal rights" extremists want to eliminate all animal use. We all must realize this and unite. Only then will we gain the support of the majority.

All outdoorsmen should commend Putting People First! PPF has accomplished the unifying of animal users which will grow bigger and bigger until we have become a terror of the terrorist.

CHARLES SWETNAM
Caruthers, CA

June 27 1993

To Kathleen Marquardt and followers,

You may be unaware that the highest priced foods on the U.S. food budget are meat, poultry, fish, seafood, and other high fat dairy foods. I come to you to inform you that consuming all of this food places you in a high risk group for heart deseases. The consumption of meat results in an unhealthy population, shorter life expectancy, as well as greater, longer hospitalizations and a large variety of chronic deseases. I am urging you to change your views. I have been a vegetarian all fourteen years of my life. My parents have been vegetarians for the past twenty-two years. My father is the head dietician at several hospitals. I come to you with concern. I hate to see people destroying their families by polluting their bodies with various forms of toxins such as meat. But I even hate more the fact that people enjoy killing G-d's creatures for sport in hunting, (fur hunting and fishing). I understand how some people might feel it's a necessity to eat meat because they were brought up that way, but the senseless destruction of G-d's own creations I can not understand. I would greatly appreciate it if you would take some time to write me back and share your views on the contents of my letter or any other view you wish to voice.

Thank You For Your Time,
Allison Sacerdote
Allison Sacerdote - Brooklyn Students for a Healthier Planet

Dear Allison,

Most people agree — as do I — that we should always take good care of animals, and always treat them humanely. But they also believe there is nothing wrong with using them in ways that benefit humans.

I'm sure you have studied about nature's food chain in school — how some animals must eat others to survive. Humans are a part of that food chain, and there is nothing wrong with using animals as a source of food.

People eat meat because it tastes good and is an excellent source of protein, vitamins, and other essential nutrients. Contrary to your claim, meat is not a toxin. Meat can be part of a very healthy diet. This view is supported by many responsible medical and dietary organizations.

Since the beginning of time, people all over the world have hunted and fished for food. They have used leather and fur for clothing, shelter, and other necessities. They have also domesticated animals as pets. In modern times, animals are used in medical research to find the cures for terrible diseases, saving the lives of millions of humans and animals. All of these things are good.

So, Allison, just as you urged me to change my views, I am urging you to change yours. I honor your decision to be a vegetarian, but please be more tolerant and open minded. Respect the rights of other people who choose to eat meat, wear leather and fur, and hunt and fish. Try to understand they are doing nothing wrong.

History shows us that intolerance is a breeding ground for hate. This is very true. My office has a carton full of hate mail sent to me by vegetarians.

I believe you are a fine and caring person who is truly interested in the health and welfare of people and animals. I urge you to keep an open mind and seek the truth on your own. Don't just accept misinformation you learned from "animal rights" activists as fact without first questioning it very closely.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Marquardt
Kathleen Marquardt

In the mail

A sampling of some of the letters sent by Putting People First members and supporters, and the reactions they receive.

Dear Mr. Schroder:

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your letter to Mr. Daniel P. Tully, our president and chief executive officer, and to confirm our conversation about the "Salute to Animal Rights" advertisement.

As we discussed, Merrill Lynch policy prohibits the endorsement of any position on animal rights. The advertisement was placed by a branch office, contrary to corporate policy, in response to a client's request. It is not a reflection of our policy, and it has been withdrawn. We apologize if this advertisement caused concern to either you or the members of Putting People First.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. It is always a pleasure to hear from a valued client.

Sincerely,

Harriet Appel
Manager, Merrill Lynch

Dear Merrill Lynch:

I am writing to express a concern about a recent advertisement which was brought to my attention.

An advertisement appeared in the February, 1993, issue of *ARFF News*. ARFF is the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida, Inc. It appears to me Merrill Lynch is giving financial support to this organization via full-page advertisements. I do not believe Merrill Lynch should advocate the agenda of these militant, extremist groups.

Currently, I am employed as a senior field engineer whose main responsibility is to repair and maintain medical research equipment and instrumentation. I have been verbally-harassed and physically-threatened by members of "animal rights" groups at institutions like Johns Hopkins University and the National Institutes of Health. These fanatics disagree with the use of animals (rats and mice) in medical research, which have historically advanced human life.

I would like a written response stating if Merrill Lynch will or will not continue to support these animal rights extremist organizations in the future. If you feel this advertisement was inadvertantly placed on the local level, and not on the corporate level, I think you should demand a written retraction in the next issue of *ARFF News*.

In closing, I am also sending a copy of this letter to my own Merrill Lynch financial consultant. I hope this situation can be easily resolved and that I do not have to resort to extreme tactics of my own, such as closing my ten-year-old account, and informing family members and friends to do the same.

A Disgruntled Customer,

Guy T. Bartolon
Germantown, MD

Dear Rochester Big & Tall:

Hearing your company has stopped sponsoring "Rush Limbaugh" for political reasons, I have decided not to give Rochester my future business. A company which folds under pressure due to the lack of backbone is not a company worth patronizing.

Stating Limbaugh is "too political" is a political statement in itself. Think about it.

Brian D. Lee
Lusby, MD

Dear Merrill Lynch:

I am writing to voice my objection to an ad supporting the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida (ARFF), which was apparently run with the consent of your Fifth Avenue Financial Center in New York City.

I have maintained family corporate, profit sharing, and personal accounts at Merrill Lynch since 1979. I am a key client, and have a large line of credit with Merrill Lynch Credit Corporate.

Having said this, I would like to know why Merrill Lynch would support a group like ARFF? Did you know about this ad? Do you know what they stand for? They support interfering with legal deer hunts, oppose horse-racing and the circus, protest the eating of veal, and generally believe animals are on equal footing with humans.

I like animals, but I feel we should be able to use them in everyday life, medical research, and to hunt and fish. ARFF would deny us all those rights.

Why does Merrill Lynch support them? Do you have a corporate policy for this sort of support?

Because of my long association with the Merrill Lynch family, I am only postponing any further action (rather than canceling now) until you have had a chance to investigate this matter and have an opportunity to respond to my questions. I look forward to your response.

Richard J. Schroder
Beverly Hills, CA

Dear Merrill Lynch:

As a client of Merrill Lynch and member of Putting People First, I was most displeased and quite disgusted to see an advertisement in which you salute the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida, Inc. I can't imagine why you would do this.

In the first place, animals have no rights! Secondly, Merrill Lynch has no business taking sides in this issue. It certainly makes me consider changing my brokerage company.

I would like to know if this approval of "animal rights" is a policy of Merrill Lynch as a whole or an isolated case by a misguided office which will be corrected.

I await your early reply before making a decision on my account. Your San Antonio office has been very fine, but I want to know *your* campany policy.

Oscar W. Schuchart
San Antonio, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

Yesterday, I happened to see the final few minutes of the "Mrs. America Pageant" on TV. Please excuse me for not catching the name of the organizer, but I would appreciate it if you would refer this note to him.

I'm writing specifically to tell you how pleased (if somewhat surprised) I was to see the fur trapper's association represented prominently as a sponsor. I'm sure you will get plenty of criticism from "animal rights" activists. I just wanted to send a note to offer support for your decision.

I favor the wise use of our resources, and this includes the utilization of animals (both domestic and wild) for food, clothing, research, etc. Fur trapping is an important part of responsible wildlife management. Without hunting and trapping, the animals would not survive in our modern society.

Mrs. America looked great in her fox coat!

Sybil S. Niemann, DDS
Speedway, IN

Dear PETsMART:

I was extremely disturbed to hear PETsMART has joined forces with one of the "biggies" in the "animal rights" movement. You must not be aware of what type of organization the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) really is. HSUS started as a benign organization whose main goal was to eliminate unnecessary animal suffering. They have, however, grown into yet another radical animal rights organization out of touch with reality.

We will always have zealots in this world expending a tremendous amount of energy, trying to force-feed their personal opinion of what is moral. I accept this as a byproduct of our First Amendment rights, and support this freedom. What I find hard to comprehend is why a retail chain such as PETsMART would enter into an agreement to donate money to one of these fanatical groups.

I understand and share your concern about pet overpopulation. There are, however, better organizations to cooperate with than an anti-hunting, anti-pet breeding animal rights organization. I hope you are aware HSUS is not the American Humane Association, which operates shelters in most communities. The similarity in names is intentional, I assure you, to dupe many people into thinking they are donating money to help the little "poster puppies" they see while visiting the veterinarian's office. HSUS has placed ads in newspapers proclaiming bacon and eggs as the "Breakfast of Cruelty."

I find it hard to believe this organization really has the animals' best interest in mind when they paid their top executives more than $1.1 million in 1991. That year, President John Hoyt pulled in a measly $171,128 in addition to living in a $200,000 house – expense-free. Paul Irwin received only $138,925 that year for his work as vice president. I have enclosed a pamphlet which is distributed by HSUS. I think you'll see just how "left of center" this group has gone. As you can see, this anti-hunting propaganda contains the distorted lies and misinformation. The emotionally-charged, untrue statements in this pamphlet conflict with a large body of scientific information. HSUS realizes this, but the material brings in the donations.

People who are opposed to consumptive use of wildlife are typically ecologically illiterate. The executives of HSUS are no exception. They obviously do not realize money for the management and protection of all wildlife species (not just those that are hunted) comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses as well as taxes on equipment. If we banned hunting tomorrow, all wildlife biologists and management agencies would be terminated, and no one would be left to be responsible for the management of our wildlife populations. The animal rights organizations do absolutely nothing to protect wildlife unless it will make the ten o'clock news. Even the management of non-hunted species is funded by the proceeds from hunting licenses and equipment.

The animal rights/anti-hunting agenda is the biggest threat to our wildlife populations (game and non-game) today. Your blatant financial support of this agenda is disturbing to say the least. I am distributing copies of this letter and pamphlet to all the names on an extensive list of hunting organizations and shooting ranges in Arizona. In addition, I am adding all major dog breeders in the Tucson and Phoenix phone book. I'm sure they will be very interested in a copy of the press release in which HSUS proposes a one-year moratorium on the breeding of all dogs and cats in the United States. The press release I have states, "At the end of that year, HSUS will reassess the pet overpopulation problem and make a decision whether to continue with the moratorium." For a small donation on my part (a $29 roll of stamps), I am targeting a great many of your customers to let them know you have taken this unfortunate stand with a minority of people who hold this devastatingly radical view.

Sincerely,

Jim Heffelfinger
Tucson, AZ

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Letters to PETsMART can be sent to: Ms. Nancy Case, PETsMART, 10000 N. 31st Street, Suite C300, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

Dear *Good Housekeeping*:

I am writing in regard to an article on the "GreenWatch" page of your February issue. It was titled, "What If We Stopped Sport Hunting?"

Please find some statistics attached to this letter that were compiled by Safari Club International (SCI) concerning animal populations in the United States. Hunters and hunting organizations have put BILLIONS of dollars into acquiring habitat and improving habitats for millions of animals. How much money has the Fund for Animals, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the Coalition to Abolish Sport Hunting, or any other of these groups put into purchasing or improving habitat? I think if you did a little more homework you'd be surprised.

SCI, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, the Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Foundation for North American Wild Sheep are all hunter/conservation organizations that are putting money on the the ground for wildlife.

If your magazine is going to become part of the "animal rights"/anti-hunting league, count me out right now. I have been a subscriber of *Good Housekeeping* – but if you are going to champion their cause, please stop my subscription right now and refund any remaining money to me.

Shelley J. Borden
Kalispell, MT

Dear *Outdoor Life*:

I am a twenty-six year-old outdoorsman who has spent his entire life hunting and fishing. I also am a subscriber to *Outdoor Life*, and a member of *Outdoor Life* Book Club. Also, since I am concerned about the future of hunting and fishing, I am a very active member of Putting People First.

Last year, through the book club, I obtained a copy of Erin A. Bauer's *Wild Alaska*. Although I was impressed with his photographic skill, I was shocked to learn that he encourages people to join Greenpeace, Sierra Club, and other Green extremists (this is a part of the book!). As you may or may not know, those groups are very opposed to hunting and, in some cases, fishing.

Although Mr. Bauer is obviously allowed to express his own views in his works, I do not feel it is appropriate for *Outdoor Life* to carry any material that is in any way anti-hunting or fishing. After all, isn't *Outdoor Life* pro-hunting and pro-fishing?

Thank you for your time. Although I still support *Outdoor Life*, I feel you owe it to your followers to screen the materials offered in your book club more closely. Anti-hunting groups do not belong in *Outdoor Life*!

Joseph S. Harman
Auburn Hills, MI

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If you would like to write to Outdoor Life *on this subject, please address your letters to:* Outdoor Life, *2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Other organizations endorsed in* Wild Alaska *include: the National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, Wilderness Society, National Parks and Conservation Association, Nature Conservancy, and Alaska Environmental Lobby, Inc.*

Keep on sending us your cards and letters!

Thank you for letting us share your letter campaign comments with the PPF membership, and please keep our mailbox filled with copies of the letters you've been sending.

Norway Resumes Whaling

After an eight-year hiatus, Norway resumed traditional minke whaling on a limited basis in its coastal waters.

To Norway, the decision to resume whaling of the minke is a matter of principle based on sustainability of whale stocks, their sovereign right to manage and utilize available natural resources, and the importance of whaling to the economic survival of its small coastal communities.

Norway had previously honored a 1986 moratorium imposed by the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

Population estimates of minkes made in conjunction with an international group of scientists in 1992 put the number of minkes in the Northeast Atlantic at 86,700, possibly as high as 117,000. There are over one million minke estimated worldwide. At these levels, even environmental scientists who oppose whaling on emotional grounds agree that the minke can sustain limited hunting.

Even the IWC Scientific Committee, in 1993, determined that only five of the 76 species of whale should be considered threatened or endangered. The other 71 species, the committee determined, are abundant enough to sustain hunting.

Disregarding scientific evidence, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution by Representative Gerry Studds with the support of the Humane Society of the United States and Earth Island Institute. House Concurrent Resolution 34, passed in February, puts Congress on record as opposing the resumption of whaling.

Rushed to a vote "under suspension of rules," no opportunity was given for public testimony against the resolution. The full house voted the same day as committee action — an uncommon procedural short cut.

Representative Benjamin A. Gilman, ranking minority member of the Foreign Affairs committee, questioned the resolution and the manner in which it was pushed to a vote. He called the maneuver a "headlong rush," saying that hearings should have been held to discuss the issue more fully.

At the recent IWC meeting in Kyoto, Japan, the commission refused to lift the whaling moratorium. A number of member countries made a joint statement expressing regret at Norway's decision to resume traditional minke whaling.

After the meeting, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Johan Joergen Holst said, "We have acted in good faith in the expectation that other countries would not allow their resource policies to be determined by emotional arguments and pressure groups." He added: "We can only note that the credibility of the IWC as an international organization for the management of natural resources has been further undermined."

Wire services report Norwegian businesses not related to whaling are beginning to urge their government to cave in to international boycotts and political pressure. Gunnar Fatland, a member of Norway's Parliament for the opposition Conservative Party, has publicly urged Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland to adopt a policy of appeasement to "animal rights" opponents.

Norway plans to take 136 whales this year commercially and about the same number next year. This quota is lower than the minimum number the IWC would have specified by its own rules.

Greenpeace activists attempted to disrupt one of the first hunts. After the attempt failed, the whalers, who had anticipated such activity, offered the extremists coffee, sandwiches, and a cake especially baked for the occasion. They said they could not be inhospitable, even to the uninvited. Despite the fact the frosting was green, the Greenpeace activists still refused to eat it.

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$330 and $500 respectively. The real culprit in subsidizing this terrorist organization, however, is Patagonia Inc. — the outdoor clothing company.

In the past four years, Patagonia donated $20,000 in cash and $10,000 worth of clothing to Watson. Patagonia's grants program manager, Libby Ellis, said she had no hesitation supporting Watson. Ellis is quoted in the *Sun* saying, "We support their organization. Clearly, we wouldn't give money to someone if we didn't feel their work is worthwhile." She was asked if the company's support should be interpreted as an endorsement of tree spiking, but had no comment.

The Sea Shepherd Society received $484,000 in grants and donations during the 1991-92 fiscal year, with the bulk of it coming from its 25,000 members. One celebrity who apparently endorses tree-spiking and piracy is Gordon Lightfoot. Past supporters include Ed Asner, Loretta Swit, and Mike Farrell.

Those conned out of their money include a Chilliwack, British Columbia, woman who has been trying to get $93,000 back from Watson. He convinced the woman's mother, Pearl Chaplin, to give the group her home while she was diagnosed as mentally-incompetent. According to the *Sun*, court testimony showed that, at the time Chaplin signed her house over to Sea Shepherd, she was flushing money down the toilet, saving her excrement in cups under her bed, and keeping glasses of urine in her cupboard.

The British Columbia Supreme Court has ordered the society to pay back the money, including interest. According to the family's lawyer, very little has been collected so far.

In addition to donations from Chaplin and other members, Watson has made money from selling himself. Warner Brothers has paid $60,000 for the rights to his life story. His autobiography earned him $15,000 from his New York publisher, W.W. Norton and Company.

Chuck Diaz is the editor of Speak Up America. This article is reprinted from their newsletter.

To let Patagonia know you are outraged they are supporting terrorism, address your letters to: Mr. Yvon Chouinard, President, Patagonia Inc., 259 West Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

Watson Arrested by Mounties

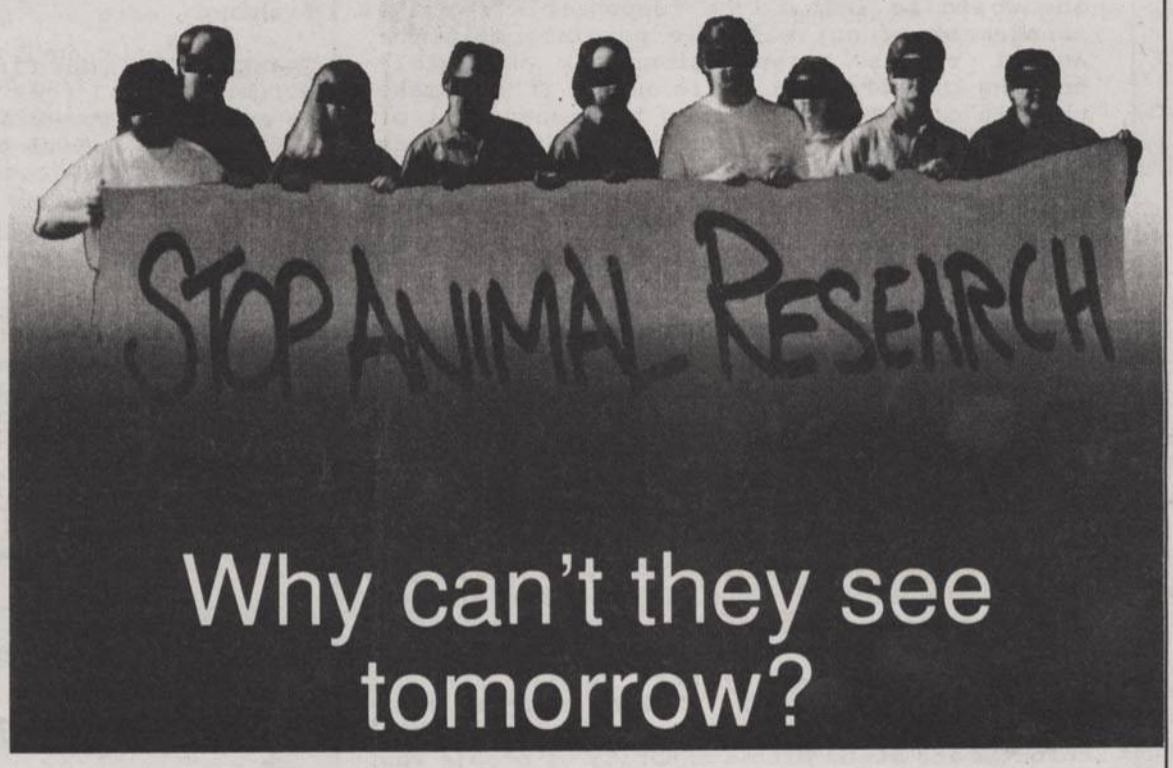
ST. JOHN'S (CANADA) — A Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) helicopter removed "Captain" Paul Watson from the deck of the *Cleveland Amory* on August 1st. He was later charged with three counts of mischief on the high seas.

Watson, the head of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, and the *Amory* had just nearly rammed a Spanish trawler fishing in the Grand Banks off Newfoundland. Approximately two dozen other activists were on board the ship at the time. The Cleveland Amory, named after the still-living "animal rights" benefactor, is a 1,400-ton converted coast guard vessel.

Amory — a ship owned by the group Orca-Force which flies under a Canadian flag — had been under surveillance by the RCMP since the day before, when it had harassed a Cuban trawler. Although both actions occurred in international waters, marine laws give Canada the right to deal with crimes committed on Canadian ships anywhere in the world.

Watson's lawyer, Owen Myers, said he plans to plead not guilty to all charges. At the time of his meeting with Myers, he was said to be "enjoying a meal of fish and chips, courtesy of the Newfoundland government and penitentiary authorities."

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Former Greenpeace Chief Slams Group

OSLO (NORWAY) — Greenpeace has become "a gigantic money machine" more interested in raising cash than solving difficult environmental problems says Bjorn Okern, the former chairman of Greenpeace-Norway. His charges were made in his new book, *Power Without Responsibility*, published in June.

"Greenpeace uses a lot more of its resources on recruiting members and making money than on protecting the environment," said Okern, who managed the group's Norwegian operations from 1990 until last spring.

Okern said Greenpeace prospers by making it possible for members — often urban dwellers — to clear their conscience on issues like whaling that do not affect their lives or personal consumption. He said the group has minimal effect on tough problems like nuclear power or the depletion of energy and raw materials.

According to Okern, Greenpeace got on the anti-whaling and anti-sealing bandwagon not to protect animals, but to recruit new members and raising money. The group began exploiting the issue after a 1983 U.S. poll showed 90% of Greenpeace members supported the organization because of the whales and seals.

When he left Greenpeace, Okern told the press he "regretted" and was "ashamed" about taking part in Greenpeace's efforts attacking people in the name of saving the environment. He said Greenpeace is made up of "eco-fascists" led by "environmental jet-setters" who traveled in "grand style," patronizing the "finest hotels and restaurants."

Okern's disaffection with Greenpeace came, in large part, as a result of viewing "Survival in the High North" by Icelandic filmmaker Magnus Gudmundsson. The film depicts the struggle between hunting peoples of the far north and environmentalists. It also exposes Greenpeace's filming of staged seal hunts, and paying people to torture animals in their propaganda films. (*This film can be purchased from Putting People First. See page 14 for details.*)

Greenpeace must accept responsibility for ruining the local economies and destroying the social fabric of Alaskan Aluet, Canadian Indian, and Greenland Inuit communities that are dependent on the hunting of fur-bearing and marine mammals, says Okern. He predicts Norway's coastal fishing and whaling villages will be next.

The Norwegian newspaper *Astenposten* reported Greenpeace will try to stop distribution of *Power Without Responsibility*.

Disgruntled Greens Form Union

TORONTO (CANADA) — Critics charge Greenpeace cares more about the environment and animals than people, but there now seems to be proof of their contempt for humanity — starting with their own employees.

The Toronto Star reports staff at the financially-strapped Greenpeace-Canada headquarters in Toronto have formed a union. Insiders tell of discrimination against women and racial minorities as well as a fear of more layoffs in the near future.

The move to unionize is another blow to the already troubled organization, which is facing a second round of layoffs after years of success and soaring memberships.

The victorious union drive was strongly opposed by Greenpeace administrators.

According to Stan Gray, a high-profile activist and an officer in the newly-formed Toronto Greenpeace Association, "The staff felt they needed an organization to protect themselves and to protect their rights." "Things were pretty arbitrary," He added. "Forming the union was an attempt to obtain regular rules and procedures for hiring, firing, layoffs and transfers."

The Star noted the union reflects, "another source of friction between staff and administrators — discrimination against women and racial minorities." The union's constitution commits to "zero tolerance" of harassment or intimidation of women.

Greenpeace's support staff includes many low-income minority women, while administrators are mostly white and middle-class. In the past, administrators have refused to voluntarily recognize the union, but were forced to do so when the application went before the Ontario Labor Relations Board last January. Some say the formation of the union created "hostility," and that "bitterness" remains.

Last December, layoffs were announced at Greenpeace offices in Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal — which have already seen decreases in staff since the height of its boom. Further deterioration has occurred this year because fundraising has fallen short of expectations. A recent fundraiser brought in only 10% of its $400,000 goal.

Becoming Truly "Dolphin Free"

Three years ago, Star-Kist Seafoods became the toast of Green activists for declaring their tuna products "dolphin safe." At the time, Greenpeace and Star-Kist used the move to argue that a happy marriage could be arranged between business interests and Greens.

In July, however, Greenpeace accused Star-Kist of "greenwashing" -- saying the company was using the "dolphin safe" label to garner a market share, while doing nothing to help the environment. As the two giant businesses battle over "who cares more," the health of the life of the Pacific Ocean is at risk.

"Dolphin safe," originally defined by Greenpeace and Star-Kist as no encirclement of dolphin by fishermen's nets during fishing in the eastern tropical Pacific (ETP), forces fishermen to hunt baby tuna which do not swim with dolphin. "Dolphin safe," as currently defined, is environmentally unsound, and has the potential to wipe out the tuna fishery. This policy has been rejected by fishermen and scientists of the ETP.

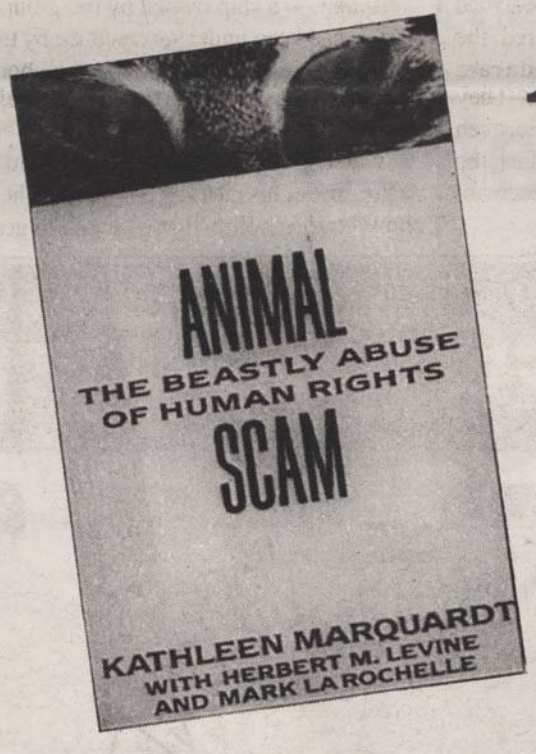
Fishermen who supply Star-Kist with tuna and Greenpeace with a cause have a reasonable solution. Whenever the fishermen catch tuna and release all dolphin unharmed, this should be defined as "dolphin safe". This definition lets the fishermen earn a living, keeps the ocean healthy, and puts cans of quality yellowfin tuna on supermarket shelves.

Fishermen hope Greenpeace and Star-Kist will realize they have much in common when they claim they want a healthy environment. A new definition of "dolphin safe" will put them back on track.

The only people who won't come to the party will be the "animal rights" activists. They object to the "slaughter" of tunafish and to the fact that, worse yet, we eat and enjoy our tuna sandwiches.

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World Vegetarianism a Failed Concept

by Claude Skatole

Ordinary people are currently being besieged by pleas from vegetarians to change our dietary habits to their prescriptions. They base their arguments on promises of better health and the arguments supporting the rights of food animals not to be eaten.

The term vegetarian has been used in a general sense to include pure vegetarian or vegans (who eat only food of plant origin), lacto-ovo-vegetarians or just vegetarians (milk and eggs, but no meat) and fruitarians (eat mainly fruits and nuts). Herein, we will use the term vegetarian in the general sense.

It seems clear one can devise a tasty and nutritious vegetarian diet, but only if one knows how to do it. If done amateurishly, there can be serious health problems stemming from a lack of adequate intake of iron, vitamin D, vitamin B12, and high-quality protein. These deficiencies can lead to serious health problems, even death. The article "Nutrition, Growth, and Neurointegrative Development: An Experimental and Ecology Study" in *Pediatrics* magazine reported a massive study of such malnourished school children in Guatemala in which stunted growth and permanent brain damage is linked to diets lacking in animal protein.

Nevertheless, it is easy to find vegetarian literature with dangerous recommendations such as ". . . it is almost impossible not to get enough protein," "Potato protein is just as good as egg protein," substitute any of the following for an egg: "one-half small banana. . . two tablespoons cornstarch... Fine bread crumbs," and that a meal consisting of cabbage, apple, onion, water, raisins, and cinnamon is acceptable. Let us take a look at the potato vs. egg protein claim, along with some other considerations.

Proteins are large molecules consisting of many smaller ones called amino acids. They have a high specificity for each species. It is easy to understand that plant proteins may differ greatly and animal proteins may differ only slightly from human proteins, since animal species are much nearer to the human species than plants.

When a protein is digested, it is broken down into its component amino acids which are reassembled into human proteins. If there is an imbalance, the cells make only as much protein as the amino acid(s) — which may be in short supply — permit. The excess are wasted since ". . . there is no storage form for excess amino acids." So a diet adequate in energy foods but limited in protein can lead to a disease known as kwashiorkor. A diet limited in both energy and protein can lead to a disease known as marasmus. One may think of dissembling a tile floor made of 20% blue, 20% red, and 60% white tiles, and using the tiles to make a floor with a pattern consisting of 30% blue, 40% red, and 30% white tiles. One will run short of blue and red tiles, but have an excess of white tiles.

One of the amino acids which humans must have in their diets is called lysine. It is of interest to examine the amount of lysine in various foods (see table). The same could be done in the cases of other amino acids, which are in short supply in plants.

If we compare the lysine content of a potato with that of an egg, the raw figures do indeed even favor the potato. But when we examine the amount of protein per pound in each, we find one would have to eat almost seven times as much potato as egg to get the same amount of lysine. It is even more in the case of beef. This is only one case in point of the fact that, to get adequate nutrition, one needs to eat large quantities of vegetables (as well as to add vitamins D and B12 and perhaps iron and other minerals).

	LYSENE *(as % of protein)*	PROTEIN *(grams/lb.)*
whole egg	6.1	52.1
milk (cow)	7.4	
beef (T-bone)	8.6	96.2
(sirloin)	8.6	97.5
fish muscle	9.0	
whole wheat	2.7	
potato(white)	8.3	7.7
oats (whole)	3.6	
corn (whole)	2.3	
dried peas & beans	6.5	

sources: Heinz Nutritional Data & USDA Composition of Foods

We are somewhat better off in the case of kidney beans, which contain 12.2% water before, and 11.5% water after, drying. But since peas and other beans range from ten percent to 12.6% water dried and from 66.5% to 88.9% water fresh, one would need to eat large amounts of them when they're fresh to get enough lysine. Nevertheless, legumes such as beans are an important part of a well-constructed vegetarian diet. In general, plants run much less protein per unit weight than eggs, dairy products, and meats. Of course, the best diets are those which contain animal proteins along with a number of plant proteins — all in reasonable moderation.

If all of the above is true, why not use all the world agriculture land to grow vegetables for human consumption of well-balanced vegetarian diets? There are several compelling reasons why this will not work. One is cattle (but not hogs or poultry) can forage on plants that are not edible by humans, and a calf can grow to 700 lbs. on such a diet. They can be finished to a weight of 1050 lbs. in a feedlot, eating foods not acceptable to humans such as cottonseed and soybean oil extraction residues, straws, dry maize stock, residues from sugar beet processing, tankage, feather meal, etc. An acre of corn or soybeans will produce more usable protein if eaten as meat than an acre of wheat eaten directly.

Another reason is there simply is not enough land in the world, which will grow crops edible by humans, to feed 5.5 billion people (the approximate present world population).

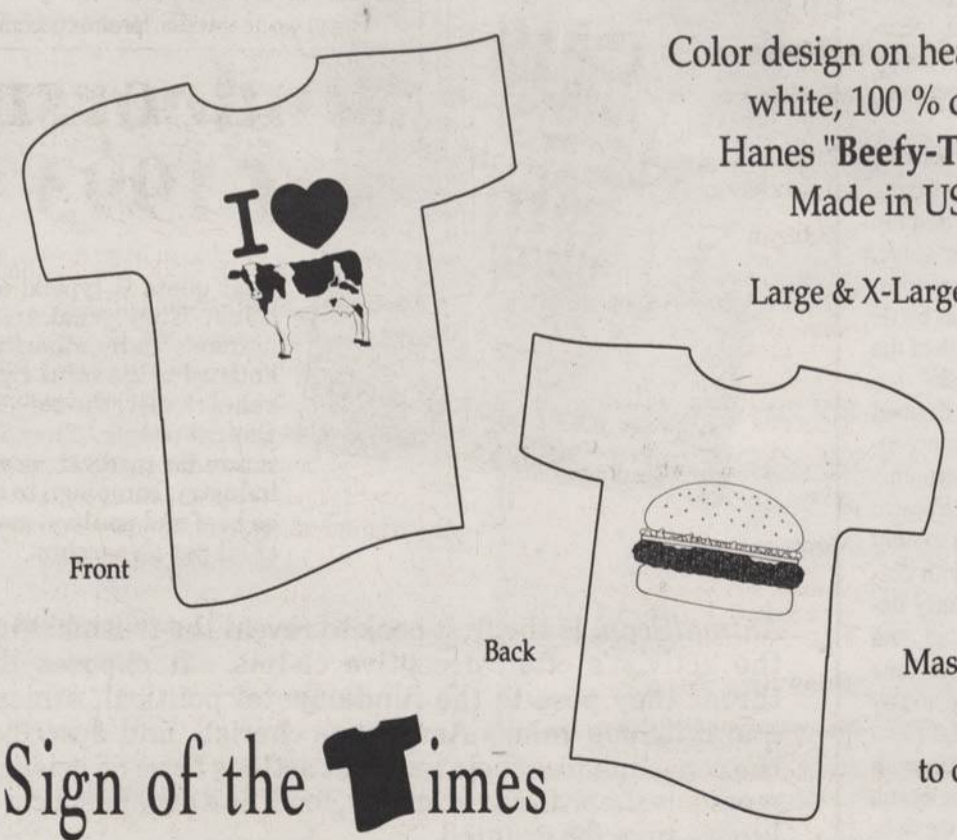
For example, using foods recommended for well-constructed vegetarian diets in the United States, this would require nine times the present production of nuts, nearly 41 times that of broccoli and four-and-a-half times for all fruits and vegetables. Also, ". . . only 15% of the world's land can be cultivated for crops." In the face of this, there have been attempts to grow food in the form of macrobiotics, although technical problems and toxic products have discouraged the effort.

No, 5.5 billion vegetarians is likely not a possible alternative. Of course, if the vegetarians and vegans are able to attract a large enough following to their misguided philosophy, and if all of them follow their foolish dietary prescriptions, the result could be a scarcity of vegetable foods with a concomitant rise in prices — thus denying a balanced diet to the poor. The danger of a poorly-designed vegetarian diet can, as we have noted, do irreversible brain and other damage to children.

Vegetarianism is a cult in which its members tread into dangerous territory indeed.

Claude Skatole is the former author of The Garbage Collector newsletter. A footnoted version of this article can be obtained from PPF by sending a SASE to: Putting People First, c/o 5 1/2 Billion Vegetarians, 4401 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 310A, Washington, DC 20008.

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McGuire

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report critical of the wise use movement, several stories on CNN, and even approached by Hollywood for a possible movie about her experience. She has also been supported by Green groups like Greenpeace.

When "60 Minutes" re-ran their report in June, the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce announced it was starting a campaign to raise a $50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of McGuire's attackers.

While the investigation does not dispute McGuire suffered some injuries, it concludes the wounds were not suffered in the manner she claimed. In particular, the circular burn she claims came from a lit cigar bears the outline of Abraham Lincoln. Pinellas County medical examiner Dr. Joan Wood attributes the burn to a hot penny. Also, dental expert Dr. Richard Souviron says analysis of a wound McGuire claims is a bite is not. McGuire, who refused to be photographed at the time of the attack, also refuses to take a polygraph test.

In addition to the discrepancies of McGuire's wounds, investigators found no evidence of a fight or any other wrongdoing at the place where she said the attack occurred.

While Joy Towles Cummings, the head of HOPE, called the investigation's findings "outrageous," many residents of Taylor County and Buckeye are happy to hear the results. Buckeye spokesmen Dan Simmons said, "We're pleased that the shadow has been lifted from the community. According to press reports, many Taylor County residents would like McGuire to be charged with perjury. Investigators, however, have no plans to press charges. State Attorney Blair said, "I think there's been a tremendous interest in proving that Ms. McGuire lied. I think there is a perception down there that if it could be proven in court, that instantly, the image for the Proctor and Gamble plant would be changed overnight, and that is not going to happen."

Alaska Sues Friends of Animals

The state of Alaska is suing the Connecticut-based Friend of Animals over ads the "animal rights" group placed in *USA Today* and the *New York Times*. The ads make false claims about Alaska's wolf management program, and calls for a boycott of Alaskan tourism until the state stops killing wolves.

Ads being run by the group claim the wolf control proposal was "barbaric," and hunters would be allowed to shoot wolves from the air as well as track wolves fitted with radio collars for research purposes. None of these claims are true. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has publicly stated it would not use radio telemetry-aided hunting or aerial hunting in its wolf management program.

The ad also urges readers to send tax-deductible donations to Friends of Animals. State law bars fundraising based on false claims.

In a press conference, Governor Walter J. Hickel described the state's legal actions — a two-count complaint in state court asking for an injunction as well as unspecified monetary damages and legal costs, and a lawsuit based on consumer protection statutes and on common law governing wrongful interference in business. The latter action is on behalf of the thousands of tourist businesses that would be hurt by a boycott.

"The Friends of Animals did not stick to the truth in their ad," Hickel said. "In our view they have knowingly attempted to defraud the public."

The state will also file a complaint of mail fraud with the U.S. Postal Service, and will ask the Connecticut attorney general "to investigate the group's fraudulent practices." "Animal rights groups have every right to engage in the wolf management controversy," Hickel said. "However, they don't have the right to lie about the state of Alaska in order to raise money for more ads."

Anti-Harrassment Law Overturned in Montana

HELENA (MT) — A judge struck down a state law against harassing hunters, saying the law infringes on freedom of speech protections.

Associated Press reports District Judge Thomas Olson issued the ruling in the case of an "animal rights" activist who was charged after attempting to disrupt a bison hunt in 1990.

The 1987 harassment law, never before litigated, makes it a misdemeanor to "disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of an animal with the intent to dissuade the individual or otherwise prevent the taking of the animal."

Olson wrote the law "prohibits communication with hunters which is intended to dissuade them from hunting, while allowing communication with hunters which encourages hunting." He ruled the state couldn't protect one viewpoint over the other.

Montana Shooting Sports Association President Gary S. Marbut told Putting People First, "Montana hunters are disappointed." He said his and other groups supporting hunters rights, including Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, would pursue the issue further. "We will see the issue resolved with an effective hunter harassment law in place in Montana," vowed Marbut.

"Indoorsmen" Focus of 1993 NHF Day

On September 25th, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) would like sportsmen to "Put An Indoorsmen in Your Shoes." That's their theme for this year's National Hunting and Fishing Day.

The theme, according to NSSF, plays on the simple premise that if every sportsmen introduced a non-sportsmen to hunting, fishing, shooting, and other conservation practices, public understanding and appreciation of these traditions would increase.

"Most Americans are now more familiar with an environment of glass, steel, and concrete than they are with fields, forests, and streams, and many have lost touch with nature, said Bob Delfay, the president of NSSF. "There's a whole new world waiting for the new outdoorsman, and sportsmen have the keys to unlock it. One of the greatest favors any sportsman can do for friends and relatives is to take the time to introduce them to his favorite sports. This is especially true for children, since many have grown up without the traditional links to nature enjoyed by past generations."

This year's theme is the same as was used in 1975. Delfay noted, "We brought this classic out of retirement because it highlights a message that's as important today as it was in the mid-seventies. Indeed, our success in reaching out to an increasingly urban America is more important now than ever." This year, however, the theme has been expanded to include outdoorswomen as well. "This. . . recognizes the active role that women are taking in the outdoor community," said Delfay.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is offering a "National Hunting and Fishing Day Action Package." The packet contains guidelines for the organization, scheduling, and promotion of how to promote the day, as well as support conservation on a day-to-day basis. To get the packet, please send $3.00 to "NHF Day Action Package," Flintlock Ridge Office Center, 11 Mile Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470-2359. NSSF's phone number is (203) 426-1320.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Taking Out the Trash

According to *The Greenpeace Guide to Anti-Environmental Organizations*, Putting People First is "anti-environmental," because PPF Chairman Kathleen Marquardt is "the rising star of the Wise Use movement."

What the heck is the "wise use movement?" Well, "wise use" of natural resources is how Gifford Pinchot, first head of the U.S. Forest Service, defined "conservation," a term he also coined. The "Wise Use movement" therefore, is what used to be known as the conservation movement.

Trashing the Economy: How Runaway Environmentalism is Wrecking America
by Ron Arnold and Alan Gottleib
659 pages, $22.95

Conservation requires knowledge and incentive. The requisite knowledge is supplied by science, and the incentive by property rights. In the absence of either one, we suffer "the tragedy of the commons." But for Greenpeace, "environmentalism" means the infringement of property rights, and replacing science with junk-science scams—regardless of the resulting harm to man, animals, and our common environment.

The Greenpeace Guide is a reactionary response to an infinitely superior book, *Trashing the Economy: How Runaway Environmentalism is Wrecking America*, by Ron Arnold and Alan Gottleib of the Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise (CDFE). *The Greenpeace Guide* identifies CDFE as "the premier think tank and training center for the Wise Use movement." Arnold is author of several books, including the Wise Use manifesto *Ecology Wars*. Gottleib, who heads the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, is author of several books on the Second Amendment.

Trashing the Economy is a huge work, profiling all the top Green and animal extremist groups in the United States. In this single reference work is compiled their lobbying, litigation, propaganda, personnel, compensation, revenue, corporate donors, and more. Everyone from Audubon to the World Wildlife Fund is profiled. Sacred cows like Greenpeace, the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Nature Conservancy are all exposed. Even People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society of the United States are included.

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To order a copy of Trashing the Economy, send a check or money order for $22.95 to: Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, 12500 NE 10th Place, Bellevue, WA 98005. Telephone orders can be made by calling (206) 455-5038.

"Animal Rights" as Religion

If you're a born-again Christian, you'll love the premise of *The Beasts Among Us!* If you aren't, you may have some problems. The premise of the book is that the "animal rights" movement is actually a "religion," prophesied in both the Old and New Testament.

Author Russ Carman writes: *The fact that virtually every prominent animal rights leader constantly "quotes" the Bible, and uses it to justify their position, forced me to study the Bible in search for the truth. At first, what I learned frightened me. I found that the Bible clearly describes these people and the religion they are following. It describes their historical roots, their true spiritual leader, and what they plan for the future of mankind. . . .*

The Beasts Among Us!
by Russ Carman
259 pages, $12.95

The "religion" referred to here is a syncretism of monism and pantheism identified by other writers as "manichean gnosticism." That's a mouthful, but what it really means is the belief that "Nature" (identified as instinct and emotion) is good and "Man" (identified as rationality) is evil. Carman sees this belief giving rise to what he calls "animalism" — the idolatrous worship of animals and nature, and ultimately, human sacrifice.

It is true, as Carman points out, that leading animal rights philosophers have a penchant for eastern mysticism and fierce hatred for monotheism. It's also true they exhibit a strange combination of New Age beatitude and bloodthirsty terrorism. They have undeniably made certain species — such as dolphins and whales — into totems. There is even something to the charge that they are sacrificing people in the name of spotted owls and lab rats.

But what is most arresting about Carman's premise is the millennial fervor of the radical activists — the idea that their "vegan" lifestyle is leading to a "quantum transformation," a New Age in which, as Ingrid Newkirk of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says, "the lion will lie down with the lamb, and when two animals fight, humans will intervene." It is a vision of a new heaven on earth, in which *Ye shall be as gods*. It's this utopian vision, not philosophy, motivating the fanaticism of what Carman calls the animal cult.

Some may be put off by the book's fundamentalist perspective. Others will lose patience with the writing, which is unconventional and difficult to follow. But patience pays off. The author has an eighth-grade education, but a lifetime of learning about animals and nature as a world-renowned hunter and trapper.

Russ Carman also has the honor to have been the first target of the modern wave of animalism in the United States. In 1975, the year Peter Singer published *Animal Liberation*, and the year before the founding of the Animal Liberation Front, Carman (then vice-president of the Pennsylvania Trappers' Association) and his wife received gruesome death threats from the first U.S. group to adopt animal rights as a cause—the Manson Family.

Dr. Welfare & Mr. Rights

"The humane movement has been hijacked, radicalized and rerouted."

So begins *The Hijacking of the Humane Movement*, a gripping new exposé of "animal rights." Authors Rod and Patti Strand are champion Dalmatian breeders for the past 23 years. Patti is also the executive director of the National Animal Interest Alliance and an active member of Putting People First.

The Hijacking of the Humane Movement
by Rod & Patti Strand
174 pages, $19.95

The book begins with a history of the animal welfare and humane movement, and how the perversion of animal rights arose among nineteenth-century British antivivisectionists, reaching its zenith in Nazi Germany. It provides a factual and informative overview of the current animal rights movement in the United States, and the tactics it uses.

Tactics investigated include propaganda and disinformation; direct-mail fundraising and celebrity support; appropriating the mantle of established causes such as civil rights, feminism, and environmentalism; and hostile takeovers of legitimate animal welfare groups to plunder their endowments.

The Strands provide case studies of the attacks on tuna fishermen, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' infamous "Silver Spring monkeys," and Las Vegas animal trainer Bobby Berosini. There follows an extensive list of instances of animal rights terrorism, as well as a chapter on "Taking the Initiative," packed with valuable advice.

The appendix reproduces direct-mail fundraisers and surveys from the Doris Day Animal League (an extreme animal rights group) and the ASPCA (once a respected animal welfare organization) — which display remarkable similarity — and shows how they divide up donors for exposure to different parts of the animalist agenda, depending on which issues they're most ignorant of and susceptible to misinformation on.

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Boycott Briefs

• Anita Roddick of The Body Shop is not a happy camper! The progressive profiteer has been criticized by her "animal rights" compatriots for doing a commercial for American Express. AmEx, which carries fur in its catalog, has been the focus of a long-running campaign by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA). Roddick tried to brush off her detractors, saying AmEx was dropping fur as part of the deal for her pitching for them.

Not so, so we hear. It's been rumored the new catalog does contain fur, and Roddick is cursing such a blue streak about it she needs to have her mouth washed out with soap that hasn't been tested on animals (at least not in the past five years, anyway).

• PeTA has been a steadfast opponent of L'Oreal cosmetics for some time. The company, which PeTA charges with animal cruelty, performs no animal testing in the United States — and only a little in Europe. Nonetheless, it is on the PeTA list.

Not on the PeTA list is Redkin, which is considered by PeTA to be "cruelty-free." Redkin, however, was just purchased by L'Oreal. This should make them targets of PeTA scorn, but nary a peep from PeTA so far. What's the deal?

• Also on the cosmetics front, Aveda wants you to know their products are "more than a look, [they're] a feeling of pure, natural quality" made with "the most advanced flower and plant technology." Aveda's lip colors and eye shadows are free of preservatives, made with all natural ingredients, and "developed without animal testing."

Sorry, we'll pass.

• Putting People First member Ernest Jones of Dudley, North Carolina writes in and warns: "I purchased a bottle of Fruit of the Earth sunscreen last week, and did not notice the label reads 'no animal testing.' I returned the bottle for a refund. I checked out the shelves, because I had purchased this product before, and never noticed the warning. Some bottles had the label, others did not." *The address to write to is: Fruit of the Earth, Irving, TX 75061.*

• Chevron is linking up with the Nature Conservancy to lock up our land. In a recent ad, Chevron felt all good about themselves because 2,000 acres outside of Calgary, Alberta (Canada) has been locked up. They call it "the country that will never become a city."

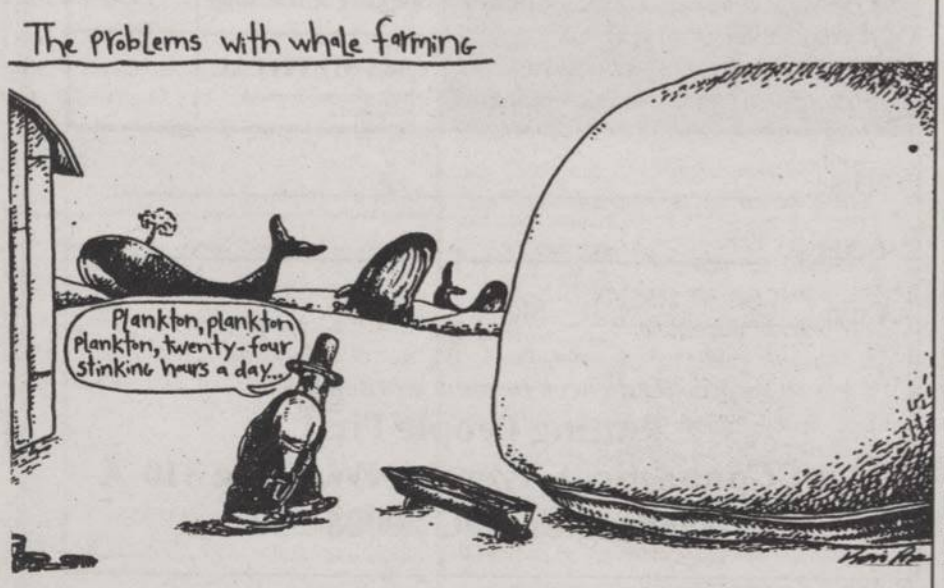
At the end of the ad, Chevron brags, "Do people protect places so nature can live free? People do." But who's looking out for the people? Obviously not Chevron, and definitely not the Nature Conservancy. *To write Chevron, address your letters to: People Do-CA, P.O. Box 7753, San Francisco, CA 94120.*

• Little Kings Cream Ale has taken on the grizzly as their pet cause. Their logo sports a bear paw in its crest, with the slogan "Support the Wilderness" circling it. That's all well and fine, but they've gone too far by providing monetary support to the Wilderness Society as well.

According to a letter from Hudepohl/Schoenling Brewery President Kenneth C. Lichtendahl: "Now Little Kings drinkers are banding together to spread their 'Life is meant to be wild' message to help one of our earth's most magnificent creatures. . . . Little Kings, with a four-year grant, has joined the Wilderness Society's effort's to save the grizzly and the habitat it roams. Our support is based on commitment, not sales."

It's a good thing the grizzlies are far from Cincinnati, or the Wilderness Society might want to lock up the land Little Kings brews on. George Frampton, the former president who is now working for the Clinton Administration, once said he'd like the government to take over the entire state of Alaska and make it non-human wilderness. You might want to let Little Kings know this. Address your letters to: *Mr. Kenneth C. Lichtendahl, President, Hudepohl/Schoenling Brewing Company, 1625 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45214.*

• A clarification on a story we ran in the last issue: Many people wanted a refund of their Paul McCartney concert tickets due to McCartney's radical "animal rights" antics. Ticketmaster, which handled ticket sales for the tour, has a policy of not granting refunds. No one got their money back. Needless to say, there wasn't a lot of happiness and joy come showtime.



Humane Society to Members: Charge!

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals would like you to cut up your American Express Card (because the still sell fur in their catalog). To compensate, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) would like you to apply for their VISA Card!

BOY-COTT BOYCOTT ALERT

In a letter sent HSUS members by fellow member Arthur Keefe, the Marine Midland Bank is offering a specially-designed VISA credit card, adorned with colorful birds, dogs, dolphins, and other animals — along with the HSUS logo. The credit card is free for the first six months, and offers a lower-than-usual rate. Besides the financial incentives, the promotional literature boasts, "You show you care every time you show the card.

What does the Marine Midland Bank get out of this? They make money. Already, the bank boasts over 1.2 million VISA and MasterCard holders.

But they're not the only ones making a profit. Keefe mentions in his letter, "every time you use [the card], a portion of your purchase is donated to the HSUS. . . . Now you can support the Society's vital work at no cost to you, and make a real difference, everyday." The letter estimates an average year's use would earn HSUS $25-$40.

Keefe adds, "As a fellow member of the HSUS, I've always believed that the way you live and how you spend your money makes a powerful statement. Now, those everyday choices can protect animals the world over. . . . How often does such a simple choice make you feel so good, and so effective."

To add your thoughts about whether HSUS should have their own VISA Card or not, please address your letters to: Mr. James H. Cleave, President, Marine Midland Bank NA, One Marine Midland Center, 24th floor, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Reach Out and Touch ARM!

Animal Rights Mobiliation (ARM!) says they are giving something back to their members — cheap long distance phone service.

In a recent letter to its members, ARM! National Director Robin Duxbury writes: "At Animal Rights Mobilization, we appreciate your generous support and now it's time for us to say 'Thanks.' You have helped make important campaigns to help keep captured dolphins from being exhibited in Colorado a reality, and now we are pleased to introduce a new program that will allow you to continue to support this worthy cause and other efforts at no cost to you [except a possible local switch-over fee]. . . . The ARM! Long Distance Advantage is a program through which we are able to offer you quality, discounted long distance telephone service while generating support for our organization."

BOY-COTT BOYCOTT ALERT

Even though the letter begins as a happy benefit being bestowed on the ARM! members, it ends with Duxbury pleading for people to join the program "this week." She warns the reader that "The animals are counting on you!" to sign up for reduced long distance charges. Could this have anything to do with the fact that ARM! gets a portion of the money Members' Long Distance Advantage makes on the deal?

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Biomedical Breakthroughs & News

• Sharks, normally a creature of great fear and dread for humans, may provide both humans and animals with a new drug to fight infection, and possibly even help discover a cure for cancer.

It has long been known to science that sharks are immune to cancer. They are also surprisingly resistant to most forms of infection, despite the fact that they are a primitive compared to mammals. Surgery performed on sharks rarely results in post-operative infection, and fetal sharks (that are gestated rather than hatched) are exposed to unclean sea water during pregnancy.

A report recently published by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) announced the discovery of squalimine, a compound that can be found in shark tissue. Squalimine is thought to be the shark's principle defense against infection.

In their press release announcing the breakthrough, NAS said, "The finding will likely spur searches for naturally occurring antibiotics in other vertebrates, including mammals."

Researchers have already found a way to purify and synthesize the compound in a laboratory, making it unnecessary to extract it from sharks. Before the drug is authorized to be tested on humans, however, it will undergo a battery of tests using animal studies.

• Swiss voters threw out a proposal by an "animal rights" group that would have banned all medical research using animals. The proposed ban was rejected by 72% of the voters.

• Genetic scientists say they have produced the world's first pig with a genetically-modified heart developed from human genes.

Cambridge University researchers described the development as a milestone in efforts to breed animals as organ donors for humans. Outwardly, the pigs appear normal. The genetic makeup of the animal, however, has been altered so that organs can be transplanted to humans without the risk of immediate rejection.

Although the first clinical trials on humans are many years in the future, the new pig is expected to help fill the shortage of organs needed for transplants if found to be successful.

• Over 20,000 signatures have been collected by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) urging President Bill Clinton to continue government support of biomedical research.

Outgoing FASEB President Dr. Shu Chien said, "We were concerned that attempts to cut the federal budget too much would cause great damage to the biomedical research enterprise." He added, "If we want cures for killers like cancer, heart disease, and AIDS, we must continue to invest in research."

The petition states, "We the undersigned petition President Clinton and the Members of Congress for strong support for biomedical research funding for the National Institutes of Health and other government agencies. Basic biomedical research is critical to improving health and reducing health care costs. . . ."

In addition, a similar letter sent to Congress also held the endorsement of 37 organizations representing researchers, health organizations, businesses, schools, and ordinary citizens. The combined membership of the organizations represent an estimated 2.75 million people.

• Through the development of genetically-altered mice, scientists may be on the verge of finding cures for both cystic fibrosis and AIDS.

At the University of California at Los Angeles, researchers are injecting human liver and thymus tissue into the bodies of mice. This allows them to develop T-cells in the manner that humans do. T-cells are part of the immune system destroyed by the AIDS virus.

"We have an animal model now that we can use to study the effects of [the HIV virus] in the body," said Dr. Jerome Zack. He added, "We can use it to study therapies or see how the virus kills cells."

Prior to the development of the new mice, researchers were forced to use the expensive and hard to care for pigtail macaque monkey. Also in the case of the macaque, the form of AIDS the monkeys contracted was not as similar to human AIDS.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, researchers say their use of genetically-altered mice is revealing data that may produce a cure for cystic fibrosis. About 30,000 people suffer from the deadly disease, which usually kills by age 30.

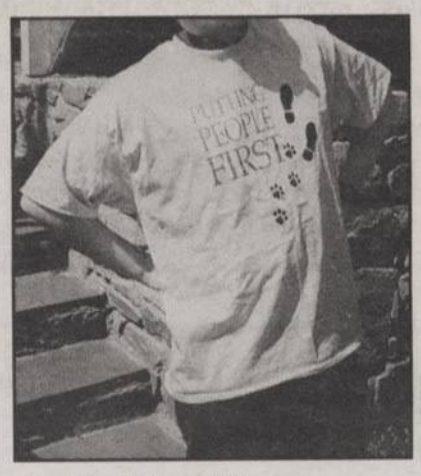
"The mouse has been an essential tool in allowing us to do this study," said research team leader Sherif E. Gabriel. Because diseased cells are located only in internal organs like the lungs and pancreas, human specimens can only be available after major surgery like transplant operations.

Researchers have found cystic fibrosis genes alter the flow of fluids in the body in two places instead of just one. This discovery helps in the search for drugs to help balance bodily fluids.

Gabriel commented, "What [this development] means is that we are able to pursue potential therapies."

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