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EPA Needs House-Cleaning

Johnston Amendment could save agency's tarnished image



EPA Administrator Carol Browner: Is she next to join Bill Clinton 's cabinet?

WASHINGTON (DC) — Rather than let defenders of the Green status quo ram through a bill to elevate the distressed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to cabinet level, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman J. Bennett Johnston has added an amendment to improve it. To those who want effective and efficient environmental protection and care about people, Johnston's legislation makes sense.



After the Senate approved the bill containing Johnston's amendment, *Congress Daily* quoted an environmentalist saying, "The specter looms that a bill might emerge with amendments that are bad enough to outweigh the good." "Bad" legislation to the Greens is a bill balancing the needs of the environment with those of people (such as jobs and economic growth).

Johnston's amendment requires a scientific assessment of proposed EPA regulations regarding the risk to human health and safety as well as to the environment. Such assessments would include comparative analysis of each purported risk relative to other risks to which the public is exposed. An estimate of the government's cost for implementing the regulation and the public's cost of complying with it.

The amendment would have stopped the EPA from going to extremes like spending billions of taxpayers dollars cleaning up asbestos, which presented no threat to humans or the environment.

Johnston called the procedures outlined in his amendment "a more rational, science-based process," and hopes the amendment will become a model for regulatory reform throughout the federal government. The Senate agreed, overwhelmingly approving the measure by a

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Government Settles With Rifkin

Beef and poultry will carry warning labels in the future

WASHINGTON (DC) — The United States government agreed to a settlement with "animal rights" and Green activist Jeremy Rifkin, compelling the government to require warning labels on beef and poultry products. This is the first time in American history food products will carry such a warning.



Rifkin's Beyond Beef Coalition filed suit against Agriculture Secretary Michael Espy in February after an outbreak of food poisoning in the Pacific Northwest related to E. coli bacteria (they refer to E. coli as "hamburger disease") Plaintiffs claimed the Department of Agriculture (USDA) was in violation of the Federal Meat Inspection Act by not requiring warnings about possible bacterial hazards in beef and poultry.

According to Andrew Kimbrell, the Coalition's general counsel, "USDA has now made a legally binding commitment to the court and [the] American people to properly label meat and poultry." Rifkin called the settlement a "turning point in food safety." He added, "Consumers can feel a little bit safer now that they will have information they need to assure public health," comparing the new labels to those found on cigarettes.

At the time the suit was filed, Espy — under fire by activists and the press — announced he wanted to require some sort of warning. In a press conference at the time the suit was filed, Rifkin charged, "If one more child becomes sick or dies after today, the responsibility will rest squarely with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Clinton Administration."

Maggie Glavin, deputy administrator of the USDA's Food Safety and In-

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"Stormy" Weathered

People turned out in thunder and lightning

WASHINGTON (DC) — Stormy's birth should have been a time of happiness and joy. Instead, the giraffe was brought into the world in the middle of a shouting match as overprotective zoo employees tried to force families out into a raging thunder and lightning storm rather than let them witness the miracle of childbirth in the animal kingdom.

Grif, the mother, went into labor at the National Zoo on May 16th, during the middle of a downpour. Seeking shelter from the storm, about 200 people — most of them young families — sought shelter in the elephant house, where the giraffes are also quartered. After spending about ten minutes in the building, the crowd was accosted by zoo employees who told them they had to leave.

Zoo officials said the crowd was asked to leave out of concern for Grif, who was thought to be under stress due to the storm and the crowd. The parents, however, were shocked they were treated with far less concern for themselves than that shown towards the animals.

David Hogge, who was on his annual trip to the zoo with his wife and four children, told the *Washington Times*: "About five [zoo]keepers rudely yelled at us to get out. They vehemently cursed us, even in front of small children. About a third to half of the crowd was children." He told the *Washington Post*, "They stampeded 180 people out into a lightning storm with no cover so a birthing giraffe would not be disturbed. I asked a [keeper], 'Is not the health, welfare, and safety of our children important?' and she said 'That is not our job.'"

Besides the rain, many of the parents with babies were concerned about taking their metal strollers out into the lightning. About 20 people stood their ground,

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The Garbage Collector

Sifting through the "animal rights" trash

• *The Activists' Voice*, a newsletter supplement to *The Animals' Voice* magazine, contained the following choice items in its #1, 1993, issue including a letter from Lanie Wagenberg , who wrote: "While shopping at a local department store, I noticed some women's pajamas with cows and pigs on them. . . . One said 'Eat Fish' under the drawing of a pig while the other two said 'Eat Chicken' and 'Eat Turkey' under their representative cow drawings. Even though the theme was obviously meant to be 'cutsey clever,' I couldn't help but wonder if the underlying message was intentional or came from the subconscience of its creator. I tried to look at the pajamas through the eyes of my pre-enlightened, flesh-eating self. Was it possible that your average omnivore might look at them and consider that maybe animals don't race into the slaughterhouse begging to become someone's dinner? Was there food for thought here, so to speak? I know it's wishful thinking on my part, but I'd like to believe that the illustrations on those pajamas were an acknowledgment, on some level, that maybe, just maybe, it might be wrong to kill other sentient beings and eat them."

TGC wonders what Lanie would think of the mug we saw, featuring cows holding signs saying "Eat Veal," pigs wanting you to "Eat Beef," and so on.

It also seems the activists are still smarting from the inauguration. *Activist's Voice* still can't get over Aretha Franklin's furs: "For a while, even in the heart of the steadfast Republican, there was a fleeting sense of change in the air, or hope, for a brighter future. And then Aretha Franklin strolled out in her multi-sabled fur coat, flanked by her furwearing backup singers, and the moment was shattered for many of us. Right there on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King had given his most stirring speech, 'I Have a Dream,' she — and her party of three — strutted around wrapped in the tormented, tortured, brutally-killed skins of helpless, innocent, wild animals — as if the blood-tainted coats were now something beautiful. . . . Here's hoping that Vice-President Gore remembers his commitment to the environment and all those hapless and beautiful creatures who depend on it."

Gore is somewhere between Barbara Streisand and Aretha on the White House power list, so watch out. Don't forget he's the one, as a senator, who supported not only making steeljaw-leghold traps a felony, but also to make it a crime to own a coat trapped that way.

• *Sassy* magazine ran a review of the cover (yes, just the cover) of *Free the Animals!*, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) leader Ingrid Newkirk's biography of "Valerie," the American leader of the Animal Liberation Front. The review, penned by "Mike," says: "First, there's the bold, all-caps title, ending in an exclamation point (hey, they really mean it!). Then there's the photo of a ski-masked animal rights 'rescuer' protectively clutching an adorable, scared mutt, juxtaposing terrorist intrigue and cuddly compassion. . . . Color-wise, it's dominated by black (danger, death) and red (intensity, fire, blood). Wow. I've got a good mind to strap on an Uzi and wage a wanton attack on research labs everywhere. I'll upbraid those evil white-coated captors and give them such a smack!" The cover received the magazine's highest rating.

Just wait until Kathleen Marquardt's new book, *AnimalScam*, comes out this fall. We've seen the cover, and it beats Ingrid's hands down.

• Golden Girl Betty White apparently sees nothing wrong with chicken that's golden brown. Even though she's an ardent "animal rights" booster, she still likes some meat in her diet and a little less fanaticism in her cause.

Hyping her spayed-and-neutered PBS special, "Throwaway Pets," White told *TV Guide* there was a difference between herself and Rue McClanahan, her fellow Golden Girl and PeTA pin-up. She said, "Rue and I go two different paths, both leading to the same conclusion. I am not an activist. They get too radical and extreme sometimes, and that loses me." On eating meat, she added, "I'm sorry, but I'm not a vegetarian. Some of my best friends are carnivores."

• Ingrid Hannoway is facing a $3,100 fine or six months in prison for stamping a spider. The spider was Boris, her pet tarantula she was posting home.

When Hannoway was prevented from taking Boris on a plane at the airport in Birmingham (England), she put him in a envelope and mailed him home. Prosecutor Wykeham Garsia told the court, "Mrs. Hannoway had no regard for this spider's welfare whatsoever."

Reuters News Service noted post office employees "liberated" Boris after being alerted by "horrified" airport security officials.

Hannoway has admitted to abandoning the poor spider.

Now Will Streisand Support Wise Use?

WASHINGTON (DC) — An investigation by the General Accounting Office (GAO) reports ski areas using federal land only give 2.2% of their revenue back to the U.S. Forest Service. According to the GAO figures, this is far less than fair market value.

This could mean higher prices on the slopes, thanks to Uncle Sam. The *Washington Post* reports, "the latest report comes at a time when the Clinton Administration is undertaking a comprehensive review of the economic uses of hundreds of millions of acres of federal land, most of it in the West." Congressman Mike Synar, a proponent of overhauling and increasing user fees, has already seized on the report, charging, "This report is just the latest example in a long line of reports of mismanagement of federal recreation activities by our land management agencies."

Joe Prendergast, the president of the American Ski Federation, told the *Post* the report includes revenues from businesses that are not owned by the proprietors of the ski areas, overstating collected revenues. He said the current fee structure is fair.

Forest Service officials, however, are planning a review of the fee structure for a possible overhaul of the system.

Grazing Fees to Rise

by Maci J. McGraw

Clinton economic recovery plans will spell higher costs to ranchers using federal land for grazing. Dr. John Fowler, an agriculture economist at New Mexico State University, told the *High Plains Journal* that fees will rise significantly over the next few years, despite earlier concessions from the administration.

Fowler, who has done extensive research on the grazing economics of federal land, calculates the fees will be raised from $1.86 in 1993 to $6.32 in 1997. These calculations assume 17,031,397 animal unit months (AUMs) of federal land currently being grazed will stay in use. But that's an assumption that ignores business reality.

Since 1978, grazing fees have been calculated by a formula set by the Public Rangeland Improvement Act (PRIA). Calculated yearly, the formula takes into account the cost of production along with the cost of private lease lands and current livestock prices. Although most ranchers believe this formula provides a defensible fee protecting long term stability of producers, they are willing to work out a compromising plan with legislators to benefit all.

Jack Metzger, a rancher and chairman of the National Cattlemen's Association (NCA) Federal Lands Committee, told the National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, "Federal lands ranchers aren't asking for grazing fees that would be counter to the livestock industry's, the public's or the Western range's best interest, nor are they opposed to an equitable fee. We are asking only for a means of determining an equitable fee considering the unique cost of production and lower efficiency inherent in federal lands."

Metzger explained comparing private lease rates to federal fees is like comparing apples to oranges. In a private situation, a rancher pays one price for exclusive access and complete control of a self-sufficient unit. In contrast, a federal permit buys access to only one element of the pasture—the grass. The permit holder must then provide all other necessary items to make the land productive (like water fencing and roads). Recreationists and wildlife also benefit from the permit holder's improvements.

Although Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt assured livestock industry leaders the government would take a scientific and rational approach to fee changes, producers are still worried. In a memo Babbitt wrote while president of the League of Conservation Voters, he stated that since environmental groups like the Nature Conservancy, Wilderness Society, and others are limited by law in what they can do politically, his vision was to create an "essential political force for the environment" whose sole mission is "to save the environment from anti-environmental politicians."

When rating the environmental voting records of Congress, Babbitt wrote: "We must identify our enemies and drive them into oblivion."

Congressmen from the western states are mounting a strong defense. Senator Max Baucus of Montana stated the public lands issues will be addressed in a way that is fair and balanced, "the American west, cannot be made to suffer more than other areas of the country." Caleb Marshall, press secretary for Baucus, told Putting People First that both sides must realize "there will be reform."

The question that remains to be answered is how costly grazing reform will be, and to what extent will livestock producers be affected it. The battle for who controls the Wes tis continuing with no retreat in sight. Grazing fees is only one issue that leads to an uncertain future.

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Post Office Cancels Rodeo Stamps

WASHINGTON (DC) — Bowing to the pressure of a letter-writing campaign orchestrated by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has decided not to release a block of stamps celebrating rodeo.



The Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association advises: "A combined total of all rodeo-related postal fees across the country might be worth compiling and sending to the USPS for their information. Of concern is the fact that an organization formed to provide mail service to all Americans has bowed to intimidation tactics by a special interest group.... The abandonment of a proposed stamp commemorating a part of our heritage with a tribute to rodeo, which most will agree is as much a part of our American history as Elvis. The Postal Service has essentially sent a message of supporting the animal rights agenda."

To the contrary, the USPS is issuing a set of stamps celebrating "the sporting horse." The stamps featuring four horses in action poses, including a Thoroughbred, Standardbred, a steeplechase horse, and polo pony.

To make your comments about USPS policy, please address your letters to: Postmaster General Marvin Runyon, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

Whale Commission Science Chief Resigns

Frustrated by the International Whaling Commission's (IWC) "contempt" and "disregard" for science, the head of the group's Scientific Committee has resigned.

Phillip Hammond, Chairman of the IWC's Scientific Committee, tendered his resignation in a May 26th letter to the Secretary of the IWC. In the letter, he also accused the IWC of failing to do its job.

Hammond wrote that because of pressure from a "minority" within the IWC, the group has failed to approve a plan prepared by the Science Committee to "put in place a mechanism for the safe management of commercial whaling."

"What is the point of having a Scientific Committee if its unanimous recommendations on a matter of primary importance are treated with such contempt?" Hammond asked in his letter.

The IWC was formed to help with the development and management of commercial whaling. Over the years, critics have charged the IWC has been infiltrated by "animal rights" and Green extremists who oppose whaling on ethical grounds regardless of scientific findings supporting commercial whaling.

"The morale of the Scientific Committee is lower than at any other time in my experience," wrote Hammond. "I can no longer justify to myself being the organizer and spokesman for a Committee whose work is held in such disregard."

Hammond said the IWC has failed to implement "one of the most interesting and potentially far-reaching chapters in the science of natural resource management."

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vote of 95 to 3.

It may not be so rational in the House of Representatives. In a letter to President Bill Clinton, several key House committee chairmen have urged the President to "firmly and clearly oppose the Johnston amendment," which they claim would "undermine EPA's regulatory efforts." The letter is signed by Democratic Representatives Henry Waxman Chairman Subcommittee on Health and the Environment; Norman Mineta Chairman Committee on Public Works and Transportation; George Brown Jr. Chairman Committee on Science, Space and Technology; George Miller Chairman Committee on Natural Resources; and Gerry Studds Chairman Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Their letter reeks of apocalyptic rhetoric, making reference to cancers expected from depletion of the ozone layer — a threat even the media and environmental scientists now admit never existed.

While the chairmen are pressuring the Clinton Administration to oppose the amendment, Green groups are pressuring House Government Operations Chairman John Conyers to stop the bill until the amendment can be removed. According to *Congress Daily*, ten influential Green groups sent a letter to Conyers urging him to oppose "any changes [like the Johnston Amendment] that address the issues of cost/benefits or risk analysis, wetlands and property takings."

Despite the efforts of the Green lobby to keep the agency's poor performance as status quo, the need for change at the EPA was underscored a few days later when a new independent report was released. The report says, "The EPA is in crisis, and comprehensive management reform is in order."

The report from the Washington-based Center for Resource Economics, an environmental research group, says the EPA is plagued by "mismanagement within the agency" and "political interference from outside." Programs, the report says, are "hampered by the lack of independent research and data gathering at EPA." It calls the internal EPA budget process "secretive, inefficient, and does not result in the most effective use of the agency's resources."

Putting People First Chairman Kathleen Marwuardt said: "Now is the time to fix the EPA's shortcomings — before that agency is set in concrete as a Cabinet post. A good way to start is this bill. Clinton should urge the House to amend its legislation with much-needed Johnston language, so EPA bureaucrats will have to start tempering their Green dreams with the needs of real people."

To urge your congressman to support the Johnston Amendment, please address your letters to: The Honorable _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

NBC's Brokaw Passes on Parks

WASHINGTON (DC) — Tom Brokaw turned down Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's offer to become director of the National Park Service, saving the NBC News anchor from a big cut in pay.

"Money," Brokaw said, however, "had no role in my decision." He told *The Washington Post* Babbitt "has known of my specific interest in park policy for some time." Brokaw is a partner in a 4,000-acre Montana ranch.

Had Brokaw taken the job with the Clinton Administration, he would have received an annual salary of $100,000 — far less than his current $2 million with NBC.

Brokaw said Babbitt had known about his Green leanings since the 1970s, when the two met during Babbitt's tenure as governor of Arizona.

Speaking on the Park Service, Brokaw said, "We need more parkland. We need more biological studies and research, and we need to create a dialogue with constituent communities." He added, "I have a lot of friends in the environmental movement. I'm not an Earth First!er, but I feel strongly, given my Western roots, in a reasonable dialogue on the issues; I think I'd be reasonably good at that."

From the start, it was alleged Babbitt knew that hiring Brokaw away from NBC would be "a long shot." Another celebrity choice hinted for the position, who also did not answer the call, was actor/director Robert Redford.

EPA Candidates Not "Politically Correct"

WASHINGTON (DC) — Vital positions at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) remained unfilled at the beginning of May because the list of candidates submitted by Administrator Carol Browner were "all white, liberal, and Western."

The *Washington Post* reported seven critical slots at the EPA were still vacant because Browner's choices did not correspond with ethnicity, gender, and geography ("the EGG filter") criteria imposed on the executive branch by the Clinton White House. The report mentioned the Green movement has had difficulties recruiting minorities to their cause, posing problems in creating a diverse pool of candidates to draw upon for presidential appointments.

Those expected to pass favorably through the EGG filter are Mary Nichols, currently an employee of the Natural Resources Defense Council (infamous for its campaign against the use of alar on apples) as assistant administrator for air; Lynn Goldman as assistant administrator for prevention, pesticides, and toxic substances; and current Maryland Secretary of the Environment Bob Perciasepe as assistant administrator for water.

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Scarce Jailed in Spokane

SPOKANE (WA) — Washington State University (WSU) researcher Rik Scarce was jailed on charges of contempt for failing to answer questions posed to him by a grand jury investigating "animal rights" terrorism.

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Scarce was originally found in contempt by Judge Fremming Nielsen on April 6th. He ordered Scarce to prison after the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco rejected the argument that Scarce had the privilege to keep secrets because he was a writer and scholar. Between April 6th and his imprisonment on May 14th, Fremming allowed Scarce to remain free on his own recognizance.

Scarce, a doctoral candidate in sociology at WSU, is the author of the book *Eco-Warriors: Understanding the Radical Environmental Movement*. The grand jury subpoenaed him because of his relationship with Animal Liberation Front (ALF) member Rodney Coronado. Coronado is a leading suspect in an August 13, 1991, ALF raid on WSU resulting in $150,000 in damages.

Coronado and others were house-sitting for Scarce at the time of the raid. U.S. Attorney William Hyslop believes Scarce and Coronado discussed the raid on the drive home from the Pullman-Moscow Airport when Scarce returned. Besides the contents of the Scarce-Coronado conversation, the grand jury is also seeking to find out who else, besides Coronado, was house-sitting for Scarce.

Scarce has been granted immunity, and is not considered a suspect in the raid.

Nielsen told Scarce he would be released immediately should be agree to cooperate with the court, saying, "You hold the key to the jailhouse door in your hand."

Scarce maintains, "I will not answer questions," claiming it would be unethical for him to disclose confidential conversations.



Rodney Coronado

Scarce's lawyer, Jeffry Finer, told Associated Press: "No one connected to the grand jury investigation believes Rik is going to change his mind. The Justice Department apparently wants to flex its muscle in this case."

Judge Nielsen had previously jailed suspected ALF member Jonathan Paul for 158 days for refusing to testify. Nielsen relented after a successful letter campaign organized by "animal rights" activists. Paul is a former roommate of Coronado and founder of a California group called the Hunt Saboteurs.

To write to Judge Nielsen, address your letters to: Judge Fremming Nielsen, U.S. District Court, W. 920 Riverside, Spokane, WA 99260.

Encyclopaedia Britannica revised the "DOGS" article in its 1993 edition, dropping inaccurate passages containing an "animal rights" slant.

Two years ago, a PPF member discovered the article in the 1991 edition. Written by Michael W. Fox of the Humane Society of the United States, the article contained propaganda opposing the use of dogs in biomedical research. It stated as fact that research causes "much suffering" and questioned the "scientific validity and medical relevance to human health problems." It also praised the "growing recognition of animal rights."

Since then, scientists, researchers, doctors, and concerned citizens from across the nation have inundated Britannica with letters pointing out the misstatements, and calling for a correction in future editions. The news media's coverage of the controversy has helped acquaint the public with the importance of animal research in improving human and animal health.

The True Animalist Agenda in Canada

by Steve Kendall

TORONTO (CANADA) — Over the past year, the animal extremists in Canada have gone behind closed doors in an attempt to push their views and allegations upon unsuspecting city councillors. These activists want to eliminate the use of animals in entertainment and captivity — even if this means the extinction of the species.

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The views of these activists amount to nothing more than "animal apartheid," guided by a philosophy that animals are better off dead than kept in captivity. This propaganda is being circulated to city clerks and councillors across the "Golden Horseshoe" area of Canada.

Since their sneak attack on the unaware councillors of Toronto (which was recently reversed in court), the activists have been unsuccessful in obtaining additional bans in other municipalities. In some cases, governments absolutely refused to even consider their requests.

Putting People First, along with representatives of the various municipalities, has exposed the animal extremist's abusive propaganda being used to attack the circus industry as being totally unfounded.

PPF has observed that both Rob Laidlaw and sidekick Holly Penfound of Zoocheck-Canada are visiting various municipalities in the Horseshoe. Penfound, incidentally, is an assistant to Toronto Councillor Peter Tabuns, the sponsor of the city's ban on exotic animals.

There is speculation among Penfound's critics that she may be using city funds to further her cause, as well as visiting municipalities outside of Toronto on city time.

Penfound was able to remove herself from her duties with the Council in order to attend the "Animals in Entertainment" conference sponsored by the Performing Animal Welfare Society in Galt, California in May, 1992.

At the time, she was quoted as saying she received a confidential report delivered to the Toronto City Council. Through some mysterious means, she was able to review this report for her own personal agenda as well as that of Zoocheck-Canada. This review took place even before the report reached the councillors!

"This is very interesting," said one critic. "Is this an example of open government, or one that is controlled by a handful of animal extremists who have a sympathetic ear at bedtime?"

Laidlaw, a self-proclaimed expert on animal welfare, has no experience whatsoever in dealing with animals in captivity to the best of anyone's knowledge. He has had the audacity to challenge this reporter's credibility after experiencing a bone-crushing defeat in Guelph, Canada.

In Guelph, the councillors voted against a proposed exotic animal ban, with the deciding vote coming from a councillor who initially had seconded the motion to consider the ban. After hearing testmony disputing the claims of the evidence provided by the "animal rights" extremists, the councillor reversed his original position to vote against the ban.

Where are Laidlaw's credentials? When asked, he becomes vague —referring to himself as an expert of zoos and circuses based on his involvement with Zoocheck-Canada.

In Waterloo, Putting People First and local supporters were present to provide activists with a 13-1 defeat of a proposed exotics ban there. This defeat was aided by the local Humane Society, which was represented by its own veterinarian (Dr. Hess) and Director Jim Cosgrove. They both stated that over the past 25 years, they had inspected over a hundred different circuses in the Toronto area and had never found a single incident of abuse.

This proves yet again the fact that, when inspected by credible, outside sources, no evidence of abuse is found to exist within the circus industry.

PPF has met with all the municipalities in the Horseshoe area, and have found an overwhelming majority of people in support of our position — the responsible treatment of animals.

We will continue to fight to expose the activists for what they are, a minority of self-serving individuals who don't have the first idea what responsible treatment of animals involves. Nor do they have any genuine compassion for animal welfare beyond furthering their own agenda of eliminating all animals in captivity.

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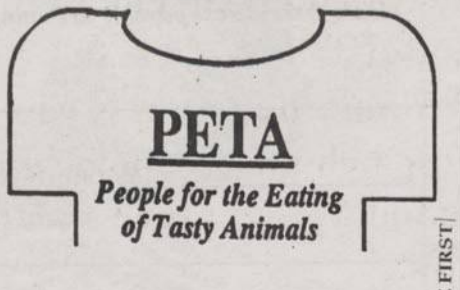
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refusing to leave. This led to a loud argument between the zookeepers and the parents.

Jorge Roldan, who was at the zoo with his wife and two children (one and five years old), told the *Times*: "I said, 'This is a baby human, and much more important than your baby giraffe.' . . . One keeper said, 'We don't care about the human babies. . . . We don't give a damn about your baby. Our job is to take care of the animal young.' The people were in a state of shock. . . . [The zookeepers] were worried about the giraffe's baby, [but] they were making more noise than we were."

John Lehnhardt, the supervisor of the elephant house staff explained his staff has feelings toward the animals that are, according to the *Post* report, "often stronger than the one between people and their pets."

Their devotion, however, outweighs their skills with the animals. Lehnhardt said staffers had to consult a veterinarian on what to do.

Employees of the National Zoo, talking to Putting People First on conditions of anonymity, have said many of their fellow employees are "animal rights" activists.

Despite efforts to keep people away from Grif, concerned parents like Jorge Roldan stood their ground. As a reward for their valor they were able to witness the birth of Stormy. According to Roldan, "It was a beautiful scene. My five-year-old was so happy." Hogge added, "We would like to make sure human beings get equal treatment next time."

Earth First! Calls for Summer Fires

MISSOULA (MT) — An article in an Earth First! newsletter is calling for the destruction of equipment at gas development and timber sale sites in Montana, Idaho, and Yellowstone National Park.

"Burn That Dozer," which appears in *The Wild Rockies Review*, lists preferred places for acts of eco-terrorism to be carried out. Suggested areas to set fires include the Cove-Mallard timber sale in Dixie (Idaho), the Cabinet-Yaak area (northwestern Montana), the Rocky Mountain Front, Little Belt, Snowy Mountains, and Yellowstone National Park. The newsletter was published by Earth First! members in early May.

Targeting gas development in the eastern slope of the Rockies near Great Falls, Montana, the article warns, "If the wells go in, the flames must go up." In retaliation for highways and snow trails in Yellowstone, the article says, "Help the cleansing fires of '88 return to dance with glee upon the graders and groomers."

Concerning timber sales in Cabinet and Yak: "Thar's rednecks in these hills, but if you act slow and stupid and pretend that your carelessness with matches is the result of many generations of careful inbreeding, you will fail to arouse significant suspicion amongst the locals."

Commenting on the newsletter in the *Great Falls Tribune*, Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor Dale Gorman said: "It is alarming. The Earth First! people do have a track record for criminal acts. I would not take these things as idle threats. There are some members of that organization who would carry out those acts."

Great Falls Forest Service officials are reporting eco-terrorists have begun spiking trees with ceramic spikes in order to fool metal detectors installed at lumber mills.

Suspected Sierra Scam Shorts Sheepherders

SANTA FE (NM) — Authorities in New Mexico and California are looking into allegations that the Sierra Club Foundation used a donation earmarked to aid poor sheepherders to purchase the property for the posh national offices of the Sierra Club.

The New Mexico attorney general's office has called for an independent audit of the Foundation's finances to find out what happened to a $100,000 gift made over 20 years ago. The Sierra Club Foundation raises money for the Sierra Club as well as other Green groups.

A clever series of accounting swaps is said to have been employed to redirect the donation to purchase property in San Francisco, rather than help poor New Mexican sheepherders. In addition, the money was never reported on the Foundation's 1970 tax return.

Sierra officials claim they are the victim of a political vendetta engineered by the donor. Foundation Executive Director Stephen Stevick told the Knight-Ridder News Service, "It's as if someone is accusing the pastor of a church of beating his wife."

The Foundation is reportedly using "hardball" tactics to avoid answering questions posed by the donor and attorney general. Gene Gallegos, attorney for the sheepherders, said, "The Sierra Club [Foundation] is spending well in excess of the original gift amount to avoid an accounting" of where the money went.

Gallegos noted the donation would now be worth in excess of $1 million.

Despite indications that the attorney general's office in California might be backing away from the case, New Mexico authorities say they will continue investigating the case whether or not California choses to proceed.

Wolves Pass on "Liberation"

ST. PAUL (MN) — "Animal rights" activists broke into the Como Zoo on May 5th in an attempt to release three timberwolves. They were not successful, but not because they didn't try hard enough. The wolves simply did not want to be liberated.

This is the second failed wolf liberation at the Como Zoo over the past several years.

An activist claiming to represent the "Organization for the Liberation of Animals" tried to entice the animals out of their enclosure with a trail of raw beef, but the wolves refused to leave.

Zoo director Victor Camp said the trail of meat — raw hamburger and beef liver — was not enticing to the wolves because they are fed another kind of meat that the zoo keeps secret.

"The wolves consider the exhibit their home," said Camp. He told the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, "It would be frightening to them to leave the sanctity and security of their exhibit."

Damage to the exhibit is estimated at several hundred dollars. The wolves were moved to a temporary holding area while crews repaired the exhibit.

Camp said the activists clearly gave no thought to the real consequences of releasing wolves into a busy city. "Our orangutans are probably brighter than these people," he said. "If the wolves got out, they'd probably just get killed by a car [or] be scared to death."





Nobel Prize Given to Dog

Actually 13 prizes have gone to dogs, 7 to cats and 7 to rats; indirectly of course. Since 1900, 61 Nobel prizes in medicine have been given to research involving animals, for discoveries such as insulin, polio vaccine, cardiovascular surgery, penicillin, streptomycin, cancer research, and 55 other improvements in human health. Because of animal research, people and animals are living longer healthier and more productive lives. Diseases such as smallpox have virtually been eradicated.

If we were to stop animal research, there would be little hope of curing diseases like cancer and AIDS. While a few people think we can do without the progress gained through animal research most people agree that a little sacrifice today might save a lot of pain tomorrow.

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Protecting Animals, Science and the Truth

Chairman's Message



Kathleen Marquardt

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is mad at me. In a recent column, I exposed their demand for a moratorium on pet breeding as "Phase One of a systematic plan to abolish pet ownership." Their chief lawyer promptly wrote me to "demand that a meaningful retraction be published immediately," lest he "be compelled to turn this matter over to litigation counsel."

Due to the confusing similarity of its name the much older American Humane Association (AHA), HSUS rakes in a cool $20 million a year from pet owners — but does not run a single animal shelter. What it does do is promote "animal rights while collecting mainstream contributions from an unsuspecting public," according to *The Hijacking of the Humane Movement* by Rod and Patti Strand.

In line with "animal rights" theory, HSUS solemnly pronounces, "There is no rational basis for maintaining a moral distinction between the treatment of humans and other animals." If that's the case, then HSUS must conclude either (1) People should not be allowed to own pets, or else (2) It's OK to own slaves. Well, which is it?

The official animal rights line on pets is clear — NO. In its "Statement on Companion Animals," People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) quotes approvingly from John Bryant's book *Fettered Kingdoms*: "They are like slaves, even if well-kept slaves." Bryant continues, "Let us allow the dog to disappear from our brick and concrete jungles — from our firesides, from the leather nooses and chains by which we enslave it."

Yet a poll conducted by Animals' Agenda magazine found the average animal rights donor has five pets. In order to keep their contributions coming, those groups must hide their anti-pet position. HSUS does not talk about "phasing out" pets — only about reducing "pet overpopulation."

HSUS' lawyer unctuously claims his organization "does not advocate, nor are we working towards advocating a permanent ban on or end to the breeding of dogs and cats — nor is it our goal that people someday no longer own them."

Not everyone is buying that. "Though HSUS President Paul Irwin stressed that the organization is not attempting to eliminate companion animals with the measures it is proposing, some people regard his statement with skepticism," notes Lissa Kaplan, the dog columnist for the *Dayton Daily News*.

HSUS says its proposed moratorium on breeding is only temporary, "until the numbers of healthy, adoptable animals being euthanized is significantly reduced." I'm skeptical of that claim, because it's already happened without HSUS' help. AHA (the real "Humane Society") just reported the number of animals euthanized at U.S. shelters dropped by 45% over the past decade.

Over the past two decades, progress has been even more impressive. According to the Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy, the number of dogs and cats euthanized in shelters fell sharply by more than 60% between 1973 and 1990 — even though the number of pets in the U.S. nearly doubled during the same period. The result is that the percentage of animals destroyed at shelters has declined by more than three-quarters!

Just how "significantly" must we reduce the problem before HSUS will leave pet owners in peace?

In the column, I wrote that the Summer 1991 issue of *HSUS News* reprinted a speech in which HSUS' then-President John Hoyt said, "Don't breed, don't buy, don't even accept giveaways."

HSUS concedes "the quotations you use are accurately reproduced," but complains that we did not include Hoyt's following sentence: "Adopt, and only adopt, until there is not one animal languishing in the shelters and pounds across the face of this country." If that's HSUS' solution, it means wiping out all pet stores, breeders, fanciers, and kennel clubs, because — realistically — the shelters are never going away. Most remaining animals euthanized in shelters today are too old, sick, or dangerous to be adoptable.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) "strongly opposes" the HSUS moratorium. In USA Today, John S. Ward, Chairman of the Board of Directors of AKC, called it "an extremist measure which would deny responsible pet owners their rights in an effort to punish those who are irresponsible." Even if all responsible breeders complied with the moratorium, the scofflaws who are causing the problem would ignore it, reversing the progress of the past two decades.

If that happens, HSUS threatens a two-year mandatory breeding ban. They are well aware that, after a year with no puppies or kittens, pet shops and breeders will be economically devastated. In two more years, they'll be gone.

HSUS may actually be ignorant of the decline in shelter euthanization. They may not understand even a temporary moratorium will drive many breeders out of business permanently, and threaten the gene pools of rare breeds. They may not even grasp the implications of the animal rights ideology they espouse. Maybe they are just exploiting public concern for animals as a fundraising gimmick.

But we should beware. The last "temporary moratorium" HSUS supported was a 1987 International Whaling Commission moratorium on whaling. During the five years of the moratorium, extensive scientific research was done on whales. The research concluded many species are abundant enough to be hunted safely. Yet now that Norway has proposed to hunt just 600 of one such abundant species (the minke, numbering more than one million worldwide), HSUS suddenly claims the "temporary moratorium" is a permanent ban!

What animal rights theory does regard as "temporary" is shelter adoption itself. Even PeTA founder Ingrid Newkirk concedes that "companion animals" are marginally acceptable so long as they are "refugees from the animal shelters and the streets." But, she adds, "as the surplus of cats and dogs (artificially engineered by centuries of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship — enjoyment at a distance."

That's consistent with the words of HSUS' Hoyt during a TV interview a couple of years ago. According to Patti Strand, Hoyt held up a photograph of a dog and said, "In the future, this is the kind of pet people should have." He meant the photograph, not the dog.

John Bryant explains how this is to be done: "The cat, like the dog, must disappear . . . . We should cut the domestic cat free from our dominance by neutering, neutering, and more neutering, until our pathetic version of the cat ceases to exist."

Why? According to Newkirk, "Pet ownership is an absolutely abysmal situation brought about by human manipulation."

HSUS tells me it does not propose to abolish pet ownership. But it marches as one with the animal rights movement which does.

And so I offer this challenge to HSUS: If you don't like what your fellow travelers preach, will you denounce them publicly and by name? I would be pleased to publish that, along with my apologies.

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Letters to PPF

I enjoyed your interview with Steve Fielder in *Coonhound Bloodlines* — I even read it over a second time!

I am a 75-year-old who still hunts. I am very much against the "animal rights" people. They might think differently if they read the Bible, notably Genesis 1: 1-5, 26-31. I will quote 26: "Then God said — Let us make humankind in our image, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle and over the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

I want to thank you. I appreciate everything you are doing for hunters and fishermen. I hope you all will be blessed and rewarded for all your efforts and expenses you are putting into Putting People First.

KENNETH KOEGLER
Ashland, OH

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The time has come when the truth about hunting should be made known. There are individuals intent on destroying the last of the dwindling wildlife on this planet. I am speaking of the so-called "animal rights" activist.

Organizations like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Fund for Animals have made their intentions of having all animal use terminated well known. That includes meat, leather products, wool, medical research, and medicine just to name a few. They have picketed, preached, rallied, bombed labs, burnt farms, harassed, and even harmed hunters.

They've even managed to have hunting banned in some areas. Has this helped the animals? History has repeatedly told a different story.

In 1972, thanks to the cry of protesters, hunting was banned in the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. Until then this last wild ground in that area of the state flourished due to a controlled deer population managed through regulated hunting. A few years after the ban went into effect, the results were devastating. Thousands of deer were dying of malnutrition, vegetation was stripped away (destroying the small animals and birds depending on it for survival), surrounding homes encountered mass property damage from starving animals searching for food, and animal fatalities on highways skyrocketed.

To me, this was cruelty to animals. Where were the protesters then? Regulated hunting was eventually re-established, and the land slowly returned to a healthy, thriving habitat.

Anyone who loves nature as I do must realize we cannot turn our backs on it and pretend we do not have to be involved. We cannot cuddle an individual animal and ignore whole species. We have to actively control the animal population; it is our duty as caretakers of this planet. Most animals, such as deer and rabbit, will overpopulate if left unattended. The results are catastrophic. Even with regulated hunting, the National Highway Safety Council reports more than 400,000 deer are killed by vehicles each year, resulting in more than 100 human fatalities. Small game are killed by the billions. I feel this is obscene. Think of all the meat and clothing that could have been provided for thousands of people.

Unfortunately, man continues to "progress" and expand civilization, squeezing the wild into smaller and smaller confines. Even so, the populations of deer, elk, caribou, antelope, turkey, geese has increased over the last 100 years in America. Conscientious, controlled hunting has proven to work.

Since the dawn of time, the human race has hunted. This planet is a frail ecosystem, and we have always been a part of the delicate balance of nature. If one factor as important as mankind were to be removed from the chain, the results would be disastrous.

In light of this, how can anyone believe these animal rights activists really care for the wild? I believe they are simply trying to get rich playing off public sympathy. They constantly bombard the media with gut-wrenching photos and stories of shot or trapped animals. Unfortunately, the general public only sees this side of the issue. They do not see the devastation due to the absence of hunting, nor the flourishing of safe, regulated hunting. Why? Because not enough people come forward with the truth as I am doing now.

The activists are sadly uninformed individuals who protest killing animals, but some are wearing leather shoes. They vow against using animals in medical purposes, yet some take daily doses of insulin for diabetes (the insulin is derived from pigs). They need to accept the truth. If they think Bambi would live forever if not for the Big Bad Hunter, they should be made to realize nature is not pretty. Animals do not just lie down and die. A clean, well-practiced kill from a caring hunter could possibly be the most "humane" death in the wild.

I strongly encourage anyone who cares anything about nature — whether they be a hunter or not — to not sit back and let it be destroyed. When you see or hear about these people trying to stop hunting, take action. Write letters, make phone calls, spread the truth. We must do whatever it takes to ensure the animals and forests will still be here for our children and grandchildren to love and enjoy.

STEVE STURGEON
Kokomo, IN

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I'm a 16-years-old junior at Newell High School. I'm writing to you because I have some concerns about hunting.

Many environmentalists feel hunting is a cruel and relentless sport. But let's examine these charges. There are three choices when dealing with this subject: 1) Let nature take its course, 2) Hire professional hunters for population control, and 3) Let sportsmen hunt.

Letting nature take its course is more cruel than any kind of hunting. Animals get so overpopulated they die of disease or starve to death.

Hiring professional hunters would work, but what state or county has the money to do this? And what is the difference between a professional and a regular hunter anyway?

I feel we should just let sportsmen hunt. If they are truly sportsmen, they certainly won't poach or tear up the land. Unfortunately, poachers and reckless people have ruined it for the real sportsmen. I feel that real sportsmen care about the animals and the environment they live in.

BRANDY SMEENK
Newell, SD

Capital Critters Foul Fast Food

by Harry Bibber

As spring and summer splash their colors about the landscape, "animal rights" types are daubing and defacing fast food establishments catering to meat-eaters exercising their reasonable — and legal — right to consume what they choose.

In the Washington, DC, area, a Wendy's, McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Burger King, and a Honey-Baked Ham outlet received fresh, unsolicited, and unofficial color schemes in April courtesy of the members of the more extreme and violent wing of the animal rights movement. They seem to have taken great care to hit almost all the major meat products and chains accordingly. The saboteurs called themselves the "Meat-Free Mission."

And, as usual, it was People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who had the honor of calling the press as well as the police. This was after they were allegedly phoned by the animalist hooligans at 2:30 in the morning!

A few gallons of solvent and several hours of scrubbing generally sufficed to remove the handiwork of these curiously-inspired hecklers, who themselves often appear to need a good scrubbing down with soap and water (which will probably be grievously ineffective due to chronic contamination).

These grubby graffiti gremlins are also known to assault furwearing humanity with their spray cans for publicity purposes. This raises the rather amusing specter of lively-hued hot dogs and McRib sandwiches eaten at open-air accommodations. This prospect, hopefully, is less probable than the flies and ants intruding on the sanctity of an outdoor picnic.

One ponders for a genuinely rational motive for these would-be court jesters. Their high entertainment factor could conceivably persuade a bored despot to spare their heads from the summary justice of the royal guillotine. Indeed, they do provoke a mirthful, deeply visceral, response preferential to the possible digestive indignities imposed by a veggieburger.

Harry Bibber is a member of Putting People First.

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In the mail

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

Dear *People* Magazine:

Regarding "Animal Passion," I congratulate Susan Reed and Robin Bowman's apparent contact with a leader of the secretive Animal Liberation Front (ALF). While I understand their promise not to seek the further information on the identity of "Valerie," I'm shocked the journalists played into the hands of a terrorist "animal rights" group.

Upon closer examination, the article is really about alleged cruelty to animals underpinning the "animal passion" presented. So why is Valerie, the animal rights advocate, allowed to make animal abuse claims with little or no valid evidence? Could it be, on recognizing the threat of ALF terrorism to themselves, the reporters capitulated? Remember — office, home, and car bombings are not crimes in the minds of ALF operatives.

With a little research, the reporters could have asked the passionate Valerie how she supports People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), and justifies her terrorist activities as "liberating animals" given PeTA kills some of their own animals ("PeTA Caught Red-Handed," *The People's Agenda*, July, 1991). It seems her passion is flippant.

Valerie recalls the PeTA-instigated raid on the Institute of Behavioral Research run by Edward Taub. But the facts are: "In the end, the case against Taub — 119 counts of animal cruelty at the outset — was reduced to a single charge. . . . That conviction was overturned on a technicality, but Taub also was exonerated in independent investigations by four scientific societies." ("Beyond Cruelty," *Washingtonian*, February, 1990). It seems her cruelty argument is hollow.

To this, she describes her part in the University of Pennsylvania raid. ALF took/stole video tapes showing animals, apparently without anesthesia, being knocked unconscious during head injury research. But such an impact negates any reason for anesthetization, as anyone who has experienced unconsciousness or studied medicine knows. It seems her medical knowledge is minimal.

She classifies burning down buildings as nonviolent, and burning an animal as violent. She refers to the immersing of guinea pigs in scalding water as an example of extreme cruelty inflicted on animals by researchers. This appears to be something she gathered from reading the book *Alternatives to Pain in Experiments on Animals* by Dr. Pratt, an animal rights author.

Perhaps unknown to Pratt and Valerie, in such experiments animals are anesthetized , and the burns are referred to as "full thickness" or deep burns." This means the pain sensors over the burn area were destroyed. Thus, the animal feels no pain during or after the experiment. It seems her lack of criticality has led her to a false conclusion having started with a false premise.

Thanks to talented, dedicated researchers and care-givers, Valerie's rehash of 200-year-old arguments against medical research will continue to fail. In reality, animal rights activity promotes cruelty to both animals and people.

The animals, by the way, are typically the first to benefit from animal research. Your dog can now be vaccinated against Lyme disease. The public may need to wait another five years before it reaps any benefit.

Stanley A. Grapp
Minneapolis, MN

To the Editors:

"In grocery stores, restaurants, and national advertising campaigns," you report [in the *New York Times*], "animal rights advocates — some concerned with the quality of animal rights, others defending the sanctity of animal life — are confronting consumers."

No wonder our city, our country, and our world are in such a mess when people comfortably provided with life's amenities can look past other people without jobs, housing, education, or medical care, people living on the street, people suffering from AIDS and unable to afford treatment, children dead of stray bullets or neglect, and then decide that the most pressing injustice in the world is the eating of lobsters.

They even had the nerve to equate "speciesism" — "the presumption that humans are superior to other sentient creatures and therefore entitled to eat them" — with sexism and racism, thereby joining the ranks of racists and sexists themselves.

If it is wrong to rank human beings above other animals, what sleight of hand makes it right to rank animals above plants? The ranking of sentient species among nonsentient species has no more ethical foundation than the ranking of species with greater sentience aboce those with lesser sentience. If a human being is on a par with a lobster, then who says a lobster ranks abve a broccoli or an artichoke or a stalk of corn?

Plant lovers could as well confront vegetarians at the produce counter as vegetarians confront fish and crustacean eaters at the seafood counter. Perhaps we should stop eating altogether, to protest the brutal rule of nature that requires living things to eat other living things to stay alive.

By the way, have the campaigners made plans yet to distribute leaflets to nonhuman carnivores — lions, tigers, and boa constrictors, for example — and confront them over their deplorable eating habits? These might prove to be more aggressive interlocutors than shoppers who are sornered by busybodies in the supermarket.

Barbara J. Fields
New York, NY

Dear Lorne Michaels:

On the February 6th broadcast of "Saturday Night Live," I viewed a segment of the show that offended my greatly. In the "Weekend Update" portion, Kevin Nealon spray painted a picture of Aretha Franklin because she was wearing a fur coat. I did not find this humorous. I feel this condoned violence against property and women. The act may not have meant any harm, but other people may get the idea to do the same thing to a live person.

In addition, Ms. Franklin has her right to wear fur if she chooses. As usual, the entertainment field continues to try to destroy another business (this time, the fur industry) with its "political correctness."

I used to watch "SNL" on a regular basis. But this segment has caused me to refrain from tuning in to this program. I hope you will think of the consequences this type of act will have on other people in the future.

Sincerely,

Pam Mitteness
Oakdale, MN

Dear Mike Wallace:

I want to comment on the "Michael Carey, MD" story you recently aired on "60 Minutes."

Ours is an organization which represents thousands of coastal primary producers who hunt adult seals with rifles, and who fully utilize all the animal to subsist. We do not — and have never — endorsed the bashing of whitecoat baby seals for their fur, and we do not believe or support the killing of seals purely for population control.

Despite this, our rural coastal people (financially poor by your standards) are repeatedly victimized by "animal rights" groups, and portrayed as cruel and barbaric. Most times, because of our isolation and poorness, we cannot fight these lies and misrepresentation spread by groups such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA).

Your program, in dealing with a sensitive issue by reporting the truth, will now undoubtedly make you a "target" to be dealt with. We are sorry for that, but commend you for your integrity in reporting and for having the guts for telling it like it is — not as pressure groups like PeTA would try to force you to do.

As past victims, we have learned giving in because of fear has kept us victims. Don't make the mistake we made earlier and succumb to the bile about to be spit at you, your advertisers and your families.

In airing what they must have known would be a hard program to defend, to animal rightist attacks CBS has gone a long way to restoring our faith in fairness and balance in your industry.

Yours Very Truly,

Michael J. Kehoe
Executive Director,
Canadian Sealers Association

Dear Editor [*The Chronicle of Higher Education*]:

The November 18th *Chronicle* devotes six column inches to an item of non-news: "Research Lab Accused of Cruelty." It is non-news is the accuser is People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), which believes any use of animals whatsoever constitutes unethical behavior. Their belief is, "animals are not our to eat, wear, or experiment on." Therefore, any university program using animal experimentation is defined as evil.

Ingrid Newkirk, the founder of PeTA, is in print making such know-nothing statements such as: "If my father had a heart attack, it would give me no solace at all to know that his treatment was first tried on a dog." When asked about medical research, she replied, "It's immoral, even if it's essential." When asked if a cure for AIDS was found usig animals, "We'd be against it."

PeTA deals in distortion and outright lies. An example of its distortion is to find an isolated case of animal mistreatment and allege that it is the norm. An example of it lies is the years-long harassment of Dr. John Orem of Texas Tech, even though he was cleared of the charges PeTA made against him years ago.

PeTA's goals are nothing less than the destruction of society as we know it. This means vegetarian diets for everyone — no meat, milk, eggs, or honey. There will be no freedom of choice in clothing — no wool, silk, or down jackets. Not even any cotton will be allowed, since insecticide is used in its cultivation. In the Gospel according to St. Ingrid, there would eventually not even be any pets.

An accusation by PeTA against a university is as newsworthy as cockroaches in a garbage can.

Robert A. Barrett
Yaphank, NY

Dear Colleague:

You probably thought commercial whaling had gone the way of the buffalo hunt, ended by dwindling stocks and public revulsion.

You thought wrong.

This week, whaling ships will sail from Norwegian ports for another season of "scientific research" whaling. The scientific value of Norway's whaling program is extremely dubious; virtually all of the whales sacrificed for "science" end in grocery stores and butcher shops. Just last year, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce cited Norway's "scientific" whaling as a violation of the whale conservation regime set up by the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

Worst of all, Norway, Japan, and Iceland are pressuring the IWC to resume full-scale commercial whaling, and making veiled threats that they'll go ahead with commercial hunting even if the Commission forbids it. It's time for the U.S. to put teeth into its protests against a resumption of whaling.

I urge you to join me as an original cosponsor of the International Whaling Moratorium Enforcement Act of 1993. My bill will use sanctions already available in U.S. law, under the Pelly Amendment, to target the fisheries industries of the nations that violate the conservation program of the IWC. Whaling nations will know that they face automatic trade sanctions against their fish and fisheries products, and that the President can expand the scope of sanctions if necessary.

Peter DeFazio
Member of Congress (OR)



To educate Congressman DeFazio and other members of Congress about the whaling issue, please address your letters to: The Honorable _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

Dear Mr. LeBrasseur:

Your April 10, 1992 issue of *Weekly Reader* contains a disturbing article entitled "Should Animals be Used to Test New Medicines." This article was obviously skewed to give the appearance that all animal testing is bad and should be banned immediately. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The tone for the article was set in the mind of the young reader before a single word could be read. The picture on the first page showing two masked men in white coats holding down a small monkey , injecting it with a syringe, was too much.

The caption to the picture read, "Scientists often use monkeys to test new medications." Really. Well then, how about showing a little balance in your publication. How about a picture of my father bouncing a grandchild on his knee. He is alive today as a direct result of the animal testing Weekly Reader discounts.

Your publication will no longer find its way into my home. The flagrant editorialization of this article is probably just the tip of the iceberg. Hopefully, in the future, there will be a little responsibility shown by the writers of Weekly Reader. Only then will I reconsider my decision.

Thank you for your time.

Richard J. Sutton
Lancaster, CA

Labels

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The opening of the new non-dairy creamer plant in town put many of the locals out of work.

spection Service, told the *Washington Post* labels will be required on all beef and poultry products shipped to stores, restaurants, and other food service facilities. She called the settlement "a big win for consumers."

Under the terms of the settlement, the USDA is required to publish the proposed rules regarding the labeling for public comment by August 15th. The label advocated by Rifkin has a large "WARNING" banner, and states bacteria in the meat could cause strokes, seizures, bloody diarrhea, red blood cell destruction, and/or kidney failure if not prepared properly.

Cutting beef consumption in the U.S. by 50% is one of the stated goals of the Beyond Beef Coalition. In addition, the group has also started an "Adopt-A-McDonald's" campaign to put pressure on the fast food giant to offer a vegetarian "burger" and devote less advertising money to meat items.

At the time the Rifkin lawsuit was filed, Putting People First sent a letter to beef and poultry organizations asking them to join in an attempt to intervene in the lawsuit. Few responded. "Now's the time to put up or shut up," said PPF Chairman Kathleen Marquardt. "We have between now and August to stop the activists from riding roughshod over us. This is no time for compromise — our opposition won't stop until beef and poultry production is halted altogether." *To contact Secretary Espy with your feelings about meat labels, please address your letters to: Secretary Michael Espy, Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.*

A Tale of Two Burgers

"Animal rights" activists made a lot of hay about the American test-marketing of Burger King's "Spicy Bean Burger," but most people won't hear about the unhealthy nature of the sprout patty. And, instead of jumping on the bandwagon, McDonald's went the opposite direction by offering its biggest meat patty ever.

Burger King's veggie burger is a mix of kidney beans, carrots, onions, potato flakes, and pepper — deep fried. The finished product is served on a bun with catsup and a tomato slice. The nutritional make-up of the burger is 543 calories, 20.5 grams of fat, and 1,490 grams of sodium. A regular Burger King burger, however, contains 272 calories and 11 grams of fat. A McDonald's McLean is 320 calories, with 10 grams of fat and 670 milligrams of sodium.

McDonald's is currently under siege by Jeremy Rifkin's Beyond Beef Coalition, which is demanding the fast-food giant offer its own veggie burgers and devote a quarter of its advertising budget to non-meat items. McDonald's is answering by test-marketing the Mickey D, a 5.3 ounce hamburger, in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Iowa. It is also offering the Mega Mac, a Big Mac made with quarter pound patties.

McDonald's says the burger is geared to dinner crowds who, studies indicate, are weary of diet products.



Activists Plan for End of Animal Agriculture

Kansas State Univeristy economist Barry Flinchbaugh told a meeting of the Iowa Farm Bureau last December that agriculture in the 1990s will be dominated by the issues of environmentalism, food safety, and "animal rights."

Flinchbaugh said he expects progress on all of these issues with the exception of animal rights. "It will [require] all the smarts and political guts we can muster to deal with [animal rights]," he said.

Flinchbaugh's remarks were prophetic. A few days later, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) spokesman Steve Simmons said livestock producers should prepare for a future where animals are not slaughtered for profit.

"Our aim is not to directly put people out of work," Simmons said, "But we'd encourage people in the animal industry to recognize that a major shift in ethics is coming to our society. The day is certainly coming when that industry will be obsolete." He said approximately 21 million Americans call themselves vegetarians.

Livestock producers say they are worried about groups like PeTA, but don't think the organizations can put them out of business. Jimmie Wilson, a Montana cattle rancher, said he felt PeTA was out of touch with most Americans, saying, "They seem to think that animals have the same feeling, the same rights that people have."

Pat Adrian, executive vice president of the South Dakota Beef Council, said, "Everyone has a right to their own religious beliefs, but I think I have an obligation to feed people." She said activists exaggerate health concerns of eating beef.

Simmons admitted the anti-meat movement has limited support in rural states such as South Dakota, but he indicated he feels there has been a change in attitudes.

"We do have members there. Five years ago we would have been surprised to even have contacts there," he said. "We're seeing in recent years that it's coming to rural states. It just takes time."

Simmons remark about activists not wanting to put people out of work is disingenuous. Tom Regan, an animal rights philosopher, wrote that one of the movement's goals was "the total dissolution of commercial animal agriculture." Similarly, PeTA spokesman Dan Mathews told the Charleston (WV) *Gazette-Mail* in 1989, "So what if we put a few businesses under."

Farm Kids Targeted

Farm kids who raise stock for south-central Idaho county fairs are learning to deal with "animal rights" activists. Associated Press reports activist groups like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) have targeted county fairs.

"We view it as a very real problem," said Lucy Osborne, the manager of the Gooding County Fair. "We have all been warned. They have made the statement that they are going to come."

"We're training the kids not to let them create an incident," Osborne added. "We feel that education is going to be the key to this."

Gene Gibson, an extension agent for Gooding County, said the rules for kids are simple: take good care of the livestock, and refer all questions to an adult spokesperson to provide answers based on fact and reason rather than emotion.

"We are interested in heightening awareness on animal suffering," says animal rights activist Marilyn Martin, the founder of Idaho Animal Advocates. She says they are opposed to 4-H livestock programs where animals are raised to be slaughtered for meat. She said prior to modern farming techniques — when chickens had the run of the barnyard — their lives had "integrity."

Contrary to her claim, barnyard chickens were continuously subject to diseases, freezing, predators, poisoning, cannibalism, and a mortality rate as high as 40%.

An editorial in the *Times News Ag Weekly* states: "As long as the [animal rights] message is spread, it apparently doesn't matter if children are shamed and frightened in the process. The group PeTA even brags about confronting children showing livestock at county fairs."

Pets Pampered in Pasadena

PASADENA (CA) — An expensive state-of-the-art animal shelter built by the Pasadena Humane Society & Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is causing sharp criticism because the animals there are receiving better treatment than needy people.

Associated Press reports the addition, currently under construction, will cost $4.3 million. It features a two-story aviary, a tiered fountain with a spout in the shape of a cat's head, walk-in doggie showers, and bushes sculptured in the shapes of dogs and cats. It has a misting system for hot days that sprays cool, deionized water vapors "such as the real nice restaurants have in Palm Springs," says Steven R. McNall, the Society's executive director.

"It's mind-boggling," said Myra Turley, of the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women in Echo Park. "You're talking about indulgence and luxury for animals in the face of poverty."

The 10,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to be done in September.

A 1991 report by the Feminist Majority Foundation, a national research and lobbying group for women's rights, found there are four times as many shelters for animals as there are for battered women in the United States. "It's so shocking," said Katherine Spillar, the Foundation's national director. "Given the number of people on the streets it seems absolutely excessive that we spend this kind of money on animals."

According to press reports, however, McNall has no regrets about the luxurious shelter. He said the shelter will help fulfill one of the Society's missions "to educate people on the proper respect and care for animals." Spillar retorts, "The people who are building these extravagant shelters for animals should think about what they can do for people."

Maryland Reseachers Suffer Avenging Fury

SUBURBAN MARYLAND — Nationwide, World Lab Animal Liberation Week was a dismal failure. Only a handful of activists showed up for a few demonstrations. For five medical researchers, however, the extremist message hit home as they awoke to find their homes and cars vandalized by "animal rights" activists.

On the morning of May 28th, the victims (all residents of Montgomery County) ventured outside their houses to find their homes and cars spray-painted with slogans like "Animal Killer," "Cat Torturer," and "Leave Animals Alone."

A woman from a group calling itself "Animal Avengers" contacted Associated Press and a local radio station to claim credit for the attacks. She told AP the Avengers "speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves," and "We don't think those [researchers] should be allowed to hide behind doors at night. We want the neighbors to know who they are."

In one instance, it was a neighbor who scared off the vandals. Noticing two men approaching the researcher's house at 1:00am, a neighbor yelled out her window, "If you don't get the hell out of that driveway, I'll call the police." The vandals were only able to spill red paint on the driveway.

The researcher, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: "They accused me of doing horrible things to cats, and I don't even use cats. I use rodents. These people really don't understand what they're doing."

In addition to spray-painting his driveway and front door with two-foot lettering, Larry Cunnick also found a cross with a purple ribbon erected in his lawn. Cunnick, the president of BIOCON, Inc. and a lobbyist for animal research, believed the cross came from the nearby Aspin Hill pet cemetery. The cemetery is run by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), which is also located in Montgomery County.

Commenting on the attack in the *Montgomery Gazette*, PeTA spokesman Dan Mathews said, "I understand the frustration that would lead someone to do this, but we were not part of it." PeTA often acts as a conduit to the press for animal rights vandals.

Cunnick said he is considering returning the cross found in his yard to PeTA headquarters.

Cunnick told *The People's Agenda*: "Animal rights extremists are part of a morally bankrupt movement. They use the same tactics of terror the Nazis used. Fortunately we live in a country where people don't scare easily." Cunnick's company is a lab that provides research animals and other services to biomedical researchers.

Congresswoman Connie Morella, whose district represents suburban Maryland, said, "Attempts at intimidating people by nighttime attacks on their homes are despicable acts that our community will not tolerate."

After appearing on local radio stations, where he compared the vandals to Nazis, Cunnick received two harassing phone calls at his home. He noted, "The first call... said 'Larry, you're the Nazi,' and hung up. [The second one] mumbled something, and all I could understand at the end was 'You [will] burn like the Jews."

Cunnick remarked to the *Gazette*, "These [activists] lose every time in the public forum, so they have to revert to these crazy tactics. They'll never win anything that way."

If the vandals are caught, they will face a charge of misdemeanor vandalism, and possibly misdemeanor conspiracy.

Americans for Medical Progress (AMP) is offering a $5,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the animal rights vandals. Commenting on the attack, AMP spokesman Dan Goodwin noted, "I think [animal rights activists are] trying to skirt the federal laws against attacking research labs. This is their new approach."

IDA Attacks NIDA

SAN RAFAEL (CA) — Two esteemed and respected scientists investigating drug addiction through animal research are being targeted by an "animal rights" mail campaign.



In Defense of Animals is sponsoring a letter-writing effort to U.S. Congressmen demanding government funding for Dr. Ron Wood of New York University and Dr. William Martin of the University of Kentucky be stopped, and their laboratories be shut down. The group is also demanding an investigation of research funded by the National Institute of Drug Addiction (NIDA).

Richard A. Millstein, acting director of NIDA, recently called research being done by these scientists as "critical" and "essential" to understanding drug dependency and developing effective treatments. He said the cost of drug addiction to society, in terms of human suffering and dollars, is staggering. He also said NIDA supports research using animals.

"Animals provide excellent models of the addiction process," Millstein said. "Animal research is critical to the development of medications to control drug craving and thereby increase the likelihood that an addict will remain in a treatment program throughout recovery." He said research funded by NIDA is "of the highest value" and is "in full compliance with animal welfare policies." He also said animal research is "essential" in protecting and improving public health.

Sadly, Martin was killed in a tractor accident outside of his home in Midway, Kentucky. Martin, world-renowned for his research on valium, helped in the development of the schizophrenia-fighting chlorpromazine. University of Kentucky Medical Center Chancellor Dr. Peter P. Bosomworth told the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, "Dr. Martin, at the time of his death, was probably the most knowledgeable person in the world with reference to drug addiction and the consequences of substance abuse."

Please write to Congress to defend the work of NIDA, Dr. Wood, and the late Dr. Martin. Address your letters to: The Honorable _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515

A Warning to Medical Researchers:

A respected and well-known medical researcher recently received a threatening letter from "animal rights" extremists, warning "unless you concede to the demands of mainstream anti-vivisection groups" and stop using animals in research, they will wage a "campaign of destruction and bloodletting upon your facilities and person more devastating than you can possibly conceive of."

The letter, sent by the Animal Liberation Action Foundation (ALAF), charges the researcher — who is also a Putting People First member — with "atrocities," warning "your time is short." The ALAF asserts evidence of their ability to execute their threats will be forthcoming.

The threat states "the law is powerless to protect you," and vows to be relentless in their pursuit of the researcher. "There are too many hours in too many days (and nights)," it says, "and my colleagues and I are too well structured and committed." The letter ends, "take immediate action, or bear the consequences."

The letter has been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

State Head Breaks with HSUS on Breeding Ban

HARTFORD (CT) — Richard Johnston, the head of the Connecticut Humane Society, has come out against the Humane Society of the United States' (HSUS) call for a one-year moratorium on dog and cat breeding.

HSUS says the moratorium is necessary to curtail a pet "overpopulation crisis." Euthanasia figures, however, dispute HSUS claims. Citing HSUS' current campaign against Norway's decision to resume whaling on a small scale, critics are concerned this "temporary moratorium" will be transformed into a full-scale breeding ban that would lead to the extinction of some canine species.

After a one-year voluntary moratorium, HSUS will decide whether or not they will push for a legislated ban on breeding. They have also pledged to support legislative drives for bans already in progress before their assessment is made.

Johnson explained, "From a voluntary standpoint, it's a good initiative, and it brings attention to the issue." A ban, however, "would harm those very reputable breeders."

The Hijacking of the Humane Movement



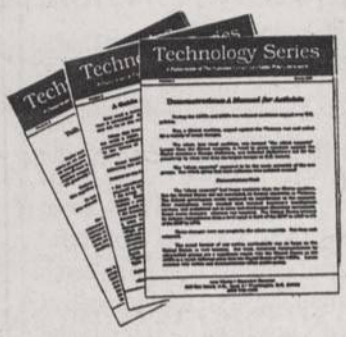
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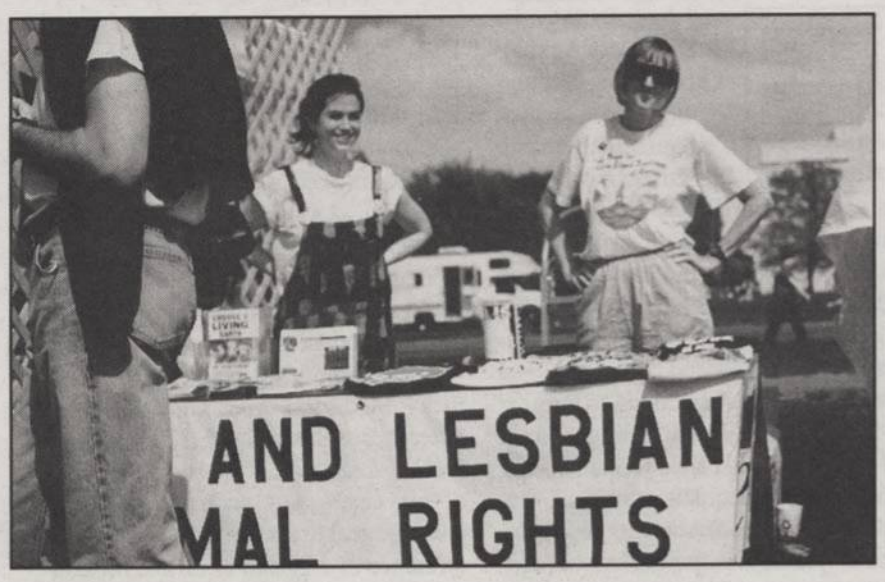
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PeTA Deceives Gay Marchers



Ingrid Newkirk at the homosexual March on Washington

WASHINGTON (DC) — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) had a literature table at the homosexual march in April, but the inquiring activist had to find out the real PeTA agenda by looking under the table.

PeTA National Director Ingrid Newkirk and others ran the table, located on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Literature handed out at the table promoted the benefits of a vegetarian diet, alternatives to animal testing, and the group's opposition to the gay rodeo.

When asked about benefits of animal research in developing a cure for AIDS, one would receive a position paper from the PeTA off-shoot Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine about the unreliability of such research. The paper, however, was kept underneath the table, and not in plain sight like the rest of the literature.

Newkirk told *Vogue* magazine she'd "be against" any AIDS vaccine derived through animal research. When challenged at the table, Newkirk would not repeat this line, but continued to say she believed no animal would be good for research.

Also, the May issue of *Out* features Dan Mathews, the director of international campaigns for PeTA. Mathews has been arrested for his outrageous activism on many occasion, most recently at a Paris fur show when he paraded around naked. *Out* is a homosexual interest magazine

In an article entitled "Our Demands: What Do Gay Men and Lesbians Want?," Mathews answers the question with this response: "All vagitarians should be vegetarians and the only meat fags should eat is right between their legs. And use cruelty-free, HIV-proof, non-animal-skin condoms — they save the lives of lambs and people."

Baldwin Abused By King Callers

WASHINGTON (DC) — Actor Alec Baldwin got more than he bargained for when he appeared on "Larry King Live" in March. Hoping to promote himself and his upcoming projects, he ended up having to own up to his unpopular "animal rights" beliefs when King opened the discussion to callers.

Calling from Brawley, California, Rick Taylor prefaced his question by noting he was from an agricultural community. He asked Baldwin, "I want to know where you people from Hollywood get all your expertise on agriculture?"

Baldwin shot back, "I don't pretend to be an expert on agriculture." Defending his fellow Hollywood advocates, he added, "These are things that we met with a variety of people to research both sides of the story." When asked to clarify his affiliation with animal rights, Baldwin noted, "I'm a member of [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals], and attended the animal rights ball [in Washington, DC]. That was ostensibly the reason I came to the inauguration."

An unidentified caller from Bethesda, Maryland, asked, "Alec, I just want to know how you can reconcile playing a doctor and seeing all the good works that surgeons do, and yet be opposed to biomedical research and animal testing?" To this challenge, Baldwin said: "That is one of the aspects of my work with animal rights that has really plagued me the most in recent time, which is what are the alternatives? . . . When I speak to the people who inform me from PeTA about that, they say there's a lot of wonderful breakthroughs being done in cell research which cuts into the need for biomedical research as it's practiced on animals and human beings now."

When King followed up by asking if this meant "there is a happy equation," Baldwin had a conciliatory tone regarding fur. He replied: "There are parts of the country, let's say with the fur issue, in which they [PeTA] know that they're never going to have any hope of getting these people to abandon fur trapping and producing, but their willing to negotiate with them about the methods they use."

Baldwin's last reported negotiations regarding animal rights, however, was trying to pick a fight with a carriage horse operator in New York City during the public debate on whether to extend the boundaries of carriage operations.

It was only after these two challenges that Badlwin got to do what he thought he was there to do — talk about Broadway and hype his new films, including one with fellow animalist and recently-bankrupt girlfriend Kim Bassinger.

Promoting PeTA Tough on Tour

Rock musician Paul McCartney and his band are finding themselves "on the run" during their current tour. The radical "animal rights" beliefs of the former Beatle and his wife aren't going over quite as well as they'd hoped — especially when they force it on people.

On tour with the McCartneys for at least part of the tour is Alex Pacheco — a founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA). Pacheco was visibly present during the Australian leg of McCartney's world tour.

McCartney bought a house while he was in Australia. Some observers believe Pacheco stayed behind at the house to avoid possible criminal charges that may be brought against him by grand juries in the United States investigating animal rights terrorism. Pacheco has already submitted his fingerprints and handwriting samples to the FBI in relation to the investigations. When he was recently subpoenaed for questioning regarding PeTA's failed infiltration of Carolina Biological Supply Company, his lawyer informed the court Pacheco had long-standing plans to be out of the country.

At his concerts, McCartney is promoting PeTA in a 100-page program distributed free to concertgoers. The program also hypes Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace.

Concerts begin with a 10-minute film featuring footage of McCartney's musical career with scenes of animals killed in research or commercial purposes. The clips are described as "strong." In addition to the video, McCartney also performs his new song, "Looking for Changes," that attacks what he considers to be animal cruelty. Shocking in the same vein as the video, the song features swearing and other strong language.

In a *Los Angeles Times* report, McCartney indicated some distress over his zeal for animal rights, saying he aspired to "gentle activism." He did, however, point out his celebrity status helps him deliyer his message. He mentioned he told "an activist friend" (most likely Pacheco), "We are playing to 60,000 people tonight. If I was just an activist, we'd be playing to 6,000 if we were lucky."

McCartney told the *Times*: "The strange thing about activism is it's not easy. It's so much easier for me to go off and hibernate with my money, but I'm an older guy, one of the planet's elders almost. . . and I figure there is a sort of responsibility to either just tell everyone to 'tune in, drop out, turn on, man,' if that's what you think, or to give them some ideas."

McCartney did not try to turn his stagehands on to his ideas as much as impose them upon the workers when the tour rolled into Winnipeg, Ontario. Both McCartneys are avid vegetarians, and they insisted all their stagehands not eat meat. In Milwaukee, promoters were forced to sell vegetarian hot dogs as part of the deal for McCartney to play at Milwaukee County Stadium. George Van Valkenburgh of Milwaukee Sportservice told the *Chicago Tribune*, "I don't want to discourage anyone from buying it, but let's just say it's a good thing we're not getting rid of all of our meat products, because I don't thing this will be too popular." Van Valkenburgh said that fewer than 100 veggie dogs were sold to the over 42,000 concertgoers in St. Louis.

McCartneys' activism had backfired in Texas. Leaders of the Texas Sportsmen's Legal Fund and Putting People First went on radio and television in San Antonio to spread the word about the warm-up propaganda video and mandatory stagehand diet. Texans by the hundreds called ticket agencies to demand their money back.

For a while, it was impossible to get anything but a busy signal on account of all the irate cancellations. A show that once looked like a sellout suddenly was turned into a bust. Ticket scalpers began unloading their blocks at lower then average prices, further exacerbating the situation.

San Antonio's reaction was reminiscent of the Western response to country & western star k. d. lang's public embrace of PeTA and vegetarianism. Overnight, radio stations refused to broadcast her songs into cattle country, causing a substantial drop in her royalty earnings.



"Now they're going too far!"

Good Housekeeping Needs To Clean Up Act

by Cheryl A. Bellucci

Good Housekeeping magazine has a "Green Watch" page to inform readers which groups are hurting our environment and which are helping. It also offers everyday environmental hints.



Unfortunately, Good Housekeeping has also used this feature to give publicity to the Humane Society of the United States and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' (PeTA) symbols for cruelty-free products — even going so far as to print PeTA's phone number.

In last February's issue, "Green Watch" had an article entitled "What If. . . We Stopped Sport Hunting?" It talks about how many of the animals being hunted today — particularly in the west — are not exceeding their habitat, and don't need to be hunted to control their populations. The article ends with the statement, "What the hunters' claim overlooks is that wildlife did rather well on its own — even before the first boatload of sport hunters arrived in the New World."

The article says nothing about the contribution of hunting dollars to support public wildlife areas, or that continued loss of habitat threatens the existence of these animals more than sport hunting.

The funny thing is, about a year ago, *Good Housekeeping* printed an article about a woman and a group of children who were attacked by a mountain lion while walking on a public trail. This article included quotes from local policemen who commented, that the cats were coming closer to populated areas since mountain lion hunting had been banned in that area. The loss of hunting made the cats seemingly unafraid of the human inhabitants.

To ask that "Green Watch" and other Good Housekeeping *articles and features show balance, please address your letters to: John Mack Carter, Editor,* Good Housekeeping, *959 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10019.*

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Energizer Bunny Rolls Nugent

The Energizer Rabbit shifted into high gear after it was attacked by "animal rights" activists, leaving bowhunter Ted Nugent in the dust.

After receiving at least one letter from an "animal rights" activist threatening a boycott, Eveready dropped one of their television commercials featuring Nugent.



The commercial featured Nugent, a rock star and high-profile bowhunter, advertising a mythical Mexican fast food chain (a parody of Taco Bell ads). At the end of the commercial, Nugent stops singing and playing his guitar to stare at the pink Energizer Bunny as it crosses the screen.

The Voice, the newsletter of VOICE for Animals in San Antonio, Texas, reports in its spring issue that member Lee Evans sent a letter with anti-bowhunting literature to Eveready, complaining "it was inappropriate to have Mr. Nugent, an ardent promoter of this cruel blood sport, on the same screen as the fuzzy pink Energizer drummer rabbit."

In the letter, Evans threatened to boycott Eveready products as well as pet food made by Eveready's parent company, Ralston-Purina.

Several weeks later, Evans received a letter from S. Michael Marva, Eveready's manager for consumer relations, who wrote: "Because you took the time to make us aware of your concerns we have decided to pull the ad."

In better news for Nugent, he was recently able to stress the positive aspects of a hunting on MTV, the music video channel. Appearing on the "Week in Rock" program, he went to great lengths to explain that hunting is essential to maintaining the delicate balance of nature, and is by no means disrespectful to the animals killed.

The program, appearing on cable television, can be seen by approximately 57 million households across the country

"In the Nugent home, the turkey we eat for Thanksgiving — that I killed myself — means more to us than a Butterball," he said. "There's no question about that, because I had to take that animal's life, and I saw the undeniable cause and effect."

Nugent also discussed the vital role hunters play in conservation and regulating harvests to maintain healthy species populations, saying, "The ultimate environmentalist is going to be a hunter."

To ask for Nugent's commercial to be put back on the air, please address your letters to: Mr. W. P. Stintz, Chairman and President, Ralston-Purina, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, MO 63164.

To thank MTV for inviting Nugent on "The Week in Rock," please address your letters to: Mr. Doug Herzog, Senior Vice President for Programming, MTV, 1755 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

Di Becomes Royal Pain When Son Hunts

LONDON (ENGLAND) — Prince William angered "animal rights" activists in England by participating in a royal hunting excursion, where he bagged six rabbits. Among those reportedly siding with the activists was his mother, Princess Diana. She, however, was hastily brought back in line by an irate Buckingham Palace.

Ten-year-old William is the heir to the British throne.

Most members of the royal family are avid hunters. Charles, William's father and the immediate heir to the throne, is a member of several fox-hunting groups. Press reports noted the prince was "clearly delighted with the trip." The hunt took place at the royal residence in Balmoral.

One British tabloid ran the headline "Will Shoots Bunnies." Another referred to him as "Shotgun William."

"At Balmoral, there should be plenty of things to do other than killing animals," said John Robins, spokesman for Animal Concern. He called the trip "barbaric" and "disgusting." John Bryant, spokesman for the League Against Cruel Sports, suggested: "The best thing for William and Harry would be for Princess Di to get custody and get them out of the clutches of their bloodthirsty father."

Princess Diana, currently separated from Charles, was reportedly livid about William's hunting excursion. *National Enquirer* gossip columnist Mike Walker wrote: "Princess Diana exploded in rage and linked up with an animal rights group to draft a stinging statement condemning her mother-in-law! . . . Di shrieked: 'How dare you allow my son to go hunting? It's a blood sport?' The Queen snapped: 'That's another reason you aren't fit to be a royal.' When the Queen learned Di was preparing a public blast, she warned there'd be an immediate cutoff of funds if she did it." According to Walker, this caused the princess to back down.

In royal news elsewhere, Princess Caroline of Monaco was attacked by a mob of animal rights activists as she left her family's palace. Activists attempted to pelt the princess with over 50 eggs, as well as spray-paint the fur coat she was wearing. Besides wearing fur, Caroline has also raised the ire of the activists by hunting wild boar.

The princess was reportedly badly shaken up by the assault.

Boris and Brian Bag Boars

OTTAWA (CANADA) — While most Canadian "animal rights" activists are probably pleased to see improved relations between their nation and Russia, they were none too happy to see their prime minister hunting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Outgoing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney went hunting with Yeltsin during a recent trip to Europe. A photo of the two leaders standing over two wild boars they had shot ran in many Canadian papers, sparking the furor.

Mulroney called the outcry "pretty silly stuff."

Court Mauls Right of Self Defense

by Perry Pendley

It was bound to happen sooner or later. For nearly five years now, shocked and amazed Americans have watched as the economic future of families in the Pacific Northwest's timber-producing communities has been tyrannized by the government's "at any cost" obsession with the Northern Spotted Owl.

Although the eradication of the economic life's blood of the men, women, and children of dozens of tiny communities in Washington, Oregon, and northern California is appalling, no reasonable person has gone as far as to suggest the very lives of these human beings were not superior to the life of an owl.

This distorted view emerged only recently. A federal administrative law judge ruled a Montana rancher could not claim self defense when he killed a grizzly bear. The grizzly is one of the species protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In so ruling, the judge held that a claim of self defense in the killing of the grizzly brings into play the same standard used in criminal law concerning the death of a human being.

The decision signals the U.S. Government's frightening embrace of a view held by many "animal rights" fanatics and environmental zealots that humans are only co-equal inhabitants of the planet. To them, humans are no better than any other creature.

This shocking interpretation of the ESA comes in the case of John Shuler of Dupuyer, Montana. On a snowy night in September, 1989, Shuler rushed to his sheep pen after spotting three grizzly bears among his sheep. After firing shots to frighten the bears away, he turned to see another large grizzly rearing up behind him. Fearing for his life, he shot it.

The next day, expecting to find the lifeless carcass of the bear, he journeyed into his yard. The grizzly, however, was still very much alive. It charged him. Shuler defended himself one more time — shooting and killing the bear.

Following two days of hearings in Great Falls, Montana, and briefs filed by the U.S. Government and the Mountain States Legal Foundation (which is representing Shuler), the judge ruled an individual asserting the "self defense" exception of the ESA must meet the test used in criminal law when self defense is asserted in the death of a human being.

The judge held that the criminal law standard which denies use of the claim of self defense to a person "who was blameworthy to some degree in bringing about the occasion for the need to use deadly force," or "who provokes an encounter as a result of which he finds it necessary to use deadly force to defend himself," applies to Shuler. Not surprisingly, the applications of a human criminal law standard to wild beasts is unprecedented.

The ruling states that when Shuler left his front porch and entered his sheep pens with the intention of protecting his sheep, he "purposely place[d] himself in the zone of imminent danger of a bear attack." Therefore, Shuler cannot claim self defense in killing the grizzly bear. As a result, Shuler must pay a civil penalty of $4,000 — $3000 less than what the government wanted to fine him.

The legal implication of the ruling is not the only aspect which is outrageous. So, too, are the practical consequences. According to the ruling, whenever anyone has reason to believe a grizzly bear may be present in an area — whether open country or one's own property — that person has two choices: either decline to go where the grizzly is, or venture forward without a deadly weapon.

For John Shuler, and others living or working in grizzly bear country, the decision makes them prisoners in their own homes. The decision also poses grave consequences for anyone who encounters a grizzly. If John Shuler cannot protect his own life and property, what possible right does someone have to use lethal force when attacked by a grizzly in open country?

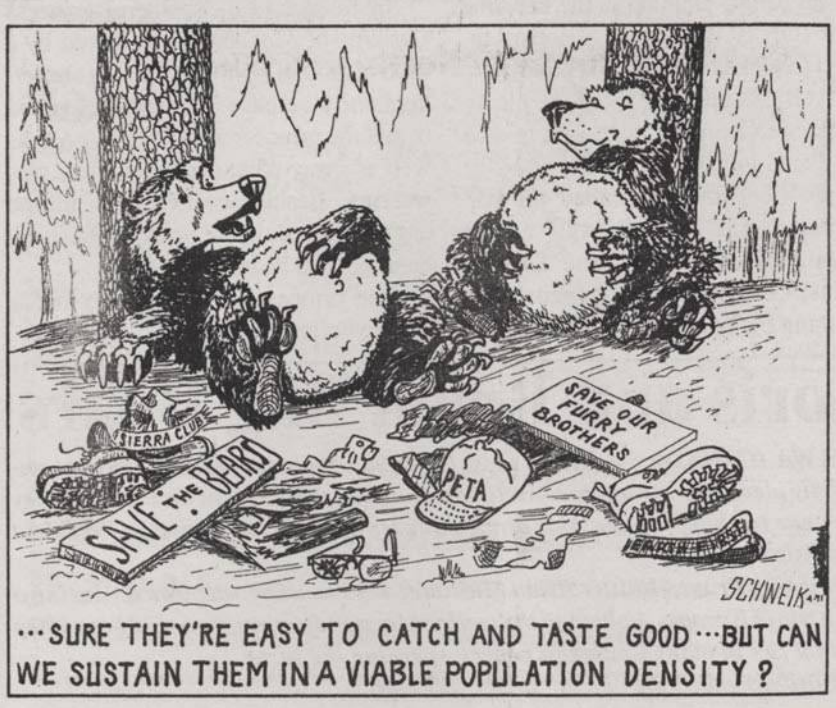
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Just Politely Ask Them To Leave

Cayenne Pepper, an ingredient used in self-defense sprays (and great food), has also been found to be an effective repellent for use against grizzly bears.

Pepper spray is an over-the-counter product, and is more readily available (because of some existing laws) than Mace.

Now, here's the bad news. The Environmental Protection Agency has banned the use of the spray against bears. Use against humans, however, it still permitted.



The following open letter to President Bill Clinton was released at the closing of the Environmental Conservation Organization's annual conference in Reno, Nevada:

We are concerned about protecting human health and ecological values, while assuring economic growth that can provide more productive jobs and improve the standard of living for the American family.

We see the issue as follows: How to strike a balance between two worthwhile societal goals — environmental quality and economic well-being? People care very much about the environment once their basic needs are met.

Certain scientific and economic facts are beyond dispute: Costs for the control and removal of pollutants, while low at first, rise rapidly as one tries to reach zero emission — an unrealistic and unattainable goal. Benefits, on the other hand, are obtained in substantial amounts with only modest control efforts, but then increase much more slowly.

The policy question then is: How far to go on cleanup, how stringent to make the regulations, before diminishing returns set in — keeping in mind that the funds saved could be more effectively spent by households to improve the health and economic conditions of their families.

The question of how far to take environmental regulation should be based on the most objective scientific data from disinterested observers, and not just on computer models and speculative theories. Policy should not be based on emotion, activist "experts," and special interest groups who distort or ignore scientific facts.

The danger of too little regulation of pollutants is well-known; it leads to adverse effects on human health and ecological values. The dangers of too much regulation are less well-recognized:

- Too stringent standards put a huge cost burden on local governments, industry, farming, and other businesses, and on the economy generally — a cost that must be passed along to families in the form of higher prices. But there is no corresponding increase in the benefits.
- The burden is especially onerous for small businesses and agricultural enterprises, many of which have been forced to close — thus reducing competition, the lifeblood of a pro-growth economy.
- Overregulation destroys productive jobs and expands the regulatory bureaucracy, while fostering mostly non-productive activities in the private sector. The sole purpose of regulation should be environmental improvement, not the creation of a federalized, centralized jobs program.
- Rigid regulatory prescriptions discourage the creation of alternative technologies that are cheaper, create less waste, and are more effective.

For all these reasons, we urge that the rationale of existing and future environmental regulation be carefully examined to make sure that inevitable changes in scientific understanding are factored into environmental policies.

With direct national expenditures for the environment now at $150 billion a year — an annual "tax" of $1500 per average household — and rising rapidly, we can no longer be complacent about the economic impact. The twin goals of advancing environmental quality and economic growth require a balanced approach based upon sound science and sound risk analysis, and allowing for more cost-effective, local solutions.

For more information about the Environmental Conservation Organization, please write to: ECO, 1300 Maybrook Drive, P.O. Box 9, Maywood, IL 60153-2434.

Post Prodded on Green Profiteering

In the January/February issue, The People's Agenda *reported on* The Washington Post*'s recent move to install special bins in the D.C. Metro subway system that made it harder for people to reuse discarded newspapers — the ultimate and cleanest form of recycling. The idea did not sit well with us, and it doesn't seem to be too favorable to anyone else. The following is an anonymous letter to* Post *publisher Donald Graham taken from the newspaper's computer system:*

When you came aboard, one of your first priorities was to deal with the sad fact that the *Post* was widely-perceived to be arrogant and insensitive to its readers and the community. Well, we just took a giant step backward.

The new *Washington Post* newspaper recycling bins in the Metro [stations] are a public relations disaster. They fill no apparent need because newspaper bins were already in place. The open bins had long been among the few amenities of Metro; patrons drop off their papers and other poke through the bins and fish out what they want. Socioeconomic status seems to have nothing to do with it; distinguished gents and dirty bums share and share alike, enhancing the sense of community.

Comes now the *Washington Post* with bins that capture and keep discarded copies, and plainly are designed to prevent sharing among readers. Are we that desperate for newsstand sales? And even so, is this not counterproductive? Is not a person who samples the *Post* likely to develop a readership habit that may carry over into a subscription? Why are we trying to prevent non-subscribers from getting acquainted with us?

Can we afford to appear to be so grasping and cheap? And, must we be so blatant about it that we use bins that are bolted to the floor and locked with a key? We certainly are not fooling anyone about our motives; I've gotten sharp digs from friends and colleagues about the transparent hypocrisy of our "recycling" project, and have overheard some truly scathing remarks from subway riders. I hate to think of the sort of commentary we may see in the trade and rival press.

If, in fact, we are this desperate, we're not managing this thing very well. People are continuing to share. They leave their discarded sections on the flat tops, drape them over the slot rims, or leave them on the benches.

And every time they see one of our bins, they're reminded of what they don't like about us.

The Body Shop Is No Buddy of Ours

Several cosmetic companies have succumbed to the demands of "animal rights" activists to go "cruelty free" — rejecting the safety testing of their products using animals. Some have even gone as far as to give a share of their profits to the activists who once jeered them. But none have gone as far as Anita Roddick and The Body Shop, which is on the cutting edge of animal rights and Green extremism.

Called "Anita the Agitator" by T*ime*, the magazine says: "Visiting a Body Shop is like walking into the headquarters of a political cabal — albeit one scented with dewberry perfume. There are slogans and messages scattered among the fruit-scented soaps and peppermint foot lotions. Exhortations to save the whales and fight for human rights shout from store windows, countertops, and recycled shopping bags. Even Body Shop trucks are employed as rolling billboards for pithy slogans."

A Putting People First member reported seeing their "against animal testing" logo written in three-foot-high letters in the window the store in Willowbrook Mall in Wayne, New Jersey. There are currently 120 Body Shops in the U.S., and plans for 40 more before the end of the year.

According to literature distributed at Body Shop stores: "We do not test our ingredients or final products on animals. We have never done so and never will. The Body Shop has never authorized anyone to carry out animal testing on its behalf — and will not do so in the future." It addition, Roddick advocates, "We must continue to apply pressure on international cosmetics companies to validate alternative tests and end all animal testing on cosmetics and ingredients."

To get around the pledge, however, the company has "The Five Year Rule" — "No ingredient is used by The Body Shop that has been tested on animals within the last five years." In addition, companies supplying the chain must sign a declaration affirming their continued adherence every six month. They justify this policy, saying, "If we introduced a fixed cut-off date. . . and a company missed that deadline, there would be no reason for them to ever stop testing those ingredients on animals." Of course, it would also keep The Body Shop from getting new, improved cosmetics. Cutting themselves off from these new products would be devastating for their business, but a five-year delay must have been deemed acceptable.

In addition to their pamphlets against animal testing and capital punishment, the chain also distributes a pamphlet opposing hunting, trapping, animals in sports, and the threatened extinction of the Australian Northern Hairy Nosed Wombat. Organizations endorsed in the pamphlets include Greenpeace, the Humane Society of the United States, and the Rainforest Action Network.

Roddick was recently profiled in an American Express commercial, featuring a Body Shop sign reading "stop animal testing." While her fellow activists have criticized her appearing in the commercial because American Express sells fur in their catalogue (a longstanding animal rights issue), she told *Animal People* magazine, "The fur issue was the top of my list of concerns before agreeing to do the commercial. I had a meeting with American Express where I was assured that the current catalog would be the last one to include fur. I always have and always will consider abhorrent any abuse of animals in relation to the beauty and fashion industry."

Roddick was also criticized by British filmmaker Nigel Evans, who was making a documentary about her for the British series *Millennium*. Evans quit the series, which was highlighting Roddick's relations with tribes providing materials and products for The Body Shop, saying, "They represent causes attractive to the liberal conscience. Yet this goodness is used, remorselessly, to sell vanity products. You wash your hair in global concern. And it is debatable whether the wizened peasants on the walls are dignified or patronized." Evans said Roddick was altering native rituals to meet her own New Age philosophy.

There was a backlash last year. Roddick's extremist political positions, which led to problems with store's landlords and customers, caused earnings to fall. In September, many investors dropped their holdings, plunging stock prices from $5.20 to $2.70. *Financial Times* reported The Body Shop as one of the top ten corporate losers of 1992.

To let The Body Shop know you will refrain from patronizing their stores until they drop their extremist messages and policies, please let your local store manager know, and write to: Ms. Anita Roddick, The Body Shop, Inc., 45 Horsehill Road, Hanover Technical Center, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927-2003.

To ask American Express to continue to feature fur future catalogues, please write to: Mr. Vincent Lisanke, President and CEO, American Express Company, Inc., One Rodney Square, Suite 800, Wilmington, DE 19801.

More on ARFF

PEMBROKE PINES (FL) — *The People's Agenda* previously reported Merrill Lynch expressed support for the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida (ARFF) in an ad.

Several people are asking for more information on ARFF. They are so angry, they are considering pulling their accounts with Merrill Lynch.

ARFF is an activist organization. Members of the Board of Advisors include "animal rights" author Tom Regan, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Chairman Alex Pacheco, Fund for Animals National Director Wayne Pacelle, Friends of Animals President Priscilla Feral, and actress Doris Day.

A recent ARFF's campaign is against *Science for Life*. This program educates science teachers about basic, applied, and clinical research, and the importance of animals in research. It is funded by the National Institutes of Health, and contains material developed by the American Medical Association.

To write Merrill Lynch about their support of ARFF, address your letters to: Mr. Daniel Tully, Chairman, Merrill Lynch, Fifth Avenue Financial Center, 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022

Your Movie Tickets Are Lethal Weapons

by Bruce Fleury

Richard Donner is at it again!

Donner, the director of the "Lethal Weapon" movie trilogy, has made a threat directed at the government of Norway. He warned that if the nation does not continue to honor a now-expired moratorium against whaling, he and his friends in the Hollywood left will call for a "massive" boycott, including an attempt to get the United States to sit out of the 1994 Winter Olympics (to be held in Norway) and drastically affect Norwegian tourism.

Anyone who has seen the "Lethal Weapon" series cannot help but see Donner's "animal rights" bias in the films. This was especially noticeablein the third installment, where "fur is dead" bumper stickers and other materials from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) was prevelant throughout the movie. Donner is an outspoken PeTA supporter who now seems to think he can intimidate an entire country into bending to his will.

His threat was made on Warner Brothers stationary, and sent to the head of the Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee on March 17th. *The Detroit News* reported a Warner Brothers spokesman cautioning that the contents of Donner's letter "have in no way been sanctioned" by the company.

This isn't good enough. We need to let Warner Brothers know Donner's brazen arrogance is totally unacceptable. The Norwegian people depend on whaling to supplement their income, and their plans to resume whaling of only the minke species will cull only 1.1% of the 86,7000 minkes living in that part of the world. The bottom line is these creatyres are *not* endangered.

This is just one more example of animal zealots trying to tell the rest of us what to do. It's about people's livelihoods being destroyed.

If Donner wants to play the boycott game, then let's do the same to him. Please write to Warner Brothers chairman Terry Semel, and let him know you will not patronize Warner Brothers films — particulary ones made by Richard Donner, until he drops his boycott against Norway (and using studio materials to do so).

Please address your letters to: Mr. Terry Semel, Chairman, Warner Brothers, 4000 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91522.

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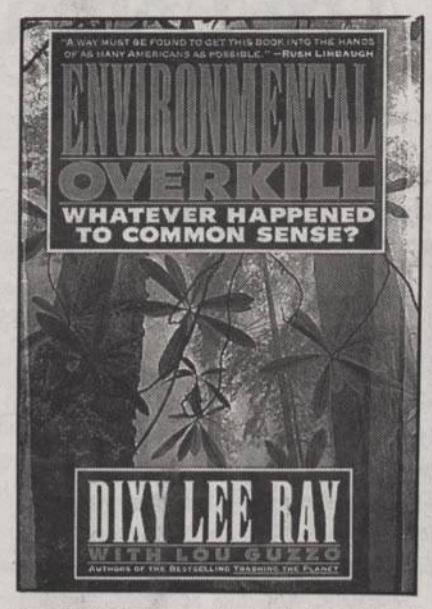
Ray Speaks Common Sense, Not Overkill

With all the fretting over whether our planet is warming or cooling, losing its ozone layer, wondering if man is the source of this alleged problem, and the pointless spending of tax dollars to fund emotion-fueled investigations and enforce pointless and inhibiting regulations, it's about time Dixy Lee Ray asked, "Whatever happened to common sense about the environment?"

Ray, a former chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and governor of Washington , answers these questions in *Environmental Overkill* (Regnery Gateway, $19.95). This new book comes on the heels of her bestselling *Trashing the Planet*, which is well-known for its debunking of popular Green myths. Both books were co-authored with Lou Guzzo, a journalist and television commentator in Seattle, Washington.

According to Ray, the general public sees very little news about the actual scientific data surrounding much-hyped and emotionally-charged issues like global warming, endangered species, and ozone depletion. The information Ray presents provides readers with an objective groundwork for the total reevaluation of governmental environmental protection programs.

Ray writes: "This old earth has been through a lot, including drastic climate changes, without any help from humans . . . Our responsibility is to be good stewards of the environment and to remember that a well-tended garden is better than a neglected woodlot."





Writing on the subject of global warming, Ray states: "During the post-World War II industrial boom, and over the period when carbon dioxide was continually increasing, there was a slight drop in temperature from 1940 until the 1980s. Now, the warmest years on record are 1988-91. Conversely, the summer of 1992 is the third coldest on record in the American Midwest and East Coast. The overall result is that the measured net change in temperatures recorded on land over the past 100 years is an increase of no more than one-half of one degree centigrade." Speaking on air pollution, she later adds, "If every human being, all automobiles, and all industry were to be removed from the Los Angeles Basin, it would still fail to meet [Environmental Protection Agency] ozone standards on most days, due entirely to natural conditions and weather."

Citing historical accounts of global climate change that did not bring about the end of the world — or humanity — in earlier times, she notes, "Vikings sailed across an iceberg-free North Atlantic Ocean. They discovered, colonized, and named 'Greenland.' It was indeed green at that time, not covered with glacial ice, as it is today."

Ray also presents an accounting of what really took place at last summer's "Earth Summit" in Rio. She saw the event as a push by global bureaucrats to increase their power and set up a Green police force to control those who oppose them. Going beyond *Earth in the Balance*, she provides a closer look at the Green allegiances of Vice President Al Gore.

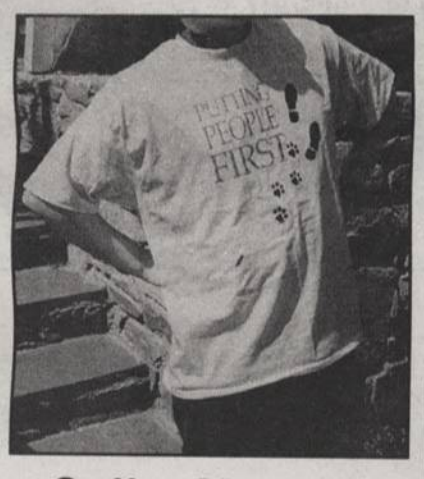
According to *Environmental Overkill*, Gore said ". . . the theory of global warming will not be disproved, and the skeptics are vastly outnumbered by former skeptics who now accept the overwhelming weight of the accumulated evidence." He made this remark shortly after Gallup released a poll of global climate scientists that found 53% did not believe global warming has occurred, and 30% aren't sure.

Ray poses the questions "Is the cleanup worth the cost?" and "Is the cleanup even necessary?" Through overreaction and wild spending, she says, government protection programs have played a significant part in weakening the American economy.

Environmental Overkill *is available to Putting People members for $19.95 (with no charge for shipping and handling -- a $3 discount!). To order, please send your check or money order to: Putting People First Offer, Regnery Gateway, 1130 17th Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036.*

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