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The State of the Movement

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"Optimism is a mania for maintaining that all is well when things are going badly."



"I'm a Ph.D., and I've been an antivivisectionist for about fifteen years now. . . By the way, did you know that purpose-bred animals make better research tools than pound animals?"



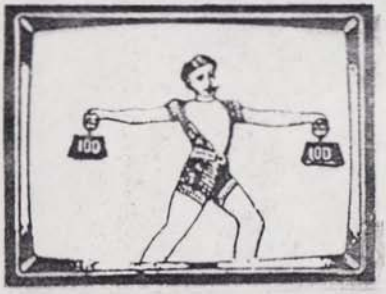
"Violators of animal welfare laws are never prosecuted because these laws are never enforced. It's a joke! . . . But if legislation is passed to stop pound seizure, shelters could not sell animals to research laboratories because it would be illegal."



"As an animal-rights activist I can identify with the freedom fighters of other liberation movements . . . I just hope that some of the tactics employed by the A.L.F. and other renegade groups aren't perceived as a threat by the status quo."



"We have the upper hand and we can bring these multi-million dollar conglomerates to their knees! . . . How? Well, if enough of us show up on their doorstep during our lunch hour tomorrow, we can make life extremely uncomfortable for them."



"You know what I did today? I told a bunch of pork guzzlers, who chop up hogs for a living, that racing their pigs at the county fair is cruel and inhumane."



The characters you have just encountered are not professional actors, but merely figments of their own imagination . . . presented for your consideration.

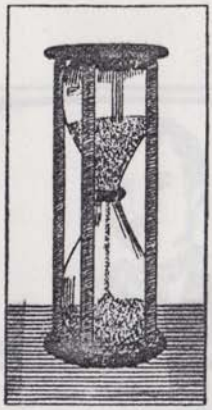


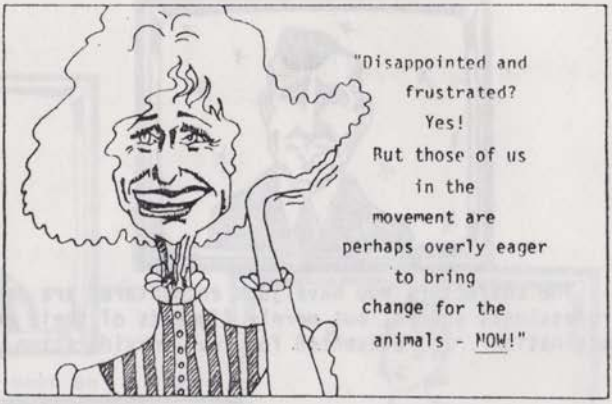
For we are about to embark on a journey into a dimension which defies the confines of logic or reality. . . . To a carnival of contradictions, where the side shows are the main attraction . . . A place where money changes everything, and where everything remains the same.

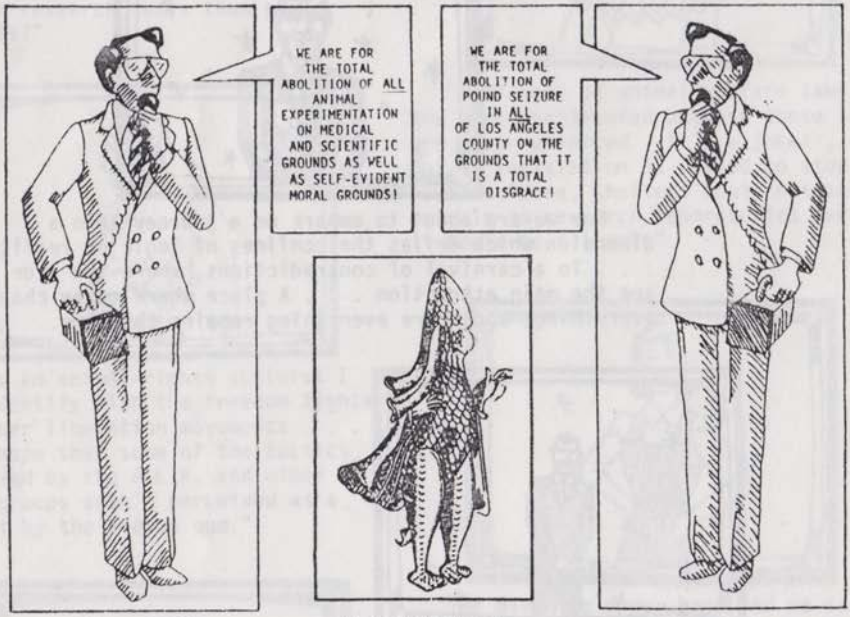


Check your gray matter in at the door. You won't be needing it. A sense of the absurd is all that's required, and that will be provided for you at the signpost up ahead, as we cross over into . . .





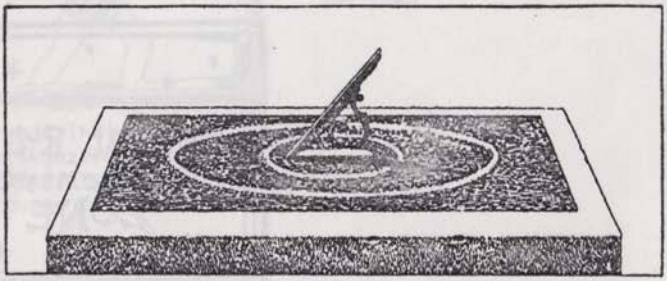




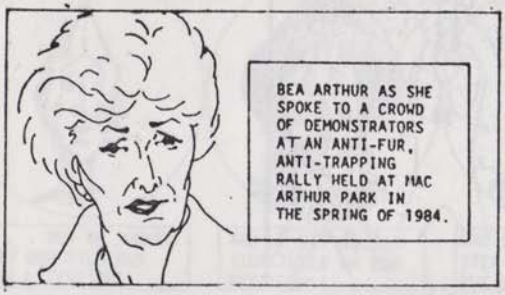
Circa 1985

Imaginary Sea Bishop

1986



CELEBRITY ANIMAL LOVERS!

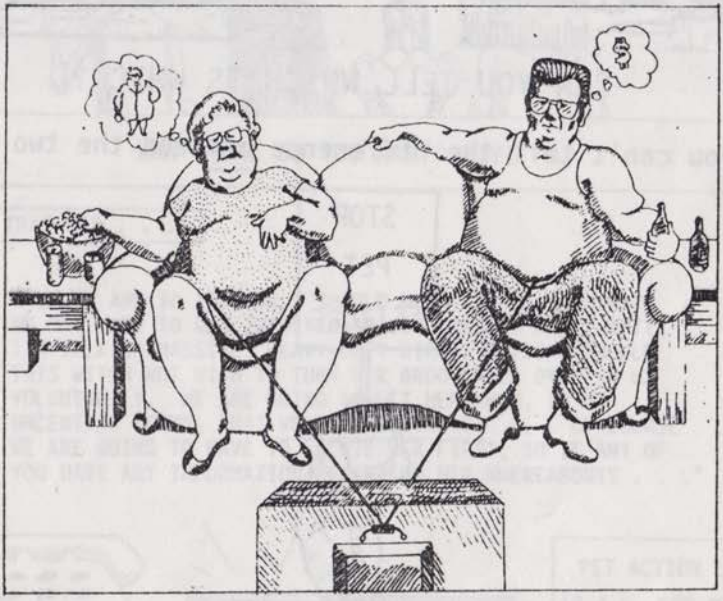




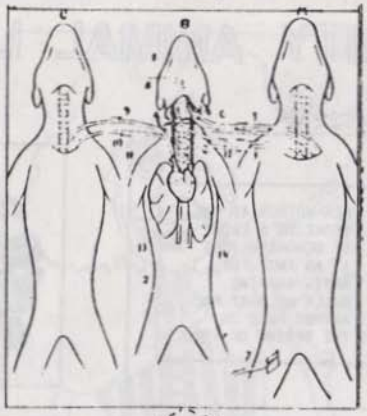
". . . LET'S PUT HUMANITY BACK INTO BEING HUMAN!"



"OH LOOK, THEY'RE MAKING A STOLE!"



YOU KNOW WHAT? THEM GOLDEN GALS JUST GAVE ME AN IDEA! I'LL BET WE COULD RAISE SOME OF THEM LITTLE CRITTERS DOWN IN OUR BASEMENT!



PET?

PURPOSE-BRED?



or



CAN YOU TELL WHICH IS WHICH?

If you can't tell the difference between the two . . .



. . . ask an animal-rights activist.

The Continuing Adventures of . . .

"DOROTHY VS. THE BORED SUPERVISORS"

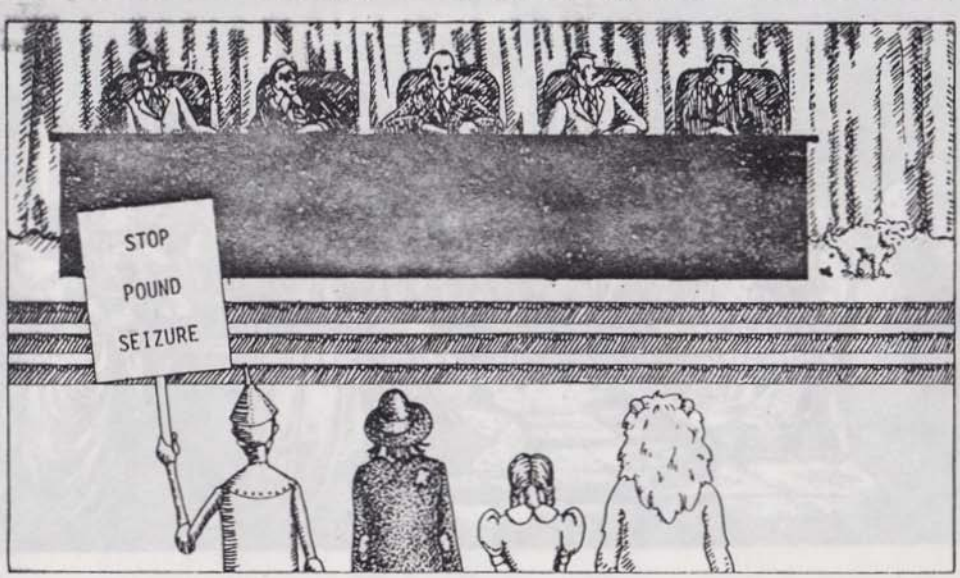


. . . BUT WE SHOWED YOU OUR FILM AND OUR LITERATURE!

AND WE GOT SO MANY SIGNATURES ON OUR PETITIONS!

AND WE READ YOU WEBSTER'S DEFINITION OF THE WORD "SHELTER"!

AND WHEN YOU ASKED FOR LETTERS FROM PH.D.'S, WE GOT 'EM!



WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?!?!?!

LATER THAT DAY . . .

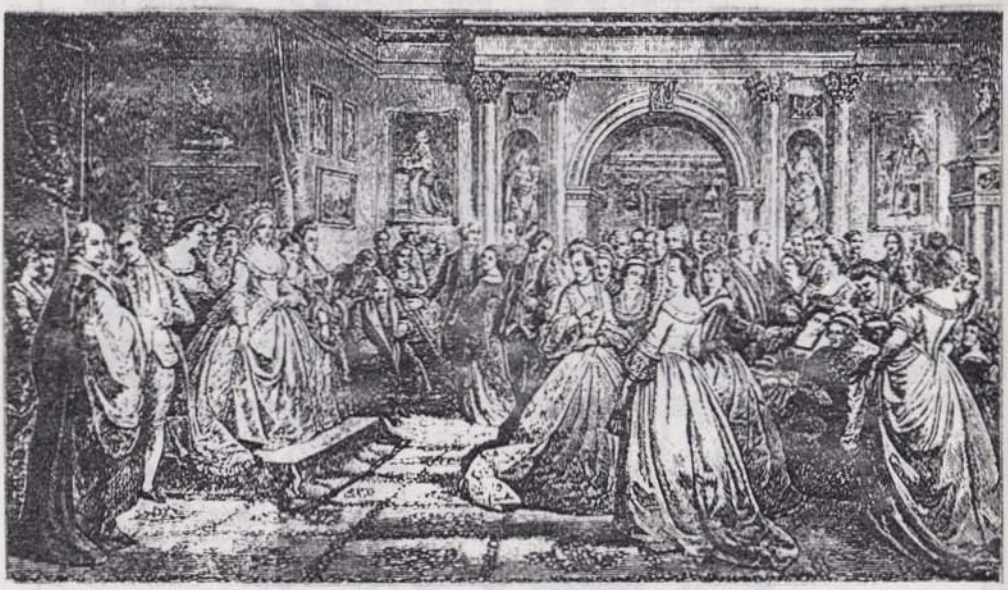
" . . . AND SO I THINK I SHOULD WARN ALL OF YOU THAT WE MAY HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME REALLY HEAVY-DUTY, I'M TALKING MASSIVE, HEAVY-DUTY DIRECT ACTIONS SHOULD THIS WITCH NOT WISH TO TURN HER BROOMSTICK OVER TO US VOLUNTARILY. WE ARE GOING TO LET HER KNOW, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS! . . . OF COURSE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LOCATE HER FIRST, SO IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HER WHEREABOUTS . . ."



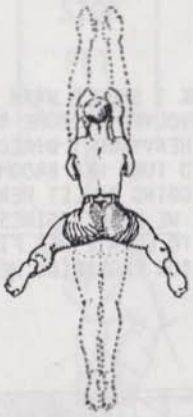
PET ACTION LINE
(P.A.L. FOR SHORT)



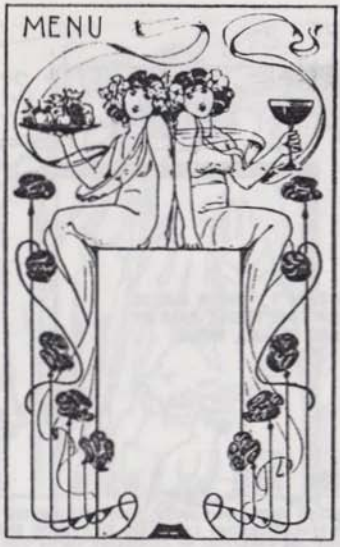
THIS AIN'T NO PARTY



THIS AIN'T NO DISCO



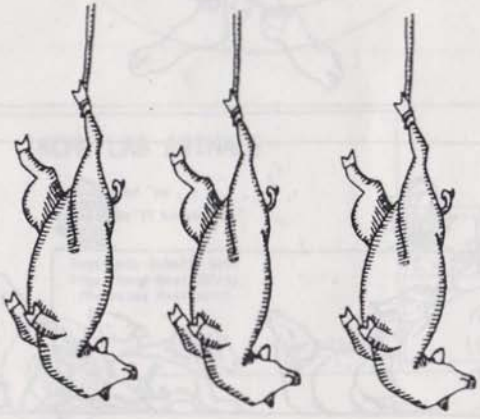
THIS AIN'T NO FOOLIN' AROUND



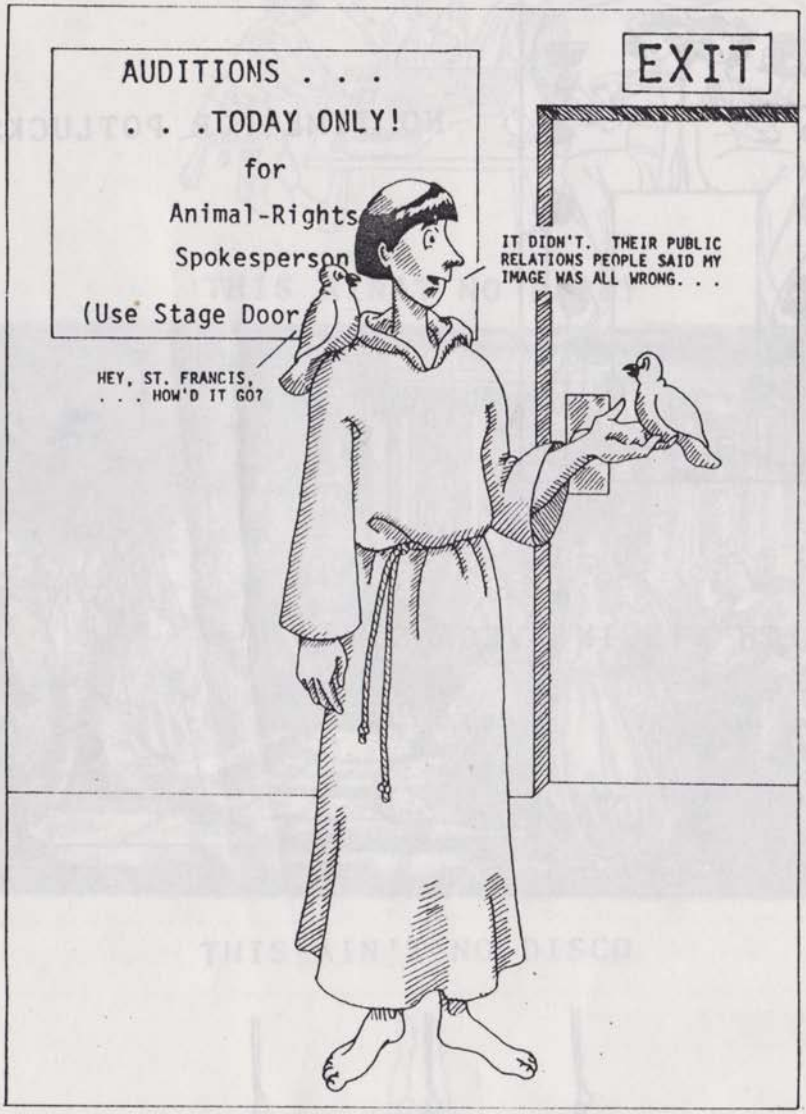
NO TIME FOR POTLUCKS

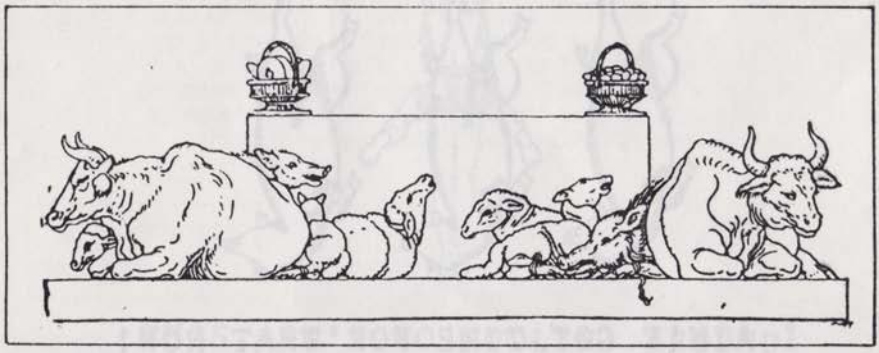


WITH SINGIN' VEGANS



I AIN'T GOT TIME FOR THAT NOW!


AUDITIONS . . .
. . .TODAY ONLY!
for
Animal-Rights
Spokesperson
(Use Stage Door
EXIT
HEY, ST. FRANCIS, . . . HOW'D IT GO?
IT DIDN'T. THEIR PUBLIC RELATIONS PEOPLE SAID MY IMAGE WAS ALL WRONG. . .

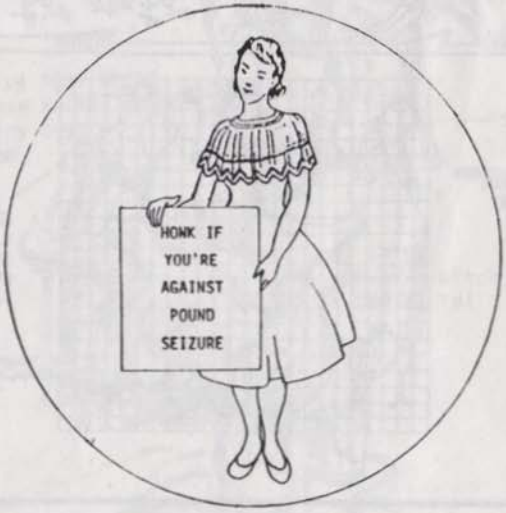


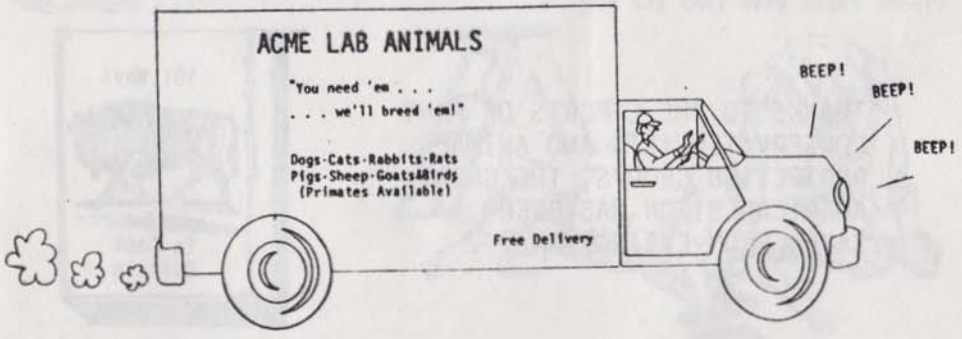


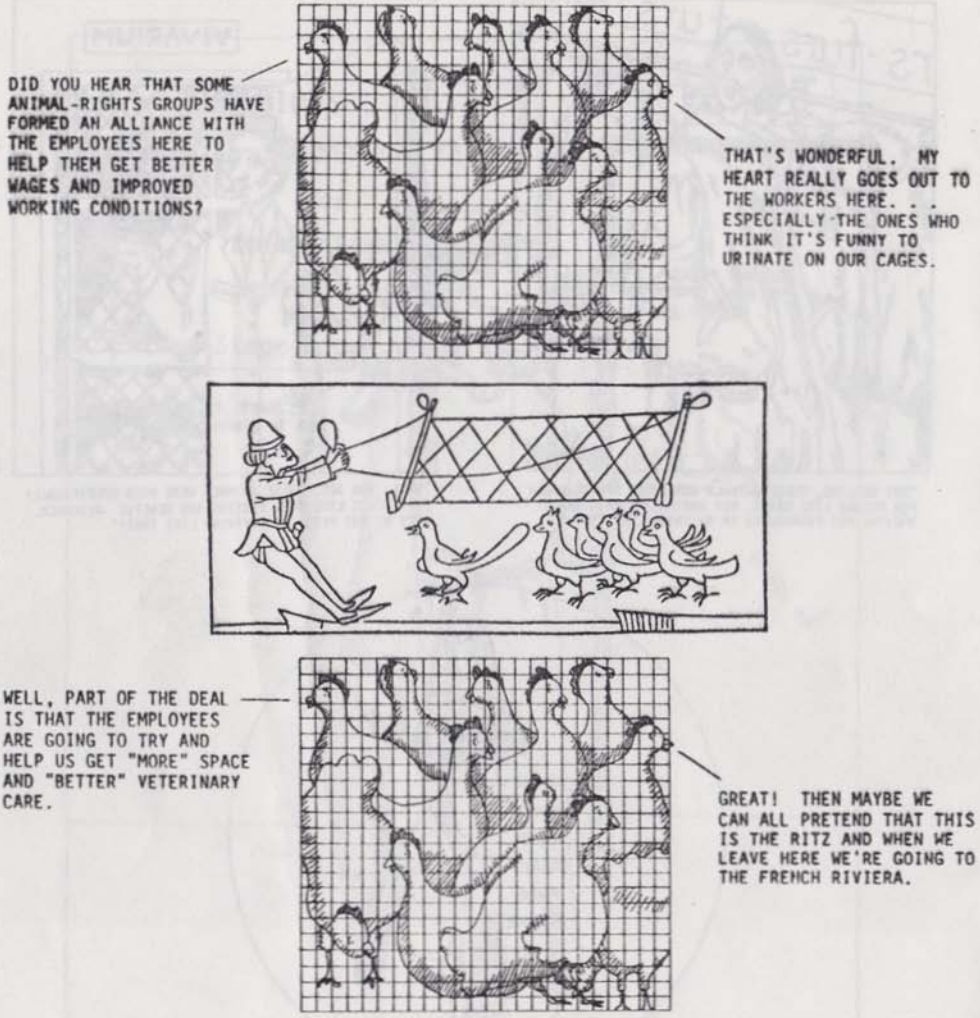
"BUT DARLING, THESE ANIMALS WERE BRED SPECIFICALLY FOR THINGS LIKE COATS, KEY CHAINS AND HAIR SPRAY! THEY'RE NOT ENDANGERED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!"



"WELL, YOU SEE, THESE ANIMALS WERE BRED SPECIFICALLY FOR THINGS LIKE DRUG TESTING AND GENETIC RESEARCH. THEY'RE NOT PETS, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!"

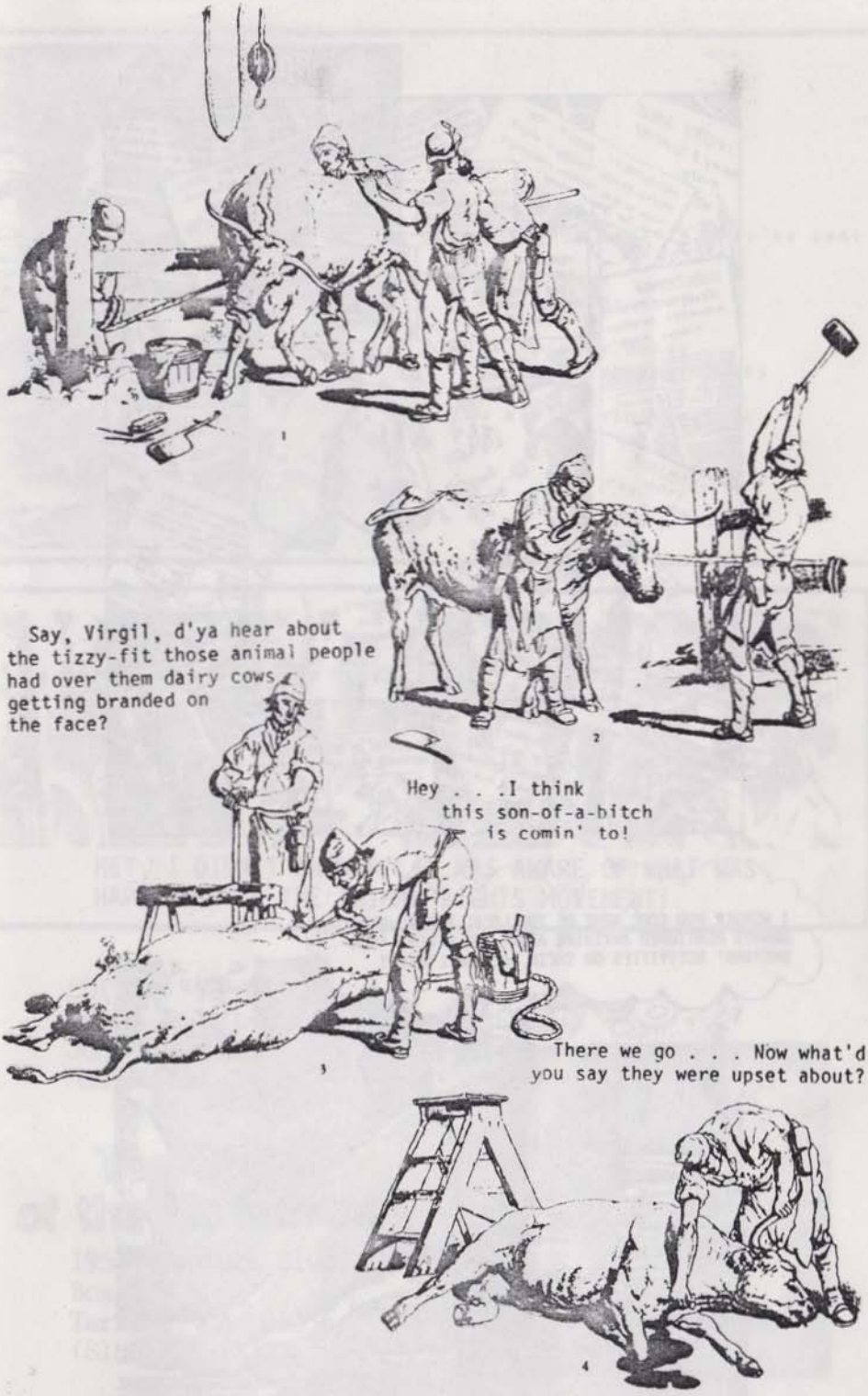




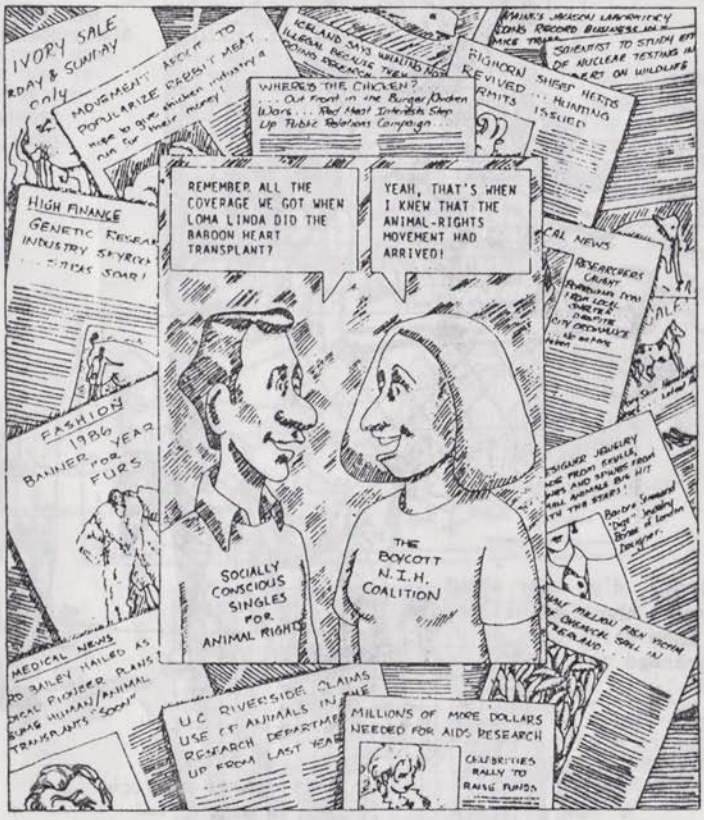


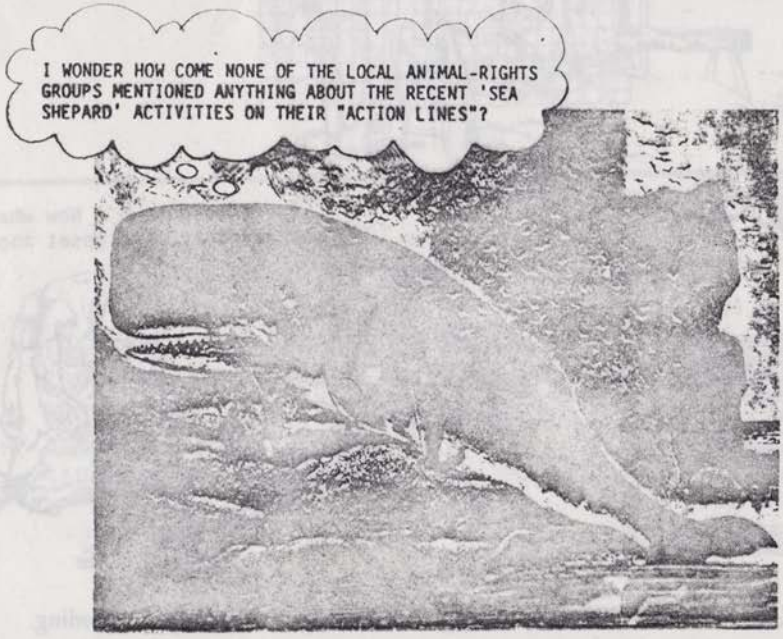
THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF MANY CONSERVATIONISTS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS, THE GREAT AMERICAN BISON HAS BEEN SAVED FROM EXTINCTION . . .





SLAUGHTERHOUSES. 1. Haltering. 2. Poleaxing. 3. Skinning. 4. Bleeding.


REMEMBER ALL THE COVERAGE WE GOT WHEN LOMA LINDA DID THE BABOON HEART TRANSPLANT?
YEAH, THAT'S WHEN I KNEW THAT THE ANIMAL-RIGHTS MOVEMENT HAD ARRIVED!
SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS SINGLES FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS
THE BOYCOTT N.I.H. COALITION
IVORY SALE
HIGH FINANCE
FASHION 1986
BANNER FOR YEAR
FURS
MEDICAL NEWS
MILLIONS OF MORE DOLLARS NEEDED FOR AIDS RESEARCH
CELEBRITIES RALLY TO RAISE FUNDS


I WONDER HOW COME NONE OF THE LOCAL ANIMAL-RIGHTS GROUPS MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT THE RECENT 'SEA SHEPARD' ACTIVITIES ON THEIR "ACTION LINES"?



I don't care
how many letters they've sent

Morning came
and morning went

Pick up your money
and pack up your tents

You ain't goin' nowhere . . .



HEY, I DIDN'T KNOW DYLAN WAS AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE ANIMAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT!

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