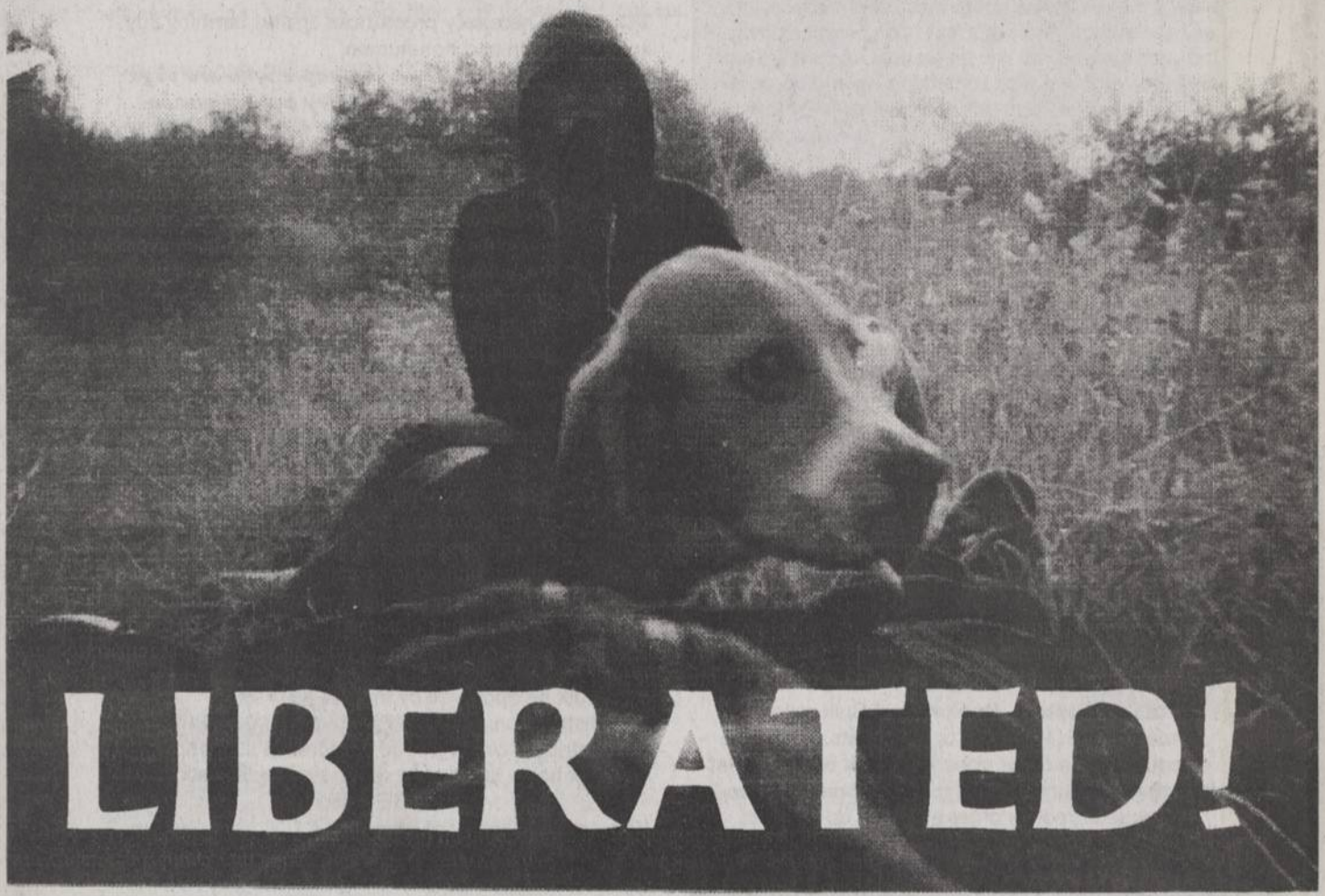
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TO liberate animals from places of abuse, ie laboratories, factory farms, fur farms, etc. and when ever possible, place them in good homes where they may live out their natural lives, free from suffering.

TO inflict economic damage to those who profit from the misery and exploitation of animals.

TO reveal the horror and atrocities committed against animals behind locked doors, by performing non-violent direct actions and liberationist.

TO take all necessary precautions against harming any animal, human and non-human.

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- Letter writing: prisoners rely on letters as their link to the outside world. Letters to newspapers help inform the public about the plight of imprisoned activists.
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Into the New Millennium with the A.L.F.

Well folks, what can we say, it's been a scant 20 years or so since the Animal Liberation Front first appeared on the scene in England, and as we approach the new century, militant direct action for animals has become a world-wide phenomenon. Every single day of the year, non-stop, dedicated individuals risk life and liberty in a struggle to allow our animal brethren to live their lives unmolested and free of exploitation.

And what a struggle it is.

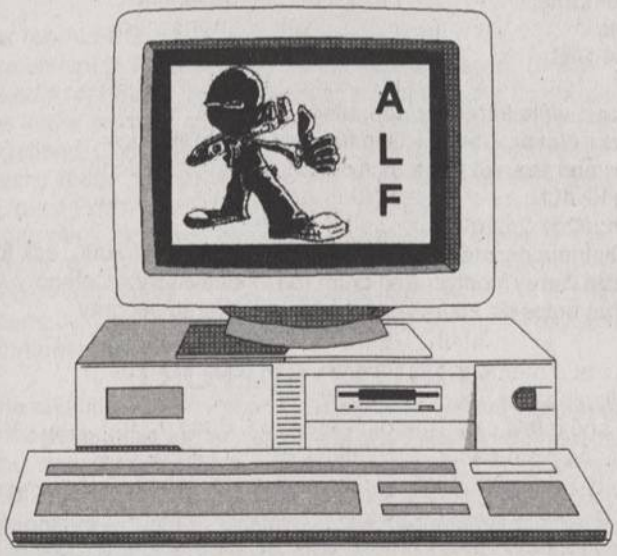
Horrors that only a few years ago belonged in the realm of distopian science fiction have become common place in today's world - genetically engineered Frankenstein foods are forced down our throats by governments and corporations; animals soaked in a bath of poisonous growth hormones are slaughtered in the name of a quick buck and increased profit; vast warehouses of "bio-machines" (better known to you and I as pigs) lie in darkness, ready to be harvested for their organs for human transplants; the country side is dotted with concrete bunkers where bloodied vivisectors tirelessly work their way through the guts and viscera of endless animal victims.

The horrors are seemingly endless, but they are not inevitable.

Despite the overwhelming odds stacked against them, each and every day individuals stand up to the abuse and exploitation of mother earth and her loved ones and, with a resounding "NO!" they choose to fight back.

As you read this issue of *Underground* you will meet some amazing people who are all fighting back in their own way. Many are anonymous, but their actions speak clearly enough. Others are known by name: like Gina Lynn, currently in prison for refusing to speak to a federal grand jury; like activists Sean Gautschy, Andrew Bishop, Adam Troy Peace who were cleared of all charges in a Utah mink feed bombing; like Justin Samuel, currently sitting in a Belgium prison awaiting extradition to the United States; and like Bob and Marlene Samuel, Justin's parents, who have stood by their son through this ordeal, providing unconditional love and support for their son and his beliefs.

As we worked our way through the news articles and the Diary of Action, it became very clear to us that this in this issue of *Underground* everything points to one thing: As we go forward into the new century, we go forward fighting.
Towards animal liberation, Yer editor, t.



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Email 2 Prisoners allows anyone who has access to the internet to send email to animal liberation prisoners — it's easy, and anyone can do it! Email 2 Prisoners is simple: compose and send your letter to <alf-pows@envirolink.org> with the prisoner that you would like it directed to in the subject line. Remember, THE PRISONERS ARE NOT ON-LINE and cannot respond — A.L.F.S.G. members will forward your message to the respective prisoners! Be sure to include a return address if you want the prisoners to write to you. All letters sent through the Email 2 Prisoner service will be kept confidential, but remember, prison mail is not secure and may be read by the authorities!

Letters to Underground



BARRY HORNE UPDATE

Dear Underground,
This letter is to update Barry's many friends and supporters on his condition since his 68-day hunger strike ended last year. It is from the point of view of friends who have been visiting him regularly throughout his time in prison.

After the last mail-out, it was decided to wait for Barry to get better before mailing out again. Sadly he has still not recovered. In recent months his condition has worsened again and for this reason it was felt that an update was necessary.

The attitude of the prison authorities has been negative and unhelpful. There was a campaign of disinformation after the hunger strike. It was claimed that the hunger strike had been a hoax from the start, and that Barry was in good health. The reality was that he was gravely ill, with possible damage to his brain and some of his vital organs. Only after a long period of recovery would it have been possible to diagnose whether the damage was permanent. The actions of the prison staff have made this very difficult.

It was important for Barry's recovery that he had regular contact with his friends and family so that he could regain his memory and ease his obvious pain and confusion. He was and still is unable to write out forms for visiting orders to his friends and family. In the crucial first three weeks after the hunger strike the prison refused to help and he had no visits.

Eventually the prison staff began to help him to send out visiting orders, but only after persistent pressure from friends. Even then they were uncooperative and for a long time they only sent out a visiting order about once every 3 weeks.

When the visits became more frequent, he did begin to make a slow recovery, and his memory started to return. However the negative attitude of the prison staff continued. They were indifferent to Barry's health problems, and some prison staff even made remarks, accusing him of faking and saying he had taken up a valuable hospital bed. This encouraged other inmates to make similar remarks. This hostile environment was exactly the opposite of what Barry needed.

Early optimism about Barry's recovery was premature. He never fully recovered, and he is still in a poor physical condition. In the past few months his behaviour has caused concern among those visiting him. He has stopped eating on several occasions and told friends he was resuming the hunger strike, without explaining why or what his demands were. This has been a major setback in his recovery and has caused his condition to worsen even further.

It is time for the Prison Service and the Home Office to act. Barry is still a category 'A' prisoner after over 3 years in prison, which means he is regarded as dangerous and a threat to security.

This cannot be the case in his present condition. He has been in the hospital wing of the prison for over a year, apart from short spells in York Hospital. He has not written a letter or made a phone call for almost a year. His category 'A' status means that most of his friends are not allowed to visit him. Seeing old friends again may be just what he needs to recover. This would also make it easier for him to be transferred to another prison, where a change of environment would also be helpful.

There is a review of Barry's category 'A' status in the next few weeks. It will not be reviewed again for another year. Please take a few minutes to contact the Prison Service by letter or fax, and ask them to remove Barry's category 'A' status as a matter of urgency. This is a totally reasonable request, and would go a long way in helping him back to health. Point out that Barry has been ill for some time and cannot be considered a security risk.

Explain that being category 'A' is hindering his recovery. It is unusual for a prisoner to spend so long on category 'A'. Because he hasn't been able to reply, many people have stopped writing to Barry. If you used to write to him, it would help to write again, but don't expect a reply. It may be better to keep letters short or send cards with messages of support, as his concentration has been affected.

Write cards and letters of support to Barry;
Barry Horne VC2141
HMP Full Sutton,
Moor Lane,
York,
YO4 1PS.

Phone, write letters or/and send faxes to;
Martin Narey, Director General, HM Prison Service,
Clealand House, Page St, London,
SW1P 4LN.
FAX; 0207 217 6961.
Telephone; Home Office Switchboard, 0207 217 3000, ask for Martin Narey's office. Tell them to remove Barry's Category A status urgently. He is very ill and no threat to security

SPIRITED SUPPORT

Dear NA-A.L.F.S.G.,
Thank you for the work you are doing. In the spirit of "I'd rather die on my feet than continue to live on my knees." Some may criticise you for your tactics, but I am thankful to you. As an animal advocate, I've sniped at night -- putting up signs to deter people from buying tickets to a circus, I've protested and rallied but sometimes I feel like it's not enough. If we'd have had any huevos at all, we'd have charged the big top and created the media event the media requires when you are trying to educate the public and save an animal. I do support you and will send a donation soon. Please keep me informed as to what you are doing--I will monitor the web site.

Maxine

FREEMAN DEBATED - FRIEND OR FOE?

Dear NA-ALFSG,
It has come to our attention that the North American A.L.F. Supporters Group, in its issue of *Underground #14*, has requested that people write to us asking that we reconsider funding Freeman Wickman, who has received a grant to offer humane education programs in the Minneapolis region. The group states that "through this grant, Wickman joins vivisectors in denouncing A.L.F actions on a full-time basis."

Freeman, who is an extraordinary young activist and educator, received one of our grants in order to teach young people about animal issues, and to help build a more compassionate world through humane education. The grant enables Freeman to offer school programs on animal rights, compassionate living, vegetarianism, vivisection, hunting and trapping, and other issues free of charge. Freeman will by no means "join vivisectors in denouncing A.L.F. actions on a full-time basis." In fact, Freeman will do much toward ending vivisection through his powerful and inspiring presentations that not only promote kindness, but also teach critical thinking.

We are proud to support Freeman in his outstanding education work, and we hope that this letter answers any questions or concerns that you may have. Thanks for contacting us, and for caring about other species.

For the earth and all animals,
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Dear NA-ALFSG,
[in reference to **A Liberation To Be Remembered**, *Underground #14]* I never like to discover a split dividing us on issues in the animal rights movement and therefore check out all allegations. Character assassination is a non-productive approach. Today, I received the summary of a conference held by United Poultry Inc. "Direct Action for Animals Forum." Among other facts and opinions, I learned that Freeman had founded *No Compromise* and served as an ALF Spokesperson and was very active in organising and participating in protests. Apparently, his ideology has changed, but not his loyalty and commitment to animal rights.

There should be room in our movement for variant views without labelling those who don't follow our concepts as dissidents. I don't see any disparity in my beliefs by supporting all components of the spectrum championing animal rights. A conformist attitude would be counter productive. Organised religions, politics and cults require an allegiance that is counter productive to my nature.

In summary, do what you believe in, provided you maintain the ALF guidelines you have set, and I will continue to support the NA-ALFSG. Also, please don't demand that I give the NA-ALFSG sole allegiance. I trust you will re-examine the human tendency to disparage other individuals or groups that don't abide by your philosophy. As long as they are sincerely involved in pro-animal action, respect the different approach. We're more likely to attain our common goal through diverse efforts and accomplishments.

Sincerely, Jean Lauren.

-- Excellent concerns raised by your letter, which are exactly the same concerns Katie Fedor and Kevin Kjonaas address in their article when they question Freeman's repeated denouncing of the ALF's successful liberation of 116 animals from the University of Minnesota. Look, don't take our word for it, Freeman was interviewed extensively in print and televised media condemning this and other A.L.F. actions. The Supporters Group certainly accept that there are many roads towards the goal of animal liberation, and non-violent direct action is simply one such route, but Freeman has made it very clear that he does not. All of our readers/supporters are free to choose their own path towards animal liberation, (we've never suggested otherwise), but how can anyone claim that Freeman's very public stance against the A.L.F. can not be open to scrutiny or criticism?

THE BIBLE SAYS: ANIMALS CONTAIN GOOD VITAMINS

Dear ALF,
I would like to address the comments made by your group about the sport of rodeo. There is no animal on the face of this earth treated better than a rodeo animal. Our animals (in most cases) are our best friends. We do nothing to hurt them or jeopardise their health. WHY would we? In most cases we spend thousands of dollars of our hard earned money to keep them healthy and well maintained. Your accusations of us beating or being cruel to animals is down right ignorant.
We believe in animal welfare just as much as you do. But animal rights????

Why should an animal have the same rights as humans if they do not have the same responsibilities? We believe in being good and treating our animals decent. After all they are our best friends. But even in the bible it says that animals are on this earth for our use. The human body needs the essential vitamins and minerals that come from meat. God did not intend us to take protein supplements.

Even so you do have the right to voice your opinion, but I have the same right. And with that right I have the right to stand up for the great sport of rodeo. And the welfare of our animals
Sincerely,
Heiney6625@aol.com

JUSTICE DEPT. SEND FUR TRADERS WARNING

We are tired of asking for an end to the fur industry in North America while millions of defenceless animals are put to death. Animal rights activists have spent almost two decades writing letters, chanting, and holding pickets to end the slaughter of fur-bearing creatures. Yet even our sisters and brothers in the

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News Briefs

UK'S ONLY GM TREES DESTOYED BY ACTIVISTS

JULY 12/99
ENGLAND -- The only field trials of Genetically Modified trees growing in the UK were destroyed by anti GM activists during a night raid. Activists claim to have destroyed 115 of the estimated 120 GM poplars which were growing in 2 adjacent test sites at AstraZeneca's research station in Bracknell, Berkshire. It is claimed that some of the trees have been ringbarked while others have been felled.

This direct action against GM trees coincided with the opening of the Forest Biotechnology conference in Oxford. The conference brought together scientists, academics and companies to discuss the GM take over of the world's forests. The communiqué stated:

"Genetic modification of trees is a major threat to the world's environment. Forests maintain our atmosphere and climate, and sustain many thousands of independent species of animals and plants. Those who are manipulating the DNA of trees, using very powerful but new and dimly understood technology, show contempt for our planet and the life it supports, including human life. They respect only profit for themselves and their shareholders.

"We have taken this action today in the hope of placing some obstacle, however small, in the way of AstraZeneca and the rest of the biotechnology business who are recklessly vandalising our world.

"It is likely that AstraZeneca will respond by claiming that their GM trees will allow more eco-friendly industrial processes and/or help save the Earth's forests. Such cynical claims have been made before by the biotech trans-nationals and have been shown to be false. GM trees will lead to increased conversion of forests into regimented wood pulp factories and increased chemical use.

"AstraZeneca has stated that the Poplars that they were growing at Bracknell were safe because they could not cross-pollinate. This ignores the issues of horizontal gene transfer which genetic manipulation makes more likely to occur.
Trees have much longer life cycles than other GM plants, they have very extensive root systems and complex relationships with other organisms, for instance insects and soil bacteria.

"We have been forced to take this action ourselves because the biotechnology companies have used their wealth and power to subvert not only the process of scientific innovation but also the democratic process. We call on the Government to cease its collusion with the biotech industry. Our earth and its people should come before the reckless pursuit of profit."

This is the 2nd time in the UK that GE trees have been targeted by activists. The first came in 1997 when a test site of GE apple trees in Derbyshire was ringbarked during a night time action.



OTHER RECENT UK ACTIONS AGAINST GENETIC MODIFICATION

OXFORD ACTION

On the 18th of July 500 anti-GM activists totally trashed a Genetically Modified crop test site in Oxfordshire by running across the field, rolling across the field, pulling up plants and generally causing as much damage as physically possible.

GREENPEACE ARRESTS

On the 25th of July 1999 activists from Greenpeace International trashed a field of GM maize in Lyng near Norfolk. Their tactics involved both physically pulling up the plants as well as driving heavy farm machinery across the field. 28 people were arrested, one of whom was later remanded into custody for a week charged with theft & criminal damage.

MIDNIGHT RAIDERS

On the 28th of July 1999 a field full of GM oilseed rape was destroyed at High Mowthorpe, near Malton in North Yorkshire, England. Anti-GM activists have admitted responsibility.

Actions have been taken anywhere genetic modification have reared their ugly heads...

UNITED STATES -- August: The Seeds of Resistance claim responsibility for the recent cutting down of genetically engineered corn in Old Town, Maine. This is the first in a series of actions. This action was taken in an effort to send a message to those who seek to benefit from the risky endeavour of genetically engineering the food supply. By taking such actions we hope to motivate individuals engaged in such efforts to look into other lines of work.

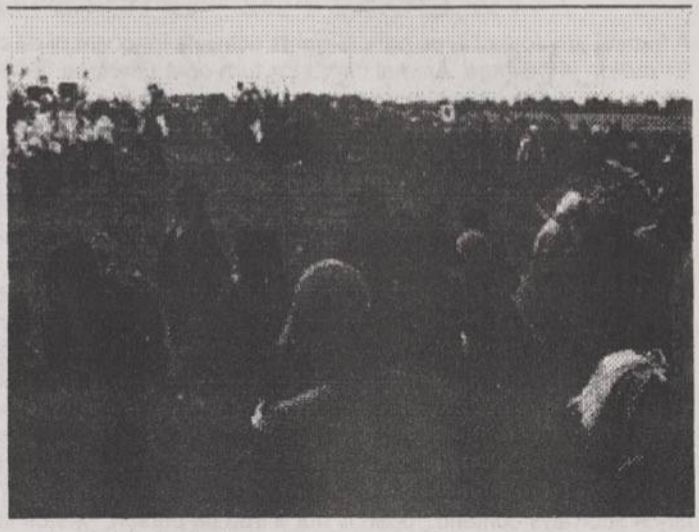
There is absolutely no benefit to humanity from corn plants such as were growing in Old Town, other than to those that create and sell them. These genetically altered corn plants do not taste better and are not more nutritious. They are only designed to sell more herbicide. The idea that companies like Monsanto wish to end world hunger through patenting and genetically modifying the food supply are hollow public relations ploys, especially considering that there is already enough food produced in the world to feed everyone and that the hunger problem is one of distribution not production.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask people from all walks of life to consider: Who is really benefiting from the genetic engineering of the food supply? It certainly isn't the consumers of such foods.

Creative ways of showing our disapproval with genetically engineered foods are going on all over the world, particularly in Europe. Only recently has this phenomenon begun to catch on in the United States. Our recent action in Old Town was the first in a series of actions. We encourage more people to join in. @

HILLGROVE CAT BREEDER CLOSED - THANKS TO PROTESTERS EFFORTS!

ENGLAND -- The last establishment in the UK to breed cats for scientific research and testing closed early August. RSPCA inspectors worked throughout the night to remove more than 800 breeding cats and kittens from Hill Grove Farm in Witney, Oxfordshire, which closed due to immense pressure from public protests. Farmer Christopher Brown, 61, owner of the centre, claimed to be "retiring."



The animals, due to be sold for experimentation in laboratories around the world, were transported to an undisclosed RSPCA holding centre where they were being kept to await new homes.

The Home Office licensed farm has become one of the main focal points for animal rights protesters over the past two years and several demonstrations at the premises in Witney turned into violent clashes between police and protesters. Since March 1997 Thames Valley Police has spent 2.8 million pounds protecting the farmhouse and breeding pens, and policing the

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LETTERS *(Continued from page 5)*

ALF have not always stopped fur farmers through live liberations and economic sabotage. Every year millions more animals are confined and put to a painful death as we wait for the cycle to end.

State and federal laws are being enacted to increase penalties for non-violent liberation actions, making effective forms of non-violent opposition less of an option for those who risk life and liberty to end animal abuse. To make matters worse, fur farmers take no caution to shoot unarmed liberators on their farms. Fur farmers and their puppets in government (Representatives Gronemous, Hatch, Feinstein, Petri and others) are making violence inevitable.

We will wait no more for another decade of death at the hands of fur farmers. To begin the season the Anti-fur Task Force of the Justice Department sent out over 100 razor blade booby trap envelopes to fur farmers and fur trade representatives in North America throughout the month of August. Fur farmers with farms previously liberated and still sticking to the business were randomly sent razor blades coated in rat poison.

Included with each envelope was a letter reading:

"You have been targeted. You have until autumn of the year 2000 to release all of your animal captives and get out of the bloody fur trade. If you do not heed our warning your violence will be turned back upon you."

JD/ATF
Justice Department--Anti-fur Task Force

INNOCENT ON ALL CHARGES

SALT LAKE ACTIVISTS SEAN GAUTSCHY, ANDREW BISHOP, ADAM TROY PEACE FREED!

ELLERMAN BROTHERS BETRAYED FRIENDS, ANIMALS.

A federal jury found three animal-rights activists innocent of all charges in the 1997 bombing of a fur farm office that caused nearly $1 million in damage. Animal liberation turn-coat Ellerman has admitted to federal charges in the bombing but failed to implicate others in a bid to save himself.

Clinton Ellerman, 22, pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of making a firearm and two counts of maliciously damaging property with an explosive in the bombing of the Fur Breeders Co-operative in Sandy. Five pipe bombs exploded and a fire was set in the business offices in the attack. There were no injuries. The March 11, 1997, bombing caused an estimated $900,000 in damage to several trucks and a building owned by the Co-operative, which supplies mink farmers in Utah and Idaho.

Ellerman told U.S. District Judge Thomas Greene he was recruited to build the pipe bombs by his younger brother, Joshua Ellerman, 20. The younger Ellerman pleaded guilty last year to helping plant the bombs. He was sentenced to seven years and two months in prison and ordered to pay $750,000 in restitution. The Fur Breeders Co-operative is one of the country's largest and provides mink to hundreds of farmers in the West. Both brothers turned informant for the state, and in an attempt to save their own hides, lied to authorities about the involvement of others in the bombing. Attorneys for the three animal-rights activists that Ellerman alleged took part in the bombing argued that their clients were in court because Joshua Ellerman was desperate to implicate others. "He needed to give them information to avoid doing 35 years in prison," said Fred Metos, who represents Andrew N. Bishop, 34, of Ithaca, N.Y. "He knows he's got to name names, that he's got to do something. Ellerman has plenty of motivation to lie, defence attorneys contend. "Josh is not a truthful person," Metos said in his opening statement to the 12-member federal jury. "He has lied about this consistently."

Sean Gautschy, 23, of Salt Lake City, was on trial for 11 counts and Andrew Bishop, 34, of Ithaca, N.Y., for 13 counts stemming from the bombing. Adam Troy Peace, 21, of Huntington Beach, Calif., was also charged with two counts from an earlier attempt.

—Douglas Joshua Ellerman admitted lying under oath during his guilty plea and has demonstrated a great ability to concoct a story.

Josh Ellerman said that he, Gautschy, Bishop and Alexander Slack – who committed suicide in June – broke into the co-op on March 11, 1997. Peace's attorney, Ed Brass, said revenge was on Ellerman's mind when he named Peace in the case after Peace backed out of a plan to help Ellerman escape to Mexico. Under cross-examination, Ellerman admitted authoring an article on how to exact revenge. Both Ellerman brothers gave several inconsistent statements while testifying, including conflicting accounts of who bought the bomb-making materials. Furthermore, Douglas Ellerman admitted lying under oath during his guilty plea and has demonstrated a great ability to concoct a story.

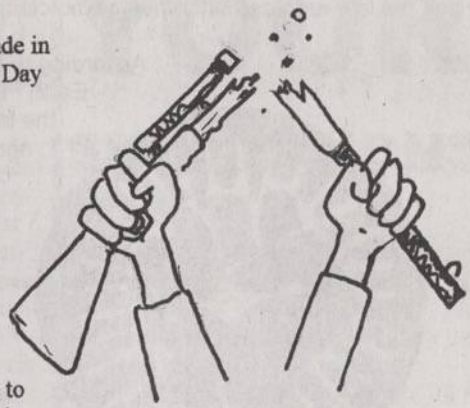
Peace, Gautschy, and Bishop were found innocent of all charges by a federal jury. Family and friends of the defendants cried and hugged each other after the verdicts were read. The 12-member panel took a day and a half to reach a decision. Gautschy testified that on March 10, 1997, the night before the bombing, he was home in a pain-reliever-induced sleep. Earlier that afternoon, his dentist had extracted a tooth. Gautschy's girlfriend said from the witness stand that she had tended him until nearly 2 a.m. the next morning. Defendant Andrew Bishop testified that he was also home that night. His girlfriend, who is now his wife, and his roommate both confirmed Bishop's story. The third defendant, Adam Troy Peace, was accused of helping in an earlier aborted bombing attempt. Defence attorney Ed Brass, argued there was no credible evidence that the first bombing try occurred.

With no physical evidence linking Bishop, Gautschy and Peace to the bombing and an earlier aborted bombing plan, the federal jury acquitted the three of more than 25 charges.

"I think this shows that the government better have more evidence before it puts someone on trial for a crime like this," said Bishop's attorney, Richard Van Wagoner. "We're pleased the jury didn't see fit to convict solely on the testimony of uncorroborated informants." said Ed Brass, Peace's attorney.@

HEGINS PIGEON SHOOT CANCELED!

AUGUST/99HEGINS, Pa. - It's official! The Labour Day Committee, Inc., promoters of the annual Labour Day pigeon shoot held in Hegins, announced that this year's pigeon shoot has been cancelled. The announcement is being hailed as a victory by the dozens of other animal protection organisations that have been working for more than a decade to stop the annual event.



Says Heidi Prescott, National Director of The Fund for Animals, "It has been more than a decade in the making, but we have finally seen a victory for Pennsylvania's pigeons. For the first Labour Day in 66 years, thousands of birds will not be cruelly wounded and killed at Hegins Park."

The voluntary cancellation of the event by the pigeon shoot organisers comes on the heels of last month's unanimous Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision granting Clayton Hulsizer, a humane officer for the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, jurisdiction to enforce Pennsylvania's cruelty to animals law at the Hegins pigeon shoot.

The annual pigeon shoot in Hegins each year attracted hundreds of shooters from around the world, who competed for money and prizes by taking aim at thousands of birds, released one at a time from individual boxes. Investigators documented that approximately 75 percent of the birds were not killed immediately, but rather were wounded and left on the shooting fields to suffer from their injuries. Young children known as "trapper boys" routinely collected wounded birds and killed them by stomping on them, ripping off their heads, banging them against barrels, or throwing them into barrels to suffocate.

Adds Michael Markarian, Executive Vice President of The Fund for Animals, "The Hegins pigeon shoot has often been called the world's cruellest event. It is a hallmark for the humane movement to put an end to this annual atrocity and save thousands of animals from suffering."@

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internationally-advertised demonstrations calling for its closure. At least 350 people have been arrested and 21 have been jailed for public order offences, many losing their liberty for a year.

Brown, who has run the breeding centre with his wife Katherine for the past 30 years, turned to the RSPCA to help re-home his stock after informing the charity that he was retiring from the breeding business. A team of RSPCA vets health checked, vaccinated and microchipped all of
the cats, which had been reared in virus-free environments, before 33 of the charity's officers transported them in a fleet of 16 vans to the holding centre. The charity has launched an emergency hotline to appeal for prospective owners to adopt the Hill Grove cats and the thousands of others in its care. The 800 cats were being housed in a purpose-built cattery awaiting
neutering before being distributed to the RSPCA's network of animal centres around the country.

Animal activist and television writer Carla Lane said the news of the closure was "magnificent. This is absolutely brilliant. It is a wonderful day for all those who care about animals. I used to go down there to protest about it and this is a victory for the protesters. It is those people we have to thank for this and it means that the people are being heard. That farm was one of our biggest griefs and now it has closed. I am just so happy about it."

Campaigners who had battled for the closure of the farm said they were delighted with the news that Hill Grove cattery had closed down. Heather James, of Save the Hillgrove (correct) Cats, said: "This has never been about us or Christopher Brown, it has been about the cats and their safety. That has always been the priority. We have been calling for the closure for the past two years and we said we would never go away until it was shut and now that day has come. If it had taken another six years we would have still been protesting.

"Without our pressure Mr Brown would not have given up what was a very lucrative business. He could have sold it on for a healthy profit, but now he has been forced to give it all up. This is one of the happiest days of my life"

Robin Webb, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, said: "Mr Brown has always said he wouldn't close the farm, but it is clear that animal rights activists have through constant protest, pickets and raids, encouraged him to end this obscene business that offended everyone." At a demonstration on April 18 last year more than 1,000 protesters from across the country descended on the farm, with many fighting pitched battles against 400 police officers drafted in from five surrounding forces. The escalating violence at the demonstrations forced the police to apply for a five-mile exclusion zone around the farm on July 18 last year - only the second time any such order has been granted on the mainland.@

Bombing of EF! Activists Case to Proceed

Activists say FBI conspired to violate civil rights

A federal appeals court recently ruled that two environmental activists who were nearly killed in a still-unsolved 1990 car bombing may sue the law-enforcement officers who claimed that the activists accidentally bombed themselves.



According to the ruling, the Oakland police department conspired with the FBI to falsely arrest Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney for knowingly transporting a bomb, which the law-enforcement officers said the activists planned to use in a "terrorist" attack against one of several possible targets. The bogus arrests, the court added, may have constituted a violation of the activists' First Amendment rights.

The ruling clears the way for the activists' civil rights lawsuit against the FBI and the Oakland police department, which both responded to the scene of the May 24, 1990 car bombing.

Bari died of breast cancer in 1997. But Cherney said he's looking forward to the upcoming trial. "The FBI needs to be taught a lesson, and our case is at the forefront of holding the FBI accountable for violating activists' constitutional rights," Cherney told media. "We have a golden opportunity with this lawsuit to rid the country of a little bit of oppression, and that is an assignment that we embrace and take very seriously."

The upcoming trial stems from a series of events which preceded and followed the still-unsolved car bombing, which occurred as Bari and Cherney were driving through Oakland on the morning of May 24, 1990. In the weeks prior to the bombing, Bari and Cherney -- the two most prominent organisers in the Earth First! campaign to protect northern California's imperilled redwood forests -- received numerous death threats from opponents of the much-maligned movement.

Boulder's Betty Ball, who was then co-director of the Mendicino County Environmental Center, worked with both Bari and Cherney. One day, Ball recalled, a photograph of Bari with rifle cross-hairs superimposed across her face was found tacked to the center's door. "Judy and I went to the Mendicino County Sheriff's Department to ask them to respond to the death threats," Ball said. "Their response was, 'We're too busy; we don't have time -- if you turn up dead, we'll investigate." A few weeks later, Bari and Cherney almost did turn up dead, as a powerful bomb triggered by a motion device ripped through Bari's Subaru station wagon.

Within minutes of the blast, the FBI appeared on the scene and announced that the two activists had been knowingly transporting the bomb on the floorboard behind the driver's seat and that it had exploded accidentally. Bari, who was nearly killed in the blast, was placed under arrest about three hours later as she struggled for her life in a local hospital.
Cherney, who escaped with minor injuries, was arrested a few hours later.

The FBI and the Oakland police department quickly portrayed Bari and Cherney as violent terrorists to the national and local media. But after seven weeks of investigation -- and an accompanying seven weeks' worth of inflammatory accusations -- the Alameda County District Attorney declined to press charges against the two activists, citing a lack of evidence.

To this day, no one has ever been charged with committing the crime. About a year after the bombing, Bari and Cherney filed a lawsuit against the FBI and the Oakland Police, charging the organisations with false arrest and civil rights violations. The activists' lawsuit claimed that the FBI and the police knew perfectly well that Bari and Cherney were innocent, and that they were, in fact, victims of an assassination attempt that was never investigated.

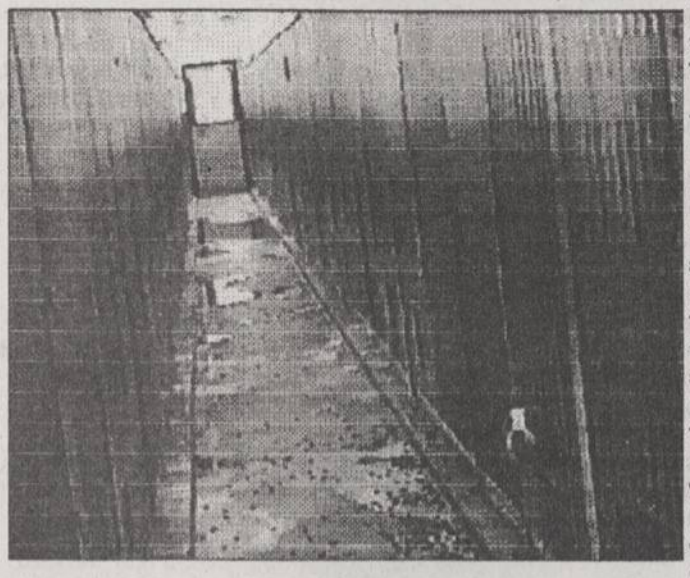
The FBI and the Oakland Police department, which have long denied the allegations, have spent the past nine years trying to get the suit dismissed. It was also revealed that the FBI conducted a "bomb school" on land owned by the Louisiana Pacific Lumber Company shortly before the incident in Oakland. According to court documents, FBI agents spent a week on L/P land blowing up cars with pipe bombs and "responding" to the imaginary "crime scenes." The teacher at this "bomb school" was FBI special agent Frank Doyle -- the very same agent who would show up and take charge of the Oakland investigation a few weeks later.

Upon arriving at the scene, according to an official FBI videotape of the incident, Doyle turned to his colleagues -- all of whom had just been his pupils at the "bomb school" -- and said, "This it -- this is the final exam." Doyle was also the agent who claimed that nails taped to the bomb matched were "identical" to a bag of nails found in the trunk of Bari's car.

Given the history of the FBI's notorious COINTELPRO initiative, all agree that it's time to call a halt on this type of harassment once and for all.@

Animal Rights Activist Breaches Security At Top Secret Lab

ENGLAND -- On Saturday 25th September, at a national demonstration against Covance Laboratories, Otley Road, Harrogate an animal rights activist managed to climb a 3 metre security fence and gain access to the company's beagle unit, gaining an insight into the gruesome world of vivisection.



The following statement has been made anonymously by the activist involved: "Upon entering the building I came across the monkey unit but I didn't go in as there was a Biohazard sign on the door and another mentioning rabies experiments. I entered the beagle unit, lots and lots of dogs with no bedding at all. Lots of excrement everywhere. Some of the dogs were cowering with fear. Some of them were just desperate for attention. The sound was astronomical. Some of the dogs were in small cages used in radioactive experiments. Some of them were used in some sort of lavage experiment. Some were used in medical experiments. Many, many different dogs, they're all very affectionate, loving dogs. Unfortunately they remain [at the lab]."

Video footage taken from within the unit revealed appalling conditions with urine and excrement covering the floors of the kennels, flowing out into the walkway between them. Animal feed had been knocked over into the urine rendering it inedible. The dogs were desperate for attention and affection, two things which they will have hardly experienced in their short, miserable lives in the labs.

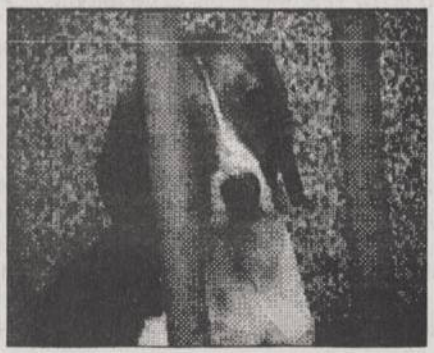


This footage has come as a major boost to the campaign against this company, which is currently being stepped up. Covance have denied cruelty in the past but we now have concrete evidence that the dogs on site live a life of misery.

The campaign will continue until the laboratories are closed.

Out of 100 activists who attended Saturdays demonstration, two were arrested for public order offences.

The Covance Campaign can be contacted on 07977 637 293.



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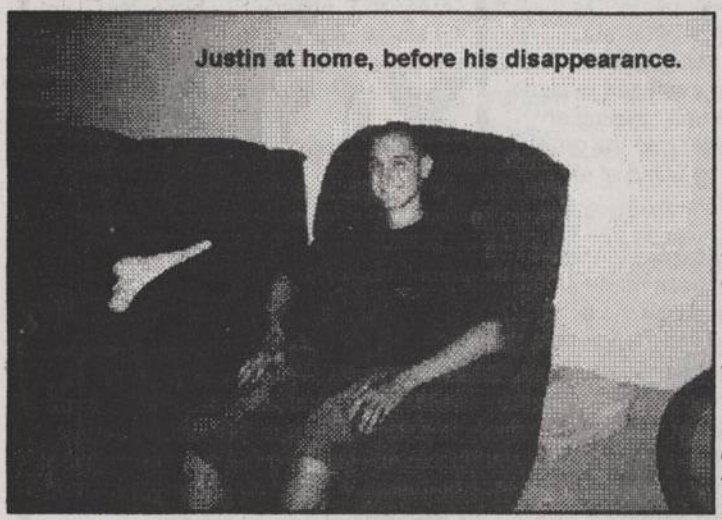
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JUSTIN SAMUEL'S STORY


Justin at home, before his disappearance.

SPECIAL TO UNDERGROUND

During October, 1997, persons unknown released several thousand mink imprisoned within fur farms in Independence, Medford, Granton, and Tomahawk, in the state of Wisconsin.

In September, 1998, a Grand Jury in Madison, Wisconsin, was set up to investigate these raids, and indicted two young men, charging them with "animal enterprise terrorism" and "unlawful interference with interstate commerce." The indictment alleges that Peter Young (age 22) from Mercer Island, Washington, and Justin Samuel (age 20) from Snohomish, Washington, attacked at least two of the farms and released 3,600 mink with the intent to cause significant economic damage to the farms. In addition the indictment claims the two undertook "overt acts in three states as part of a conspiracy to engage in extortion by attempting to coerce the farmers to close their business rather than face the threat of further economic losses as a result of their attacks." These alleged overt acts include conducting surveillance on numerous farms and the release of breeding stock.

In all, Peter and Justin face a six-count indictment. Under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (AEPA) anyone convicted of freeing animals could face a number of years in jail for each count. After the counts were indicted against Peter and Justin the U.S. Attorney's office issued the following statement; "This indictment reflect the determination of the law enforcement community and my office to address criminal activity designed to curtail or shut down a lawful industry, such as the conduct alleged in this indictment."

However despite all the Attorney offices statement they were lacking two things -- their suspects.

For nearly two years nothing was seen of either Peter or Justin. Then on the 4th of September 1999, the news came that Justin had been arrested in Hasselt, Belgium, and is now facing extradition procedures to the USA.

THE ARREST

According to Belgian media, Justin was discovered by authorities in a pub near the military base of Klein Brogel, in Hasselt. Justin had apparently been staying a short time at the home of Pol D'Huyvetter, a leader of the pacifist and ecological movement in Belgium. Pol D'Huyvetter and other Anti-nuclear activists would bring attention to nuclear issues by invading American military bases to search for nuclear bombs. D'Huyvetter was unaware that Justin was wanted on a Federal indictment. At the time of Justin's arrest, a demonstration against the possible presence of US-nuclear weapons was taking place at an American base near the pub he was in. Depsite not having been present at the demo, Justin was discovered when authorities performed a check on his ID. Belgian and Dutch police also looked into the possibility that Justin might have been involved in several mink liberations in the Netherlands (Hasselt, where Justin was arrested is not far from the Dutch border). There was, however, no evidence that Justin was in any way involved with any European mink releases.

Shortly after his arrest, Justin was visited by Joseph M. Pomper, the US Consul. Under the Belgian legal system, Justin is only detained in the country because of a request for provisional arrest and extradition made by the United States government. The case for which he is wanted in the U.S. will not be judged in Belgium. The Belgian's government's role is to ensure that the extradition request is receivable in accordance with the provisions of the extradition treaty signed between Belgium and the United States of America. Once found extraditable, Justin would be picked up by U.S. Marshals to be returned before the appropriate U.S. jurisdiction for trial.

On September 14, Justin was able to leave a voice mail message to his father, in which he thanked everyone supporting him, "Tell everyone I'm doing all right. Thank them for being there for me."

EXTRADITION

An extradition request was submitted to the Belgian authorities in the form of a diplomatic note addressed to the Belgian Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice. Under the provisions of the extradition treaty signed between Belgium and the United States of America in 1987, the requesting state has 75 days from the date of arrest to submit the formal extradition request and support documents. The United States Department of Justice is aware of this and has been requested to submit the required documentation as soon as possible. Past experience shows that several months (5-6) are usually required between the date of arrest and the date at which U.S. Marshals pick up the prisoner to return to the United States. In cases where extradition is contested and special proce-

dures need to be initiated in Belgium to show that the extradition request is not receivable, the delay can be increased to over 12 months before extradition actually takes place.
Marlene and Bob Samuel, Justin's parents, have been working very closely with a variety of Animal Liberation Support Organisations in both North America and Europe to work on helping Justin situation. As well, the American Embassy has been very helpful to Justin and his family in establishing communications with each other, ensuring his well being, and helping to get Justin a small amount of money. Both Justin and his parents ask supporters to "please not demonstrate outside the American Embassy" as they are being very supportive of Justin and his efforts to communicate with his family.

SUPPORT

Marlene Samuel had this to say to Justin's supporters: "To all of you, I can't begin to express my appreciation for all you've done, and everything you're doing. I know Justin will be alright with all the support that he is seeing. Thank you, everyone.

"I had the best phone call I could ask for a few hours ago. That was to hear Justin's voice for the first time in almost two years. He sounds very well, upbeat and wanted me to communicate his gratitude to all of you for standing by him. I talked with him about receiving communications from his supporters, and he sounds like he is becoming more receptive. He did specifically mention that it's taken him a while to get over the initial paranoia that being where he is can result in. Overall, Justin sounds emotionally and mentally sound. He said he views his current situation as a learning experience - each day is a new one. This follows suit with Justin's nature - his ability to focus on the positive."

Justin's father recently travelled to Belgium and was able to visit with Justin at the Hasselt prison several times. Bob reported to supporters, "Justin is truly a remarkable person, one who is at peace with himself and the world. He sees his confinement while awaiting extradition as part of his personal growth and life learning. Your letters and cards to Justin are critical to his ongoing wellbeing. From discussions I have had with social activists who have been political prisoners in the past, support from the outside is very important to help them to keep up their positive attitude.

"In few short hours I was with Justin it was clear to me that he takes every opportunity to contribute positively to our world in a peaceful and meaningful way. He is a completely non-violent and constructive individual. During the four weeks of his imprisonment he has had a positive influence on his fellow prisoners. Justin has requested that meditation classes be started at the Hasselt prison. Justin meditates everyday, and many of his fellow prisoners are impressed by Justin's positive view of life and would like to find a way to share it."

Bob said that Justin appears to be in good health. His vegan diet is being respected, and he has been treated with respect and dignity by the Hasselt prison management and staff. Justin is very eager to receive mail from everyone. His spirit is strong and he's been in a very positive frame of mind. Justin's parents have told him about the world-wide support he has, and preparations for his defence are underway.

Supporters can reach Justin at the following address:

Justin Samuel
Gevangenis Hasselt,
Martelarenlaan, 42
3500 Hasselt, Belgium

Please keep the following few points in mind when writing to Justin: 1. All communications to Justin are monitored, read, and potentially censored. 2. Please respect Justin's request that: "When referring to my situation, and me and my case, not to use the words: militant, war, attack, fight, warrior, violent, revenge, or anything like that". 3. Also note that the inmates cannot receive telephone calls at the prison.

There are also several Support Campaigns set up for Justin, which you can write at the following addresses:

JUSTIN SAMUEL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
Box 22504, Seattle, WA
98122-0504 USA

(This fund is being used to directly pay for Justin's legal defense by his parents. Donations payable to "Justin Samuel Legal Defense Fund").

JUSTIN SAMUEL SUPPORT FUND
(North America)
c/o NA.ALF.SG, Box 69597, 5845 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ont, M2M 4K3, Canada.

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EUROPE

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c/o Families for Animal & Earth Liberation Prisoners Support
BM Box 2407, London, WC1N 3XX, England
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JUSTIN SAMUEL'S STORY

A MOTHER'S LOVE

Marlene Samuel

First of all, I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of telling you about one of the most compassionate people I have had the pleasure of sharing my life with, my son, Justin Samuel. After reading this through, I have strived for the utmost of objectivity. I have had difficulty in making transitions from past to present tense. I'm sure this is largely a result of Justin not having been a part of our family's lives for two years.

Justin's compassion existed from an early age, and extends to all living beings. Someone once commented to me that he should care about people as much as he did animals. I realized how little this person knew Justin. One example of Justin's concern of people were the regular reminders he gave me that we needed to give outgrown clothing to the needy. He kept a bag in his closet that he filled up on a regular basis. This started at an age when most mothers have to plead with their children to cooperate in such an effort.

There was never a time when we had any less than five cats, and up to 11, and a dog. Most of these cats were acquired as strays, and some had to be quarantined due to FIV and FELV. After a number of trips to the thrift stores on half-price days to acquire blankets for the cats, Justin expressed his concern of taking away the opportunity for needy people to purchase the blankets. After that, we started using old towels and smaller items to fill pillowcases for the cats.

Justin was a greatly appreciated volunteer at Providence Hospital in Everett, Washington. The manager of the volunteer staffing office was filled with nothing but praise for Justin in his variety of duties. He completed the tasks that he was asked to do, anywhere from patient transport to filing, always with a cheerful attitude. He enjoyed his involvement there, and shared a lot of inspiring stories with his family.

Academically and intellectually, Justin is blessed, but very humble. When he graduated high school in June of 1995 at the age of 16-1/2, he had already accumulated more than a year's worth of college credit. Along the way, Justin has always been willing to help others. He has never been insecure that if someone knew what he did, he wouldn't be quite as good. He enjoys seeing people succeed. I think about this a lot, as a member of the corporate world, where withholding information for job security is an every day occurrence.

Materialism and consumerism have no place in Justin's life. At holidays and birthdays, he asked his family and friends to make donations to charities, instead of buying gifts for him. Much of his dislike of materialism contributed to his choice to leave the University of Washington. He told me he would never feel comfortable sitting behind a desk in a corporate environment, when he felt his real contribution to this world lay elsewhere.

Justin's love of animals easily led him to a great concern for their welfare. We attended one of PETA's Animal Rights 101 seminars in Seattle in 1988. By the time we left, we could feel the anger toward the perpetrators of all inhumane treatment of animals, and the hurt for the animals themselves. At dinner that night, we announced our commitment to become vegetarians. Midway through high school Justin became vegan.

From the time of that seminar, Justin became a profound crusader for the welfare of animals. He has seized every opportunity as a soundboard to educate people on all issues concerning those that can not speak for themselves. From his efforts in elementary school, turning his art projects into murals of animal cruelty, to more recent one-on-one "discussions" with those who showed indifference, there have been many that felt his impact. One particular incident that comes to mind was returning from a family vacation in September of 1991. As we stood at baggage claim, we both spotted a woman standing across from us, wearing a mink coat. As Justin started moving toward her, her baggage arrived and she left. I could see that he was upset for not going after her. As fate would have it, he got a second chance when she and her husband boarded the same parking shuttle we were on. Justin articulately, and rationally, proceeded to describe the cruelty that produces a fur coat. The woman was definitely flustered by what she was hearing. Her husband verbally attacked Justin for his bringing up the subject, saying that it was a gift from him, which was supposed to justify it. That woman does not know Justin's name, but I'll guarantee that every time she saw that mink coat in her closet, she remembered him.

He was an active volunteer at the Arlington Wildlife Center, and was very devoted to his work there on weekends. He marveled at the animals that he was able to interact with, and was equally appalled by the acts of cruelty that brought many of them there. The center is well-known for rehabilitating birds of prey, who have been wounded by the trigger-happy. No wild animal was turned away. Although every thing that could be to either rehabilitate the animal, or give it a home at the shelter permanently, was done, there were the ones who could not be saved, and Justin accepted that as he knew the effort that went into giving each one its chance.

Justin's personal pets could count themselves among the luckiest creatures on this earth. His request of a pet of his very own came at Christmas 1983. He asked for a "3-colored cat." I was stumped, trying to figure out what a 3-colored cat was. He finally saw there was hope for me when I found a picture of a calico cat, and confirmed that's what he wanted. I finally found one, after searching many shelters, about 5 days before Christmas. She was six months old, and ready to be spayed. I decided that rather than trying to hide her at home for 5 days, I would leave her at the vet for spaying, and pick her up Christmas Eve. I was worried about how Justin would react to seeing her shaved belly, and stitches, but it was unwarranted. To him, she was the most perfect cat in the world.

Justin has the great combination of the gift of conversation, being a good listener, and having an amazing sense of humor. Last week, I told him in our first conversation in 2 years that I felt like I had lost my best buddy, but was glad to have him back. One of my favorite memories of that sense of humor was his rendition of a cat coughing up a hairball at the dinner table. Of course, Justin enjoyed it even more when extended family and guests were amongst the observers.

I was hospitalized in September 1997. He came to see me when I was released from the hospital. He stayed with me for a week, until I was feeling better. Justin cooked three delicious vegan meals for me each day. I wasn't eating much at that time, but he didn't give - he kept cooking. I felt bad for sleeping so much during that time, and when I did get up, I apologized to Justin for not being up to much talking. He didn't feel snubbed at all for his efforts. Justin committed acts of kindness, without further expectation of others.

Every mother's ultimate dream is to see her son or daughter grow up to be a fine human being. I have been blessed with this dream twice. I am extremely proud of Justin, and his brother, Robbie, for having the courage of their convictions. Robbie is a U.S. Marine, something that is no small endeavor and requires tremendous personal sacrifice and risk to defend freedoms we and others enjoy. This has been a hard thing for Justin to accept, being such a conflict to his own pacifist views. Of course, Justin's beliefs have been a source of conflict to Robbie. I am reminded of many conversations their dad and I chanced to hear between these brothers rather pointedly expressing their views. Often having some very serious differences. Yet, this tough Marine was deeply saddened by his brother's disappearance, and shared the concern of the family. Both Justin and Robbie are role models for all of us, they stand for honor, courage, and commitment. I am proud of both of them.

I am proud of Robbie's commitment to his country, but I don't think I'll ever look at an American flag with previously felt patriotism if the outcome of the accusations made against Justin are not found to be unsubstantiated and untrue. I know our judicial system has failed many people, and for that I am sorry. Most of us have read articles or heard stories of how law enforcement officials have told family of victims of heinous crimes how they're doing all they can, but they're resources are limited. I wonder how many of these family members would feel if they were told the truth - that resources were being directed toward pursuing those who have been accused of attempting to end cruelty. The FBI spokesperson, Barry Babler, was recently quoted in the Seattle Times as saying that Justin "acted on his principles, and now has to pay the price", Since when have our American law enforcement officials become the judge and jury?

I am deeply saddened when I think of Justin being confined in Belgium's Hasselt prison awaiting extradition. I am saddened for the toll this may take on Justin, I am selfishly saddened for myself, his father, and his brother, who are denied the ability to hug him, but mostly, I'm saddened for this world. Each day Justin is confined, the world does not benefit from the touch of this incredible person.

Before concluding this, I would like to thank all of you for your support of Justin. It really has been very helpful to Justin, as well as our family. There are those of you who have been working virtually non-stop to call attention to Justin's plight, and I'm not sure if you want me to note your names, but you and I know who you are, and you have helped so much, I will never be able to express enough gratitude. I would also like to send thanks to Justin's dad, Bob, who has been an infinite resource in making things happen, while providing emotional support to me.

Lastly, to Justin, who I couldn't be prouder of, or love any more - I will always be here for you.

Marlene Samuel
AKA "Mom"

JUSTIN WRITES:

Dear everyone,

First of all I want to say thank you for all of the love and support I feel that helps keep me strong and without fear for the future. As of writing this it has been three weeks since my arrest in Belgium, and I'm still here...waiting.

I have not been charged with anything in any country in Europe but am being held in accordance with the request of the U.S. government for my extradition (specifically the international warrant for my arrest issued by a Wisconsin judge last September). At this point the U.S. has 75 days from the time of my arrest (September 5th) to provide an official copy of the arrest warrant, which the Belgian courts require before they will begin extradition proceedings where they will decide whether there are sufficient grounds to grant the request.

There is no way of knowing how long I may be held here after the U.S. does provide the papers. The delay that may slow down any potential extradition would be any investigations, charges or extradition requests here in Europe (such as the Netherlands). There is a lot of media here in Belgium that seems to indicate I am a suspect for just about everything that has happened here recently, and there is no way of knowing how much of this is true and how much is just media sensationalism. So the idea of being here a few months seems a likely guess, but it could be one more week or it could be a year.

When first arrested I did not want to take any chances for affecting my legal case, so I had said I was not receiving support mail at that time. I have realised, though, that any unlikely adverse affect this could have on me is small, and is insignificant in light of the amazing strength that I get from having contact with so many people who support me. So I am now welcoming all letters, postcards, zines and publications anybody wants to send me. Please keep in mind, though, that all of my mail is read, coming in and going out.

As far as my mental state is concerned I'm doing great. The important thing is remaining positive and the support I've been getting helps tremendously. There's also the underlying knowledge of not having done anything wrong, and the bearing of injustice is an inspiration to stay strong. My physical conditions here (Hasselt prison) are OK, too, and I have good access to vegan food, so I can focus my energies on the more important things I have to deal with.

With regards to people writing/speaking/thinking about me, I would like to say that I believe in love, not hate. Compassion, not anger. I would never describe myself or my beliefs as 'violent' or 'militant', and I ask that others not refer to me as these, either. I don't ask this out of concern for any possible effect on my legal case, but instead because I feel they completely misrepresent who I am and what I believe, and I also feel they have a very negative impact on the general understanding of the basic ideas we share. I ask the same for words such as 'war', 'warrior', 'fight', 'attack' and others that, even if not intended to do so, often imply violent (that is, having intent to cause harm to other living beings) actions or ideas. By this I do not intend to disrespect to anyone else's beliefs, or condemn them as wrong, but only feel these words misrepresent me. Anyway, seeing how I have come to represent an alternative viewpoint and lifestyle in the eyes of the public as a result of the media sensationalism (at least here in Belgium) regarding the accusations against me, I have great faith in the corporate/state-controlled media to continue to portray me as a violent terrorist trying to create fear and hurt people, as that is one of their main functions: to limit the acceptable bounds in which people can think by distorting and marginalizing ideas (such as love and non-violence) that threaten the foundations of the power structures of which the media is a tool. I can only hope alternative/support media can refrain from doing the same.

As far as supporting me is concerned, what really gives me strength is to see people continuing to follow their hearts, not deterred by fear or consumed by anger when any one of us is subject to a small piece of the injustice this world has to offer. The important thing is to always remember one's real purpose and not to get caught up in negative emotions that will only leave us drained of energy and inspiration. I do ask that anything being done in support of me and my situation (be it letters written or demonstrations or anything else) be done out of love and compassion, not with any anger or violence in your heart. Understandably, there may be situations where some people react with violence towards others acting out of love, but we can only try to remain grounded in our compassion for the suffering of ALL other beings. Thank you again for all of the love and support. There is an amazing amount of strength I get from knowing I'm not alone. The real freedom is, of course, to not live your life in fear. Tot ziens (Dutch/Flemish 'until we see each other').

Love, Justin

CALIFORNIA ACTIVIST FACES CONTEMPT CHARGES FOR REFUSING TO TALK TO GRAND JURY



Gina Lynn, an animal rights activist from Northern California, was served a subpoena to appear before a federal grand jury in St. Louis this July. "Compliance with this subpoena would be unreasonable and oppressive in that the government has no reasonable belief that the information requested by the subpoena is relevant to its investigation," said Jennifer Brewer, Lynn's attorney. "Rather, the subpoena is intended to harass and intimidate Ms. Lynn from exercising her First Amendment rights by speaking out for the rights of animals." For that reason, Gina refused to cooperate with and did not appear before the grand jury as ordered.

On Sept 10 she was arrested by the FBI at her home and taken into custody. She was held for several days. She was then jailed in St. Louis for "an indefinite period" of time for refusing to cooperate with the grand jury. In a statement issued upon her release from the Oakland jail, Lynn said "I am being persecuted simply for my belief and activism in animal rights. Regardless of the law and although my compliance with this grand jury would fully exonerate me, I have to follow my heart. And my heart will not allow me to aid the FBI in their malicious attempts to destroy the cause that I've devoted my life to."

Anheuser-Busch allegedly received two letters they deemed threatening. One in 1995 and another in 1996. Excerpts read in court by the U.S. Attorney follow: "If you don't release whales from Sea World, violence will come upon you," and "Letters, phone calls, and protests haven't worked. Can you handle terrorism?"

The reasons given by the U.S. Attorney for targeting Gina are that she happened to live in southern California at the time, is an outspoken animal advocate, and an unidentified activist who talked to investigators from the F.B.I. speculated that it might be possible that Gina would be capable of writing such letters. Ms. Lynn categorically denies any involvement with these letters, stating "I'm not even involved in a campaign regarding Sea World. I didn't have anything to do with these letters."

On October 5, Gina was again taken into custody for her refusal to cooperate with the Federal Grand Jury convened in St. Louis. Gina could spend as long as six months in jail unless she relents and provides handwriting samples. Her lawyer, Jennifer Brewer, said Lynn won't change her mind. Gina told supporters and media that she is being harassed because of her animal rights activism. Lynn founded the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition in Southern California, where she also produces an animal rights newsletter.

In finding her in contempt of court and ordering her to jail, the judge told Lynn that only she can determine how long she stays locked up. If she continues to refuse to provide handwriting samples, she could remain jailed for six months or until the grand jury's term expires. The grand jury hearing the case is set to end in four months, but its term could be extended.

After spending nearly two weeks jailed and on hunger-strike in the St. Louis county jail in protest of her situation, Gina was moved to the jail's infirmary for observation. After refusing to take a (non-vegan) TB test, Gina was placed on lockdown and was no longer allowed to make ANY phone calls. After intense public pressure through protest, phone-calls and faxes, Gina was later returned to the general population. Before long, however, the pressure on the St. Louis County Jail proved to be too much, and Gina was actually KICKED OUT of the Jail (but moved to a new one...)! The staff stated they couldn't get their work done with all the phone calls, so they called the U.S. Marshalls to take her.

Unfortunately the new jail is in worse condition than the last and officials wouldn't let her take the hundreds of letters that she's received, her books or any of her commissary stuff.

When Gina learned of this, she immediately refused to leave the St. Louis County Jail until they agreed to box up a bunch of her stuff to give it her lawyer. Unfortunately, this means she probably won't be able to reply to all the mail she's received. She's also asked that we not send any more books to her until we can figure out something so that she won't lose the books in transit the next time the U.S. Marshalls decide to do something with her.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Beyond just improving Gina's conditions in jail - we need to get her released! To do this we need to increase the pressure on Judge Sipple. So please keep sending letters to him! Please join activists from around the world in drawing attention to the U.S. Government's unwarranted harassment of this brave activist who has been jailed for little more than being an outspoken advocate for animals. Any one of us could just as easily be in her shoes.

Even if you can only manage a small protest, or doing leafleting, your participation can make a world of difference for Gina. The more pressure we're able to place on the judge and the more media we're able to generate the more likely it becomes that Gina will be released sooner rather than later. Judge Sipple could release Gina at ANY time, this is completely up to his discretion.

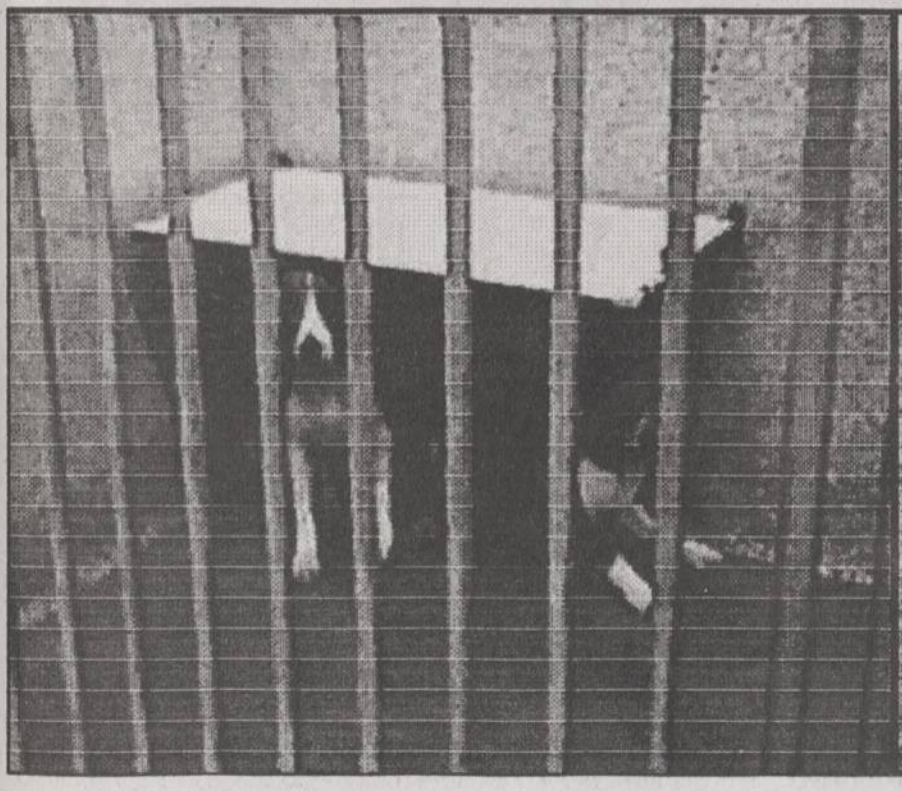
Letters may be mailed or FAXed to Judge Sipple at:

Judge Rodney Sipple
US Court and Customs House
1114 Market St.
St. Louis, MO 63101
FAX: (314) 539-7872

Gina Lynn #309515
Saint Clair County Jail
700 North 5th St
Bellville, IL 62221, USA

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If not you, who?

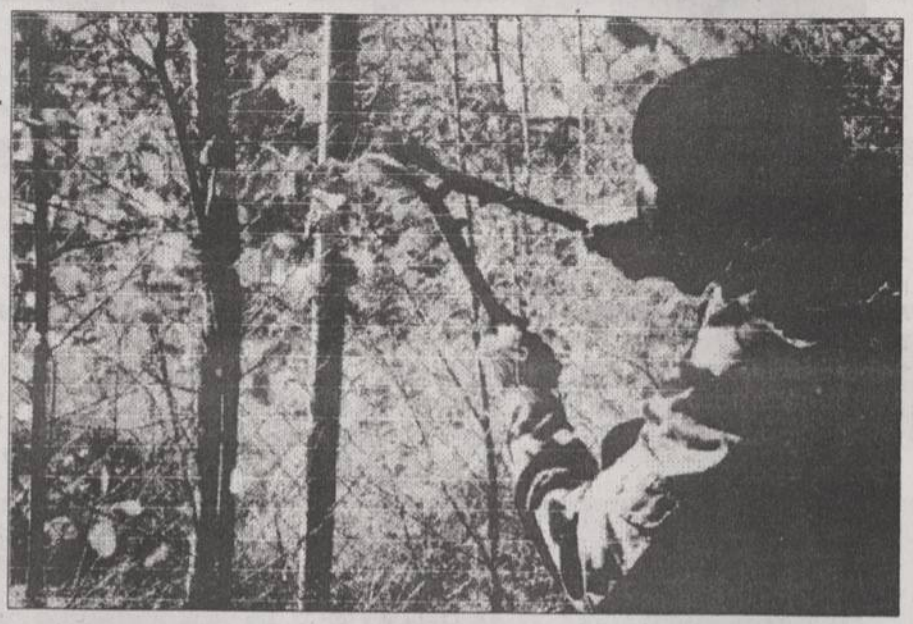




If not now, when?

DIARY OF ACTIONS

The Diary of Action is intended to report the news of direct action for earth and animal liberation, not to encourage crime, etc. etc. All reports come from communiqués, other publications, the internet and news reports. Some of the actions took place in time periods covered by other issues of *Underground*, but were not known about until recently.



CANADA

AUGUST 25/99: Yarmouth, NS - At least two Canadian fur farmers received threatening letters containing razor blades from the Justice Dept. The return addresses on the envelopes were The Seattle Fur Exchange, New York, N.Y., and Fur Information of America, also of New York.

UNITED STATES

JUNE 23/99: North Brunswick, NJ -- Approximately 40 to 50 fur-trim and full-length fur coats destroyed with a pocket knife at Burlington Coat Factory. -A.L.F.

JUNE 25/99: A.L.F. claimed responsibility for the firebombing of a truck at World-wide Primates, Inc. (7780 NW 53 St., Miami, Florida), the business of modern-day slave trader/primate dealer Matthew Block and his family.

JULY/99: Wiscasset, MA - A.L.F. activists targeted Wiscasset Rod and Gun Club, causing more than $7,000 in damage. Walls were spray-painted with "Animal Liberation Front." Stuffed animal heads and stuffed dead animals in the club were taken and returned to the wilderness "to rest in peace."

JULY 7/99: ?, N.J. -- "Fur Kills" was spray painted on the side of Furs By Guarinos, "ALF" was spray painted on the metal shutter that pulls down over the window as well as on the wall. -A.L.F.

JULY 10/99: Philadelphia, PA -- Flemington Furs billboard on I-95 was paintbombed. - ALF

JULY 27/99 - Berkely, CA -- "The California Croppers" returned to the University of California--Berkeley's (UCB) Gil Tract to organise a late-night tackle football game in the middle of the crop fields. The final score after an enthusiastic match was Croppers 14, UCB 0, as 14 rows of corn used in GE research by two well-known scientists were uprooted. The name of our game may be called, "Preventive harvest!" The crops are the work of Sarah Hake, director of the Plant Gene Expression Center (a collaboration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and UCB's Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, where she is responsible for about 90 genetics researchers; (510) 559-5907) and biology professor Mike Freeling. These two researchers were targeted because of their dirty work for the multinational corporate titan Novartis at a public institution. This action is in observance of the "GE-Free July" called for by groups in Europe, and in solidarity with groups and individuals across the globe who are taking direct action against genetic-engineering. GE--the ultimate commodification of life itself.

AUGUST 3/99: -- Bristol, WI: Animal rights activists broke into a building at Krieger Farm and released over 3,000 mink, as well as destroying breeding cards for four complete mink sheds. From the communiqué: "The conditions on Krieger's death camp were the worst we have ever seen. There was filth everywhere. The sheds were decrepit and poorly maintained. Throughout the farm there were open ditches full of faeces and urine. In several cages we saw the decomposing corpses of dead mink whom were just left there to lie. These dead mink were surrounded by their fellow inmates." The A.L.F. have also confirmed that Krieger's Far was targeted in large part because of their connection to retail giant Neiman Marcus. Krieger supplies Neiman Marcus with mink pelts.

AUGUST 7/99: Escanaba, MI -- The Earth Liberation Front paid a visit to the home of Jim and Lois Boydston's on Lake Michigan. Their house was positively identified by the "Fur Enough" sign that hung from a post by the road. Their two fishing boats were destroyed by fire. The slogan Fur is Murder was painted on one boat and the garage door. Each slogan was signed "ELF." The two boats are tentatively valued at $15,000 and $25,000. The action was taken to their home to show that they can live away from the destruction and death they are causing, but they cannot hide and wash their hands of the blood. The Boydston's make their money through a mink

farm and a veterinary practice. Obviously the Boydston's have no compassion for animals. They have not learned from their veterinary practice that animals suffer. They only care about making money off the backs of others. The Boysdston's property is all stained with the blood of the innocent animals that died to make them rich.

AUGUST 8/99: Plymouth, WI -- the A.L.F. are responsible for releasing all the mink (more than 2000) at Myer's Fur Farm, in a late night raid. Meyer says the damage is done. He will never be able to breed again. "All my records are messed up now, I don't know who's mother is who. "we wait until they fur out and its history, I'm done. I'm not a quitter, but sooner or later you got to give up after you go through something like this." A.L.F. activists report in their communiqué that "Tears came to our eyes as we watched thousands of mink run to their freedom in nearby fields. Once we had finished sweeping the farm, we headed off to United Feeds" where they continued their action...



United Feed mill — out of commission

AUGUST 8/99: Plymouth, WI - A United Feed mill, producers of mink feed for mink fur farms, was burned to the ground by ALF activists. Media reported that United Feeds Inc. is a "total loss" with damage estimates around one million dollars. By the time fire-fighters arrived, there was very little to save of the United Feeds mill -- Wisconsin's largest supplier of mink feed. Activists responsible stated, "We entered the building and checked from top to bottom to ensure that no living thing was inside. After walking throughout the building and seeing the sick huge bins of animal innards and organs, we knew that we had to end this operation. Four incendiaries were strategically placed throughout the building, ensuring that it would burn to the ground." -A.L.F.

AUGUST 13/99: Washington, DC -- Andriana Furs had its locks glued. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 14/99: San Diego, CA -- A dozen or more red paint bombs were splattered over a butcher's shop store front that sold the dead carcasses of innocent animals including Boars and Quails.

AUGUST 16/99: Eugene, OR -- HOBART (meat cutting equipment, meat scales, etc) Doors glued; van in back glued; letters "ALF" spraypainted in back; words "MEAT IS MURDER!" spraypainted on front; 3 windows smashed.

AUGUST 14/99: Salisbury, Maryland - Activists visited Frank Parson's Mink Ranch, and released at least 20 animals. Security alarms went off about 5 a.m. alerting farmers. No arrests.

AUGUST 24/99: Long Island, NY - Animal liberation activists freed "Annie," a 27-year-old stumptail macaque who had been languishing on display at B.T.J.'s Jungle Pet Shop in West Islip for decades. Annie was well-known to local animal rights activists and concerned animal lovers because of her incarceration and poor living conditions at B.T.J.'s. A veterinarian's deposition on July 11, 1999 described Annie as living in filth and being fed an improper diet. Annie had been housed in isolation for most of her life, denied the opportunity to interact with members of her species.

AUGUST 29/99: Orange County, CA --, forty-six dogs (many injured from surgeries) were liberated by the A.L.F. from Bio-Devices Laboratories. The building, located at Collins and Eckhoff in Orange County, was damaged and many messages were left, such as "Animal Liberation" and "Vivisection is Fraud". This liberation is dedicated to Alex Slack, a true animal liberationist victimised by the federal government, who chose to take his own life rather than betray his friends and the animals. As long as animals are exploited, tortured, and killed for profit there will be an ALF.

SEPTEMBER 1/99: Fulton County, GA -- McDonald's lost a store to an arson attack.

SEPTEMBER 2/99: Goodhue County, MN - Activists from the "Bolt Weevils" destroyed corn at a Novartis Seed Research field, glued locks to the company's corporate offices in Golden Valley. Much of the corn attacked by the Bolt Weevils was labelled as genetically modified with Bt (Bacillus thuregensis), a bacterial insecticide sprayed topically by organic and small scale farmers as a last resort to control problem insects, but now increasingly genetically engineered directly into the DNA of corn, cotton and potatoes, to make plants express the pesticide throughout. Ecologists, farmers and corporate executives alike agree that such widespread exposure to the toxin will eventually create Bt-resistant "super pests", rendering small scale use of the bacteria in spray form obsolete. Additionally, recent research has revealed that Bt pollen has a similar fatal effect on the intestines of the Monarch butterfly as on the corn borer, and scientists have shown that engineered Bt accumulates in the soil and could disrupt soil ecology irreversibly.

SEPTEMBER 14/99: Mankato, MN -- In their second attack this month, the Minnesota Bolt Weevils has destroyed a genetically engineered test crop and other property at Pioneer Hi-Bred's seed research facility. In the attack on Pioneer Hi-Bred, the world's largest seed company, members of the

group trampled 50 rows of research corn, damaged company vehicles, spray painted "free the seed" and "stop agribusiness" and changed the Pioneer sign in front of the facility to read "Pioneering Farmageddon." "Our strike against Pioneer is a call to the Weevils and Borers of the world to join the growing resistance to the quickly approaching 'Farmageddon,'" stated the communiqué.

SEPTEMBER 17/99: Davis, CA -- Guerrilla gardeners laid claim to the destruction of experimental sugar beet and corn crops at the University of California, Davis, marking the latest in a string of attacks aimed at genetic engineering of food. The group, "Reclaim the Seeds" said its "plant defenders" wore masks and used "guerrilla gardening gear" to attack a UCD field early Tuesday and uproot a quarter-acre of genetically altered sugar beets.

SEPTEMBER 23/99: Phippsburg, MA - Activists visited the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, turned on two coffee pots, left plastic cups on the burners and turned on a gas line. Damage to the clubs was extensive. The words, "Animal Liberation Front" and "No Turkey Shoot" were painted onto walls. "Blood is Dripping" was spray-painted on a refrigerator.

SEPTEMBER 27/99: Maple Grove, MN -- E.L.F. paid a visit to CS McRossan' offices in where they slashed conveyor belts and damaged machinery. From the communiqué, "We see highway 55 as symbolic of the larger system that is strangling us of our air and water. The NAFTA superhighway and the roads into the forests are all a symptom of the sick capitalist system that puts profits before people or ecosystems. As long as the trees continue to fall, so will the profits made of this project. This is just the beginning of a new level of battling against highway 55 and car culture. We urge the elves of MN and the world to unite against the profit hauling infrastructures around the globe. Target machines, offices , and equipment used to build roads. We are everywhere and we are watching. We will be back."

SEPTEMBER 29/99: Davis, CA "Reclaim the Seeds," conducted its fifth action against GE crops at a University of California, destroying five rows of transgenic melons, sixteen rows of transgenic walnut trees, sixty rows of pesticide-ridden tomatoes as well as removing two pieces of research equipment at two UC-Davis GE facilities.

OCTOBER 1/99: Montpelier, IN -- the A.L.F. paid a visit to the Owl Creek Fox Farm where thirty fox at the Montpelier farm had their coats dyed with a harmless red henna to render them worthless to the fur farmer. Breeding cards were also taken causing further economic loss. The raid was apparently thwarted by an undisclosed "disturbance" causing activists to leave the area prematurely. The A.L.F. state that they will return if the farmer does not end his cruelty.

OCTOBER 2/99. Englishtown, NJ. Two windows at Classic Furs shattered by two large rocks. -A.L.F.

OCTOBER 3/99: Minneapolis, MN -- the Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the second attack upon C S McRossan's construction machinery. The ELF entered the construction site on highway 55 where the company is working. Machines that were found with accessible holes had sand poured into the oil, facilitating the draining of them. Three machines had hoses and wires cut before the elves escaped into the night.

OCTOBER 15/99: Long Island, NY -- McDonalds Restaurants in Jericho, Hicksville, Syosset and Garden City had their windows shattered and graffiti scribbled on their walls, including slogans as "Animal Rights Now," "Humans = Animals" and "Animal Liberation Now." The Hicksville restaurant was hit the worst with about $10,000 in damage.

OCTOBER 17: Albuquerque -- The Burger King at 5215 Menaul NE went up in flames and the building was destroyed. Investigators are trying to determine how the fire was started.

ENGLAND

MAY 1/99: E. London -- Fish shop window smashed in Walthamstow. -A.L.F.

MAY 1/99: E. London -- Butchers van paint-stripped and tyres slashed in Wanstead. -A.L.F.

MAY 1/99: E. London -- Mobile fish van tyres slashed in Leyton. -A.L.F.

MAY 2/99: W. London -- Mobile fish stall paint-stripped and tyres slashed, Greenford. -A.L.F.

MAY 2/99: E. London -- Chicken shop window smashed, Walthamstow. -A.L.F.

MAY 2/99: E. London --Ladbrokes betting shop window smashed, Leyton. -A.L.F.

Mid MAY/99: N. London -- A large butchers refrigerated van in Edmonton, parked near the police station(!) was burnt out by ALF activists.

MAY 20/99: London --ALF took action against the property of Carol and Peter, both prominent players in the British and European fur industry. Many windows were damaged at their north London home. The couple were believed to be out at the time. Peter Bartfeld has recently been exposed by BBC Newsnight as being responsible for the importation of cat and dog fur from China, under the name of Alaska Brokerage, a company for which he is a director. The ALF will continue such actions until every furrier in the UK is out of business and every fur farm is closed.

MAY 27/99: London -- Chicken express, Willesden High Rd - window Smashed. -A.L.F.

JUNE 18/99: London -- On the June 18 demo in the city, at least six NatWest cash point machines (ATMs) were superglued up by ALF activists. NatWest is targeted because of the large loan it gave to Huntingdon Life Sciences when they were in serious financial trouble last year.

JUNE 18/99: Tonbridge - Hildenborough landlord, Robert Hicks received 6in by 10in flat package believed to be a bomb, but actually contained cat excrement. The parcel was the latest in a string of actions on Mr Hicks, who was fined in May for killing his pet cat.

JUNE 28/99: Leytonstone, E London -- Burger bar, Kebab shop, 2 butchers windows smashed.

JUNE 28/99: Essex-- Fresh Fish shop windows smashed.

JUNE 29/99: Hounslow, W London -- McDonald's window smashed.

JUNE 29/99: Chadwell Heath, E London -- Butchers shop window smashed.

JULY 5/99: Mill Hill -- Organic butchers shop near National Institute for Medical Research has window smashed. -A.L.F.

JULY 5/99: Herts - Meat van has tyres slashed, redecorated with slogans and windscreen broken. - A.L.F.



Unigate Dairy is payed a visit by the A.L.F.

JULY 5/99: Crouch End, N London - Meat van has tyres slashed, redecorated and windscreen smashed. -A.L.F.

JULY 6/99: Dalston, E London --Betting shop window smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 6/99: Dalston, E London --Butchers shop window smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 6/99: Dalston, E London --Kennedy Fried Chicken window smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 7/99: Walthamstow, E London -- Steak bar window smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 7/99: Whipps Cross, E London -- Jellied eel van tyres slashed and slogans daubed.-A.L.F.

JULY 7/99: London Bridge, S London -- Cafe windows smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 8/99: Kings Cross, N London -- Cafe windows smashed.-A.L.F.

JULY 8/99: Hounslow, W London -- Butchers window smashed.-A

JULY 12/99: Braknell, Berkshire - Anti-genetic modification activists destroyed 115 of the estimated 120 GM poplars which were growing in 2 adjacent test sites at AstraZeneca's research station. Some of the trees have been ringbarked while others have been felled. No one has been arrested in connection with this action.

MID JULY/99: London -- BMC (Botswana Meat Co.) in Tottenham Lane - 2 vans (1 meat, 1 dairy) got spray painted and brake fluid treatment.-A.L.F.

MID JULY/99: London -- A vivisector from the Medical Research Centre, Mill Hill received an anonymous letter put on his car saying he better resign or expect more visits from the ALF. Also, his car was totally spray painted all over, and brake fluid.-A.L.F.

MID JULY/99: London -- Merc Sharpe and Dome sponsor a roundabout on the A10, the posts were graffitied. -A.L.F.

JULY 19/99: London -- Kentucky Fried Chicken, window smashed;

JULY 19/99: London -- Kebab shop, window smashed;

JULY 19/99: London -- Betting shop, window smashed;

JULY 19/99: London -- Halal butchers, window smashed.

JULY 20/99: London -- Butcher shop, Forest Gate, windows smashed + slogans spray-painted;

JULY 20/99: London -- McDonalds, Forest Gate, window smashed;

JULY 20/99: London -- KwickSave, window smashed displaying meat advertisement;

JULY 20/99: London -- Lambs cafe, Whippes Cross, windows smashed;

JULY 20/99: London -- Butchers' van, South Woodford, tyres slashed and slogans painted on it."

LATE JULY/99: London -- Roundabout near A10, N London: permanent slogan on brickwork "Merck, Sharp & Dohme kills animals"

LATE JULY/99: London -- Home visit to Doctor at Medical Research Council: 73 Fallows Court Ave. Car trashed - tyres slashed, body spraypainted and brake fluid poured over it. Also a note left on his car that him and others are being watched.

LATE JULY/99: London -- Meat van: tyres slashed and graffitied: Wood Green, N London.

LATE JULY/99: London -- Lab Manager, Medical Research Council. His stairway was spray painted with "Animal abuser lives here". Also area was leafleted.

AUGUST/99: London --Rosebery Avenue: Burger bar window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: London --Tottenham Court Road: Sandwich bar window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Holborn -- Meat shop window smashed, Burger bar door smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Stratford -- Pet shop window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Wanstead -- Betting shop window smashed, Butcher's fridge smashed, 10 meat adverts destroyed, slogans painted on. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: London --Blackhorse Road: Jellied eel stand has tyres slashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: London -- Wood Green: Butchers shop window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Tottenham -- Butchers shop window smashed, Kebab window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Walthamstow -- Dairy Crest Milk HQ has windows smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Hounslow -- Pizza Hut window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Ilford -- Butchers shop window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: London --Woodford Green: Butchers shop window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST/99: Acton -- Butchers shop window smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 1/99: Banbury - four meat vehicles were destroyed in an attack at Tadmartin Poultry. Estimated damage is said to be £250,000. Incendiary devices were placed under the lorries. A fifth device underneath a poultry lorry failed to go off.

AUGUST 1/99: Oxford -- An arson attack at Unigate Dairies has caused £1 million damage. Activists planted incendiary devices under lorries at the dairy, causing a large fire, and seventeen vehicles were completely burnt out. Police stated, "We are not sure of the exact value of the damage but we would estimate it at between half a million and a million pounds."

AUGUST 3/99: E. London -- Meat & fish shop, Butchers: Whitechapel windows smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 3/99: E. London -- Butchers, Leather shop: Leyton, windows smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 3/99: E. London -- Chicken shop, Butchers, Cafe: Leytonstone, windows smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 3/99: E. London -- Meat shop: Aldgate, windows smashed. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 6/99: Bristol -- Earth Liberation Front activists (Elves) entered the Waitrose supermarket on Northumbria Drive and symbolically placed a large frozen turkey into a shopping trolley which was then allowed to defrost in the middle of the store. This dead bird symbolised the thousands of birds killed each year by the John Lewis Partnership (the owners of Waitrose) on their shooting estate in Hampshire.

AUGUST 6/99: Preston -- A.L.F. activists raided a mink farm and every one of the 1,500 mink were released from their cages. Large sections of the perimeter fence were removed. Most of the animals released appeared to disperse from the farm area. The action took place on the anniversary of last year's raid on Crow Hill mink farm at Ringwood, Hampshire. -A.L.F.

AUGUST 9/99: Cricklewood -- Grocery store advertising halal meat and poultry - received knock on the window from brick. Restaurant next door selling kebabs and other crap - window was smashed.

AUGUST 24/99: London -- Brick Lane; Leather shop window smashed.-A.L.F.

AUGUST 24/99: London -- Old Street; Betting shop windows smashed.-A.L.F.

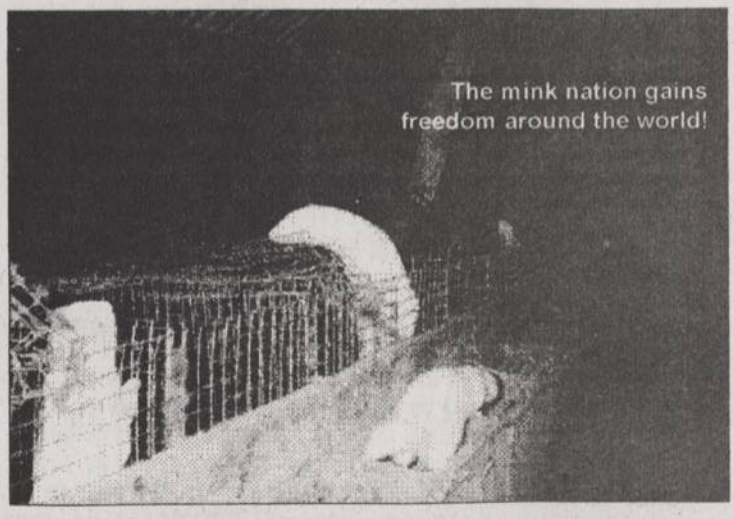
AUGUST 24/99: London -- Shoreditch; Betting shop window smashed.-A.L.F.

AUGUST 24/99: London -- Hoxton; Butcher shop window smashed.-A.L.F.

AUGUST 24/99: London -- Woodford Green; Fishing and gun shop locks glued and window smashed.-A.L.F.

AUGUST 24/99: London -- South Woodford; Cancer Research shop locks glued.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 1/99: London - (WHITECHAPEL) windows smashed at the following: Halal butchers, Meat shop, Chicken shop, Leather shop, Kebab shop. -A.L.F.



SEPTEMBER 1/99: London - (WANSTEAD) Betting shop - smashed for a 2nd time after their replacement. A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 3/99: Burton-on-Trent -- The A.L.F. kick-started the campaign against the Hall family business of breeding and selling Dunkin Guinea Pigs to vivisection laboratories, by liberating six hundred (600) young guinea pigs. ALF activists entered the brand new building - so new in fact that the alarm had not yet been wired up. The sealed doors were breached by

drilling out the locks. Once inside, the liberators found thousands of Guinea Pigs in overcrowded, barren floor cages with no bedding or nesting material, many dead and dying babies, and a thick layer of faeces. Documents taken reveal the day to day death rates in their hundreds.

Documents taken during the raid also explain the strict rules about entry into an SPF (Specific Pathogen Free) sterile environment, which the breeding unit was. Of course all those people entering, opening doors, walking around, rifling offices, stealing animals, and filming and photographing, completely breaks the SPF status of this unit and the entire stock. The Halls can no longer sell these animals as sterile, and we do hope they confess this to their customers (we took a customer list too, in case they need approaching). As well as losing 600 baby Guinea Pigs the filthy business has been dealt a financial blow by this breach of the SPF status.

ANIMAL TESTING



SEPTEMBER 15/99: Brixton - Kentucky Fried Chicken, windows smashed. -A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 15/99: Brixton - Country Chicken, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 15/99: Brixton - Butchers shop, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 15/99: Brixton - Kebab shop, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 15/99: Brixton - McDonalds, sign smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Hackney - Chinese Take-away, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Hackney - Butchers shop, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Hackney - Butchers van, tyres slashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Wood Green - Butchers shop, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Hounslow West - Butchers shop, windows smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 16/99: Acton Town - Butchers shop, windows smashed, Kebab shop windows
Smashed.-A.L.F.

SEPTEMBER 23/99: London -- Activists targeted seven meat-laden lorries parked in the yard of Cherryfield (Croydon) Ltd, in Whistlers Meat Market, Cherry Orchard Road late on Saturday. Petrol Soaked clothing was put under the wheel arches of each lorry and an incendiary device used to start the blaze. Plastic bottles of flammable liquid were also found nearby. Damage was estimated at £500,000. All of the lorries had been loaded with meat ready for transportation the next day.

BELGIUM

JUNE/99: Kontich -- Schots meat company : 1 meat lorry burned.

JULY 11/99: Antwerp -- De Hert and Willemson, a meat processor, had their cold storage lorry torched.

MID JULY/99: Antwerp -- a van belonging to a meat company was burned out. Slogans were sprayed on a wall beside the vans. Police says that at least one of these slogans was sprayed long before the fire, namely when at the same place the van of the meat company Belgameat was set on fire (last year) by the A.L.F.

AUGUST 12/99: Antwerp -- A McDonald' s fast food restaurant was burnt to the ground. "ALF" was painted at the scene. The restaurant was completely destroyed after the roof collapsed. Police stated, "It was the worst destruction we have seen so far." -A.L.F. Red Rooster, Holland

SWITZERLAND

JUNE 19/99: Winterthur - an activist group called "The Heirs of Leonardo da Vinci" slashed 96 tires on twenty meat vans belonging to a slaughter house. Damages reached over 50,000 Swiss Francs.

HOLLAND

JUNE 13/99: Bodegraven -- Five meat trucks parked in the parking lot of a Domberg Vlees slaughterhouse in Bodegraven went up in flames. Four trucks were loaded with meat. The trucks were completely burned out. Damage is estimated at millions of Dutch guilders. It took 40 fire-fighters to tame the fire and the N11 road was cut off for hours because of a massive smoke cloud. The police later recovered some empty petrol cans and firelighters in the vicinity. The ALF communiqué in brief states (and this is translated from Dutch): "Undisturbed we sprinkled gasoline on the meat trucks. Under the tires of each truck we placed one incendiary device, we subsequently left the area...The slaughter of animals will continue unless we don't hit again. This is a warning to all meat companies, this is not personal, it is the start of offensive against ALL murderers of innocent animals. We will strive for justice in an unjust world. As long as inequality and injustice are dominant forces we will strive to fight against it.. Even if the government puts obstacles in our way to thwart our actions others will continue the struggle." - A.L.F.

JULY 5/99: Dedmsvaart -- Seven out of the ten meat trucks outside of poultry slaughterhouse Plukon were set on fire, with damages well into millions of Dutch guilders. The fire also hit the company's storage building which contained paint and spare parts for the meat trucks.

JULY 12/99: Emelo -- A massive fire completely wiped out a poultry processing plant. The fire was noticed at around 4a.m. after a series of explosions rang out. The damage runs into

millions of Dutch guilders. 60 fire fighters from 4 towns were called into put out the fire but could not prevent the whole building being burned totally to the ground.

AUGUST 27/99: Zwammerdam - activists from "ALF Commando Roberto Duria" raided a fur farm, releasing 50000 mink. From the communiqué: "We made our own small bridge to reach the farm of fur breeder Verboom. 10-20 metres of fencing was destroyed and cages were opened for 4000-5000 of the 15 000 mink present in the farm. The timing was strategic as in October these animals will be killed and skinned for their pelts.

SEPTEMBER 10/99: Barchem - Animal liberation activists released an estimated 8000 mink from a Dutch fur farm.



Some of the nine hens liberated by the ALF

POLAND

JUNE/99: Bialystok - unknown activists broke into a McDonalds building site and destroyed equipment. Later a McDonald's billboard was paintbombed.

JUNE/99: Bielsk Podlaski - activists completely destroyed 11 hunting platforms.

DENMARK

JUNE 23/99: Copenhagen -- activists sprayed-painted "Fur is Murder" and lit a fire outside the headquarters of an international fur company. Damage was minor and no one was arrested. "We know where you live" and the Danish name for Animal Liberation Front were painted in red several times on the two-story building housing Saga Fur, a joint marketing company owned by the Nordic fur breeders' associations. The heat caused several windows to explode and the fire singed the building. Saga has a world-wide market share of nearly 70 percent of farm-produced mink, and 90 percent of farmed fox skins.- A.L.F.

JULY 23/99: Overlade -- 3000 mink were released from a farm in the village of Overlade in North-Jylland. Slogans such as "Fur is murder" & "Stop the torture" were sprayed at the farm. Danish Animal Liberation Front takes responsibility for the action.

SWEDEN

April 16/99: Helsingborg - Three big windows on a meat store got smashed. The windows on the staff room on a slaughter house was smashed and the walls were painted black with paint bombs.

April 25/99: Morarp - Nine hens were liberated from Swedens largest battery hen unit Aniagra by the ALF.

April 27/99: Stockholm - A meat company called Kottgrossisten Mikro Meat AB had several windows smashed and "meat is murder" and "ALF" spraypainted.

April 30/99: Malmo - Activists climbed the roof on the meat company Lars Jonsson´s, smashed a window, and threw in a can of fuel that they had lit.

Spring 99: Skane - Several hunting platforms destroyed.

May 8/99: Eksjo - A meat company got slogans painted like "meat is murder" and "murderers".

May 13/99: Helsingborg - The windows on the staff room on the slaughterhouse were smashed again, and paint bombs were thrown inside. An animal transportation truck were covered with slogans, and when the activists were about to cut holes in the wheels, they got spotted and ran away. Slogans were also spraypainted on a meat hop.

May 20/99: Helsingborg - Locks were glued on a meat company. Paint bombs were also thrown on the slaughterhouse, that painted the walls green-black.

May 31/99: Malmo - Several meat companies got windows smashed (one shop in the middle of the day).

June 10/99: Malmo - Malmo hospital's animal lab got windows smashed, and a motion detector alarm went of, so no animals could be rescued.

June 15/99: Southern Sweden - Five hunting platforms were destroyed and a shooting area for hunters were sabotaged (windows smashed, slogans spraypainted and other economica damage).

June 21-27/99: Stockholm - During "XII Symposium of Gnotbiology", a vivisector and main organiser and member of the board on B&K, Tore Midvedt, got his door glued, "animal abuser" was painted next to the door, and red paint were squirted on the door.

July 1/99: Orebro - A McDonalds delivery car got windows smashed, the paint destroyed and the rear-view mirrors destroyed. A loudspeaker for the drive-in also got smashed.

July 4/99: Norrkoping - A McDonalds was spraypainted, and

had neon signs destroyed.

JULY 15/99: Smaland - 24 rabbits were liberated from a rabbit slaughter house by the Swedish ALF. The Furukulls rabbit slaughterhouse in Bredaryd, Varnamo was visited by activists, who discovered the rabbits in terrible condition, with several in need of veterinary care and medicine. The rabbits are now in homes where they receive care, love and a safe future. - ALF"

July 15/99: Orebro - A McDonalds has 15 windows smashed, and a loudspeaker and signs destroyed.

July 16/99: Orebro - A hunting & fishing shop got all seven windows etched with a fluid by the ALF.

July 19/99: Orebro - A skin shop was spraypainted by the ALF.



Vita Fageln chicken trucks destroyed by ALF activists.

AUGUST 7/99: Orkelljunga -- An Astra-owned beagle breeder was visited by animal liberationists. Surrounded by a high barb wire fence, the centre breeds dogs for vivisection and is the biggest of its kind in Sweden. The fence was cut and when activists got in to the area, a motion detector alarm was triggered. Searchlights was turned on and sirens started. Despite this, activists got inside and lifted to freedom. Five young beagles now live torture-free, living in loving homes where they will be respected as individuals and not as components in a profit machine. A day will come when people won't have to risk their own freedom to liberate animals from institutes such as this one. -A.L.F.

August 22/99: Valla - Ten incendiary devices were placed out on the chicken company Vita Fageln by ALF-activists, and one of their trucks were burned to the ground, but nine incendiary devices were disarmed by the police. Damages for $200 000 were made. The company had been in the newspapers earlier in the week, saying that they were expanding their business.

September 1/99: Falkenberg - All cages were opened on Lonestigs mink farm, and 2500 minks left the cages. The farmer said that most of the minks left the area. This was the third raid against the same place.

September 4/99: Morarp - 24 hens were liberated from Aniagra, which was also attacked on April 16, by the ALF/Commando Astrid Lindgren. "Be nice to the animals" were also spraypainted on one house. Astrid Lindgren is a famous Swedish writer, who got a promise on her 80-years birthday that battery hen units should be banned in 1999, but they will still exist because of dispensations.

FINLAND

JUNE/99: Helsinki -- Polar turkis, a fur store, a window smashed.

JULY/99: Helsinki -- Junotex, a fur store, gets one window smashed two times.

JULY/99: Helsinki -- Polar turkis loses another window.

JULY 13/99: Juuka -- Fire destroyed a fur farm storage building, completely destroying it. Finnish A.L.F. claimed responsibility, "We burned down Olavi Kakkinens fur farms storage building, to make the operation of the farm more difficult. Before starting the fire we made sure that the fire wouldn't spread to nearby trees and that the wind wouldn't blow the smoke to the direction of the animals. We also made sure that there were no humans inside the building"

AUGUST 13/99: Kiihtelysvaara - A.L.F. raided a fur farm near Pitkäjärvi. Two guard dogs near the entrance understood whose side the activists were on and let them raid the farm in peace. The farm was in bad shape. Activists opened the back gate of the farm. Several hundred breeding cards were stolen and destroyed. We wish all of the animals a good escape journey!

AUGUST 14/99: Kiihtelysvaara -- Activists raided a fur farm in North Karelia, where an estimated 100 racoon dogs were released from five sheds. Cages were opened or the back net of the cages were cut. Activists also cut down the farm fence to allow the racoon dogs to escape.

AUGUST 20/99: Kontiolahti -- a fur farm was raided and liberators opened several dozens Racoon dog cages and broke equipment. Only a few animals managed to escape but expensive damage was caused by seizing the breeding records.

AUGUST 24/99: Jokioinen -- The farming of angora rabbits for wool is being developed as an intensive trade in the Finnish countryside, so ALF activists decided to make an inspection to check the conditions of the animals at wool producer Arja Simola's farm (Latovainiontie 98, 31629 Latovainio, tel/fax +358-3-4333116). 16 rabbits were liberated. The rabbits were kept in wire floor cages, several of which were covered in dust and urine. Some of the old rabbits were far too fat which is in-

dicative of a lack of exercise. Rabbits are not cage animals and they require a lot of exercise. Even though rabbits are herd animals, all of the rabbits were housed in single cages. Several of the rabbits had severe infections caused by the mesh floor of the cages. The infections made the animals ability to move hard Rabbits nails weren't cut and some nails had turned in to the paw like screws.

One of the rabbits had a very severe infection in rear end, it's tail was covered in faeces and had mould inside. The rabbit also had diarrhoea and ticks. The animal couldn't clean itself because the infection has been going on so long. All these problems are clearly the result of neglect.

AUGUST 27/99: Pohjois-Karjala -- 200 fox and racoon cages were opened by activists.

SEPTEMBER 1/99: Luumaki - a fur shop suffered smoke damage in an attempted arson attack. A window in the back of the building was smashed and some flammable substance was thrown inside. When the fire department arrived the sides of the windows were on fire and it was quickly extinguished. Part of the fur coats and equipment suffered smoke damage. The owners of the fur store, Martti and Margit Sipari used to have a fur farm as well, but after it was raided last year, they announced that they will stop farming but will continue selling fur.

SEPTEMBER 23/99: Mäntsälä - The A.L.F. raided the chinchilla farm of Tarmo and Anne Peltola, taking 16 chinchillas, now housed in loving homes. The Peltolas raise chinchillas for fur, with an estimated 130 animals on the farm. The chinchillas were held in very small cages with wire mesh floors, in three levels. Activists took all breeding cards from the cages. Also taken were 83 nutria (coypu) pelts stored on the farm, books with breeding records of the farm since -88 and lots of farm papers and records.

OCTOBER 8/99: Lapinjarvi -- a fox farm was raided and around 200 foxes were released after being dyed with henna. According to media sources, the cages were cut and torn and the damages were estimated to be "significant".

GERMANY

Animal rights activists have destroyed numerous hunting platforms in the following areas (area + number of platforms destroyed):
- Rendsburger Forst: 3 (by "Aktionsfront Sauberer Wald" -- Actionfront
Clean Forest)
- Köln (Cologne): 7
- Bad Schwartau: several
- Hannover: 8
- Hambacher Forst (between Düren and Bergheim): 6

JANUARY 16/99: 7 trucks and one car of the firm "Deutsche See" had tires slashed, windows smashed, and spraying quick/hard drying foam into the cooler and the exhaust pipes. "Deutsche See" is a major firm in Germany, dealing with (dead)fish.

FEBRUARY/99: the windows of six butcher shops have been shot with steel screws. The damage was increased where the screws flew into the interior of the butcheries.

MARCH 20/99: Schwaebish-Hall -- meat and live animal trucks had their tires slashed at the slaughterhouse Wuerstner. It was said that the damage done was more than 100.000 DM (1US$ ~ 1,80 DM).

MARCH 27/99: Moers-Bornheim -- Traps and hunting platforms on a property that hunters use for meetings have been destroyed. Butyric acid was splashed into a hut on the property.

APRIL 4/99: Meckenheim -- Sugar has been poured into the petrol tanks of 34 meat trucks of the firm Rasting. The cleaning of the tanks alone cost 50.000 DM.

APRIL 14/99: Karlruhe -- 30 hens have been liberated from a battery farm . JULY 4/99: Willich -- More than 400 empty cages were destroyed by activists on a mink farm near Duesseldorf. The farmer says he can't afford to buy new cages so he will try to repair the damaged ones, taking a massive hit to profits.

MAY 22/99: Waldfeucht-Selsen -- The "Flinke Marder" released 120 minks from a farm. Fences were cut, cages destroyed and an alarm device/machine which was switched off was taken.

JULY 4/99: Willich -- the group "Nagezahn" damaged/destroyed 400 cages on the mink farm of Manfred Rossberger. Rossberger stated that he can not afford to buy new cages so he will try to repair them. It was said that the damage done was between 40.000 and 100.000DM.

JULY 25/99: Nordrhein-Westfalen -- T.B.F. liberated 20 hens from a so called battery farm. They are now in a place where they can live according to their needs without having to fear for their wellbeing and their life. There they can live as a species whose aim in life is not to be an egg laying machines for humans.

SEPTEMBER 2/99: Rahden -- 8000 minks were freed in a raid on a mink farm. Unclaimed.

NORWARY

AUGUST 8/99: Eidsberg -- Over 70 furbearing animals were released from a fur farmer in Hærland. Anonymous activists opened all the cages at the farm and cut the fence. The farmer, Paul Østby doesn't know how much money he will lose because of this action."

EIRE (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

AUGUST 16/99: Cork -- a Genetically Modified sugar beet crop was destroyed by anti-GM activists. The action took place in Midleton, Cork. According to The Times newspaper, this is the second anti-GM action to occur within less than a month in Ireland.

So, how much do you know about U.S. Fur Farm Raids? Afraid you'll be caught short the next time someone quizes you about historical mink liberations? Don't worry! Use this handy **Animal Liberation Front Guide to North American Mink Raids** to expand your knowledge of exciting and inspiring mink farm actions.

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1.August 13, 1995 Annendale, MN Davidson Fur Farm 1 coyote liberated
2.October 24, 1995 Chilliwack, BC Dargatz's Fur Farm 2,400 mink liberated
3.November 14, 1995 Aldergrove, BC Rippin Fur Farm 5,000 mink liberated
4.November 16, 1995 Olympia, WA Jordan Mink Farm 400 mink liberated
5.November 16, 1995 Pleasant View, TN Mac Ellis Fox Farm 30 fox liberated
6.January 15, 1996 Sheboygan, WI Zimbal Minkery 400 mink liberated
7.April 4, 1996 Victor, NY L.W. Bennet Fur Farm 1,700 mink liberated
8.June ?, 1996 Snohomish, WA Brainard Fur Farm 80 mink liberated
9.June 7, 1996 Sandy, UT Fur Breeders Agricultural Co-Op 75 mink liberated
10.June 21, 1996 Riverton, UT Riverton Fur Farm 1,000 mink liberated
11.July 4, 1996 Howard Lake, MN Latzig Mink Ranch 1,000 mink liberated
12.July 4, 1996 Langley, BC Akagami Mink Ranch 400 mink liberated
13.July 17, 1996 South Jordan, UT Holt Mink Ranch 3,000 mink liberated
14.August 9, 1996 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Ranch 1,000 mink liberated
15.August 12, 1996 Alliance, OH Jorney Mink Ranch 2,500 mink liberated
16.September 28, 1996 Alliance, OH Jorney Mink Ranch 8,000 mink liberated
17October 2, 1996 Salem, UT Paul Westwood Fur Farm 1,500 mink liberated
18.October 5, 1996 Lindboro, NH Gauthier Fur Farm 35 fox and 10 mink liberated
19.October 11, 1996 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Ranch 75 mink liberated
20.October 23, 1996 Lebanon, OR Arnold Krohl Fur Farm 2,000 mink liberated
21.October 25, 1996 Coalville, UT Reese Fur Farm 1,500-2,000 mink and 150-200 fox liberated
22.October 29, 1996 Victor, NY Bennett Fur Farm 46 fox liberated
23.November 28, 1997 Hinsdale, MA Carmel Mink Farm 12 mink liberated
24.December 14, 1996 Snohomish, WA Brainard Fur Farm 50 mink liberated
25.December 25, 1996 Bath, MI Jack Brower Fur Farm 150 mink liberated
26.March 15, 1997 Blenheim, Ont. Eberts Fur Farm 240 mink liberated
27.March 30, 1997 Blenheim, Ont. Eberts Fur Farm 1,500 mink liberated
28.April 9, 1997 DeBerry, TX Kelly Fur Farm 10 chinchilla liberated
29.May 11, 1997 Salisbury, MD Parsons Mink Farm 500 mink liberated
30.May 28, 1997 Lebanon, OR Lou Masog Mink Farm 80 mink liberated
31.May 30, 1997 Mt. Angel, OR Arritola Mink Farm 10,000 mink liberated
32.July 4, 1997 Cle Elum, WA David Smith Mink Farm 4,000 mink liberated
33.July 8, 1997 Medina, OH Tom Mohoric Mink Farm 41 mink liberated
34.July ?, 1997 Alliance, OH Unconfirmed raid on Jorney Mink Ranch 500 mink apparently liberated
35.September 1, 1997 Downers Grove, IL Ides Mink Farm 3,500 mink liberated
36.September 20, 1997 Anderson, IN Adams Fox Farm 200 fox liberated
37.October 5, 1997 Crystal Lake, IL Frye Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated
38.October 6, 1997 Preston, ID Palmer Mink Farm 5,000 mink liberated
39.October 16, 1997 Sioux Ciry, IO Circle K Fur Farm 5,000 mink and 100 fox liberated
40.October 17, 1997 Watertown, SD Turbak Mink Farm 3,000 mink liberated
41.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Independence, WI Smieja Fur Farm 800 mink liberated
42.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Tomahawk, WI Ott's Mink Farm 300 mink
liberated
43.October weekend of the 24th, 1997 Medford, WI Jack Dittrich Minkery 3,000 mink liberated
44. October 29, 1997 Hebo, OR Empty mink farm entering the rabbit business
raided 6 rabbits liberated
45.November 5, 1997 Ft. Wayne, IN Blaine Leffers Fox Farm 125 foxes liberated
46. July 3, 1998 Middleton, WI United Vaccines Research Ranch 310 mink liberated
47. July 29, 1998 Sandy, UT Furbreeders Co-op 6 mink liberated
48. July 30, 1998 Sandy, UT Furbreeders Co-op 2 mink liberated
49. August 18, 1998 St. Cloud, MN Mueller Fur Farm 4,000 mink liberated
50. August 20, 1998 Guttenburg, IA Hidden Valley Fur Farms 330 fox liberated
51. August 21 1998 Jewell, IA Isebrand fur farm 3,000 mink liberated
52. August 27, 1998 Beloit, WI Brown Mink Farm 3,000 mink liberated
53. August 28, 1998 Rochester, MN Zumbro River Fur Farm 3,000 mink liberated
54. October 26, 1998 Powers, MI Pipkorn, MI 5,000 mink liberated
55. December 2, 1998 Anderson, IN Adams Fox Farm 150 foxes liberated
56. February 13, 1999 Annendale, MN Davidsons Fur Farm 6 foxes liberated
57. February 23, 1999 Snohomish, WA Brainerd Fur Farm 150 mink liberated
58. Februrary 17, 1999 Richmond, UT Nivison Mink Ranch 9 mink liberated
59. August 3, 1999 Bristol, WI Krieger Fur Farm 3,000 mink liberated
60. August 8, 1999 Plymouth, WI Gene Meyer Mink Farm 2,500 mink liberated

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Liberations of laboratory animals are some of the hardest actions to accomplish, since such tedious preparation is necessary to achieve success. Once animals are brought to safety, they need to be treated by a trusted veterinarian and placed in loving homes.
Often times, A.L.F. volunteers are not able to rescueevery animal, because there aren't enough homes or sanctuaries for them.

Numerous larger liberations took place in the early eighties before technologically advanced security systems were placed in most larger animal laboratories. Plenty of tax payer money is available to vivisectors which allows them to upgrade security on a regular basis. This too becomes a success for animals since money used to purchase animals is re-directed to purchasing new equipment and supplies, while insurance premiums sky rocket.

The first A.L.F. liberation in the North America happened March 14, 1979 at New York Medical Center. One cat, two dogs, and two guinea pigs were liberated. Because A.L.F. volunteers can only take animals that homes have been found for, numbers remained small.

A combination of liberations and economic sabotage began Dec. 1982 in Washington DC; at Howard University, Medical School. Thirty-five cats were liberated, and estimated property damage was $2,640. This combination continued to reap massive rewards for animals since cages had to be replaced, and research was destroyed.

The greatest success of this strategy was illustrated in May 1984 at the University of Pennsylvania, Head Injury Laboratory. $60,000 economic damage, and sixty hours of researcher's videotapes were taken which produced the movie "Unnecessary Fuss" that documented vivisectors taunting and ridiculing sentient animals after horrific experiments were performed.

This evidence recorded by vivisectors themselves, helped to stop funding for the experiments.

Another, famous action, included liberating one hundred fifteen animals (13 cats, 18 rabbits, 21 dogs, 50 mice, and more), along with $500,000 research destruction, and $7,000 damage. The City of Hope, National Research Center, in California never fully recovered from this action on Dec. 1984.

The following year in April 1985, almost 1000 animals were liberated (1 monkey, 21 cats, 9 opossums, 35 rabbits, 38 pigeons, 70 gerbils, 300 mice, rabbits and 460 rats) from the University of California at Riverside. Documents and videotapes were taken with an estimated $700,000 damage caused. These videotapes were shown to the media to expose vivisection at it's worst. A video entitled "Britches" was made to document the success story of one infant primate who was isolated in a steel cage after animal researchers had crudely stitched his eyes shut, for a blindness experiment.

He has since fully recovered after being surrounded with other primates, in a loving environment.

Breeding facilities prove excellent for raids since England has proven that repeated, continual campaigns of direct action can close them permanently. Consort Beagle Breeders in England was closed after repeated A.L.F. actions. One such example saved the lives of 25 dogs that were liberated. The campaign began October of 1996, and nine months later, on June 3, 1997, Consort closed down and emptied the kennels. Fifty beagles were turned over to animal rights activists.

An example for North America is the University of Oregon, Breeding Facility which saw 264 animals (12 hamsters, 28 cats, 24 rabbits, 100 rats and pigeons) rescued October 26, 1986. $120,000 worth of damage was inflicted on the laboratory.

Because of increased security, liberations haven't been as frequent in the 1990's. However, June 19, 1992 at the University of Alberta, Ellerslie Research Station, 29 cats were liberated and $100,000 damage done with documents taken. Activists took boxes of files pertaining to illegal sources of the dogs they used.

More recently, July 4, 1998 at Marmotech Inc. in New York, 150 woodchucks were set free. The A.L.F. took and destroyed the data cards on these cages, logbooks and other information were also confiscated and disposed of, and vials of infectious serum were removed from a refrigerator to spoil.

Despite obstacles such as increased security, and finding enough homes, the Animal Liberation Front will continue to directly stop suffering, by placing their own lives on the front lines for animal liberation.@

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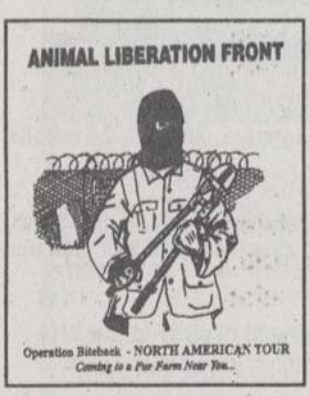


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ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

UNITED STATES

Gina Lynn #309515: Saint Clair County Jail,700 North 5th St Bellville, IL 62221, USA
Gina was taken into custody the morning of Tuesday, October 5th for refusing to cooperate with the Federal Grand Jury convened in St. Louis. She will be held for an indefinite period of time.

BELGIUM

Justin Samuel :Gevangenis Hasselt, Martelarenlaan 42, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium
Justin is a U.S. citizen arrested in Belgium Sept. 5. He is currently awaiting extradition to the US where he is to face charges related to several mink fram liberations that occurred in Wisconsin during Oct. '97.

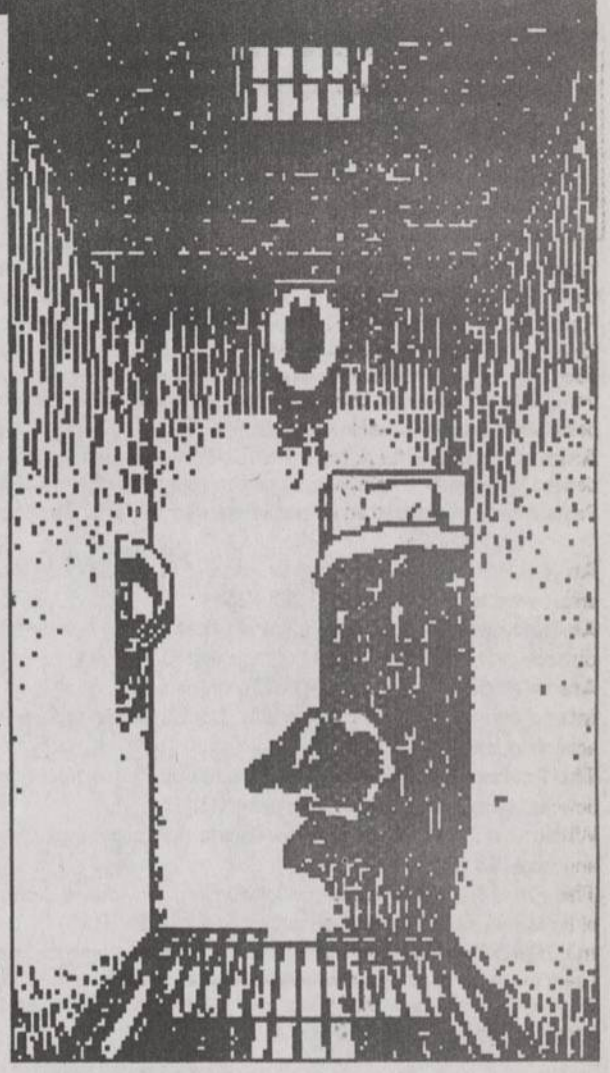
NORWAY

Arild Eriksen: P.B. 43, 5726 Vaksdal, Norway
Norways first animal rights prisoner started his 8 months of imprisonment on August 10 '99. Arild was convicted for the destruction by fire of two meat-trucks parked by a slaugtherhouse. Due to be released on parole April 10th 2000.

Aaron Rudra: P.B. 43, 5726 Vaksdal, Norway
Aaron started his 8 months of imprisonment on September 15 '99. He is serving 10 months for arson on meat vehicles at a slaughterhouse in Bergen as well as for other actions. Due to be released on parole July 19th 2000.

UNITED KINGDOM

Barry Horne: #VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS, England
Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering following a 68 day hunger strike against vivisection.



Tony Humphries: #AP7965, HMP Swaleside, Brabazon Rd., Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4DZ
Sentenced to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

Rodrigo Lopez: #EC 5409, HMP Birmingham, Winson Green Road, Birmingham, B18 4AS, England
Sentenced to 12 months for "violent disorder" during a protest at Hillgrove Farm (suppliers of cats for vivisection) in April last year. (All letters are appreciated, but if you are able to write in Spanish please do so, as that is his native language which he understands better). Due to be released end of January next year.

Prisoners REALLY appreciate mail. It is often the only link they have with the outside world. Tell the prisoner about yourself (hobbies and interests, etc.) Make the letter interesting, be friendly and upbeat. Some prisoners can get other items sent to them in jail, eg. postcards, stamps, letter paper, envelopes, photos, books, clothing. Write the prisoner and ask what they can be mailed. Regulations vary jail to jail.

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