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Environmental and Animal-Rights Terrorism
and Its Above-Ground Support System

Good morning Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. My name is David Martosko. I am Director of Research at the Center for Consumer Freedom, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC. The Center does not solicit and has never accepted government funding.

Thank you for holding this hearing today. The threat from domestic terrorism motivated by environmental and animal-rights ideologies is well documented, unambiguous, and growing.

The ALF and ELF don’t really exist in the way we think of advocacy groups or even underground criminal movements like the Symbionese Liberation Army or the Weather Underground. ALF and ELF are labels of convenience, applied to crimes after the fact by individuals or small groups in order to draw public attention to their actions.

Those who engage in “direct action” crimes, such as starting fires, detonating bombs, threatening lives, and stalking innocent people, receive demonstrable cooperation and assistance—both rhetorical and financial—from an above-ground support system. Today I’d like to walk you through some of our findings in this regard.

A good place to start is No Compromise, a self-described “militant, direct action magazine” for ALF supporters. In 1999, No Compromise published a list of its benefactors, which included People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), the Fund for Animals, In Defense of Animals, and the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance—all groups with 501(c)(3) federal tax exemptions. The list also included PETA’s president and two other PETA officers, and an activist now on the staff of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). [1]

HSUS, PETA, and PETA’s quasi-medical affiliate, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), are troubling examples of animal-rights charities which have connections to their movement’s militant underbelly. In some cases, the line between the direct-action underground and more “mainstream” protest groups is quite blurry.
Miyun Park, the same HSUS employee named in 1999 as a *No Compromise* benefactor, is the subject of at least six federal wiretap warrants in connection with an upcoming federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism trial. [2] These warrants also cover ALF apologist (and UTEP professor) Steven Best, PETA grantee (and terror defendant) Joshua Harper, and PETA employee Joe Haptas.

HSUS has funded the operation of an Internet server called “Waste.org” while it was the source of ALF-related “communiqués” issued after the commission of crimes. [3][4] This server also hosted *No Compromise* magazine’s e-mail account.

The case of Daniel Andreas San Diego is a chilling story of animal-rights terrorism, involving 10-pound shrapnel bombs detonated in 2003 at two California biomedical research companies, built with the same ingredients used in the 1995 Oklahoma City blast site. [5] One of these bombs was accompanied by a “secondary” device, timed to detonate after first-responders (e.g., paramedics, firefighters, and police) arrived on the scene.

Mr. San Diego is a fugitive on the FBI’s “Most Wanted” list. An FBI evidence recovery log from the search of his automobile describes a check written to him by Ariana M. Huemer—who was then an employee of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). It remains to be seen why an HSUS staffer was passing money to an alleged bomber. [6]

John Paul “J.P.” Goodwin represents another disturbing tie between HSUS and the violent animal-rights underground. In 1997, when Goodwin was the national director of the Coalition To Abolish the Fur Trade, he wrote in *No Compromise* that he and his group “support these [ALF] actions 100%. We will never, ever, ever work with anyone who helps the FBI stop the ALF ... this is one of the best things to happen in a long time.” [7] In March 1997, following the $1 million ALF arson of a fur farmers’ feed co-op in Utah, Goodwin told reporters: “We’re ecstatic.” [8]

In 2000, HSUS sent Goodwin as its emissary on a tour of Chinese fur farms. By 2001 he was an HSUS employee, and remains on the animal-rights group’s full-time staff.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has even clearer connections with the ALF and ELF. During the 1990s PETA made grants and loans totaling $70,990 in support of the legal defense of Rodney Coronado, a self-described Animal Liberation Front member who was later convicted of an ALF arson at Michigan State University. [9]

PETA president Ingrid Newkirk was herself implicated in this arson by U.S. Attorney Michael Dettmer, who wrote that Newkirk arranged “days before the MSU arson occurred” for Coronado to send her materials stolen from the targeted laboratory, along with a videotape of the fire being set. [10]
In February 2003, Mr. Coronado (since released from prison) appeared at American University in Washington, DC as part of the National Conference on Organized Resistance. During his speech, he demonstrated before an audience of over 100 college-age activists how to build a crude incendiary device using household materials, for a cost of “about two dollars.” [11]

Later that year, appearing on ABC’s 20/20, PETA president Ingrid Newkirk was shown this videotape. After viewing it, she referred to Coronado as “a fine young man and a schoolteacher.”

Publicly, PETA has consistently claimed to have no information about the identity of any Animal Liberation Front criminals. Yet on at least two separate occasions, PETA published interviews with self-described ALF members in its own newsletter. [12] Early in its history, this newsletter included a full-page advertisement promoting the ALF as a “rescue” organization. [13]

Also in this newsletter, PETA advertised Ingrid Newkirk’s first book, Free The Animals!, as “an intimate look at the ALF,” and wrote that Newkirk “speaks for the Animal Liberation Front.” [14]

In 2001 PETA campaign director Bruce Friedrich told an animal-rights convention audience that “blowing stuff up and smashing windows [is] a great way to bring about animal liberation … Hallelujah to the people who are willing to do it.” [15]

PETA has employed and continues to pay regular stipends to an activist named Gary Yourofsky, who was convicted by a Canadian court of a farm burglary for which a claim of responsibility was issued in the name of the ALF. Mr. Yourofsky told a reporter in 2002 that he would “unequivocally support” the death of medical researchers in ALF-related arson fires. [16]

PETA hired Yourofsky after he gave this interview. [17] The group acknowledges having employed him to speak to children in middle-school and high-school classrooms, and continues to pay him as an independent contractor.

That same year PETA wrote a $1,500 check payable to the North American Earth Liberation Front [18], a donation which PETA spokespersons have publicly attempted to justify with multiple and contradictory explanations. [19]

Regardless of which explanation (if any) is accurate, any organization funding a bona fide FBI-designated terrorist group should not be permitted to claim that it is not, in fact, funding terrorism. That logic would never pass muster if the terrorist group in question were Al Qaeda or the Ku Klux Klan.
PETA has made a $5,000 cash grant to Joshua Harper, an activist presently awaiting trial in New Jersey on federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism charges. An FBI evidence recovery log from the search of his residence describes a razor-blade booby-trapped envelope, similar to those used in a string of attacks claimed by an ALF-like group calling itself “The Justice Department.” Harper has reported that he is working on a video documentary, called “Speaking With Fire,” which will encourage and defend animal-rights-related arson.

PETA also gave $2,000 to David Wilson, an activist who served as an official ALF “spokesperson” during the 1990s. In a 1999 interview with Mother Jones magazine, Wilson explained the ALF-ELF nexus: “We started with animal rights, but we’ve expanded to wildlife actions like the one in Vail. We’re the ones bridging the environmental gap.”

The criminal record of accused ELF arsonist Tre Arrow, presently attempting to fight extradition from Canada, began with an arrest in 1998 during a PETA protest near Cincinnati. The current crop of ALF spokespersons, who now call themselves “press officers,” includes a New Jersey activist named Angi Metler, who was once described in PETA News as a “PETA spokesperson.”

Another self-appointed ALF “press officer” is Dr. Jerry Vlasak. In 2003, while acting as a spokesperson for the PETA-affiliated Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Vlasak openly endorsed the murder of doctors who use animals in their medical research. “For 5 lives, 10 lives, 15 human lives,” he told an animal-rights convention, “we could save a million, 2 million, 10 million non-human lives.” When an audience member objected, comparing his strategy to that of violent criminals who bomb abortion clinics, Vlasak responded: “Absolutely. I think they had a great strategy going.”

In 2001 the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine engaged in a letter-writing campaign with the president of another terrorist threat group called SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty). The letters were designed to threaten and intimidate companies targeted by SHAC for their business dealings with a biomedical research firm that uses animal-testing models. In addition to both veiled and overt threats of death and bodily harm, SHAC’s tactics have included car bombings, identity theft, physical assault, and interstate stalking.

SHAC’s current U.S. president is Pamelyn Ferdin, who is married to Dr. Jerry Vlasak. Ferdin also carries a Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine business card.

Also on the current roster of ALF spokespersons is Dr. Steven Best, who chairs the Philosophy department at the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP). Like Vlasak, whose statements in support of violent terrorism carry weight primarily because of his medical license, Dr. Best’s academic position affords him a position of regrettable influence within the animal rights movement.
He proclaims in one 2003 essay first published on his UTEP web page: “I support the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). I support property destruction … violence is defensible in certain cases … The ALF ought to be respected and appreciated for the brave soldiers they are.”

In 2004 when Dr. Best praised the ALF during an interview aired on the Showtime cable network, he spoke in the first person: “We are breaking down doors, breaking into buildings, rescuing animals, and smashing property … These tactics are legitimate, they’re necessary, they’re powerful, they’re effective.” [36]

Best chose his words similarly at the “Animal Rights 2003” national conference, while insisting upon the futility of promoting animal welfare among farmers and laboratory scientists. “Rather than arguing with them,” he said, “we just shut them down the best we can. We cannot win the war of liberation through education and legislative tactics alone. More direct, militant, and confrontational tactics often are needed.”

Mr. Chairman, I urge this Committee to fully investigate the connections between individuals who commit crimes in the name of the ALF, ELF, or similar phantom groups, and the above-ground individuals and organizations that give them aid and comfort. I would also urge members of this Committee to prevail upon their colleagues to re-examine the tax-exempt status of groups that have helped to fund—directly or indirectly—these domestic terrorists.

Thank you again for holding this important hearing.
Inventory of Exhibits


2. “Listing of Affidavits and Applications” covering wiretap and e-mail tap-and-trace warrants issued pursuant to the federal animal-enterprise terrorism investigation of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty USA [USA v. SHAC USA et al, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey # 04-cr-00373 MLC].

3. Pages from “Form 990” filed with the IRS by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) for the tax years 1998 and 1999, showing disbursements to “Waste.” Waste.org still acknowledges HSUS as a current financial benefactor (last checked on May 13, 2005).

4. Animal Liberation Front “communiqué” claiming responsibility for arson attacks on meat delivery trucks in New York. It was distributed in 2001 by the “ALF Frontline” e-mail listserv, hosted by waste.org.

5. E-mail, attributed by FBI investigators to Daniel Andreas San Diego, describing the use of an improvised explosive device to attack a company targeted by animal-rights militants. It was distributed by a *No Compromise* magazine staffer to a listserv operated by Earth First!.

6. Page from an FBI Evidence Recovery Log related to the search of bombing suspect Daniel Andreas San Diego’s automobile.


9. Pages from “Form 990” filed with the IRS by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the tax year 1994, showing disbursements to the “Rodney Coronado Support Committee” and a loan to Mr. Coronado’s father.


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(19) Explanations given for PETA’s donation to the ELF by PETA spokespersons.

(20) Page from “Form 990” filed with the IRS by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the tax year 2000, showing a disbursement to the “Josh Harper Support Fund.”


(22) “Scientists Get Letters Rigged With Razors” (The Oregonian), October 27, 1999.

(23) Page from “Form 990” filed with the IRS by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the tax year 1999, showing a disbursement to David Wilson.


(26) “Backfire” (The Mother Jones), March/April 1999.


(29) Official program from the “Animal Rights 2003” national conference in Los Angeles, California.


(31) Letter on Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine letterhead, co-signed by PCRM president Neal Barnard and then-president of SHAC USA Kevin Kjonaas.


(33) Affidavit of Pamelyn Ferdin in the case of USA v. SHAC USA et al.

(34) Business card obtained in 2004 from Pamelyn Ferdin.

(35) Photo gallery of Dr. Steven Best, demonstrating his sphere of influence.

(36) Partial transcript of remarks by Dr. Steven Best, broadcast on the television program Penn & Teller: Bullshit (Showtime Network), April 1, 2004.
Information About No Compromise

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No Compromise is dedicated to unifying the grassroots animal liberationists by providing a forum where activists can exchange information, share strategy, discuss important issues within the movement, network with each other in an open and respectful environment and strengthen the grassroots. No Compromise is not intended to encourage illegal activity, although we are highly supportive of any non-violent activities that help reduce or prevent animal suffering. No Compromise is a cooperative effort between numerous grassroots organizations that is published by the Animal Rights America.

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NORTH AMERICAN ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT PRESS OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 05, 2001

Long Island City, NY - The underground Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for an attack on several trucks belonging to an Astoria, Queens meat packing company. In an anonymous Communique sent to the ALF Press Office, the activists state that in the early morning hours of March 02 they planted incendiary devices under two trucks belonging to Schaller and Weber Meat Packing Plant, 2235 46th St., Long Island City (718-721-5480).

The Communique released by the ALF activists claim that the incendiary devices did ignite and caused an unknown amount of damage to both trucks.

"The ALF activists have taken this action against the meat industry to continue their campaign of economic sabotage against all companies who profit from the misery, torture and death inflicted upon animals in the name of profit," states David Barbarash, ALF spokesperson.

According to the Communique, the action against Schaller and Weber was done in support of two animal and environmental activists: Long Island’s Andy Stepanian and Bloomington, Ind. activist Frank Ambrose. Andy Stepanian was convicted of an ALF action against a fur store where a window was smashed. He was released from jail on March 03. Frank Ambrose is facing charges relating to a tree spiking action claimed by the Earth Liberation Front. Both activists have maintained their innocence.

The Animal Liberation Front is an international underground movement of people who choose to take non-violent direct action against animal abuse industries. These actions include liberating animals and property destruction. The ALF adhere to a strict code of non-violence which states that no injury or death must come to any animal or human in the course of the action. In the twenty years of ALF activity in North America this guideline has never been breached.

"Meat companies and packing plants are frequent targets of animal liberation activists because of the inherent cruelty of raising an animal for slaughter," comments David Barbarash. "From the rearing of cows, pigs and chickens, to their confinement, to their ultimate slaughter all involve cruelty, pain, suffering and ultimately, death."

Schaller and Weber trucks were damaged as part of a continued campaign of economic sabotage. The ALF have been active in North America since the late 1980’s and throughout the 1990’s, targeting mainly meat and fur businesses.

In recent months several direct actions have taken place against animal abuse industries in the New York area:

On Dec. 29, 2000 the ALF smashed out all the windows of Hewlett furrier Tres Chic Furs, spray painted anti-fur slogans and destroyed ten coats wed red paint. The following day, Dec. 30, the ALF monkey wrenched ten trucks belonging to a Rockville Center dairy operation, slashing 32 tires, most of the vehicles’ windows, cutting coolant and electrical cables, as well as other damage. Twelve storefront windows were also smashed.

On Feb. 05 unidentified activists smashed four large display windows and the glass door of Burger King on the University of Buffalo campus, and the following day, Feb. 06, the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for smashing the front windows of Corlina Furs in New York City.
Communiques claiming responsibility for all of the above-mentioned actions are available from the ALF Press Office.

The North American ALF Press Office is run independently and separately from the ALF, and is not a participant in illegal activities. The Press Office receives and forwards information from the underground activists. Further information and interviews are available at 250-703-6312.


The full text of the ALF Communique is as follows:

“In the early morning hours of March 2nd, we planted two incendiary devices underneath two trucks belonging to The Schaller and Weber Meat Packing Plant in Astoria, Queens. The incendiary devices did an unknown amount of damage to the trucks, although it was evident that the trucks caught fire.

Until the institutional abuse of animals is put to an end we will continue to destroy the property used to exploit innocent life.

This action was carried out in support of Andrew Stepanian, and Frank Ambrose, both dedicated members of our strong above-ground support groups. The unjust treatment of these activists will never intimidate us into stopping our activities.

We will not stop until they do,

-- The Animal Liberation Front”

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North American Animal Liberation Front Press Office

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Animal Liberation Frontline Information Service bringing you uncensored news from around the world since 1994
On the night of September 25th volunteers from the Revolutionary Cells attacked a subsidiary of a notorious HLS client, Yamanouchi. We left an approximately 10lb ammonium nitrate bomb strapped with nails outside of Shaklee Inc, whose CEO is both the CEO for Shaklee and Yamanouchi Consumer Inc. We gave all of the customers the chance, the choice, to withdraw their business from HLS. Now you all will have to reap what you have sown. All customers and their families are considered legitimate targets.

Hey Sean Lance, and the rest of the Chiron team, how are you sleeping? You never know when your house, your car even, might go boom. Who knows, that new car in the parking lot may be packed with explosives. Or maybe it will be a shot in the dark.

We have given all of the collaborators a chance to withdraw from their relations from HLS. We will now be doubling the size of every device we make. Today it is 10lbs, tomorrow 20....until your buildings are nothing more than rubble. It is time for this war to truly have two sides. No more will all of the killing be done by the oppressors, now the oppressed will strike back. We will be non-violent when the these people are non-violent to the animal nations.

In memory of all of those fallen before us in the war for liberation: Jill Phipps (animal activist), Barry Horne (ALF), Olaia Kastresana (ETA), Arkaiz Otazua (ETA), Angayarkanni (LTTE), Babu (LTTE), Bobby Sands (IRA), Patsy O’Hara (INLA), Carlos Guiliani (anti-globilization martyr), Lee Kyung-hae (farmer and anti-globalization victim), and many more on numerous other fronts. We won’t forget you, we won’t let your deaths be in vain.

Gora Euskadi Ta Askatasuna!
Up the Real IRA!
Long live the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine!
Viva La Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia!
Long live the Frontu Di Liberazione Nazionalista Corsu!
For the creation of Revolutionary Cells!
For Humyn, Earth & Animal Liberation!

Bringing the bomb and the bullet back into amerikan politics, Revolutionary Cells

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Fur Wars Heat Up: A.L.F. is on the Warpath!

from NO COMPROMISE issue 4

By JP Goodwin

It was reported in the last issue that the Animal Liberation Front had declared war on fur farmers and was going all out in an intense campaign for mink liberation. June, July and August saw as many actions against mink farms as the whole year before that.

On June 7th the A.L.F. made their first attack against a Utah fur farm. The A.L.F. had already smashed one local retailer up so many times that they had put a sign in the window reading “No Fur Products Sold Here Anymore”. This time they went into the Fur Breeders Agriculture Corp in Sandy, and liberated 50-75 mink. Apparently this raid marked the beginning of what appears to be a long, hot summer for Utah fur farmers.

Three weeks later the A.L.F. struck again, this time in Riverton, Utah. They reported that some mink were dead in their cages while others were piled up under the cages, rotting in the other minks feces. Some mink were cannibalized, and the whole place was filthy. The A.L.F. opened the cages and freed 1000 mink who ran into nearby fields enjoying their new found freedom.

At some point in the month of June the A.L.F. struck in Washington state. We don’t have any details except that 80 mink were liberated. This cell did not report the name of the city, name of the farm, or the date that it happened.

July 4th turned out to be a true independence day for animals. In Langley, British Columbia the A.L.F. raided the Kagami mink ranch and released 400 animals. We called the mink farmer posing as reporters and spoke with his wife. She claimed that the mink would starve to death as they hadn’t been trained to hunt for food. She then shot holes in that myth by claiming that the liberated mink had killed and eaten a dozen geese in the area. So much for starvation!

On the same night, another A.L.F. cell raided the Latzig mink ranch in Howard Lake, Minnesota. Another 1000 mink were liberated this time. This led to massive media coverage. Myself and Freeman Wicklund from Animal Liberation League did numerous media interviews and debates, explaining that now these mink had a chance at life, whereas before, death was certain.

The Minneapolis StarTribune ran quotes from CAFT refuting the fur farmers claims that the mink wouldn’t survive. The public was educated to the fact that mink have escaped from fur farms in many places where there were no native mink populations. Not only did they survive, they reproduced. This proves that ranch raised mink still have the natural instincts necessary for survival in the wild. The alternative is death in a gas chamber, or by broken neck.

Another A.L.F. cell reported that they were going to carry out a third raid on Mac Ellis Fox Farm in Tennessee, but that the place was now out of business. Apparently this is a result of last falls raid which saw the release of half the fox on that farm.

The A.L.F. didn’t stop there. The next target was Holt Mink Ranch in South Jordan, Utah. Utah fur farmers are scared. They have been installing heavy duty fencing with aluminum plates along the top that make a lot of noise when someone tries to go over them. Holt had installed this sort of fencing, but the A.L.F. took it apart, cut it down, and rolled up. They also smashed the new locks on all of the cages. 3000 mink were released, but police arrived and the group had to evacuate. TV news reported that damage to breeding cards alone amounted to $35,000.
The A.L.F. struck next in Hinsdale, Massachusetts at the Carmel Mink Ranch. 1,000 mink were released. The August 10th action led to national coverage. Even CNN reported on the raid. Two nights later the A.L.F. was in Alliance, Ohio for another break in that led to the liberation of 2,500 mink. Though some mink have been recovered at each site, many are now free, and the industry is going ballistic.

These raids have been very successful. So successful that the fur industry will do almost anything to stop them from occurring. They have put out a $100,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of any A.L.F. activist involved in a fur farm raid. One fur auction house has taken out an insurance policy for any fur farmers which ship through them. They are worried that their farmers will start closing up as a result of this. They are already spending millions of dollars in extra security nationwide.

The industry has produced a booklet that they are sending out to farmers. This booklet describes security techniques that they can adopt. Security techniques which the A.L.F. dismantled in Utah, putting the industry to shame. We haven’t gotten a copy of the booklet yet.

Sadly, some so-called “animal defenders” are not so supportive of these raids. Ann Davis of the Salt Lake City, Utah based Animal Rights Alliance has stated that she has already talked to the FBI, and will continue to do so. The FBI is working for the fur industry. Anyone that works with them is working hand in hand with the fur trade and is a traitor. If you don’t want to be investigated then don’t associate with tuncoats. With friends like these, the mink are screwed.

Let it be stated loud and clear, that myself and the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade support these actions 100%. We will never, ever, ever work with anyone who helps the FBI stop the A.L.F. Put yourself in the minks place and think of how it must feel. Merritt Clifton of Animal People magazine has spread outright lies and misinformation about the mink liberation campaign. Would these people rather see these mink piled up in a gas chamber while the fur trade gets rich? Apparently so.

Fortunately, most animal rights activists realize that this is one of the best things to happen in a long time. The A.L.F. looks like they won’t stop, and the authorities are nowhere near catching them.

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This just in! Three more fur farms raided! On September 28, 6,000 mink were released from a farm in Alliance, Ohio - This is the largest release to date! On October 2nd, thousands of mink were freed from a Utah farm. And on October 6th, the A.L.F. liberated 35 fox and 10 mink, and damaged the farm equipment at a Lindboro, New Hampshire farm. That makes 18 known fur farm raids in one year, with over 30,000 animals released!

Be sure to read the next issue of No Compromise for further updates of the A.L.F.’s campaign of mink liberation!
SANDY -- Animal rights activists claim they used bombs and set fire to a fur business that sustained $1 million in damage Tuesday.

If the claim is substantiated, the fire that destroyed the main office and four trucks of the Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative could be the state’s largest animal-rights attack.

The three-alarm blaze brought fire-fighters from Salt Lake County, four nearby cities and bomb-sniffing dogs to the scene about 2 a.m.

None of the 800 mink at the cooperative, which serves mink farmers in Utah and southern Idaho, was harmed.

A caller disguising his voice through computer generation called the Dallas founder of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade at 3 a.m. Tuesday, saying the action was on behalf of two jailed activists in New York.

The caller said bombs had been placed in four trucks and the building and a fire had been started at the fur cooperative in Sandy, coalition founder J.P. Goodwin said.

Goodwin knew exactly what facility it was. The cooperative is one of the largest in the nation.

Fire officials have not confirmed whether explosives were actually involved in the fire. However, bomb-sniffing dogs from the Salt Lake International Airport were going over the area Tuesday morning, said Salt Lake County Fire Capt. Frank Dalton.

For safety, authorities also moved the police perimeter farther from the building at 8720 S. 700 West about 7 a.m. to keep people away.

Arson investigators were on the scene Tuesday morning trying to determine what started the fire in the cooperative’s main building. It took 60 firefighters from Salt Lake County, West Jordan, Murray, Midvale and Sandy about an hour to battle the blaze, Dalton said.

Utah Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative spokesman Ryan Holt said the damage to the four trucks looked to be the work of pipe bombs. The blast blew shrapnel through a steel door.

The extent of the alleged attack surprised Holt, even though vandalism has plagued the state’s mink-growing industry for years.

“There’s been vandalism. But we haven’t had any this drastic,” Holt said. Goodwin said the caller did not indicate what kind of bombs were used or how many people were involved. There was also no claim to an affiliation with any group. The Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade is not tied to the activity or others like it, but serves as a liaison of sorts for people who don’t want to be identified.

“We’re ecstatic,” said Goodwin, who believes all living things are equal. “We have no problem with inanimate objects being destroyed so animate objects can survive. We believe life is more valuable than property.”

A local animal rights group promptly condemned Tuesday’s alleged terrorism.

‘This type of action detracts from anything positive that could be accomplished on behalf of animals,’ said Anne Davis, executive director of Utah Animal Rights Alliance.

Davis fears a ‘radical’ stigma haunts anyone involved in animal rights because of violent, well-publicized acts committed by the movement’s fringe members.

Those claiming responsibility told Goodwin there could be more attacks forthcoming if the demands of two Syracuse, N.Y., inmates are not met. The inmates, Jeff Watkins and Nicole Rogers, are on their 12th day of a hunger strike demanding changes in the way animals are trapped and treated.

The Beehive State produced 600,000 pelts in 1994, about 20 percent of America’s minks.

Animal rights activists have been vocal about what they perceive to be the mistreatment of animals in the state’s mink farms. The cooperative was hit in June 1995.

“ALF,” which stands for the Animal Liberation Front, was sprayed on a door and animals were let out of their cages. Mink farmers throughout the state have tightened security near their operations.
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc.  
52-1218336  
1994 Form 990

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The night before the MSU fire, Coronado and Stout checked into a hotel in Ann Arbor.

Coronado's active participation in Operation Bite Back became more apparent when investigators began to question witnesses to the various crimes. For example, witnesses to the OSU fire recalled seeing a female and a male similar in appearance to Coronado acting suspiciously in the vicinity of the attack immediately before the blaze. As stated previously, the WSU attack was followed by ALF press releases which threatened future attacks against six other scientists. The press releases had been sent from a commercial copy center. Coronado was identified as one of the three individuals who composed and sent these press releases. After the December 21, 1991 arson at the Malecky mink ranch, a reporter at television station KGW received a telephone call from a male individual claiming responsibility for the destruction and identifying himself as a member of the ALF. Telephone records indicated that Coronado made that telephone call.

Forensic evidence discovered during the investigation confirmed that Coronado played an important role in planning and executing the ALF's campaign of terrorism. Investigators learned that immediately before and after the MSU arson, a Federal Express package had been sent to a Bethesda, Maryland address from an individual identifying himself as "Leonard Robidou". The
first package went to Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's founder.¹ The second package was intercepted by employees of Federal Express after they discovered that a phony account number had been used to send the package. This second package contained documents that had been stolen from Dr. Aulerich during the MSU raid. Also in this package was a videotape of a perpetrator of the MSU crime, disguised in a ski mask. It had been sent from a drop box adjacent to the Ann Arbor hotel where Coronado had rented a room. Analysis of the handwriting on the freight bill for the Federal Express package showed it to be Coronado's.

Search warrants also disclosed evidence that the defendant was an active participant in illegal activity on behalf of animals. The first warrant was executed at the home of Maria Blanton, a longtime PETA member who had agreed to accept the first Federal Express package from Coronado after being asked to do so by Ingrid Newkirk. Records found during the search of Blanton's home demonstrated that Coronado and others had planned a raid at Tulane University. These records showed that Coronado, Alex Pacheco (another PETA founder) and others had planned a burglary at Tulane University's Primate Research Center in 1990. (In 1990, Tulane housed the "Silver Springs Monkeys", a group of lab monkeys that had been the focus of furious criticism by PETA.) The records seized included surveillance logs; code names for Coronado, Pacheco and others; burglary tools; two-way radios;

¹ Significantly, Newkirk had arranged to have the package delivered to her days before the MSU arson occurred.
night vision goggles; phony identification for Coronado and Pacheco, and animal euthanasia drugs. The Tulane burglary did not occur, presumably because the monkeys were sent elsewhere immediately before the raid was scheduled to occur.

Further evidence of Coronado's direct involvement in Operation Bite Back was discovered during a search of a storage locker rented by him in Talent, Oregon. Found in the locker was a typewriter. Forensic examiners were able to reconstruct the text of what had been typed on the ribbon of this typewriter. This reconstructed letter revealed that Coronado had targeted two Montana fur farms for arson and had solicited funds to bankroll the operation. One target for arson was the Huggans Rocky Mountain Fur Farm in Hamilton, Montana, which the defendant described as the LARGEST ... largest fur processors in Montana. After my investigation I discovered that all the fur farmers in Montana used the same company to prepare pelts for auction. The Huggans Rocky Mountain Fur Company is a building I have been in before. It is all wood, with no alarms and no close proximity to animals. The targeted building contains all the drying racks, and drums used in pelt processing. If we could cause substantial damage to that equipment, we would cause a serious disruption in the pelting season, and also push the Huggans family (third generation trappers) into a position closer to bankruptcy.

Coronado went onto explain that this and similar "actions" could also prevent consumers from buying fur products "for fear of ALF." Coronado also stated that if he could obtain funds, he would mount other attacks "against the fur farm industry this
Transcript excerpts

Speaker: Rodney Coronado
Event: National Conference on Organized Resistance
Location: American University (Washington, DC)
Date: January 26, 2003

“So along those same lines, as a direct-action warrior, it made a lot of sense to me to attack institutions in the fur trade, and the animal abuse industry, and the timber industry, with fire, because those -- as I said before, those buildings were built for no other purpose than to destroy life. And so there is no purpose for them in today’s world. We need to destroy them by any means necessary.” [applause]

[ ... ]

“Whenever any police agency or government or corporation ... every time that they violate our civil or human rights, we should target their property. Every time a police agency pepper-sprays or uses pain-compliance holds against our people, their cars should burn.”

[ ... ]

“You know, those people - I think they should appreciate that we’re only targeting their property. Because frankly I think it’s time to start targeting them.” [applause]

[ ... ]

“We need to fight globalization in our own homes. We need to recognize that the money that it costs for us to travel across the country doing actions can be well, much, well spent doing direct actions. Here’s a little model I’m going to show you here. I didn’t have any incense, but -- this is a crude incendiary device. It is a simple plastic jug, which you fill with gasoline and oil. You put in a sponge, which is soaked also in flammable liquid - I couldn’t find an incense stick, but this represents that. You put the incense stick in here, light it, place it -- underneath the ‘weapon of mass destruction,’ light the incense stick - sandalwood works nice - - and you destroy the profits that are brought about through animal and earth abuse. That’s about two dollars.” [applause]
ALF TALKS!

Me: Were the cats afraid of you?

Dave: They were afraid of the men, not the women. They cringed and pulled back at first, as if expecting to be hurt. After we took the videos from Orem's office and gave his torture machinery what it deserved, two of us held the cat bags open while the women placed the cats gently inside them. As the others carried the cats out, I spray-painted 'Don't mess with Texas Animals - ALF' on the wall.

Me: What happened to the cats?

Jan: We took them straight to a vet. Floyd was sick. The breathing tube hole in his neck was infected and he had an upper respiratory infection because his sinuses had been stripped by years of ammonium hydroxide blasts in the face. His hair was so badly matted that he had to be shaved. Cliders has peculiar stumps instead of legs. His growth has been severely stunted somehow. Black Cat had a traumatic hernia the size of a Texas grapefruit and that was removed right away.

Dave: Now they're all together many miles from here, healing inside and out with care and kindness, coming out of their shells.

Me: Why did you destroy that equipment?

Dave: Because its whole purpose is to cause pain. We didn't want Orem to pick up the phone and simply replace the cats. We want to make continuing barbaric, worthless experiments like his as expensive and as difficult as possible.

Me: Would you ever harm a person?

Dave: No. The ALF will break things, but we will never harm a living being. The vivisectors are terrorists. Every day they cut, shock, burn, poison and drive insane thousands of frightened, helpless, innocent animals. They kill without a thought. Our aim is to slow them down and eventually stop their violence.

Jan: We want the public to know what's going on behind the locked laboratory doors. If they know, they'll stop hearing the hype and help us stop the horror. That day, a lot of animals will be happy.
EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

PETA Talks With the Animal Liberation Front

An ALF member since 1982, "Jack" believes ALF actions to date have succeeded because of two important factors: the time spent in careful planning and the discipline necessary to protect the anonymity of ALF units.

PETA: I understand that you were a member of the team that broke into Dr. Gennarelli's laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jack: Yes, and I helped a few weeks later with the second raid.

P: Why these two raids?

Jack: Well, two main reasons over and above my general commitment to intervene directly to help stop suffering. First, G. is absolutely notorious and his abuses, it struck me, could only be exposed through this kind of action. Everything else had been tried. As for the second raid, I had the additional incentive of knowing about two veterinarians at the school, Adrian Morrison and Peter Hand, who had travelled last year to Maryland to appear in court and defend yet another infamous experimenter, Dr. Taub.*

P: You mean they defended the conditions in Taub's lab?

J: Absolutely. One of them actually went so far as to say there was nothing wrong with failing to call in a veterinarian if a monkey had a broken bone or infected wound. They pretty much said that no deaths or few deaths equaled good health! They also said there was no scientific evidence that heavy accumulation of feces caused a health problem. I remember reading that the prosecutor told the judge that if that were the case, we've wasted a lot of money on sewage systems in this country.

P: Why has this action received more attention than past ALF actions?

J: I don't know positively, but I feel sure the tapes play a big part. Finally people can see what's actually going on in laboratories, and they can see what they're paying for. That's one reason I'm delighted with the press coverage; we've known all along how bad things are for laboratory animals, but now everyone can see for themselves.

P: Did you go in specifically for the tapes, or did you intend to bring out animals?

J: We decided to go in for the tapes, because we knew how important a step this exposure would be for all laboratory animals. But the decision wasn't easy. We had seen the baboons on the fifth floor during a previous surveillance; their cages were so small, and looking into their eyes sent chills through me. It was an ugly choice because the whole place was wretched; all of us wanted to just stop the whole operation. I remember Fred Weisman's film "Primate", where he described laboratories as having the "smell of urine and the stench of greed"; it's so disgustingly true.

P: You said G. is notorious. What do you mean?

J: I'm talking about his callousness towards the animals he uses, his consumption of large sums of taxpayers' money, and the fact that all these years he's been fine-tuning his ability to damage animals' brains, ever so precisely at this angle and this speed, so that we can make better football helmets. My brother is a dirt bike racer, and when he tells me about some of the things he and his friends do, I'm grateful he's still here at all. But he does all those wild things because he wants to; he enjoys it. PETA has a T-shirt that says, "Animals don't drink, Animals don't smoke, Animals don't wear makeup, Animals don't drop bombs. Because we do, why should they suffer?" That's how I feel.

P: Do you think the end of G's work would mean the end of head injury research?

J: Of course not. In fact, I really want to see money going to develop alternatives to animals. I believe we could take some real steps forward, faster and more efficiently without using animals than Gennarelli has over the past fifteen years by mutilating all those monkeys. In this technological age alternatives should be actively sought out and developed. Right now the money is in animal experiments. Dallas Pratt's book Alternatives To Pain really got me thinking. Researchers claim that there aren't any alternatives—without ever trying to find them. They haven't searched their souls about what they're doing; they use animals as a matter of course. That needs to change.

P: Have your ALF activities ever interfered with your personal life?

J: Actually, I look at it in the opposite way. I've tried to make sure that I don't take on responsibilities that will interrupt or prevent my animal work. A year ago my dog died, and I decided then not to replace her. Instead, I thought I could better help other animals by making my home a foster home. I keep animals temporarily, while people go on vacation or for any reason. I've been able to help so many animals by keeping them out of commercial kennels. Years ago I worked in a kennel for the summer. The conditions were pretty bad and this place was supposed to be one of the best. If you've ever boarded your dog you

*who was prosecuted for cruelty to animals in Maryland.
know you aren't allowed to see the pens; the animals can sit in their urine all week and get a quick bath the day they're to be picked up. They're confused and upset enough about being left by the people they know, without having to go through substandard treatment.

**P:** What about your job?

**J:** I'm a graduate student with a full scholarship, so I'm not working now. I have a lot of studying and book work to do, but somehow I've always managed to keep up.

**P:** How do you feel about being in the ALF?

**J:** I'm proud of it. I only wish I could openly recruit classmates and other students. I have no misgivings or second thoughts about what I do, only a sound conviction that I have to do it. What I find regrettable is that I can't share my experiences with friends after a successful action. I find myself wanting to run up to someone and say, "Did you hear about the animals in such and such a laboratory? After all they've been through, now they're free." Along with being happy for the liberated ones, I feel excited about what they represent for our cause; each action we accomplish means a step forward for animal rights, because by exposing their plight, we have the opportunity to speak for them. And as long as people don't know what's going on, they can't do anything about it.

**P:** Would you have changed anything about the G. break-in?

**J:** I only wish we had done it sooner.

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Free the Animals!
by Ingrid Newkirk

The voice that speaks for the animals speaks for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). At long last, the story of the ALF in America is told by PETA co-founder Ingrid Newkirk. Scintillating details about animal rescues from testing laboratories, fur farms, and food factories make for fast-moving adventure and riveting reading. Newkirk’s interviews with the stop-at-nothing ALF leader, “Valerie,” and the story of her 10-year struggle to revolutionize society’s attitudes toward animals provide an intimate look at the ALF that surpasses everything the media have said about this shadowy group.

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“For people who don’t know me, I work for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and have for a little bit more than five years ... And I’ve been doing direct action for quite some time, actually.”

[ ... ]

“If these animals do have the same right to be free of pain and suffering at our hands, then of course we’re going to be, as a movement, blowing stuff up and smashing windows. For the record, I don’t do this stuff, but I do advocate it. I think it’s a great way to bring about animal liberation. And considering the level of the atrocity and the level of the suffering, I think it would be a great thing if all these fast food outlets and these slaughterhouses and these laboratories, and the banks that fund them exploded tomorrow. [applause] I think it’s perfectly appropriate. And I think it’s perfectly appropriate for people to take bricks and toss them through the windows and you know, everything else along that line. Hallelujah to the people who are willing to do it. And I think that it prioritizes things appropriately.”

[ ... ]

“Property is not about causing suffering. And it’s a sort of sick idolatry that says a gestation crate or a veal slaughterhouse or even a fast food restaurant that offers no vegan meals is in anyway property or in any way life giving or in any way sustaining. It’s the exact opposite of that. And what turns it into property is when it’s blown up or burned to the ground and it becomes rubble.”
Gary Yourofsky is not, he says, an animal lover. Never mind that virtually every waking moment of his life is devoted to fighting for animal rights. Never mind that he has been arrested more than a dozen times and served more than two months hard time in a Canadian prison for liberating mink.

No, he’s not an animal lover. “I don’t even like most animals,” the outspoken 30-year-old said.

“Anyway, this isn’t about loving them. It’s about injustice. My goal is to free them. They are a disenfranchised group. They have the right to their own existence. They aren’t ours to exploit. They exist for their own reasons.”

Mr. Yourofsky, a slight, virtually bald young man with piercing eyes, has dedicated his life to fighting for what he sees as the world’s greatest civil rights movement: Animal Liberation. Though he is of a generation that is virtually a stranger to political commitment, he is, cheerfully and proudly “an activist 24/7. This is what I do.”

He isn’t kidding. A large tattoo of himself wearing a hood and displaying the symbols of ALF, the Animal Liberation Front, adorns one forearm.

He isn’t getting rich at it. Mr. Yourofsky is “in debt up to my ears. I owe at least $30,000 on credit cards,” and gets by on donations. He lives in a tiny apartment with his ancient dog, Rex, and probably could fit all his worldly goods into his car.

Sometimes, he admits, he gets down, especially when he thinks about how much brutality there is, and how little progress he has made. But he has absolutely no doubt that what he is doing is right, and that his life would even be worth losing if it would help stop what he thinks is the most evil “ism” in human history.

“Speciesism. That is, the unfounded, unethical, and unprincipled view that the human animal has every right to enslave, torture, and murder the non-human animal.”

Does he think that the life of a gnat, say, is as valuable as that of a person? He waves impatiently; he isn’t going there. “What we must do is start viewing every cow, pig, chicken, monkey, rabbit, mouse, and pigeon as our family members.”

“And we must be willing to do whatever it takes to gain their freedom and stop their torture,” he adds. For himself, that means only nonviolent means. But Mr. Yourofsky doesn’t condemn others who feel differently. “Do not be afraid to condone arsons at places of animal torture,” he has written to supporters.

Matter of fact, if an “animal abuser” were to get killed in the process of burning down a research lab, “I would unequivocally support that, too.”

He wasn’t always out there. He grew up in the very suburban, mostly Jewish Detroit suburb of Oak Park. He ate meat, played guitar, and dreamed of someday being a goalie in the National Hockey League.

Then, one day in his early 20s, his stepfather, who was a professional circus clown, took Gary behind the scenes at the circus. He went up to an elephant and “saw nothing but fear and hopelessness in her eyes” and saw that she was chained and could barely move. “I didn’t even know then how they are routinely beaten, to break their spirit. I just knew something was wrong.” When they brought out dancing bears wearing tutus, he left.

That changed his life. He plunged into research on how animals are treated and mistreated; became first a vegetarian, then a more radical vegan. Though he had degrees in journalism and broadcasting, he decided to put his skills to work full-time for the animals. Five years ago, he founded ADAPTT (Animals Deserve Absolute Protection Today and Tomorrow) which now has, he says, 2,200 or so members.

Yes, he did once liberate precisely 1,542 mink from individual cages on a now-bankrupt Ontario farm, crawling through dirt and mink feces to do so. Yes, he chained himself to his car and blocked the entrance to Detroit Animal Control Center, to protest their gassing of unwanted animals and, worse, selling them to a university for experiments.

“Any real scientist will tell you we learn nothing of value by experimenting on animals. Nothing!” he maintained. “And even if we did, we’ve no right to do it.”

Though he may be arrested again, what he really prefers doing is lecturing about animal rights. An articulate, compelling speaker, he is in increasing demand on the classroom and lecture circuit. When he’s not doing that, he is heavily into other forms of “informational propaganda.” Last fall, he successfully wangled $10,000 from PETA - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals - and got a commercial attacking “the animal slavery enterprise known as the circus” on local TV 69 times.

What the future holds, he knows, is more frustration. Last winter, depressed over his economic situation and the enormous task, Mr. Yourofsky dropped out for two or three months, before gradually returning to the fray. Now, however, he is pumped and ready. If he gets tired, he remembers what he tells audiences: “Picture yourself in chains, swaying back and forth as someone whacked you over the head with an elephant hook. Then tell me you wouldn’t want your supporters to do anything to obtain your freedom.”

In the long run, he doesn’t expect to see very much animal liberation in his lifetime. “I really think I will be assassinated,” he said. One comes away with a feeling that if his own death helped further the cause, it might, for Gary Yourofsky, seem worth it.

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OPEN LETTER from Gary Yourofsky  
May 28, 2002

Friends, enemies, and supporters, lend me your ears.

The founder of the world’s most recognizable animal rights organization has decided to keep me heavily involved in the struggle for animal liberation.

The day after my resignation letter was sent out a couple of months ago, I received a phone call from Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's founder and president. Ingrid called after Bruce Friedrich, PETA's Director of Vegan Outreach, informed her of my situation. As most of you recall, after six years of volunteering for ADAPTT, I resigned as ADAPTT's president due to financial ruin.

Ingrid’s message was touching and emotional, to say the least. Frankly, I was blown away that Ingrid would call me with concern because I could no longer continue my activism. Getting a call and/or a request from Ingrid is like getting a call from the Godfather’s Don Corleone. It’s an offer one can’t refuse.

In a nutshell, Ingrid and PETA wanted to know what they could do to keep me involved. We’ve been in negotiations ever since. Then, on Monday, May 20, PETA made me its official, national lecturer. This union will benefit the animals immensely. Words cannot describe the joy that I am experiencing over this alliance.

After watching my 68-minute presentation, PETA, like many others in this movement, believed that my vegan/animal liberation lecture was damn persuasive! So, our goal now is to have DAILY lectures set up in schools across the U.S. when the fall semester begins next September. Several people will be helping me achieve this goal. Plus, at the end of June, an oration will be recorded at a Michigan college and placed on VHS, DVD, and CD (audio). These items will be featured in PETA's next issue of Animal Times which will be available in the PETA catalogue. This will help us reach many educators across the country.

As always, if you know anyone who is a teacher/professor, please ask them to bring me in as a guest lecturer. Traveling will no longer be a problem. We just have to coordinate and get as many lectures as possible scheduled in every region.

By the way, those closest to me know that I have been growing wiser as each year of activism passes. I used to be flat-out vituperative when it came to PETA and other groups who didn’t do things my way. But last year I started to realize that my acrimony was wrong and wasteful. I pondered the reasons why I was such an effective activist who was admired by many. Why were teachers constantly inviting me into their classrooms? Why were students going vegan instantly after hearing my speech? Why were TV stations accepting graphic TV advertisements that I produced? Why did media outlets constantly give me positive coverage? Why did people follow me?

Since one is never too old for an epiphany, another one took place in my life. I realized that people supported me because I was an uncompromising, in-your-face, articulate activist who condemned all kinds of animal abuse and who was willing to go to any length to achieve animal liberation, including jail (and even death). Truthfully, I never made a bit of difference condemning my fellow activists.

Moreover, after spending a week here at PETA’s HQ in Norfolk, Virginia, I now see that PETA people work damn hard for the animals. There are 100 Yourofskys working in this building, each activist doing what they do best. Every activist should be required to meet our PETA brethren face-to-face and attend a monthly staff meeting to see all the hard work and achievements. While I may have had tactical differences with PETA, I have had tactical differences with EVERY group and EVERY activist involved in animal liberation, even the ALF!!!! Heck, I don’t even agree with myself sometimes!

So, it is time to truly unite and make a world of difference for every enslaved animal on this planet. With PETA’s assistance, my goal of educating students in classrooms all across the US is feasible.

For any of you out there who feel that I’ve sold out or something like that -- let me paraphrase Paul Watson by saying what makes you think I care what you have to say? Creating an image for one’s self is NOT more important than fighting for animal freedom. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: “I work for the animals and the animals alone.” And, thanks to largest animal rights organization in the world and its founder Ingrid Newkirk, I can now continue my work!

Goddess/God Bless PETA and ALL of my fellow activists.

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**PETA explains its $1,500 donation to the Earth Liberation Front**

“PETA President Ingrid Newkirk says ... that the ELF donation was for a publication (and not its illegal activities).”


“[Newkirk] said she did not remember the check to ELF, which was reported on the organization’s 2000 tax return.”

— ABC News, February 26, 2002

“[Newkirk] also said the money PETA gave to the North American Earth Liberation Front was in response to a request for funds for educational materials.”

— The Associated Press, March 4, 2002

“Newkirk also confirms that [PETA] donated money to the ELF for ‘habitat protection.’”

— KOMO-TV (Seattle), March 5, 2002

“PETA [said they] contributed $1,500 during the 2000 fiscal year to ELF for education and habitat protection.”

— *The Denver Post*, March 6, 2002

“We did. We did. We gave a $1,500 contribution to the ELF for a specific program ... The only reason we did it is because it was a program that we supported. And it was about vegetarianism.”

— PETA communications director Lisa Lange on *The O’Reilly Factor*, Fox News Channel, March 7, 2002

“In April 2001, PETA sent a check in the amount of $1,500.00 to the North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office to assist Craig Rosebraugh with legal expenses related to free speech issues regarding animal protection issues.”

— PETA general counsel Jeff Kerr in a letter to U.S. Congressman Scott McInnis, March 14, 2002

“PETA said the money was used to send two people to Washington to testify at a congressional hearing on behalf of an ELF spokesman.”

— The Associated Press, October 1, 2003
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The Oregonian  
OCTOBER 27, 1999  
Scientists Get Letters Rigged With Razors  
by Bryan Denson

Underground animal-rights extremists have mailed letters rigged with razor blades to scientists across the United States, including four in Oregon, to scare them out of using primates in research.

The letters, postmarked Friday in Las Vegas, were the second such mass mailing in the past 90 days by a group calling itself the “Justice Department.” One envelope was delivered to a Portland-area scientist, who turned it over unopened to authorities.

In early August, the group mailed similar envelopes to fur industry officials across the United States and Canada, including at least three Oregon ranchers. Animal-rights extremists have been accused of previous mailings in England and Canada, but the latest mass mailings are thought to be unprecedented in the United States.

For 20 years, underground terrorists devoted to the environment and its creatures have burned, bombed and otherwise sabotaged industries that rely on natural resources. They have typically intended to inflict economic, not physical, harm.

But the mass-mailed letters, rigged with utility razor blades affixed to index cards, were designed to cut fingers. The wife of a Pennsylvania fur farmer, who sliced her thumb last summer, appears to be the only one hurt so far.

FBI agents in Washington, D.C., and Las Vegas confirmed Tuesday that they were familiar with the incidents but would not confirm having opened an investigation.

The latest batch of letters was sent to 86 primate researchers from Atlanta to Seattle, according to a notice posted by the extremist organization on an Animal Liberation Front Internet sites.

“Animal abusers beware,” the site warns, “. . . the wave of booby-trapped letters sent to fur farmers in North America in August was only the beginning.”

Dr. Don P. Wolf, a senior scientist at Oregon Health Sciences University’s regional primate research center in Hillsboro, received one of the rigged letters early Monday at a Portland fertility clinic. Wolf had been warned that he was on the hit list, so he didn’t open the letter when it arrived. Instead, he gave the envelope to campus police, who turned it over to the FBI.

“It’s very sobering to realize that it would be very easy for an individual to do bodily harm if they were determined,” said Wolf. Three other OHSU primate researchers also made the hit list, but all were out of town and none received the letters, said Jim Parker, chief spokesman for primate researchers at OHSU.

At least a dozen other researchers nationally had received the letters by Tuesday, but none had been hurt, said Jacquie Calnan, president of Americans for Medical Progress, a Virginia-based group dedicated to bolstering public opinion of medical research.

Calnan, who spent Monday and Tuesday e-mailing researchers on the hit list, was dismayed by the latest mailing.
“They feel it’s time for scientists to get hurt,” she said.

Notes inside the envelopes warned primate researchers they had until fall 2000 to quit using primates in their research or be subjected to more violence.

Wolf has researched the cloning of rhesus monkeys at the OHSU primate center in hopes of finding a way to slow the spread of AIDS. His research requires him to remove eggs from his monkeys, create embryos and return them to the animals.

Some militant animal-rights activists think that caging and performing surgeries on monkeys should be abolished.

“I appreciate their right to an opinion,” Wolf said. “I think this is a poor way to express it.”

The Justice Department, said to have originated in England as an underground offshoot of that nation’s animal-rights movement, appears to be “dissatisfied with the progress of animal liberation, so they feel that violence against humans is justified,” said David Barbarash, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Even the most extreme animal-rights activists differ on whether such rigged letters are an appropriate tactic.

“I’m truthfully not opposed to it, but, at the same time, it’s not something I’m going to run out and do,” said Craig Rosebraugh, a Portland activist who is also a national spokesman for the secretive Earth Liberation Front. “I don’t condemn it in any way.”

Barbarash does.

“It’s an intimidation tactic to force animal abusers out of business, and it may be successful -- I guess we’ll have to find out -- [but] it makes me uncomfortable,” he said. “I don’t like violence.”

Even though he condemns the tactic, Barbarash stands accused of acting on behalf of the Justice Department by mailing similar letters to 22 hunting guides in Canada in early 1996. Barbarash denies the charge, saying it is an attempt by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to destroy him.

Teresa Platt, who heads Fur Commission USA, said, “These attacks are designed to render you silent.” Platt, burned in effigy by animal-rights activists last month in California, has received e-mailed death threats and, in August, got one of the Justice Department’s first mass-mailed razor blade letters.

That first mailing, aimed primarily at the fur industry, was received by at least three Oregon fur ranchers, Platt said.

“You have been targeted,” read a note in the envelopes. “You have until autumn of the year 2000 to get out of the bloody fur trade. If you don’t heed our warning, we will turn your violence back upon you.”

Just below the note -- signed by the Justice Department’s Anti-Fur Task Force -- was a line drawing of a mail bomb.
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Eco-terrorists’ elusiveness frustrate law enforcement in PA

The Associated Press
January 5, 2005
By DAN NEPHIN

PITTSBURGH -- On New Year’s Day two years ago, the Earth Liberation Front, a radical environmental group, claimed responsibility for igniting several trucks and sport utility vehicles at an auto dealership - the fourth and last known attack in northwestern Pennsylvania in the preceding year.

No one has ever been charged and eco-terrorism experts say it’s unlikely that anyone will.

“Unless somebody squeals or somebody got a license place number, they’re probably not going to get caught,” said Gary Perlstein, an eco-terrorism expert and professor emeritus at Portland State University.

Gerald Clark Jr., acting supervisory special agent of the FBI’s Erie office, remains optimistic. Agents “continue to follow leads that we feel have potential in the investigation,” he said Wednesday.

Law enforcement outside Pennsylvania had identified Michael J. Scarpitti as a suspect in one of the other attacks, the Aug. 11, 2002, fire at a U.S. Forest Service research station near Warren. Clark said he couldn’t confirm or deny whether Scarpitti was a suspect in that blaze, which caused $700,000 damage.

Scarpitti, who has said trees told him to change his name to Tre Arrow, was convicted last year of shoplifting in Victoria, British Columbia, and remains in jail there. He is wanted for his alleged role in the 2001 firebombing of logging and cement trucks in Oregon, but is fighting extradition.

Clark acknowledged that ELF is a difficult group to investigate. In October, a joint terrorism task force was created to enable local and federal law enforcement to combine resources and intelligence to combat terrorism, which should help, he said.

ELF claimed responsibility for four attacks in the Erie area. Besides the vehicle torching at Bob Ferrando’s dealership in Girard and the research station fire, ELF took credit for torching a $500,000 construction crane at a bridge work site in Erie and setting fire to a mink barn outside Erie.

The acts were part of ELF’s campaign to battle commercialism and industry in the name of saving the environment.

Members carry out their assaults individually or in groups of three to five trusted allies, reducing the chance of being caught, Perlstein said.

Because the Erie area attacks happened in a narrow time span, Perlstein said it’s likely whoever was responsible was a high school or college student who’s since graduated and moved.

In the few cases in which someone has been caught, Stoner said, they’ve tended to be local. But, she said, ELF is savvy and members could well float from place to place.

As for Ferrando, he said the fire cost him nothing more than some paperwork because his insurer covered the losses.

But the activities do bother him and worry him that someone may get hurt, he said.

So far, ELF hasn’t intentionally harmed anyone, but firefighters and other first responders are put in risk with each fire, said Harvey W. Kushner, chair of the criminal justice department at Long Island University and author of “Encyclopedia of Terrorism.”

The group hasn’t ruled out violence. In a communiqué issued after the research station fire, ELF said: “While innocent life will never be harmed in any action we undertake, where it is necessary, we will no longer hesitate to pick up the gun to implement justice.”

Kushner said ELF’s methods aren’t working.

More vehicles are built to replace those destroyed and more trees are cut to replace lumber destroyed when ELF sets fire to housing developments, he said.
Animal rights group steps up protest of Procter & Gamble
The Associated Press
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WYOMING, Ohio -- Two animal rights activists were arrested outside the home of Procter & Gamble’s chief executive officer for protesting the company’s use of animals in test products.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals distributed door-hangers Wednesday around CEO John Pepper’s home in this upscale Cincinnati suburb. The door-hangers feature Pepper’s face superimposed over Mr. Clean’s on a bottle of the household cleaner. The label also contained the phrases, “John Pepper, clean up your act,” and “Animal tests stink.”

Jason Baker, a PETA spokesman, said his group thought it was important to get a message out to Pepper’s neighbors.

“We want them to know that the company that he runs is needlessly killing animals and causing them to suffer,” Baker said.

Baker said he and another PETA member tried to leave a door-hanger at Pepper’s home, but they were escorted off the property by security guards.

Baker and Michael Scarpitti, 24, of Cincinnati, were cited by Wyoming police for distributing literature on private property without a permit. Police Chief Tim World said the men were each fined $130.

Baker said he and Scarpitti paid the fines, but they are considering taking legal action against the city.

“Our attorneys said we shouldn’t have paid, “ he said. “We should have a right to freedom of information.”

PETA has been conducting numerous protests against P&G’s use of animals to test products. P&G spokeswoman Mindy Patton said the company was disappointed to see the protests continue.

“We are eliminating all the animal tests we can, and we have eliminated 85 percent since 1984,” she said. “We would hope that animal rights activists would join with us in searching for alternatives to animal testing.”

Pepper was out of town on Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.
Backfire
Environmentalists had forged an unusual coalition with locals and animal rights activists to oppose Vail’s growth -- until ecoterrorists torched the mountain.

Alex Markels
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Vail Resorts, Inc., had made a lot of enemies lately, and it seemed all of them were here this night. It was March 1998, seven months before a shadowy clique of arsonists took to Colorado’s Vail Mountain with matches and gasoline, and the biggest, most rancorous crowd in Eagle County Commission history packed the benches in front of the three commissioners. At least 300 locals, environmentalists, and animal rights activists had turned out on this chilly evening -- the snow still 5 feet deep on Vail Mountain -- to debate what the resort calls its Category III ski area expansion. Cat III, as locals call it, is the third phase in the ski company’s decades-old master plan and would develop a 2,200-acre area of Vail’s backcountry for skiing, including 700 acres of old-growth forest.

The area is a prime habitat for elk and the Canada lynx, the endangered bobcat cousin unseen in these parts for nearly 30 years. Opponents interested in preserving it for wildlife -- among them Jeff Berman, a 29-year-old volunteer with the Colorado-based environmental group Ancient Forest Rescue (AFR), and Nicole Rosmarino, a 28-year-old doctoral candidate at the University of Colorado at Boulder and member of the radical group Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (RMAD) -- wanted to stop the project, slated for construction after the elk calving season in June. Activists had repeatedly filed lawsuits on behalf of the lynx, but Forest Service officials had already ruled in favor of the development, leaving only the County Commission to decide how the project should proceed.

"This [expansion] has nothing to do with skiing!" Berman shouted when he got his chance at the microphone. Waving Vail Resorts’ annual report like a Bible-toting preacher, he reminded the crowd that the resort had recently purchased an option to develop a huge tract of private land just a mile from Cat III. "This is all about real estate," he shouted as the crowd erupted in applause.

At the front of the room, a battalion of Vail Resorts lawyers and executives testily argued that Cat III was about improving snow quality and extending the ski season. But the crowd wasn’t buying it. And considering that the company signs the paychecks for more than 15 percent of the valley’s 30,000 residents and supplies them with free ski passes, their candor was impressive. As one local hotelier put it, explaining that he had yet to wait in a chairlift line that season, "Why do we have to build more terrain if we can’t even sell what we have?"
Others decried the jarring changes that had occurred since a group of Wall Street investors gained control of Vail Resorts in 1992. Their reorganized company had gobbled up two nearby ski resorts, replaced longtime local managers with outsiders, and taken the company public with a $266 million offering. Area business owners blamed their shrinking profits on Vail Resorts' expanding retail presence. And growth-weary locals blamed the company's burgeoning real estate division (part of its plan to increase revenues amid stagnating lift-ticket demand) for feeding a building frenzy of lavish trophy homes and private golf courses that had turned the valley into a 15-mile-long construction zone.

Citing one new development -- a ski-in/ski-out subdivision asking as much as $4.6 million per home -- a local seamstress angrily recalled that the forested hillside "used to be a prime calving area for elk; now it is a prime playground for the rich and famous."

By itself, the terrain expansion would probably not have raised much ire. But at a time of unbridled growth and hectic preparation for the 1999 World Alpine Ski Championships (the most important ski competition next to the Olympics) the following January, Cat III seemed a symbol for all that was going wrong in Vail. And as the clock ticked down the hours to the championships, a series of bumper stickers betrayed the growing discontent: "Bail '99," "Evail," and simply, "No More Fucking Rich People."

Yet in the politically conservative, deeply entrepreneurial valley, there were plenty of people who felt differently. Although few of them showed their faces at the commissioners' meeting, more than 3,000 had signed a petition favoring the expansion, which Vail Resorts officials presented to the commission. Armed with $2 million in wildlife studies, economic assessments, and environmental impact reports, which they piled 2 feet high on the commissioners' tables, Vail Resorts made its case. In April, the commissioners unanimously voted to support the project.

Then, on the night of Sunday, October 18 -- just as construction crews began clearing trees in the disputed area -- some twisted souls climbed Vail Mountain. By morning, two huge plumes of smoke rising from the mountaintop signaled the most destructive act of environmental sabotage in U.S. history -- causing more than $12 million in damage. Four ski lifts were damaged; the ski patrol's headquarters and the lavish $5 million Two Elk Lodge were reduced to ashes.

Swarms of federal agents picked through the ruins, but the biggest clue arrived two days later in the form of a seven-sentence e-mail. It claimed responsibility for the fires and threatened further actions if construction on Cat III continued. It read, in part: "Putting profits ahead of Colorado's wildlife will not be tolerated. This action is just a warning. We will be back if this greedy corporation continues to trespass into wild and unroaded areas. For your safety and convenience, we strongly advise skiers to choose other destinations until Vail cancels its inexcusable plans for expansion."

The communiqué was signed by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), an all-but-unknown band of radical environmentalists recently connected with the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a militant animal rights group that has long sabotaged animal research labs, fur farms, and meat industry buildings. Believed by some to be one and the same, the two groups claimed joint responsibility for several attacks in 1997 and 1998, including the burning of an Oregon corral used to round up wild horses for slaughter; the arson of a U.S. Agriculture Department building where wild animals were allegedly euthanized; the release of mink from a Wisconsin fur farm; and the arson of the Oregon
headquarters of U.S. Forest Industries. ALF's Web site explains how to make firebombs with fuses made from gasoline-soaked sponges -- the same peculiar devices investigators reportedly found evidence of in the Vail ashes.

As national TV reports flashed pictures of the Vail blaze and scrolled through ELF's e-mail warning to skiers, spokespeople on both sides of the environmental movement warned of the arrival of a new, more belligerent chapter in the war over the nation's dwindling wilderness. "The Vail action is an example of the new vanguard of warriors who aren't intimidated by the government's tactics," said Rod Coronado, an Earth First! and ALF activist now serving time for helping to torch a Michigan animal lab. Ron Arnold, the founder of the anti-environmentalist Wise Use movement, agreed: "They've stepped over a line they've never crossed before. They're also getting more professional. That troubles me a lot."

For those who had waged the long legal battle against Cat III, the fire was more than just troubling. It was an outright disaster. For instead of setting fire to the backcountry construction so many here had opposed, the arsonists had vented their anger on the beloved ski mountain where Vailites work and play. Even worse, ELF's warning to skiers made clear that the attack wasn't only on the resort company, but on every skier in Vail. The resulting outrage flipped public opinion virtually overnight, fueling a backlash that reversed months of coalition building and turned every Cat III opponent into a potential suspect.

I t was one of the most beautiful acts of economic sabotage ever in this state," says Nicole Rosmarino of the fire. A self-proclaimed "bunny hugger," the RMAD activist says she was "jumping up and down with delight" when she heard the news. After Cat III's opponents exhausted every legal avenue, she says, "there was nothing left to do but break the law. I was ready to do acts of civil disobedience to slow down the loggers, but what transpired was more effective than anything I was prepared to do."

A vegetarian since her college days in upstate New York, Rosmarino first joined the animal rights movement to protest the plight of lab animals. But she soon focused her efforts on wildlife "because those are the animals that still have a fighting chance," she says. "I have absolute adoration, even quasi worship, for wildlife." After moving to Colorado to earn a doctorate in public policy, she signed on as wildlife coordinator for RMAD. Unlike more traditional animal rights groups, RMAD prides itself on "linking environmental struggles with animal rights and human struggles" to create a new breed of animal rights/environmental activists. "I'm in that category," she says proudly.

To Rosmarino, the Cat III fight seemed the perfect way to bridge the two movements. But bringing them together wasn't easy. Although they shared a hatred of big business, the movements' adherents felt little empathy for each other's core causes. Animal liberationists like Rosmarino resented the tree huggers' insensitivity to animals and reluctance to risk jail time, while more mainstream environmentalists like AFR's Jeff Berman disagreed with the bunny huggers' weakly morality and in-your-face tactics.

The two groups' differences were in full view as they teamed up to parade through Vail last winter. While Berman used his megaphone to hammer away at Cat III's real estate connection, Rosmarino and her boisterous RMAD friends yelled slogans such as "Extinction stinks! Save the lynx!" They soon passed a woman emerging from one of Vail's fur salons wearing a mink coat. "You'd look a lot sexier
without 65 dead animals on your back!" yelled an RMAD protester. A shouting match ensued, and the Vail police officers who were following the group with a decibel meter approached.

Berman winced. Afraid of alienating anyone who might prove sympathetic to his cause, he’d hoped to avoid mixing the fur and Cat III issues. "The guy was being hotheaded," Berman says of the RMAD protester. To his disappointment, Rosmarino refused to calm down her combative friend. "I had no problem with RMAD activists telling that lady off," she recalls. "That’s why the lynx are in the shape they’re in. And I’m disappointed in environmentalists who can’t see that."

Yet as Cat III moved closer to reality, she and Berman needed each other more than ever. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had repeatedly declined to consider giving the lynx endangered status, declining the activists’ legal maneuvers to stop construction on the animal’s behalf. Without the listing, lawsuits accusing the Forest Service of failing to adequately measure Cat III’s environmental impact went nowhere, leaving only the County Commission to block construction.

So while Rosmarino and her RMAD friends focused on the plight of the lynx, Berman helped orchestrate a series of community meetings that hammered on the impact of the resort’s growth-worsening housing and labor shortages, skyrocketing rents, and sprawling development.

The parallel efforts helped fill the bleachers at the commissioners’ hearings. But in the end, they failed to sway the decision-makers. In September, with construction imminent, opponents gathered in Berman’s living room to consider their dwindling options. They’d already begun efforts to hit Vail in its wallet, pushing the local university to end student bus service to the resort and drafting an open letter to ski clubs nationwide asking those visiting Vail to boycott Vail Resorts-owned properties.

Now it was time for civil disobedience, for which they had trained by role-playing arrest scenarios and practicing tree climbing, road blockades, and other protest techniques. They even set up a base camp near the mouth of the valley leading to the Cat III construction site in order to monitor its progress, store food and other supplies, and scope out the best trees to climb in protest. As for more aggressive tactics, the group adopted an informal code of nonviolence, but agreed that individual members would have to decide for themselves what was appropriate.

But construction was delayed by another last-gasp legal appeal, and by the time the court ruled against it a month later, few were left to carry on the fight. As bulldozers passed through Cat III’s entrance on Friday, October 16, Berman tried desperately to organize a protest in front of Vail Resorts’ headquarters but abandoned the plan after gathering barely 10 people.

Then all hell broke loose on Vail Mountain two days later. And as federal agents and journalists investigating the fire bore down on all of Cat III’s opponents, the coalition Berman and Rosmarino once hoped to cement seemed to crumble. While Rosmarino lauded the arsonists as "heroes," Berman’s camp angrily denounced the perpetrators as "criminals and terrorists."

And as most Cat III opponents desperately tried to distance themselves from the arsonists, Rosmarino lashed out at the tree hugger’s spinelessness. "This was not terrorism -- it was economic sabotage. And it did more for the cause than anything that came before it!" she says. "The reaction from those who purport to speak for wildlife is really a reaction of fear. If they don’t have the courage to light the match, that’s fine. But to attack those who did is sheer hypocrisy."
Ever since Edward Abbey's novel *The Monkey Wrench Gang* inspired radical groups like Earth First! to take environmental matters into their own hands, a sporadic guerrilla war of "ecotage" has targeted mining, logging, and electric power companies in the Western states. The monkey-wrenching actions peaked in 1989 when a group of activists conspired to cut the power lines to a plant in Arizona. The FBI had launched a two-year probe, infiltrating the group prior to the Arizona assault, and the resulting arrests "pretty much beheaded the radical environmental movement," says Susan Zakin, author of *Coyotes and Town Dogs: Earth First! and the Environmental Movement*. With the 1989 arrest of Earth First! founder Dave Foreman and four other activists, Zakin says, "people realized that if they called themselves Earth Firsters, they might as well have an 'Arrest Me!' sign on their back. It sobered them up."

Meanwhile, North American animal liberation groups like ALF were stepping up their attacks and soon called for a coming together of the animal liberation and radical environmental movements in publications such as *Earth First! Journal*. In 1996, a group calling itself the ELF began claiming responsibility for attacks on fur farms and government facilities -- not just in the name of individual animals but on behalf of the entire ecosystem.

Leading the call to join forces is Coronado, who keeps tabs on the Cat III fight from the Arizona prison where he is finishing his 57-month sentence. The 32-year-old Yaqui Indian believes the Cat III fight is a microcosm of the larger movement. "It's an example of the power wielded by corporations...against animals and the environment," he says. "In the Northwest, it's the timber industry. In the Midwest, it's the livestock industry. And in Colorado, it's the ski industry. Even though it's based on recreation, people are realizing that it's just as exploitative as the timber industry -- so it's an excellent example for the younger generation, [which] now finds itself holding the reins of the environmental and animal liberation movement."

Younger indeed. Although no ELF member has ever been caught, or even stepped forward from the shadows, the group's ALF brethren who have been implicated in sabotage efforts are barely adults. Those arrested and convicted in Utah for the 1997 firebombing of a fur farm cooperative ranged in age from 19 to 24. "It's my generation," says David Wilson, a 21-year-old ALF spokesman who first broadcast the group's claims of responsibility for the Utah fire. He and his peers read *The Monkey Wrench Gang* in high school -- a book that has led a new generation of monkey-wrenchers "to break the law to make their point," says Wilson. "We started with animal rights, but we've expanded to wildlife actions like the one in Vail. We're the ones bridging the environmental gap."

Jeff Saraceni knows the type all too well. "This is definitely the cause du jour," says the special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in Salt Lake City who has investigated a string of ALF-linked arsons and bombings in Utah since 1991. "They pick it up in junior high and high school. They become vegetarians, and they get involved in protests like Fur-Free Fridays. But they get disillusioned with the protesting and picketing, and some decide that enough is not enough and they take it to the next step." While some are deep believers, he says, others "are just everyday kids looking for something to do. Some kids are into computers -- and some are into this."

And some are into both. With sophisticated Web site primers detailing everything from how to make firebombs to encrypting e-mail to staking out targets, ALF has fashioned the ultimate dis-organization -- an amorphous collection of radicals whose beliefs and Internet connections are the only things that
bind them together. On ALF’s Web site, under FAQs, those wondering how to join the group are told that "someone joins the ALF simply by doing ALF actions." The site posts detailed diaries of past sabotage, imploring potential adherents to take matters into their own hands.

"I, too, desperately wanted to join this group," writes a young woman who claims to have sabotaged a fast-food restaurant. "At one point, I wrote an animal rights group letting them know I would be willing to help them raid an [animal testing] lab. Needless to say, that letter went unanswered. ... Would anyone who put hundreds of hours into planning a covert, illegal direct action that could land them in prison for years [risk] asking a total stranger for help simply because he or she is a vegetarian or belonged to a local animal rights chapter? No! So how did I, or how do you, end up joining the ALF? That’s easy! Come up with your own plan!"

Once they’ve carried out an action, perpetrators send an anonymous e-mail or fax to self-appointed ALF/ELF spokespeople such as Katie Fedor in Minnesota, or Craig Rosebraugh in Portland, Oregon, both of whom spoke to the press about the Vail fires. Before including the action among the group’s list of successful attacks, they verify that no one was hurt by the crime. "Nonviolence is really the crucial criteria," Fedor says.

The resulting nearly structureless network has confounded law enforcement agencies. "It’s like they cribbed from Mao Tse-tung’s writings on guerrilla warfare," says Gary Perlstein, a criminology professor at Portland State University who has studied the groups extensively. "Mao talked about the three-person cell, and how this was an ideal organization to confound the government."

Arson investigators are quick to note that virtually anyone could have set the fires and shifted blame on the radical groups by e-mailing Fedor with a claim of responsibility. But Fedor and Coronado say they don’t care who the actual perpetrator is. "We welcome the use of the names ALF and ELF by anyone," says Coronado, "whether it’s someone who wants to save the lynx, or some Vail local who’s frustrated with the corporate takeover of the community."

That leaves cops with "a big basketful of worms," says Eagle County sheriff A.J. Johnson, who oversees the local investigation. "It’s been overwhelming," he says, "it’s not just ELF ... There’s all kinds of weird splinter groups out there, and that’s just one tunnel to follow. There’s been a lot of changes up and down this valley. Frustration levels are up. We’ve got hundreds of e-mails and letters complaining about development. So you’ve got to look at the disgruntled employee and angry local concepts, too."

Federal authorities have refused to comment on the ongoing investigations, but they’ve clearly stepped up efforts to break the radical groups. But unlike the government’s earlier success at infiltrating Earth First!, "the FBI is starting late this time," says Perlstein. Instead of going undercover, investigators have had to target aboveground activists. In January, they reportedly issued a rash of subpoenas, calling at least one Ancient Forest Rescue member to testify before a grand jury. But while such efforts may one day yield them a prosecutable suspect, "they’re basically powerless to prevent anything unless they can infiltrate them," Perlstein says.

By the time the fires burned themselves out late that October afternoon, the local opposition to Cat III had largely evaporated. Vail officials had hastily convened a pep rally, and Vail Resorts' silver-
haired president, Andy Daly, made sure everyone knew who the new enemy was. The arson "was perpetrated by outsiders, those who don't share our values, who have forced their values on us and know no compromise," he told the overflowing crowd. "We will rise again and be all we can be! Let people know the strength of this valley, the strength of Vail Resorts, and how we will come together."

A sobering slide show of the devastation only strengthened the crowd's anger, and in the weeks following the fires some locals even offered to rebuild the patrol headquarters in an Amish-style barn raising. (Indeed, Vail did survive -- handily. By the eve of the 1999 World Alpine Ski Championships, work crews had repaired all of the damaged lifts and a blanket of fresh snow had hidden any sign of the fire's violence. Moreover, the insurance-funded plans for rebuilding the Two Elk Lodge will allow Vail Resorts to expand the opulent, 33,000-square-foot structure by nearly one-third.)

Cat III's opponents were left to lash out not at the project's construction, but at the arsonists. While supporters of Vail Resorts cheered Daly, Berman gathered with a somber group for a candlelight vigil at the resort's clock tower. Under a banner reading "Ancient Forest Rescue, No Violence -- No Cat III," they dutched white candles and tried to explain their feelings. Reading from a prepared statement, Berman defended his opposition to Cat III.

"If the individuals who did this can somehow hear me, I say, 'Get the hell out of Colorado! Indeed, vanish altogether! Just go away!'" Berman told the group, which included several TV and newspaper reporters. "Your actions have only created sympathy for Vail Resorts at a time when they are undertaking one of the largest logging operations in Colorado."

But he was preaching to the converted. And as a man shouting "No more fires! No more fires!" approached the group, it became painfully obvious that local sentiment had turned irrevocably against Berman and the Cat III opponents. "Did it ever occur to you that all these little fires you are holding are a really bad symbol?" the heckler asked. "We've already had enough big fires. We don't need to be reminded of them with a bunch of little ones. Why don't you just blow them out and go away?"

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### National Press Officers:

**Jerry Vlasak, MD**

Jerry Vlasak, MD is a board-certified surgeon specializing in trauma and critical care. He is a former vivisectionist who has seen the agony of animals in laboratories. He debates the scientific invalidity of animal experimentation around the world, speaks out about the benefits of a vegan diet and offers lectures on the right of all sentient beings to live free of pain and suffering. His essays and interviews have been published in numerous journals and magazines and he has been interviewed on radio, TV and print by journalists worldwide regarding animal rights. He resides in Los Angeles, CA.

**Dr. Steve Best**

Dr. Steve Best is Associate Professor and Chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Texas at El Paso. He is an activist, host of the radio show Animal Concerns of Texas, and an author of numerous award-winning books. He is the co-editor (with Anthony J. Nocella II) of the recently published "Terrorists or Freedom Fighters? Reflections on the Liberation of Animals." Many of his writings are posted on his home page.

**Camille Hanikis**

After 20 years of corporate experience, Camille Hanikis abandoned a lucrative career in IT consulting to devote her time and energy to animal liberation. She brings a wealth of marketing, resource development and management experience to the animal rights movement, coupled with over 15 years of grass roots animal rights campaign experience.

In 2004, Camille co-founded the group ninth Animal Rights (WAR), focused primarily on the campaign to close Huntington Life Sciences, one of the largest and most notorious animal testing labs in the world. In addition, WAR supports a variety of projects including:

- the campaigns to stop the NJ bear hunt and the Canadian seal slaughter,
- the SPCA campaign to stop the building of an animal testing lab at Oxford University and the
- Gateway to Hell campaign,
- WAR is also working toward a New York City, and is committed to an
- aggressive educational outreach program that includes vegan advocacy.

Additionally in 2003, Camille launched the New York Animal Liberation Front Supporters (NY-ALFS), which promotes a better understanding of the nature of the underground animal liberation movement through public speaking engagements and educational outreach. NY-ALFS also actively supports imprisoned animal liberation prisoners.

Camille serves on the management committee of the preeminent AR national conference organized by FARM and has addressed numerous national and regional AR conferences. At this year’s AR2005, she will once again manage the exhibit expo.

**Angi Metzler**

Since 1993, Angi Metzler has been the volunteer full-time director of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance (NJARA). Since that time, NJARA has grown from a closed office to an office of the organization and a staff of seven highly motivated animal rights activists.

NJARA has seen many victories and defeats, but continues to grow in its determination to end animal exploitation. To that end, NJARA supports ALF liberations and rescues, educational programs, active outreach, and networking within the movement. NJARA regularly staffs information tables at town halls, festivals, local stores, etc. We’ve directly helped animals receive medical attention through our innovative veterinary assistance program.

Our victories include, but are not limited to stopping a 2006 bear hunt, closed down a NJ zoo that was repeatedly in violation of the federal Animal Welfare Act, stopped the high-churning male cat at the Atlantic City Pier, created the award-winning “Beky Program” designed to eliminate back-yard dogs, etc.

We are involved in litigation, legislation, and education at all levels. We publish a newsletter that reserves space for other grassroots organizations in New Jersey to advertise local events. In 2001, we started a comprehensive program to help foster cats. Our interactive website has resources to aid people 24-hours a day in their quest to protect animals.

[more bios to come]
Actions for Animals

PETA-New Jersey Rescues Lambs

About fifteen PETA-New Jersey members saved these lambs from slaughter by buying them at the annual 4-H Fair in Somerset County this year.

Throughout the Fair PETA-New Jersey members held protests against animal agriculture and in favor of promoting the sensitization of children, drawing enormous public attention and attracting lively media coverage.

PETA spokesperson Angi Metler described the sale of lambs by 4-Hers as “traumatic” for the children and the animals and called on County residents to ban the event.

Another PETA member, Susan Gordon, wrote in her newspaper editorial that the children needed to be taught “life enhancing, not destructive, values” and blamed continued emphasis on animal agriculture for “insuring disaster for the world’s starving people and the environment.” Susan’s suggestion that children be discouraged from viewing animals as exploitable objects good only for conversion into profits brought letters of support for PETA’s position from all over the area. Thanks to these activists the lambs are happily situated on vegetarian farms.
SELECTED PRESENTERS
Carol Adams Author "Sexual Politics of Meat"
Natasha Alatas Former Msas World USA
Danielle Bays Animal Protection Voters
Alan Berger Animal Protection Institute
Steve Best University of Texas (El Paso)
Linda Blair Author "Goong Vegan"
Lauree Blanchard FARM
Michael Budke Stop Animal Exploitation Now
Teresa Buss-Carden World League for Prot. of Animals
Ellie Callahan Gentle Barn
Judy Carman Author "Veggie Soup Chicken's Soul"
Cindy Carrocel Austin Zoo
Anita Carusso In Defense of Animals
Lawrence Carver-Long In Defense of Animals
Sarah Clifton Fund for Animals
Robert Cohen Dairy Education Board
Paco Connolly In Defense of Animals
Joseph Connolly Veg News
Rod Corrado Animal activist
Joyce D'Silva Compassion in World Farming
Karen Davis United Poultry Concerns
Karen Dunn DawnWatch
Margo DeMello House Rabbit Society
Dari Denenberg Sowing Seeds
Courtney Dillard Willamette University
Laura Duscescu AVS/Animaleam
Don Elroy Tennessee Network for Animals
Monica Engbrecht Animal Protection Institute
Sybil Erden The Oasis Sanctuary
Jill Ettinger Yoga instructor
Pamela Feinman Animal Defense League - LA
Mary Finelli Farm Animal Watch
Lionel Friedberg Television producer
Lester Friedlander Former ISDA Veterinarian
Che Green Northwest Animal Rights Network
Michael Grege Physician, lecturer
Virginia Handley Fund for Animals
Camille Hankins FARM
Alex Hershhaft FARM
Sue Hinds SHARK
Colleen Holland Veg News
Patti Howard FARM
Pacun Jones Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
Dana Jones Humane Farming Association
Roberta Kaleczycski Jews for Animal Rights
Elliot Katz In Defense of Animals
Lisa Kemmerer University of Montana
Martin Klein Feminists for Animal Rights
Andrew Knight NW Animal Rights Network
Dennis Kuczynski U.S. Congress
Patrick Kuan Student Animal Rights Alliance
Greg Laouso Vegetarian Soc. of El Paso
Marie LeBoeuf Zero Impact Productions
Paul Leonard ALDF
Shari Lenzi Animal Protection Institute
Bob Linden GoVegan Radio
Howard Logman Voice For a Viable Future
Bill Maher Television Host
Jim Mason Co-founder, Animals Agenda
Rich McElhaney Animal Legislative Action Network
Dana McPhail Animal Legal Defense Fund
Kelsey Meadows FARM
Daun Moncrief FARM
Marr Novak Voice For a Viable Future
Jack Norris Vegan Outreach
Lauren Ornelas VivaUSA
Nicole Paquette Animal Protection Institute
Miyana Park Compassion Over Killing
Aus Park Orange County People for Animals
Kristal Parks Peace activist
Bryan Pease Animal Protection and Rescue League
Dale Peterson Great Ape Project
Jill Robinson AnimalsAsia Foundation
Matt Rosell In Defense of Animals
Nathan Runkle Mercy for Animals
Sherry Schlueter Law enforcement officer
Paul Shapiro Compassion Over Killing
Kim Sheridan Naturopath, author
Jameeth Sheridan Nutritionist, lecturer
Peter Singer Author "Animal Liberation"
Scott Smith Wildlife WayStation
Cristal Spiegel American Anti-Vivisection Society
Veda Strom Animals Voice
Kim Sturla Animal Place, Fund for Animals
Mark Sutton CyberEarth Productions
Cheri Thompson Healing Species
David Thornton Northwest Animal Rights Network
Joyce Tischler Animal Legal Defense Fund
Will Tuttle Karuna Music
Jenny Wasser Physicians Comm. for Resp. Medicine
Paul Watson Sea Shepherd International
Vernon Weir American Sanctions Association
Freeman Wicklund Eco-Animal Allies
Erin Williams Small Planet

POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES
9am-noon - Humane Education Workshop -
Denerberg, Thompson, Wicklund
9am-noon - Animal-Friendly Medicine - Sheridan
10am-noon - Animals & Spirituality - Carrman, Tuttle
12:30-2pm - SHAC Demonstration at Surnitomo

www.animalrights2003.org
"Exposing and challenging the daily terror against animals"

Final Program

Animal Rights 2003
National Conferences
August 1 - August 6
Los Angeles, CA

Present
Transcript excerpt

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Vlasak
Event: Animal Rights 2003 national conference
Location: Westin LAX hotel, Los Angeles
Date: August 3, 2003

“I think there is a use for violence in our movement. And I think that it can be an effective strategy. Not only is it morally acceptable, I think that there are places where it could be used quite effectively from a pragmatic standpoint.

“For instance, If vivisectors were routinely being killed, I think it would give other vivisectors pause in what they were doing in their work -- and if these vivisectors were being targeted for assassination, and call it political assassination or what have you, I think if -- and I wouldn’t pick some guy way down the totem pole, but if there were prominent vivisectors being assassinated, I think that there would be a trickle-down effect and many, many people who are lower on that totem pole would say, ‘I’m not going to get into this business because it’s a very dangerous business and there’s other things I can do with my life that don’t involve getting into a dangerous business.’ And I think that the -- strictly from a fear and intimidation factor, that would be an effective tactic.

“And I don’t think you’d have to kill -- assassinate -- too many vivisectors before you would see a marked decrease in the amount of vivisection going on. And I think for 5 lives, 10 lives, 15 human lives, we could save a million, 2 million, 10 million non-human lives.

“And I, you know -- people get all excited about, ‘Oh, what’s going to happen when -- if the ALF accidentally kills somebody in an arson?’ Well, I think we need to get used to this idea. It’s going to happen, okay? It’s going to happen.”

Female audience member: “That’s just like the pro-life movement killing abortion doctors.”

“Absolutely. I think they had a great strategy going.”
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Dear Executive Director:

This letter is written on behalf of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) and Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty (SHAC). PCRM is a health advocacy non-profit organization that promotes preventive medicine and higher standards for ethics and effectiveness in research. It is comprised of 5,000 physicians and more than 100,000 laypersons. SHAC is an animal protection non-profit organization campaigning to close the Huntington Life Sciences (HLS) facility because of its documented abuses to animals and inappropiate animal experimentation. These two organizations would like to share with you two scientific critiques of animal experiments conducted at HLS. These scientific reviews, written by PCRM physicians, show what we believe to be the irrelevance and inappropriateness of some of the studies done at HLS.

May I ask you to please read the enclosed studies? As a company that is striving to bring products to the market that may improve or enhance people’s lives, we ask you to make an honest assessment as to the extent that HLS has served you, their customer, and the public fairly and safely when given a contract to test various products, chemicals, and life altering drugs.

Although animal tests are routinely used to test compounds for toxicity or carcinogenicity, or alternatively, for their possible therapeutic effect, these tests are poor indicators for safety and effectiveness in humans. Animal studies cannot be reliably used to understand human pharmacokinetics because of the myriad anatomical, physiological, and pathological differences between humans and other animals. For instance, the significantly shorter gestational periods of rodents, compared to humans, contribute to the marked differences in developmental toxicity of drugs that often occur between test animals and humans. On the other hand, epidemiological data provide much more reliable risk assessments and can be applied directly to human populations.

Extrapolating carcinogenicity data generated by animal studies to humans is especially problematic. Not only are humans and other species prone to developing different cancers, most human cancers behave differently from artificially produced animal models. Moreover, rodents in carcinogenicity tests sometimes develop cancer from chemicals given in extremely high doses that are harmless to humans at normal exposure levels because these doses cause artificial tissue irritation and cell
proliferation, which result in cancer. In other instances, potentially useful drugs may be overlooked because of ineffectiveness or harmful effects in animals used in testing. For these and other reasons outlined in the enclosed critiques, reliance on nonhuman animals to provide toxicity and carcinogenicity data for human risk assessment constitutes a faulty scientific method.

Because we realize your company is committed to public safety and sound science, we hope you will take the time to contact PCRM or SHAC with any questions or concerns you may have. Below you will find contact information for SHAC. We extend a sincere hope to hear from your company soon.

Sincerely,

Neal D. Barnard, M.D.
President
PCRM

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"In order to operate the lab facility in New Jersey, HLS must rely upon other outside companies to provide them with such services as food catering, office supplies, waste removal, lawn services, security, etc. All of these companies are making animal cruelty possible at HLS and should be treated no different than the abusers themselves."

~SHAC USA web site

**Tactics**

Numerous criminal acts, including death threats, vandalism, and office invasions, have been conducted by members of SHAC and its support groups. SHAC's HLS campaign is specific, targeted, and has a multi-pronged approach. The campaign focuses on attacking workers, shareholders, and clients, resulting in what SHAC terms "an all-time low worker morale, a rock bottom share price, and a loss of customer confidence."²

SHAC is relentless in its determination and employs a variety of tactics against its chosen targets. The campaign against HLS is a sustained operation by extreme animal rights activists. Currently, the main strategy employed by SHAC is the targeting of the pillars of support for HLS. SHAC claims to have identified all crucial financial facilities, such as corporate stock brokers, market makers, fund analysts, and shareholders and has staged a campaign "that has brought HLS to the brink of foreclosure and left it teetering on the verge of collapse."

SHAC brags that "some of the most significant financial institutions in the world have severed their ties with HLS"³ as a result of its efforts. SHAC also attacks the customer base of HLS and "has convinced a number of HLS's clients to place their research elsewhere as HLS poses a public safety threat and are convicted animal abusers."⁴

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² [www.october29.org](http://www.october29.org)
³ [www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net)
⁴ Ibid
SHAC engages in various levels of activity, both legal and illegal. SHAC’s most lawful, basic, and nonviolent actions include:

- Acts of civil disobedience
- Protests/demonstrations
- Non-threatening E-mails
- Phone calls
- Leafleting/flyers
- Public relations war
- HLS stock purchases

From these lawful, nonviolent actions, SHAC escalates its activities to harassment of employees and clients of HLS. These actions include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal abuse
- Phone blockades
- Black faxes
- False mail orders
- Suggestive threats
- Home visits
- Release of private personal information over the Internet

The final level of action SHAC employs is criminal “direct action.” When SHAC engages in direct actions against its chosen targets, the following can be expected:

- Vandalism
- Graffiti/lock gluing
- Property destruction
- Equipment sabotage
- ATM machine destruction
- Threats to bomb
- Death threats
- Business and home invasions
- Internet incursions/denial of service
- Theft of property, data, & records

It is critical to identify potential targets of SHAC-related activity in your area. To do this, review SHAC USA’s web site, www.shacamerica.net, and contact your local FBI office (see Appendix F).
It is important to become familiar with the following list of “Top 20 Terror Tactics” that was posted to the SHAC website:

1. Demonstrations at your home or place of work, including verbal abuse using a loudhailer.
2. Abusive graffiti, posters and stickers on your house, car and around the area you live.
3. Invading offices, damaging property and stealing documents.
4. Chaining gates shut or blocking gates with old cars to trap staff on site.
5. Physical assaults on yourself and your partner, including spraying cleaning fluid into your eyes.
6. Smashing all the windows in your home when your family is at home.
7. Flooding your home with a hose attached to an outside tap and pushed through letterbox or window, while you are away from home.
8. Vandalizing your car (gluing the locks, slashing tires, pouring paint over it, etc.).
9. Sledgehammer attack on your car- while you are still inside it.
10. Firebombing your car in your driveway, firebombing sheds and garages.
11. Bomb hoaxes requiring evacuation of premises.
12. Threatening telephone calls and letters (threats to kill or injure you, your partner and children).
13. Abusive telephone calls to your home, at all hours of the day and night, and to your neighbors, relatives, and friends.
14. Abusive letters and cards to your home, and posted through the letterboxes of every house in your neighborhood.
15. E-mail ‘bombs’ to attempt to crash your computer system.

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In February 2001, the Research Defense Society, a UK organization, released this list of successful terror tactics used by activists against HLS. SHAC reprinted this list on its www.october29.org website.
16. Ordering goods and services in your name and address (e.g., mail-order goods, deliveries of gravel, car-towing).

17. Placing hoax free ads for (non-existent) cheap goods using your name and number, so that you get numerous calls from would-be buyers.

18. Sending continuous black paper to your fax, causing it to burn out.

19. Telephone blockades: repeat dialing preventing you from using your telephone.

20. Arranging for the undertaker to call to collect your body.
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STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY, USA, INC.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

(UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)

CHIRON CORP.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY, USA, INC., a Delaware Corporation, a/k/a SHAC
USA, a/k/a a SHAC, a/k/a STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY, and DOES 1-100,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: No, RG 04142768
DECLARATION OF PAMELYN FERDIN

Date: September 3, 2004
Time: 2:00 pm
Dept: 31
Judge: Hon. Steven A. Brick
Action Filed: February 25, 2004
Trial Date: None Set

DECLARATION OF PAMELYN FERDIN
I, Pamelyn Ferdin, declare as follows:

1. All of the facts recited herein are of my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently under oath to all of the facts recited herein.

2. I currently serve as the President of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty USA, Inc. (SHAC USA). Kevin Kjonaas resigned as President on August 2, 2004, and I formally accepted said office on August 14, 2004. The abbreviated name for the organization is SHAC USA and it is duly incorporated in Delaware.

3. SHAC USA gave permission to the San Francisco Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition (ARDAC) to advertise ARDAC’s weekend of protest activities on August 13-15, 2004, to SHAC USA email subscribers only after assurances were given by ARDAC that the events were planned to be lawful. SHAC USA was never told that any of this protest activity was to be directed towards Chiron or its employees.

4. SHAC USA did not authorize, ratify, direct, or participate in the demonstration near William Green’s home in Orinda on August 15th, 2004, which I understand was organized by ARDAC.

5. SHAC USA did not create the banner carried at the August 15 demonstration, nor did it give permission to print its website URL on this banner or to display the banner at the demonstration. I have notified ARDAC that it must, in the future, obtain prior written permission before using SHAC USA’s name and the domain names owned by SHAC USA at its events.

6. I did not vandalize, nor do I know who vandalized, the property owned by Mr. William Green.

7. SHAC USA did not authorize anyone to speak on its behalf at the demonstrations in the San

DECLARATION OF PAMELYN FER DIN

David Martosko

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May 18, 2005
Francisco Bay Area on the weekend of August 13-15, 2004, and to my knowledge and understanding, no one purported to do so.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 25th, 2004 in Los Angeles, California.

Pamelyn Ferdin

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Pamelyn Ferdin, R.N.
Steven Best with former SHAC USA president and current federal terrorism defendant Kevin Kjonaas

Steven Best with SHAC USA president Pamelyn Ferdin and her husband Dr. Jerry Vlasak

Steven Best with ALF arsonist Rodney Coronado and ALF burglar (and PETA on-school lecturer) Gary Yourofsky

Steven Best with PETA co-founder and president Ingrid Newkirk

Steven Best with Humane Society of the United States president Wayne Pacelle

Steven Best with PETA’s arson-endorsing vegetarian campaign director, Bruce Friedrich
Transcript excerpt

Speaker: Dr. Steven Best
Program: *Penn & Teller: Bullshit* (Showtime Network)
Air date: April 1, 2004

“It’s the same thing with the ALF. We are breaking down doors, breaking into buildings, rescuing animals, and smashing property of any who choose to exploit animals.”

[ ... ]

“Now it’s time use these tactics to advance animal rights, because these tactics are legitimate, they’re necessary, they’re powerful, they’re effective. America, welcome to the new face of animal rights struggle.”