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2008 is the year of "Operation BiteBack II, with at least 8 separate liberations on North American fur farms liberating thousands of our captive mink brothers and sisters. In light of this recent reactivation of the campaign begun in the 1990s, long-time activist and former fur farm liberator Gary Yourofsky weighs in on the long-delayed liberation of these oppressed creatures.

Please consider making **2009** the year that animals can quit waiting for welfarist legislation or the whim of a greedy capitalist to be free from captivity and exploitation. Take action to see that no animal near you remains abused or is killed for the vanity or the entertainment of a perverted human being. And please remember to support the Press Office—we can't continue to spread the word without your help. Donate now with a credit card, bank account, cash or check at our website:

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Abolition, Liberation, Freedom. Coming to a Fur Farm Near You. By Gary Yourofsky

For weeks after the events of 9-11, I was transfixed by the news media. CNN, MSNBC, FOX-News, The Today Show, Peter Jennings, Dan Rather,

Press Office Directive: The North American Animal Liberation Press Office (NAALPO) was founded to communicate the actions, strategies, and philosophy of the animal liberation movement to the media and the public. Many of these actions are illegal under a current societal structure that fails to recognize the rights of non-human animals to live free of suffering, but validates and promotes the "right" of industries to do whatever they want to animals for profit or research. Within these conditions, those in the underground working for animal liberation often cannot speak out directly. Nevertheless, their actions and message is urgent and deserve to be heard and understood. Since animal liberation actions either go unreported in the media or are uncritically vilified as "violent" with no attention paid to the violence that industries and individuals gratuitously inflict on animals, NAALPO seeks to clarify the motivation and nature of actions taken in defence of animals.

The Press Office also provides a historical, social, and philosophical context for an objective understanding of the nature and motivation of illegal direct actions taken on behalf of captive animals.

Brian Williams. Report after report. Image after image. The collision. The fireball. The smoke. The collapse. The rubble. The debris. Ground zero. The panic. The response. As a national lecturer on animal rights, and one of the country's most outspoken animal liberationists, I believe I speak for the entire movement when I tell you that we have the utmost empathy for every innocent victim of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. We mourn human tragedy as much as animal tragedy. The notion that animal rights activists are anti-human is an outrageous lie.

We choose to be activists for other species because billions of innocent animals are murdered without so much as a disquieting tinge of guilt from the masses. We are vegans because we realize that violence and hatred must be destroyed at its root, in our everyday habits of consumption. Missed Opportunities

Shortly after the 9-11 attacks, my faith in humanity was restored temporarily because I witnessed such an outpouring of love, empathy, compassion, and community. The world was condemning evil and the taking of innocent lives. In our unity to find the perpetrators, I wondered if we would understand that murdering any living being was wrong. I hoped that, by a collective awakening to compassion, the terror that humans inflict upon innocent animals for food, clothing, sport, entertainment, and research would end or at least abate.

In a moment of optimistic speculation, I pondered whether the camouflaged-hunters lurking on American soil, skulking in the distance with guns and bows, waiting to terrorize and kill more than 200 million innocent animals annually—might throw their weapons to the ground?

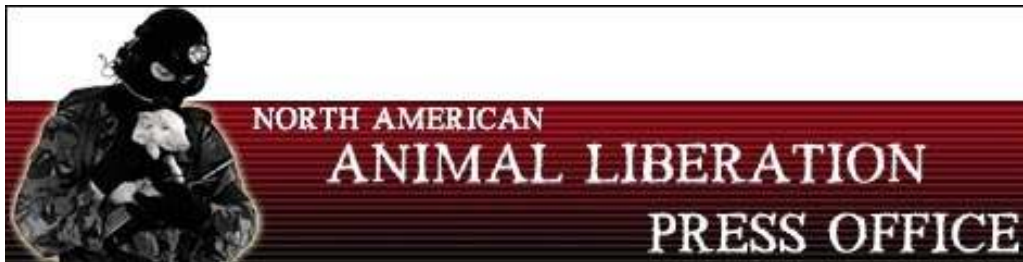
Would the animal researchers who terrorize 50 million dogs, cats, primates and mice annually in vivisection procedures have a revelation? The March of Dimes experimenters who sew shut the eyes of kittens and ferrets to see if blindness affects their brains would surely stop their barbaric acts of terrorism.

After the 9-11 bombardment, the researchers at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center—who electro-ejaculate primates in order to obtain sperm for their breeding colonies—would make the connection now. Surely, the animal research community was going to be arrested and charged with acts of terrorism. Would terrorist fur-farmers and trappers be sent to prison for breaking the necks of mink, anally electrocuting foxes, genitally electrocuting chinchillas and catching wild animals in steel jaw leghold traps? Would humankind realize that animals do not want to be our food, clothing, entertainment and research specimens? Would we finally understand the words of British Bishop William Inge when he said that if animals ever formulated an organized religion, the devil would be depicted in human form? And would we finally seek to change that image? Would Gandhi's immortal words of peace? "The life of a lamb is no less precious than that of human"? be recited at every school across America?

But not a damn thing changed in human attitudes toward fellow animal species. The routine violence of human customs was swept even further under the rug. The repetitive talk of people revolting against evil sickened me because it was clearly hypocritical and deceitful.

Shamefully, it seems that the hatred that humans have towards nonhumans is so vicious, bitter and entrenched, that a thousand peaceful Gods and Goddesses couldn't eradicate it. For that brief moment, though, I saw a glimmer of hope. Reporters, civilians and government officials kept saying "we will destroy the evil." Unfortunately, they were only referring to the evil people who disrupt the rest of society from performing its own evil deeds.

Each carnivore is responsible for the death and dismemberment of more than 3,000 land animals and thousands of marine animals throughout their lifetime. Annually, in the US alone, over 10 billion cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys and other animals live in concentration camps. Within the first year of their pathetic lives, they're sent to killing-houses where knife-wielding terrorists slit their throats, drain their blood and dismember their bodies,



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all-too-often while the animals are still conscious and aware. Sadly, I realized that any lesson learned in the wake of 9-11 was not going to change that.

Path To Liberation

If people truly want to end terrorism, then they should discard animal flesh from refrigerators, toss bows and bullets into the trash, insist that universities close down their vivisection laboratories, demand that department stores close their fur salons, make circuses shift to only human performers, abolish the rodeo once and for all, and support the courageous ALF humanitarians who liberate animals from places of terror. People who yearn for a compassionate world should have nothing but praise for these amazing altruists. Otherwise, any talk of peace, civilization and justice will remain the most hypocritical rhetoric that has ever existed.

Remember, just because an act might be classified as illegal does not make it morally wrong. And just because an act is legal does not make it the best avenue for facilitating substantive change. Laws have always been broken by free-thinking, radical individuals who realize that it is impossible to make progressive changes within a corrupt, discriminatory system.

Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mohandas Gandhi, Henry David Thoreau and Jesus, to name a few, were routine, radical law-breakers who went to jail many times for disobeying unjust laws. We see them as heroes today, but in their time they were considered by many to be law-breakers, villains and radicals. "Radical" has a negative connotation in society today. However it is simply the Latin word meaning "root", and what radicals do is to bypass pseudo-solutions and get to the root of a problem. Everyone should realize that all social justice activists were considered radical in their time. It is only after social justice activists die and society begins to evolve and comprehend their actions that the "radical" is placed on a pedestal and embraced. Without question, ALF liberations are akin to Harriet Tubman and The Underground Railroad which assisted in the liberation of blacks from white slave-owners. In fact, a wise ALF adage—from an unknown individual—states: "If we are trespassing, then so were the American soldiers who broke down the gates of Hitler's death camps. If we are thieves, then so were the members of The Underground Railroad who freed the slaves from the South. And if we are vandals, then so were those who destroyed forever the gas chambers of Buchanwald and Auschwitz."

One must understand that ALF raids have two goals: giving enslaved animals a chance at freedom and causing major economic damage. As a movement, we must stop living in fantasyland by believing that those directly involved in torturing and murdering animals, and profiting handsomely from it, will listen to reason, common sense and moral truth. The vast majority will not. If they did, there wouldn't be an animal liberation movement because they would have understood the cruelty of their ways by now and adopted a vegan lifestyle.

I am aware that some activists like Howard Lyman and Don Barnes were former abusers of animals who had epiphanies and changed. That's why I said most will not listen to reason. I didn't say never try to educate and enlighten. But in the vast majority of cases, it is just a fantasy to believe that direct abusers collectively will change. What those involved in animal exploitation will listen to, however, is damage to their profits and livelihood. Only if we make their blood businesses unprofitable, will they cease the violence against the animal kingdom.

Remember, since the inception of the animal liberation movement, no human has ever been injured or killed during a liberation or an act of economic sabotage. We need to stop accepting the lies propagated by the media and the corporations who murder animals for a living. ALF activists are not terrorists; those who abuse animals for a living are! ALF activists are not criminals; those who enslave, torture, mutilate, dismember and murder animals for a living are! Activists who liberate animals should not

go to prison; animal exploiters should! It should never be viewed as a crime to try and forcibly stop hatred and discrimination and terrorism; it is an act of compassion and courage.

All animals are simply disenfranchised nations in search of the one thing that every sentient being demands: FREEDOM! They are not property. They are not objects. And they are not commodities. The earth and its inhabitants do not belong to humans, under any circumstance. So when inanimate objects—like buildings and machines—are destroyed during an animal liberation, the property-destruction issue is justified because an animal's inherent right to be free trumps economic damage, and buildings that exist to torture living beings deserve to be eradicated forever! Let Them Read Lies

I believe one main reason why the ALF does not yet have broad public support is because of the lies spewed by animal exploiters and the distortions reported and perpetuated by the mass media. Sadly, animal-killers and their supporters will go to any length to deceive and mislead the public into believing that they are the victims and not the animals. Having inside knowledge of what animal liberation entails, let me give an example of how the propaganda machines work.

On March 30, 1997, I was part of a mink liberation effort at the Eberts Fur Farm in Blenheim, Ontario. We released 1,542 mink from their cages, but were apprehended shortly thereafter. The media reported four lies that are typically issued by the fur industry after liberations: (1) the mink froze to death after freedom; (2) the mink starved to death overnight after freedom; (3) the mink caught pneumonia and became stressed out after freedom; (4) the mink were run over by cars on rural roads at three in the morning after freedom.

Let's look at the facts.

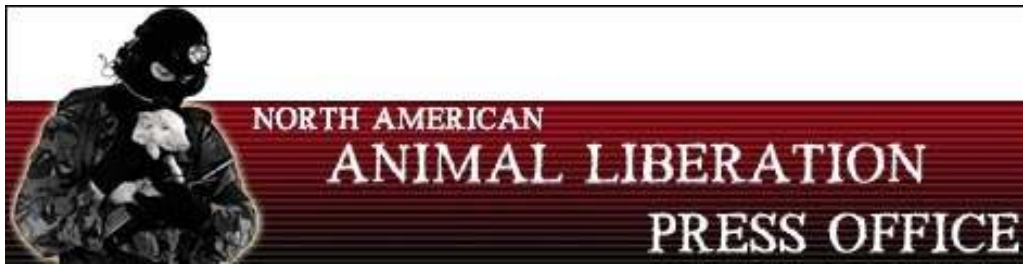
(1) Mink are clothed in natural fur coats which make it impossible to freeze to death, especially during the pleasant month of March/April, which is when my Ontario raid took place.

(2) It takes several weeks for mink to starve to death. It cannot happen overnight. In fact, authorities involved in the Ontario mink liberation stated that the liberated mink raided a nearby chicken farm for food, incontrovertibly exposing the starvation lie. As for the chickens, my heart goes out to them. But my enmity is still enflamed by the 250 million Americans who kill and eat 9 billion chickens to satisfy their meat-addictions. If humans didn't enslave chickens, mink wouldn't raid chicken farms. If humans didn't enslave mink, the ALF wouldn't raid mink farms.

On rare occasions, some people claim that mink attack companion dogs or cats. I have yet to see any proof of this happening. Not one photo of a dead body or a pile of canine or feline bones. So, I believe this is another ploy to divert attention from the real victims; the mink. Even if the mink did attack a dog or a cat, many times dogs attack cats, cats attack birds, and so on. This just proves two other points. In the last 100 years of mink farming, not one wild gene has been bred out of these animals. And after thousands of years of dog and cat domestication, they, too, still possess their wild genes. Being raised in captivity in no way impedes an animals' chance of surviving in the wild.

It should be noted that in the late 90s after the Frye Fur Farm in Illinois was raided—and thousands of mink were given a chance to escape—the fur industry issued a press release claiming how much the Fries loved and cared for their mink. The release stated the Fries routinely picked up and played with the mink. Yet, across the waters in England that same year, a liberation of 10,000 mink took place. That release stated that everyone should hide their dogs and cats and children because the mink were vicious animals who would attack and eat everything in sight. Isn't it remarkable that Illinois mink are sweet and cuddly, yet English mink are rapacious and vicious?

The fur industry's public relations people are masters of doublespeak and thereby hide their atrocities from public view. It is obvious that the fur



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industry can't even get their lies straight. And that's because one lie leads to another.

(3) Mink do not spontaneously contract pneumonia or stress when they are not in cages. Being kept in a cage for your entire life causes stress and neurosis. Freedom is the cure for caged-induced stress and neurosis.

(4) There are no cars on rural roads at three in the morning except for those of fur farmers and police who are trying to recapture the liberated mink. If they backed off and let the mink go, rarely would there be a mink-car casualty.

The fur industry knows that if people were aware of the five methods of death used on mink, foxes and chinchillas, virtually no one would buy a fur coat. The anal electrocutions, genital electrocutions, gassings, neck-breakings and toxic chemical injections are purely evil. So, the fur industry's spin doctors have devised some glittering propaganda in order to divert attention from the heinous methods of death, and the prejudiced media are all-too happy to report them uncritically. The industry and media conspire in an attempt to make animal liberations appear foolish and describe the actions as creating more harm than good.

Any wildlife biologist or veterinarian who is not associated with the fur industry or does not own a fur coat will admit that mink and foxes are wild animals who will undoubtedly survive after being set free. They also will admit that no amount of genetic breeding can take away animals' innate, instinctive survival mechanisms. And let me be perfectly clear: Freedom does not cause death! Hunters, meat-eaters, fur-wearers, leather-lovers and animal-experimenters cause death!

According to the fur industry, 400 mink instantly died after my Easter Sunday raid. Yet on my request, the lawyers asked them to provide proof of the purported 400 dead mink. They were asked to do so by either bringing in photos, dead bodies or testifying under oath. They declined all offers.

Not surprisingly, the death toll quickly descended from 400 to 300 to 200 to 100 to 12. Subsequently, during my three-day trial when I was convicted and sentenced to six months in prison, the furriers brought in photographs of two dead mink who allegedly died the night of the raid.

Now, I did not believe the authenticity of the photos, but for argument's sake, let's say that two mink were run over by the cars of the fur farmers who were trying to recapture the freed mink. Those two deaths are unfortunate. But every mink in the concentration camp was going to die. Opening the cages was the only chance any of them had. The act was justified.

The job of an ALF activist is not to guarantee safety and freedom, but to give incarcerated animals an opportunity to live in freedom. Unfortunately, 1,000 mink were recaptured because they never found the holes in the fence in order to make it across the street to the luscious miles of fields. (According to some authorities who spoke on the condition of anonymity, the official numbers of the Ontario raid were 1,542 released, 1,000 recaptured, 540 escaped and two dead.) However, of the 1,000 recaptured mink who never made it off the grounds through the cut fence-holes, the best news was 70-80 percent of the pregnant ones miscarried their fetuses. The animal rights community does not want animals bred into enslavement. A miscarriage is infinitely more humane than a lifetime of imprisonment, horror and eventual murder.

It's truly disheartening when the media and a majority of society get so upset when enslaved, tortured and soon-to-be-murdered animals are liberated. Yet, these same individuals don't get upset when enslaved, tortured and soon-to-be-murdered animals who spend their pathetic lives inhaling the fumes of their own excrement? are gassed, anally electrocuted, genitally electrocuted, injected with toxins or have their necks broken manually.

Taking statements without questioning the source is contemptible. Why would responsible journalists heed the words of the police, who are experts at manipulation, and abject furriers, who collectively murder 40 million animals a year for money? If journalists would think rationally instead of trying to fit into the sleazy world of media hype, they could actually produce a brilliant story on ALF humanitarians and the current paradoxes in our society.

People who put their lives on the line for a cause should be commended not condemned. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once stated, "There are some things so dear—some things so precious—some things so eternally true—that they are worth dying for. And if a person has not discovered something that he or she is willing to die for—then that person isn't fit to live."

I wholeheartedly concur!

The Aftermath

For my random act of kindness and compassion on behalf of the tortured and doomed mink, I spent 77 days in prison. (Hilma Ruby, my lone, upstanding compatriot out of the five, spent 60 days in prison.) Canadian Judge A. Cusinato sentenced me to six-months in the Elgin Middlesex Detention Center in London, Ontario. A deportation parole was issued, though, and I returned to Michigan after serving 77 days at the maximum security lock-up. Before being carted off to prison, I was able to address the judge:

I stand before this court without trepidation and without timidity because the truth cannot be suppressed today and the truth will not be compromised. Mohandas Gandhi, one of the most benevolent people to ever grace this earth, once said, "Even if you are only one person the truth is still the truth."

The dilemma we face today is whether this court chooses to acknowledge the truth. The following statement is for everyone's edification.

One day every enslaved animal will obtain their freedom and the animal rights movement will succeed because Gandhi also proclaimed, "All throughout history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants and at times they have seemed invincible, but in the end they always fall. Always!"

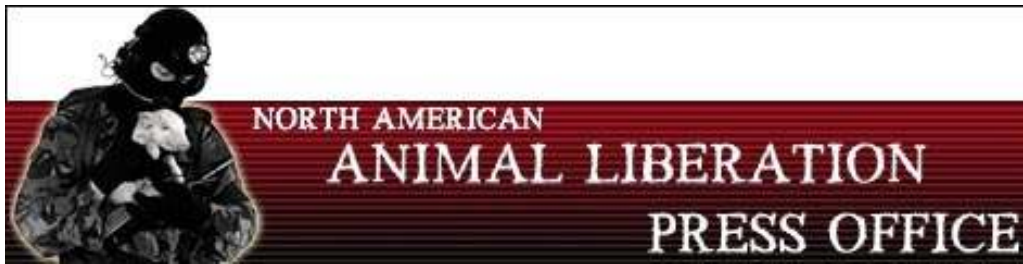
The true devoted humanitarians who are working towards the magnanimous goal of achieving freedom for animals cannot be stopped by unjust laws. As long as humans are placed on a pedestal above non-humans injustice to animals will fester because without universal equality one type of equality will always create another type of inequality. There will be no compromise here today because the truth cannot be compromised.

My presence in this courtroom today is paradoxical. I ask this court: If it is NOT a crime to torture, enslave and murder animals, then how can it be a crime to free tortured, enslaved and soon-to-be-murdered animals?

Humankind must climb out of its abyss of callousness, its abyss of apathy and its abyss of greed. Enslaving and killing animals for human satisfaction can never be justified. And the fur industry must understand that the millions of manual neck-breakings, anal and genital electrocutions, mass gassings, drownings, and toxic chemical injections can never be justified. And, the snaring of millions of free-roaming animals in steel jaw leghold traps, who die slow, horrific deaths, is unjustifiable as well.

There will be no compromise, for the truth cannot be compromised. The schism that this court has created among the five co-accused has been sealed. Now that I have been convicted, through my volition and in a symbolic protest of the unjust conditions that animals endure, a hunger strike will begin tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

For every mink that ever languished in a tiny cage and was savagely



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murdered at the Eberts Fur Farm, I will go hungry. And for the 40 million other animals worldwide who have the skin ripped off their backs in a disgusting display of barbarity, in the name of vanity, I will go hungry.

And if this court expects me to experience an apostasy, meaning an abandoning of my beliefs, it is sadly mistaken. In April of '97, when I was incarcerated for 10 days in a Chatham jail, I briefly experienced, vicariously, what a caged animal goes through. And, thanks to that 10-day bail hearing, my empathy for every mistreated animal intensified.

No matter what I go through during my incarceration and hunger strike, will be nothing compared to the everlasting torture that innocent animals endure on a daily basis.

And if this court is alarmed by my honesty, let me close with a quote from slave abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison: "I will be as harsh as the truth and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject, I do not wish to think or speak or write with moderation. I am in earnest. I will not equivocate. I will not excuse. I will not retreat a single inch. And I will be heard. The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and hasten the resurrection of the dead. My influence shall be felt in coming years, not perniciously but beneficially, not as a curse but as a blessing, and posterity will bear testimony that I was right."

There will be no compromise here today because the truth cannot be compromised.

The Struggle Continues...

During my 77-day incarceration, I felt lifeless, moribund, and enervated. Not from any sort of punishment or correction the system thought it doled out, but from the lack of public compassion and activism for animals. Apathy is a bittersweet plague which leads to nihilism. And nihilism is the father of inertia which results in the death of one's emotions.

The majority of people?submersed in the aversion of revolution?have destroyed their humanity. If one cannot feel, see, nor understand the preciousness of this earth and all of its inhabitants, then why should he or she be blessed with the gift of existence? This planet should be a replica of the most beautiful place imaginable, a place where humans view animals with awe and respect. What a pathetic life I must have led before I heard the cries of the enslaved and the tumult of the animal kingdom. Activism engulfs me. My life is this struggle. From liberator to educator, I continue to fight for interspecies justice.

The Unconventional Liberator

By Peter Young

It is not from animal rights books that we will find the tactics that will bring the next phase of animal liberation. Rather, it is from less conventional sources that the next advances will be sourced. In my reading, I am often both inspired and disappointed that there are people employing more ingenuity for money than you or I ever have for non-human animals. I am inspired by the creativity at work in both legal and illegal pursuits of profit, and disappointed that the plight of the billions slaughtered does not push our ingenuity far beyond that of those who work towards less benevolent motives. It is from this history that those who win the next major achievements for animals will draw from, to move us ahead towards total liberation.

The struggle for Animal liberation will not be won the way other movements have won. This struggle much more different than we admit. Many of the greatest strategies for animals have come not from history or political science books, but rather from the stories of those who have fought for much less noble causes.

The unconventional liberator has read *A Long Road To Freedom*. She has

also read books on police science, persuasion psychology, and no-tech hacking. The unconventional liberator has read books on the histories of liberation struggles. He has also drawn selectively from *The Spy's Guide: Office Espionage* and *The Big Con*. The results-oriented activist draws from those who achieve results.

Which should be much more driven than the subjects and authors of these books. More driven than the autograph hound who takes improvisational acting classes fine tune his infiltration skills for getting backstage at a concert, when getting inside the Seattle Fur Exchange would yield so much more. And we should be much more driven than the Arizona burglars who recently shimmied through an air duct to steal purebred dogs from a pet store for resale on the black market, when removing abused animals from a laboratory would be far more virtuous.

The books on liberation struggles and those who have achieved long-term change are both invaluable as well as well studied. Overlooked and no less valuable are those books with hidden gems of strategy and methodology, those books which at first glance appear irrelevant to the issue at hand, but from within come a wellspring of innovative and applicative material.

We will achieve our ends by both education and liberation. And I see for each path overlooked and underdeveloped approaches. For the first, it is primary that we understand the basic psychological principles that govern influence, as marketers have done to sell us their products for centuries. And for the second, learning tactics used by those throughout history of achieving less noble goals. I will give attention here to both, highlighting books that showcase strategies that can be recontextualized and applied towards helping non-human animals.

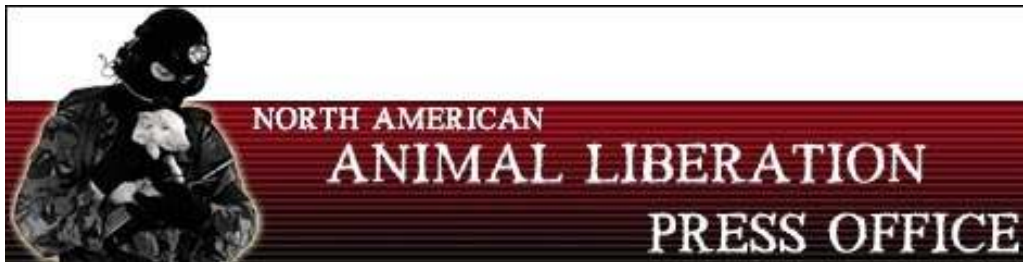
The Art Of Deception (Mitnick): Private Investigators will tell you that of the cases not solved through publicly available information, the vast majority of their cases are solved through both dumpster diving, and a tactic known as social engineering. Social Engineering (SE) is a collection of techniques used to persuade people into performing actions or divulging confidential information (primarily over the telephone, yet often in person). Using often crude, often sophisticated psychology, the skilled social engineer has the power to finesse information out of anyone, anytime. From persuading a police officer into performing a warrant search over the phone to talking a crucial computer password out of an office clerk, no information is off limits to the skilled social engineer. Utilizing tactics such as pretexting (creating and using an invented scenario to persuade someone to divulge information) to "credibility props" and more, this is an absolutely invaluable tactic to achieve gains in any above or underground campaign. Some information that can be obtained from SE:

- locations of unknown sites
- obtaining home addresses for people of interest
- security protocols
- and quite simply anything anyone knows which he or she are not supposed to tell you.

Some of the most fantastic stunts in history have been performed not through physical force but verbal finesse. As the opening chapter details, the largest bank robbery in history was performed over the telephone. And we can not doubt assume companies will guard wire transfer codes for 10-figure bank accounts less vigilantly than they will the location of their unlisted satellite research facility.

Access All Areas (Ninjalicious): By the editors of the zine *Infiltration* ("The zine about going places you're not supposed to go"), A.A.A. is a thorough look at urban exploration. It should need no explaining the myriad of ways in which these tactics for expanding freedom of movement within our landscape can be applied toward animal liberation campaigns.

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Subjects included everything one can imagine under the banner of "going places you are not supposed to go", from bypassing front desk security to obtaining roof access. While the writing is less than stellar, the content is solid and applicable to countless goals and campaigns.

Influence (Cialdini): As a marketing book, this is not immediately apparent as a title offering anything that will achieve victories for animals. *Influence* is a classic work on the psychology of gaining compliance, and details the principals at work in many of the titles described in this article. The book looks in depth at the six principals of influence, and how they can be applied in communications. It is a must read as a supplement to books like *The Art of Deception*, and anyone wishing to improve their success in anything from leafleting to being stopped on a fur farm at midnight.

Confessions of a Master Jewel Thief (Mason): Overlooking the less-than-charitable aims of its protagonist, the reader of *Confessions of a Master Jewel Thief* finds what is certainly a rarely-used model for the animal liberator: the act of working alone. In light of increased surveillance, repression, and informants, this title offers the incredible story of one of the most prolific and low-tech ventures in history. *CMJT* is the story of one man, using only a grappling hook and flashlight, capitalizing on the doors and windows of most 2nd-story-and-above doors and windows being unlocked and becoming the most successful jewel thief in US history. What nearly every reader may overlook is the hidden lessons in this otherwise mainstream mass-market crime story: solo can be best, and low-tech does not mean low-yield.

Art of Intrusion (Mitnick): Super hacker Kevin Mitnick's follow up to *Art of Deception*, *Art of Intrusion* ("The Real Stories Behind the Exploits of Hackers, Intruders & Deceivers") showcases numerous high- and low-tech exploits. Much of the material is arcane and specialized, yet there are crumbs of valuable advice to be found within. Follow the front-to-back workings of a "penetration test", in which a group of hackers are paid to test a company's security for every imaginable weakness: from perimeter security to document disposal. Stimulates thought on what is possible with a little confidence and a lot of passion.

How to Get Anything On Anyone III (Lapin): With chapters such as "How to see through walls" to "How to track anyone via their cell phone", this title is one of the thickest in the long list of books that teach the tactics of private investigators (and law enforcement). Demystify, then reapply.

Again, be both disappointed and inspired to see people employing more ingenuity for fun and profit than you and I ever have for the animals. Our mission is not only nobler, its short-term gains are more easily achieved. It is the new wave of liberator who knows that only through tactical innovation will we achieve animal liberation.

From "Dominion" to Domination: The Duplicity and Complicity of Matthew Scully

by Steven Best, Ph.D.

In 2002, arch-conservative Matthew Scully wrote a book called, *Dominion: The Power of Man, The Suffering of Animals, and The Call to Mercy*, that was universally and uncritically acclaimed by the animal advocacy movement. Because this movement is overwhelmingly single-issue in its focus, and in most cases doesn't care about a person's views or politics except how they relate to animals, no one had a problem with the fact that Scully was a senior speechwriter for President George W. Bush. He wrote some of the key fear-peddling diatribes that got Bush elected and he also was re-enlisted recently to help Bush sell the Iraq war "surge" to the American people.

As someone who is concerned about a person's overall political standpoint, and would not embrace a Leftist who is a speciesist anymore than an animal rights person or vegan who is a racist, I had some serious

problems with Scully and the fawning adulation of his book by virtually the entire animal advocacy movement. Many people such as Wayne Pacelle and Karen Dawn saw it as a key sign of progress that the conservatives were embracing the animal cause (in welfarist form), and thus that animal advocacy could be introduced to an entire new audience of people, and some very rich, powerful, and influential ones at that.

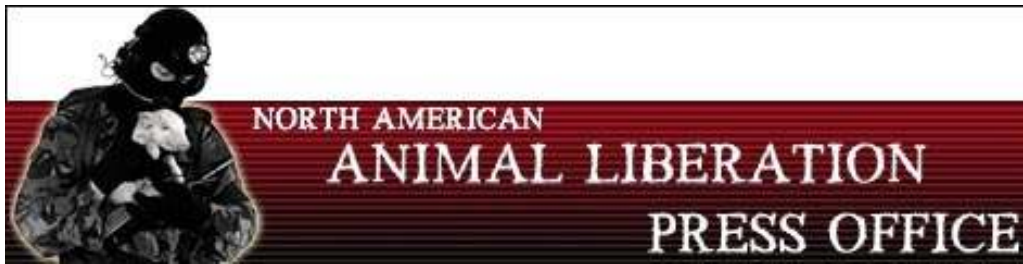
No one mentioned that Scully had blood all over his hands by sycophantically serving Bush-Cheney (providing the "eloquence" they lacked) and the neo-con invasion and occupation of Iraq – all at the cost of nearly 100,000 innocent Iraqi lives, over 4,000 US troop deaths and countless casualties and destroyed lives, and at the cost of over three trillion dollars. [1] And all based on lies and blatant deceit by Bush and his henchmen, all of whom – were there any justice in this country or backbone in the Democrats – would have been impeached and jailed for crimes of the highest order.

Nor could I understand the praise over Scully's book. Really, *Dominion* is two books: the first sections are indeed well-crafted and hard-hitting critiques of factory farming and hunting. But the bulk of the book was just nauseating, amateurish, antiquated medieval/early modern natural law theory which tried to justify the critique of animal cruelty in cosmic laws, rational imperatives, as if the issue of animal welfare or rights were not controversial and could not be seen in endless ways by diverse groups of people. It had a very uncomfortable authoritarian tone to it: here are the moral laws of the universe; here is moral truth. And he urged the same naive Socratic belief that contaminates the thinking of the pacifists who dominate the animal advocacy movement – the idea that if we can only reason with people, show them this "Truth," they will no longer abuse animals. As if there were no violence and cruelty in the human heart, no desire to dominate the weak, no lust for profit off slavery of any group.

And consider the subtitle: notice that he is calling for MERCY (to the slaves) not LIBERATION (of the slaves). And we needed a burdensome arsenal of arcane metaphysics, philosophical, and legal theory to reach this conclusion? A few rights/abolitionist voices tried to expose the severe limitations of this overwrought speciesist and welfarist tome, but they were drowned out by the roar of the multitudes celebrating the movement's "revolutionary" breakthrough into new social sectors -- so "new," in fact, that there were now more white, elite, and "privileged" people in the animal advocacy/vegan movements than before.

Not surprisingly, one of Scully's strongest supporters is Wayne Pacelle, who told me himself in 2002 that he was "very close friends" with Scully and thought his book was a "groundbreaking" contribution to animal (welfare) ethics (whereas I read it as a dogmatic rehash of stale concepts and moldy arguments, riddled with logical fallacies, and polished up in the most dogmatic and inept way to simultaneously protest cruelty and defend speciesism). And as Pacelle has long sought to model the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) after the DC-powerhouse National Rifle Association (NRA), perhaps Scully had some connections among the power elite Pacelle could wine and dine. Certainly he saw in Scully the Yellow Brick Road to Power and Money.

To whatever degree he cares about animals, Scully's real constituency are rich, white, Republicans and -- having written speeches for Bush in the aftermath of 9/11 -- he had already become a shining star in the firmament of right-wing ideologues and corporate fat cats, each of whom need the best PR and BS teams they could assemble. And thanks to the fawning adulation of the likes of Pacelle and Karen Dawn, Scully overnight became the new darling of the animal movement. When not making the rounds of Congress or ariel warfare conventions, Scully continued to write speeches for Bush and anyone on the Right with the right fee. And, as it turned out, as so many of us were bracing ourselves for the nauseating Republican National Convention in early September 08, not wanting to hear another disingenuous word from "straight-talking" McCain but curious to hear about unknown Alaskan female governor who he shrewdly she to win Hillary's armies of disaffected, we learned that -- at this crisis moment and critical juncture for the Far Right -- that Matthew Scully stepped in to write the kind of speech the McCain theme thought necessary to disguise their malignant



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and predatory policies as in terms of populism and family values. Right-wing soldier that he is, Scully stayed up the entire night before the speech and gave the magic words to which she had to give life in order to sell this sordid spectacle and sham to the US public and bring us another 4 more years of Bush, but much, much worse.

The moment was tense. The stakes were high. An unknown -- a woman! -- was walking onto the stage to accept her party's nomination for Vice President. But could she prove herself at the podium? Thanks to Scully's adroit words and Palin's androgynous mix of feminine soft talk and macho militarism, the chronically anxious Right erupted into a roar of elation as they felt they had, with the addition of Palin, finally find the ticket they wanted -- one entirely devoted to militarism, privatization, increasing their already obscene levels of wealth, and waging a full-blown culture war against abortion, sex education in the schools, the ban on prayers in public places, and so on.

Well, as the right-wing pundits droned on all next day, Palin/Scully "blew it out of the water." Even Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Joseph Biden said she was going to be "a tough debater" and had "a very skillfully written ...speech." And one awestruck fan gushed, "Palin sounded at times like she was speaking a foreign language as she gave voice to the beautifully crafted words that had been prepared for her on Wednesday night."

Congratulations, Scully, you did it! You galvanized and unified the most reactionary forces of the country that want to finish the job -- on the Constitution, liberties, privacy, human rights at home and abroad, the United Nations, international justice, restrictions on trade, unions, animal protections and the environment -- that Bush brought to such a high level in eight years. There is nothing innocent about what Scully does: he is a hack, a propagandist, a demagogue, a mouthpiece for nihilistic ideologies *that are anything but "pro-life."* To the degree that Bush, Cheney, McCain, and Palin are truly menacing forces -- who threaten not only neighboring nation states but *the entire planet itself*, Scully is their Paul Joseph Goebbels: a total ideologue, a skilled orator (on paper), and a devotee to the party line.

Whereas Obama is known to have fairly progressive views on animals, Palin is an aggressive supporter of hunting and herself an avid hunter. She goes so far as to champion aerial hunting of wolves and threatened to sue the EPA if they listed the polar bear as an endangered species.^[ii] Beyond her regressive views on animals, she has helped mobilize the base of the far Right in a way McCain could not do himself because she is such an extreme conservative. According to MoveOn.Org:

**Palin recently said that the war in Iraq is "God's task." She's even admitted she hasn't thought about the war much—just last year she was quoted saying, "I've been so focused on state government, I haven't really focused much on the war in Iraq."

**Palin has actively sought the support of the fringe Alaska Independence Party. Six months ago, Palin told members of the group—who advocate for a vote on secession from the union—to "keep up the good work" and "wished the party luck on what she called its 'inspiring convention.'"

**Palin wants to teach creationism in public schools. She hasn't made clear whether she thinks evolution is a fact.

**Palin doesn't believe that humans contribute to global warming. Speaking about climate change, she said, "I'm not one though who would attribute it to being manmade."

**Palin has close ties to Big Oil. Her inauguration was even sponsored by BP.

**Palin is extremely anti-choice. She doesn't even support abortion in the

case of rape or incest.

**Palin opposes comprehensive sex-ed in public schools. She's said she will only support abstinence-only approaches.

**As mayor, Palin tried to ban books from the library. Palin asked the library how she might go about banning books because some had inappropriate language in them—shocking the librarian, Mary Ellen Baker. According to Time, "news reports from the time show that Palin had threatened to fire Baker for not giving "full support" to the mayor." ^[iii]

Unfortunately, thanks to Scully, Palin's "homespun" speech (professionally crafted by a DC-insider), was a smash at the RNC, and she "hit it out of the ballpark" as nearly every conservative pundit said the following day. And so we have Scully -- who wrote a book critical of hunting -- to thank not only for supporting a psychopath whose lust for killing animals perhaps rivals that of Ted Nugent, but for *reinvigorating a fascist movement* that has excellent chances at winning the next election, and taking the US even deeper into the innermost circles of hell, as somehow I suspect that McCain-Palin will be even worse for the US, the world, animals, and the planet than Bush-Cheney.

And yet, still we hear hardly a word from the animal community about what a thug and criminal Scully is, what a traitor he is to the animals, to fellow humans, and to the entire planet. The most pathetic comment so far I have heard is from Karen Dawn, a well-known animal activist and social butterfly who runs the newsletter, *Dawnwatch*, which comments on media representations of animal issues. Given her social and economic status -- the fact that she lives in the affluent area along the California coastline, that she is a regular in the LA party and cocktail scene, that she loves to see and be seen with celebrities -- it is not surprising she takes an apolitical view of animal issues, and in fact agrees with Pacelle's warped concept that this movement ought to strive to be a powerful single-issue, DC-based powerhouse like the NRA,

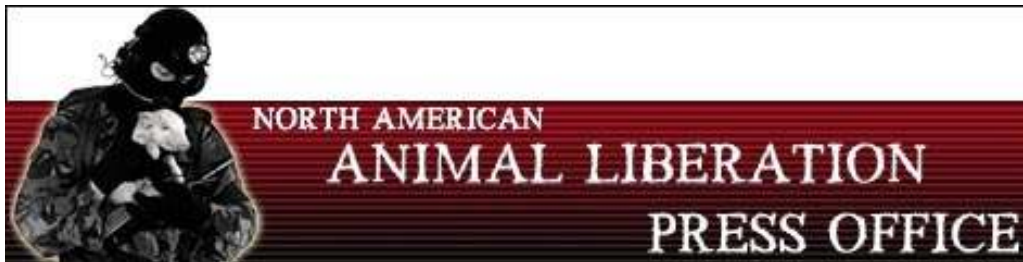
Here is Dawn's self-serving, cowardly, and deplorable commentary the day after Palin's speech:

"The news this week is the Republican Convention, and the animal news is the choice of Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate. Before I write any further on that issue, I need to stress that DawnWatch is entirely non partisan. If you've read [her new MTV-style book] *Thanking the Monkey* you know of my commitment to non partisan animal activism. It would be unfair to the animals for their advocates to alienate half of the human population. And in *Thanking the Monkey*, I explain that the somewhat common assumption [which I personally have argued for in detail] that animal advocacy is a left wing issue is false. Democrat voting records are better on animal issues overall, but the exceptions are shining. Republicans John Ensign of Nevada, and Christopher Shays of Connecticut are just two of those current outstanding exceptions. And former Senator Robert Smith of New Hampshire, an ultra right wing conservative, is the only person to date to speak passionately against vivisection on the Senate Floor.

Perhaps most notably, one of the finest books ever written [!] on animal protection is "Dominion: The Power of Man, The Suffering of Animals, and The Call to Mercy." It is by Matthew Scully, who worked as a senior speechwriter for George W Bush, penning the book on his off hours. Scully sees his compassion, or mercy, for animals, and his vegan lifestyle, as perfectly in line with his Catholic conservative values ...

In an extraordinary twist of fate, Scully was selected to write Sarah Palin's speech, which aired last night. Let us hope that in the time Scully and Palin spent together working on the speech, he began to influence her thinking. I hope every Republican on this list will urge her to read his book!"^[iv]

"Let us hope that in the time Scully and Palin spent together working on the speech, he began to influence her thinking." How naive and deep in denial can this woman be?! Does Dawn think that Scully and Sarah had a reasonable and open chat about the evils of hunting?! That he gently



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reminded her that animals are not meat machines to shoot down in cold blood, just as he appreciatively received his lucrative paycheck for helping some of the most dangerous forces in our history in their bid to win an election and for selling out the planet? I suspect Scully talked far more with Palin about his fee than her bloody proclivities to kill animals.

Dawn is indeed critical of Palin's zeal for hunting and her abysmal environmental record, but she would rather be an enabler to this carnage than offend her powerful, rich, and influential friends. I do not exaggerate when I draw a line from McCain/Palin to Scully, Pacelle (an animal killer in his own right), and opportunists like Dawn.

In contrast to Dawn's vapid view that we can bring all people and parties into the animal cause, another animal advocate (infinitely more authentic and profound than Dawn), Norm Phelps, penned (in a personal email to me) some extremely critical remarks on Scully and the far Right:

"I think the fact that Matthew Scully wrote her convention speech (which was a masterpiece of viciousness) should give us all pause about the notion that conservatives will ever be serious animal advocates. I used to think that AR [animal rights] was a non-political issue and that we should keep it that way in the interests of converting as many people as possible and having the greatest impact on society. I no longer think that. I now believe that the mindset that leads conservatives to pursue policies that are hostile to the well-being of most of humanity (everyone except themselves and those to whom they are close) almost invariably leads them to policies that are hostile to the well-being of most animals (everyone except those to whom they are personally close, such as their companion animals).

"There is nothing that I find more perplexing and discouraging than the blatant speciesism that is rampant in most progressive circles. But in spite of this, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the liberal to progressive end of the political spectrum is where we have to concentrate our efforts and where we will ultimately find our victory. Conservatives can, in many cases, be persuaded to welfarism (properly so called, not as redefined by the so-called "abolitionists"), but not to AR. Scully's vehement denunciations of AR in *Dominion* are, I think, an important indicator of this, as is the fact that this man who wrote so eloquently of the suffering of animals could put his gifts in the service of a woman who practices and celebrates all manner of barbaric cruelty to animals. Scully obviously considers the lives and suffering of animals less important than politics as usual."

Phelps is right to argue that the Left is just as abysmal in its views on animals, and yet draws this distinction:

"The speciesism of liberals/progressives contradicts their fundamental values, which creates an opportunity for animal advocates. The speciesism of conservatives reinforces their fundamental values, which creates a solid wall. But I still think it is dangerous for the AR movement, as a movement, to align with other social justice movements until we have succeeded in raising their consciousness about animals to the point that the alliance can be formed on a basis of at least approximate equality. And I think a lot of groundwork needs to be done before we reach that point. I guess where I'm headed is that we need to be taking that groundwork seriously and getting busy at it—which, of course, is what you've been doing for some time now."[\[VI\]](#)

While I agree with Phelps that Leftists are Paleolithic in their views on animals and we should not be too ready to tie ourselves to a human rights/social justice platform as it is, and that we do need indeed to educate the Left, I have also disagreed with him (in quite friendly terms) that animal liberation is winnable without human and Earth liberation and a progressive alliance politics that fights against the main threat to the planet today, which is the capitalist grow-or-die economy.[\[VII\]](#)

But while we examine the problems with both the Right and the Left, let us

not lose focus on the idiocy, cowardice, and opportunism in our own movement, for there are far too many "animal advocates" who are in fact advocates for something far less noble: money, power, glory, fame, and self-advancement. If not obvious with the writing of *Dominion* six years ago, Scully in particular is a sham, fraud, charlatan, prevaricator, hypocrite, and (neo-)con man, an enemy not only to animals, but also a de facto opponent of women, science, secularism, freedom of speech, and the environment.

Like the politicians he serves, Scully talks out of both sides of his mouth at once and serves each and every contradictory cause that advances his own good. No principled or consistent person writes a book against hunting, and then writes a speech for a vicious defender of hunting and avid killer herself. *Can any animal advocate among us ever imagine doing this?!* This is the moral and logical contradiction that would haunt a Kantian, someone with a conscience, anyone with principles or moral consistency, but it never troubles a utilitarian-opportunist.

And nor is his work done. The Far Right loved his Palin speech so much, they will surely contract him again. Without hyperbole, I say that Scully is less a "progressive vegan and animal welfarist" than he is a reactionary and a dangerous man. He has been the words, phrases, metaphors, rhetoric, narratives, jokes, and overall a key voice and mouthpiece of the Extreme Right who want to take this country back to pre-Enlightenment, pre-secular medieval serfdom where rights mean only property rights, liberty falls to security and hierarchy, and democracy is a forgotten dream.

To end by reiterating a crucial point: Mathew (Straight-Laced, Compassionate Conservative, Corporate and Family Values Man,) Scully is not just a hypocrite or opportunist, he is a *menace* to all life, beings, species, and nature. *This is not an ad hominem attack, it is simply a fact.* Look who he works for, and examine what they do. And because of the gigantic powers he brings to life, puffs up, drives forward, and legitimates with the rhetoric of his folksy, small-town, populism, he represents, in fact, gigantic global corporations that destroy families and communities. And because Scully casts the spell, and brings out the smoke and mirrors to cover up lies and to package a hideous program as "progress"; and because he gets the job done, time and time again, Scully is a danger and threat -- and I do not exaggerate -- to this *entire planet*.

Scully's really project is not "dominion," but domination, corporate hegemony of the planet and the advance of the US Empire. To the extent his discursive artistry helps to disarm Congress and to lull Americans back into their complacent and jingoistic sleep, Scully shares responsibility with Bush, Cheney, Ashcroft, Rumsfeld, Gonzalez, Rice, Halliburton, ExxonMobil, Monsanto, and ConAgra for turning this beautiful planet into a living hell for most of its inhabitants, and for leaving behind a wasteland and battlefield that will prove even more difficult if not impossible for future generations to survive, as ever more species vanish forever.

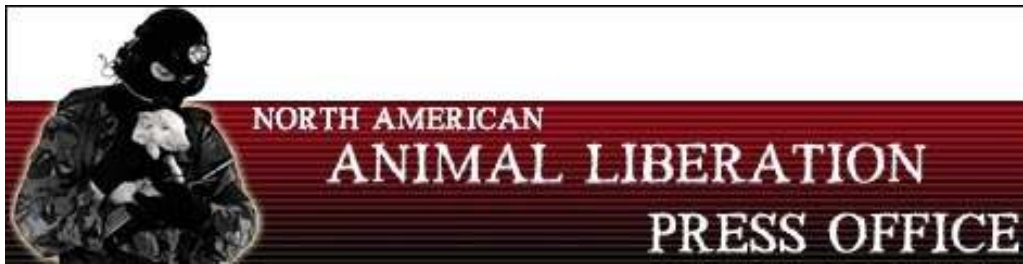
FLAM of Mexico

By Olive

The industries and individuals responsible for the exploitation of animals in México City and surrounding areas ought to watch their backs and their business. The Frente de Liberación ole México (FLAM) shows no signs of slowing its deliverance streak.

Over the last two months, and certainly throughout this past year, FLAM has placed much trust in the handbook on disruption of animal cruelty as they hit the shops, restaurants, labs and homes of those directly connected to the cruelty of animals.

"Animal Liberation is not just two words in zines, web sites, T-shirts, tattoos or patches. Animal liberation is not just words spoken at animal rights meetings, shouted at peaceful demonstrations or rumors spoken about different people. Animal liberation is deeds, fury turned into action, a radical response against the anthropocentric system of domination,



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the love for freedom. It's what few dare to carry out. It is a challenge to authority, to society, to the system and to its institutions. It is a fire that spreads and that is unstoppable. It is insurrection."

The main tactic for this group of animal rights activists in recent months has been spilling blood red paint at various KFCs and Burger Kings, pet stores and fur shops, meat and dairy businesses, university labs, and homes of bird breeders. Dozens of attacks have been committed in this manner. Paint is not used sparingly at these stops, where the walls, floors, windows and shelves are often left covered by the color of our tortured friends. FLAM has used some incendiary devices this year, but has also chosen tactics that leave their messages in writing for the business owners—and, more importantly, the public—to see plain as day. "Meat is death" and "eggs are torture" are a couple slogans left this September during a night attack on a number of businesses. "It is very important to show the facts of these businesses to the public, to ask about what is hidden in packaged products and their 'beautiful and artistic' plates filled with death and suffering," stated FLAM. In early September a visit to the "great white gates" surrounding pharmaceutical company Novartis, a customer of Huntington Life Sciences (HLS), became stained with red paint and a clear message: "Novartis cut ties with HLS."

The autonomous chapters of FLAM have shown much solidarity with their non-human friends by throwing stones at the windows and illuminated signs of their profiteers, which occurred at least five times during the month of September. An estimated 35 doors of meat markets have been glued shut, accompanied by slogans and the symbols of FLAM on their targets' property—erasing any doubt as to who or what has come to disrupt business as usual. In a communiqué from early September, the group wrote, "We know that these are small things, but for us they are important and big." This is also an approach the group has taken when it comes to their targets, it does not matter if a business is large or small; "walls that hid torture and subjugation were damaged."

On August 17, while visiting the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (city university) in México City—where, reportedly 15,000 rats and 18,000 mice are housed and sold to other industries for experimentation—FLAM launched paint bombs at the building and windows. The group reported that this action was the first time a FLAM activist was arrested. A minor was released without charges or fines, and bravely sat through interrogations asking for the names of fellow activists. The group involved in this action wrote that they were able to learn from the experience and see how their mistakes, as well as their successes, can help them in future actions, and acknowledge the possibility of more investigations into their work might be being conducted.

Late August saw the liberation of twenty-three rabbits from a pet store in Mexico City when, in broad daylight, the defenseless creatures were rescued in front of the shop owners and nearby merchants. On September 2, the owner of a restaurant, who chooses to raise "cockfighting" roosters, fell prey to an action that left him exposed to his community. Though the "sport" is a tradition of Mexico, this disgusting and dishonorable human fascination needs to be dismantled. The activists left the message, "stop killing animals," on his property for neighbors to discover and proceeded to his place of business to spill paint. In mid-September the Comando Verde Negro FLAM daringly entered the home of a bird breeder and made sizable holes for the captive birds to fly from their cages, never to return again to a life behind bars. FLAM enjoys hitting many targets on a given night, as well as making hits night after night. The blood-pumping excitement of their liberating actions is also freeing them from the crushing pressures of society to adhere to a life that accepts cruelty to animals as a legitimate business. As one communiqué states, "A fire to modernity, stones to consumerism, we break the systematic yoke."

California Chronicle Scientists Criticize UC Davis Primate Experiments as "Unethical"

Watchdog group demands UC Regents meeting, inspection tour.

Davis, CA - A panel of scientists – including two former University of California veterinarians and research insiders – issued statements this week criticizing experimental procedures commonly used in research laboratories at UCLA, UC Davis and UCSF, according to a national research watchdog organization.

Veterinary and scientific experts labeled University of California procedures as "unethical,"

"distressful" and causing "pain and suffering." The procedures routinely deprive rhesus monkeys of water, confine them to restraint chairs and literally bolt devices to their skulls.

The critiques (available upon request) were released by Ohio-based SAEN, which serves as a non-profit watchdog over animal experiments. SAEN has demanded meetings with UC Board Of Regents to discuss the elimination of these procedures, and requested laboratory inspection tours and the initiation of a sanctuary retirement program for primates from UC laboratories.

"Experiments that utilize these procedures are unethical. Severe restraint or confinement...involving restraint chairs, is one of the most stressful things that can be done to a primate. (The) situation is exacerbated when the motion of a primate is further limited by the use of surgically implanted restraining bars," said Dr. Bruce Max Feldmann, UC Berkeley Lab Veterinarian for 10 years.

And, Dr. Nedim C. Buyukmihci, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, called the restraint procedures "highly stressful," adding, "To make matters even worse for them, restraining devices may be surgically implanted so that the animal's head will not move at all."

"Withholding water for up to 22 hours per day for five days a week in order that the monkeys are motivated to work for fluid reward is unconscionable," said Dr. Nicholas Dodman, Director of the Tufts University Animal Behavior Clinic.

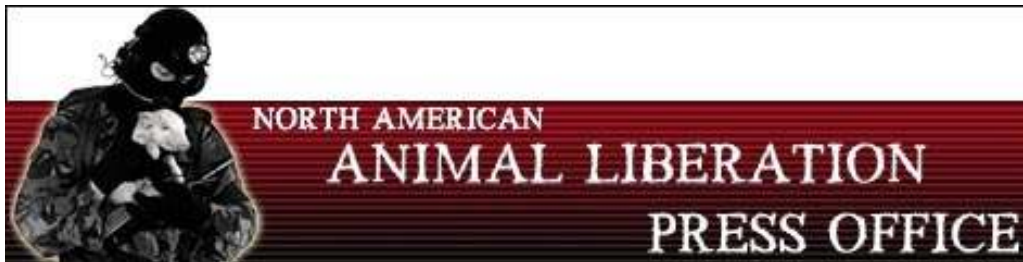
"Scientific experts have roundly criticized these horrific procedures," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "It's time for the Board of Regents to act."

The Beginning of the End for Chimpanzee Experiments?

By Andrew D. Knight

The advanced sensory, psychological and social abilities of chimpanzees confer upon them a profound ability to suffer when born into unnatural captive environments, or captured from the wild - as many older research chimpanzees once were - and when subsequently subjected to confinement, social disruption, and involuntary participation in potentially harmful biomedical research. Justifications for such research depend primarily on the important contributions advocates claim it has made toward medical advancements.

However, a recent large-scale systematic review indicates that invasive chimpanzee experiments rarely provide benefits in excess of their profound animal welfare, bioethical and financial costs. The approval of large numbers of these experiments - particularly within the US - therefore indicates a failure of the ethics committee system.



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By 2008, legislative or policy bans or restrictions on invasive great ape experimentation existed in seven European countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. In continuing to conduct such experiments on chimpanzees and other great apes, the US was almost completely isolated internationally.

In 2007, however, the US National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources implemented a permanent funding moratorium on chimpanzee breeding, which is expected to result in a major decline in laboratory chimpanzee numbers over the next 30 years, as most are retired or die. Additionally, in 2008, The Great Ape Protection Act was introduced to Congress.

The bill proposed to end invasive research and testing on an estimated 1,200 chimpanzees confined within US laboratories, and, for approximately 600 federally-owned, to ensure their permanent retirement to sanctuaries. These events have created an unprecedented opportunity for US legislators, researchers, and others, to consider a global ban on invasive chimpanzee research.

Such a ban would not only uphold the best interests of chimpanzees, and other research fields presently deprived of funding, but would also increase the compliance of US animal researchers with internationally-accepted animal welfare and bioethical standards. It could even result in the first global moratorium on invasive research, for any non-human species, unless conducted in the best interests of the individual or species.

32 Monkeys Die in Accident at Nevada Lab By Scott Sonner

Thirty-two research monkeys at a Nevada laboratory died because human errors made the room too hot, officials for the drug company that runs the lab said Thursday. Animal rights activists complain the company took too long to report the deaths.

Charles River Laboratories Inc. issued a statement saying the monkeys died in Sparks on May 28. The company, based in Wilmington, Mass., attributed the deaths to incorrect climate-control operation.

The company said that it reported the problem immediately to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but that it didn't notify the public out of concern for the safety of its 515 employees who work at its labs in Sparks and neighboring Reno.

"Due to the increased level of extremist activity targeting individuals involved in biomedical research in recent months, our first concern is for our employees and the animals we care for at Charles River," the company said.

Company officials also recently met with the USDA to review preventive measures put in place as a result of the accident, the company said. It said that no other primates were affected, and that the public was never in danger.

Kathy Guillermo of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals questioned the company's claim that it immediately reported the situation to federal authorities because "USDA did open an inquiry when we filed a complaint" in July.

"Their statement about fears for their own safety is absurd," said Guillermo, director of PETA's laboratory investigations department in Norfolk, Va. "They have an abysmal record of animal care. As usual, they are more interested in their reputation than in the animals' safety."

She continued: "That monkeys were literally cooked to death by a heating system failure, as a whistleblower alleges, shows that the facility did not

even have a simple alarm system in place to alert staff to the malfunction."

Justin Goodman, PETA's associate supervisor for research, notified the USDA of the group's concerns on July 7 after PETA received an anonymous letter. Robert Gibbens, a USDA official, said in a letter to Goodman the same day that the USDA intended to investigate.

A spokesperson for Gibbens' office referred calls to officials at the USDA's Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service in Maryland. Officials there did not return a call.

PETA's Guillermo said the USDA cited Charles River for 22 violations of the Animal Welfare Act in 2005 alone. Another animal rights group, Stop Animal Exploitation Now, this year publicized 20 violations Charles River reported to federal officials in 2006 and early 2007.

Stop Animal Exploitation Now cited information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act that showed the fingers of two monkeys at the Sparks lab were amputated after being caught in cage wiring. A third monkey's tail was cut and treated.

Charles River spokeswoman Amy Cianciaruso said at the time that the company immediately changed procedures to minimize the chance of a recurrence of injuries and that staff were trained on the new procedures.

On Thursday, Cianciaruso and Greg Beattie, executive director for site operations in Sparks, said they could not comment beyond the company's statement.

Biomedical researchers are on edge lately. Firebombs have targeted researchers at University of California campuses in Santa Cruz and Los Angeles.

More recently, masked protesters targeting UC Berkeley have scrawled graffiti and broken windows at scientists' homes. And in February, animal rights activists showed up wearing masks at the house of a UC Santa Cruz cancer researcher and threw a punch at the scientist's husband.

Who are People Barred From Britain? By BBC News

A total of 230 people have been prevented from entering the UK since 2005, as their presence was deemed not to be "conducive to the public good".

Those excluded include religious extremists, neo-Nazis and animal rights activists.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has announced a list of the names of those excluded is now to be published and shared with other countries.

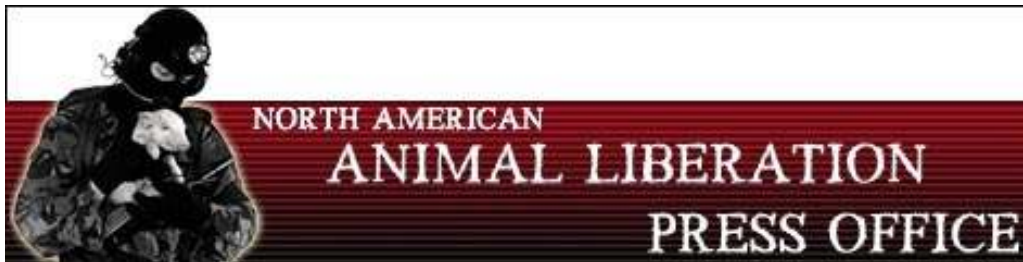
But no way of knowing the names of these people has previously existed - unless they have drawn attention to their situation themselves.

About 80 of those barred have been so-called "preachers of hate".

Among those refused entry is Lebanon-based cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed, the former head of the now-disbanded group al-Muhajiroun, which gained notoriety for praising the 9/11 hijackers.

In 2005 the then Home Secretary Charles Clarke used existing powers to exclude Mr Mohammed as his presence was "not conducive to the public good".

Other preachers to have raised the ire of the authorities include Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, from the US, and Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who



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who lives in Qatar.

In February 2008 Muslim cleric Mr al-Qaradawi was refused a visa, because the Home Office said the UK would not tolerate the presence of those who sought to justify acts of terrorist violence.

The Egyptian-born cleric was described at the time as "dangerous and divisive" by Conservative leader David Cameron.

The Guardian reports that a month later a member of Israel's Likud party was refused entry by current Home Secretary Jacqui Smith in relation to "unacceptable behaviour" on a visit to the UK in 2005.

It was feared the presence of Moshe Feiglin might have lead to inter-community violence because of his strident views.

A long-term ban against Louis Farrakhan had been in place for a number of years when he failed in 2002 to have it overturned by going through the courts.

Then Home Secretary David Blunkett said that a visit from the Nation of Islam leader, who had apparently described whites as devils, Jews as bloodsuckers and Hitler as a great man, would threaten public order.

But the exclusions have not just been directed at religious extremists - in 2004 Mr Blunkett wrote to US animal rights activist Dr. Jerry Vlasak, who had reportedly incited violence against vivisectionists, to say he would not be allowed into the UK.

Martha Stewart and Snoop Dogg are also among those to have been denied entry to the UK from the US. The lifestyle guru and the rapper had been convicted of crimes, which formed the basis of their exclusions.

Actions Since the Last Newsletter

August 18, 2008

This is a local soldier out of Utah just letting you guys know of a raid that just happened last night at the South Jordan, Utah McMullen Mink Farm, 300 plus mink were released with all their breeding records destroyed. Good news, haven't seen this done in a while so it had to be done.

August 23, 2008

On Saturday Aug 23, activists entered a mink farm in Aldergrove BC CANADA and released approx 4000 mink. The farm is next to Aldergrove Lake Park which provides over 200 acres of water habitat for them to survive. Operation Biteback is in full force, let these arrows be our tears.....

September 10, 2008

Late on September 10 we entered the compound of Worldwide Primates (16450 SW 180th Street, Miami, Florida) and cut large holes in 4 outdoor cages. Each cage held 5 or 6 monkeys.

There is no doubt that monkeys can survive in Florida. There are hundreds of wild monkeys in colonies across the state. Worldwide Primates is surrounded by fruit farms.

Worldwide Primates is the business of convicted baby orangutan smuggler Matthew Block. He spent one year in prison and then went back to work importing and selling primates to vivisection labs.

Mr. Block, we haven't forgotten you. Your work is still criminal in our eyes.
- Animal Liberation Front

September 21, 2008

Three members of the Animal Liberation Front entered a massive mink prison in Kaysville, Utah last night. On releasing about 10,000 mink we found and destroyed all breeding records. We also vandalized the trucks and various forms of equipment, including destroying the electrical fence and cutting about a hundred holes in the fence's perimeter.

We are inspired by recent activities in Utah involving mink liberations, so this is a call-out to all activists. We need to spark a new level against the fur industry. We can't let this get out of hand. Its been too long since we have fought. Now is the time. The pelting season is soon.

Don't let the animals be destroyed so their skin can be worn by some rich bitch. There is nothing glamorous about wearing an animal's carcass.

We urge you to get involved, now more than ever. Act up, fight back! Defend the defenseless until there are no prisons left.
-ALF

October 6, 2008

Thought we'd shout out a big screw you to bill 2296 so we paint stripped three cars in the driveway of UCLA vivisector Baldwin Way at XXX Princeton Street in Santa Monica.

A kid in our dorm knows all about you fucker, injecting meth into vervet monkeys. Our spontaneity prevented us from obtaining the necessary implements to blow up your car, but we figured that your roommates Sammuell and Randi deserved some retribution for living with a sadistic fuck that gets off on tormenting monkeys. We suggest you hold your breath the next time you start your car.

Keep up the revolution, friends in Mexico, Berkeley, Santa Cruz and around the world.
---students and workers for the liberation of UCLA primates

October 17, 2008

In the early morning hours of October 17th, a lone activist infiltrated the fur farm at 92659 Simonsen Road in Astoria Oregon. About 1,500 mink were released from their cages with at least 200 of these being breeding stock. The fact that there is no fence around this farm should help ease their escape.

This action is being claimed for the vegan straight edge community. not as a self-congratulatory ego boost, but in the vein hope that it might spur others into action. It has become apparent that the combined tactics of record collecting, sing-alongs, and militant posturing have failed to stop those who abuse innocent life. once we accept this then we can stop squandering our potential and choose a more effective plan of action.

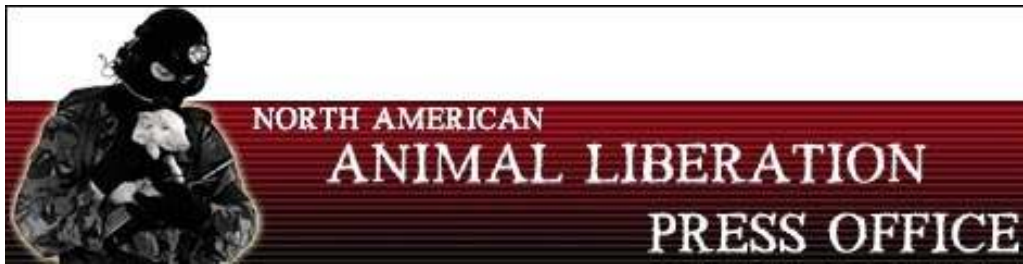
I would like to close by offering apiece of advice to the owners of this farm, to the owners of the other farms in the Astoria, OR area (it was simply by luck of the draw that your farms weren't chosen), and to ALL fur farmers: find a new profession. fur farmers are a dying breed. get out before you are forced out.
--VSE

November 8, 2008

Prepared and determined activists of the Frente de Liberación Animal – Comando Verde Negro (FLA-CVN) took to the streets November 5 to remember the struggle and fight of our compañero Barry Horne.

We had been thinking about visiting another target when suddenly a truck that was transporting chickens for slaughter was ahead of us. Inside a building the killers were crowding animals into small boxes to later bring them to a certain death; in a spontaneous action, in anger, not caring whether we were discovered, we quickly snatched from the truck 8 hens and carried them to freedom.

With this liberation and other acts of sabotage throughout this year of direct action in Mexico, we showed the exploiters that the struggle of our fellow fighter Barry has not ceased and that on the contrary it is increasing



Barry Horne, an inspiration for the ALF and other groups in Mexico and throughout the world. --FLA-CVN



December 4, 2008

Again the commercial area of the town of Coacalco in Mexico State was an easy target for attacks by the MDA.

David Sanchez, the mayor, who was born evil, believes in organizing bullfights of torture and humiliation to bulls, fairs where roosters are exhibited and won as if they were trophies, giving space to circuses with animal prisoners, leather/fur fairs, protecting multinational killers, banks, commercial marketplaces and other institutions complicit in the destruction of the planet; they did not deserve to be attacked by radical activists, because you were the one who was wrong, you and your bastard henchmen.

Well, this morning, we infiltrated the 'expo fair of leather and footwear, León Guanajuato,' and we placed an incendiary device in one of the tents; after 20 minutes the fire burned most of this deviant trade. Shops lined with the skin of horses, cows, snakes. etc., clothes of wool snatched from lambs, jackets made of the skin of murdered pigs and other products were consumed by our anti-speciesist hate.

Many people uninformed or unfamiliar with the movement of sabotage for animal liberation will ask, why did they do it? Did they not care about the traders who lost their merchandise? Don't they respect private property, authority, morals, lives?

And we of the MDA respond, NO, we do not care about the thousands of pesos in losses that we have caused, we do not care about traders who profit at the expense of the pain, torture and suffering of nonhuman animals, just as they do not care that they deprive one who is sentient like them their freedom and torture them to death. We do not care about the civilized morals of respect and tolerance toward it that destroys all of us little by little. We are not going to respect any authority dressed in blue (PAN), tricolor (PRI), yellow (PRD), red (communist parties), much less black (traditional anarchist authorities), nor any 'revolutionary' leader. We're not in favor of their way of life, we are not biocentrists, we are anti-anthropocentrists and we are in favor of Animal, Human and Earth liberation; we will not stop in our attacks even if an exploiter is left wounded or dead; we will delight in what we have done. We are not going to respect the private property of torturers, because we know that to strike the leather/fur industry in this country as we have done will make the filthy owners think twice before establishing their businesses covered with the blood of innocents; just as it is also a clear message to the other industries of planetary destruction: you are in sight and we will not stop until you collapse.

We note that this action was done a few steps from the McDonalds that we sabotaged in October with graffiti and a fake bomb, when the municipal

police, instead of fulfilling their duty as 'Mr. Justice,' appeared to be incompetent and powerless clowns, just as they are in reality.

Our words are no joke, we stated in the October communique that the next bomb would be really destructive, we do not lie; we laugh at the criticisms of mediocre people who full of feelings of inferiority said that the fake bombs were just false alarms and that we would not return again; they eat their words.

We likewise scoff at the absurd and groundless criticism of the communists, conservationists, traditional anarchists and others, whose old and authoritarian characters were made to see what they still won't account for; to move from words to actions shows that we are in a struggle to the death with the state and its speciesist lackeys; to demonstrate our vengeance with stones and fire, to strike and to be an individual in an informal organization is effective.

These actions will not stop, on the contrary they will grow; in Mexico the exploiters will no longer have the easy life and will no longer have peace, all the torturers will pay the price.

No more classism in this fight; any person, regardless of social class, who destroys the earth and its inhabitants is an enemy!

For Animal, Human and Earth liberation, radical insurrection!

Why shed tears, if we can instigate them?

Milicias por los Derechos de lxs Animales (MDA) [Milicias for the Rights of Animals], México Clandestino [Clandestine Mexico]



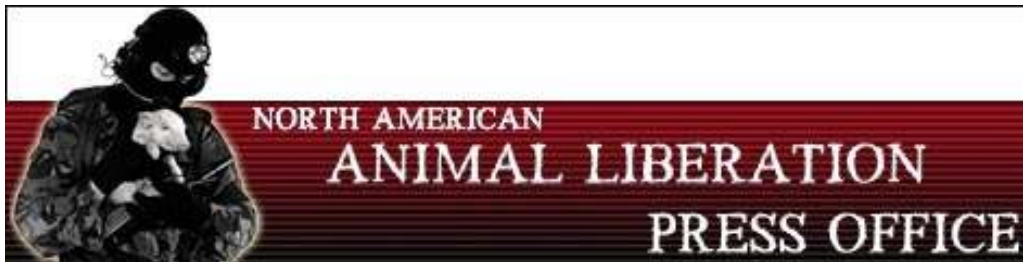
December 15, 2008

UC Berkeley vivisector Ralph Freeman and all of the current lab members in Freeman's Visual Neuroscience Lab (<http://neurovision.berkeley.edu>) were sent a trojan horse virus embedded into email. This virus is designed to completely wreck their computers while leeching all vital personal information they've ever entered into their systems.

It is time to buy new computers, and after that, save yourself the hassle that will follow and get the fuck out of this cat killing lab. The lab where kittens as young as six weeks live in daily fear and trauma from the violence that you are responsible for. The cats in stereotaxic devices with holes drilled into their skulls are what drives us and we will do anything to end your torture.

We've read the past communiqués where other anonymous activists have visited Freeman's home and broken windows, with this action we want to send the message loud and clear that those who torture non-humans to death are not safe at home nor at work. We will go on the offensive against every form of oppression that surrounds; whether it be racism, sexism, homophobia, or speciesism.

--Hackers for Total Liberation



Prisoners Update

" If they haven't got prisoners, we have stopped fighting. If our prisoners are forgotten about, they have beaten us ."

-Keith Mann, ALF activist and former prisoner

**Jonathan Paul #07167-085
FCI Phoenix
Federal Correctional Institution
37910 N 45th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85086**

Jonathan was jailed October 31, 2007 after sentencing in August 2007 to 4 years and 3 months imprisonment for role in 1997 fire that destroyed the Cavel West horsemeat packing plant in Redmond, Oregon.

**Daniel McGowan #63794-053
FTC OKLAHOMA CITY
P.O. BOX 898801
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73189**

Daniel McGowan is an environmental and social justice activist from New York City. He was charged in federal court on counts of arson, property destruction and conspiracy, all relating to two actions in Oregon in 2001. Daniel was sentenced to 7 years in prison on June 4, 2007.

**Jeffrey "Free" Luers #13797671
CRCI 9111
NE Sunderland Ave
Portland, OR 97211-1708**

In June 2001, 23 year-old forest defense activist Jeffrey "Free" Luers was sentenced to 22 years and 8 months in prison for the burning of three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV's) in Eugene, Oregon. To make a statement about global warming, Jeff and his codefendent, Craig 'Crittter' Marshall, set fire to 3 Sport Utility Vehicles at a Eugene car dealership. Re-sentenced to 10 years!

**Joyanna "Sadie" Zacher #36360-086
FCI Dublin
5701 8th Street- Camp Parks- Unit F
Dublin, CA 94568**

**Nathan "Exile" Block #36359-086
FCI Lompoc
3600 Guard Road
Lompoc, CA 93436**

Unrepentant eco-warriors convicted for the arsons of a SUV dealership and a genetic engineering tree farm in Oregon under the banner of ELF. Betrayed by all but 2 of their co-defendants, both are currently serving 7 years 8 months and are scheduled for release in 2012.

**Justin Uribe #T-29257
C-5/236 up
Pleasant Valley State Prison
PO Box 8503
Coalinga, CA 93210**

Serving the final years of a 6-year term for arson. These actions were not animal or environmentally motivated, but Justin is an avowed animal liberationist, scheduled for release within a year.

The SHAC 7 are six individuals--Lauren Gazzola, Kevin Kjonaas, Jake Conroy, Josh Harper, Andrew Stepanian, and Darius Fullmer--and the organization Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (USA). They are all serving lengthy prison sentences for simply speaking out! They were found guilty on all charges on March 2nd, and are were sentenced on September 12th in Trenton, NJ. They received the following sentences:

JACOB CONROY # 93501-011: 48 months
FCI VICTORVILLE MEDIUM I
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 5300
ADELANTO, CA 92301

DARIUS FULLMER- Released!

LAUREN GAZZOLA # 93497-011: 52 months
FCI DANBURY
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
ROUTE #37
DANBURY, CT 06811

JOSHUA HARPER # 29429-086: 36 months
FCI SHERIDAN
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 5000
SHERIDAN, OR 97378

KEVIN KJONAAS # 93502-011: 72 months
FCI SANDSTONE
P.O. BOX 1000
SANDSTONE, MN 55072

ANDREW STEPANIAN - Released! to a halfway house.

Kevin Oiliff- RELEASED!!

Jailed February 2008 on theft-related charges. Committed animal rights activists who has organized against HLS. Released December 4th.

**Eric McDavid X-2972521 4E 231A
Sacramento County Main Jail
651 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives, facing up to 20 years imprisonment. Lauren Weiner and Zach Jensen, Eric's two co-defendants, are cooperating witnesses against Eric.

Things to remember when writing to prisoners:

1. Don't discuss any illegal activity (ALL mail is read by prison officials).
2. Each prison has its own mail restrictions.
3. Do not put any stickers inside or outside the card/letter (including Air Mail/Par Avion stickers, if writing from overseas)
4. Do not include any paperclips, staples or anything extra in your letter.
5. Write your address on the envelope AND inside the letter, since prisoners often are not given the envelope.
6. Do not send money to the prison address (please contact activist's support groups to financially support prisoners).
7. Prisoners appreciate books, but they must be paperback, and must ship directly from the publisher or from online retailers like Amazon.com.
8. Your letters are appreciated , even if you don't receive a response (prisoners are only allowed a limited amount of paper, envelopes and stamps, making it difficult to