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The early months of 2008 have seen a major spike in underground direct action, perhaps driven by increasing repression of known animal rights activists by US law enforcement at the behest of affected industry. Accordingly, support of the Press Office has flourished, and Press Officers continue to conduct dozens of interviews with the mainstream media, providing the animals' side of the story in news articles and accounts, deliver inspirational and informative talks all over the world, and hopefully inspire many more people to join the struggle against those who abuse, exploit, torture, and murder non-human animals.

There have been those who have criticized the Press Office for reporting on, and refusing to condemn direct action taken on the behalf of animal liberation that harmed or threatened to harm human beings. Not innocent humans but those complicitous in the torture, enslavement and murder of non-human animals. The Press Office has tried to maintain the perspective not of the privileged, predominantly white participants who so commonly make up the soldiers in the struggle for animal liberation, but that of other historical movements that seek to end the obscenity and egregious violence perpetrated on innocent victims. Other struggles, including the fight against apartheid in South Africa, the fight to free black slaves here in the US and the fight for the rights of indigenous cultures, have not had the luxury or the option of avoiding the use of physical force to protect

**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.

themselves, and have always used reciprocal violence as one tool in an arsenal of tactics to alleviate oppression. In a battle for the moral and ethical high ground, in the fight on behalf of the animals, the most oppressed, abused and tortured beings the world has ever known, the possibility of further human casualties exists. Indeed, many animal rights campaigners have already been killed in the struggle. We do not encourage or call for the killing of (non-innocent) human beings, only state that we believe it may be part of the struggle for animal liberation, just as it has been an important factor in every other successful, and no less important, liberation struggle.

Thus far, the animal rights movement is and has been the most peaceful and restrained movement the world has ever known considering the amount of terror, abuse and murder perpetrated upon innocent animals for greed and profit. If by chance violence is used by those who fight for non-human sentient beings, it must be looked at in perspective and in historical context.

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### **The Politics of Green Scare**

by Stephen Lendman

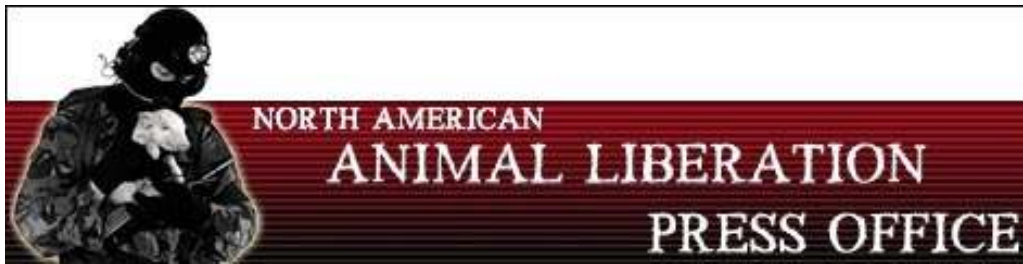
In May 2005, FBI Deputy Assistant Director for Counterterrorism John Lewis told a Senate panel that ecoterrorism is "one of today's most serious domestic terrorism threats." Then the FBI's James Jarboe estimated that two organizations (the Earth Liberation Front - ELF and Animal Liberation Front - ALF) committed over 600 criminal acts since 1996, causing over \$43 million in damage. For his part, Lewis said both groups committed more than 1100 such acts since 1976, "conservatively" resulting in around \$110 million in damages.

What's going on, and is there anything to these charges? Coming from FBI sources makes them highly suspect, especially when there are two types of documented cases:

- people guilty of non-violent offenses called "terrorism" and given excessively harsh sentences; and most disturbing
- innocent people targeted, accused, convicted and sentenced to hard time for environmental activism or supporting animal rights; and that's on top of hundreds of other political persecutions and many thousands of innocent people (or petty criminals) in US prisons.

This behavior isn't new in America, but things heated up after 9/11 with the administration wasting no time getting going. That evening, George Bush addressed the nation and declared a "war against terrorism," asked for world support, and began the government's "emergency (preventive war strategy) response plans." It was planned and ready before 9/11 as a "war of terrorism" to defile the law, wage aggressive wars, usurp unprecedented powers, destroy our civil liberties, and convince the public to sacrifice freedom for the security they never got. In addition, the October 2001 USA Patriot Act (written well before 9/11) created the federal crime of "domestic terrorism" that broadened the definition and applied it to US citizens as well as aliens.

When John Lewis addressed another Senate panel in May 2004, he stated that "the FBI divides the terrorist threat facing (the country) into two broad categories, international and domestic....and during the past decade we have witnessed dramatic changes in the nature of the domestic terrorist threat." For a while "right-wing extremism" (loosely defined as the militia movement) overtook left-wing terrorism (but in) the past several years....special interest extremism (from groups like) the Animal Liberation



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Front (ALF), the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and related extremists, has emerged as a serious domestic terrorist threat." That view is amplified on the FBI's web site that states the Bureau "is part of a vast national and international campaign dedicated to defeating terrorism" with ecoterrorism a key part of it.

The FBI defined it in 2002 to mean: "the use or threatened use of violence of a criminal nature against innocent victims or property by an environmentally-oriented, subnational group for environmental-political reasons, or aimed at an audience beyond the target, often of a symbolic nature."

Activists refer to a tactic called "monkeywrenching" from the 1985 Dave Foreman/Bill Haywood-edited book "Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching." It describes it as:

- "nonviolent resistance to the destruction of natural diversity and wilderness (and) never directed against human beings or other forms of life;
- strategic...thoughtful (and) deliberate in order to succeed;
- individual or very small (group actions) of people who have known each other for years (and have) trust and a good working relationship;
- targeted (because) mindless, erratic vandalism is counterproductive as well as unethical;
- timely (and) not...when there is a nonviolent civil disobedience action;
- dispersed (to) hasten overall industrial retreat from wild areas;
- fun (even though it's) serious and potentially dangerous;
- not revolutionary...to overthrow any social, political, or economic system;
- simple (with) elaborate commando operations generally avoided; and
- deliberate and ethical (by being) the most moral of all actions: protecting life, defending Earth."

The Earth First Journal defines the practice as: "Ecotage (environmentally-motivated sabotage), ecodefense, billboard bandit(ry by sawing offensive ones down), road reclamation (to remediate environmental damage), tree spiking (with nails to discourage destructive logging), even fire." These are unlawful sabotage acts "of industrial extraction and development equipment, as a means of striking at the Earth's destroyers where they commit their crimes and hitting them where they feel it most - in their profit margins." It goes "beyond civil disobedience. It is nonviolent, aimed only at inanimate objects. It is one of the last steps in defense of the wild...by an Earth defender when almost all other measures have failed."

In May 2004, Republican George Nethercutt targeted them by introducing the Ecoterrorism Prevention Act of 2004, but it didn't pass. If it had, it would have made a federal crime: "certain violent, threatening, obstructive, and destructive conduct that is intended to injure, intimidate, or interfere with plant and animal enterprises, and for other purposes."

Republicans tried again in July with the Terrorism Against Animal-Use Entities Prohibition Improvement Act that would have amended the 1992 Animal Enterprise Protection Act and made it harsher. It also failed to pass, but defeat was only temporary.

On November 27, 2006, the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) amended the 1992 act and became law with very harsh provisions. Its language is broad and vague, but it criminalizes First Amendment activities that advocate for animal rights like peaceful protests, leafleting, undercover investigations, whistleblowing and boycotts.

The new law updates the earlier act with penalties far exceeding comparable offenses under other laws. It also goes much further. It allows expanded surveillance of animal rights organizations, including criminal wiretapping, and makes it easier for a court to find probable cause for the vague crime of economic damage or disruption than for one requiring hard evidence a person or group plans to commit these acts.

The bill exempts "lawful public, governmental or business reaction to the

disclosure of information about an animal enterprise," but that only applies to economic disruption claims, not damage, and makes it hard to distinguish between the two. It also:

- expands the kinds of facilities covered by adding ones that use or sell animals and animal products;
- covers any person, entity or organization connected to an animal enterprise;
- applies to any form of advocacy;
- criminalizes threatening conduct and protected speech as well as communication with anyone engaging in these practices;
- protects corporate animal abusers with a vested interest in silencing dissent; and
- targets any form of civil disobedience or protest activity and designates animal advocates as terrorists even when they cause no physical harm; in addition, the bill's language is so broad and vague (by design), it's hard to know the difference between legal and illegal behavior; it's an act of green scare state terrorism that, in fact, can be used against anyone.

## Green Scare - A Definition

Activists equate it to earlier Red Scare periods after WW I and II when the government used various schemes to incite fear, sanction witch hunt prosecutions, and win widespread public approval for them. The term may first have been used in 2002 and refers to legal and extralegal government actions against animal liberation and environmental activists. The Spirit of Freedom prisoner support network defines it as "tactics the government and (their enforcement agencies use) to attack the ELF/ALF (Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front) and specifically those who publicly support them."

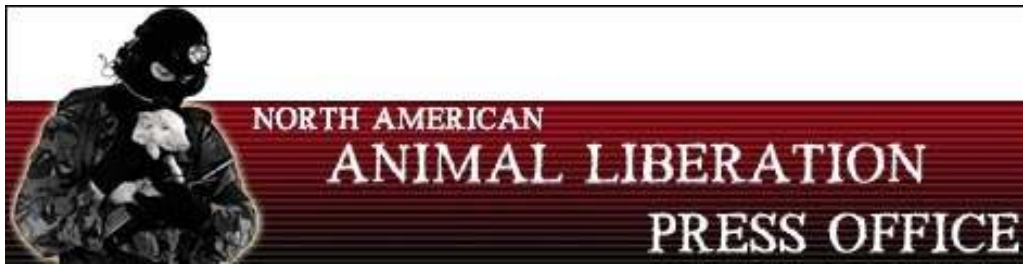
The term also refers to the 2005 arrests, indictments and convictions from the FBI's Operation Backfire against alleged ELF/ALF activists. It charged them with damaging property, conspiracy, arson and using destructive devices.

The Operation was the FBI's code name for its ten year domestic "war on terrorism" that's, in fact, a war on dissent. It resulted in 17 Pacific Northwest arson indictments with evidence that was very suspect. It came from a heroin-addicted self-professed serial arsonist whose former girl friend mentioned him in a grand jury proceeding. On December 7, 2005, it culminated when federal and local law enforcement agents began the largest ever roundup of alleged environmental and animal liberation activists. Seven arrests were made in four states, others got grand jury subpoenas, and people seized were charged with various acts of destroying property as part of ELF and ALF efforts.

Those arrested faced potential unprecedented sentences for non-violent acts from which no one was harmed. In some cases, they could be mandatory 30 year periods and in others life if found guilty on all counts. That compares to a median sentence of five years for arson.

With that as a threat, all but four defendants testified against the others in return for leniency. The remaining four struck plea bargains to admit responsibility but incriminate no one else. At sentencing in June 2007, the presiding judge was harsh. He included Terrorism Enhancements (TE) that are used when the justice department decides a crime aimed to influence or coerce government policy. It means sentences may be longer, and the Bureau of Prisons gets greater latitude in assigning prisoners that may be to "supermax" facilities for the most violent offenders.

In this case, sentences ranged from three years, one month to 13 years with most defendants getting added TEs. In addition, on October 26, 2007, FBI informant and serial arsonist Jacob Ferguson pleaded guilty to one count of arson and an additional count of attempted arson. According to his plea bargain, he won't be charged for his other offenses. Further, he's required to make no restitution, his formal sentencing keeps being postponed, it may come up ahead, but prosecutors recommend he spend no time in prison, receive no fines, and be able to keep the \$50,000 or more he was paid for cooperating. That's the state of things today where



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anything goes in the "war on terrorism" and publicizing arrests and convictions takes precedence over justice. Unless stopped, things will only get worse.

## ELF and ALF - A Brief Description

On its web site, ELF describes itself as "an underground movement with no leadership, membership or official spokesperson" and uses its site "to inform and chronicle issues related to ELF." It further states:

-- "Any individuals who committed arson or any other illegal acts under the ELF name....choose to do so....and do so only driven by their personal conscience;

-- These choices are not endorsed, encouraged, or approved of by this web site's management, webmasters, affiliates, or other participants;

-- The intention of this web site is journalistic in intent only to inform and chronicle issues related to ELF;

-- The owners, management, webmasters, affiliates, or other participants of this website are not spokespersons, members, or affiliates of The Earth Liberation Front in any way; nor do the opinions of anyone acting in the name of The Earth Liberation Front or ELF, represent the opinions of" those affiliated with this site.

Others refer to the ELF as a collective of autonomous individuals or cells that use "economic sabotage and guerrilla war to stop the exploitation and destruction of the natural environment." The organization was founded in Brighton, England in 1992, spread across Europe by 1994, and is now an international movement in over a dozen countries. The FBI designated ELF its top domestic terror threat in March 2001 and called the group "ecoterrorists."

The ALF is an international animal liberation organization with roots in the 19th century and with no formal membership or leadership. Its web site defines "animal rights" as "the philosophy of allowing nonhuman animals to have the basic rights that all sentient beings desire; freedom to live a natural life, free from human exploitation, unnecessary pain and suffering, and premature death." It believes animals aren't property any more than humans are and asks if animal rights will become the "next great social justice movement." It cites President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) David Weisbrot saying treating animals is increasingly becoming a social and legal issue as well as an important economic one.

Its members engage in direct action on behalf of animals, including removing them from laboratories and fur farms (they call liberation, not theft) and sabotaging animal testing and industry animal-based facilities. Its statements affirm it supports any acts that further animal liberation where reasonable precautions are taken not to endanger life. Its covert cells operate in dozens of countries clandestinely and independently of each other. In January 2005, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated ALF a domestic terrorist threat.

## Examples of Witch Hunt Convictions

Many can be cited, but Jeff Luers' case is typical. In June 2001, he was sentenced to 22 years, eight months for burning three SUVs to raise awareness of global warming and how these gas-guzzlers contribute to it. No one was hurt, \$40,000 in damages resulted, and the vehicles were refurbished and subsequently sold. Jeff is a political prisoner, and his sentence exceeds that for murder, kidnapping and rape under Oregon law where he resides. He appealed in January 2002, the hearing was held in November 2005, and on February 14, 2007 the Appeals Court remanded his case to the Circuit Court for resentencing. The case was heard on February 28, 2008 after which his sentence was reduced to 10 years.

Josh Harper is another political prisoner who committed no crime. He's an activist believer in animal liberation, preserving the wilderness, and participated in human freedom projects for over 10 years. In 1997, he co-created Breaking Free Video magazine and went on speaking tours in

1999. He also sabotaged a whale hunt, defied grand juries, and contributed to confrontational protest campaigns. It made him a target and got him indicted for violating the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA).

Evidence at his trial was mostly from two of his speeches in 2001 and 2002. He spoke about already committed political sabotage acts as well as European anti-vivisection campaigns he supported. He also ended one speech by demonstrating how to participate in a form of electronic civil disobedience called "black faxing" that involves sending multiple black paper sheets through an opponent's fax machine. It got him arrested, charged and convicted.

He was one of six animal rights activists in the so-called SHAC 7 (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) case. Charges against one of the original 7 were dropped. SHAC is an international animal rights campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) - one of the world's largest contract research organizations, UK based, and operating on three continents. It's also Europe's largest contract animal-testing laboratory and uses around 75,000 animals each year in its operations.

UK-based activists established SHAC in 1999 and successfully closed down two animal-testing operations in their country. It's now a worldwide campaign, the first of its kind, and it operates in the UK, US, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy as well as many other countries. It calls its campaign "innovative" and states it doesn't "encourage or incite illegal activity."

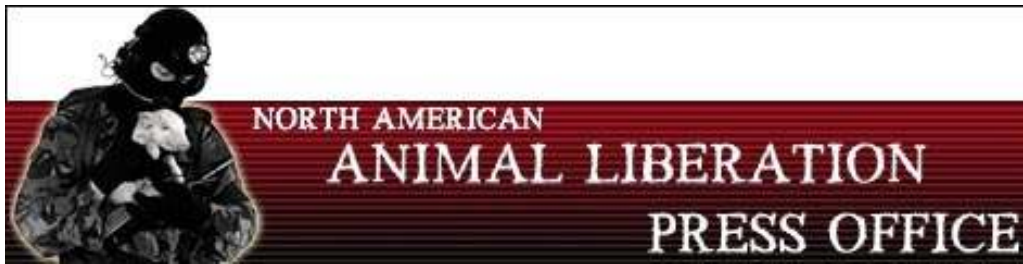
On March 2, 2006, Harper and his co-defendants were charged and convicted of conspiracy to violate AETA (and several other charges) and got sentences of from four to six years. The case was an appalling miscarriage of justice for violating the defendants' First Amendment rights that AETA repealed for these activists. The defendants weren't charged with violent or threatening acts. Instead, the case was based on the notion that animal rights organizers are responsible for actions others take that the prosecution equated to a global conspiracy.

Briana Waters is another example of gross injustice. She's an innocent woman charged and convicted. On March 30, 2006, she was arrested and accused of being a lookout in connection with an alleged 2001 arson at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture. Waters is a California resident, violin teacher and mother of a young child. She was indicted, then reindicted with other defendants on May 10 on charges that included using a destructive device that carries a mandatory 30 year sentence.

On December 26, 2007, her lawyers filed a motion accusing the Justice Department of concealing vital exculpatory information as well as producing a fraudulent FBI report. The agency is infamous for creating "evidence" out of whole cloth and getting manipulated informants to state it. Nonetheless, a hostile federal judge denied defense's motion and went further as well. He ruled against allowing a defense expert to rebut government "evidence" that a delayed incendiary device was a bomb.

One of Waters' attorneys expressed outrage over a common federal practice of "The government hand-picking (the) judge (and) manipulating court procedures. This is a classic case of a corrupt prosecution, and a judge who apparently chooses to look the other way." It's no surprise at a time two-thirds of all federal judges are from or affiliated with the extremist Federalist Society. It advocates rolling back civil liberties; ending New Deal social policies; opposing reproductive choice, government regulations, labor rights and environmental protections; and subverting justice in defense of privilege.

Waters was up against this when her trial began on February 11, 2008. She was further disadvantaged by the government's case being based on two informants who struck a plea bargain by pleading guilty to conspiracy, arson and destructive devices in return for leniency. On March 6, Waters was convicted on two arson counts, but the jury deadlocked on the more serious charges of a destructive device and conspiracy. Despite



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prosecution claims, no devices were found nor was there evidence of conspiracy. That raises serious questions of the government's falsifying evidence and lying to the jury about it. Again, no surprise under witch hunt justice with innocent people like Briana being harmed.

Her case also featured circumstantial evidence, including a folder containing radical pamphlets with a note on the cover from Waters to one of the informants. She testified that she didn't write them or subscribe to their views. The prosecution claimed otherwise. Her defence also argued that Waters knew nothing about the materials, they were substituted for ones she put in the folder, and her fingerprints weren't on the ones in it for proof.

Civil rights attorney Ben Rosenfeld said the "government's case was primarily based on character assassination and guilt by association (and that) evidence of other people's writings should never have been allowed to be used against her." He also denounced former Attorney General Gonzales for proclaiming Waters guilty in the media after she was indicted. He harmed her chances at the outset and showed convictions count more than justice, especially when charges of terrorism are raised. Waters strongly defends her innocence and will likely appeal the verdict. Sentencing is on May 30.

## A Look Ahead

Post-9/11, future prospects look grim with fear prevailing over reason, a bipartisan effort exploiting it, and convictions more important than justice. If friends of the earth and animal rights champions are targeted, so can anyone. Governments today won't protect us and neither do courts that defer to their lawlessness. As a result, expect lots more innocent people hurt because those in power want unlimited amounts of it and won't let anyone stop them from getting it. It means hard times ahead when the law won't protect us, dissent is a crime, and the greater good is sacrificed to benefit the privileged.

What to do? Get active, organize, speak out, resist, and use the law for whatever justice is still under it. Things are very dire, change isn't coming next year, and, more than ever, apathy isn't an option. In America's "war on terrorism," we're all potential targets.

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## What You Give Is What You Should Get

by Gary Yourofsky

Ever since Pythagoras promulgated peace to our planetary companions some 2,600 years ago, the animal rights community has utilized pacifism in its attempts to facilitate substantive change. As a proponent of education, my activism is no different. Each year I give around 250 lectures on ethical veganism to over 10,000 students explaining that victims of discrimination, slavery and murder come in all shapes and sizes. Many students thank me for removing their blinders and subsequently eliminate meat, cheese, milk and eggs from their diets. After all, consuming the cut-up corpses of murdered animals – and the things that ooze out of their bodies - is hardly an enlightened way of living.

However, author Sam Harris explained a major flaw with pacifism activism: "When your enemy has no scruples, your own scruples become another weapon in his hand." So, while my lifestyle and lectures are based on compassion, those who refuse to stop harming animals force me to support 'eye for an eye' and 'by any means necessary' philosophies. In a world full of lying politicians and deceitful public relations, I hope you'll appreciate my willingness to unapologetically say what I'm about to say.

Empathy should only be reserved for innocent beings – human or nonhuman. Institutionalized violence doesn't simply vanish with a peaceful protest, a dose of logic and whole lotta love. If people continually deny animals their inherent right to be free, radical tactics are necessary and justified. Physically preventing an abuser from committing abuse and killing a murderer to stop the murder are noble, vicarious acts of self-defence.

This is why furriers - who anally-electrocute foxes or break the necks of mink - deserve the same treatment in return. The same goes for anybody who wears fur. If you pay someone to commit acts of cruelty, then you are complicit and, therefore, just as guilty.

Rapists, murderers and child molesters should be vivisected, executed and dissected, allowing researchers the opportunity to gather useful information that would actually benefit human health for a change. I see nothing wrong with capital punishment because if you willfully destroy someone else's life, then you automatically relinquish yours.

I believe in God but am vehemently opposed to organized religion and its attempts to sanctify cruelty in His name. Harming or killing animals is Satan's milieu. Christians, Jews and Muslims need to represent their faiths through peaceful compassionate living, not the barbaric tradition of meat-eating or the inane rituals of singing songs to the sky, growing long beards, covering the head in cloth or dipping each other in water.

The next two paragraphs can be found on my [adaptt.org](http://adaptt.org) website in the *What's Wrong with PETA and HSUS* section. They're the reason why the USI administration canceled my lecture last year and why journalism Professor Chad Tew and his students fought to change school policy and bring me back. Tew knew I had a First Amendment right to speak on campus.

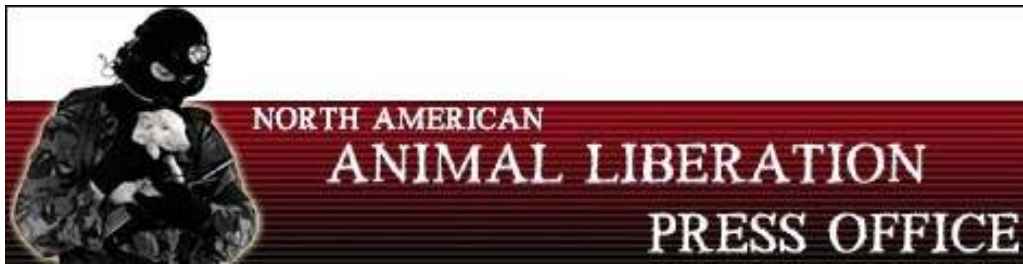
"Sometimes I think the only effective method of destroying speciesism would be for each uncaring human to be forced to live the life of a cow on a feedlot, or a monkey in a laboratory, or an elephant in the circus, or a bull in a rodeo, or a mink on a fur farm. Then people would be awakened from their soporific states and finally understand the horrors that are inflicted on the animal kingdom by the vilest species to ever roam this planet: the human animal!

Deep down, I truly hope that oppression, torture and murder return to each uncaring human tenfold! I hope that fathers accidentally shoot their sons on hunting excursions, while carnivores suffer heart attacks that kill them slowly. Every woman ensconced in fur should endure a rape so vicious that it scars them forever. While every man entrenched in fur should suffer an anal raping so horrific that they become disemboweled. Every rodeo cowboy and matador should be gored to death, while circus abusers are trampled by elephants and mauled by tigers. And, lastly, may irony shine its esoteric head in the form of animal researchers catching debilitating diseases and painfully withering away because research dollars that could have been used to treat them was wasted on the barbaric, unscientific practice of vivisection."

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**Some people need to be frightened by the way they live their lives. - Lobo Siete Truenos (shaman)**



## **Group Ranks Iowa Second-most Painful State for Lab Animals**

A national research watchdog group ranked Iowa second nationwide in its list of the "10 most painful states" for animals used in laboratories.

Ohio-based Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! based its rankings on U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Enforcement Reports for unrelieved pain in experimental animals.

According to the group, Iowa had 12,088 lab animals listed under the category of unrelieved pain and the state ranked highest in laboratory cats experiencing pain, with 190.

New York ranked first in the group's report, followed by Iowa, Maryland, Michigan and Georgia, Texas, Utah, Missouri, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

The group's executive director, Michael Budkie, said the report released earlier this month was based on statistical compilation of 2006 data. More detailed reports about individual laboratories in the state take years for the USDA to release, he said.

Based on previous USDA reports, Budkie said, hamsters used in pharmaceutical testing were the primary animals to suffer unrelieved pain in labs. Nationwide, laboratory violations of the Animal Welfare Act, which regulates how labs conduct and report experiments, increased by 18.4 percent in one year and 90 percent in the last five years, he said.

The University of Iowa was among the top users of animals in experiments in Eastern Iowa, according to USDA reports from 2003. None of the 1,600 or so animals in that report were listed under the category of "unrelieved pain."

"It's been zero for years," said UI biology professor emeritus Richard Sjolund, chairman of the UI Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, which oversees all animal research at the UI. "They're not, in fact, at the University of Iowa."

Budkie said his group is not affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front, an animal rights organization that claimed credit for a 2004 break-in and vandalism to the UI's Spence Labs and Seashore Hall.

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## **Netherlands: Sciencelink Animal Lab Has Been Abandoned**

*"This battle has been won by the Animal Rights Activists" - Lei Heldens,  
Councillor of Venray, Netherlands*

The Coalition Anti-Vivisection is proud to announce that the massive Sciencelink animal testing laboratory project in Holland has been stopped for good thanks to a vociferous campaign!

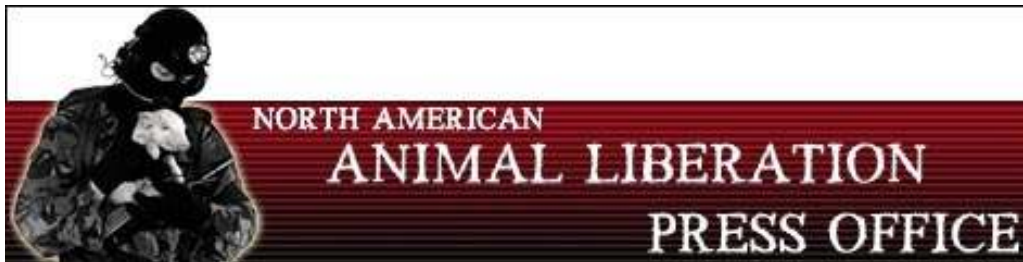
Sciencelink was due to cost ?60 Million, (\$90 Million/£50 Million), and was to have a purpose built breeding facility on the site to supply the animals, owned by Harlan (international animal breeders). A company who supply to HLS, other labs and universities in the UK and elsewhere in Europe.

To put Sciencelink into perspective the new primate lab at Oxford University cost around £20 Million, (?26 Million/\$40 Million), to build.

Not only has the project been abandoned but a senior director of Harlan resigned as a result. This is not only a great victory for the animals, it also represents a bitter blow to the animal testing industry as a whole!

## **33 Reasons Vivisection is Pointless**

- 1) Less than 2% of human illnesses (1.16%) are ever seen in animals.
- (2) According to the former scientific executive of Huntingdon Life Sciences, animal tests and human results agree only "5%-25% of the time." (Flipping a coin would be more accurate.)
- (3) 95% of drugs passed by animal tests are immediately discarded as useless or dangerous to humans.
- (4) At least 50 drugs on the market cause cancer in laboratory animals. They are allowed because it is admitted the animal tests are not relevant.
- (5) Procter & Gamble used an artificial musk despite it failing the animal tests, i.e., causing tumors in mice. They said the animal test results were "of little relevance for humans."
- (6) When asked if they agreed that animal experiments can be misleading "because of anatomical and physiological differences between animals and humans," 88% of doctors agreed.
- (7) Rats are only 37% effective in identifying what causes cancer to humans. (Again, flipping a coin would be more accurate.)
- (8) Rodents are the animals almost always used in cancer research. They never get carcinomas, the human form of cancer, which affects membranes (e.g lung cancer). Their sarcomas affect bone and connecting tissue: the two cannot be compared.
- (9) Up to 90% of animal test results are discarded as they are inapplicable to man.
- (10) The results from animal experiments can be altered by factors such as diet and bedding. Bedding has been identified as giving cancer rates of over 90% and almost nil in the same strain of mice at different locations.
- (11) Sex differences among laboratory animals can cause contradictory results. This does not correspond with humans.
- (12) 9% of anaesthetized animals, intended to recover, die.
- (13) An estimated 83% of substances are metabolized by rats in a different way to humans.
- (14) Attempts to sue the manufacturers of the drug Surgam failed due to the testimony of medical experts that "data from animals could not be extrapolated safely to patients."
- (15) Lemon juice is a deadly poison, but arsenic, hemlock and botulin are safe according to animal tests.
- (16) Genetically modified animals are not models for human illness. The mdx mouse is supposed to represent muscular dystrophy, but the muscles regenerate without treatment.
- (17) 88% of stillbirths are caused by drugs which are passed as being safe in animal tests, according to a study in Germany.
- (18) 61% of birth defects are caused by drugs passed safe in animal tests, according to the same study. Defect rates are 200 times post-war levels.
- (19) One in six patients in hospital are there because of a treatment they have taken.
- (20) In America, 100,000 deaths a year are attributed to medical treatment. In one year 1.5 million people were hospitalized by medical treatment.



### 33 Reasons Vivisection is Pointless (continued)

(21) A World Health Organization study showed children were 14 times more likely to develop measles if they had been vaccinated.

(22) 40% of patients suffer side effects as a result of prescription treatment.

(23) Over 200,000 medicines have been released, most of which are now withdrawn. According to the World Health Organization, only 240 are "essential."

(24) A German doctors' congress concluded that 6% of fatal illnesses and 25% of organic illness are caused by medicines. All have been animal-tested.

(25) The lifesaving operation for ectopic pregnancies was delayed 40 years due to vivisection.

(26) According to the Royal Commission into vivisection (1912), "The discovery of anaesthetics owes nothing to experiments on animals." The great Dr Hadwen noted that "had animal experiments been relied upon...humanity would have been robbed of this great blessing of anaesthesia." The vivisector Halsey described the discovery of Fluoroxene as "one of the most dramatic examples of misleading evidence from animal data."

(27) Aspirin fails animal tests, as does digitalis (a heart drug), cancer treatments, insulin (causes animal birth defects), penicillin, and other safe medicines. They would have been banned if vivisection were heeded.

(28) In the court case when the manufacturers of Thalidomide were being tried, they were acquitted after numerous experts agreed that animal tests could not be relied on for human medicine.

(29) Blood transfusions were delayed 200 years by animal studies, corneal transplants were delayed 90 years.

(30) Despite many Nobel prizes being awarded to vivisectionists, only 45% agree that animal experiments are crucial.

(31) At least 450 methods exist with which we can replace animal experiments.

(32) At least thirty-three animals die in laboratories each second worldwide; in the UK, one every four seconds.

(33) The Director of Research Defense Society, (which exists to defend vivisection) was asked if medical progress could have been achieved without animal use. His written reply was "I am sure it could be known as the "Great Chain of Being" – used to position humans as the end to which all other beings were mere means."

## Scientific American: Feds Agree to Toxicity Tests That Cut Animal Testing

The NIH and EPA commit to exploring new technologies designed to phase out lab research on animals  
By Larry Greenemeier

Rodents and primates around the world can breathe a little easier. Ditto animal rights activists who have long opposed testing drugs and conducting other experiments on animals. Top officials from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Thursday announced a five-year deal promising to share technology, information and other resources that will improve the toxicity testing of chemical compounds used in food, medicine and other products using robots rather than lab animals. This joint effort will include experts

from the NIH National Toxicology Program (NTP), high-speed, automated screening robots at the NIH Chemical Genomics Center and computational toxicology capabilities available at the EPA Office of Research and Development's National Center for Computational Toxicology (NCCT).

"Today we want to report to you this remarkable collaboration," Elias Zerhouni, director of the NIH, said during a teleconference with reporters held to announce the groundbreaking agreement. He added that the effort—designed to expand the use of in vitro testing of human cells and cellular components to identify chemicals with toxic effects—represents the "birth of a new approach to a crucial problem in public health."

The agencies are hoping to coordinate their resources to better identify toxicity pathways, select chemicals for testing, analyze and interpret data, and promote their findings to scientific and regulatory communities. This is expected to generate data more relevant to humans, expand the number of chemicals tested and reduce the time, money and number of animals involved in current lab studies. The collective budget is yet to be determined, the agencies say.

Animal testing has always been a sore point for scientists and animal-rights advocates, following some high-profile cases of mistreatment of lab animals, such as monkeys discovered in 1981 at the Institute for Behavioral Research in Silver Spring, Md., in deplorable conditions. One of the primary ways to test the toxicology of a compound has been to inject it into a lab animal, see if the animal gets sick, and then conduct an autopsy to observe the damage done to their internal organs.

Scientists present at the news conference agreed that animal testing has yielded some important medical breakthroughs. But Robert Kavlock, director of the NCCT, said that it also is expensive, inefficient and is not always an accurate indicator of how a substance will affect humans.

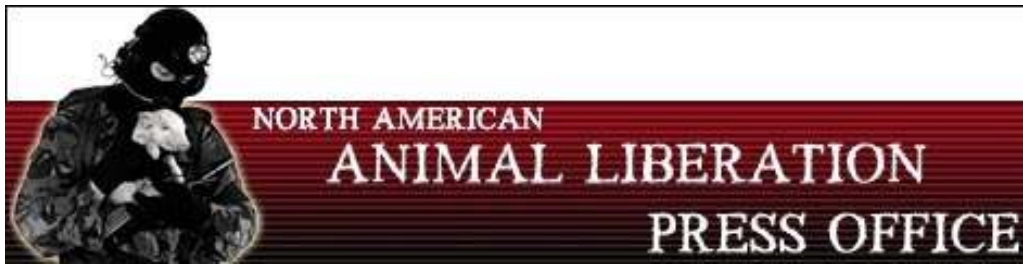
"The desire here is to see if we could do better," said Francis Collins, director of the NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute. He said the federal government is exploring the feasibility of using high-throughput assays to allow scientists to "look at toxicology in a totally new way."

"The news here is the capacity to test many thousands of compounds, something we haven't had until this collaboration," Samuel Wilson, acting director of the NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and NTP, said at the press conference. The new research model would allow scientists to test 100,000 compounds in 1,500 different concentrations in about two days compared with years if the testing was done on animals. This sort of "high-throughput" testing will enable researchers to generate more data relevant to humans, and at the same time reduce the amount of animal experimentation. The cross-species extrapolation from animals to humans is "not always as precise as it should be," Wilson said. "This collaboration is a milestone because it gives us the ability to apply a new generation of approaches to determining toxicities."

The scientists were unable to provide a specific time frame for when the technology might produce significant results or predict how many fewer animals would be used in testing if their effort is a success. They stressed that they plan to move quickly to test the new technology and reduce animal testing as soon and as much as possible.

But they acknowledged that some animal testing will continue at least until the technology proves its mettle in large-scale studies or until Congress passes a substance regulation act similar to the European Union's (E.U.) Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals, or (REACH), which regulates chemicals and their safe use. It is set to take effect in March 2009 and bans such testing.

The officials noted that despite the E.U.'s pending ban, it is unclear whether scientists in Europe have access alternative methods of toxicology testing. Wilson noted that the technology being tested by the EPA and NIH is not yet available in the E.U. For now, NIH chief Zerhouni said, animal testing will continue in the U.S. in conjunction with the new



## Feds Agree to Toxicity Tests That Cut Animal Testing (continued)

high-speed, automated screening technology. There are several other approaches under development that would also allow relatively quick, inexpensive testing of a large number of compounds and cells simultaneously. "We plan to use all of these," Christopher Austin, director of the NIH's Chemical Genomics Center, said at the news conference.

As ScientificAmerican.com reported in December, researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., the University of California, Berkeley, and Solidus Biosciences, Inc. (a biotech company located at the Rensselaer Incubator Program for start-up businesses) have developed biochips—called MetaChip and DataChip—that mimic what the body does when it ingests a drug. MetaChip is actually a glass slide dotted with 20-nanoliter droplets—each 20 billionths of a liter—of a solution containing human liver enzymes; DataChip is a slide lined with droplets containing cell cultures from the bladder, kidney or liver. Scientists can test the safety of a chemical by putting drops of it onto these slides and measuring the culture's growth or shrinkage over time.

These biochips are used with a high-throughput microarray spotter machine that places the liquid enzyme dots on the slides. The next step involves an optical assay system consisting of a camera connected to a fluorescent light source to take a digital image of the cell culture and highlight living and dead cells. Austin noted, however, that MetaChip and DataChip are not currently capable of handling the volume of testing that the government wants to conduct.

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### A Closer Look at the Green Scare

by Daniel McGowan

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There has been some discussion in radical circles—especially in the pages of the Earth First! Journal—about whether it is appropriate or accurate to use the term "Green Scare." The argument, as I remember it, is that this backlash against radical environmentalists and animal liberationists is too small or targets a population too narrow to constitute a "Green Scare" (see EF!J January-February 2007). Further, some argue that by using this term, we alienate potential supporters and activists from other movements (see EF!J May-June 2007). I've reflected on this for the last couple of months and also have had the opportunity to discuss the original letter with its author.

Ironically, I appear to have been one of the first people to use the term—in a 2000-2001 edition of a newsletter I worked on called "Spirit of Freedom." It's immaterial whether I coined it or not—many people in different places at different times coin phrases or come up with ideas. I used the term to describe what I saw in the Northwest at the time: an increasing federal interest in incidents claimed by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), greater demonization of activists who would not condemn ELF actions or would speak in support of them, many new bills being proposed to increase fines and sentences related to ELF and anti-genetic engineering actions, and a growth in the wise-use industry with the creation of Stop Eco-Violence—an "astro-turf" organization run by a former Public Relations hack for Louisiana Pacific logging. Since then, I have only seen more events living up to the term "Green Scare."

Arguing against the term, detractors point to the limited number of people that have been arrested or caught up in various legal cases, such as the SHAC 7, Operation Backfire and the Sacramento ELF prosecutions. While we are technically, looking at a number that is clearly not huge, we lose something when we start reducing lives to numbers. Consider that each defendant has a family, friends and is part of a community. The repercussions of these prosecutions extend way beyond the number of defendants. I have seen this myself, as my family struggles with ways to explain my absence to my three-year-old niece. My case has four individuals whom the FBI considers "fugitives from justice," going so far as to place "Most Wanted" posters for them on the "domestic terrorism" page

of its website. How many people are affected by their absence and the harassment of the federal government in their attempts to arrest them? The impact of the Green Scare cannot be reduced to numbers.

The federal government has strange priorities and is incredibly concerned with the growth of the radical environmental and animal liberation movements. As things get worse in our society and as our demands for ecological sanity and compassion for animals gets ignored, many people inevitably lose faith in polite ways of affecting change and choose more radical methods. Knowing this, the government has used high-profile prosecutions like mine and the SHAC 7 case to spread fear, creating a serious chilling effect on our movements.

Let's look at some aspects of my case (Operation Backfire) that illustrate my point:

The initial arrests were conducted as part of a multistate operation that arrested seven people, subpoenaed activists and made a huge media splash about the apprehension of "domestic terrorists." The numbers would eventually grow to 14 arrests, four fugitives and one unindicted übersnitch named Jacob Ferguson.

The case was "cracked" with the creation of a Joint Terrorism Task Force based out of Portland, Oregon, with participants from many agencies—including the FBI; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Eugene Portland police and Oregon state police; the US Forest Service and more. An estimated 40 agents have been cited as working on this case.

Grand juries investigating this case cast a wide net, essentially serving as a fishing expedition for suspects. No one knows exactly how many people cooperated with them, only that one person did not and served six months in a crappy county jail for refusing to testify.

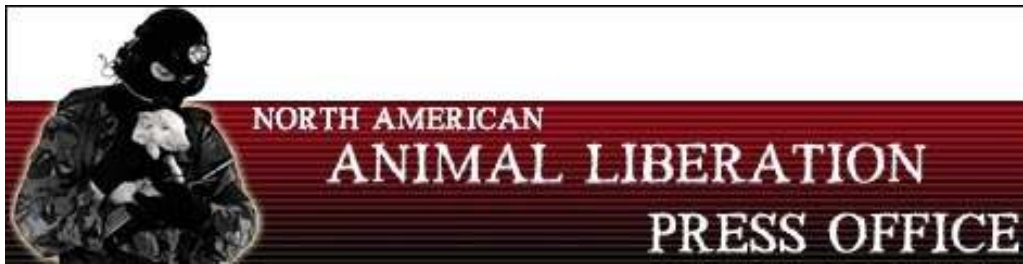
The prosecution overcharged all of the defendants, not only with absurd numbers of arson counts (such as one count for each vehicle, not each incident) but also with the dreaded 924(c) count: "use of a destructive device." This count has a mandatory 30-year sentence for one count and a mandatory life sentence for two. Who would want to gamble their life on that with a jury? We called this charge the "snitch maker." The cop who arrested me said, "924(c)? Yeah, that's what Chris McIntosh was charged with and look, he pleaded to eight years." The implication was that I should be smart, cut my losses and start cooperating.

The prosecution and media called us "ecoterrorists," "domestic terrorists" and, when they could get away with it, just plain old "terrorists." For example, immediately after my arrest, federal agents raiding my New York City apartment told my neighbors that they were investigating a "domestic terrorism" situation. Then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez. Said in a national press conference about the case in January 2006, "Terrorism is terrorism, no matter what the cause."

The government argued for a "federal crime of terrorism" enhancement for eight of 10 defendants in my case. The legal definition of the enhancement was broad; if the judge thought our behavior was designed to coerce government behavior, we got it. I received it due to one sentence in the communiqué for an action I was involved in that referenced the Oregon and Washington legislatures. Many of us got this enhancement even for actions in which private businesses, not government agencies, were targeted. Despite not being charged with domestic terrorism charges, we nonetheless are now considered terrorists. The linkage of sabotage with terrorism in this case is a stunning legal and public relations victory for the government.

Wiretaps, suicide, snitches—is this starting to sound like a Green Scare to you?

The true effects of the Green Scare may not be felt for some time, but the fear is palpable in the Northwest. There seems to be very little resistance



### Closer Look at the Green Scare (continued)

to ecological destruction in a region that was full of grassroots campaigns against old-growth logging for the past 30 years. On many occasions, I have heard how these cases have freaked people out. "Will I be prosecuted under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act?" "I've dug up a logging road. Will the government paint me as a terrorist?" When people are scared, they get paralyzed. They wring their hands and theorize about horrible outcomes to their activism. So, we need to look at these prosecutions as more than the government's line of "just catching people who break the law." If we let them scare us into inactivity, then this Green Scare will be successful for the corporations that continue to destroy the planet with impunity.

In writing about this topic, I have inevitably focused on Operation Backfire, as it's what I know the most about. To get the full grasp of the Green Scare, you have to look at the other cases: Eric McDavid, who is facing years in prison on a conspiracy charge orchestrated by a paid agent provocateur; Rod Coronado, who, after serving an eight-month sentence for a hunt sabotage (an unprecedented amount of time), is now fighting a 20-year "destructive device" charge for speaking about an incident he already served time for; the SHAC 7; and Tre Arrow, who is fighting extradition from Canada after having been charged with two ELF actions and who also faces the dreaded 924(c) charges, yet he asserts his innocence!

When discussing the appropriateness of the term, "Green Scare," maybe we need to really take a step back and have a frank look at the effects of these new laws and prosecutions. While it doesn't compare in scope to the red scares of the 20th century, does that make it any less relevant to us now? If people find the term to be an exaggeration, talk to them about the lives affected by the prosecutions, the campaigns disrupted and opportunities lost when we are organizing only around legal defense and not for proactive campaigns—to end old-growth logging, for instance.

If there is a bright spot to all of this, it's that, in its quest to destroy this movement, the government has succeeded in bringing a lot of people together. For that, I'm grateful. When it comes down to it, whether we use the term "Green Scare" isn't the point—it's that we acknowledge the impact these actions by the government and corporations have had on us and work for solutions to overcome them.



***Never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.***

### **2008: 7.3 Million Americans Are Vegetarian 22.8 million follow a vegetarian diet.**

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. -- The just-released "Vegetarianism in America" study, published by Vegetarian Times, shows that 3.2 percent of U.S. adults, or 7.3 million people, follow a vegetarian-based diet. Approximately 0.5 percent, or 1 million, of those are vegans, who consume no animal products at all. In addition, 10 percent of U.S., adults, or 22.8 million people, say they largely follow a vegetarian-inclined diet.

Data for this survey were collected by the Harris Interactive Service Bureau on behalf of Vegetarian Times. The poll surveyed 5,050 respondents, a statistically representative sample of the total U.S. population. Vegetarian Times commissioned RRC Associates, a research firm in Boulder, Colo., to perform the data analysis.

The 2008 study also indicates that of the non-vegetarians surveyed 5.2 percent, or 11.9 million people, are "definitely interested" in following a vegetarian-based diet in the future.

The study also collected data on age, gender and other demographic factors. Of the vegetarians surveyed:  
-- 59 percent are female; 41 percent are male.  
-- 42.0 percent are age 18 to 34 years old; 40.7 percent are 35 to 54; and 17.4 percent are over 55.  
-- 57.1 percent have followed a vegetarian diet for more than 10 years; 18 percent for 5 to 10 years; 10.8 percent for 2 to 5 years, 14.1 percent for less than 2 years.

### **Monkey Boiled Alive At Research Lab**

Chris Halsne, KIRO 7 Eyewitness News Investigative Reporter

A monkey, slotted to be used in a drug-product research experiment, was instead boiled alive inside an Everett laboratory, a KIRO Team 7 Investigation found. It's a deadly error, but not the first one KIRO Team 7 Investigators uncovered at SNBL USA.

That company is near the Boeing Plant off Merrill Creek Parkway in Everett. It houses around 2,000 primates and represents clients like Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Eli Lilly and Seattle Genetics.

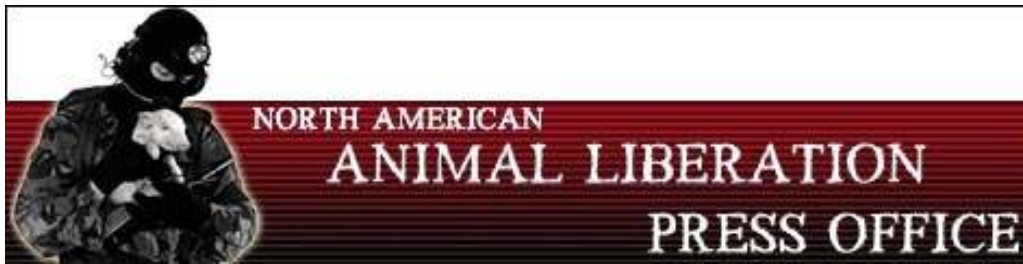
Using hidden camera footage, Investigative Reporter Chris Halsne shows you inside a facility that's no stranger to federal animal care violations.

When it comes to scientific experiments, often the *Cynomolgus* Macaque monkey is the primate of choice. They weigh anywhere from about 3 to 25 pounds and make lots of barking noises. It's hard to image how anyone could miss one sitting inside a small cage.

In early November, SNBL employees set out to clean pens full of monkeys and, at times, their babies. Our hidden camera footage, taken inside SNBL headquarters, shows just how obvious it is to see and hear these animals jumping around in their enclosures. Despite that, KIRO Team 7 Investigators confirmed someone placed a wire kennel, with a healthy female macaque monkey still inside, into a giant rack-washer.

The 180-degree water, caustic foam and detergent killed the primate at some point during the 20-minute cycle.

Joanie McCully is a former Animal Care Supervisor for the SNBL. "I was sick to my stomach. It broke my heart because that is so avoidable and unnecessary, and I couldn't believe it. I wanted to vomit right there. I had other people calling me and saying, 'Did you hear?' They were in tears. It was just horrible, especially when they described her, foam coming out of her mouth and her gripping the bars of the cage. They had to peel her off of that cage. Yuck."



## Monkey Boiled Alive (continued)

McCully is upset by what she calls a "long-standing disregard" for animal care at the Everett facility. As an example, she points to an e-mail from a veterinarian working at SNBL entitled "uh oh".

McCully asked the vet, "I heard about the monkey, pretty bad." The reply: "Oh yes- what a mess! Knew it was (g)oining to happen at some time - many close calls. Now all the paperwork – USDA and AAALAC. What FUN!"

McCully was floored by the reaction.

"When I inquired about it, the reply I got back was 'Oh, dear.' Think of the paperwork. That just upset me to my soul because no animal in there should die because of somebody's mistake or negligence or lack of compassion."

McCully says she was recently fired after telling federal inspectors that some SNBL employees were abusing primates and failing to follow other US Department of Agriculture guidelines.

Her list of complaints include: employees carelessly spraying monkeys with acid and intentionally slamming primates on the floor. Why would they do that?

"Drop that cage from a standing position. Drop it. Monkeys would land on their heads in that cage and they'd (employees would) spin it around to confuse the monkey and get it all out of sorts. Then, (they'd) do the procedure. That way the monkey is cooperative."

The company, so far, has refused to speak with KIRO Team 7 Investigators about that allegation or a number of others listed in U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

We discovered the USDA opened a series of federal Animal Welfare violation cases against SNBL in 2005 after 19 marmoset monkeys died. An inspector noted "highly toxic agents were being injected into animals without the use of methods to relieve pain and distress."

The report also shows a number of "repeat non-compliance" issues, including recordkeeping so poor that inspectors couldn't tell if "the animals were receiving adequate veterinary care, or any veterinary care, before they died."

Primate medicine expert and veterinarian Dr. Cathy Johnson-Delaney quit SNBL about a year before the marmoset deaths.

She says there is no excuse to mistreat monkeys. Not only is it cruel, but it can distort human drug studies SNBL is paid millions to oversee.

Johnson Delaney told KIRO Team 7 Investigators, "If you're going to be causing pain and distress to an animal, first of all, it's against the Animal Welfare Act. Secondly, the science is going to be compromised. A stressed animal does not give you the data."

A Japanese conglomerate, Shin Nippon Biomedical, owns the Everett research center. It did not respond to KIRO Team 7 Investigators regarding the animal welfare record if its subsidiary.

McCully says remaining silent about dead, sick, or abused primates will not make the ongoing federal investigation go away.

"If you can't put yourself in the monkey's place or that mouse's place or that rat's place, you don't need to be there. You don't need to be there. If you don't have that compassion, this isn't the job for you."

A USDA spokesperson confirmed to Halsne that SNBL is on what that the agency calls the "risk list." It's a special category where inspectors visit more often than once a year, as required by law. That agency also tells

Halsne, "You get on the risk list by having a pattern of non-compliance."

The USDA confirmed to KIRO Team 7 Investigators that its inspectors are aware of the scalded monkey incident. That agency has no other comment until that investigation is complete.

We contacted SNBL repeatedly over the past week. Late Thursday, our station received an e-mail. It says- in part:

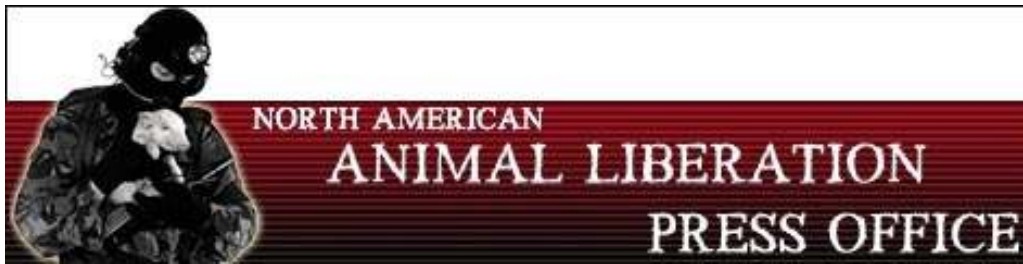
"One of the monkeys used in our research died in an unfortunate accident. It was the first accidental death of a monkey in our care in eight and a half years."

The company also states that it has been told "that the last [USDA] investigation in November contained no violations."

If you want to tell the USDA your thoughts about the treatment on the monkeys mentioned in this story, contact APHIS. the billions of land animals consumed, humans also kill and consume 85 billion marine animals (17 billion in the US).



**Pacifism is generally considered to be a morally unassailable position to take with respect to human violence. ... While it can seem noble enough when the stakes are low, pacifism is ultimately nothing more than a willingness to die, and to let others die, at the pleasure of the world's thugs. It should be enough to note that a single sociopath, armed with nothing more than a knife, could exterminate a city full of pacifists. ... Here we come upon a terrible facet of ethically asymmetric warfare: when your enemy has no scruples, your own scruples become another weapon in his hand. - The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason by Sam Harris**



## Direct Action Since Our Last Newsletter

More than 40 anonymous communiques have been received by the North American Animal Liberation Press Office since our last newsletter, 30 of which come from Mexican cells of the Frente de Liberacion Animal Mexico, the Mexican ALF. There were a number of actual liberations, as well as continued support for jailed animal liberation prisoners. Below are selected excerpts from some of the messages received :



### January 20, 2008

On the night of January 20 the Animal Liberation Front Mexico (F.L.A.M.) placed an incendiary device in an establishment of this multinational corporation that continues the killing of our animal brothers and sisters on their farms of terror for filthy money that comes at the cost of the suffering of others. These actions are just the beginning of what the animal rights guerrillas can do.

[Spanish: La noche del 20 de Enero el Frente de Liberacion Animal Mexico (F.L.A.M) coloco un dispositivo incendiario en el establecimiento de una multinacional que sigue asesinando a nuestros hermanos animales en sus granjas del terror para seguir pudriendose en dinero acosta del sufrimiento de los demas. Estas acciones son solo el comienzo de lo que la guerrilla a favor de los derechos de los animales puede hacer.]

### January 21, 2008

On the evening of December 20, 2007, the glass entry door of Salt Tavern in Baltimore was destroyed by pellet gun fire. This restaurant makes profit from the misery of tortured ducks and geese, otherwise known as foie gras. Stop selling it and we'll go away. Keep profiting from misery, we'll be visiting again soon.

### January 24, 2008

A Wendy's restaurant advertisement for their new stack attack mega-burger in London, Ontario was subverted by activists Jan. 22nd 2008 Happy Holidays, ALF



### January 30, 2008

Monday night (jan 28, 2008) we payed another visit to 180 La Pata in San Clemente, CA. We redecorated with bright yellow paint and glued some locks. As Phenomenex continues to be a supplier we will continue to stop by. We used yellow paint just for you Farrajoulah. We figured that with all of this rain you might have been missing those gorgeous sunsets from that Palos Verdes estate that we a familiarizing ourselves with. See you there soon. (You won't see us.) Drop HLS just like all of the wise ones have.

Tuesday night (jan 29, 2008) we payed another visit to 1014 Hillcrest, Inglewood CA. We redecorated with black paint and glued the locks. Hubnet, you are still working with HLS so we are still watching. We also hit the little blue Hubnet van out front with some paint. We didn't expect to see it out there otherwise it would have gone up in flames. Cut those HLS ties or you'll hear from us again. Count on it.

In solidarity with those who put on the black ski masks and acted on Phenomenex in the UK this week and for the animals suffering inside of Huntingdon Life Sciences.

### February 4, 2008

On February 1, the speciest and filthy carnivores woke to find all the windows and walls of two (one meat and the other seafood) restaurants completely covered by paint, 'Meat = Murder' was the mark of the Animal Liberation Front - Comando Green Black (FLA-CVN) together with other cells. We have been attacking those who get rich at the expense of pain, agony and suffering of their fellow beings.

These actions are carried out by a collective of radical activists in the FLA, in response to so much torture of our brothers and sisters. This fight is by and for the animals, we avenge and liberate them. We will not abandon the trenches of the underground; we will keep moving forward. Until all are free! FLA-CVN Mexico

[Spanish: El 1 dia de febrero, los especistas y mierda carnivora desperto y encontro todos los vidrios y las paredes de 2 (uno de carne y otro de mariscos) restaurantes totalmente pintados, Carne = Asesinato ha sido la consigna que como Frente de Liberacion Animal-Comando Verde Negro (FLA-CVN) junto a otras celulas, hemos estado atacando comercios que se enriquecen a costa del dolor,agonia y sufrimiento de sus semejantes.

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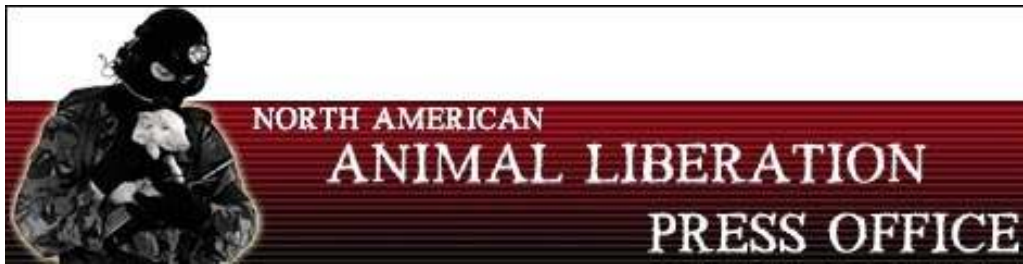
### February 5, 2008

Recently, concerned citizens rescued 47 rats who were apparently part of a breeding program at Scripps "Mercy" Hospital in the Hillcrest area of San Diego. We entered through an unlocked door and found these beautiful innocent creatures living in squalor. Eight were crammed into each tiny barren cage. Their white fur was matted in urine and feces. Their babies were to be stolen from them and tortured in useless experiments, but now they are in loving homes where they will spend the rest of their lives as individuals, rather than research tools to be discarded when no longer necessary.

Who are the terrorists in this situation: those who peacefully rescue neglected beings from abuse and cruelty, or those who terrify, torture and destroy innocent life? This recuse is dedicated to the brave people who speak out and more importantly act in support of direct action and rescue.

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**"In this sick culture, we know that every day the sick, the stupid, and the EVIL bully and destroy those who are far their better. Every lab, farm and fur animal; every poisoned wild bird; every beaten child, every raped woman knows this. - ALF"**



#### February 6, 2008

Animal Liberation Front - Commando Green Black (FLA-CVN)  
We decided to carry out multiple sabotages to businesses that get rich through the suffering, torture and murder of our brother and sister animals, in the town of Tultitlan in Mexico State. This time we sabotaged 13 locks of different shops, "pet" stores, butchers, rotisserie restaurant, aquariums and 1 Bachoco store.

The owners of these speciesist businesses found the mark of Animal Liberation on their storefronts and could not open all day and we do not know when they will. If they do not close, we will close them. If they do not stop, neither will we!

[Spanish: El Frente de Liberacion Animal- Comando Verde Negro (FLA-CVN) nos decidimos a llevar a cabo multiples saboteges a los comercios que se enriquecen del sufrimiento, la tortura y el asesinato de nuestros herman=s animales, ahora en el municipio de Tultitlan en el Estado de Mexico. Esta vez saboteamos 13 cerraduras de diferentes comercios, como tiendas de "mascotas" Carnicerias Rosticerias Acuarios y 1 tienda Bachoco

los dueños de estos negocios especistas encontraron la consigna de Liberacion Animal en sus fachadas y no pudieron abrir durante todo el dia y no sabemos hasta cuando. Si ellos no cierran, nosotr=s lo cerraremos, si ell=s no se detienen nosotr=s tampoco! FLA-CVN]

#### February 9, 2008

Solidarity with the Spanish campaign against Novartis: Very early in the morning of February 9 activists from Frente de Liberacion Animal Mexico (FLAM) acted in solidarity with the campaign in Spain against laboratory animal experiments at Novartis, who is a partner of the hated and repugnant HLS. 12 locks of several pharmacies that sell Novartis products were glued, thus demonstrating a little support to the animal liberation movement in that country. We wait for news soon of actions from the ALF in Spain. The fight against HLS and their dirty partners will continue in all countries where there are animal liberation activists. Until they sink!"

[Spanish: Solidaridad con la campaña española contra Novartis: Muy temprano por la mañana del 9 de febrero activistas del Frente de Liberacion Animal Mexico (FLAM) salimos a solidarizarnos con la campaña de acciones que se llebo a cabo en España el 8 y 9 de Febrero contra el laboratorio de experimentacion animal Novartis y quien es un socio mas del odio y repugnante HSL; esta vez 12 cerraduras de varias farmacias que venden productos de Novartis fueron celladas, demostrando asi un poco de apoyo al movimiento de Liberacion Animal de ese pais, esperamos que noticias de acciones de los FLA`s españoles se den a conocer pronto. La lucha contra HSL y sus sucios socios se deve dar en todos los paises en donde existan activistas por la Liberacion Animal. Hasta que se hundan! FLAM

#### February 21, 2008

Edyth London, you and your work are deplorable. You are given paychecks in exchange for addicting primates, the closest kin that the human species knows, to numerous sickeningly addicting drugs like crystal meth. For forcing these innocent and sensitive beings to suffer through a type of hell that they would never encounter if it wasn't for your deranged science you deserve to know true justice.

This is why on February 3rd 2008 we left an incendiary device at your house at 1246 Shadybrook in Beverly Hills. Edyth, the fire that night was exactly ther size we wanted it to be. It was just a little outreach because we want to see you make the sound ethical choice to stop vivisectioning primates. We know what we are doing and fires can be much larger.

Edyth, your secrets are very ugly and the spotlights on them are getting brighter. The LA Times says that you plan to expand mad science to include teenage human beings. They also pointed to the fact that you torture monkeys and Phillip Morris picks up the tab. The LA Times didn't

ask but we will, "Do you get rich while animals (and soon humans) suffer all in the name of making tobacco products more addicting?"

You make us sick and you inspire us into action Edyth. As each day begins and nothing that you own is burning consider yourself lucky. Now is the time to stop vivisectioning. We don't back down. Ever.  
-the Animal Liberation Front

#### March 4, 2008

It is already known that the Frente de Liberacion Animal (FLA/ALF) has as its objective (in addition to causing economic damages to animal abusers) the rescue and liberation of animals from the clutches of the speciesist murderer. Lamentably the tools that are used by the FLA are illegal by law and by the established order that considers animal liberation activists to be terrorists.

As the Frente de Liberacion Animal Mexico (FLAM) we feel that if to save animals from being mistreated, tortured, persecuted, hunted, imprisoned and murdered is to be a terrorist, then that is what we are and we love it!

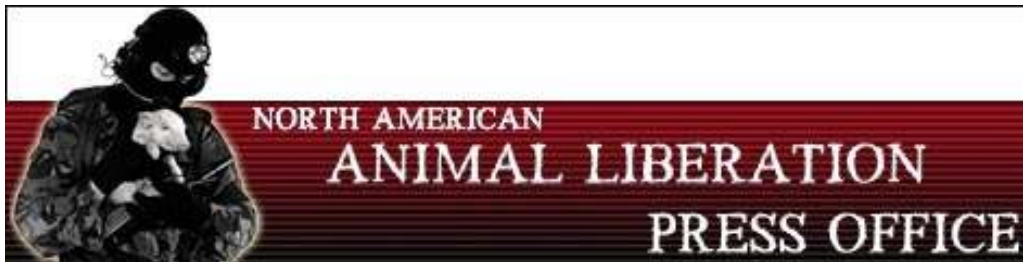
Throughout history all the progress of civilization has come from attacks against laws and each liberator has been listed as an illegal; this is why as a militant, clandestine group, we put our freedom at stake to avenge and give freedom to other living beings victimized by the ego-centrism and the degenerated feelings of the human animal influenced by capitalist, neo-liberal globalization.

The sun has already been hidden a thousand times, said the duck, while he watched the cars pass. He watched the people stop and with feelings of pity say: What a pretty imprisoned duck; the sad duck sleeps with no one for company, without knowing what it is to be truly free, waking every morning and looking at the sky, admiring his bird brothers and sisters flying from one side to the other. They stop in the trees and look for food; he listens to them singing happy songs; he dreams that some day freedom will arrive and pining to go from the cage where he is shut away, the body will mend itself from this monotony.

On the night of March 2, while he was sleeping, he heard noises. Some humans dressed in black, with ski masks covering their faces approached. They jumped a gate; the duck quacked saying Free me immediately I don't want to be here! The humans wrapped him with a blanket, put him in a box and they carried him away.

The duck, watching through the holes in the box, did not know what was passing before his eyes, but surely it was something good, so he wasn't nervous. Soon the cage was opened and he saw the great sun which he always watched, looking at the rest of his brothers and sisters flying, feeding himself on what they had around them. He saw water in a much greater quantity than the little that he saw before in his dirty plate of food. The environment had a distinct aroma, the air moved his feathers, his legs touched the moist earth and at last he felt free. He fluttered his wings with great force, vigor and happiness and now this duck, hoping to be rescued and released, that had been disappointed by the cowardice of those who shout 'Animal Liberation' and do nothing for them, is free at last. Is direct action useless? Ask the duck. FLAM





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

**DARIUS FULLMER- Released!**

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

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

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

**ANDREW STEPANIAN - 36 months**  
 # 26399-050  
 FCI BUTNER MEDIUM II  
 FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION  
 P.O. BOX 1500  
 BUTNER, NC 27509

**Kevin Olliff #G12113**  
**NKSP B-1-A (104)**  
**PO Box 4999**  
**Delano, CA 93216**

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

**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 respond to every letter).