

## **CFAAR: Who We Are**

*CFAAR is a nonprofit educational organization which formed originally in 1988 on the University of California-Berkeley campus. The organization was formed in response to activities which discredit animal research and animal researchers. Several local CFAAR chapters have since sprung up across the country. These groups share the following objectives:*

- 1) *To **organize** students, faculty and staff at institutions in Arizona in which animal research is performed so effective letter writing campaigns can be initiated quickly.*
- 2) *To **educate** the public in general and the campus in particular about the true nature of animal research and animal researchers.*
- 3) *To **support** responsible and humane use of animals in biomedical research.*

*The first of these objectives will be the primary function of the group. As legislation is introduced that affects animal research, we need to respond so our representatives know exactly how we, the people, want them to vote. Accordingly, through our newsletter, we will help inform you about legislation and other "happenings" concerning attacks on animal research. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to contact your representatives in Washington D.C. The key to the effectiveness of this organization is you! We need you to write an occasional letter, perhaps talk with a school group and, of course, give a few dollars to cover the cost of printing the newsletter.*

**If you wish to join the Arizona Chapter of CFAAR and want to continue to receive the Newsletter, fill out the application for membership on the back page. Please include a voluntary contribution.**

## **ALF Sends Christmas Greetings**

Several biotechnology companies in northeast and mid-Atlantic states received Christmas cards which appeared to be from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). The cards featured a photograph of a group of people in black hoods holding various animals (including dogs, cats cows and birds) on the front cover and a message inside reading "Peace and Liberation." Handwritten over the message in large red letters was the word "Beware." The cards were unsigned.

The ALF did claim responsibility for another holiday incident, which resulted in the destruction of a mink-processing plant in Oregon just before Christmas. Police investigators have determined that the fire which destroyed the plant was arson, but there is no evidence that it was started by the ALF. In June of last year the ALF claimed responsibility for arson attacks on an Oregon State University mink research farm and a farm food cooperative in Edmonds, Washington.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 1, January 10, 1992)

## **102nd Congress Prepares for Second Session - Stenholm Bill Ready to Move**

When the second session of the 102nd Congress begins on January 22, the Stenholm bill, HR 2407, which provides federal protection to publicly and privately funded research and farm animal facilities, will be considered by the full House Committee on Agriculture. The Stenholm proposal was reported out of subcommittee without additional hearings or changes. At this

point, NABR doesn't know whether the Committee will choose to hold the hearings or not, nor if changes in the text of the bill are likely. The Agriculture Committee favorably reported the legislation in the 101st Congress. Also in the last Congress, the House Judiciary Committee asked to review the Stenholm bill after the Agriculture Committee approved it. Judiciary could again make this request, although Mr Stenholm has already incorporated revisions to alleviate the Committee's potential concerns. With approval of all committees having jurisdiction, HR 2407 would then proceed to the floor of the House for a vote. Currently, a majority of the House, 244 out of 435 members, is cosponsoring Mr Stenholm's bill.

Legislation to protect research facilities receiving Public Health Service funds has already passed the House as part of the NIH reauthorization measure, HR 2507. Senator Howell Heflin's bill, the Animal Welfare Facility Protection Act, S544, was approved by the Senate last fall. Ultimately, both chambers must agree on the same proposal to protect research facilities. This could be accomplished either in the House - Senate conference committee or by both bodies approving the same bill.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 1, January 10, 1992)

## **Animal Rights Group Contaminates Canadian Candy Bars**

A new candy bar designed to help prevent hypothermia in cold weather has been removed from stores in Canada after an animal rights group claimed it injected 87 bars with oven cleaner. A letter dated January 1 was sent to the Canadian Press news agency for a group calling itself the

Animal Rights Militia stating that the Canadian Cold Buster Bar was targeted "because of the decade-and-a-half long history of animal suffering that is this candy's main ingredient." According to a spokesperson for the candy bar's distributor, the bar does not contain any animal products. However, the letter states that Dr Larry Wang, the University of Alberta physiologist who developed the bar "Slaughtered thousand of rats" in 16 years of testing. Dr Wang flatly denied the allegations saying, "Each animal was used actually on a weekly basis for many, many weeks...If you kill animals, how can you do the same experiment?" According to the Canadian Press, there is no previous reference to the Animal Rights Militia in their historical database, but there were a handful of stories about groups using the same name in Britain over the past nine years. The manufacturer of the candy bars halted production and laid off 22 employees after the story broke in January.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 1, January 10, 1992)

## **Federal Court Rules that Rats, Mice and Birds Should Be Covered Under Animal Welfare Act**

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey has told the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) that its decision to exclude rats, mice and birds from coverage under federal animal welfare regulations is arbitrary and capricious and in violation of the law. Richey was persuaded that the Animal Welfare Act gives the Secretary of Agriculture discretion to determine which animals are used for purposes regulated by the Act, but not to exclude animals that clearly are used for those purposes. Not only did Richey find no authority in the Act for their exclusion, he stated that not providing coverage for rats, mice and birds contravened the statutory mandate of assuring humane treatment of laboratory animals.

USDA had argued that the cost of enforcing the Animal Welfare Act for laboratory rodents and

birds would be prohibitive. USDA estimated that extending coverage to these species would double or triple the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service's workload and lead to declined enforcement of the Act for other animals. The court did not agree that significant agency resources would be required to include rats, mice and birds because many regulatory provisions for the protection of animals are self-implemented by regulated industries. In the judge's opinion, exclusion of rats, mice and birds sends a message "that the researchers may subject birds, rats and mice to cruel and inhumane conditions, that such conduct is sanctioned by the government and has no legal consequences."

The federal court ruling of January 8 came in response to a 1990 lawsuit against USDA filed by the Humane Society of the US and the Animal Legal Defense Fund after their petition seeking the addition of rats, mice and birds to the regulatory definition of animals was denied. Judge Richey ordered the case remanded to USDA for reconsideration of that petition. The Department is now deciding whether to appeal the decision.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 1, January 10, 1992)

## **Encyclopedia Britannica Says Dog Article is "Unbalanced"**

After being inundated with hundreds of letters from outraged scientists about the article entitled "Dogs" in the 1991 edition of *The New Encyclopedia Britannica* (see CFAAR Arizona Newsletter, Vol 2, No 1), the publisher "now concedes privately that the entry is 'unbalanced' and has proposed revision for the article for the 1993 edition," according to the front page article in the *Los Angeles Times* on January 23. In a public

statement Britannica said "...The question raised in regard to the article on dogs is being investigated carefully, and will be seriously considered when the article on dogs is updated in our 1993 edition." The author of the article is Michael W Fox, a vice president of the Humane Society of the United States. According to the *Times*, "He says that his statements are factual, and that he may take legal action if they are changed without his consent." In a January 24 Associated Press story, Fox says "The research community wanted me to emphasize the benefits of using animals in biomedical research...The biomedical research establishment is increasingly allergic to any kind of questioning, and I think they have to learn to deal a little more objectively with that allergic reaction." The AP story ends with NABR President Frankie Trull saying "...the development of cardiovascular surgery, especially bypass surgery, was made possible by dogs. She also said much joint replacement surgery was first studied in dogs."

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 2, January 24, 1992)

## **Anonymously (?) Authored Book Urges Violence By Andrew A. Skolnick**

A curious book recently was sent to JAMA (Journal of American Medical Association) by the book's publishers, animal activists Sydney Singer and (his wife) Tanja K. Singer. According to the Singers, the publication of this thin book has made them about as welcome among animal activists as baby seal killers.

The apparent reason for the sudden unpopularity is that their book calls for violent acts against those who abuse or even use animals. In the past, instruction manuals for violent acts against the targets of animal "liberators" have circulated underground. This book appears to be the first such publication to carry a Library of Congress catalog number.

The Singers say this 118-page book contains the words of an anonymous

spokesperson for a group of terrorists who have already launched a secret war to free animals from human domination.

The book, *A Declaration of War: Killing People to Save Animals and the Environment* (Grass Valley, Calif: Patrick Henry Press; 1991), is against virtually all human activities, from farming to home building to driving automobiles, activities that the author alleges kills hundreds of millions of animals every year. Thus like many other animal activists, the "Liberators" organization described in the book is opposed to the use of animals for research, food, work, clothing, pets, or presumably for any other human benefit.

The author, who is identified only by the name "Screaming Wolf," says "the idea of nonviolence as an effective means of gaining freedom for animals is a myth." Therefore the bombing of scientists, the shooting of hunters, the poisoning of meats in the grocery stores, and other nonviolent actions end the suffering of animals are, in the author's view, morally justifiable acts. Because humans will never make peace with animals, a total war of liberation must be waged, Screaming Wolf says.

The Singers say that they have received a computer floppy disk containing the text of the book in their mail on January 18th. They say the author identified himself or herself only as Screaming Wolf and that they have no idea who or where the person is. According to the Singers, the author claims to speak for the Liberators, a splinter group that left the Animal Liberation Front, an animal rights group, because the Front was not violent enough.

Also according to the Singers, after soul searching, they decided to publish the book - along with a disclaimer that they "do not endorse or support any of the illegal terrorist activities described" - and are doing so "for informational purposes only."

A number of other animal activist groups, such as Friends of Animals and the publication *Animals' Agenda*, have accused the Singers of being agents provocateurs who are working for the opposition to discredit the animal liberation movement by publishing what these critics call a "hoax," which they say probably was written by Sydney Singer. These former allies are calling the publication a "publicity stunt" and "fund raising" scheme for the new "religious cult" that Singer has started.

In an article in the October 1991 issue of *Animals' Agenda*, Tom Regan, PhD, professor of philosophy at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, compared the book with historical of what he calls "works of fraudulent provocation," such as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. This infamous antisemitic work, widely circulated by Nazi propagandists, purported to be the summary of a secret Jewish parliament held in Cracow, Poland, around 1840 to launch an international Jewish conspiracy for world conquest.

According to Merritt Clifton, news editor for *Animals' Agenda*, no one who has been dedicated to the animal rights movement would have expressed so much ignorance about the movement as is shown in *A Declaration of War*. He says he is almost certain that Sydney Singer is the author.

Not true say the Singers, who condemn their former allies' public attacks against them as a "witch hunt" aimed at preventing the public from hearing the truth. They point to a statement in one such attack being circulated by Clifton and Priscilla Feral, president of Friends of Animals.

The statement says that "if there actually was a Screaming Wolf, prepared to kill people in the name of animal protection," he or she would be misrepresenting the nonviolent philosophy underlying the common cause, "possibly doing great harm to our positive public image." In reply, Sydney Singer contends such critics are more worried about their image than about people possibly being killed.

Sydney Singer has given himself a doctorate title on behalf of what he says is the

religious organization A.B.A.C.E. (which stands for "All Beings are Created Equal") Visions that he recently founded and of which he is president. Tanja Singer, who is the vice president of A.B.A.C.E. Visions, also runs an animal welfare group called the Good Shepherd Foundation, which she says was started by her aunt in 1949. In 1990, she divorced her first husband, Bill Keogh, an alleged member of the Animal Liberation Front who - until the charges were dropped in May - had been awaiting trial with two others for carrying out a destructive raid of "liberation" on University of Oregon research facilities in 1986.

The Singers say they started Patrick Henry Press this year to publish *A Declaration of War*, along with two books by Sydney Singer on animal rights issues.

According to Screaming Wolf, the Liberators believe humans are the lowest form of life, and that the world would be a much better place without them.

Underlined and in bold print, Screaming Wolf states, "Liberators firmly believe the best thing that can happen to the earth and all of its nonhuman inhabitants is that human societies come to an end with all people. Human caused destruction to the environment and to other creatures would end. The tyranny of humankind would be over. This is a cause for which 'Liberators' would gladly martyr themselves."

Says Screaming Wolf, "We cannot stop vivisection, but we can stop a vivisector. We cannot end hunting, but we can put an end to some hunters. We cannot cripple the fur industry, but can cripple some trappers. We cannot put a halt to cars and trucks disabling animals, but we can disable cars, trucks and roads."

Towards the end, Liberators may mail bomb threats and an occasional bomb to universities. By blowing up scientists, Liberators can turn research centers into armed fortresses and make researchers and

their families live in terror inside and outside their own homes. The morale of scientists will be destroyed. Bright young talent will be deterred from a career in research and the public will grow disgusted about having to pay for police protection for the vivisectionists, says Screaming Wolf.

Others, the author says, may prefer to buy a rifle and a hunting license and go into the woods during hunting season "to bag a 'potbellied beer sucker.'" Lacing meat in grocery stores with cyanide is another suggested activity. the "possible projects are limited only by one's imagination," Screaming Wolf says, adding "Be careful, have fun, feel the goodness of what you are doing, and kick some butt."

In their preface to the book, the Singers claim they almost threw the manuscript in the trash out of fear when they first read it. "However, we concluded that Screaming Wolf's message is too important to simply dismiss...People must know what 'Liberators' believe, and can come to their own conclusions about what it means, how they feel about it, and what they want to do about it."

Also in their preface, the publishers say they expect death threats and lawsuits to follow and are ready to accept the consequences, adding, "In the name of truth and honesty, people must hear the message of the 'Liberators'...If we ignore the manuscript, the public will not know of this threat to its safety. People need to know that 'Liberators' exist."

The Singers claim they do not know why they were selected to receive "this terrifying manuscript," which they say has "turned their lives upside down." However, they say they "feel the public has a right to have this information. After all, if the 'Liberators' continue to carry out their tactics, it may be a matter of life and death."

What if distribution of this call to violence inspires some zealots to injure or kill people? Sydney Singer says that they recognize this danger but believe the risk had to be taken in order to being the Liberators' philosophy before the public.

In Chicago, Jerod M. Loeb, PhD, the American Medical Association's assistant vice

president for science and technology, comments, "Irrespective of just who wrote this call to mayhem and murder and why, it stands as a clear indication of the danger society faces from those who put themselves above the law in their quest to stop biomedical research."

(JAMA, October 23/30, 1991, Vol. 266, No 16.)

## **Mugs of "Murphy"**

Candice Bergen, who portrays the character "Murphy Brown" on the CBS television sitcom of the same name, has been seen toting a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) coffee mug on two recent episodes of the show. Rather than writing letters to the show's producers, NABR thought it would be a good idea to have our members send "Murphy" coffee mugs from your institutions. Since the character is a television journalist on the fictitious news show "FYI," you could attach a post card asking if she would be interested in using the mugs on the air to publicize and enlighten the viewing audience about the important and potentially life-saving biomedical research being conducted around the country. NABR has learned that members of the agricultural community will also be sending mugs to "Murphy."

Your mugs may be sent to:

Candice Bergen, "The Murphy Brown Show",  
c/o CBS Television, 524 West 57th Street,  
New York, NY 10019.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 2, January 24, 1992)

## **More Mugs for "Murphy"**

As previously reported by NABR, Candice Bergen has been totting a PETA mug on recent episodes of the "Murphy Brown" show on CBS. NABR supporters and members of the agriculture community have noticed the mugs and have been sending their own mugs to Bergen. Meanwhile, the PETA Action Line now has a message asking their supporters to send letters of thanks to Bergen for flaunting the PETA mug.

If you would like to send a mug directly to Ms Bergen, rather than CBS, you may reach her at this address:

Candice Bergen, "Murphy Brown", 4000 Warder Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91522

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 3, February 10, 1992)

## **Animal Rights Extremists in Italy Contaminate Milk**

Police in Milan, Italy have reported that an animal rights group claimed responsibility for injecting unidentified blue chemicals into milk cartons in the city's supermarkets. According to a January 11 Associated Press (AP) story, at least three contaminated cartons were found in two stores, and scientists were still analyzing the contents. In a phone call to an Italian news agency, the extremists claimed to be members of the ALF and said the "poisoning" of the milk was done to protest a European Community (EC) directive ordering the destruction of 4000 Italian cows. AP reported that Italian milk production currently exceeds EC quotas, and the directive is designed to reduce production. Radical animal rights activists have been increasingly active in Italy during the past few months, attacking fur farms and university centers, as well as disrupting the opening of the La Scala opera house in Milan by harassing fur wearers.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 2, January 24, 1992)

## **Researchers Want Tougher Laws to Stop Animal Rights Crime**

Recent attempts by animal rights extremists to contaminate Canadian candy bars, Italian milk, and a British soft drink prompted NABR to issue a press statement decrying the illegal acts of animal rights extremists and calling for federal protection of animal research facilities. "To deliberately put people at risk to publicize some sort of message is absolutely unconscionable," NABR President Frankie Trull said in response to the contamination plots. She said that although such incidents had not occurred as yet in the US, researchers here have been subjected to lab break-ins, theft, arson, destruction of property and research records, bomb threats and other harassment by animal activists. "everyone is entitled to their opinion," Trull continued, "but nobody has the right to jeopardize other people's health whether by tampering with products or depriving them of the incredible benefits gained through animal research."

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 3, February 10, 1992)

## **Northwest Airlines Resumes Research Animal Shipments**

Members will be pleased to learn that Northwest Airlines has decided to resume shipment of live animal for biomedical research. After a review of information, including hundreds of letters from the research community, the company's senior management group made the favorable determination. The corporation also renewed its pledge to humanely care for all the animals it transports. Thanks to all who took the time to communicate with Northwest in

response to our request. (CFAAR Arizona Newsletter, Vol 2, No 1)

It is extremely important that we reinforce this positive action taken in the face of anti-research, animal extremist pressure. Please write and thank Northwest for their positive decision.

Letters should go to:

Mr John Dasburg, President, Northwest Airlines, Inc., 5101 Northwest Drive, St Paul, MN 55111.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 3, February 10, 1992)

## **Confusion Over United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and PETA and FARM**

NABR has received several questions about whether the United Way (UW) and/or the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) contribute to PETA and FARM (Farm Animal Reform Movement). In an attempt to clear up any misunderstanding, NABR contacted both funding organizations. First, UW chapters around the country are autonomous organizations which means that each local UW funds different charities in their area. Therefore, you should check with your local UW to verify which organizations it funds. If you would like to donate to the United Way and are concerned about what group will receive your money, you may designate which organizations you would like to receive or not to receive funding from your donation. The confusion with the CFC is as follows. The CFC is a program designed only for federal employees to make donations to various charitable organizations. Employees may designate any of more than one thousand organizations to receive their money or they make an undesignated contribution. Both PETA and FARM are included on the CFC's list of charitable organizations. What this means is that federal employees wishing to donate to either of these groups through the CFC may designate them on their CFC forms. Charities wishing to be included in the CFC can apply at the national or

local level. Local charities apply to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) and national charities apply to the Office of Personnel Management. According to the CFC, the LFCC designates one of the CFC's local charities to administer the CFC for that locality. In many areas, the local UW is the organization that administers the CFC. This seems to be a source of the confusion - while a local UW may administer the CFC and therefore distribute funds to PETA and FARM, it does not necessarily mean that these groups are supported by UW. Undesignated CFC funds are distributed according to the following formula: "82% to the local UW, 7% to the International Services Agencies, 7% to the National Voluntary Health Agencies, and 4% to eligible federations and agencies as determined by the LFCC.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 3, February 10, 1992)

## **ALF Attacks Michigan State University**

The ALF has claimed responsibility for violently trashing a Michigan State University (MSU) mink research program, destroying 30 years of research. On February 28, the group ransacked and then set fire to the office of Dr Richard Aulerich, who heads an animal nutrition research project involving minks. The fire gutted Aulerich's office and damaged several others. They also broke into and vandalized the laboratory where minks are kept by pouring what MSU Public Safety officials appeared to be sulfuric acid over all the lab equipment. The minks' cages were opened but no animals left the compound, and the initials "ALF" were spray painted on the walls of the lab along with the message "Otters are next." Aulerich's research project includes both otters and minks. Fred Poston, dean of

MSU's College of Agriculture, called the incident, "a rather astounding, pointless, terrorist-type of activity." "Here we have a man that's almost dedicated his life to helping animals and what they've done by doing this is destroy that program," Poston said.

Shortly after the attack, PETA issued a news release on behalf of the ALF calling Aulerich's work "scientifically worthless." ALF and PETA want MSU's mink research program shut down because they claim that Aulerich has "...killed thousands of minks in painful experiments..." Dr Aulerich responded incredulously to PETA stating that animals in his program "are not allowed to suffer. In any case where it appears that an animal might experience pain or suffering, the animal is humanely euthanized."

Aulerich also explained that "...current research focuses on the decline of wild mink and otter in the Great Lakes area, apparently as a result of environmental contaminants. These studies involve observation through several generations of mink fed on fish from the Great Lakes." Much of Aulerich's research in the past "focused on the high susceptibility of mink to environmental contaminants such as DDT, PCB's, dioxins, etc. This research has been used by the EPA in establishing water quality standards for PCB's."

The MSU incident marks the third time mink researchers have been attacked by the ALF. Oregon State University, Washing State University and a farm food coop were all ALF targets last year. In an interview with the UPI, PETA's Steve Simmons said, "...continued mink research at MSU could lead to further actions. I would not expect to see an end to this type of activity. I could not predict where the next action might be." According to MSU officials, both the Michigan State Police and the FBI are working on the investigation.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 5, March 3, 1992)

## **Junior Scholastic Magazine Publishes Article on Animal Research**

The February 21, 1992 edition of *Junior Scholastic* offers a balanced article on the use of animals in research. The publication described by one of its associate editors as an educational, current events magazine used by teachers and students in junior high school (grades 6-8) social studies classes nationwide. The magazine's circulation is approximately 730,000. The article, entitled "Animal Rights: Where Would You Draw the Line?," begins with a story of a woman who received a kidney transplant. The author explains that research done by Nobel prize winner Dr Joseph E. Murray using dogs was responsible for the woman's successful transplant. The article discusses PETA's position on animal research and then quotes NABR's executive vice president Barbara Rich and Dr Peter Gerone of Tulane University. Both Rich and Gerone explain why animals are so vital to medical research and why they cannot be completely replaced by alternative methods. After presenting both the research community's view and the animal rights position, the article concludes by asking the reader, "Should animal experiments be limited to medical research? Or done at all? Where would you draw the line?"

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 5 , March 3, 1992)

## **Frank Perdue Gets Hit With Peta Pie**

According to the Associated Press, a woman dressed in a chicken suit shoved a pie in the face of poultry magnate Frank Perdue last week while other animal activists shouted "Cluck

*CFAAR ARIZONA MEMBERS:*

you, Frank Perdue." The incident occurred at the meeting of the University of Maryland Board of Regents, of which Perdue is a member. The chicken-suited woman and 3 other activists from PETA were arrested. AP quoted Perdue as saying, "Idiots are idiots, and that's all." Incidentally, PETA said that animals were not exploited to make a pie, which contained non-dairy cream.

(NABR Update, Vol XIII, No 5 , March 3, 1992)

*Have you written to your legislators to support*

*animal research issues? If you don't, who will?*

*To receive a list of names and addresses of Arizona Congressional Delegates or Arizona state legislators, call Grace at (602)621-1330.*

---

**Coalition For Animals & Animal Research  
1992 Donation Form and Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (Campus, if available)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty ( ) Staff ( ) Student ( ) Other ( )

I have enclosed a contribution of \$10 \$20 \$50 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**A years subscription to CFAAR News is included with your donation.**

Make checks payable to **CFAAR** and return to: **CFAAR, University of Arizona, Bldg 101, Tucson, AZ, 85721**

*We are in the process of applying for tax-exempt status.*