

The Center For Consumer Freedom

California State University Fresno is sponsoring an event on the topic of “Revolutionary Environmentalism.” The February 13-14 conference will showcase radical speakers who advocate arson and violence; some have been convicted of such crimes themselves. Confirmed speakers include:

Paul Watson



“Captain” Paul Watson is to commercial whaling what the Unabomber was to the computer revolution. A co-founder of Greenpeace, Watson was expelled from the group in 1977 when his tactics got too violent for the other charter members.

Watson describes his Sea Shepherd Conservation Society as “[a] self-appointed policing organization given

credibility by the terms of the United Nations Earth Charter.” Armed with this delusion, Watson takes the law into his own hands, making death threats, sinking boats, and destroying whaling stations around the world. To date, Sea Shepherd’s cement-hulled boats, specially designed for ramming, have sunk at least 10 vessels.

The International Whaling Commission rescinded Watson’s “observer” status in 1994, and has publicly denounced Sea Shepherd’s “acts of terrorism.” That same year, the U.S. Fisheries Institute denounced Watson’s tactics as “clear case[s] of piracy.” Watson admits that he carries firearms aboard his ship; crews from Japan, Costa Rica and Norway have reported being fired on by Sea Shepherd activists. His boats fly a skull and crossbones flag.

At present, Watson is wanted by the Costa Rican government in connection with the crime of attempted murder. He is considered *persona non grata* in St. Lucia, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland.

**Video highlights of Watson available.*

Quotes

From remarks delivered at the Animal Rights 2002 conference, Vienna, VA:

“Destruction of property is not violence.”

“There’s nothing wrong with being a terrorist, as long as you win. Then you write the history.”

“If you do not intend to kill anybody, if you make every effort to not kill and injure anybody, that’s all you really can do. You can’t stop somebody from walking into a situation, and we really can’t be too overly preoccupied with this.”

“Animal Liberation Front tactics are going to continue. There’s not a damned thing you can do about it, you’re not going to stop it. So you might as well incorporate it into the movement.”

“We should never feel like we’re going too far in breaking the law.”

Rodney Coronado



Rodney Adam Coronado is a long-time ringleader of the Animal Liberation Front, a criminal enterprise that the FBI classifies as America's most dangerous domestic terrorism threat. He was sentenced in 1995 to 57 months in federal prison, for the 1992 arson of a Michigan State University research laboratory. In a

November 30, 2002 speech, Coronado openly confessed to at least six other arsons, all of them part of a crime spree known as "Operation Bite Back."

Coronado's sentencing documents reveal that he was in communication with PETA co-founder and president Ingrid Newkirk during the days leading up to the Michigan State arson. According to the U.S. Attorney, Newkirk arranged for Coronado to send her incriminating materials both before and after the crime. During the time when the FBI was most intensely investigating Coronado, PETA gave him over \$70,000 in "grants" from its tax-exempt coffers.

Coronado has been associated with criminal animal-rights organizations since at least 1984, when he joined the Sea Shepard Conservation Society under the direction of Paul Watson. In November 1986, Coronado and David Hewitt sabotaged a whaling station and sunk two whaling ships in Reykjavik, Iceland. Since that time, he has shown a tendency to flee jurisdictions where warrants were issued for his arrest. He fled Vancouver in 1987, later jumped bail following another arrest in Canada, and went on the run in 1993, hiding on an Indian reservation while the FBI searched for him for nearly two years.

Despite his self-description as a "former" Animal Liberation Front activist, Coronado remains active in the animal rights criminal culture, currently fronting for a violent group called SHAC (see www.ActivistCash.com for additional info). In a classroom on the campus of DC's American University in January 2003, Coronado demonstrated for a crowd of college radicals the "correct" way to build a firebomb out of household materials.

**Video highlights of Coronado are available.*

Quotes

"You know, those people – I think they should appreciate that we're only targeting their property. Because frankly I think it's time to start targeting them."

January 26, 2003, at American University, Washington, DC

"Every time a police agency pepper-sprays... their cars should burn."

January 26, 2003, at American University, Washington, DC

"A lot of people think that – Oh my god, that's going too far, you know. People can support bringing animals out of labs, but they can't support arson. Well, I'm sorry. I'm not here to please people."

November 30, 2002, speech at a SHAC rally in Edison, NJ

"Crimes of compassion that every animal advocate should support."

Coronado's description of two 1991 arsons at Oregon State University and the Northwest Farm Food Cooperative in Edmonds, Washington – as described in his federal sentencing memorandum

Craig Rosebraugh



Craig Rosebraugh stepped down from his post as “press officer” with the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) in September 2001, after a three-year stint as ELF’s primary public face. A self-described “green anarchist” whose only visible means of support is a job in a vegan bakery, Rosebraugh recently completed his Masters degree with a thesis entitled “Rethinking Nonviolence: Arguing for the Legitimacy of Armed Struggle.”

Rosebraugh claims to have never participated in the crimes for which the ELF issues claims of responsibility, but law enforcement officers and prosecutors aren’t so sure. Search warrants have been issued on more than one occasion for the apartment that he shares with James Leslie Pickering (who took over as ELF “spokesman” when Rosebraugh was subpoenaed and is also attending the conference). And Rosebraugh has been hauled before numerous Grand Juries, usually refusing to answer questions related to what he knows about the eco-terrorists in his circle of friends.

In February 2002 Rosebraugh appeared before a Congressional subcommittee hearing on eco-terror issues. Predictably, he invoked the Fifth Amendment over 50 times, refusing even to acknowledge his name or citizenship. Outside the hearing room, however, Rosebraugh had submitted a rambling written statement to Congress, in which he openly hoped that more criminal groups like the ELF, “using similar tactics and strategies,” would “be established to directly focus on... the U.S. government itself.”

Quotes

“In light of the events on September 11, my country has told me that I should not cooperate with terrorists. I therefore am refusing to cooperate with members of Congress who are some of the most extreme terrorists in history.”

from a November 2001 statement following Rosebraugh’s subpoena to testify before a Congressional subcommittee on eco-terrorism

“Individuals in the ELF want to see results. They want to pick up where the law is leaving off.”

from a Los Angeles Times interview, April 25, 2000

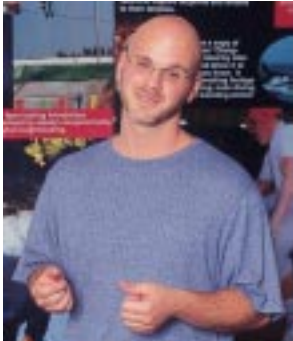
“We encourage others to find a local Earth raper and make them pay for the damages they are inflicting on our communities... Furriers, meat packers, bosses, developers, rich industry leaders are all Earth rapers... We must inflict economic sabotage on all Earth rapers.”

from an ELF/Rosebraugh statement in August 1999

“The best response to Grand Juries is to ignore them and refuse to cooperate with them completely. They will be unable to function if no one is cooperating and with enough public outcry they will disappear. It will result in many people being locked up, but our souls and minds will remain free.”

from commentary in a 1997 newsletter of Rosebraugh’s organization, the “Liberation Collective”

Gary Yourofsky



Gary Yourofsky is the latest in a long string of violence promoters to be employed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. PETA hired Yourofsky in 2002 as a “humane education lecturer,” with the expressed goal of putting him in front of college, high-school, and even middle-school audiences. This despite the fact that

Yourofsky has been arrested over a dozen times for animal-rights crimes, and was sentenced in 1999 to six months in a Canadian maximum-security prison for a felony raid on a fur farm.

Yourofsky proudly sports an Animal Liberation Front tattoo on his arm (he tends to wear long sleeves for photo-ops). Before getting “the call” from PETA’s Ingrid Newkirk, he ran his own animal rights group on a shoestring budget.

Quotes

“Do not be afraid to condone arson.”

*from a letter to supporters,
quoted in a June 2001 interview
printed in the Toledo Blade*

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

Yourofsky, talking to syndicated columnist Jack Lessenberry in 2001

“What we must do is start viewing every cow, pig, chicken, monkey, rabbit, mouse, and pigeon as our family members.”

*from a June 2001 interview
printed in the Toledo Blade*

“Convicted felon Yourofsky is on record threatening to kill me, my family, [and] hunters in general.”

*Noted hunting advocate Ted Nugent,
writing to members of United Sports-
men of America on April 20, 2001*
