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**Luke A. Dommer** was the founder of the Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting. He was its president from 1976 until his passing in August 1992. Mr. Dommer's research and publications served as the foundation for the anti-hunting movement. He remains, through this organization, an invaluable and dedicated warrior in the battle to save wild animals, the environment, and general public from the silent economy that encourages and preys on the passion of a few to kill the wildlife that belongs to all.

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## WILDLIFE WATCHING National Shift Pales Hunting Economy

BY PETER MULLER

In the past decade, a dramatic shift has taken place with respect to how Americans engage in the recreational enjoyment of wildlife. State agencies have maintained that their mission statement requires them to provide for the recreational enjoyment of wildlife -- and that mandates them to provide hunting opportunities. Traditionally, "recreational enjoyment of wildlife" has meant hunting, and that was the interpretation given it under law.

The economic and moral shift that has occurred has given new meaning to the term "recreational enjoyment of wildlife." It requires a new interpretation of such legal mandates and a re-examination of the commercial opportunities that are provided by the recreational enjoyment of wildlife.

The shift has seen wildlife watching as a recreational activity far outstrip hunting in the number of participants, population percentages of participants, and in the amount of money spent on the activity.

We would expect the government agencies that are charged with providing opportunities for the recreational enjoyment of wildlife to develop programs to accommodate this numerically larger population whose purchases far exceed those of hunters. But, perhaps even more importantly, we would expect alert businesses to shift their attention from accommodating hunters to capturing this exciting new market of wildlife watching -- especially since the two markets often make irrec-

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## THE TURKEY VULTURES OF NEW PALTZ, NY

People come from miles away to view the turkey vultures who've chosen New Paltz, NY as their home. They bring cameras, binoculars, and children. They stop their cars and look up in awe. The birds seem just as interested in the people. **Erin Quinn**, a reporter for the *New Paltz Times* has made them famous. She concluded her fascinating article this way: *Next time you happen to be driving or cycling or walking up Henry W. Dubois, take a moment and look up, way up, to catch a glimpse of our beguiling buzzards, stretching their wings towards the sun.*



# NATIONAL SHIFT

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oncilable demands on resources. **It won't be long before the wildlife watching programs will come into conflict with the more poorly funded hunter programs that cater to only a fraction of the population. Both programs in most places can not be accommodated simultaneously.**

Wildlife watching trends are significant nationwide but they are especially noteworthy in the States of New York, Florida and California.

The statistics cited below are all from the "2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation." This survey is published every five years by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

(When we're using population figures in this discussion we are using residents 16 years and over).

Here are the basic numbers nationwide:

⊗ **HUNTERS:**

- there were 13 million hunters in the United States in 2001
- they constituted 6.12% of the population
- they spent \$20.6 billion in hunting related expenditures

⊗ **WILDLIFE WATCHING**

- there were 66.1 million participants in wildlife-watching in the United States in 2001
- they constituted 31.14% of the population
- they spent a total of \$38.4 billion in wildlife-watching related expenditures

For New York State these numbers are:

⊗ **HUNTERS**

- there were 642,000 hunters in New York State in 2001
- that constitutes 4.52% of the population (even though some were from out of state)
- they spent a total of \$ 822.2 million in hunting related expenditures

⊗ **WILDLIFE WATCHING**

- there were 3.887 million participants in wildlife-watching in New York State in 2001
- that is the equivalent of 27.37% of the population (even though some were from out of state)
- they spent a total of \$1.407 billion in wildlife-watching related expenditures

Certainly the nationwide expenditure of \$38.4 billion for wildlife-watching related activity makes wildlife watching a major industry. If wildlife-watching were a business it would be in the same league in terms of annual sales as Pfizer (40.36 billion), Time-Warner (38.08 billion), or Prudential Insurance (38.22 billion). Wildlife watching is a major economic player which is currently under-reported and underrated. It is a veritable busi-

ness boom waiting to be discovered.

Inn keepers and resort owners should take note that a considerable portion of the expenditures are for food and lodging!

Nationwide hunters annually spend \$2.45 billion on food (includes beer) and lodging in connection with hunting related activities; Wildlife watchers, however, spend \$4.82 billion a year on food (with more diverse drinks) and lodging in connection wildlife watching related activities. It is amazing considering that wildlife watching is not yet institutionalized!

Each year in New York State hunters annually spend \$82.4 million on food and lodging in connection with hunting related activities. Yet, wildlife-watchers annually spend \$124.4 million on food and lodging in connection with wildlife-watching related activities in New York State.

The report shows that wildlife watchers are better educated, more affluent and travel with family members more than hunters.

USFWS statistics cited in the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation:

On average, hunters have no education beyond high-school; the median wildlife-watcher has 1 to 3 years of college. Seven percent of people with a family income of over \$100,000 per year hunt, but 40% of those with a family income exceeding \$100,000 engaged in wildlife watching. While only 9% of hunters are female – about 50% of wildlife watchers are female (54% of state-residents and 48% of out of state wildlife watchers are female).

**New York State ranks third in the country among states in spending on watching wildlife.**

The three states receiving the greatest expenditure by wildlife watchers are:

1. California -\$2,580,875,000
2. Florida -\$1,575,481,000
3. New York -\$1,407,193,000

It's important to realize that this has happened with little or no pro-active effort on the part of the inn-keepers and resort owners to attract wildlife watchers. On the contrary, by permitting and even encouraging hunters to come into areas when wildlife watching could be at its peak — in the fall and during bird-migrations — wildlife watchers are being sent a message to stay away.

We propose a pro-active campaign for communities and businesses where there is a natural wildlife resource to promote wildlife watching opportunities in their areas.

Wildlife watchers are not a destructive force, they pose no risk to others or surrounding houses. They prefer to be as unobtrusive as possible. If resorts set up platforms, tree stands, and blinds, it would bring many eco-tourists to remote areas such as the Catskills region of New York State where the local economy has been devastated since the 1960s. Certainly, promoting wildlife

watching as a tourist attraction is sociologically as well as economically preferable to introducing casinos.



Photo from Everglades National Park



Photo from Everglades National Park Chickee

The conversion of some of the old resorts to accommodate wildlife watchers can be achieved for a relatively modest investment. It would also benefit the resort to invest in the construction of living platforms over water, for example chickees. See <http://www.nps.gov/ever/visit/sitetype.htm>, and boardwalks over wetland areas, as is currently done in the Everglades in Flamingo, Florida.

This should all be done in consultation with experts. Wildlife watching will provide lucrative financial returns. This is a major industrial development waiting to happen. It is a win-win-win situation for the resort-operators, the wildlife watchers – and the wildlife.

**Please contact us at [wildwatch@verizon.net](mailto:wildwatch@verizon.net) to become involved in this multi-faceted thrust to a brighter future for all.**

Hunter websites, like Cabelas, offer products that can be used by wildlife watchers to enhance their experience. Should wildlife management agencies begin to focus on watching, you can imagine the increase in business for products such as the one at right that sells for only \$13.



The catalog describes it this way: *"The comfortable behind-the-ear Woodland Whisper has five settings for up to 98db amplification with a decibel-limiting feature that won't amplify loud noises, so you can hear the faintest sounds in the woods."*

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**Peter Muller** is the Vice President of Wildlife Watch.

He has been actively engaged in researching and writing about wildlife and environmental issues for over ten years. He serves as President of League of Humane Voters USA, a lobbying and electioneering PAC.

## WHAT WE WILL BE UP TO...

### WATCHING THE CROWS OF AUBURN, NY

**Rita Sarnacola** of CROW (Citizens Respectful of Wildlife) in Auburn, NY, has been working on ways to wake up the town to the economic potential of wildlife watching. A local bar has been having "crow shoots." Rita and Wildlife Watch would like to see Auburn become the "Crow Capital of the U.S." Wildlife Watch will soon be doing a presentation in Auburn to discuss the potential of wildlife watching, proposing a strategy for setting up for viewing these sociable, intelligent and playful birds. We will emphasize the positive economic impact that crow watching will have on Auburn.



Photo from <http://www.crows.net/help.htm>  
Have some cornchips!

## A CASE OF THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

Thank you to **Vernon Weir** for letting us know about an article in the Nevada Dept. of Wildlife, *Wildlife Almanac*, Fall-Winter, 2004 issue. Obviously, they are trying to cash in on hunting and the special needs person.

It shows a father standing in back of his (get this) blind son who is holding a rifle and trying to aim! The father is saying he wants his son to "harvest an animal" with "one shot." The son describes himself as being "pretty adventurous I guess, I like to try new things." Yikes! Blind Youth hunting!!!! And it's legal, folks!!!!

He says he has done bird hunting and been successful at it [that's because the spray is wide, so if you're pointing in the general direction, you can't miss hitting something, part of the problem is what that something is], he realizes that shotguns put out a pattern of shot so it's easier to hit a "target" and a rifle has only one projectile but he considers it more of a challenge. The point of all of this, according to the son is that ... "you can have as much fun as anyone else, you can do what you want."

Of course, there's the problem of walking on uneven ground with plenty of obstacles while hunting he points out. That is very difficult. But he and his father work together at finding their way. His father said that after dark his son guides him.

It's sad that the wildlife and houses within bullet range have to be subjected to this. This is truly a case of the blind leading the blind.

## HUNTING IS UNSAFE – LAWS NEEDED

One of our Iowa members has done a great deal of research on hunters trespassing onto property without permission, shooting without permission, wearing white camouflage so landowners don't know where they're located, using motorized vehicles to assist in their hunt, parking in the traveled part of the road and sometimes smack in the middle of the road!

Please contact C.A.S.H. and we will be happy to put you in touch with our member if you would like to work in Iowa on the following legislation:

- Outlawing the wearing of white camouflage while carrying firearms
- Requiring hunters to wear blaze orange during ALL kinds of hunting.
- Outlaw hunting with any firearm that shoots over 1/2 mile
- Giving the public a right to know that armed hazards are around when hunters carry weapons that shoot over .5 mile (many firearms can be lethal at 2 miles).
- Requiring hunters to carry signed permission from landowners and residents with high penalties for forged papers.
- Laws that treat hunters' shooting onto private property without permission similar to a "drive-by shooting," which is a felony.

**THE 16 REMAINING WATER WORKS DEER HAVE A NEW HOME!**

For those who don't recall the article about the plight of the Minneapolis Waterworks Deer, written by Laura Hutchinson and Kelly Faris of the Coalition to Save Our Deer, please see the Spring 2004 issue of the C.A.S.H. Courier at <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2004-sp-bow.html>

Briefly, Laura wrote that for decades deer had roamed the property where the 78-acre Minneapolis Waterworks-Columbia Heights facility now stands. At one time, the property was a dense forest known as Peck's woods. However, as the first-ring Minneapolis suburb of Columbia Heights grew the area became more urbanized. Though the Waterworks property eventually became fenced-off, the gates remained open allowing the deer and other wildlife to freely come and go. It wasn't until the events of September 11, 2001 that the Waterworks gates were locked, causing 14 deer to become trapped inside. For the past several years, this herd has been fenced inside the area with no means of escape and allowed to multiply.

Over the years, watching the Waterworks deer had been a source of pleasure for the residents who live around the facility, which is today completely surrounded by homes, a senior housing complex and an elementary school. These residents had enjoyed feeding the deer and getting to know their different personalities. The deer, meanwhile, had become tamer as they came to trust the residents. On December 31, 2003 that trust was betrayed when a group of 11 bow hunters and their field-dressing entourage were allowed to enter the Waterworks facility and shatter this peaceful neighborhood.



*Photos by Laura Hutchinson*  
The plaque reads: *In Memory of the MWW Deer, December 31, 2003*

From the time the neighborhood residents heard about the plan to bow-hunt the deer, the community had been fighting for the transfer of the deer to Lee Greeley's Minnesota Wildlife Connection Center.

C.A.S.H. doesn't often hear success stories in these instances, but we were happy to learn on February 10, 2005 that the remaining deer were successfully transferred! Aside from the community activists, two special

people made it possible: **Gary Tanks**, whose roundup techniques and custom designed van made safe transportation possible; and **Lee Greenly**, whose Minnesota preserve provides a safe haven for the deer.

The following account of the transfer, which can serve as a model for other communities, was written by *Elaine Fealy who describes herself as the "gramma who lived across from the Waterworks Deer and loved them."*

On February 2, 2005, the 16 deer who had not been killed by bow-hunters were transported safely out of the water works facility located in Columbia Heights to Lee Greenly's Minnesota Wildlife Connection in Sandstone, MN. It was a relatively quick and safe transport. The DNR, the Humane Society of Golden Valley, the Mpls. Water Works and other "officials" who stated with confidence that deer could not be safely and humanely transported WERE shown to be DEAD WRONG! They had filled our newspapers and task force meetings with horror stories of high mortality rates, traumatized deer with broken legs, punctured by each others' racks, and a prediction of the deer dying within a week after arriving at their new destination. Obviously, they never learned the secret of transporting deer safely and humanely, and never bothered to try. I have heard they really did not want the deer to be successfully transported because they would lose their excuse for killing more deer.

Those three naysaying entities observed the process. **There were no fatalities and no injuries, and the deer are now free and safe.**

Elaine wrote on 2/10/05:

I am in Hinckley, Mn. just nine miles from the deer. Yesterday I spent three hours visiting them. Lee Greenly took me out on his all terrain vehicle and we circled the entire area that our deer are in. It's clear that our deer



are well-fed, happy and running free. They have been viewed a great deal since they arrived at their new home. A couple of days ago, some folks from Texas came up to see our beautiful deer. They had heard about them on the radio while riding in their vehicle.

They have a favorite hill now and they have two or three natural, spring fed ponds and a large area to roam and chow down.

When they decide to run, they are not running for their lives, or running because a truck is chasing them....they are running free with lots of room to do it in.

Bob is still King. He stood atop a ridge and looked at me and my camera as if to say; "Tell those folks who helped us that we are free and safe and happy now, and we thank them for all they did for us." As I looked over our deer, I realized once again how many "trophy" deer we have in that collection. Folks visiting for the first time are also amazed.

There are huge stacks of hay available to the deer whenever they choose. They are fed supplemental, enriched and healthy food on a regular basis to maintain their health. They are safe from predators and have become accustomed to that mystical, awesome and haunting howl of the wolves who are also residents of the preserve.

Gary Tank and Lee Greenly brought us out of the dark ages. Killing is not the only or even the best solution for deer.

**Gary Tank —Did the amazing roundup and transport. He can be reached for future projects at: 218-746-3900—Cell # 218-851-2093. His email is [mrdeer@brainerd.net](mailto:mrdeer@brainerd.net).**

**Lee Greenly can be contacted at: 320-245-2017, The Minnesota Wildlife Connection, 1894 Old Military Rd. Sandstone, MN 55072. His email is: [mnwildlife@pinenet.com](mailto:mnwildlife@pinenet.com).**

**If you helped in this successful venture...be proud! If you tried to stop us from accomplishing our goal, learn from your mistakes and open your minds and hearts to a new way. If you have been entrusted with protecting our natural resources or preventing cruelty to animals, then do the job we pay you to do.**

The citizens, with the help of Rep. Barbara Goodwin caused the DNR to turn authority over these deer to the Animal Board of Health. Now certain laws need to change so there is no longer conflict with the old laws that would have prevented this move.

**Hooray for Rep. Barbara Goodwin! Her Bills will make it possible to assure that the deer can live out their lives in peace at no cost to any taxpayer.**



The deer will be permanently out of the water works and they can concentrate on security. Please support Rep. Goodwin's Bills—H.F. 421 allows for exhibition of deer "for public benefit" and H.F. 457 allows for transportation of deer.

**BREAKING NEWS:**

**Elaine wrote on March 6:**

Barb Goodwin just called me. She asked me to send an e-mail to all you guys. Send it to everyone you know. She has been working

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By ELAINE FEALY

Certain appropriate articles of high importance will also be included in the Wildlife Watch Binocular. We ask our readers to understand that the Courier and Binocular, while they will be packaged together for a time for our C.A.S.H. supporters, are distributed separately to different locations and lists. The Binocular will never be a total duplicate, however.

**NJ WILDLIFE REHABBERS NEED YOUR HELP -**



**If you live in NJ, pleased support Senate Bill S2325 Sponsored by NJ State Senator Ellen Karcher**

The Associated Humane Society of NJ has initiated this Bill along with **Sen. Ellen Karcher**. Please show your support by writing letters of support to Sen. Ellen Karcher, 400 West Main St. 3rd Floor, Freehold, NJ 07728

S 2325 establishes a New Jersey Wildlife Rehabilitation Licensing Study Commission, to study, evaluate and develop recommendations for implementing the most effective means to increase and maintain the number of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in a manner that will **provide responsible wildlife services** to all areas of the State.

Wildlife rehabilitators are volunteers that care for orphaned and injured wildlife until they can be released back to nature. While licensed by State of NJ, they receive no payment/fees for their services, and absorb the costs of transportation, caging, specialized diets and veterinary care out of their personal finances, with occasional donations and grants.

Currently, there are not enough wildlife rehabilitators to serve the needs of NJ's Wildlife and/or to provide humane alternatives for residents that are dealing with disabled and injured animals.

- In 2002, there were 94 rehabbers, handling over 18,300 animals and 46,000 phone calls.
- In 2004, there were 52 rehab licenses issued, yet the numbers of calls for help with Wildlife have increased.
- Increasing the number of responsible rehabilitators means more no cost to taxpayers care for the injured and/or disabled wild animals that are found by the public. **Thank you for your support.**

For more information contact: *Save Wildlife Rehabilitators, 71 Lincoln Avenue, Neptune City, NJ 07753 and see the C.A.S.H. website for the full petition. [www.all-creatures.org/cash](http://www.all-creatures.org/cash)*

**DESECRATION OF COYOTES BY STEWED PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DESECRATE ENOUGH DEER**

Hopefully the first annual "Howlin' Hills Coyote Hunt" offering prizes for killing the smallest coyote, is the last hunt. Donald Felion, hunt organizer said, "We don't have any deer to shoot, so let's shoot coyotes. This is to get people out to do something after deer season, instead of sitting around and chewing the state out" [for not producing enough deer as targets for them. For some idea of effect of this horrendous practice see: <http://mainecoyote.com/coyotedeerkill.html> and <http://clubcoyote.org/>



*From coyote hunting Internet website*

# DEER

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with the Deputy Attorney General's office and some others and —. *As of April 1st, Lee Greenly can have pictures taken of our deer and be paid for it, they can have babies (propagate) and they will be totally under the control of The Board of Animal Health. As of April 1st, the DNR will no longer have ANY control over those deer.*

She also said to tell you **there is no longer any need to pass legislation...**we have won!.. She is still in session at the Capitol, but she wanted you to know right away.

Elaine said that, unbelievably, in its permit (granted only under extreme political pressure) to allow the deer to go to Lee Greenly's center, the DNR inserted restrictive language prohibiting the deer from being photographed at the preserve.

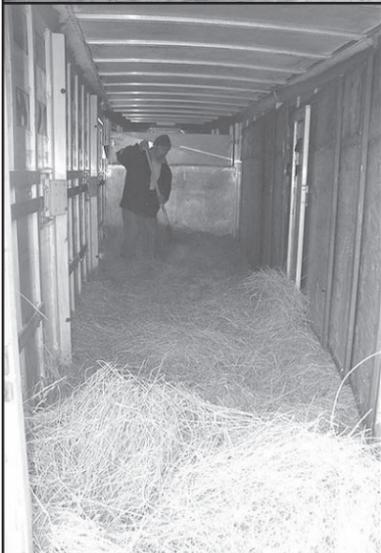
Photographing the deer would make it possible for the deer to provide an income for their own food and upkeep. Our deer would be displayed in Sports magazines, videos, perhaps movies. As citizens concerned for the deer we would rather see the deer in popular magazines than to follow the blood trails through the water works woods to a massive pool of blood where that poor creature died. That is what happened on December 31, 2003. We would rather proudly show our children pictures of our beautiful deer in a magazine than to try to explain why they had to die and

where all the blood came from." Although the nightmare is over, Elaine wants people to know the true story of the Minneapolis Water Works deer. She writes: As an animal person, you might like to read it so you understand the nature of the DNR and the other agencies and organizations who wanted the deer to die. I have lived directly across the street from these deer for 49 years and my father before me. Most people don't know what we put up with after 9-11-2001 when the deer were locked inside and the cruelties committed by those charged with protecting them.

Certain articles that cannot be printed in their entirety in the hard copy of the C.A.S.H. Courier can be read completely online. To read the full text of this important article by Elaine Fealy, please go to the C.A.S.H. website: [www.all-creatures.org/cash](http://www.all-creatures.org/cash) and link to the Courier. At some point in the future, we will ask that you sign up; we hope that you will take the time to do so. Our website will have information, updates, petitions, that will not appear in the printed issues of the Courier.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PHOTOS OF THE CAPTURE.

Photos by Gary Tank, printed with permission.



Below - Finally at Lee Greenly's place: a photo of the deer running free at last!

Photo by Elaine Fealy, printed with permission



Photo by Anne Muller

Lauren Alpert, a SUNY New Paltz Anthropology major, works in the C.A.S.H. office. She's having a happy moment. I guess it's the way I said, "vegan cheez, please."

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO . . .

Ulster County Sportsmen Want Taxpayers Money! Wildlife Watch/C.A.S.H. and local activists speak against county funding for the local Sportsman's Association.

Unbeknownst to almost all county taxpayers, the Ulster County Sportsmen's Club, a private club, had been getting thousands of dollars of funding from the county over the years. Thanks to the heads-up from newly elected Ulster County Legislator, Brian Shapiro, this outrage has been uncovered. Wildlife Watch obtained the full County Budget and discovered that the funds were being allocated in spite of the fact that libraries, social services, and some children's programs were being cut outright from the budget. It was outrageous.

Thanks to certain new, strong legislators (Hector Rodriguez, Susan Zimet, Brian Shapiro, and others) who were appalled by the fact that social services were being cut for this, we believe that this may be the last year that the sportsmen will be able to get away this "theft." Clearly, political friends are what counts. All of our friends voted to either eliminate or control this funding, and all of their friends voted to give them free reign. This balance has got to change.

Anne Muller of Wildlife Watch presented the following at the legislature:

We ask the legislature to consider that sadly the Ulster Literacy Association has been cut to \$2,000. The Catskill Ballet Theater Co., certain historical societies, the Unison Arts and Learning Center have all been cut to \$500. The Daniel Pierce Library, the Town of Crawford Free Library, the Workers Rights Law Center, are all getting ZERO this year from Ulster County.



Anne Muller speaking at the legislature

So, it's most childish and ungrateful of the hunters to cry about restrictions on the outrageous amount of \$7,000 that they ARE getting.

Let's take a look at just what these other "Outside agencies" are to the County. We know that libraries educate our children so that they can have better lives in the future; the arts provide spiritual uplift and allow us to see beyond ourselves; social services offer good work for members of the community by giving food, shelter and clothing to those who need it; but what in the world are the hunters doing for the county that they should be given \$7,000 of our taxes?

You don't have to be an animal rights activist to be outraged by this. You simply have to be a social service recipient or employee; you have to be a parent who wants your child to have library access, or a child who wants to use the library; or a librarian who wants to help the community, you simply have to be a cultural center employee who wants to offer something joyful to the community, or an artist who wants his or her works displayed to the public. How must those who depend on literacy programs feel to see money that could have gone to them go to the raising of pheasants and rabbits for pleasure killing by a few hunters.

We urge that this allocation of \$7,000 not be repeated in the future. That the grand total of zero be the future reward of the hunters, that restrictions be presently placed on the money with regard to breeding animals for killing as is the prerogative of this legislature.

A member of our organization, Wildlife Watch, asked that I suggest that the \$7,000 be used to buy bird food. She said the birds are hungry.



Photo by Anne Muller

Demonstration by Ulster County residents outside of the Ulster County Legislature prior to the vote. Andy Glick and Roni Shapiro.

## ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTER HARASSMENT LAW ON PRIVATE PROPERTY NEGATES FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

### “HOME INVASION” AS A LEGAL STRATEGY FOR COUNTERING AND OVERTURNING THE ILLEGAL LAW

BY JAN HAAGENSEN, ESQ.

[Editor's Note: Ms. Haagensen is herself a victim of this aberrant law whose enforcement is being conducted by hunting zealots. Horror stories of game agents and police that have no apparent accountability and have lost all control against the non-hunting citizen are increasingly coming to our attention.]

When I say that First Amendment law is clear, and is in my favor, this is what I mean: “Speech, however unpopular with the government, is entitled to the broadest possible constitutional protection.” Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (“Fire”, Commentary on *Saxe v. State College Area School District* F.3d, 2001 WL 123852. *Cohen v. California*, 91 S.Ct. 1780 (1971), perhaps the most classic of opinions in this context, stands for the proposition that listeners’ fear or “apprehension of disturbance” is never enough to overcome the right to freedom of speech. Given the language used in the citations brought against me, and given even hostile witness testimony on this subject, it is plain that I was charged with a criminal offense only on the basis of speech; i.e., what I said to the hunters. All witnesses were explicitly asked when they were on the stand if I ever physically threatened or obstructed them. Their answer was always in the negative. I was never accused of any physical contact with the hunters whom I told to get off my property. (Abersold’s case was the only exception to this; his allegations were so ridiculous (“She beat me with beer bottles!”) that I was immediately acquitted in the Court of Common Pleas.)

As stated in *Texas v. Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397, 414 (1989), “If there is a bedrock principle underlying the *First Amendment*, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea offensive or disagreeable. “And as FIRE’s commentary on *Saxe* emphasizes, there is a great divide between physical harassment and speech that because of its unpopularity is deemed harassment by a hostile group of listeners.

*Saxe*, which deals with the constitutionality of a public school district’s “anti-harassment” policy, is highly relevant in this context. **The Court unambiguously rules that “there is no categorical ‘harassment exception’ to the First Amendment’s free speech clause.” *Saxe*, p.2. There is thus no question that the free speech clause protects a wide variety of speech that listeners may consider deeply offensive. *Brandenburg v. Ohio*, 395 U.S. 444 (1969); *Cohen*.**

Any viewpoint-based restriction on speech is subject to the most exacting First Amendment scrutiny. *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, 505 U.S. 377 (1992). “Loosely-worded anti harassment laws” said the Court in *Saxe*, may pose problems: “they may regulate...potentially disruptive categories of speech based, at least in part on subject matter and viewpoint.” *Saxe*, at 4. Anti-harassment law may not, said the Court, be applied to prohibit speech on the basis of its expressive content. Concern for the effect of the subject matter on listeners is “the essence of content-based regulations.” *Saxe*, at 5.

In *Saxe*, “as the Court made clear, the anti-harassment speech policy at issue...crossed any conceivable constitutional line. The code, the Court rules, was invalid ‘on its face’ because of its over-breadth—that is to say, because it outlawed the utterance of a vast range of protected speech.” FIRE, at p.4. (Emphasis supplied.) This is precisely what the hunter harassment statute seeks to accomplish, through its attack on any form of speech addressed to hunters.

Harassment laws “are not constitutional when what they actually do is prohibit speech seen as offensive by those who disagree with or are annoyed by it.” FIRE, at p.4. Furthermore, “...the claim that the government has the power to curtail speech when it is likely to produce ‘a specific and significant fear of disruption’ cannot justify the banning of offensive speech in a free society that is protected by the First Amendment.” *Ibid*.

Harassment law cannot be used to silence speech. Pure speech can never be legitimately suppressed under the guise of prohibiting conduct. *Amalgamated Food Employees Union v. Logan Valley Plaza, Inc.*, 88 S. Ct. 1601( ). The listeners’ reaction to speech does not control the possible scope of First Amendment activity. *Paulson v. City of Nassau*, 925 F.2d 65 (2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 1991); *Cohen*.

Thus the Supreme Court has determined that statutory language prohibiting acts such as interference or harassment encompasses verbal as well as physical conduct. Consequently the right of the government to prohibit such communicative expression is circumscribed by the First Amendment. See *Houston v. Hill*, 107 S.Ct. 2502 (1987); *Perry Educ. Ass’n v. Perry Local Educ. Ass’n*, 103 S. Ct. 948 (1983); *Hill v. Colorado*, 120 S.Ct. 2480 (2000).

Any attempt to narrow the application of the statute must exclude verbal protests from the proscription against harassment. If a court reads into the statute a narrowing definition, that definition must exclude the statute’s applicability to persons engaging in First Amendment activity.

The Common Pleas judge who was first in control of the case (see enclosed opinion

of J. Craig Cox) in responding to our facial challenge to the statute ruled that 18 Pa.C.S.A. &2709 (a) defines the offense of harassment “in a manner to protect free speech and that can be used to determine the meaning of the word ‘harasses’ in the statute in question. “Section 2709 (a) makes it a criminal offense when a person with intent to harass another subjects another person to unwelcome physical contact, follows a person in or about a public place, or behaves repeatedly in a manner which seriously alarms or annoys another person and that serves no legitimate purpose. Cox tried to make this definition of harassment the law of the case.

I was never charged, in the hunter harassment cases, with any such form of offensive behavior. I was, as previously noted, charged with the crime of making verbal protests to hunters. (Section 2709 was used as a charged in the cases in which I informed a husband-and-wife team of hunters that they could not fire high-powered rifles from where they stood on the side of a public road. This is a crime under Pennsylvania law. Using 2709 to charge me with the “following in a public place” is asinine. I don’t think even a redneck court can make this stick”.

Also, in *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network of Western New York, et al.*, 117 S.Ct. 855 (1997), the Court held that creation of “floating buffer zones” to prevent demonstrators from communicating a message from a normal conversational distance (separating speaker from intended audience) was an unconstitutional infringement on rights of free speech, and as such not subject to any limiting construction.

Finally, “...the First Amendment does not disappear merely because those who seek to suppress free speech disguise the true nature of their handiwork by calling it a ‘harassment code’ rather than what it really is, a ‘speech code’.” FIRE, at p.1.

As my attorney made clear in his closing argument, when a law infringes on protected speech, it is the proponent of the validity of the statute who bears the burden of establishing its constitutionality. *Consolidated Edison v. Public Service Comm’n*, 100 S.Ct. 2326 (1980).

I did not include this thought when I sent this to ALDF, but since then have been thinking about characterizing the hunters’ assault on me as a form of **home invasion** (rural **home invasion**). I had an absolute right of self-defense in this situation, and used the only weapon I had at my disposal—my voice. I called the police, and I told of the hunters. This is self-defense, and not a violation of 2709.

As to the theory of **home invasion** in regard to Mary W. [another instance of a hunter harassment charge who was, in fact, a victim of this rogue law – read on....]—any entrance into the home or its environs, such as yard or barn, in the form of live rounds, say, in the living room, qualifies as an **invasion** into a space in which people have no further chance to back up. Mary and her husband can’t retreat anymore; nor are they expected to do so. Firing live rounds into the living room is in the same league as a kick-in-the-front-door assault. When the police tell the victims of such an assault that they have no right of self-defense in these circumstances, the police are actively violating the citizen-victims’ most fundamental constitutional guarantees of access to the courts; i.e., their First Amendment rights. It doesn’t matter whether the perpetrators are hunters, drug dealers, storms troopers, or local psychopaths—no one is immunized from the consequences of such behavior. It is not the role of the state police to intervene to protect the offenders. “

[Editor’s Note: Hunter harassment laws are being used to deny citizens their First Amendment rights. C.A.S.H. has been contacted by people across the country who all are facing the same situation. They are being arrested and charged with Hunter Harassment when they tell hunters to leave their property!!!!

Jan’s case, which can be read online at <http://www.all-creatures.org/cash/cc2004-fa-whos.html> is one of the most outrageous cases we’ve heard. Jan Haagensen is an attorney and landowner in PA. She was charged with Hunter Harassment. She has written this legal analysis of why this law has got to be repealed.

If you are a reporter or an attorney who would like to become involved, or if you have been a victim of hunters’ harassment please contact Jan Haagensen, Esq. through C.A.S.H.

C.A.S.H. considers the abuses by game agents in support of the Hunter Harassment Law so egregious that we will be compiling them for public display on our website, as we do hunting accident reports. We are pleased to see that our website is being checked and referenced by reporters. We thank our website hosts Rev. Frank and Mary Hoffman [www.all-creatures.org](http://www.all-creatures.org) for their great technical work to ensure a growing readership.

## TO C.A.S.H. MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS:

# YOU CAN HELP



**BECOME OUR EYES**

We are in the process of revamping and improving our website so that it becomes a tool that we can use to both access and enter information on several topics!

We need you to be our ears and eyes so that the information will quickly be accumulated. So far, (Uncle) Joe Miele is the primary source of our hunting accident section, but he can’t sleuth every newspaper. If you see hunting accidents, hunting incidents, articles about hunter harassment, or if you or your friends are victimized, please get that information to us ASAP.

Until the website is setup for you to enter directly, please e-mail [wildwatch@verizon.net](mailto:wildwatch@verizon.net)

**Thank you for your help.**

Thank you to the **Mary and Frank L. Hoffman Foundation** for hosting our website and maintaining it over the years.



**AND OUR EARS...**



## ASK UNCLE JOE

By JOE MIELE

GOT A QUESTION FOR UNCLE JOE? YOU CAN E-MAIL IT TO  
**AskUncleJoe@hotmail.com.**

WOULD YOU RATHER SNAIL MAIL YOUR QUESTION? SEND IT TO:

**ASK UNCLE JOE, c/o WILDLIFE WATCH, BOX 562, NEW PALTZ, NY 12561.**

UNCLE JOE GETS A LOT OF MAIL SO DON'T BE OFFENDED IF HE CANNOT ANSWER  
 YOUR QUESTION IN THE COURIER. HECK, HE'S GOTTA WORK A DAY JOB, TOO.

### Dear Uncle Joe:

How can you say that hunters and trappers are not conservationists? All throughout Hunter education (which is a requirement for nearly every state in order to obtain a hunting license of any kind) I heard over and over to give the animals the best chance at getting away. And also, to hunt ethically, which means to take a one shot kill, to give animals a chance. Where as it is perfectly legal to shoot ducks on the water, every hunter I know would just as soon shoot a person than hunt in such a cheap, unfair way. You don't know what you are talking about.

*Zach  
 Telluride, Colorado*

### Dear Zach:

The word "conservation" has been hijacked by hunters and its definition has morphed into something roughly translated into "the practice of randomly slaughtering wildlife for sport, with little regard for the individuals or the health of the ecosystem." In truth, hunters only "conserve" the species they want to kill later on.

In response to your assertion that hunters take "one shot to kill," how do you explain the fact that animals are often wounded and escape to face a slow death from infection or from starvation because they are no longer able to feed themselves? This does not seem very "ethical," does it?

And thanks for telling me that every hunter you know would sooner shoot people than hunt in "cheap" and unfair ways. I've long suspected that you people were maniacs - now I have confirmation.

*Peace,  
 Uncle Joe*

### Dear Uncle Joe,

I'm sure you know (but have altered the truth of it) trapping is a very important part of ecosystem balance. State Fish and Wildlife Services work with teams of biologists to set up how long a season can be when it can be, as well as the amount of game can be taken by any one person, to ensure the prosperity of the game. Without the help of trappers animals would spread disease.

*Scott  
 Bedford, IN*

### Dear Scott:

You must have missed the memos from the Minnesota Division of Natural Resources and the New Mexico Game and Fish Commission. The State of Minnesota has no limits on the number of beavers, muskrats, minks, raccoons, red foxes, gray foxes, badgers or opossums that a trapper can catch and kill. To make matters worse raccoons and red foxes have no closed season, meaning that you can kill as many as you want, whenever you want. This is not very scientific, is it? If you don't believe me, you can check it out yourself by going to <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/hunting/index.html>.

The New Mexico Game Commission says that state residents are not required to have any license to kill unprotected species such as coyotes, prairie dogs, rabbits or skunks. New Mexico has no "harvest limits," "government quotas" or "bag limits" for furbearing animals. There's no limit on the number of traps per trapper, either. These facts expose another lie spewed forth by the propaganda machine of the National Trappers Association, which falsely states on their website that "Government quotas and strict conservation practices keep wildlife, including furbearers, at optimum levels."

I'm sorry to burst your bubble but it looks like the trappers are lying to you again. This raises an interesting question - why would you believe the propaganda of someone who derives enjoyment from killing small, helpless, furry animals?

*Peace,  
 Uncle Joe*

### Dear Uncle Joe:

Hunting is the safest sport out there. Proven fact. Fewer injuries occur due to hunting related accidents than occur during football or any other sport, including ping pong. Here's some more stats:

According to the National Safety Council Accident Facts, 1994 edition, hunting is safer than golf or Ping-Pong. Injuries per 100,000 participants: Ping Pong: 15.32; Hunting: 7.06.

Has your mind turned to a pile of mush? your website is filled with nothing but hate and it is sad. Because we hunt an animal, we are hateful, angry, sick, demented, people who have no regard for any life? I am going to end this because you have simply made a complete idiot of yourself.

*Ted  
 Battle Creek, MI*

### Dear Ted:

Do me a favor and please check the number of fatalities that occur annually due to Ping Pong accidents. When you do, we can resume this inane discussion because after reading your letter, I do indeed think my mind is turning to mush.

*Peace,  
 Uncle Joe*

### Dear Uncle Joe:

My neighbor recently told me that he will be demolishing the old barn at the back of his property. I'm concerned about the bats who are now living there and will have no place to go once the barn is torn down. Is there something I can do for them?

*Adam  
 Malaga, NJ*

### Dear Adam:

Thank you for caring about the well being of the bats! There is indeed something you can do, and the sooner you take action the better chance you have of keeping the bats around.

First, speak to your neighbor and make sure he will not be killing the bats. If he does not care about their fate, remind him that bats can help keep a yard free of mosquitoes. According to batcon.org a single little brown bat can catch 1,200 mosquito-sized insects in just one hour. Bats are exceptionally vulnerable to extinction, in part because they are the slowest reproducing mammals on earth for their size, most producing only one young annually. More than 50% of American bat species are in severe decline or already listed as endangered. Losses are occurring at alarming rates worldwide. These are some very good reasons to have bats around.

You can encourage the bats to move from your neighbor's barn to the safety of your property by mounting bat houses on your trees. Plans for a simple bat house can be found at the [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org) website, or you can buy them at your local garden center or agricultural supply store.

The houses should ideally have a southern exposure and mounted 15-20 feet up a tree or on a pole. You should expect the bat houses to remain vacant for several months before bats begin to call it home. A common single-chamber bat house is capable of housing 50 bats, while a larger multi-chamber design can attract colonies of 200 or more.

With a little effort you can be sure that the bats on your neighbor's property will have a safe place to relocate once their current home is taken down.

*Peace,  
 Uncle Joe*

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO . . .

Wildlife Watch together with Animal Advocates of Western NY, and the League of Humane Voters, has been focused on the Buffalo, NY suburbs of Cheektowaga, North Tonawanda, and Amherst to stop the "bait and shoot" programs. They have been occurring ostensibly because of the perceived deer overpopulation.

We most recently gave a presentation to the supervisor and town council of Cheektowaga. From the responses of the town council and the parks commissioner it became clear that they had already decided on a bait and shoot program. They went through the motions of listening and being fair-minded, and it was a very disappointing realization for all of us. Sure enough, our intuition was verified when they announced their decision to engage in a bait and shoot program. Cynically, they cited Wildlife Watch as one of the groups they had consulted in making their decision! Killing flew in the face of all we had recommended.

A skeptical group of animal advocates listens to the perfunctory blather from the Parks Director, John Jaroszewski, Jr. trying to justify the decision to proceed with the bait & shoot.



Left to right: Jennifer Manka (Animal Advocates of Western NY - AAWNY and League of Humane Voters - LOHV) Peter Muller (Wildlife Watch-WW and LOHV) Jeffery Termini (LOHV)



More skeptics as the Parks Director drones on: Left to Right: Parks Director, Valerie Will (Immediate Past President AAWNY) Peter Muller (WW and LOHV), and Frank Gottesman (LOHV).

All photos by Randy Atlas (President of Animal Advocates of Western New York)

We all pointed out the lack of efficacy, the needless expense, and the cruelty of the "bait & shoot" wherever it has been tried. Jennifer Manka, who is on the Deer Committee of Amherst, an adjoining suburb of Cheektowaga, reported that **even though Amherst has had a "bait & shoot" program for several years the deer car collisions have in fact increased and not been reduced.**

A week after this meeting, Jeff Termini of LOHV served the town of Cheektowaga with a Notice of Dangerous Condition. This coincided with a media report that **a stray bullet from a "bait & shoot" operation in neighboring Amherst had hit a resident's house.** There was a lot of media focused on the stray bullet, the Notice of Dangerous Condition, and the exposure to potential liability judgments that the town was risking by undertaking "bait and shoot" (mis)management.

**LAND TRUSTS MAY NOW HAVE TO REPAY THE PIPER WITH SUNDAY HUNTING!**

BY W.L. EIDOLON

All over the country, land trusts have been buying up property for preservation for the past twenty years, especially in the last ten. The deals are usually made with the trust, the town, either Nature Conservancy or Trust for Public Lands (another Nature Conservancy subsidiary), the state, and sometimes the US Fish & Wildlife Service sharing in the cost of the acreage, studies, legal fees, etc. This sounds like a great idea for keeping at least some land open for wildlife and future generations of children and families, but it has its problems, especially recently.

State environmental agencies are demanding "Sunday hunting opportunities," as they call them, and the trust organizations that have taken state money are forced to open their land to hunting. They are angry! Sunday is the busiest day on open space protected by trusts. It's the one day most families can get outdoors and enjoy the nourishing quiet of the woods. Now even Sundays are at risk, and I predict there will be legal suits brought.

For years, when I attended meetings of environmental groups I was thought the fool, because I have refused to take state money for the trust I head. It's a small trust, but we have around three hundred acres, some right on the Long Island Sound, other acres are wooded and untouched, and we are working on another 200 acres of coastal forest.

We live and learn and I believe this is only the beginning of changes that will make obvious that "there's no free lunch," and the state agencies have a hunting constituency that they have to keep happy. Now that state and federal parks and preserves are open for hunting, the pressure is on our wildlife and on those who want to see these birds, animals and habitats protected.

This problem has to be dealt with on a state level. Get your legislators to say "NO" to trapping and to Sunday hunts on open space lands. Every creature, man and beast, deserves a sanctuary, where he or she can feel safe.

This piece took me about ten minutes to write. Isn't the future of your open space, families and wildlife worth this small bit of time? With one click you can send a letter to your state capital and be heard. Do it today.

**LAND TRUST REACTION TO THE SUNDAY HUNTING BILLS: NO!**

BY HILL BULLARD

Connecticut hunting laws and regulations need to be modernized. Sunday hunting would take the one day a week that those in the majority, non-hunters, have for recreation in the out-of-doors. Fear of stray projectiles from an adjacent property even precludes people from walking their own property, except for Sundays. As we are no longer hunting to feed our families and we all have many roles in life: father mother, landowner, there is no need for seven days of hunting. Connecticut now has suburban population densities in at least part of its rural towns and we cannot escape the proximity of hunting except on Sunday.

Our land trust has made a resolution, sent to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner, requesting that the DEP pass regulations to increase the minimum acreage (now 10 acres) for hunting deer by high power rifles and regulate hunter density on such tracts. The current 10-acre minimum is far too liberal and risky (for hunters, too) and is a relic of a past era when such small plots were surrounded by buffer zones of large, 200-300 acre, farms. This needs to be changed to conform to Connecticut's present population situation, otherwise there will continue to be accidents, fatalities, and unsafe conditions in our out-of-doors.

I have also pointed out that the DEP has "failed to put technical limits on muzzle loading rifles for deer." The "muzzle loading" category was started years ago as a "primitive weapons" category to supplement the firearms deer hunting category. With technical improvements allowed, such as propellant pellets, weatherproof primer shielding, improved projectiles, and telescopic sights, these weapons are now ballistically indistinguishable from the 45-70 class of high power rifles. This makes them no longer "primitive," yet not subject to the 10-acre minimum for private land hunting, and allowed on most public multi use lands!"

Further, we are concerned that the DEP also allows hunting for species that are practically extinct in our state, such as the ruffed grouse. The DEP's introduction of turkeys [for hunting] has not helped the grouse, as their territories and foods overlap, and there is some suspicion that turkeys destroy grouse nests. All grouse hunting should be stopped.

Personally, I do not favor Sunday hunting in Connecticut. We are no longer hunting to feed our families, and we need a family day in the field, safe from worries of projectile overtravel from adjacent properties. Surely, six days is enough!

The DEP needs to find management solutions other than sport hunting for animals and birds that have become overpopulated.

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**Hill Bullard** is president of a Connecticut land trust. The article above is from a personal opinion sent to legislators of the Environment Committee as testimony opposing 2005 Sunday Hunting bills.

Concurring with Mr. Bullard is an executive director of another Connecticut land trust.

He stated loud and clear to the DEP that his land trust is intensively used for passive recreation all year round. **He has observed that during the 4.5 months of hunting usage drops dramatically.** People are simply afraid to be in an area where someone has a weapon. The DEP can tell them how safe it is, but they just don't want to take the chance, so they don't go! We have told people that have complained about hunting that they should go on Sundays since there is no hunting on that day. The usage on Sundays during the hunting season is dramatically larger than other days. To take this day away would be unfair!

**Today hunters own the woods from Monday through Saturday. The public, all the other voters in Connecticut, only have one "danger free day," Sunday, to enjoy the woods. We think that there is a good argument that there should be more No Hunting days during the week.**

It is our recommendation that you reject all seven Bills that propose Sunday Hunting and consider adding a second No Hunting Day during the week, for example, No Hunting Wednesdays. That would be much fairer to voters and tax payers.

We understand that there is a deer problem in Connecticut. Recreational hunting has not got the job done. One more day is not going to solve this problem, and one less day will not significantly increase the problem. There are better solutions to the deer overpopulation problem than recreational hunting.

**THE NEED FOR LOHV IS DEMONSTRATED OVER AND OVER**

BY PETER MULLER, PRESIDENT, LOHV USA

Much of what you read here shows what we've come to realize over the years: to many political decision-makers ethics rarely matters; real science doesn't matter - junk-science and red-neck biology will suffice. What does matter to politicians is their perception of the will of the voting public. The League of Humane Voters has its job defined for the coming town council elections in Cheektowaga, North Tonawanda, and Amherst.

Animal protectors are often seen by politicians as weak, unorganized, and unable to articulate our demands in political terms. With your help, LOHV can change all that.

The League of Humane Voters is taking on three NY state bills in the coming session:

- 1) Outlawing Canned Hunts.
- 2) Giving Counties the Rights to regulate trapping.
- 3) Outlawing the production of Foie Gras in NY State.

We have sponsors of all those bill in both legislative houses (the State Senate and the Assembly) and wide ranging support among legislators for those bills. On March 15<sup>th</sup> of this year we have our legislative breakfast and lobby day. You can visit our Lobby Day site at <http://humanelobbyday.org/>. We would urge all of you to get in touch with us and get organized politically.

At Animal Rights 2005 in Los Angeles from July 7-11, I and other political organizers will be explaining our program in detail. Please attend if you can.

**VA GAME AGENTS SPEND YOUR MONEY TO SHOOT ELEPHANTS IN AFRICA**

Perhaps game agents are getting bored merely killing deer and turkeys. According to the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, a VA newspaper, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries chairman, Daniel A. Hoffler, led a 17-day jaunt to Zimbabwe that was supposed to be about the business of "global game management and conservation." Instead it became a personal vacation safari that bagged an elephant, an impala and a sable. Virginia is investigating whether officials at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries improperly used state credit cards to pay for about \$12,000 in expenses for the trip. According to one of our VA members, they also killed a white rhino on the endangered species list!

The Dept. of Inland Fisheries is holding a hearing on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please write to the Dept. at 4010 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA to demand the removal of these corrupt officials and their replacement with a diverse group of people who have the welfare of wildlife and environment at heart.

**VA RESIDENTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND THE FOLLOWING:**

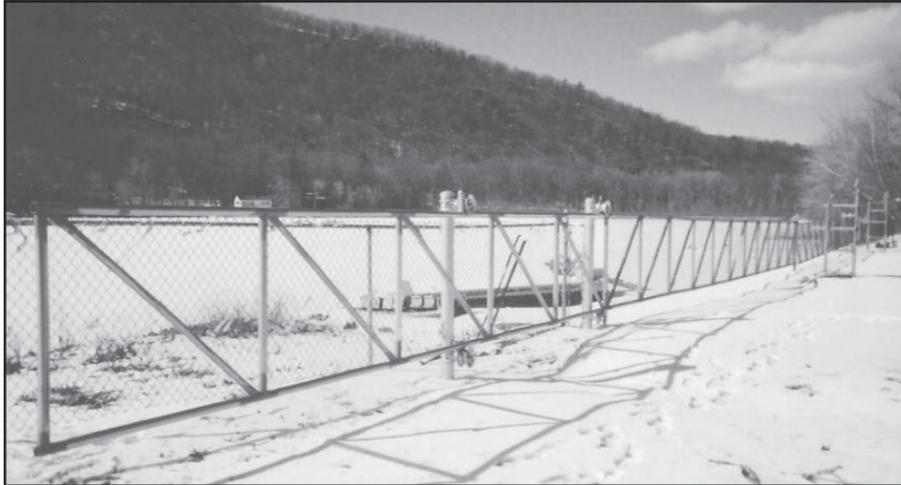
Governor Mark Warner, State Capitol, Richmond, VA.

Ms. Judith Jagdman, State Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia (she will say you have to wait until official investigation is over, etc but it is good to put pressure on her).

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**WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO . . .**

Gregg Pulver, the Supervisor of Pine Plains, consulted with Wildlife Watch regarding non-lethal methods of Canada goose dissuasion. Along with another member of the Pine Plains Board, we met at Stissing Lake beachfront. They had done an excellent job of fencing. We suggested rip-rap along the water's edge up to the fence, and the supervisor quickly said, "Done!" In addition to the natural inclination of the supervisor, non-lethality is the option of choice. Many thanks to the residents who've advocated for the geese, **Connie Young and Collette Watz** in particular. They were, no doubt, responsible for having Wildlife Watch brought in as a consultant. We also left them with our compiled report: *Canada Geese: Effective Dissuasion Methods*



**WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO . . .**

Wildlife Watch's Peter Muller has been working with **Natalie Jarnstedt** in Greenwich, Connecticut to help stop the town from hiring hit men, a troupe of professional wildlife killers, to kill the deer. Unlike in the Buffalo, NY suburbs that are using their police forces to shoot the deer over bait, Greenwich has hired "White Buffalo," a motley crew of gun-slingers, to shoot their deer. We heard from local hunters that sizeable sums of money were involved in the transaction, and all permits at state and local levels were secured without any trouble.

**PETER'S HUMOR?**

BY PETER MULLER, V.P. C.A.S.H.

**HUNTING ISN'T A JOKE,  
BUT HUNTERS AND GAME AGENTS ARE!**

A man goes into a restaurant, sits down and starts reading the menu. The menu says:

- Broiled Dentist \$5.95 per plate
- Fried Accountant \$7.95 per plate
- Toasted Ecologist \$7.95 per plate
- Grilled Hunter \$70.95 per plate

The man calls a waiter over and asks, "Hey, why does the Grilled Hunter cost so much more?"

The waiter says, "Are you kidding? Do you know how hard it is to clean one of them?"



Two guys from the big city go on their first hunting trip. They rent all the equipment - the RV, the rifles, the camo-suits, the tree stands, the car, and even a cabin in the woods. They spend a fortune!

The first day they go hunting, but they don't see anything. The same thing happens on the second day...and on the third day. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of the men shoots at a deer but misses.

As they're driving home they're really depressed. One guy turns to the other and says, "Do you realize that this one lousy shot cost us twenty-five hundred bucks?"

The other guy says, "Wow! Then it's a good thing we didn't take any more shots!"



A man left work on Friday afternoon. Instead of going home, as he'd promised his wife, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending his entire paycheck.

When he finally appeared at home Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade about his actions.

Finally, his wife stopped and said to him. "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" To which he replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.



If you would like to contribute jokes to the joke column, please e-mail [peter@wildwatch.org](mailto:peter@wildwatch.org) and enter "joke suggestion" into the subject line. You WILL be credited for any jokes used.

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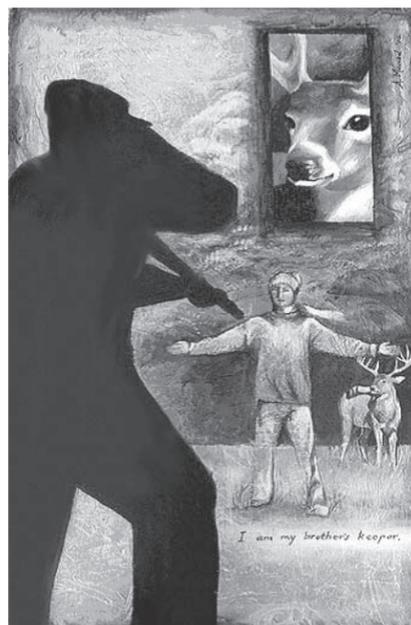
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Luke Dommer



**I am my brother's keeper**

Beautiful color poster 11 x 17 (Original is oil on canvas) by Amanda Moeckel, a brilliant, young artist.  
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Neon Orange, one size fits all.  
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**C.A.S.H. T-SHIRT, X-LARGE,  
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Back of shirt, above.  
Front of shirt, below.

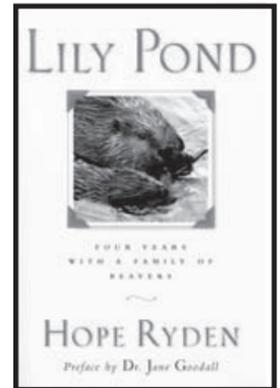


**WILD ANIMALOPOLY** has all the fun of a traditional real estate trading game with some wild animal twists. Instead of buying property, players become Caretakers of animals. Instead of rent, players pay Meal Fees. A player collects 4 Elements - the land, water, food and clean air that all animals need to survive and trades them in for a Habitat where an animal can survive on its own. It's all fun and games until you land on HIDE FROM PREDATOR... then it's time to run to HIDING and you're out for 3 turns! So grab your token and advance to EXPLORE. Whatever Happens... It's howling good fun! IT'S WILD!

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**Lily Pond**

By Hope Ryden  
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*"Reading this book was, for me, like journeying into a fascinating new world: I am enriched."*—Dr. Jane Goodall  
Ms. Ryden writes about her four years with a family of beavers in the wild. Armed with a facts and endearing photos, you may eventually be able to save this animal from killer wildlife agencies.



The traditional game of Monopoly is the foundation for this game. Birders will love this game. Learn interesting facts about birds, as well. Some of North America's favorite birds are "characters" in this game.  
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