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Federal Protection Sought For People Who Use Animals

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Farmers and livestock producers and processors should consider themselves at risk of a personal attack by animal-rights extremist terrorists, according to U.S. Rep. George Gekas, R-Harrisburg.

While there was no specific local incident available by presstime to back up that notion for farmers, there is ample evidence that those

who use animals for research have been the target of terroristic, personal attacks.

To stave off this threat, Rep. Gekas has proposed HR 3064; legislation that would extend to people the protections granted farm buildings and biomedical research facilities and other operations which legally use animals.

Max Lang, head of the biomedical research department at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, said Monday during a press conference

at the research facility that he has received hundreds of death threats because of his job overseeing a research facility that uses animals to test medical technologies before trying them on humans.

He said that while he has never suffered from a personal physical attack in relation to his job, his peers across the nation and in the British and European countries have been subject to car bombs, death threats, etc., in addition to destroyed research facilities, test

animals, and years of research.

An acquaintance of his in California has had to move residence every couple of weeks because of the harassment from animal rights extremists who have repeatedly found his home and attacked personal property and threatened he and his family, Lang said.

Another biomedical researcher whom Lang said he knows, was in the back yard of his own home when his car, parked at the front of the house, exploded because of a

car bomb.

According to Lang, many researchers have gone to using remote control car-starting devices because of the threats on their lives, and no longer have the pleasure of being secure in unlocking their car, getting in and starting up for a drive.

Lang said his colleague was in the backyard with his wife, when he remotely switched-on his car and heard a loud explosion — not only did the car explode, but the front of the house was destroyed also.

Luckily no one was hurt, he said.

Enough is enough, according to Lang and several others who spoke during a Monday news conference at the Hershey Medical Center.

In effect, they said they are tired of being afraid of extremists and terrorists. They want a stronger defense.

Enter Rep. Gekas, who is credited by those who support animal-use as being a friend of the animal

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Cambria County Extension Showcases New Services At Ag Advisory Council Meeting

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EBENSBURG (Cambria Co.) — New and innovative ways for Penn State Extension to serve farm and urban communities were showcased at the extension office when the Penn State University Ag Advisory Council met here this week.

For example, a coalition of community agencies formed with extension has embarked on a program aimed at teen parenting and pregnancy prevention that has received support from the 21 high school districts in the county. The program, initiated by Kathryn Hostetler, Cambria Co. extension director, features seminars at the extension office and programs that are taken into the school classroom. This program is just one of the new ways extension has become more visible and useful in the urban setting.

A companion program uses a 4-H club approach for youth offenders in the justice system. An eight week program put together by Gary Washington, assistant extension agent, gives the judge a rehabilitative option for youth in trouble with the law. Working with the probation officer, the youth at risk

is given a project of choice to complete and all the usual 4-H record books and oral presentations are required. The parents are also required to become involved. In this program called "Step In The Right Direction," almost all of the youth assigned a project have completed the program.

"This program has been very effective in helping the youth involved," Hostetler said. "For most of them, this was their 'first brush' with the law and was minor in nature. Prior to this program, these kids would have been released to their parents with no outside intervention. Now each is enrolled in a group situation with caring staff assisting them in learning skills that will help resolve future conflict situations in their lives."

A number of parents of the youth reported that the program has assisted them to get their kids back on track. The extension service now has plans to start a 4-H club of youth who have completed the "Steps" program.

DAIRY-MAP

Back in production agriculture, Gary Sheppard, extension agent from Westmoreland County, reported on the new Dairy MAP

(Management And Profitability) program. Dairy-MAP works with dairy managers to improve all areas of dairy farm management in a workshop setting.

"It's important to recognize that management skills are useful to all managers, not just those responsible for other people," Sheppard said. "Management begins with managing yourself and your busi-

ness resources to achieve goals. Dairy-MAP concepts can be used by any dairy manager, regardless of the size or type of business. Participants learn that the five elements of management are planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling the business' resources to accomplish established objectives and goals."

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Lancaster 4-H Honors Leaders At Banquet

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MILLERSVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Four-H would not exist without your love for the community, for children, and for 4-H, Zoann Parker, Lancaster County 4-H agent, told 4-H leaders at a

dinner held in their honor on Tuesday night.

Leaders who volunteered many hours of their time to the 4-H were honored at the banquet, in addition to the 4-H Superior Achievement Award winner (formerly called the Outstanding 4-H'er).

Eric Wenger, 17, son of Nelson and Alma Wenger, Manheim, won the 4-H Superior Achievement Award. Eric is a nine-year member of Mastersonville 4-H.

When she began as leader, Mary Lowry became active in the Peque-

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Wool Act To Be Phased Out, Says ASI

ANDY ANDREWS

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KEMPTON (Berks Co.) — Wool producers may face some tough financial times ahead in light of the recent decision by the U.S. Senate and House to pass a bill that eliminates the Wool Act.

Late last week, the Senate passed the 1994 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which funds the National Wool Act payments to qualified producers next April. In a separate bill, S.B. 1548, legislation to phase out the National Wool Act, was passed.

This could have immediate and drastic consequences for many of the 110,000 wool producers across the nation, according to Joseph R. Vogel, president of the Pennsylva-

nia Sheep and Wool Growers Association.

According to the ASI Leader, a bulletin published by the American Sheep Industry Association, as written in S.B. 1548, with the signature of the President, the Wool Act will be eliminated with the end of the 1995 marketing year. In effect, payment rates will be reduced by 25 percent for the 1994 crop and 50 percent for the 1995 crop.

According to ASI, because of the work of lobbyists and industry leaders, the "compromise" bill was reached to ensure continued payments. The compromise gives "producers time to make critical short-term management decisions

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Leaders honored at the Lancaster 4-H recognition banquet include, clockwise from seated, Mary Lowry, 25 years; Vickie LeFevre, 15 years; Stella Hess, 20 years; and Eleanor Good, 15 years.