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Sir:

I wish someone could have brought the enclosed article to the attention of Dixie Lee Ray, author of Trashing The Planet during your recent "Book-Notes" interview.

Her condemnation of Environmentalists and related accusations require fair rebuttal. Perhaps a Debate forum (show) is in order on C-SPAN.  
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One would remind Dixie Lee that when this planet is indeed "Trashed" there will be no need for all these benevolent industrialists.

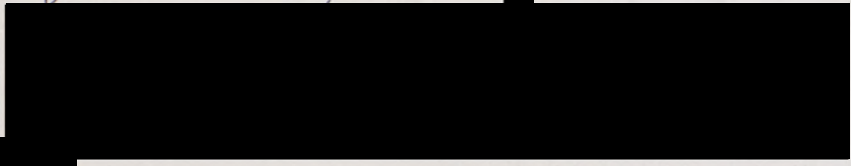
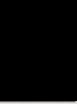
It appears that when indoor plumbing was introduced in her neck of the woods the resulting culture shock produced engendered the myopic vision she suffers from today.

I know nothing about the San Francisco Guardian, perhaps you or your staff



as, as journalism is your area of expertise.

C. S. A. W. is generally well received, &  
believe, and the only real, undistorted news  
on an otherwise thoroughly "trashed"  
medium.

Sincerely  
  


(Enclosure)



# On Guard

## HOME TORCHED

### Greenpeace activist target of arsonist

THE HOME and office of Greenpeace activist Pat Costner was burned to the ground March 2 in what appears to be a politically motivated case of arson.

"There's no question it was a Greenpeace hit," said private investigator Sheila O'Donnell of Pacifica, Calif., whom Greenpeace hired to find the perpetrator. "It's akin to the Rainbow Warrior bombing."

Costner, a 50-year-old chemist and author of *We All Live Downstream*, is research director for Greenpeace's U.S. Toxics Campaign. Her expert testimony at community meetings and her research reports have been instrumental in thwarting plans for dozens of toxic-waste incinerators in such far-flung places as Wales and Oklahoma.

Costner's home and office near Eureka Springs, Ark., contained an extensive private library on pollution and the environment. It was destroyed in the fire. Her final draft of a Greenpeace report on toxic-waste incineration, ironically titled "Playing With Fire," was also reduced to ashes.

If there was any doubt as to the cause of the blaze, fire inspectors found the remains of a fuel container where Costner's living room once stood.

"We examined everything electrical and all gasoline appliances," said Rick Eley, chief investigator for Investigative Services Companies, a Cordova, Tenn.-based firm that was called in by Greenpeace to determine the cause of the blaze. "Any accidental cause for the fire was eliminated. It was definitely an arson fire."

The fire stopped Costner's work on the incineration report, but only temporarily. "This broadens my perspective on what my work is," Costner told the Bay Guardian. "I must've done something very right to have threatened some polluter into setting in motion this chain of events. Somebody went to a lot of trouble to do this. It took some determination."

So far, the case has attracted little media attention outside Arkansas. Peter Dykstra, media relations director at Greenpeace's national office in Washington, D.C., said he hadn't pushed the story until Greenpeace was sure it was a case of arson directed at Costner because of her environmental work.

Greenpeace was the target of a previous terrorist attack. In 1985, operatives employed by the French government bombed and sunk a Greenpeace ship, the *Rainbow Warrior*, in New Zealand.

As far as people or firms that would consider Costner a dangerous enemy, Dykstra said, "Every company involved with large-scale toxic-waste disposal has been impacted by her work." In just the last few years, Costner has played a central role in derailing plans for incinerators in Mobile, Ariz., Fort Morgan,

Colo., Jacksonville, Ark., and on an Indian reservation in Newkirk, Okla.

Costner said her situation is reminiscent of Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney's, the Earth First! activists whose car was bombed in Oakland in 1989.

"But I don't find it easy to be fearful," Costner added. "To quote a Greenpeace friend of mine, the damage they've done to me is trivial in comparison to the damage they're doing to so many people and the environment at large. Our central message remains the same — our top priority is to stop production of toxic substances. We can't flush or burn or bury our waste. The answer's not in disposal, it's prevention."

The FBI has been called into the investigation at the behest of local authorities in Carroll County, Ark.

— Bob Ivy

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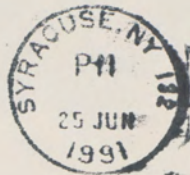
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