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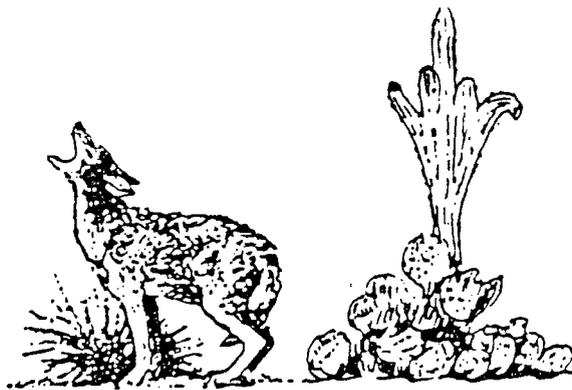


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THE PROBE



National Animal Damage Control Association

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ELECTION RESULTS!!!

Along with the breakup of one-party Soviet rule, NADCA faces the new year with an almost complete change of faces heading up the organization. Fortunately, our changes were affected without firing squads, charges of treason, and even with sighs of relief from those who had served in the past. The results as reported by HOMER FORD, Chr. Election Committee, are as follows:

PRESIDENT:

TERRELL P. SALMON* 145#
 GEORGE S. ROST** 1
 JAMES E. MILLER** 1

VICE PRESIDENT - EAST

JAMES A. MILLER* 123#
 THURMAN BOOTH** 1

VICE PRESIDENT - WEST

DARRELL I. GRETZ* 139#
 HOMER S. FORD** 1

SECRETARY

BOB WILLGING* 143#
 BILL FITZWATER** 3

TREASURER

WESLEY R. JONES* 143#

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

REGION I

THOMAS R. HOFFMAN* 30#

REGION II

FRANKLIN ANDERSON* 20#
 DR. FRED KNOWLTON* 17

REGION III

CRAIG MAYCOCK* 14#
 R. EDWIN HARTIN* 7
 NORTON R. MINER** 2
 ADE ZAJANC** 1

REGION IV

DR. ALBERT BIVINGS* 18#
 MILTON CAROLINE** 2

REGION V

DR. RON J. JOHNSON* 11#

REGION VI

TOM HAUGE* 5#

REGION VII

JAMES E. FORBES* 2#
 GERRY ATWELL* 0

REGION VIII

W. PHIL EGGBORN* 6#
 EUGENE A. LEBOEUF* 2

REGION IX

KENNETH M. GARNER* 4#
 ALLEN R. STICKLEY* 1

REGION X WASHINGTON, DC

CLARENCE E. FAULKNER ?#

? Through an error in setting up the ballot there was no constituency to vote on this position but fortunately KI agreed to continue to hold this spot on the resignation of JOHN JONES.

* Candidate appearing on the ballot.

** Write in candidate.

Winner.

A total of 155 votes were received from approximately 378 ballots mailed out - at least better than the national average. Next time a better ballot should be devised. Compared with the previous slate of NADCA officers we really got the mix we were looking for.

| Occupation | 1989 | 1990 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Retired Federal ADC | 7 | 3 |
| Active Federal ADC | 5 | 5 |
| State ADC | 0 | 2 |
| University | 2 | 4 |
| Private rancher | 0 | 1 |
| HOMER S. FORD | | |

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

APHIS ACTIVITY REPT.

(The following are abstracted from APHIS-ADC activity reports and newsletters like IDAHO TRAPPIN AND GABBIN, TEXAS TRAPLINE, THE TRAPPERS' JAW, etc. for the benefit of non-APHIS readers. This is not a publication source. Only names of NADCA members are used in situations in which they are involved. If you want to see your name in print, better join up.)

BEAR - (CA) They are still looking for the bear on the Hopland Field Station which had been killing expensive "research" sheep over the past two months. It recently expanded its menu by killing a radio-collared deer caught in a live trap, destroying the trap and ending the data collection.

COYOTES - (CO) Several accidents with M-44s recently brought this warning from DARRELL GRETZ:

All employees using M-44s must be adequately trained in the use of the device and the antidote, amyl nitrite. The M-44 must be treated like a "loaded gun" - don't look down the barrel. All medical substances, including antidotes, can be toxic when misused. No ADC employee has ever been killed by either a getter or M-44 through all the 45+ years of use. The one reported fatality (and the circumstances were questionable) occurred to a non-ADC getter and individual. Safety tips are reviewed in NOW HEAR THIS!

(OR) A total of 212 coyotes, 55 ravens, and 14 raccoons were taken off the Malheur NWR this year resulting in a 61% sandhill crane nesting success and the highest recruitment rate on record - 12.7%.

GEESE - (WI) The Horicon/East Central Wisconsin aerial survey indicated the presence of 548,000 geese, a record-high which is not good news for the damage picture. For proper perspective, numbers ran between 100,000 to 175,000 birds in the sixties and seventies when the "goose wars" were raging.

RATS & MICE - (DC) Following a meeting with humane groups last week, APHIS (the

so-called brass) agreed to develop a decision paper by mid-January on regulating rats and mice under the Animal Welfare Act. (When you have the moral standards of a rooster, mental capacity of an egg, and cluck like poultry - you're chicken!)

Have you seen the Postal Service's new dinosaur stamps? They're to remind us that good service is extinct.

READING

~~DOLBEER, RICHARD~~ A., Mark A. Link, & PAUL P. WORNONECKI (1988), NAPHTHALENE SHOWS NO REPELLENCY FOR STARLINGS. Wildl. Soc. Bull. 16:62-64.

Finally there is factual data on a myth that has been kicking around a long time. Naphthalene at 32.5 times the levels recommended (5 lbs./2,000 sq.ft.) had no repellent effect on the use of nesting boxes by starlings.

Hegdall, P.L. & B.A. Colvin (1988) POTENTIAL HAZARD TO EASTERN SCREECH-OWLS AND OTHER RAPTORS OF BRODIFACOUM BAIT USED FOR VOLE CONTROL IN ORCHARDS. Envir. Tox. & Chem. 7:245-260.

A study on radio-tracked screech-owls showed a minimum mortality of 58% where over 20% of the range was treated for vole control with 10ppm brodifacoum compared to a 17% mortality among those for which less than 10% of the range was treated.

NASS, ROGER D. & J. Theade (1988) ELECTRIC FENCES FOR REDUCING SHEEP LOSSES TO PREDATORS, Journ. Range Mgmt. 41:3:251-252

Interviews showed predation could be reduced 51% on properties subject to heavy predation when electric fences were installed. Most producers were satisfied with the fences despite expense of construction and maintenance.

If medical science has advanced so far, how come x-rays are still in black-and-white?

MEETIN'S

FOURTEENTH VERTEBRATE PEST CONFERENCE, Mar. 6-8, 1990 in Sacramento, CA (Red Lion Inn). Contact: Dr. Terrell Salmon, Wildl. Ext., Univ. Calif.-Davis, CA 95616.

MANAGING PREDATION TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF WETLAND BIRDS, Aug. 15-17, 1990 at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Ctr., Jamestown, ND. Contact Alan B. Sargeant, NPWRC, POB 2096, Jamestown, ND 58402 (701) 252-5363. A call for papers/posters will be sent out this fall. Only single page abstracts will be published.

IN MEMORIAL

I just learned that LES CAUSEY, trapper from Uvalde County (TX), passed away on October 18, 1989. Les retired in 1988 after 30 years of service. He was a strong supporter of NADCA and was the first or among the first to sign up each year. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

ADC TWS MEETING

~~GARY SAN JULIAN~~ tells me there will be a ~~special TWS~~ meeting open to all interested in ADC at the North American. This will be held in Plaza Mezzanine #1 on March 18th (Sunday). You can contact Gary for details (703-790-4495).

I think my bank is in danger of going under. This Christmas they gave out six-month calendars.

PREDATOR MGT. CONF.

We received a program from the March 10-11 California Predator Conference (Ukiah). Preregistration (before 03/01/90) \$15, registration afterwards \$20. PMC, Hopland Fd. Sta., 4070 Univerisity Rd., Hopland, CA 95449:

BOB TIMM- Identifying and controlling predator damage on Hopland Field Station.

GARY SIMMONS- Federal-Cooperative ADC program in California.

Craig Coolahan- Field observations on predator populations and effective control on the North Coast.

Bob Mann- Predation's effect on North Coast industry.

BOB SCHMIDT- Animal welfare/Animal rights impacts on ADC.

Terry Mansfield- Politics & wildlife mgt. impacts on ADC in California.

Don Neal- Effects of predation on deer.

Jeff Green- Reducing predation with

guarding animals.

Dave Pratt- Effectiveness of electric fences in predation control.

BOB PHILLIPS- Federal research on predator damage control tools.

GUY CONNOLLY- Rancher use of livestock protection collar.

Panel discussion: Predator management strategy for North Coastal California.

Stephanie Larson- Overview of North Coast ranching.

Dave Pratt- Electric fence design for predator and deer management.

Field tour of the Field Station to view and discuss predator control techniques.

I turn half my money over to people who understand investing - my creditors.

TREASURE TROVE

A special thanks for those members that continue to renew at the Sponsor or Patron level -- many repeaters here. It is also rewarding to find that many Active members put something extra in the pot. At this writing, renewals are coming in rather steadily albeit slowly. The 46+% renewal rate has just been reached. C'mon fellas, I know we can do better than that! Let's give our incoming Officers a good membership foundation with which to work. Use the form intended with this issue.

With this mailing we fully convert to a new system of managing mailing and membership lists and producing mailing labels. We are open to suggestions, criticism, and corrections; and especially solicit the latter for the label on this issue of THE PROBE. Please check same and let the Treasurer know of misspelled names, address changes, etc.

Several families have joined as a member plus spouse, and we certainly encourage that. As in the past, we have taken the liberty of sending only one mailing to each address. The procedure now is for the membership list proper (as opposed to the mailing list) to include a person and spouse as two individual members where appropriate. Any member wishing to receive a second mailing at the same address need only say so.

Each label will bear the date of membership expiration - - just like the big boys - do! At some date in the near future we will commence establishing membership as a 12-month period rather than a calendar year.

Next issue I'll have some data for you on the Regional membership distribution - - provided we have sufficient renewals to give it some validity. The membership roster at the close of 1989 showed the following:

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| Reg. 1 - 93 | Reg. 6 - 29 |
| Reg. 2 - 74 | Reg. 7 - 26 |
| Reg. 3 - 37 | Reg. 8 - 29 |
| Reg. 4 - 70 | Reg. 9 - 18 |
| Reg. 5 - 41 | Foreign- 10 |

WES JONES

It was soo cold this morning a flasher walked up to me and started describing himself.

LETTERS TO YE ED

ODON CORR, APHIS, Steele, SD:

I read in our daily paper where beavers are causing a problem in Denver. Some groups are advocating vasectomies. This reminds me of the shepherd's answer to a similar suggestion by do-gooders on coyote control ("they ain't raping our sheep"). Are they eating those trees or what?

BUD PEARSON, rtd APHIS, Fruita, CO:

I believe the "retiring officers" should receive a big THANK YOU from us who enjoy THE PROBE's information and entertainment, and the activities of all officers and RDs in keeping NADCA a viable organization. I don't see how, but hope the new officers (and Editor) can keep things going; they'll be working in the shadow of a fine bunch of guys, especially you and Wes.

W.O.NELSON, JR., rtd. USFWS, Twin Falls, ID:

You have done an excellent job - you made the Association - you will be missed.

MARIE L. HINTZE, Richfield, UT:

I am sorry to see you and GEORGE ROST leave at the same time. However, I wish the Association the very best with their new officers. I agree with your statement that it is sad that more active ADC personnel are not members and add to that more livestock operators.

ROD KRISCHKE, APHIS, Colton, OR:

I just wanted to say thanks to you and all the other officers for the years of service and dedication. I believe a solid foundation has been laid for NADCA. I also want to pass along a hot "tip" for you from a fieldman (see NOW HEAR THIS).

DR. HARRY THOMPSON, Surrey, UK:

Your impending retirement (can it really be true?) from the editorial chair moves me to write, while you are still in office, to say how much I have enjoyed THE PROBE, with its mixture of factual information, reports from members and interesting anecdotes, with the thread of your comments (sometimes critical, often witty) running through. Thank you, again. I look forward to meeting you at the 14th VPC.

MARK WORCESTER, rtd. USFWS, Bismarck, ND:

Was sorry to read in the last PROBE you guys are all bailing out at the same time. Can't blame you too much because it was a HELL of a lot of work without any help from the field. BILL CLAY stepped into a mess that was not his doing. Somewhere down the line the financing was changed from State and local financing to a one line item in the Dept. of Agriculture budget. This meant the State appropriation came to the program, not the DA. It meant a lot of work in May and June 'cause they all met on the same two days. In a recent tax election, western ranchers voted "no" so the DA cut the budget on ADC. This left Bill nothing to fall back on because the counties don't set their budget till May/June. I only had enough funds to pay each trapper one month out of a year. Minneapolis (USFWS) was always against our program as it didn't

have fins or feathers. We'll see how the transfer to Denver helps? See the Lab is having another go'round with 1080. If properly used it was the safest, most effective control we ever had. I used it for seven years and only found one skunk that I knew was killed by 1080 bait. Of course it was deadly on dogs, but what business does a dog have on a cattle/sheep range?

JON LINN, Private ADC, Independence, MO:

I enjoy reading your newsletter and keeping up with what's going on in our profession. It's too bad TWS has failed to do what NADCA is now doing. You might be interested to know that late last winter I was called on to trap cats at an apartment complex in Kansas City. I took 28 stray cats and turned them over to the Shelter to destroy. No leash law here and Animal Control won't pick them up unless they've bitten someone. I've been trying to fight the Animal Rights "nuts" as more and more are coming out of the woodwork.

I asked my grandfather if he watched "Saturday Night Live". He said, "So far."

KITTY LITTER

(If you can't say anything good about cats - this column is for you.)

Another report from a previously-mentioned study in Wisconsin claims Wisconsin has as many as 1.2 million cats on active and retired farms in the State. These kill tens of millions of birds in Wisconsin each year. Cats that are cared for remain excellent hunters and Cat Chow-milk subsidies no way interfere with their sport. The studies are showing these individuals are being maintained at unnaturally high levels so that free-ranging cats rank as Wisconsin's main predators above fox and skunk. FRED CARPENTER & TRAPPER (01/90)

ERMA BOMBECK, one of my favorite writers, just raised her stock 500% for me with this one:

Don't expect Michael Jackson to lose sleep over it, but there's a new video

~~for cats. For \$20, a cat can get a 30-minute video of colorful birds chirping and fluttering provocatively across the screen. Why am I not surprised? If royalty ever gets a foothold in America it will be through cats. A feline is without doubt the most indulged, spoiled, independent pet to own a human. I contend most cats suffer from chronic PMS. They're unpredictable, moody, sometimes loving, sometimes hostile. They are stroked on their own terms. They invented self-esteem; there is not an insecure bone in their body.~~

I'm used to dogs. When you leave them in the morning, they stick their nose in the door crack and stand there like a portrait until you return eight hours later. A cat would never put up with that kind of rejection. When you returned, she'd stalk you until you dozed off and then suck the air out of your body. A dog can be chasing cars five miles away. When he is called, he comes panting and sweating only to hear you say, "Just wanted to know where you were." Can you see a cat accepting that without reprisals? And you don't want to live with a cat you've neutered! There aren't enough diamond chokers in the world to buy back their affection.

If cats were human, they'd watch "Masterpiece Theater", drive a German import car, belong to a country club, melt Brie before serving, subscribe to the New York Times Book review, and think Harley-Davidson was a law firm. Dogs on the other hand would watch "Roseanne", belong to the Price Club, have a plastic liner in their pocket for their leaky pen, and consider Pavarotti an Italian entree. Will cats really watch a video? Get serious! Where are you going to find a cat who admits to owning a TV set?

I'm opposed to using chemical weapons. Don't we need those chemicals for food?

PERSONNEL

YE ED received a notice of an opening for a Wildlife Damage Control Agent in the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. The letter was dated December 13,

applications closed December 21, and was received after the December PROBE was in the mail. We certainly want these notices but please make them more timely, especially if we go on a bimonthly publication schedule.

It's not easy raising a teenage daughter. Sugar and spice and everything nice have turned into powder and paint and everything that ain't.

NOW HEAR THIS!!!

(This is practical tips from the field. If this column is missing it's YOUR fault.)

BIOELECTRONICS - The DENVER WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER (~~APHIS~~) has an electronics section that has become increasingly important in interdisciplinary research in ADC. They are presently researching electroshocking for the control of rodent and fish populations. These do not have the environmental restrictions and registrations that hamper chemical methods if effective methods can be found. GUY CONNOLLY

BAIT CONTAINERS - One advantage of having hemorrhoids is the medicated "Tucks" jars make excellent bait and lure containers. ROD KRISCHKE

URBAN GEESE We have been successful in stopping geese from grazing by erecting a monofilament fishline barrier. Twenty-four inch long stakes were driven in the ground along the water's edge at six foot intervals. Two lines of 20-lb. test were stretched between the stakes at six and 12-inch heights above the ground. Thin strips of aluminum foil were suspended at intervals to warn people and geese of the barrier. It works best if it is erected at the first indication of geese grazing on a site. KI FAULKNER

M-44 SAFETY TIPS - Treat this tool like the "loaded gun" it is. Protect your eyes, preferably with goggles. Eyeglasses will shield the powder straight up but it can be blown under the rims. Carry your amyl nitrite in your pocket. You might not be able to find it in your box. Carry a gallon of water in your truck to immediately flush

your eyes. When setting or reloading M-44s make it a habit to set your box or pouch down in front of the unit. Then work from the right or left side. The box will be a physical reminder not to get in that area. Don't make hair-trigger sets. Full pulls cut down on non-targets and help prevent misfires. If coyotes just nibble at the head, try another bait rather than a lighter trigger set.

I don't care if Zsa Zsa wins her next round in court. She's already lost her appeal.

ADC RESEARCH

"HOWDY" (UC-Davis) has written a proposal to various D.C. officials that certainly needs some support. In it he points out that traditional agriculture cannot survive full implementation of the Endangered Species Act, FIFRA, and EPA. Vertebrate pests are the most controversial and least researched area in agriculture even though they can sometimes be more costly to producers than other pest organisms. The pool of talent in university systems should be tapped by establishing a minimum of \$2,000,000 available in competitive grants through USDA's Office of Grants and Program Systems. This should be earmarked for ADC similar to existing ones in Animal Science, Nutrition, etc. DR. WALTER E. HOWARD

Everyone worries about mid-life crisis. I worry more about end-of-life crisis.

NEW PRODUCTS

"We put out an extremely stinky product..." says MAJOR ~~BODDICKER~~ of his new human-thief repellent for evergreens. SCROOGE is a tangy mixture of fox urine, skunk essence, and other animal odors that is sprayed on landscape trees to save them from the Xmas axe. While the odor is nontoxic, biodegradable, and wears off in a couple of weeks, the stench can be unbearable when it is taken into a heated room. (SHERM BLOM & DENVER POST 11/12/05/89)

RIFLE SCOPE - There's a new Redfield scope (LE-12) out that gathers more light than a beer commercial. Not

cheap (list \$758) but it would be handy in beaver control.

You can't cheat an honest man - or find one, for that matter.

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S PRINT TO FIT

CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHES ARE COSTLY - Did you hear about the one that cost \$100,000? This was a multicourse feast consisting of banana peels, corn cobs, Hostess Twinkies with a side dish of electrical wiring in that most important government equipment - a sophisticated copier in the office of the House Legislative Counsel. All attributed to the appetite of a rat enjoying the quiet of a Congressional recess: MIKE FALL & DENVER POST 01/12/90

TRAPPERS LIFESTYLE - According to the National Trappers Assn., trappers have a life style that keeps the pioneer spirit alive. Trappers are usually lower-middle to middle class mainstream Americans who have to work for a living at other trades to support their trapping. He is the type of person that opened up the West and has a hard time adapting to the environmentalists today. The fur value of many marshes has kept them from being condominiums sites. And he works in a very volatile market dependent upon the whims of fashion. SHERM BLOM & BOZEMAN (MT) DAILY CHRONICLE 11/02/89

GRIZZLIES OFF THE LIST? - After 15 years on the endangered species list, the population of grizzlies around Glacier National Park has recovered sufficiently to be considered for removal from the list. When white settlers came to America, there were an estimated 100,000 in the lower 48 but by 1974 this had dropped to 1,000 (*I have trouble with figures like these. We can't even count humans accurately today and who counted grizzlies four hundred years ago?*) This delisting, of course, would take a couple of years and then it is only for one of the six possible ecosystems in the USA. SHERM BLOM & ROCKY MT. NEWS 12/05/89

GOOD SHOT - (*That was the newspaper headline so you know where the writer's*

sympathies lie.) Seems a hunter in southern Norway suffered minor pellet injuries when he laid his gun down during a rest stop and his dog stepped on the trigger. SHERM BLOM & ROCKY MT. NEWS 12/07/89

ASPEN FUR(OR) - SHERM BLOM (DENVER POST 12/06/89) sent me a good background article on the Aspen (CO) donneybrook about furs. The AR mayor and his wife have pushed a voter referendum for an ordinance banning sale of furs (excepting domestically raised sheep, goats, and cattle). They have promoted movies by the antis and spread their literature around to the point the fur industry has started a campaign to show their side of the controversy, including the observation that socially-minded protestors shouldn't wear gold jewelry from South Africa or leather shoes.

~~SANTI-BEAR DOGS - Karelian Laika is a small Russian dog bred specifically to attack bear. A forest ranger in Wyoming is recommending they use them where bears are a problem on campgrounds. The dog is from the Spitz family and is only 24 inches tall and weighs about 45 pounds. They are trained to hunt bears and elk and their success lies in their extreme quickness. "You go into a pen with pups and try to kick one, and it's impossible." They aren't big enough to hurt bears but annoy it like a swarm of gnats. One kept a bear up a tree for 72 hours. They are trained to stay with the bear until they are called off or the bear is killed. In Russia if the dog gives up before the bear dies, the dog is killed as worthless.~~ SHERM BLOM & ROCKY MIN. NEWS 11/30/89

DROUGHT & FLOOD is now being replaced by environmentalists as the farmer's potentially worst foe. At a major agricultural conference in D.C. to discuss agricultural trends the main discussion centered on the fear of the political clout of the environmentalists causing changes in federal laws that govern food safety, pesticides, and cropping practices. These groups "...seek to tear down by half truths and pseudo-science the most productive agriculture industry in the world." SHERM BLOM & DENVER POST 12/02/89

GOLDFISH VS THE ENDANGERED - There's a big law case coming up in Merced (CA) over a ~~goldfish farmer who is charged with the destruction of over 9,000 migratory birds~~ (great blue herons, egrets, cormorants, grebes, hawks, and avocets) in five years. The farmer claims he lost \$250,000 worth of the shiny critters annually during the 80's. He is accused of shooting and poisoning with cyanide-laced fish. It will be interesting to see how this comes out as fish farmers over the country are afraid the USFWS will use this as precedent to justify tighter restrictions on their industry. CA APHIS & SACRAMENTO (CA) BEE 08/18/89

DON'T BRING BACK THE ~~WOLVES~~ - This editorial is by an official of the AMER. SHEEP INDUSTRY that brings out some overlooked economics. He points out the cost of reintroducing wolves into Yellowstone Park starts up with a minimum \$300,000 a year to manage the initial pack, plus \$6,300 to trap and move every wolf who leaves the Park, plus an unknown indemnity to ranchers who are hit. The indemnity, incidentally is based on 'market price' failing to recognize differences in genetics and quality among sheep. With the budget just placed before our "pork-barrel" Congress this expense is just loose change. When can we get those people to realize its our grandkids' money they are throwing away? SHERM BLOM & DENVER POST 09/14/89

IT'S GONNA KILL ME - ~~Chocolate~~ is as tempting to ~~dogs as humans~~ (ME), but it contains ~~theobromine which is deadly to pets. Unsweetened baking chocolate~~ (I don't like it anyway) contains a very high concentration of this chemical so that a small dog weighing 5-20 pounds can die from ingesting 4-16 oz. of milk chocolate or 0.5-2 oz. of unsweetened chocolate. What a way to die! SHERM BLOM & DENVER POST 11/11/89

LIVESTOCK CRITIC'S BEEF OFF BASE - In response to a letter on the cost of the livestock industry to Colorado by an "environmentalist", a reader objected to his charges with these counter arguments:

1. There is no proof meat causes cancer

or heart disease.

2. Do not blame livestock people for the loss of Colorado water. Look first at the Denver Water Board and urban sprawl.

3. Controlled grazing does not pollute streams or cause erosion of topsoil as much as use by the ignorant public.

4. Colorado was settled by ranchers, miners, and lumbermen - not by skiers, hikers, and ethno-centric vegetarians.

SHERM BLOM & ROCKY MTN. NEWS 11/07/89

~~RATS BITE IN SENSITIVE PLACES - Three people were bitten recently by rats that emerged from toilet bowls in an affluent section of Pittsburgh (PA).~~ There has been an increase in the number of reports of rats entering homes through toilets lately which is ~~blamed on the aging of sewer systems and use of garbage disposals.~~ (PEST CONTROL TECHNICIAN 11/89)

BIGGGG COYOTE - The BEDFORD GAZETTE (PA) 12/28/89 reports a deer hunter bagging a 90-pound coyote in that county. They grow them big in the east or the butcher had his thumb on the scale. STEVE PALMATEER

COYOTES REPLACE MOOCHING BEARS - The coyotes are replacing bears as the main beggars in Yellowstone Park these days. As they become habituated to human handouts, they are becoming more and more aggressive and attack people. MIKE FALL & DENVER POST 01/06/90

True love is when you'll spend \$50 for an operation on a five-dollar dog.

HUMANS GOT RIGHTS ???
(This is confined to Fitzwater's personal vendetta against the Animal Rights (AR) movement so any purists should skip it.)

GOAT MASSACRE on Santa Catalina island has made the headlines again. The SCI Conservancy killed 1,700 goats since January 15th before the ARs learned about it on the 25th. Dana Cole (Fund for Animals) says, "A mass execution, a mass hunt, falls into the category of cruel treatment...There are a wide variety of ways to trap animals...We are always willing to come up with an alternative." She (he?) says the

Conservancy's conclusion that if trapping was used many of the animals would die of shock has been "disproved". Whatever. The introduction of goats to the island by Spanish missionaries as food for the San Gabrielino Indians in 1827 was the start of the whole folly. The tribes had survived nicely on native plants, animals, and fish themselves, whereas the goats ate everything and have denuded vast stretches of the island. (ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL 1/18/90)

EDITORIAL

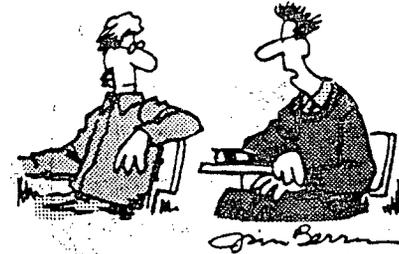
As I wrote in the previous PROBE, I would get out a January issue to announce the results of the election as I had no word regarding a successor. I still have no indication that they have managed to twist anybody's arm. The only news I've had is negative on some well-qualified candidates I had suggested.

I kind of miss the pressure of writing this up as well as the association with the field and made a tentative offer to continue until they find a replacement, providing there will be only 6 issues (bimonthly) a year and I am relieved of the tedious task of mailing the newsletter out. Apparently this offer was accepted though I've had no official word except orders to send this as a photo-ready copy to KEN GARNER in Nashville and he is going to take care of the mechanics of getting THE PROBE in your hands.

I am at a loss to tell you who to contact. I have had no instructions from either TERRY SALMON or BOB WILLGING as to what they want to do. WES JONES (Rt. 1 Box 37, Shell Lake, WI 54871) is taking care of the membership lists so he should be contacted on change of address, dues and such matters. I guess you can keep sending me any items to go in THE PROBE until you hear different.

MY NEW ADDRESS IS 7104 BELLROSE AVE. NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110. My telephone number is still (505) 883-9249

While I feel an obligation to continue on for the benefit of those who contributed to NADCA in good faith that they would have a newsletter, I am hesitant to carry on as my editorial policy is probably not in accordance with the thinking of the new Administration. I have no intention of changing my style. Therefore, hopefully somebody with a weak frame of mind will volunteer for the job.



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EDITOR
WILLIAM D. FITZWATER

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