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# THE PROBE



## National Animal Damage Control Association

No. 9

November, 1980

### GIVE IT TO HIM !!!

When Secretary, Cecil D. Andrus, stepped off a National Park Service plane in Cheyenne, WY on September 18th to spend a weekend antelope hunting he got hit with a lawsuit both individually and as the official chief perpetrator of the pastime of selling ADC down the river. The suit was brought by the American and Wyoming Farm Bureau Federations and 14 separate sheep ranchers and ranch firms. The suit claims uncontrolled predation, principally by coyotes, has caused a high rate of sheep and lamb deaths particularly in the western ranges with mountainous terrain and large blocks of public land grazing. It claims these high losses (estimated at 79,000 sheep and lambs worth \$4 million in Wyoming alone last year) have resulted from the actions or inactions of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service and Forest Service. The icing on the cake is the allegation that the sheep losses amounted to an unconstitutional taking of property without either condemnation procedures or compensation in violation of the Fifth Amendment. This confiscation is the alleged result of the government agencies' "...failure to provide effective means, methods and techniques for predator control and eradication and to otherwise conduct campaigns for the destruction and control of such animals pursuant to defendants' statutory duty..." The suit asks not only a declaratory judgment by federal courts that the defendants have not abided by the law, but is also seeking to hold them personally liable for "willfully" preventing predator eradication and control mentioning the Andrus' directive to eliminate den hunting, restrictions on aircraft use, focusing on selective and humane use of traps and stopping research and development on a specific chemical - - 1080.

### ALL TOGETHER NOW - - LET'S SUE ANDRUS

As if Andrus (incidentally he's left Interior - the peanut man put him on a special committee as spokesman for the environmentalists as if we didn't know what side he was on) didn't have enough law suits, he's also got slapped with one from the American Farm Bureau Federation - - this time on prairie dogs. AFBF President Robert DeLano said the suit is concerned with the expanding prairie dog population in Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Badlands National Park in southwestern South Dakota. One million acres in South Dakota are infested with this "rare" species which has eaten all the forage off protected havens and is now

migrating to private lands. The suit charges the actions of the defendants (our buddy, Andrus plus USDA Secretary Bergland, Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and National Park Service) in not permitting effective control measures against this species violate federal statutes and the defendants should be forced not only to comply with the law but compensate plaintiffs for damages.

### WHO IS REALLY BEING ENDANGERED ?

Along with this is the news the "threatened" desert tortoise has just been given 35 square miles of BLM rangeland as critical habitat for its survival. This Washington, D.C. (where else ?) ruling overturns the testimony of every witness in public hearing, plus the governor of Utah, Congressional delegation, county and local officials. It means each desert tortoise will have 299 acres of rangeland in an area where cows are allocated 28 acres.

### OL' MONEYBAGS REPORTS

It's been easy to meet expenses for NADCA - - all I had to do was turn around and there they were. Before you get anxious when I tell you I'm going to Mazatlan, Mexico during Thanksgiving, here's what you people have given NADCA and where your money has gone.

Year	DUES		EXPENDITURES				Balance
	Active	Support.	Postage	Printing	Travel*	Misc.	
1979	\$3100	371	413.38	344.55	1939.74	63.24	710.04
1980+	1755	1533	594.93	1169.80	789.48	62.85	670.94
Total	\$4855	1904	1008.31	1514.35	2729.22	126.09	1380.98
Percentage			18.8%	28.2%	50.7%	2.3%	

\* This is partial reimbursement for Executive Board members travel on NADCA business. Besides donating their time, they have to spend some of their own money as NADCA doesn't support them in the lavish lifestyle they were accustomed to under FWS per diem rates.

+ As of November 1st, 1980.

Part of "Misc." has been small contributions to "Oregonians for Wildlife Conservation" and "Wildlife Legislative Fund of AMerica". The rest of it a small file and other office supplies. Postage and printing costs have been primarily for the PROBE. If postal rates go up next year this will increase that portion of the budget. I am not happy about mailing the newsletter out at the bulk rate but to send it first class would increase the postal bill three to five times. We were in a bind as we had collected no dues for 1980 from those who chipped in during the starting six months in 1979. But thanks to kind responses to my request for prepaying dues for 1981, we are now in good financial shape. I really appreciate the extra support some of you, such as George Good, Marshall Hyde, Bobby Tramel and Glen Hood, have given the organization. Our prospects look good now for the continuation of a viable association, but you all should try to get others involved. The bigger we are the better chance we'll have to achieve the objectives in our charter.

*Advice is what we seek when we already know the answer and wish we didn't.*

CLOBBERING BIRDS

Ken Green of Avitrol Corporation has an article in *PEST CONTROL* ["The value of blending AVITROL<sup>R</sup> baits", 48(10):30, 48 (1980)] that has some good information for those involved in bird work. The repellent effect of 4-aminopyridine (AVITROL) depends not only on the erratic actions and distress cries of the affected birds but also upon the length of time of these displays. Prebaiting with grain bait similar to the finished Avitrol-treated bait should be carried out until well accepted at bait sites selected. Where sparrows and pigeons are numerous, other species are not normally present, but where there is interference from non-target species it is usually necessary to use a higher blending ratio. An Avitrol program is most effective during early morning feeding as the birds do not require an many treated kernels to react as when they have a full gut later in the day. Pigeons and sparrows are not as violent reactors as others and thus need a higher percentage of affected birds. Baiting schemes are given in the following table:

Species	Reaction	Portion of flock needed	Blend ratio Treat : Untreat	Type of bait and percentage of active ingredient
Pigeon	Good	30%	1:19	Whole corn 0.5%
Sparrow	Fair	50%	1:9	Fine cracked or small grain 0.5%
Starling	Excellent	15%	1:9	Medium cracked grain 1.0%
Crow	Excellent	10%	1:5	Whole corn 1.0%
Gull	Excellent	10%	1:10	Bread squares with concentrate
Grackle	Excellent	15%	1:9	Medium cracked grain 1.0%
Cowbird	Excellent	10%	1:9	Medium cracked corn 1.0%
Blackbird	Excellent	10%	1:9	Medium cracked corn 1.0%

In my own experience, I have found the following schedule to be fairly effective in pigeon control:

Timing	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week
Blend ratio	1:29	1:19	1:9	1:1

*If your dog thinks you're the greatest person on earth, don't seek a second opinion.*

BLACKFOOT

Ernest Thompson Seton, the great naturalist, said about the black-footed ferret - - "When one finds an animal rare in spite of ample range and abundant food, it commonly means that, for some unknown reason, that creature is dying out; Nature has set on it the mark of the death-house...The Blackfoot, always rare, is becoming rarer." These words were written before 1909, but now the bleeding hearts have suddenly "discovered" the endangered blackfooted ferret. New Mexico's last black-footed ferret sighting was early in the 1930s, but still the ADC program is required to inspect and/or survey each prairie dog town for ferret activity prior to any control effort. As most of the towns are prebaited, practically every dog burrow is thus examined for ferret sign.

New Mexico's State Supervisor, Tom Hoffman, was recently set upon by an irate representative of my favorite people, *DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE*. It seems they had heard an ADC trapper had spent only two hours searching a 700-acre dog town near Hobbs before treating. As only 130 pounds of zinc phosphide bait were used on this project and the survey was made by 4 ADC employees on three-wheeled Honda ATCs, this indicates a light infestation that could reasonably be investigated by this size of crew within this time frame.

When the hot air subsided, the DOW rep was told the New Mexico program and inspection techniques were supported by the Regional endangered species coordinator and the Denver Wildlife Research personnel were spending considerably less time on ferret surveys than ADC personnel. The deflated "preserver" expressed an interest in the program which he had never seen in the field. An invitation was extended to visit a field site, but two months later this invitation had not been accepted. These people can lie better when they are not confronted with the facts.

*Forgit all yer ol' troubles -- there are so many new ones to choose from.*

### A NEW SOCIAL DISEASE

Jodie Webb (USFWS, Marfa, TX) just reports the discovery of a new social disease, "coyotitis". This is an extremely infectious disease of probably neurologic origin. The causative organism, *Canis latrans biologosus*, is initially transmitted to susceptible humans through close contact with coyotes. Early symptoms develop within days of initial contact or suddenly after a long term exposure. Infection can be life-long, but signs may moderate with age.

#### *Early Symptoms*

1. Strong desire to spend time in the field with coyotes may overshadow normal desire for sex. Generally does not supplant desire for beer or whiskey, however.
2. Sharpening of senses includes ability to hear rattling of trap chain at extreme distances. Eyesight sharpens to spotting scope capabilities until trapper can detect male coyote from female coyote at full moon.
3. False sense of security in coyote terrain leave affected trapper with notion of intelligence and cunning of coyote. Rescues are sometimes necessary.

#### *Advanced Symptoms*

1. Head swells, eyes shine greenish gold, nose becomes dry. Hormone levels may be affected.
2. High pitched yaps may be heard during periods of competition.
3. Strong home range tendency develops. Territory is vigorously defended from infringement by other affected trappers.
4. Holdstail low when running.
5. Extreme suspicion of administration and deskbound personnel types develops.
6. Intense appetite for unusual meats may become evident.
7. Infection reaches vocal cords triggering outpouring of great coyote wisdom.
8. In extreme cases, feces have no odor.

*Glasses help relieve that tired feeling -- but it's expensive keeping them filled.*

### THE BROTHERHOOD

Following is a list of paidup members for 1980 and also those who have paid for 1981 as per November 1st. Any mistakes in listing should be brought to the attention of the dumb office boy responsible. It is nowhere near the number of persons we should have to make this an effective organization, but it does show those who care for an effective ADC program. If we each got a new member that would bring the roll up to the more effective membership of 1000 [What are you saying, Fitzwater ?! That means twice as many newsletters to mail out !!!]

- Abbey, Dennis R.  
Ahlstrom, A. Warren  
Albrecht, Lee  
Allison, Malcolm N.  
Anderson, Mel  
Ashmead, Jeff  
\*Ayers, Newman/Courtney  
Baber, W. H. Jr.  
Balser, Dr. Donald S.  
Barnes, James L.  
Barrett, Joe D.  
Bean, Jerry R.  
Bice, Russell H.  
Birdsall, Roger L.  
Birmingham, Grant H.  
Blom, Sherman  
\*Bourret, Larry J.  
Brinkoetter, Anthony  
\*Brinkoetter, Dorothy L.  
Bucklin, Gene  
Bunke, Paul T.  
Byrne, Steve  
Carlin, Avis V.  
Carpenter, Fred  
Carpenter, Roy R.  
Christensen, Fred  
Christopher, Edward L.  
Clark, Dell O.  
Clennon, Roy L.  
Clore, John  
Clucas, Jack L.  
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Connolly, Guy  
Cornelius, Edward V.  
Crabb, A. Charles  
Crosby, Lyle A.  
Couch, Howard M.  
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Dana, Richard H.  
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Edwards, Robert  
Eldredge, Richard D.  
Fairchild, M. Pauline  
\*Farrell, Larry  
\*Farrell, Phil  
\*Farrell, Robert A.  
Flournoy, George, Jr.  
Ford, Homer S.  
\*Ford, Mary  
Franco, Gary P.  
Giese, Ernest, Jr.  
Gilbert, Robert N.  
\*Good, Faye  
\*Good, George  
Goyn, Dennis  
Griffith, Gene  
\*Grisham, Jess E.  
\*Guerry, Maurice, Jr.  
Hall, Graydon B., Jr.  
Hansen, George  
Hansen, Jack  
\*Harris, Arvilla  
\*Harris, Jack  
\*Harris, James C.  
Heath, Donald G.  
\*Helle, Joe T.  
Hettma, Harold  
Hoover, Jim  
Howard, Dr. Walter E.  
Howey, Laverne A.  
Hurt, Glenn  
Hutchinson, Lloyd W.  
Hutchinson, Thomas L.  
Isaac, Robert  
\*Johnson, Floyd R.  
Johnston, George W.  
Juve, Darrell C.  
\*Kieth, Elmer  
\*Killen, John  
Kudrna, Donald B.  
LaFrantz, Nick H.  
Larsen, Kenneth H.  
Laughlin, J. Mike  
Lee, Louis C.  
Maestrelli, John R.  
Marten, Lee R.  
Martin, Richard R.  
\*Martinez, Simon J.  
Martley, Howard J.  
Marsh, Floyd M.  
Matthes, Steve M.  
\*McCone Co. Sheepgrowers  
Metzler, Kenneth A.  
Miner, Joe E.  
Miner, Norton R.  
Mitchell, Ken  
\*Montana Woolgrowers Assoc.  
Moore, Warren G.  
Moyles, Dennis  
\*Murphy Ranch Inc.  
Muse, Tracy  
Nancolas, Jack  
Nancolas, Les  
Nass, Roger D.  
\*Nelson, Alice  
Nelson, Edward A.  
\*Nelson, Willard E.  
Nicholls, Thomas E.  
Niemeyer, Carter C.  
O'Brien, John  
O'Gorman, Craig  
Overcast, Henry L.  
Packham, Joe  
\*Packham, Shirley  
Patterson, Riley R.  
Peacock, Eric A.  
Perry, William M.  
Petersen, J. Oliver  
Peterson, Paul W.  
Pifer, Vernon E.  
\*Polk Co. Livestock (D. Phillips)  
Potts, Mike  
Prien, James F.  
Quiroz, Robert T.  
Quiroz, Robert V.  
Robert, Victor E.  
Robertson, Wayne E.  
Robinson, Thomas A.  
Rogers, John  
Rost, Gregory, R.  
Rost, Patricia  
Rowley, DeLyle  
\*Russ, Joe, IV  
\*Ryan, John  
Ryan, Thomas L.  
Salmon, Dr. Terrell P.  
Santini, Mike  
Scott, Wes T.  
Seyler, Earl  
\*Seyler, Mary J.  
\*Siddoway, Bill  
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Stevens, James O.  
Stewart, Bill  
Stone, Walter  
\*Strom, Richard E.  
Stuart, Gordon W.  
Thompson, Ronald A.  
\*Thomson Publications  
Tonkin, Don

Tucker, Robert K.  
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- Webster, Milton H.  
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Wilson, John H.  
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Wonacott, Richard,  
Woodhams, Kerry S.  
Worthen, Michael V.  
Wright, Ken  
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Zook, Clayton

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\*Anderson, Berkley  
Anderson, Rev. Terry  
Armistead, Alan R.  
Bacus, Leland C.  
Baker, Dennis P.  
Barrington, Bobby J.  
Becker, Alvin E.  
Bierschwale, Byrl  
Birchfield, William K.  
Blanchard, Willard E.  
Bloys, Warren D.  
Boddicker, Dr. Major L.  
Boehm, Walter J.  
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\*Brown, J.C.  
Burns, Richard J.  
Caroline, Milton  
\*Carpenter, Carol  
Carpenter, Keith  
Causey, Leslie J.  
\*Colorado Woolgrowers  
\*Coupland, James O.  
Cox, Louis  
Crabb, Loyd  
Crews, Jack  
\*Cronberg, Marv  
Crowe, A. Samuel  
\*Culverwell, Gerald L.  
\*Cummings, A.G.  
DeGrazio, John W.  
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Dodson, William W.  
Edstrom, Paul A.  
\*Evans, Danny  
\*Evans, Fred B.  
\*Evans, Ginger  
\*Evans, Goober  
\*Evans, Mary  
\*Evans, Roger  
\*Evans, Shirley  
\*Evans, Tanya  
Everett, Bill  
Fall, Dr. Michael W.  
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Fitzwater, William D.  
Fossler, Cyd L.  
Frnka, Mary A.  
Garcia, Victor  
Gretz, Darrell I.

Groll, William J.  
Gustad, Orvis  
Hall, T.F.  
Hansen, Gordon  
Hansen, Roland F.  
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Hawthorne, Donald W.  
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Hoffman, Thomas R.  
\*Hood, Donnalee B  
Hood, Dr. Glen A.  
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Jackson, Albert W.  
\*Jackson, Joe L.  
James, Kenny  
Jaurequiberry, Jean M.  
Johnson, Calvin M.  
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Johnson, Norman D.  
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Lackey, James M.  
Lalo, Oscar  
Lawson, Roger  
Lilley, James D.  
Lilley, Jessie D.  
Lindsey, Joe B.  
Loven, Judy S.  
Lowry, Donnie B.  
Mabbutt, Darwin  
Madsen, Clyde R.  
\*Madsen, Rose  
\*Mayer/Rousselot Inc.  
Martin, David L.  
Mahan, Sam  
McPhetridge, Jack  
McVicker, Bob  
Meyers, John C.  
Moffatt, Grover W.  
Montgomery, C. Vernal  
Mullin, Everett  
Murphy, Marshall  
Nay, George L.  
Nelson, W.O., Jr.  
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Oglesby, Stanley D.  
Oliver, Royce N.  
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Podborny, Kenneth R.  
Domel, Fred L.  
Ramirez, Marcelo  
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Reynolds, Robert  
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Riggs, Reed T.  
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Robinson, Philip  
Rost, George S.  
\*Rost, Jean  
\*Rousselot, Norman W.  
Rowland, C.L.  
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\*Runyan, Joe B.  
Savarie, Dr. Peter J.  
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Shaw, Rick  
\*Sims, Bill  
Sims, Bob  
Simmons, Gary  
Singleton, Fred  
Skaggs, Roye B., Jr.  
Smith, James H.  
Snay, Dwight  
Spalsbury, Bill  
Stair, John L.  
Steele, Golden  
Stephenson, Monroe  
Taylor, Bill  
Thompson, Dr. R. Daniel  
Thomas, Conridge C.  
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Tietjen, Dr. Howard P.  
Trampota, Jimmy R.  
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Wallace, Ulysses S.  
Walter, Vernon  
Warnick, Van J.  
Watson, James E.  
Sultemeier, Clint

Webb, Jodie H.  
Welch, Venus G.  
Whitten, Sharon  
Williams, Charles  
Wimberley, Albert L.  
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Worthen, James A.  
Wright, Clayton  
Wright, William  
Zielesch, Donald W.

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\*Archem Corp. (H.Arbaugh)  
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Boyd, Frank  
Brewer, Charles L.  
Brusman, Herb  
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Courtsal, Fred R.  
Dinkins, Pat O.  
Dudderar, Glenn R.  
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\*Elston, Rue  
Fryda, Donald, Jr.  
Fryda, Donald, Sr.  
Fryda, Ronald  
Grant, Glarence N.  
Griswold, Carl  
Hanson, Kim  
Hanson, Rew Van  
Heinbaugh, Frank D.  
Henderson, F. Robert  
Huffman, Louis  
\*Hyde, Marshall  
Inqman, Marvin  
Jackson, Dr. William B.  
Jones, Wesley R.  
Knote, Charles E.  
Kopp, Dennis D.  
Lewis, Forrest  
Linn, Jonathan W.  
Lundquist, Larry  
Marsh, Boyd T.  
Maxwell, Hugh A.  
Nelson, David  
Ogden, Ronald E.  
Pfeifer, William  
\*Polston, Frances L.  
Plaggemeyer, John R.  
Rebhahn, Al  
Sachau, Bob  
Severson, Richard E.  
Shoaf, James V.  
Simmons, William L.  
\*Stephan, Fredric J.  
\*Strieter Corp.  
Wahlin, Robert F.  
Weber, Walter J.  
Wetzel, Richard S.  
\*Wetzel, Wilda F.  
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Fisher, Robert M.  
 Garner, Kenneth M.  
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Harke, Donald T.  
 Harrison, Michael J.  
 Hartlage, James L.  
 Hickling, William C.  
 Jackson, Dr. Jeffrey J.  
 Jones, Barbara J.  
 Jones, Floyd L.  
Jones, John  
 Jones, Lennie  
 \*Jones, Wilma  
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 Kaukeinen, Dr. Dale  
Lingo, Harry H.  
 Matheny, Raymond W.  
 Ochs, Paul M.  
 Pratt, Dr. Harry D.  
Presnall, Clifford C.  
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 Spear, Dr. Philip S.  
 Spencer, Dr. Donald A.  
Spencer, H.J.  
 Terry, Leslie  
 Tinsley, Leonard P.  
 Thompson, Richard L.  
Tramel, Bobby R.  
 \*Tramel, Marie T.  
 Walker, Leonard O.  
Williamson, N.F.  
 Wilson, Dale B.

Amendt, John, Jr.  
Askins, William E.  
 Bollengier, Rene M., Jr.  
 Caslick, James W.  
 Forbes, James E.  
 Gramlich, Francis J.  
 Gustafson, Robert  
 Katz, Harry  
Kincoid, Stephen  
 Ladd, Edward R.  
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Merrill, Howard A.  
 Mills, Ernest M.  
 Peterson, John W.  
 Smith, William G.  
Walker, Thomas C.  
Weaver, John K.  
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Gooding, C.D. (Australia)  
Hirao, Motokazu (Japan)

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Paid up members for 1981

<u>Region</u>	<u>Actives</u>	<u>Supporting</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Signed up for 1981</u>
1	133	34	167	32%
2	133	31	164	30%
3	44	9	53	32%
4	34	4	38	47%
5	16	2	18	33%
0	5	0	5	40%

RATS

A progress report indicates brodifacoum [TALON-G<sup>tm</sup>] in a commercial 3/16 inch pelleted green bait under certain conditions was most effective when placed directly into rodent burrows. TALON-G has been registered for unrestricted indoor use and for restricted use in outdoor urban situations.

In other studies a barrier made of two pieces of flat, interlocking aluminum sheets [25.3 cm long x 20.8 cm wide x 0.5 cm thick] joined together except where utility wires run through the midpoint of the sandwich was investigated. The barrier is light and rotates freely on the wire axis making it too unstable to support any rats traveling along the horizontal wires.

An interesting study of considerable importance in sanitation recommendations showed rats preferred to take food from pallets [15.2 cm (6 inches) high] over food placed directly on the floor and much more readily than food placed on platforms 52.1 cm (20.5 inches) high. [NY Rodent Control Evaluation Laboratory (Troy, NY), Progress Report, October 1980]

*At last I've discovered the secret of eternal youth - - I started lying about my age.*

REGULATION SCOREBOARD: Government 80 : Taxpayer 0

Rick Main (American Farm Bureau Federation) compiled some frightening statistics lately. Of the regulatory maze in which our country is caught today, there are now eighty government agencies that regulate virtually every phase of activity. To preserve the illusion they are earning their money, these agencies have to pass regulations whether they are needed or not. Thus - -

	1970	1980
Number of regulatory agency employees	27,690	+100,000
Cost of these regulators	\$800,000,000	\$6,000,000,000
Federal register pages where regulations are posted	20,000	77,450

The cost of these regulations to the average family of four runs over \$2,000 a year, more than 10% of the average income. A new home costs \$2,500 more because of federal, state and local regulations. A new car costs \$667 more. The Federal government is not only spending large sums and requiring large sums to be spent by businesses to comply with their regulations, but they are handing out sizeable sums to friends who run a variety of organizations, such as, the Sierra Club. Rick blames this increase of regulations to the more than 5,000 environmental and public interest groups now totaling over 5 million voluntary members that have sprung up since the mid-1960s. The dog is being wagged by a tail that makes up 2% of the population.

*As immigrants we came in different ships but we're all in the same boat now.*

HELPFUL GADGETS

The Coleman Company has just introduced a little gadget in which you might be interested. It is a red plastic spout that replaces the cap on a gallon can of camping equipment fuel. The spout pours neatly into the appliance without spilling and stops automatically when the lantern, stove or heater tank is full. This cuts down on wasted fuel as well as dangerous spillage when loading equipment. This new "fuel filler" (Model 5103-703) can be purchased from local suppliers of Coleman Company equipment.

OL' TIMERS' CORNER

Walt Boehm (USFWS, Matador, TX) sent us an old newspaper clipping, etc. about Lee Fulkerson, a trapper in the Biological Survey, parent agency of the Fish & Wildlife Service. Lee was born in 1861 in Cumberland Gap, VA and began trapping in Oregon in 1908, moving to Washington in 1916. He went to work for the Biological Survey and was one of the top trappers in the Washington District until his retirement from the Service in 1930. One Washington District report (August 1921) notes that Lee caught an old coyote earlier that month that had killed over 200 chickens for a poultryman near Attalia, WA. In appreciation, Lee was given a chicken dinner the following Sunday. Ahhh! those were the days when ADC was really appreciated. Lee died in Las Cruces, NM in 1936. He was Walt's great uncle so coyotitis (see A NEW SOCIAL DISEASE) can be transmitted by trapper to trapper contact also.

Virgil Parsons, District Supervisor, College Station, TX, retired on August 31st after 21 years working for USFWS plus many years as a cooperative employee. Enjoy ! Virgil.

Mark Worcester (Rt. 4, McGregor, MN 55760) who was State Supervisor in the Dakotas in the fifties writes his only current control activities have been clobbering red squirrels and chipmunks that have been raising hell in some resort cabins. Mark was disdainful of Andrus' approach to the Minnesota wolf problem by livetrapping and moving these predators. He claims if the trapper stopped for a cup of coffee on the way home, the wolf would beat him back. He cites a case where the farmer has lost 38 cattle so far and the same wolf has been livetrapped three times on his place. He says the same thing is being done about bears. One bear was trapped four times at a night club 3 miles south of his place after raiding the garbage. Mark says the bear hasn't done any damage yet except to scare the pants off the girls around the place which he feels has been done before by something less than bears.

*Any husband knows if he can prove he's right, he can make things a lot worse.*

NRA HUNTING ANNUAL

I just got a copy of the National Rifle Association's Hunting Annual for 1980-81. This is a registry by States and Canadian provinces of the names, addresses and particular services offered by approved guides, outfitters and taxidermists. The Annual also lists availability of special services, namely, blackpowder, bow and photographic hunting areas. Included are tables on estimated harvest and state permit regulations for various big game species. The booklet costs \$2.00 and can be obtained from the NRA, 1600 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D C . 20036.

*Middle age is when you want to see how long your car lasts not how fast it will go.*

WE JUST GOTTA LARN 'EM SOME WAY

The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America (50 West Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215) which was the leader in the fight to defeat anti-trap legislation in Ohio in 1977 has spear-headed opposition to anti-trap legislation in Oregon and over the rest of the country. They recently published some interesting figures on the South Dakota initiative to stop dove hunting. The figures clearly show the basic need in animal

damage control, trapping and hunting - - a properly-informed public. The anti-hunters would like to have people believe the mourning dove is an endangered species despite the fact 20 million doves are produced annually in that state. The WLFA conducted a survey on voter sentiment towards dove hunting based on the individual's grasp of biological facts. The results are listed below:

<u>Biological facts index</u>	<u>% for</u>	<u>% against</u>	<u>%undecided</u>
3: Know the facts	82	14	4
1:	50	39	11
0:	27	60	13
-1:	17	73	10
-3: Don't know the facts	8	84	8

The moral is clear - - those that have some idea of the basic biological facts of life are 82% for hunting a renewable resource whereas those without any concept are 84% against it. Pointing to WLFA success in defeating the anti-trap legislation in Ohio by a two to one margin, they claim the American public will support hunting, trapping and animal damage control if they are properly informed. This is one of NADCA's primary objectives. Help us and yourselves.

*I asked to see something cheaper in the store - - and they showed me a dollar bill !*

#### TOO BAD ! BLUEBERRY PIE CAN NO LONGER BE EATEN BY THE PURISTS

EPA has just added blueberries to the list of fruits that can be sprayed with MESUROL (Moby Chemical Co.). Connecticut, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington have been granted permission to use this chemical as a repellent on blueberries to keep starlings, grackles, robins, cedar waxwings and blackbirds from eating these berries before they can be baked into pies for mere mortals. New Jersey has estimated the birds would take half of the State's crop, \$1 million, if the growers could not use MESUROL before harvest. The other three states have estimated a loss of more than 1.2 million dollars to their crops. I wonder how EPA will counter the DEFENDERS arguments about the enormous psychological effect this is going to have on countless numbers of birds deprived of their blueberries ? (AFBF Tech. Info. Bureau, Inc.)

*Too bad life's big problems don't hit you when you're 18 and know everything.*

#### TRAPPING BENEFITS PEOPLE AND WILD ANIMALS

That's the title of a 15 page brochure the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America has just published. It starts out with the premise that "Today's abundant wild animals try to live where their ancestors did. Trouble is: people now live and work where much of the wild habitat used to be." It points out the link between wild animals and diseases affecting humans as well as the facts on several economic losses caused by wildlife. The role of the trap in scientific studies, disease surveillance, habitat and crop protection is shown. It points out the strategy of the "anti-s" to work first on trapping as trappers are few in numbers and lack

political clout. The publicity generated by anti-trapping measures attracts support for other anti-causes such as hunting and killing of domestic animals. It quotes the Humane Society: "...our ultimate goal is to develop...a generation of adults who will no longer have any wish to kill any living creature..." The article closes with disclosure of the "animal rights" issue which is a ploy to make more work for lawyer-types defending animals in human courts with taxpayer's money. A copy of the booklet can be obtained by writing the WLFA (address given above). I don't know about you but I don't want to be a vegetarian.

*Too many confuse free speech with cheap talk.*

YE ED - William D. Fitzwater

I have just received an invitation to join the National Fertilizer Solutions Association based on my being in the "fertilizer industry". Whose the wise guy who put my name in ?

As YE ED is one of the founders of PROCRASTINATORS UNLIMITED, he fully understands the joy of putting off something in hopes it will go away. However, unless you send in your dues before the first of the year, this is the last issue of the PROBE coming your way. Huh! that isn't much of a threat, but NADCA does need your support. You don't need registration cards - - just name and address and money.

#### NEWSFLASH !!!!

The above was typed before the election, so I held the PROBE until I could find out how we did. There is good news tonight !! The anti-trap proposal in Oregon was beat down with about a 64:36 ratio and South Dakotans can still hunt doves with almost the same support - 61:39. The only problem is that this is still only one battle in what promises to be a long war.