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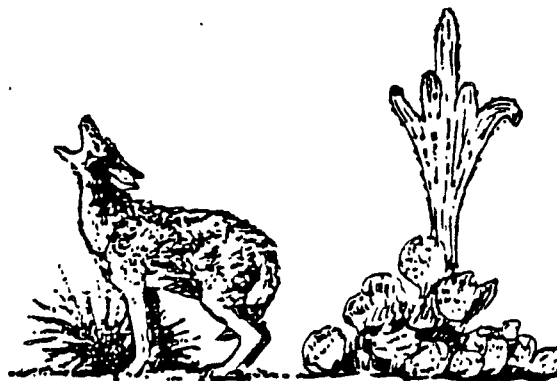


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THE PROBE



National Animal Damage Control Association

SEPTEMBER 1989

NUMBER 95

WHAT ARE THEY TEACHING OUR KIDS??

This little subliminal message was found in an English workbook in Idaho:

"Underline each noun in these sentences below:

1. Many farmers and ranchers consider the coyote a pest and a danger.
2. There are several mistaken beliefs about this animal which native Americans called 'the smartest creature on earth.'
3. The most widespread misconception about coyotes is that they prey on cattle and sheep.
4. The truth is that scientists have never documented a single case of coyotes killing either cattle or sheep.
5. Coyotes may feed on an animal that has died from other causes.
6. Experiments show that the coyote prefers meat that has not been freshly killed and would rather feast on an old carcass.
7. Despite these facts many people believe that coyotes are responsible for the killing of many lambs each year.
8. The lamb is one of the most helpless animals in existence and catches many diseases and ailments.
9. Sheep and lambs have a high mortality rate, and most coyotes apparently feed on animals killed by nature.
10. Nevertheless, traps and poisoned baits are set, killing thousands of coyotes each year (as well as destroying other wild animals - including many members of endangered species)."

RICK PHILLIPS (APHIS-ID) sent me this a little while back but it got lost on my desk, until I was reminded of it with a

note in NATIONAL WOOLGROWER stating the Idaho sheepmen had forced the educators to take another look. It was admitted that this was lifted from Hope Ryden's book.

Reputation is character minus what you've been caught doing.

READING

Knittle, C.E. & R.D.Porter (1988), WATERFOWL DAMAGE AND CONTROL METHODS IN RIPENING GRAIN: AN OVERVIEW. USFWS Fish & Wildl. Tech. Rept. #14, 17p

A good review of grain depredation by waterfowl - history, economics, depredation behavior, farmer attitudes, methods of control, etc.

Hothem, R.L., etc. (1988), BIRD DAMAGE TO SUNFLOWER IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND MINNESOTA, 1979-1981. USFWS Fish & Wildl. Tech. Rept. #15, 11p.

A survey of bird damage to sunflower production in those states showed an overall loss of \$5.1 million (1979) and \$7.9 million (1980) but only 2.2% of 1,488 fields surveyed had losses >10%.

OTIS, DAVID & C.M.Kilburn (1988), INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON BLACKBIRD DAMAGE TO SUNFLOWER. USFWS FISH & WILDL. TECH. REPT. #16, 11p.

Statistical analysis of data covered in previous paper showed the largest influence on this type of damage was the presence of nearby marshes. Other factors were presence or absence of adjacent plowed fields, pastures, and trees; and weed density.

All the above papers can be obtained for

free from Publications Unit, USFWS, Washington, DC 20240.

O'Gara, B.W. & R.B.Harris (1988) AGE AND CONDITION OF DEER KILLED BY PREDATORS AND AUTOMOBILES. *J.Wildl.Manage.* 52(2):316-320.

A survey of deer kills by predators (mountain lion and coyote) and automobiles in western Montana showed that while 90% of the deer killed by autos were in poor condition, 98% of those killed by predators were in prime condition. Predators killed prime-aged animals whereas autos more fawns and old-aged animals. (*Predators take only the sick and infirm?*)

RODENT NEWSLETTER, ICAR, INDIA

My good friend, Dr. Ishwar Prakash (Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur, India), has been kind enough to send me copies of this publication. While much of the material is not applicable to USA vertebrate pests and methods, the following abstracts may be of interest:

GLUE BOARDS: Several studies indicated these showed some degree of effectiveness. In a catch-and-release study, 69.4% of a population of roof rats (*R. rattus*) were taken from the study area by these traps. And even higher number of mice (*Mus musculus*) were taken but the base population was unknown as the mice slipped through the wires of their live traps. Economics being a particularly sticky problem in India, the researchers reported, "...removal of rats from the traps appears to be very crude, therefore, it is better if some sophistication is introduced for the same." They are worried about being able to reuse the sticky paper again.

CHOLECALCERFEROL - A one-day feeding period with cholecalcerferol pellets (0.075%) resulted in a 25% mortality to caged roof rats, while three-day exposure killed 72.7%. Another study indicated no bait shyness, but one and two day feeding exposures gave only 30% and 60% mortality, respectively. They concluded the poison concentration or exposure time be increased.

BRODIFACOU M - Cage studies with 0.005%

Brodifacou m gave 100% mortality to roof rats in 1, 2, and 3 days exposure, though the time to death was considerably reduced in the longer exposure group.

Do parking lot attendants have drivers' licenses?

MEETIN' S

FOURTH EASTERN WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL CONFERENCE, Sept. 24-27, 1989 at The Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI. Contact: JIM WINNAT, APHIS-ADC, 750 Windsor St., Sun Prairie WI 53590; TOM HAUGE, WI Dept. Nat. Resources, POB 7921, Madison, WI 53707; or Scott Craven, Ext. Wildl. Spec., 215 Russell Labs, Madison, WI 53706.

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.

People who live in glass houses have faded sofas.

LETTERS TO YE ED

MILT CAROLINE, NADCA RDIV,

San Antonio, TX:

As background we should consider George's thoughts on the need for NADCA. As I recall, his intention was to keep up-to-date on what USFWS was doing to ADC and the money appropriated for its operations. It was evident there was an on-going effort to keep ADC in USFWS to provide time for killing it once and all. We were all opposed to the idea of USFWS paying attention to DOW; Audubon, and others who opposed the program because it affected the "environment" and (worse) was an aid to agricultural interests. Since there was no way of altering USFWS processes even though not the intent of Congress, it seemed best to get ADC back into USDA where it was

in the first place.

As it turns out, we were right. The job was done, but there is still work on a continuing basis. We need to be informed of appropriation requests of APHIS-ADC and state legislators before they are presented. With this information the NADCA Executive Board can advise selected persons in the membership to inform governmental committees of our interests. This would result in a concerted, well-scheduled support program for agricultural agencies. This has been done but only on a piece-meal basis in which each went his own way with limited results.

As Chairman of the NADCA Education Committee, I had arranged for two Symposia on Predation - San Angelo and Lubbock (TX). The intent of both was to bring the story to college students who (I was told) would attend as time permitted. Student attendance was rare though we had top quality speakers. As a result of these dismal failures (in the case of students), I decided to take another tack: to prepare a curriculum for Vocational Agriculture students, along with teacher guides. I have become aware of the availability of good cooperation from the Texas A&M Wildlife Specialist in San Angelo. I plan to visit him in a month or so to see what can be worked out. It is possible that at little or no expense we can get a wider audience through the Extension Service.

I believe you can see I do not approve of abandoning NADCA. For the future we need to turn over positions on the Executive Board to younger people who can carry on. I think some of them are on hand now: Winnat, Knowlton, San Julian, Garner, and Johnson are a good core. Do we need more? Some of these can get in trouble soliciting funds since they are still on the job; but they can usually get a cooperator to suggest to his congressman that they call on them for information. If a request comes down from Congress you're in trouble if you don't reply.

I will be glad to serve on the Education Committee but not as RD because of the conflict with my NADCA relations.

NADCA, in the future, needs to DO something so a new set of faces in the leadership may set a new course for the future. However, we need the Fitzwater expertise to put out THE PROBE. We need to pay more attention, as a group, to the Animal Rights movement as Bill has done in the past. Does this ramble? It's age, son. It's age.

MIKE FALL, DWRC, Denver, CO:

I'm writing with regard to the gauntlet you tossed in #94 signaling your intent and that of the original officers of NADCA to give up active roles. As you suggested NADCA has not been a very successful lobbying organization, but neither have many large organizations employing professional lobbyists. Nonetheless I think the Association has served a useful purpose as an organization of professionals who need to and wish to communicate with one another. You and the officers ought to be very proud of the positive things that NADCA has accomplished and press on. In regard to changes, I like the idea of officers not coming from the ranks of members currently working for government agencies as it permits them to be more independent. I could see reducing the number or dispensing with Regional Directors, if that were to save money or permit more efficient operation. If membership numbers are truly important, what about establishing a non-voting category that would cover only postage costs? Hopefully, many of these may be in a better position financially later, but we want them as members now, right?

Fitz, right now you are indispensable. Your persistence in producing a very professional newsletter on a regular basis has been the glue for holding the group together. I don't buy your excuse of wanting to expand your writing horizons. Successful professional writing requires a great deal of self-discipline. Producing a newsletter is one of the best ways to maintain that. I think NADCA should give serious consideration to compensating the 1.5 weeks/month required for the newsletter and secretarial chores by establishing an Executive Secretary position whose duties include production of the

newsletter. I don't know how you price this time but a dues increase might be needed to cover costs. If I'm guessing correctly at how altruistic you or others might be, this could be done by setting dues in the range used by other societies and perhaps reducing the newsletter to six issues per year. Other society dues are: AAAS \$75; AIBS \$42; Ecol. Soc. America \$30; Audubon Soc. \$30; Amer.Soc.Mammalogists \$23; Defenders of Wildlife \$20; Wildl. Soc. (newsletter only) \$20. Surely our's can be restructured to cover some additional costs without much loss of current membership.

I'm not personally convinced that NADCA is likely to survive very gracefully or very long if the current leadership departs. Perhaps that's your intent if the Association has achieved your original goals. Whatever your decision, all of us are grateful for the time and effort you've devoted to NADCA and for the continuing moral support you've provided all quarters of ADC.

(Thanks, Mike. These are some excellent suggestions that I'm sure the Board will consider in Wisconsin.)

DR. HARRY PRATT, rtd. USPHS, Atlanta, GA:

You deserve the highest praise for your devoted work these 11 years in typing, editing, and mailing THE PROBE. As a part-time writer and consultant I have benefited greatly from your notices and reviews of new publications and registration changes on pesticides. I'll be very interested in the future status of THE PROBE. You certainly have made it a labor of love and much appreciated by many NADCA members.

"BUNNY" FENNESSY, Canberra, Australia:

Congratulations on the decision you have made about the editor's job. It's now up to NADCA to have a good look at itself, its future role and the prospect of attracting members who are prepared to contribute actively to the functioning of the Association. Any Assn. founded by senior and concerned members of a profession soon has to face the crisis which I think is now in front

of NADCA. And the really hard question is simply whether the Assn. should continue to exist. If there a need for it? If so, who is going to run it? If "younger" members display little interest in taking executive responsibility there's not much point or sense in the old-timers trying to keep it functioning. I suggest the Regional Directors conduct an impromptu telephone survey and ask bluntly whether they would be prepared to take an active role in the Association.

(Thanks, Bunny. You have put your finger on the sore spot. We did accomplish our original objective, but we have not become the professional society I had hoped for. Right now, the letters above yours are the only replies I've received to my editorial. If I had gotten more replies like those I would be able to answer your letter more positively.)

If at first you don't succeed, deny you were even trying.

HUMANS GOT RIGHTS???

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

DISSENSION IN THE RANKS

The beauty queen contest basher, Bob Barker, has been slapped with a \$10 million libel lawsuit by the American Humane Assn. and its West Coast director, Betty Denny Smith. The lawsuit claims the TV game show host falsely stated on radio shows that the association allowed cruel behavior to dogs and chimps during the production of two films. Sic'em, Betty. ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE 08/31/89.

EVEN BAMBI HAS TO EAT

A proposal to hire a deer slayer in a posh San Francisco suburb is getting protests from animal lovers and the humane society. Seems some 600 deer are chomping up rosebuds and other exotic landscaping on the palatial mansion grounds. The Humane Society has sent letters to residents (these are the type generally suckered in to pay Humane Society's wages) saying "...an animal's life is more valuable than a rose

bush..." and "...there are tons of ways to deal with the deer..." ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE 08/28/89.

ANIMALS GOT STRESS!?

Rock Star (somebody told me he was) Ted Nugent recently shot a record bear in Michigan. For this he got a hate letter from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA):

"...As you point out, ethically there is no difference between killing a bear and killing a cow, pig, or chicken. I would like to point out that killing any animal for reasons of taste, sport, or luxury is wrong...Hunting is an extremely cruel and senseless form of 'recreation'. The stress caused to the animals - the noise, the fear, and the constant chase--is psychologically torturous. These animals who are hunted but escape suffer from stress-related disabilities that reduce their ability to eat properly and store fat and energy needed to survive the winter. The death of an animal is also devastating to his or her family, particularly when there are young..." s/Teresa Gibbs.

For a "rock star" Nugent had some pretty good answers, "I don't know how often you leave beautiful downtown D.C., but you obviously rarely leave the pavement. I've spent a lifetime out of doors with real wildlife in true wildlife habitat and it disturbs me whenever someone makes a detrimental judgment based on a make believe emotional belief."

"Killing animals is not wrong. It is certainly part of the real world. God does it. Mother Nature does it. Animals do it. And man does it. An ounce of common sense would show you the importance of death in the wild. But you obviously don't care about the animals or you would know first-hand the damage such a fantasy would cause. Try snowshoeing into a winter yard area of deer after a severe winter and tell me how you like the mass, slow, lingering death as an alternative to a natural harvest. You are a cruel bunch of liars."

"You are wrong about stress. The animal world is instinctively designed for stress. Man or no man. And sorrow to the animal family? You really flashed

your pathetic ignorance here. I've seen hundreds of times doe deer beat hell out of their own fawns for a tidbit of preferred food in winter. The concept of family is ridiculous when you know that boar bear and male lion, more often than not, eat their young. I don't know what kind of a family you come from, but if you inter-use the term family (meaning you eat your young), I'd call the cops."

"In regard to the consumption of animal flesh, once again, welcome to the real world. Man does, can and will, if he so desires, justifiably utilize animal flesh for food. Animal products are also wonderful for clothing and many other uses. Not to mention the funds generated by your animal lies to pay salaries and livelihoods for people like you."

"Come on Teresa, get your fat ass out of the office and let me take you with my children and friends to the beautiful world of truth, and experience that which you could never understand otherwise. You only live once, do it in the real world, not fantasy land. You're damaging wildlife." UPDATE (WLFA) Spring '89.

THAT SMARTS!

A Lena Williams states in the NY TIMES that "...most animal-rights sav goose down (for coats) is out because removing the down causes considerable pain to animals." (*Smart doesn't apply to ARs. Coat makers don't pull individual feathers out of live geese. You silly goose!*) Williams goes on that ARs make "...a case against wearing wool saying sheep are often nicked during shearing...(and don't wear silk because)..."its manufacture involves killing silkworms." UPDATE (WLFA) Spring '89.

THE BLOODY BOY SCOUTS

A virulent group of ARs - Trans-Species Unlimited (TSU) - strongly objects to the Boy Scouts killing rabbits and chickens for food during survival training courses (PROBE #89). Feeling this is an issue they can milk for all it's worth, they are making an emotional appeal for donations of \$100 or more to stop this horrible act. The fundraising

package includes two postcards, each with a photograph of a cute bunny and the legend, "Slain by the Scouts". One card is addressed to the United Way saying, "Until the BSA adopts a policy prohibiting such brutal exercises, I cannot donate to BSA or other charities supporting the Scouts." The other addressed to the BSA says, "I cannot contribute to BSA or other charities supporting the Scouts." Counteract this blackmail by telling the United Way and Boy Scouts to ignore TSU. These are the twisted thoughts of a tiny minority of political extremists trying to interfere with legal activities. These people have no support from mainstream America. You can write:
 Mr. Ben Love, Chief Scout Ex., BSA, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038-3096
 Mr. William Aramony, United Way of America, 701 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2045.

It isn't what you know - it's what you can think of in time.

KITTY LITTER

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

Orange County (CA) is experiencing a rash of "Jack the Ripper" killings. Instead of prostitutes the victims are cats. According to a self-appointed prosecutor the 67 cats have been "surgically cut in half", intestines removed, and the carcass redeposited on owners or neighbors lawns. She claims it is the work of Satanists and wants authorities to do something about it. An APHIS rep checked out the cat bodies she had stored in her freezer (*Stop shaking your head, Fitzwater. You have been known to have bags of frozen sparrows and cotton rats wrapped up in freezer paper in your freezer!*). He and the County Vet dispute the claim, and feel the work is that of coyotes. Maybe these people should try to get toxic collars registered to put on cats. Thanx to CA APHIS-ADC for following the story thru a number of papers.

TYPHOID MARY WAS A CAT

It starts with fever and a flushed face. Within a week, symptoms include leakage of blood plasma, nausea, bleeding, and kidney failure. Ultimately chemical

inbalance in body fluids can lead to high blood pressure, shock, and death. That is Korean hemorrhagic fever which took its toll of our troops in Korea. The causative agent, Hantaan virus, has been found to be common in rats in the USA. Residents of rat-infested communities have antibodies indicating exposure to the urine of infected rodents. Its prevalence is not well documented because of the complex lab procedures needed to identify the virus here and in the United Kingdom. Researchers in that country have found high levels of Hantaan in CATS which may aid viral transmission between rats and humans. So there's something besides fleas and love your cat can give you. Thanx to DICK WETZEL (APHIS-WI) and SCIENCE NEWS, 135, #19.

My dog is a terrible bloodhound. I cut my finger and he fainted.

NOW HEAR THIS!!!

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

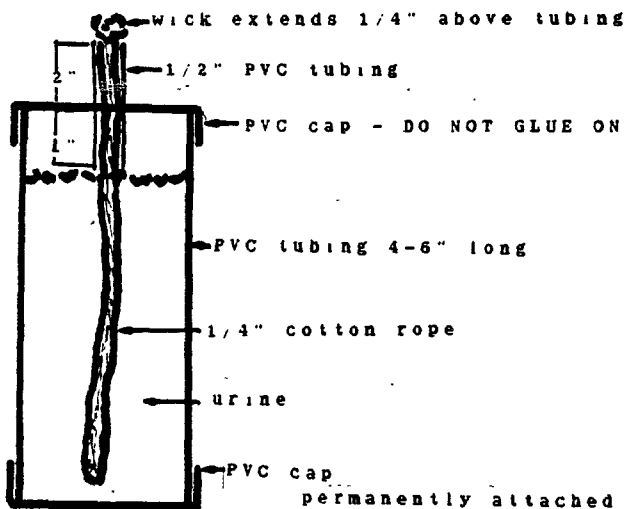
KEN PODBORNY (APHIS - NM) was telling me about a new lion snare that JIM LACKEY (APHIS - AZ) was developing. Faster than the Aldrich snare it was doing a phenomenal job on lion. I called DARREL JUVE (SD - APHIS - AZ). Darrel said it was everything Ken said and was workable on a number of species. He claimed he wasn't keeping it a secret but that like the M-44 they had to work out some patent rights before it could be released. So start drooling.

PORTABLE DRAW STATION

GARY NUNLEY reports on a portable draw station developed by Bill Fletcher. Bill developed this in his search for a way to rot meat baits at a place away from home (*I will always remember the story of the near divorce of a Colorado trapper who dropped a gallon jug of his "makings" down his cellar steps one cold winter.*). Bill's idea is to use a 12" length of 4" PVC (plastic polyvinylchloride) pipe. Both ends are capped - bottom one glued and the other with a removable cap. In the latter cap a 1/2" hole was drilled and fitted with 1/2" plastic tubing. This is buried in the ground so only 3" of the small tubing is

above ground. A small piece of soft screening stuffed into the top of the tubing will keep the bugs out. This permits the meat to rot in remote places without an odor or drawing insects around the house. Bill also noted that it drew coyotes into the area after 7-10 days and found it productive to set traps and M-44s around the station. Of several types of meat tested, he found fish to be one of the best for luring coyotes.

He then developed a smaller model to use with urine to keep this scent fresh for 30-60 days in the field. Here he used six inch lengths of 1-1/4" PVC pipe in the same manner. This time he inserts 1/4" cotton rope in the 1/2" tubing. This is buried as shown in the diagram below. Some long distance lures and oil from rotten fish were added to the urine for better drawing power. The reactions by the coyotes varied from their being dug up and carried off, chewed on, and urinated on. There seemed to be no fear on the part of the coyote in approaching the station and the distraction aided in trapping. Bill worked in the sand country east of Hope (NM) and the mountains to the west. He feels this technique will be a valuable tool for taking hard-to-get coyotes. They should also be effective in extremely hot, dry or freezing weather. Further details can be gotten from the NM APHIS-ADC office.



A litre is a nest of young puppies.

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S
 PRINT TO FIT
 (Interesting, not necessarily informa-

tive, ADC-related news from around the world.)

RUSSIAN SABOTEURS

A remote Alaskan navigation facility has been vandalized by Russians in fur coats. The Cold Bay flight service station has experienced a series of blackouts recently attributed to grizzly bears in search of toys in that frigid part of the world. These refugees from a nearby Federal game preserve have used the four-foot high antennas as pacifiers and scratching posts, chewed on coaxial cables, and ripped apart about 100 square feet of aluminum siding to get to insulation and other goodies. The staff has been passing these blackouts off as merely a "short paws in operations", but now they are considering electric fences. Thanx to LYN FIEDLER (DWRC) and INSIGHT 02/27/89.

LAKE MUDDIED BY BLOODY CARP

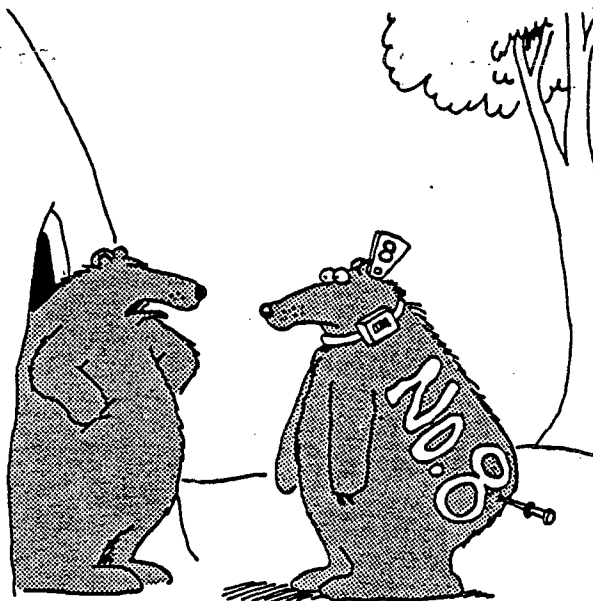
Lake Burley Griffin is an attractive man-made lake in the center of the beautiful capitol of Australia - Canberra. The lake has become silted with mud from the runoff of Canberra gardens and the problem made worse by the activity of an overpopulation of carp planted some seven years ago. The usual objectors are those who feel bird and platypus populations would be adversely affected as well as the total destruction of all fish species, including the carp. CSIRO has discovered a fish parasite (*Taurocoppa guillibilitis*) that attacks the digestive system of only carp species. They claim with the lake drained and cleared of debris this will effectively keep the carp from becoming a problem again. Thanx to BUNNY FENNESSY (rtd. CSIRO, Canberra, Australia) & THE CANBERRA TIMES 04/01/89.

IN SEARCH OF HIGHER EDUCATION

MIKE FALL (DWRC) sent in two articles where predators recently got into Colorado State University (Ft. Collins). In one coyotes took eight sheep from a research flock and injured an equal number of others. "Fortunately" these had not been used in research recently so the value was put at \$80-90 each instead of the several thousand dollars they would have been worth with antibodies implanted in them. (FT.

COLLINS COLORADIAN 08/26/89). In the other incident, a young puma caused a commotion when it wandered around the same campus. Finally taken down with darts it was theorized that it was a young one who had just been kicked out by the mother and needed advanced training in learning where to hunt (ROCKY MTN. NEWS 08/23/89).

I suppose you have all been made aware of Albuquerque's problem on national TV with an invasion of bears (the number is up to 19 now) into the outskirts of town (heading for the University?). This has given the media a shot in the arm and the bleeding hearts something to emote about. The first one was tranquilized at the top of a power pole and did an impressive swan dive accompanied by fireworks. The vets saved it (have you paid a vet bill recently?) and now the Humane Society is raising some \$5,000 to send it and its cub to Oregon. I'm sure Oregon needs another bear family and the bears will probably die of toxic shock when they get the first whiff of a strange atmospheric substance - moisture. The Humane Society also collected some 10,000 pounds of dog food to feed the bears until the Game & Fish pointed out it was illegal. A TV survey reported 67% of the residents were in favor of feeding the bears and only 33% against it. Another example of the education problem with which ADC is faced.



"Late again! ... This better be good!"

FLY AWAY BIRD!

The CHINA DAILY reports a retired worker, Gong Zhensheng, has bought over 3,000 birds and set them free over the past five years because, "I sympathize with caged birds, and think that human beings can benefit a lot from having animals and birds alongside us." Sounds like he rang his Gong once too often. More than 4,000 birds were set loose near Gandhi's gravesite. As these were parakeets and weaver birds I'm sure the farmers welcomed them with open arms - - if they survived.

ANOTHER CASE OF CHICKEN LITTLE

Alar may be gone, but the apple market is still hurting. Fifteen million boxes remain in storage with the new crop due soon. And all along NRDC claims they weren't out to hurt farmers with their report, "Intolerable Risk: Pesticides in Our Children's Food."

WOW! A NEW DISCOVERY!

THE WATERFOWL REPORT (N.A. WATERFOWL FOUND - Summer '89) concluded in the early '80s that the ups and downs of waterfowl production were in response to varying water levels which affected the quality and quantity of nesting cover. So in 1983 they reduced PREDATION (raccoons) in an area by erecting fences around all canvasback nests they could find and left the ducks on their own on a check area. Canvasback production improved drastically on the experimental area while the production in the control area "...fluctuated strongly with water levels, as we expected." (What the hell! Are they afraid to say "predation" as that was the only difference between the areas?)

Talk dirty to plants and you get obscene fern calls.

APHIS ACTIVITY REPT.

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

COYOTES: (TX) GLYNN RILEY reports on a rancher who released 2,000 Angora goats under the TLC of four guard dogs (two Great Pyrenees and two Pryenee/Anatolian crosses). The dogs began to roam and killed goats on adjoining ranches. Since the rancher was unable to control them he had to hire a chopper to hunt them down. By this time there were a lot of upset folks and the rancher refused to admit they belonged to him. (I know, Fred, I only report instances where guard dogs have gone wrong, but that's what gets my attention.)

FERAL HOGS: (TX) Pigs killed four adult goats and four kids in southwestern Texas. CHARLES BAIRD has taken 34 from the area, all of which had mohair in their stomachs.

POCKET GOPHERS: (TX) Approximately two miles of buried telephone cable have been damaged by gophers to the amount of \$14,000.

PURPLE MARTINS: (TX) These birds roosted in such numbers on a power cable at an Alcoa Aluminum Plant they caused

the cable to short out with an estimated damage of \$500,000.

Congress is so strange. A man gets up to speak and says nothing. Nobody listens. And then they disagree.

EDITORIAL

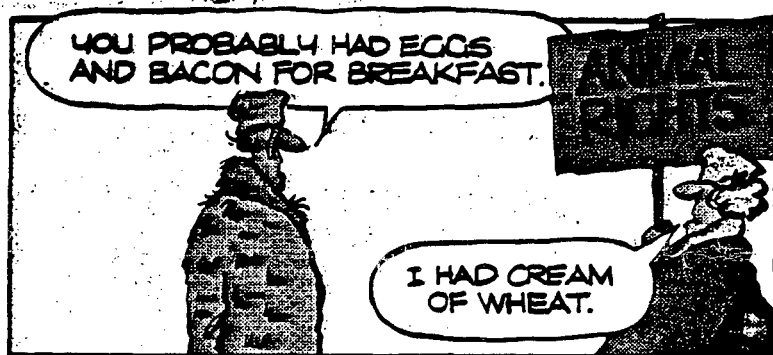
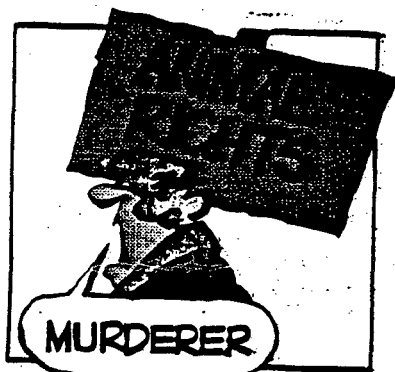
PLEASE don't send in change of addresses on the franked GI cards. Our friendly Postal Service makes me pay thirty cents to ransom them (I have paid as much as 69¢ and as low as 15¢ as the jerks apparently decide rates by throwing darts at numbers on a wall target).

Will promise to get the Directory written up and out with the October issue. So get those change of addresses in NOW!

A fool and his money have nothing on me and mine.

EDITOR
WILLIAM D. FITZWATER

Adios,

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATIONAL
ANIMAL
DAMAGE
CONTROL
ASSOCIATION



YES, I'D LIKE TO JOIN.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

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