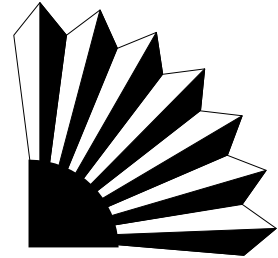
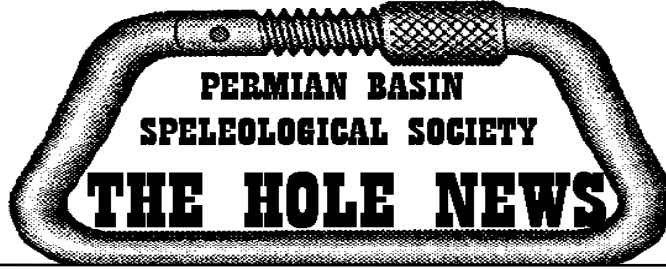
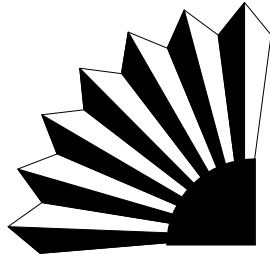


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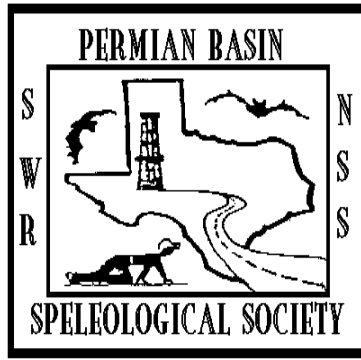
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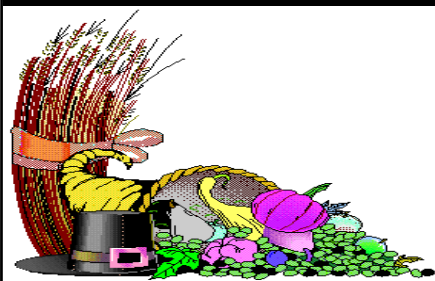
From the Editor:

From the looks of the ballots and the wave of stupidity that came over me at the last meeting, I am going to be the editor for one more year. What a thankless job this is! A special thanks to all who submitted material for this issue and please keep it coming. Also thanks to Jan for all the work with the mailing of the issues over the past year. With this issue I will be doing the



Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be on November 8, 1994 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at Murry's Delicatessen. Murry's is located at 3211 West Wadley. If you need directions then call Don Carlton at 687-4352 for more information. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM more or less and the usual caver gossip and eating starts at 6:30 PM, however this is optional. All PBSS members are urged to attend as this will be the counting of the ballots for the officers for 1995. So, See you at



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## Future Cave Trips: Also other events from PBSS and other grottos.

November 12th, 1994 TSS technical Workshop, Austin, Texas, contact: Bill Elliott @ 512-835-2213.

November 19th - 20th, 1994 4th Annual Caverns of Sonora Restoration Project contact: George Veni @ 210-558-4403.

November 24th - 27th, 1994 CRF Thanksgiving Expedition, contact: Bryan Holcomb @ 505-842-5156.

November 18th - 26th, 1994 Cooney Canyon, New Mexico, contact: Oren Tranbarger @ 210-349-5573.

December 3rd, 1994 Amazing Maze Cave TCMA Work trip, contact: Walter Feaster @ 915-699-7049 or Gralin Coffin @ 915-682-1904.

December 17th - 18th, 1994 CRF Pre Christmas Expedition, contact: Bryan Holcomb @ 505-842-5156.

January 1995 CACA PBSS Work trip contact: Chuck Anderle @ 915-685-3119.

July 17th - 21st, 1994 NSS Convention, Blacksburg, Virginia, contact: Carol Tiderman @ 410-727-2497.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CAVING TRIPS PLANNED, PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW AND HE WILL PUBLISH THEM HERE IN THIS SPACE!.....**

Most all of this material was stolen from various and sometimes reliable caving newsletters in the Southwestern Region and surrounding area, including the NTSS "*Cavers Echo*".

## Cavern Lunchroom Stays

Reprinted from the Carlsbad Current Argus (Date unknown) by Allen Laman

Current Argus Staff Writer Teresa Lambright...

Carlsbad Caverns — After more than 60 years in the underground of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the lunchroom isn't going anywhere.

Senator Pete Dominici, R-NM., a part of the fight against removal of the underground lunchroom in the Caverns for more than a year, announced Saturday President Bill Clinton has signed the 1995 Interior Appropriations Bill that includes a clause to bar removal of the facility.

The National Park Service announced in September 1993 it would remove the underground facility because it is no longer necessary and is incongruent to the "natural visitor experience". The service said it planned to have the facility removed by September 1994.

The announcement met with wide criticism in the area, including a handful of petition movements, and was the hotly contested focus

of a number of meetings and discussions.

At the time of its announcement, the park service said the lunchroom was once a necessity when visitors took an eight-hour hike into the cave and then hiked out again. With the addition of elevators, visitors were lifted to the surface in a matter of moments and no longer needed sustenance and a rest area at the caverns' center. (editors note: Were the elevators just installed in 1993 ?, So why didn't the NPS take the lunchroom out upon completion of the elevators in 1935 ?)

The park service said the lunchroom removal was to be paid for by the new concessionaire in return for a discount in concession fees paid to the park. The removal would leave concessions on the surface only. The park Superintendent Frank Deckert has said the park service still contends the facilities should be removed. However, he said the

service will abide by the intent of congress to halt the removal initiative.

The Interior Appropriations Bill for 1995 includes a provision that states the park service cannot use federal funds "to enter into or implement" a concession contract that "permits or requires the removal" of the facility. The current concessionaire, Cavern Supply Company, has been in the park for a number of years, and helped lead the fight against the underground facility's removal.

George Crump, Cavern Supply president, has said he believes the congressional mandate not to remove the lunchroom is an answer to the call of the public.

The appropriations bill also includes a number of other initiatives that affect New Mexico, including \$1.5 million to remove starving wild horses from the White Sands Missile Range.

**Dues are due!**

Its that time of year again and the PBSS dues are now due and are payable to PBSS Treasurer Don Carlton. Dues rates are \$5.00 per member and \$1.00 per each additional member. Don asks that all dues to be paid by the December meeting. Dues can also be mailed to 1301 Daventry, Midland, Tx. 79705. He also reports that we have a total of \$ 257.90 in the club treasury and that is \$17.75 more than last year.....Lets party.....

**Grieco Opens Store**

Yes long time PBSS member Tony Grieco has opened an Army Surplus Store in Hobbs, New Mexico. Tony started this venture with a friend and is operating on the weekends while he continues to teach and will open every day of the week when school is out and might even possibly go full time if things work out. The Surplus Store is located in one of the booths at the local flea market and has a variety of items. Tony said that he can get most any item, however some caver specialty items will have to be ordered and might take some time. If your interested and don't mind the drive, then give Tony a call at 505-393-5604.

**New Member! please give a PBSS welcome to Felder Hogan who joined the ranks of the PBSS at the October meeting and claims that Noel has his dues money. I can't believe he fell for that old line.... any way we hope to see Felder on a few of the caving**



**HOWLING AT THE MOON BY BILL BENTLEY**

Former PBSS Member James Cullin played a practical joke on Steve Franks not long ago when he disguised his voice on the phone and had Steve believing that he was about to join the group of well let's say pretty cavers!!! Donations are being solicited for new lights to go in the cave located in Walter Feaster's backyard. "If there is enough left after the beer party then perhaps some lights can be purchased too", said Walter on a rare phone interview. **FLASH NEWS REPORT** Caver Steve Franks is retiring from caving since he has done all of the good caves. JD and Steve were recently turned down for a job that was suppose to be to earn money to buy new cave gear. A sinister copy of the rejection letter will be available for inspection at the next meeting. Well Free Willy is now submitting material

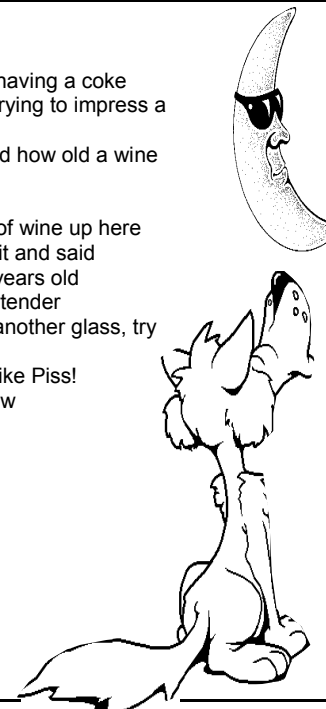
for publication. See poem below:

**Cave Humor and Jokes**

Walter was in a bar in Carlsbad having a coke  
When he overheard the guy next to him trying to impress a woman  
He told her he could tell her what kind and how old a wine was just

by it's taste  
Bartender he said set a glass of wine up here  
The man took a small sip of it and said  
This is Shats De Blonk, 10 years old  
You are right said the bartender  
Here Walter said, giving the man another glass, try  
this

Pew! he said that tastes like Piss!  
Right said Walter now  
how old am I ?



## Sonora Restoration

The fourth Annual Caverns of Sonora Restoration is full according to reports by Gralin Coffin and has a stand by waiting list that is also full. There is also suppose to be around 2,400 convention guide books from the 1994 NSS convention for sale at \$ 20.00 each from George Veni. If you have already signed up and need to cancel or have any questions then visit Gralin at the next meeting or call him at 682-1904. Sounds like a fun time will be had by all who attend!

## PBSS Officers 1994

President: Chuck Anderle  
 Vice-president: Noel Pando  
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Earn a T-shirt by submitting a trip report or article to the Texas Caver. It is easy, so send material to The Texas Caver c/o Noble Stidham at P.O. Box

## FIGHTING WORDS

Never call a "caver" a "spelunker" --- unless you don't care about continuing a friendship with that person. According to cavers, spelunkers take cave exploration very casually; they do it for fun and are usually plaid clad retired librarian types in sturdy shoes carrying flashlights.

On the other hand, there is nothing casual about caving if one is a true caver. To them, exploring the cool, remote netherworld of a deep cavern, perhaps to "scoop booty" is nothing short of a religious experience.

Tucson, Arizona's William Peachey, caver, geologist, and environmental consultant, clued me in to all of this after I naively called him a spelunker. "Actually I'm closer to a speleologist," said Peachey, after searing my ears about spelunkers and an even lower life form called "speleoboppers". This latter group consists of people who tell others about good caves (very bad form); hang out on weekends (worse still); and whoop it up and leave beer cans and candy wrappers around (for which flogging would be too lenient). The boppers, however, are at least considered more or less human, whereas cave vandals rank somewhere beneath destroyers of rain forests and pesticide manufacturers.

I asked Mr. Peachey what circuitous academic path led him to become a speleologist in the first place. "Well there is no such thing as a formal speleology program, you know" he said. "Every cave expert I've ever run into got there by a different route. I'm a geologist by training, but I know others who started out as chemists, archeologists, and biologists. I was first hired by the Bureau of Land Management through the University of Arizona's tree ring lab to do some pack rat midden studies, and got into caves that way".

If at this point you are wondering, as I was, what piles of old rat droppings have to do with anything, where have you been, in a cave? In recent years a huge body of information has about paleoenvironments --- ancient biological, botanical, and climatic ecosystems --- has been compiled by studying what are literally very old rat's nests. Most of these nests are found near the entrances to undisturbed caves, where centuries of cool, dry conditions have preserved the nests and their eclectic contents. By examining the rat garbage, researchers can compare and contrast the diets of creatures that lived hundreds, if not centuries ago with those of modern critters. And since pack rats live up to their names, their nests are a treasure trove of everything that that ever caught the animal's fancy --- from cactus pods to bits of bone to human artifacts. --- TH

**8,000 Year Old Man Discovered in Colorado Mountains.**

The discovery of an 8,000 year old man in a cave in Colorado's White River National Forest has been made public, six years after the discovery. The bone are those of a strongly built, 5-foot 4-inch man who apparently died there of natural causes. It is the only ancient skeleton found in a cave above 10,000 feet. No weapons, tools, or other artifacts were found with the bones. The bones had been badly disturbed by small animals, but they are good condition and the DNA is well preserved. After initial lab work, photography, x-rays, CT-scans, and the casting of the bones and teeth, the remains were handed over to the Southern Ute tribe for reburial. Details of the DNA, bone histology, tooth structure and morphology, and other characteristics of the skeletal remains will give valuable additional information about the individual. \*\*\*  
*Archeology, July/August 1994*  
 This material Courtesy of “The Third Source”

**BATTY SOLUTIONS**

**Nightfighters** targeting pests may be one way for farmers to reduce chemical applications. Subjects: Bats eat lots of bugs every night. They could, federal wildlife experts say, be a part of coordinated pest control program. Bat needs: roosting spots, food and water. Farmers can build a bat house for \$30 to \$45. Note: A colony of 150 brown bats would eat, among other culinary delights, 38,000 cucumber beetles in a single growing season.

**M**ammoth Cave reminded early European settlers of Kent’s Cavern near Torquay, England. So they named their new surroundings “Kent/Torquay.” The name evolved into “Kentucky.” So reports Orlando’s Roland C. Bailey Sr., who researched the matter. This material courtesy of “Speleospace”

**TOP TEN LISTS:**

by Lou Simpson and “DUG Carbide Courier” modified by Free Willey.

Top Ten Most Useless Things Taken Into a Cave:

- # 10 Transistor Radio
- # 9 Propane Hair Curler
- # 8 Weiner Dog
- # 7 Carbide Bag in Ammo Box
- # 6 Air Mattress (used as a boat)
- # 5 Bolts and Rope in Glowworm cave
- # 4 Three Cans of Tuna
- # 3 Plastic Bag Used to catch Diarrhea
- # 2 Scuba Gear (in Amazing Maze cave)
- # 1 Mr. Coffee Ice Tea Maker

**WINTER TECHNICAL**

Call for papers, A call for papers for the Winter Technical Regional has gone out. The Winter Tech will be in Las Cruces on December 10th, 1994. If you would like to present a paper or other material please contact Steve Peerman at 505-523-2167, deadline for submission is November 15th, 1994.

With this issue you will notice a lack of trip reports, cartoons and original artwork. If this continues then this newsletter will shrink down in size. I hope that doesn’t happen, since this newsletter is what you the membership make it. The editor shouldn’t be required to steal from other newsletters just to fill up the space. I hope that those who have never submitted articles or trip reports will send in some soon. I hope that those with an artistic talent will lend their time and effort to send in a few drawings and cartoons. I could use some help with someone writing a column on a cave related subject such as a newsletter review, safety ideas or a column on ten years ago. Point is I will not continue if it doesn’t change soon. Thanks Bill Bentley,

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