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Dear Sirs,

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Because I am almost 80 and my 81 we are not very good at composing letters any more, we are enclosing a (Letter to the Editor) of our local paper. It was written by Mr John Economy. He said it a lot better than we could and we agree with him. I would like to add one more thing. With a rate hike like is proposed it would mean we could not afford to water our fruit trees or have our little vegetable garden. Having the garden keeps us active and also makes us feel good when we can give our extra produce to neighbors.

Sincerely

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CORPORATION COMMISSION NEEDS TO INTERVENE

To the Editor:

(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Arizona Corporation Commission.)

I have been a Bisbee resident for 74 years, and my family and I have been paying for the delivery of water since 1929, as have 15,000 to 20,000 other people for 75 years. As the city's population declined since 1973 to 6,500, I was in business and owned several buildings. Any credible company of any size, especially a utility company, would be expected to set aside a portion of their profit to pay for future improvements and repairs and replacement of old water lines. Bisbee residents have always been charged much higher rates for water than other cities and towns in this state. In the mid-1950s, the water company raised the rates, saying they were not making enough money. At that time City Councilman Art Blunt offered to purchase said company. Supposedly, Arizona Water Company was losing so much money in Bisbee that they hired attorneys to fight the takeover. Would anyone in his right mind want to keep a company that was losing money?

The citizens of Bisbee cannot afford a 50.4 percent increase in water rates

and do not see that such can be justified by the Arizona Water Company. Perhaps a 1-2 percent raise would be reasonable? What happened to the company's 100 years of profit made in Bisbee? Why can't that be used to pay for repair and replacement of older lines? Any other non-monopoly business cannot just raise their prices to compensate for their own mismanagement, so why should Arizona Water Co. try to do so? This is why the Corporation Commission was instituted, to protect citizens from monopoly-type businesses. Mr. Bill Garfield is quoted in the July 3 edition of *The Bisbee Observer*, saying that water mains are always expensive in Bisbee. Well, if water lines must be dug up for repair or replacement, it was already dug in the first place and filled with loose dirt, so why should it cost more to do this than in any other town? It would behoove the citizens of Bisbee to voice their concerns to the Corporation Commission on this issue.

Thank you,

JOHN ECONOMY
Bisbee

REMEMBER TO DISPLAY THE FLAG WITH RESPECT

To the Editor:

This reminder should have been given before our parade the year, and I forgot! I keep thinking all will remember and I guess some do forget the rules: so here goes:

1. The American Flag is always on the right of all other flags. A good way to do this on your truck or car is to display it on the passenger side.

2. Never drape the flag! That means over the car hood, on the back, never drape! Our flag should always flow free from a staff when carried.

3. The field of blue with our 50 stars is always in the left-hand corner when displayed from a building or in the window of a building for the public to view.

4. At no time should a flag be flown at night unless it has a light.

5. When a flag is worn or torn, give it to the VFW or Legion and they will retire it the proper way by burning.

Respect is the way to remember.

We do not worship the flag, we love our country and so we should love and respect the symbol of our country, our flag.

I will put this in the paper again next year before our parade and hope all will abide by the rules.

Sincerely,

MILLICENT KASUN
Bisbee

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by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Top of signpost is missing. 2. Part of man's vest is missing. 3. Cuff on shirt is colored in. 4. Inside of cart tire is colored in. 5. Rock beside signpost is colored in. 6. Tab on dark vest has moved. 7. Rock under pick has moved. 8. Rock in wall beside beam has moved. 9. Pick handle is longer. 10. Top sign on post is wider. 11. Pocket flap is larger. 12. Crest on boot is upside down.

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