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ID: **Tiger incident-Nampa Zoo not licensed**—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Wed May 28, 2003 “Nampa animal park faces fines”—Associated Press-A zoo in Nampa faces the possibility of being shut down or paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for operating with an expired license. The U-S Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service says the license for "For the Birds" animal park expired last January. The agency is also investigating the case of a toddler being knocked down and licked by a playful 170-pound tiger cub. Darby Holladay of the USDA says the operation is running in violation of the Animal Welfare Act. Park manager Jerry Korn says the zoo provides hands-on experiences with some of the animals, but it's not dangerous. He says the paperwork for the zoo license went missing and he's appealing any violations. Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press http://www.ktvb.com/news/localnews/ktvbn-may2803-zoo.624b40db.html

**Guardian of the Cheetah**—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Thu May 1, 2003 Guardian of the cheetah. Joseph B. Verrengia, ASSOCIATED PRESS, DEWILDT, South Africa. The cheetahs converge on the old woman in two bounding strides. First one, then two, then five big cats emerge from the tall, golden grass, tails twitching and eyes bulging with dreams of meat. Ann Van Dyk beckons them with a freckled hand. "Come here," she purrs, "and bite my finger." Miss Van Dyk, 73, is Africa's original cheetah guardian. Among the continent's more illustrious khaki-clad conservationists, she is an enigmatic, almost mythical, figure. To armchair adventurers glued to "Animal Planet," she is a virtual stranger. Yet thousands of times since 1968 - 47 times in 2002 alone - Miss Van Dyk and her team have rescued hungry and cornered cheetahs with little more than a stick and a scowl. Some 600 times she has successfully bred the notoriously fickle and high-strung hunters. It's a record that zoos and universities with state-of-the-art embryo labs can only envy. Miss Van Dyk now is erecting gleaming, prison like fences across tens of miles of scrubland near South Africa's northeast border. Electrified and topped with barbed wire, the barriers are not meant to protect frightened neighbors from the predators. Instead, they prevent people from harming Miss Van Dyk's rare and precious felines. The cheetah is the world's fastest land animal. Only 200 cheetahs roam free in South Africa now. There are fewer than 15,000 throughout Africa. (From the Editor—This is just a clip from a beautiful post, to read it in its entirety please join the Phoenix Yahoo Group Elist and read Message 26470 in the archives).

**Minnesota Bills submitted again**—Submitted by Lynn Culver Wed may7, 2003 House Bill HF1593 was introduced on April 30, 2003 and after the first reading was introduced to Health and Human Services Policy. Short description of HF 1593 is Dangerous animal ownership limitations provided, registration required, and criminal penalties imposed. In addition to this bill, companion Minnesota Senate Bill SF 1530 was introduced into the 83rd Legislative Session (2003-2004) May 2, 2003 and assigned to Agriculture, General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee. This is the same bill that went nowhere in the last session. The text of this bill is up on the website. To read the text of these bills and track their progress, go to http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis.asp and plug in HF 1593 in the House search engine and SF 1530 in the Senate Search engine.

**Minnesota Legislation**—Submitted by Caara Thu May 8, 2003 As you probably know, the Minnesota bill has been reintroduced in the senate and now a companion bill has been introduced in the house. The senator introducing the bill (Betzold) said nothing will be done with the bills this session since the session ends in 10 days. His purpose in reintroducing it, was just to get it in front of people for right now and then they will act on it next session, which begins in late January or early February. The current version of the bill has been revised from its original state (SF 769) so the senator said he wanted to reintroduce it now so that people who read the original bill would realize that the current bill is different. I was
told that absolutely no action will be taken on either bill for now, but to look for them to be taken up when the next session starts in January-February. We have until then to mount a counter-offensive. Since most legislators are busy wrapping up the last session and the committees are not meeting, this bill is very low on the priority list. Letters and emails sent to the legislators at this point will not hold as much water as those sent later on, when the new session begins. Most legislators are looking forward to the break and to getting back home to their "real" lives so anything will tell them now may be forgotten by next winter. A quick note may be okay to plant the seed in their mind, but I wouldn't put a lot of effort into bringing out the big guns just yet.

Wayne Newton's Wallaby Lassoed After Escape—Submitted by TigerLily "Jungle Eyes Refuge" Friday, May 9, 2003 Fox News, Associated Press LAS VEGAS - Wayne Newton's wallaby escaped from the performer's home Thursday morning, leading police, animal control officers and an urban cowboy on a two-mile chase through south Las Vegas. The female adult wallaby, a marsupial with clawed fingers and powerful legs, first was seen about 6:30 a.m. running down a busy street near Newton's walled compound, said Joe Boteilho of Clark County Animal Control. About the same time, Harry Sullard, 49, got a call from his oldest son, who said there was a kangaroo on the loose. "I asked him what he had been smoking," Sullard recalled. But Sullard, a self-described redneck and cowboy, grabbed a lasso from his truck and took off on foot after the hopping wallaby, named Priscilla. The chase lasted nearly two miles, Sullard said, as he hoped the animal would tire. When she did, Sullard pounced with his authentic rodeo rope. "I'm not very good because I missed him the first two times," he said. "But I got him the third time. She started kicking but calmed down." An animal control officer snared Priscilla about 6:50 a.m. and got the animal secured in an officer's truck. Boteilho said Priscilla was returned unharmed to Newton. Newton's publicist, Tricia McCrone, said investigators were trying to determine how Priscilla got out of the compound.

PA: Norristown Zoo plans expansion—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Mon May 12, 2003 http://kyw.com Big Expansion For Montco Zoo? The Elmwood Park Zoo would grow by 25 acres, add exhibits and aid revitalization efforts in Norristown if a proposed $50 million expansion goes through, zoo officials said. Some of the exhibits would feature monkeys and bears, animals that haven't been on display at the zoo for years. The plans also include a sea lion amphitheater, a water play area for youths, an open-air food pavilion and rock climbing as part of an enclosed rain forest. "Our goal is to be the most fun zoo in the world," said Steven K. Marks, the zoo's executive director. "First you've got to get them in here, then you can educate them." Norristown paid $30,000 for the zoo "facility master plan" devised by Simone Jaffe Collins, a landscape architecture and consulting firm in Berwyn. The zoo board of directors is expected to review the plan in late May. The plan will go next to the Norristown Planning Commission and eventually to the Borough Council. If borough officials approve the plan, the next step would be to hire a consultant to develop a fund-raising plan, Marks said. (© 2003 The Associated Press

NJ: Yet another bear attack—Submitted by Ra (Rune.Raion) Mon May 26th, 2003 Maybe NJ should worry less about tigers and more about their own animals? State calls off search for bear in West Milford attack. WEST MILFORD, N.J. New Jersey wildlife officials have stopped searching for a black bear that bit and mauled a homeowner, saying it appears the man provoked the attack. Environmental Commissioner Bradley Campbell said wildlife staff also have no detailed description of the 150-pound female bear. Trackers who searched for the bear after the attack found three that fit the description. "There really wasn't any basis to kill any bears without better information that one or the other was the aggressor," Campbell told The
Sunday Star-Ledger of Newark. The state has the authority to kill bears that come within 10 feet of people or damage property or harm pets and livestock. A black bear that swatted a 2-year-old boy last week in Sparta was shot and killed. About 2 p.m. Friday, Robert Skrypek, 35, was bitten and mauled when he rushed to the aid of his yellow Labrador retriever, police and state officials said. The dog was attacked after the bear got into Skrypek's back yard. "I just saw the bear sitting on him, clawing away, and I knew she was going to kill him. There was nothing else to do besides tackle it. There were no weapons," the father of two told The Sunday Record of Bergen County. He said yelling and trying to frighten the bear away proved futile. Skrypek suffered a dislocated shoulder and puncture wounds to his head, back and chest in the attack. He was listed in good condition at Morristown Memorial Hospital and was expected to be discharged Sunday. Skrypek needed about 30 stitches to close his numerous wounds. His dog, Duke, needed about as many sutures for a wound between his shoulder blades. "If I had my way, I'd have pulled (my arm) off and beat her with it," Skrypek said referring to the bear. The bear was apparently attracted to Skrypek's property by some dirty diaper's his wife, Carol, had placed in otherwise empty and well-kept trash containers. Wildlife staff checked the property for fur samples for a bear DNA database. They will also set a trap near the property to catch the bear in case it returns. If it comes back, officials will try to determine whether it is dangerous or can be conditioned to keep away. The Fish & Wildlife Game Council has proposed a six-day bear hunt, scheduled for Dec. 8-13, to control the growing bear population, which is estimated at 1,500 to 3,000. Copyright © 2003, The Associated Press

Wildlife Waystation Files Suit, Says First Amendment Rights Violated
At Issue: Banning Of Reporters From Facility LOS ANGELES -- The Wildlife Waystation in the eastern San Fernando Valley filed a federal lawsuit claiming the county violated its First Amendment rights by banning reporters from the animal sanctuary. Waystation attorneys said in the suit filed Monday that a county Fire Department order barring all visitors, except those essential for animal care or facility operations, interferes with its constitutional rights. The Fire Department closed the Waystation in September 2001, citing a lack of water for fire suppression, sanitation facilities and drinking. But Waystation officials said it shouldn't prevent the media from visiting the site to report on the facility. County officials have prevented the Waystation from building new cages for 24 chimpanzees, saying it first needs to get building and safety permits. "These images could create sufficient public outrage to encourage county officials to rethink their position," the suit said. "If the Waystation is not allowed to show these images to the media firsthand, the Waystation's political speech will be blunted, and its ability to influence public debate undermined." Senior Assistant County Counsel Roberta Fesler contends the suit has no merit; in part because it doesn't mention suspension of its exhibitors license by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, part of an October settlement of more than 200 animal welfare code violations. Waystation attorney Marilyn Barrett said she didn't believe the sanctuary needed its exhibitors' license to show the chimps and their cages to the news media. Copyright 2003 by The Associated Press

IN: Warthog Hijacks Van—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Mon Jun 2, 2003 “Warthog Goes for Wild Ride in Van”-Anesthetized African Warthog Goes for Wild Ride in a driver less van in Indiana. It was anything but " Hakuna Matata " Swahili for no worries when an anesthetized African warthog at the Potawatomi Zoo took off in a van. Zoo visitors had to seek shelter inside zoo buildings briefly Wednesday when Mando the warthog woke up unexpectedly and knocked the otherwise unoccupied van into gear, sending it rolling down a small hill. The ride came to an abrupt end when the van hit a fence. The warthog jumped through the driver's side window before falling back asleep. No

one was injured, although Mando needed stitches for cuts he sustained when he jumped through the window, zoo veterinarian Jeremy Goodman said. The entire event occurred in a restricted area of the zoo, but zoo visitors were moved inside buildings as a precaution because the warthog, with its sharp tusks, is potentially dangerous. "We just cleared the public into secure buildings as a precaution," Goodman said. Mando was taken to the zoo hospital Wednesday afternoon when his keeper noticed he wasn't putting any weight on a back leg. X-rays showed there was no break, so he was placed back in the van, Goodman said. The movement of being put down in the van, though, woke Mando up. Workers quickly shut the van's door to trap the warthog inside. When Mando moved into the front seat, the zoo workers cracked open the door and gave the warthog another shot of anesthesia. Before it took effect, however, Mando hit the gear shift, sending the van rolling. "By the time he hit the ground, the anesthetic was already kicking in, so he just fell right asleep," Goodman said. Mando was recovering Thursday in his holding area but was not allowed in the warthog mud wallow because of his stitches. The van sustained only minor damage, Goodman said. Goodman was able to laugh about the event Thursday, but added: "It wasn't funny when it was happening."

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Bull crashes legislative session—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Mon Jun 2, 2003 No comment on it happening here...Wild Bull Storms Into Yemeni Parliament SAN'A, Yemen (AP)—A raging bull stormed the opening session of the Yemen's newly elected legislature Saturday and injured three people. The bull's owners had intended to slaughter it as a protest against one of the lawmakers but the animal broke free as it was being unloaded from a van in front of the building. With armed security and parliamentary staff in chase, the bull barged into the legislative chamber where hundreds of lawmakers were sitting, then ran back out onto the street, where it charged into a Russian tourist walking by at the time. She was hospitalized in intensive care. A parliamentary employee and a child also were injured in the rampage, which ended with police shooting the bull. The legislative session, the first since last month's elections, was postponed until Sunday. Copyright 2003, The Associated Press

WY: Study of wolf/cougar interaction—Submitted by Ray (Rune.Raion) Thu May 29, 2003 Relationship between wolves, lions studied. JACKSON, Wyo. Researchers are trying to gauge how the reintroduction of wolves to central Idaho and northwest Wyoming has affected mountain lions. The issue came up during scientific presentations at the seventh Mountain Lion Workshop, which drew cougar researchers from as far away as British Columbia, Florida and Mexico. Multiple studies have been launched to see how mountain lions are responding to the reintroduction of wolves in 1995 and 1996. Some researchers have documented wolves usurping lion kills and, in some cases, killing cougars and their kittens. Researchers in Idaho cited competition with wolves as contributing to a drop in the mountain lion population. Howard Quigley, a senior scientist with Beringia South, a science and education organization based in Kelly, said reintroducing wolves has meant a radical change for lions. "Cougars have been without wolves in this valley for decades," he said. Many researchers believe lions changed their behavior in the absence of wolves and must now readjust. In Yellowstone, cougar researcher Toni Ruth has been seeing more wolf tracks in core cougar habitat. But she said it is too soon to say if wolves are affecting the distribution and density of lion populations. Ruth, a scientist with the Wildlife Conservation Society, has documented some dramatic encounters between wolves and lions in northern Yellowstone. The data so far suggests lions kill prey slightly more often than wolves. Copyright 2003, The Associated Press
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