Phoenix member Sue Arnold’s 4-year old cougar, Ivy sure looks like she is ready for a Thanksgiving feast fit for man or beast!
Welcome from President - Jeanne Hall

My name is Jeanne Hall, I am the President of Phoenix Exotic and would like to brief you on what to expect in our monthly newsletters. The newsletter is for our members who do not have convenient access to our website. We want to reach out and make Phoenix Exotic accessible, including in our newsletter information from our e-list for members who are currently not online. Enjoy!

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Phoenix Exotics E-List contained many posts in November. We are limited in the print medium to select only a few items. You can join the e-list at http://phoenixexotics.org/ then click on the link for E-groups email list. Please note: Please visit the archive section of the Yahoo E-list for many more articles, posts and replies.

Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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I would like to announce that the long awaited DVD master copy has arrived of the 2006 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting that was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting is available in DVD or VHS format. This has turned out terrific and is 9 hours long! The DVD and VHS case is beautifully done with the Phoenix Exotic Logo, the theme of the meeting is "SOLUTIONS" and where the meeting was held, nicely done!! A "Wanna get this" for sure!! For all those that want to order a DVD ( 2 discs) or VHS ( 2 tapes for better quality) we have tried to keep the cost to a minimal and as close to cost as possible. We are only sending in orders of 10 or more at a time in order to help keep the cost down.

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Denver Zoo president Freiheit dies at 69
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Oct 28, 2007

Denver (AP) - Denver Zoo officials say President and CEO Clayton Freiheit (FRY-hite), who held the top position at the zoo for 37 years, died today. Freiheit was 69. He had been battling cancer.

Freiheit was born in Buffalo, New York. He was just 22 when he was appointed to the top position at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens in 1960. He became executive director of the Denver Zoological Gardens ten years later. His title was revised to president and chief executive officer in 1998.

During Freiheit's tenure, the Denver Zoo created its conservation department and expanded its education programs.

Survivors include his sister, Anne, of Buffalo, New York, and her children.

A memorial service is being planned.

Arizona biologist likely died of plague
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Nov 11, 2007

By Jacques Billeaud, Associated Press Writer

A wildlife biologist at Grand Canyon National Park most likely died from the plague contracted while performing a necropsy on a mountain lion that later tested positive for the disease, officials said Friday.

Eric York, 37, who worked in the park's cougar collaring program, became ill on October 30th, and called out sick from work for a couple of days before being found dead in his home November 2nd. Tests were positive for the pneumonic plague.

Officials said 49 people who came in contact with York were given antibiotics as a precaution. None have shown symptoms of the disease.

York, whose family lives in Massachusetts, had skinned the cougar and was exposed to its internal organs during the necropsy he performed three days before developing symptoms, said David Wong, an epidemiologist for the U.S. Public Health Service.

The cougar, which had died from the plague, was believed to have remained in back-country areas where park visitors wouldn't normally go, officials said.

The National Park Service is planning to review its safety guidelines for wildlife biologists and make possible recommendations for improvements. Park Superintendent Steve Martin said authorities were examining whether the guidelines were followed in York's case.

An average of 13 plague cases are reported in the United States each year. Fourteen percent of cases are fatal, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While Arizona health officials say the disease appears to be on the rise in the state, CDC spokeswoman Lola Russell said plague cases weren't on the rise nationally.

Plague is transmitted primarily by fleas and direct contact with infected animals. When the disease causes pneumonia, it can be transmitted from an infected person to a non-infected person by airborne cough droplets. Cases are treatable with antibiotics.

IL: Killing of bear kept as pet upsets owner
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Oct 20, 2007

Teutopolis - (AP) - Valentine Wente has lived near this southern Illinois community all of his life, and no one has messed with the exotic animals he sometimes keeps.

Not until someone killed Boo-Boo, his young pet black bear, that is.

Wente, 42, suspects the killer parked along a rural country road, then walked about 100 feet
onto his property before shooting the nearly 3-year-old, 300-pound male bear several times at point-blank range with a .380-caliber rifle.

The bear was in a pen next to Wente's trailer home when it was shot late last month while Wente was at an animal sale.

Wente does not blame anyone directly, but said he wonders whether the shooter got his address from the Web site of the animal advocacy group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which posted the information just days before the bear was killed.

PETA had accused Wente late last month of killing and skinning animals, then turning their pelts into rugs, claims Wente denies. PETA asked Effingham County's board to ban captive wild animals in the county.

Wente doesn't know if someone wanted to make Boo-Boo a martyr, believing that the bear was better off dead than captive, "but if my address never goes out over the Internet, I believe I would still have my animal," he said. "I'm not blaming nobody, but after that got posted, things up and happened."

**Police kill bobcat in Vegas neighborhood**

*Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Oct 28, 2007*

Las Vegas, (AP) - Police killed a bobcat in the Las Vegas neighborhood of Summerlin late last week. Police say the animal jumped from yard to yard for nearly four hours.

A woman had called police after the bobcat ate 2 of her exotic birds. The woman locked herself and her children inside her home to wait for police to arrive. Police decided to shoot the animal because there were so many children in the area.

Police believe the bobcat killed another bird and a house cat in the area.

Officer Ramon Denby says the cat was about the size of a medium-sized dog.

Police had responded to three other bobcat sightings last week.

**Virginia Zoo's lion cub twins beat the odds**

*Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Oct 20, 2007*

Norfolk, Virginia. (AP) - Zookeepers say the two African lion cubs born at the Virginia Zoo two months ago are thriving.

The brother and sister are the first large carnivores born at the zoo in Norfolk in 35 years.

Keeper Charlene Wright says staffers are optimistic the cubs have safely passed the danger zone during which newborn cubs have just a 50% chance of survival.

Wright praises the maternal skills of their mother, Zola. She continually cleans them, nurses them and gets agitated when someone other than her keepers nears the den.

Wright says Zola is weakest at carrying them. Instead of grabbing them by the scruff of their necks, she sometimes grabs them by their tails or legs and pushes them along with her paws.

The zoo is sponsoring a naming contest for the cubs.

The siblings are kept in an indoor den with Zola, but the public can watch via the Internet as they eat, sleep and play, thanks to the "cub cam," a closed-circuit camera mounted in the corner of their den.

**2008 Phoenix Exotics Annual Meeting!**

*This year's meeting will be held in Chehalis, Washington on February 8th.*
**Scientist Claims to Find New Pig Species**  
Submitted by (catmanwho) Tue Nov 6, 2007

By Michael Astor  
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (AP) - A Dutch scientist thinks he has discovered a new species of wild pig nearly twice the size of other pigs in Brazil's Amazon region.

At four feet long and 90 pounds, the pig is the latest in a string of new species that Marc van Roosmalen reported to have found since 1996. His findings were published in the Oct. 29 edition of the German scientific journal Bonner Zoologische Beitrage.

Van Roosmalen, said his discovery of the peccary, a kind of wild pig he dubbed Pecari maximus, points out the need to protect the region as a habitat for wild species.

He said he made his discovery by accident in 2000, while searching for a new monkey species. "I sensed there was something behind me and looked over my shoulder and saw three huge peccaries walking in a row," he said in an interview. "They came and disappeared like ghosts without making any sounds. That was atypical of peccaries, who always go around making lots of noise."

The region where Roosmalen discovered the new peccary and other species - mostly primates - lies along a logging frontier around Nova Aripuana, where the number of sawmills has grown from two in 2002 to 14 today.

Van Roosmalen said the wild pig species is remarkable for traveling in small groups, usually two adults, sometimes accompanied by one or two offspring, while other types tend to move in large herds. Small groups are more vulnerable to hunters, he said.

DNA analysis showed the animal diverged from the most closely related species, Pecari tajacu, or collared peccary, about 1 million to 1.2 million years ago, Van Roosmalen said.

Scientists said more research is necessary to confirm the species is new. "The possible discovery of a new peccary species is very exciting, and plausible, considering recent discoveries of new mammal species in the Amazon," said Alexine Keuroghlian, a researcher with the Wildlife Conservation Society. But "further research is necessary," she said.

Van Roosmalen's success in discovering new species in the Amazon has earned him international acclaim.

In June, it also earned him a 16-year prison sentence in Brazil for auctioning off naming rights to some of the species to raise money for preserving the wild areas where they live. He is appealing the conviction, in which the court ruled naming rights belong to the government.

Many scientists have denounced his conviction, which includes charges of keeping animals without a permit at his home. Van Roosmalen was jailed for nearly two months before lawyers won his release Aug. 7. The lawyers contend the charges were trumped up by local logging interests who fear his discoveries may interfere with their efforts to expand into nearly pristine jungle between the Madeira and Tapajos rivers.

**NV: Man faces charges in bear's death**  
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Nov 11, 2007

Tahoe City, Nevada. (AP) - A Tahoe City man has been charged in the illegal shooting death of a black bear in August on Lake Tahoe's north shore.

Felony counts of cruelty to animals and negligent discharge of a firearm were filed against business owner Michael Babcock, said Placer County Deputy District Attorney Chris Cattran.

Babcock also faces two misdemeanor counts of an illegal taking and a
misdemeanor charge of shooting a firearm within 150 yards of a residence.

"There is sufficient evidence to go ahead and charge him at this point," Cattran told Truckee's Sierra Sun newspaper. Babcock is accused of shooting a sow that had climbed up a tree with its cub. The adult bear fell from the tree and died. The male cub was later released back into the wild.

A necropsy found it was a bullet, not the fall as Babcock initially maintained, that killed the bear. After the August 28th incident outside his home, he told authorities he had encountered more problem bears this summer than in any previous year.

Under state law, landowners who experience property damage from bears must first secure a depredation permit before they can shoot a bear. The permit allows the killing of a problem bear regardless of the time of year.

The prosecution "will be a very loud statement that you can't just shoot bears illegally," said Ann Bryant, executive director of the Lake Tahoe-based BEAR League. "I'm glad that there's a prosecution against the killer of the mother because it probably also killed the cub."

Babcock will plead not guilty, said defense attorney Michael Fitzpatrick. He declined further comment, saying he's still investigating the case.

Both felony charges carry prison time, but Cattran said he doubted Babcock's sentence would be that severe if convicted.

**Aurora's Phillips Park Zoo eyes new bear exhibit**
Submitted by (south zoo) Sun Nov 11, 2007

Aurora, Illinois. (AP) - Phillips Park Zoo is laying the groundwork to bring a bear exhibit to the Aurora facility by the end of the decade.

The zoo's last bear died about eight years ago from cancer. Since then, animal fans have been clamoring for another bear exhibit.

Aurora's city council is expected to vote on a budget request later this month that would fund the initial development of an expanded and rebuilt bear enclosure.

The zoo would also need funding in 2009 and 2010. If the requests are approved, the zoo could have a pair of black or grizzly bears around the end of the decade.

**San Diego Zoo panda leaves for China**
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Nov 6, 2007

A male panda born four years ago at the San Diego Zoo left for China on Monday to join that country's breeding program.

Mei Sheng, which translates as "Born in the USA," was sent to the Wolong Nature Reserve for Giant Pandas as part of a loan agreement requiring all pandas born outside China to be returned there after the animals mature, zoo officials said.

"Mei Sheng will be missed, but his role in the conservation of his species involves a move to China," said Ron Swaisgood of the zoo's Giant Panda Conservation Unit.

"As a critically endangered species, it is vital that Mei Sheng is in a place where he will be among other pandas, and the Wolong Nature Reserve is a great home," Swaisgood said.

Only about 1,600 giant pandas remain in the wild, and fewer than 180 live in captivity.

Mei Sheng was the second giant panda born in the U.S. to be sent to China.

Hua Mei, born at the San Diego Zoo in 1999, was also sent to the Wolong reserve. She has since given birth to three cubs in China.

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November Sunset, Rhonda Kiker

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