Hopping into spring at Phoenix member, Ray Strom’s Outback Farm!
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!

The stated purpose of Phoenix per the articles of incorporation:

“…for charitable educational and scientific purposes; to educate the public in the necessary safety precautions and procedures for dealing with exotic wildlife; and to provide emergency assistance to exotic wildlife in need of care or relocation.”

“Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association, Inc. is based in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA and addresses concerns within the USA and internationally. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association is incorporated in the state of Washington as a non-profit corporation.”

“Phoenix is dedicated to the legal and ethical ownership of exotic animals by private persons with an emphasis on education and safety. Phoenix Exotic Wildlife Association Inc. is an organization of active members working to protect and maintain the

Phoenix Exotics E-List contained many posts in April. 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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This book gives them voice:

LISTEN!

2006 Phoenix Exotic Annual Meeting DVD and/or VHS

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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Wild animals attacked 2 University Place horses
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Mar 15, 2008

University Place, WA -  (AP) - Police believe a wild animal, possibly a coyote, attacked two horses in a residential area of University Place, near Fircrest Golf Club.

Owner Ken Campbell found the horses injured Monday when he went to feed them.

One had deep bites to its neck and legs that required stitches. The other had less-serious bites.

Police Chief Jim Andrews says an animal control officer concluded the bites were too big for a dog.

Montana’s wolf population increased 34% in 2007
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Mar 15, 2008

Bozeman, MT. (AP) - Montana's wolf population increased 34% in 2007, rising to about 422 wolves in 73 packs. That's according to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Most of the population growth was in the far-west and the northwestern parts of the state. The Greater Yellowstone area saw a population increase of 14 wolves, to 209.

Some of the growth is tied to the births of at least 163 pups last year, but there are other reasons, as well.

Carolyn Sime coordinates wolf management for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. She says hunters and landowners are getting better at reporting wolf sightings.

Tiger Attack Lawsuit
Submitted by (jtsmith) Fri Mar 28, 2008

San Francisco - Two brothers who were attacked by an escaped tiger at the San Francisco Zoo have filed claims against the city alleging negligence and defamation.

Mark Geragos, who is representing Kulbir and Paul Dhaliwal, submitted papers seeking monetary compensation for "serious physical and emotional injuries" on Wednesday. The claims are a prerequisite to filing a lawsuit.

The documents allege the city and the San Francisco Zoological Society failed in their duty to provide a safe zoo environment, defamed the brothers by spreading falsehoods about their possible role in provoking the attack and improperly impounded Kulbir Dhaliwal's car.

The claims do not specify a dollar amount for the damages.

The pair were injured on Christmas Day after a 250-pound Siberian tiger scaled the walls of its enclosure, attacked them and killed their friend, 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr. The animal eventually was shot dead by police.

The walls of the outdoor enclosure later were found to be lower than the height recommended by an accrediting agency for the nation's zoos.

No kittens expected by Erie Zoo Pallas' cats, despite surgery
Submitted by (southzoo) Sat Apr 5, 2008

Erie, Pennsylvania (AP) - Erie Zoo officials say efforts to impregnate three Central Asian wildcats have failed.

The Pallas' cats arrived from the San Diego Zoo last year and were implanted with embryos. The embryos were made with eggs taken from other cats in the Cincinnati Zoo that were inseminated with sperm drawn from wild cats in Mongolia.

But sonograms done by a medical team from the Cincinnati Zoo this week show the Erie cats aren't pregnant.

There are only 45 Pallas' cats in
Bill Swanson, director of the Cincinnati Zoo’s center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife, says officials had hoped success with the procedure would lead to similar success with other animals.

Mountain Lion Killed Near Yuma for Targeting Bighorn Sheep
Submitted by (southzoo) Sat Apr 5, 2008

Yuma, Arizona (AP) - Arizona Game and Fish Department authorities have killed a mountain lion in the Tank Mountains northeast of Yuma.

Saturday's killing is the second big cat to be removed in the area in less than a year for killing desert bighorn sheep.

The mountain lion had killed four desert bighorn sheep and five mule deer since being captured and collared by the department in October.

The sheep population in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge and the surrounding area was found to be at historic low numbers during the 2006 population survey.

In June, the first lion was killed under the department's plan to protect the species. Under Game and Fish's management plan, a lion can be removed if it takes more than two sheep in six months.

DNR: Cat is probably a cougar that migrated from South Dakota
Submitted by (southzoo) Sat Mar 29, 2008

Madison, Wisconsin (AP) — Genetic testing shows a large cat seen in the Milton area is likely the first wild cougar confirmed in Wisconsin in a century, and it probably migrated from South Dakota, state officials say.

The wildlife experts from the Department of Natural Resources said Wednesday that genetic analysis from a blood and urine sample gave evidence the cougar apparently came from the Black Hills population of the big cats, migrating some 700 miles to southern Wisconsin.

The researchers, led by geneticist Michael Schwartz, said the DNA showed the cat came from North America. If the genetic composition had been similar to that of a South American cougar, it would have indicated the cat had been captive.

DNR mammal ecologist Adrian Wydeven said the genetic analysis and the fact the cougar shies away from humans point to the cat being wild.

Recent pawprints found in Walworth County are believed to be from the same cougar spotted 23 miles away in the Rock County town of Milton in January, Wydeven said.

The pawprints measured by the DNR lead him to believe the cougar is a young male, weighing about 120 pounds. Although the prints were of different sizes, Wydeven said the smaller print was likely from a hind paw.

According to DNR records, the last wild cougar disappeared from Wisconsin in the early 1900s.

Wydeven said the wild cougar population could be on the rebound, just as the wolf population was in the 1970s when wolves from Minnesota began migrating into Wisconsin and establishing packs.

The DNR estimates Wisconsin now has around 550 wolves.
4-month-old lion cubs get names
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Mar 15, 2008
Oklahoma City (AP) - The Oklahoma City Zoo’s four-month-old lion cubs finally have names.

The two girls will be called Kalliope and Malaika, and the boys will be named Zari and Xerxes.

The zoo gave the public the chance to choose between two names for each of the lion cubs in voting on its Web site. All 4 of the names chosen were the ones recommended by zookeepers.

Zoo officials say the lion cubs will be able to spend more time outside as the weather warms up. When the temperature rises above 50 degrees, the cubs will be allowed to go outside in the morning and come in around 4 p.m.

After being born in November, the cubs have not yet been introduced to their parents.

Girl falls into bear exhibit at zoo
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Mar 15, 2008
Zoo officials in St. Louis say a young girl fell into a bear exhibit and received a minor head injury.

Zoo spokesman Wyndel Hill says the child is between the ages of 3 and 5. She had visited the zoo with her mother Wednesday, climbed on a rail and fell over into the exhibit.

Hill says neither of the two bears could have come in contact with the girl because of several security measures. They include a 6-foot-deep moat and a wall between the bears and the child.

The zoo plans to review security.

In 2004, one of the sun bears wounded a keeper in a separate part of the exhibit away from public view.

12 animals in LR Zoo’s children’s farm to be euthanized
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Mar 15, 2008
Little Rock (AP) - The Little Rock Zoo says 12 animals in its petting zoo have contracted a digestive disease and will be euthanized. The zoo says the children's farm will be closed until further notice.

Zoo veterinarian Marilynn Baeyens says the animals are infected with Johne's Disease, which is also known as paratuberculosis.

The sick animals include one cow, four sheep and seven goats. The animals have been quarantined from others in the exhibit to avoid the spread of disease and will be euthanized, the zoo said.

The disease cannot be transferred to humans. The zoo says the disease is transmitted when an animal eats or drinks the manure or milk of an infected animal.

Wolf foe faces charge of assault
Submitted by (jtsmith) Fri Mar 28, 2008
Challis, Idaho (AP) - An anti wolf activist from eastern Idaho has pleaded not guilty to assault and battery stemming from an encounter near Stanley with a wolf supporter.

Ron Gillett, head of the Anti Wolf Coalition, appeared in court in Custer County Tuesday hours after an alleged tussle with Lynne Stone, a longtime wolf advocate, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Custer County Sheriff deputies say Gillett and Stone crossed paths in Stanley Tuesday morning,
had an exchange of words, then Gillett became angry after Stone began taking pictures.

According to a police affidavit, Gillett grabbed the woman by the throat and shoulders, shook her violently and causing a cut on her hand to get the camera.

The judge has scheduled a pretrial conference for April 7.

**Ranger Arrested in Gorilla Slaughter**
Submitted by (Tellfelids) Wed Mar 19, 2008

Kinshasa, Congo - A park ranger has been arrested for allegedly masterminding the massacre of endangered mountain guerrillas, conservationists said Wednesday.

A ranger has been arrested in the slaughter last summer of 10 mountain gorillas in Congo's Virunga National Park, conservationists said Wednesday. Experts say there are only about 700 mountain gorillas left in the world, with about 380 of them in the Virunga range.

Honore Mashagiro, a ranger in Congo's Virunga National Park, is the chief suspect in the slaying last summer of 10 gorillas who belonged to a group known to environmentalists as the Rugendo family.

Mashagiro is accused of arranging the mass killing to deter conservationists who were trying to prevent the destruction of the animals' rainforest habitat, the international conservation group WildlifeDirect said.

Loggers cut down the forest's trees to make charcoal, a lucrative business. "This threatened the gorilla habitat, so when the rangers tried to protect the forest, he allegedly orchestrated the gorilla massacres to discourage them," the group said.

Only about 700 mountain gorillas remain in the world, an estimated 380 of them in the Virunga range. About 100 are believed to live on the Congo side of the border.

Virunga National Park is located in a lawless swath of eastern Congo, bordering Rwanda and Uganda, that the country's government has struggled to bring under control for years. Established in 1925 as Africa's first national park, it was classified as a U.N. World Heritage site in 1979.

WildlifeDirect called the arrest of Mashagiro "a major breakthrough" and said his pending prosecution is "a moment of hope for all of us."

The charges against the ranger were brought by the Congolese Nature Conservation Institute.

Associated Press Writer Rukmini Callimachi in Dakar, Senegal, contributed to this report.

**Federal Wolf Protections Lifted in Idaho**
Submitted by (southzoo) Sat Mar 29, 2008

Boise, Idaho (AP) - Gray wolves in Idaho are no longer protected by the federal endangered species act. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will now manage the wolf population, estimated at 800 animals.

Federal protection of the wolves was also lifted in Wyoming and Montana on Friday. These three states hold an estimated 1,500 wolves, a number state agencies want to reduce by up to 350.

Idaho hunters will be allowed to kill between 100 and 300 of the animals this fall under a state wolf management plan. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will decide on hunting rules for the wolves in May.

Several environmental groups intend to sue the federal government to keep the wolves protected.
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