Meet Deborah Milette’s hybrid, Matanah Me Al or “Motzie.” He is quite a handsome fella!
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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“…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

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Letter From Editor - Rhonda Kiker

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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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Secretary, Phoenix Exotics

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SF Zoo Tiger Attack Victims Admit to Taunting
Submitted by (Lupusk9crew) Fri Jan 18, 2008

San Francisco (AP) - One of the three victims of San Francisco Zoo tiger attack was intoxicated and admitted to yelling and waving at the animal while standing atop the railing of the big cat enclosure, police said in court documents filed Thursday.

Paul Dhaliwal, 19, told the father of Carlos Sousa Jr., 17, who was killed, that the three yelled and waved at the tiger but insisted they never threw anything into its pen to provoke the cat, according to a search warrant affidavit obtained by the San Francisco Chronicle.

"As a result of this investigation, (police believe) that the tiger may have been taunted/agitated by its eventual victims," according to Inspector Valerie Matthews, who prepared the affidavit. Police believe that "this factor contributed to the tiger escaping from its enclosure and attacking its victims," she said.

Sousa's father, Carlos Sousa Sr., said Dhaliwal told him the three stood on a 3-foot-tall metal railing a few feet from the edge of the tiger moat. "When they got down they heard a noise in the bushes, and the tiger was jumping out of the bushes on him (Paul Dhaliwal)," the documents said.

Police found a partial shoe print that matched Paul Dhaliwal's on top of the railing, Matthews said in the documents.

The papers said Paul Dhaliwal told Sousa that no one was dangling his legs over the enclosure. Authorities believe the tiger leaped or climbed out of the enclosure, which had a wall 4 feet shorter than the recommended minimum.

The affidavit also cites multiple reports of a group of young men taunting animals at the zoo, the Chronicle reported.

Mark Geragos, an attorney for the Dhaliwal brothers, did not immediately return a call late Thursday by The Associated Press for comment. He has repeatedly said they did not taunt the tiger.

Calls to Sousa and Michael Cardoza, an attorney for the Sousa family, also weren't returned.

Toxicology results for Dhaliwal showed that his blood alcohol level was 0.16 - twice the legal limit for driving, according to the affidavit. His 24-year-old brother, Kulbir, and Sousa also had alcohol in their blood but within the legal limit, Matthews wrote.

All three also had marijuana in their systems, Matthews said. Kulbir Dhaliwal told police that the three had smoked pot and each had "a couple shots of vodka" before leaving San Jose for the zoo on Christmas Day, the affidavit said.

Police found a small amount of marijuana in Kulbir Dhaliwal's 2002 BMW, which the victims rode to the zoo, as well as a partially filled bottle of vodka, according to court documents.

Investigators also recovered messages and images from the cell phones, but apparently nothing incriminating in connection with the tiger attack, the Chronicle reported.

Zoo spokesman Sam Singer said he had not seen the documents but believed the victims did taunt the animal, even though they claim they hadn't.

"Those brothers painted a completely different picture to the public and the press," Singer said. "Now it's starting to come out that what they said is not true."

Tiger found dead near Dallas interstate was probably a pet
Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Dec 29, 2007

Dallas (AP) - A necropsy performed on the body of a tiger found shot to death near Interstate 35 found five gunshot wounds, including one in the head and one in the thorax.

The tiger was declawed and had a collar around
its neck. Officials believe it was someone's pet.

Dallas zoo spokeswoman Susan Eckert said the tiger was nearly 6-feet long and weighed about 180 pounds. It is believed to be a Bengal tiger and was "fairly young."

The tiger appeared to have been in good health before being shot, although it hadn't eaten in about a day, officials said.

City of Dallas spokeswoman Danielle McClelland said an unidentified caller phoned a city hotline on Christmas Day to report a dead animal. A sanitation crew that arrived to clean it up found a full-grown tiger under a blue tarp. It is illegal to keep tigers and other exotic animals within the Dallas city limits.

**Cheetah cub escapes by scaling wall at St. Louis Zoo**
Submitted by (south zoo) Tue Nov 13, 2007

St. Louis, (AP) - St. Louis Zoo officials on Tuesday were trying to figure out how a year-old cheetah managed to get out of its exhibit a day earlier.

The cheetah scaled a wall at least 10 feet tall on Monday and got into a rocky area that separates animals from people at the River's Edge exhibit. The area was quickly evacuated. Twenty-seven minutes later, the cheetah was found, tranquilized and returned unharmed to its exhibit.

"We have no idea how the cat got up there," said Jack Grisham, vice president of animal collection for the zoo. "We have a million theories. It could have been the cats playing with one another and it made the lucky jump or unlucky jump."

The cheetah, a female named Zuri, weighs 40 to 45 pounds, Grisham said. She is one of four born on Nov. 10, 2006, at the zoo, the first new litter here since 1992.

Grisham said a visitor noticed the loose cheetah and notified a zoo worker. Security workers cleared the River's Edge area and all zoo visitors were told to get inside a building.

Grisham said the animal apparently did not threaten any patrons.

Still, "any wild animal could be a danger to the public," he said. "These animals are not pets."

The incident marked the third time since 2000 that a cheetah has escaped from the zoo enclosure. In both previous instances, changes were made to offer better protection to the public. Fencing was increased and a moat separating the animals and visitors was widened.

Zoo officials were evaluating if additional changes need to be made.

**Phoenix Zoo gets orphaned mountain lion kittens**
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Jan 18, 2008

Pierre, South Dakota (AP) - Mountain lion kittens that were orphaned during the Black Hills hunting season last fall have been moved to three zoos.

The Game, Fish and Parks Department says three kittens went to Abilene, Texas; three to Phoenix, and one to Denver.

GF&P staff went out and found the kittens after determining that adult female lions killed by hunters were nursing.

The kittens weighed from 10 to 27 pounds while being cared for at the Wildlife and Fisheries Science Department at South Dakota State University.

Sixteen female lions and three male lions were shot during the hunting season.

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**2008 Phoenix Exotics Annual Meeting!**

**This year's meeting will be held in Chehalis, Washington at the Yardbirds Mall Feb 22, 23, 24.**
German polar bear cub is named Flocke
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Jan 18, 2008
By Christof Ruehrmair,

Nuremberg, Germany (AP) - In the end, the official name for Nuremberg zoo's celebrity baby polar bear was no surprise at all. The 6 1/2-pound bundle of fluff that zookeepers dubbed Flocke, or Flake, as in snowflake, will be called Flocke.

"The most important thing leading to this decision was that was the name that the zookeepers, based on their first impressions, gave her," Nuremberg Mayor Ulrich Maly told a news conference.

Some 50,000 name suggestions came in from around the world in e-mails, which also showed strong support for keeping the name Flocke, Maly said.

The 5-week-old cub attained star status after being taken from her mother, Vera, on Jan. 8 amid concerns that she could harm or even kill the newborn. The Bavarian city's zoo made the decision to bottle-feed the cub and not return her to her mother after keepers spotted Vera carrying the cub around in her jaws and tossing it around her enclosure.

On the polar bear's Internet home page, the zoo thanked all those who participated for "the many creative and original suggestions."

Little more than a year ago, another polar bear cub in Germany, Knut, was hand-raised by his keepers in Berlin and became a celebrity after being rescued when his mother rejected him.

Mass-circulation daily Bild already has asked of the new cub: "Will she become Mrs. Knut?"

Zookeeper Harald Hager told reporters Flocke was doing well but was, well, a little boring. "Outside of eating and sleeping, she's doing nothing at the moment."

US abandons bid for jaguar recovery plan
Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Jan 18, 2008
By H. Josef Hebert, (AP) - The Interior Department has abandoned attempts to craft a recovery plan for the endangered jaguar because too few of the rare cats have been spotted along the Southwest region of New Mexico and Arizona to warrant such action.

Some critics of the decision said Thursday the jaguar is being sacrificed for the government's new border fence, which is going up along many of the same areas where the cat has crossed into the United States from Mexico.

If the U.S. border areas were designated critical recovery areas for the jaguar, then it would constrain the Homeland Security Department in building the fence, said Kieran Suckling, policy director of the Center for Biological Diversity.

"That's the central issue here," Suckling said, not the explanation provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His group has a lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court in Phoenix asking the court to force the wildlife agency to develop a recovery plan.

Fish and Wildlife Director Dale Hall did not allude to the border fence when he quietly and with little notice signed a memorandum Jan. 7 approving the decision to halt development of a jaguar recovery plan. Suckling said his group learned of the decision only when a copy of the memo was filed in connection with the Phoenix court case.

The recovery of the jaguar, which has been under the protection of the Endangered Species Act since 1977, "depends on conservation efforts in Mexico and Central and South America," the memo says. Only "a small fraction" of the jaguar population and available habitat is in the United States and no breeding areas have been confirmed, it says.

A spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington referred calls to the...
At one point, the pair climbed up the rocks right up against the glass where some five dozen or so people were getting a closer look.

The cubs were kept out of the exhibit to bond with their mother and father, Zola and Mramba.

Zoo curator Louise Hill describes Neka as like her mother, "much more interactive, curious, checking things out." Hill says Granby is "like his dad, laid back."

The zoo says the two cubs are the first large carnivore birth at the zoo in 35 years.

**FL: Wildlife Officials Look For Temporary Homes For Exotic Pets**

Submitted by (south zoo) Sat Dec 15, 2007

Miami (AP) - State wildlife officials are looking for people to take in the pets other people dump in the Everglades.

Through December 21st, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is recruiting caretakers for Burmese pythons and other unwanted exotic animals.

Some pet owners dump the reptiles and other pets they no longer want in the Everglades or other natural areas. That puts native species at risk. Officials want to find the exotic animals homes with people who have passed a state certification requirement.

Wildlife officials have also scheduled a nonnative pet amnesty day in South Florida on February 23rd at the Miami Metro Zoo. Pet owners can give up their exotic animals with no questions asked.

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Albuquerque regional office, which has primary responsibility for the jaguar recovery. A call there was not returned.

Benjamin Tuggle, regional director of the wildlife agency in Albuquerque, recommended in a Dec. 21 memo to Hall that the recovery efforts be abandoned, saying his office had concluded "that preparation of a recovery plan will not contribute to the conservation of the jaguar."

Tuggle said that while four male jaguars had been documented in the U.S. border region, the latest last year, no females have been confirmed there since 1963, indicating that "the United States does not support a separate breeding population" for the cat.

"Actions taken within the United States are likely to benefit a small number of individual jaguars peripheral to the species, with little potential to effect recovery of the species as a whole," Tuggle wrote.

The jaguar's range extends from the Southwest United States into South America. Hundreds of the cats have been documented from Mexico across Central America. The most significant population in Mexico is believed to be about 150 miles south of the U.S. border.

Tuggle suggested that the recovery effort should be focused on Mexico and Central America, where the cat is more widely located and where it also is protected by law.

**Lion cubs wow visitors at opening of Virginia Zoo exhibit**

Submitted by (south zoo) Fri Jan 18, 2008

Norfolk, Virginia (AP) - The new African lion cubs at the Virginia Zoo turned 5 months old on Friday and wowed the crowd at the opening of their exhibit.

Granby and his sister Neka came out to play for about an hour Thursday for the exhibit opening in Norfolk.
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