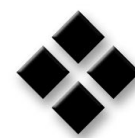


# The Mammalian Daily



THE PARK'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

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## Ant Intelligence Uncovers Plot to Kill Queen

*Mammalian Daily  
Crime Reporter*

The work of an elite task force has prevented the destruction of at least one Ant colony in The Park, authorities announced this week.

At a press conference held yesterday, C. Astrid H. Ant, Head of the Ant Security and Intelligence Service (ASIS) confirmed that members of the Agency's Select Undercover Brigade (SUB) had been deployed in a covert action that involved infiltrating several Human homes outside The Park.

The crack team of five hundred used the buds of Peonies as cover

in order to penetrate the homes of suspected Ant killers, the ASIS head said.

"It is well known throughout The Park that Humans believe there is a causal connection between Ants and the opening of Peony flowers. This belief enabled us to enter the homes without arousing the suspicion of their owners," she said. (For more information, see Peony Power on Page 3.)

The cadre of Ants was given the go-ahead to perform the action after an unusually high number of Ant deaths was reported. A preliminary investigation revealed

that these Ants, who were workers in a field colony, had suffered the fatal effects of poisoning upon their return from a food-gathering expedition outside The Park.

Around the same time, ASIS agents, who were stationed near the north-west fence of The Park, reported an elevated level of "chatter" that suggested that Humans had been involved in the Ant deaths.

"We heard it through the grapevines," said an agent who wished to remain anonymous.

Following the SUB's successful infiltration, Park Police Dogs were deployed on a "search and

snatch" mission. Within a short time, the Dogs were able to recover a large number of devices whose sole purpose, according to experts, is the destruction of the Ant colony.

"These are not 'bait and trap' devices," said the ASIS head at an interview following the retrieval of the devices.

"These devices were specifically intended to kill the Queen and, hence, destroy the colony."

Despite evidence of Human involvement in the Ant murders, Park Police say they have no intention of laying charges against anyone.



"It does not lie within our jurisdiction, at this time, to prosecute Humans who reside outside The Park," explained Fionnula L. Fox, professor of law at the University of West Terrier and a specialist in extra-hortulalian law (law that applies outside The Park).

## Mongoose Captured in Florida

*Mammalian Daily Swamp  
Bureau, Everglades, Florida*

The search for the whereabouts of the Mongoose and the weather he allegedly stole has ended in the Swamps of Florida.

The Mongoose surrendered to authorities late last night, bringing to conclusion a hunt that has lasted for almost twelve years.

In accordance with the extradition treaties that have existed for 25 years between Swamps and Parks, authorities

in the Everglades finalized the transportation arrangements early this morning in order to facilitate the speedy return of the Mongoose to The Park.

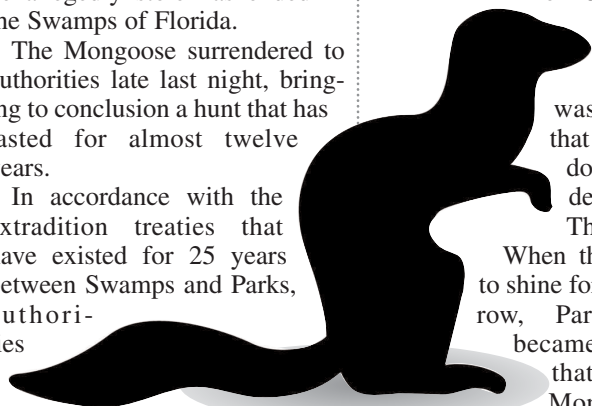
Indictment is expected to take place this afternoon on charges of fraud, theft, misappropriation of funds, and intent to confound.

All charges date back to the Autumn of 12 AZ, when the Mongoose entered into a contract with Park Finance Officers to purchase weather for the summer of 13 AZ.

That Spring, however, it was reported that he had abandoned his residence and fled The Park.

When the sun failed to shine for 32 days in a row, Park Officials became suspicious that the Mongoose had absconded with the weather. Those suspicions were fuelled by reports from a Donkey, the last Animal to see the Mongoose.

"His bags were filled with sunny days. He probably thought he could get a better price for them down south," he said.



## Guard Dogs, Park Fail to Reach Agreement Union Set to Stage Bark-to-Rule

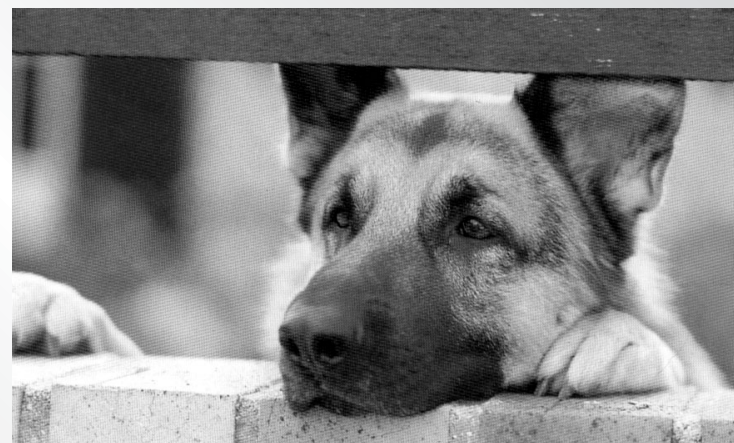
*Mammalian Daily  
Labour Reporter*

In what may prove to be the biggest test of loyalty The Park has ever faced, hundreds of Guard Dogs have been given the go-ahead by their union to stage a Bark-to-Rule action. That action could take effect as early as midnight tonight.

The Canines, who are members of the Federation of Canine Security Workers (FCSW), were told of the decision early this morning, after union negotiators walked away from the table, having failed to reach an agreement with Park administration. The force of over 200 forms the backbone of The Park's security system and has been working without a contract for six months.

A spokesanimal for The Park said she was "deeply disappointed" that the union had not seen the negotiations through to a conclusion.

"This could affect our reputa-



tion in the wider world," she said.

The Federation, for its part, roundly criticized the Park's chief negotiator, Pia Hyena, for her decision to bring the issue of loyalty to the bargaining table. The FCSW, in turn, has filed a grievance with the Park's Animal Rights Commission, alleging that the introduction of a personality trait to employment negotiations constitutes a violation of the rights of all Animals.

"This is the first time that the issue of loyalty has been put on the bargaining table. We all agree that it's inappropriate," said FCSW spokesanimal, Gareth Shepherd.

One particularly contentious issue in the contract dispute is the Guard Dogs' claim that they need to hold second jobs in order to make ends meet.

"Too many of us have been living foot to mouth for far too long," said Shepherd.

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### WHAT PRICE SECURITY?

How much is Park security worth to you?

That is the question on the minds of most Park Animals today, as the Federation of Canine Security Workers directs its membership to begin a Bark-to-Rule action.

In the opinion of many, this is a disloyal act, a threat to The Park, and an assault on the integrity of Park leaders. Still others are reserving their judgement and waiting for the next episode in what has become a disgraceful saga.

But we must step back from our own concerns and consider what it is that has driven the Guard Dogs to take this drastic action. Only then can we determine whether, collectively, we bear some of the responsibility for what has occurred lately in The Park.

Consider first: what are the Union's demands and are they unreasonable?

Even a cursory examination of the facts would lead one to feel some sympathy for the FCSW's position.

These Dogs have been working without a contract for six months. No other group in The Park can make this claim, yet Park Animals are quick to acknowledge that the Guard Dogs are among the most important (if not the most important) Park workers. If that is so, why have we not given them a fair shake in negotiations? And why do we expect them to work without a contract when they have no recourse — Park law forbids them to strike outright. How can we condemn them for taking the only action that can hope to gain our attention?

Perhaps, however, the most important — and most controversial — aspect of these contract talks is the introduction of the issue of loyalty to the negotiations.

Loyalty is a quality that has long been associated with Dogs. It is a great quality, a noble quality. But it should not be taken advantage of by an employer, even if that employer is The Park.

By giving loyalty a place at the bargaining table, we run the risk of permanently embedding a stereotype in our employment negotiations and, thus, in our daily lives. What Animal will then feel safe and secure in The Park?

When loyalty is included in contract negotiations, the price of security is far too high for all.

### Our Readers Respond ...

#### Re: The Barkettes — Commemorative Issue

Thank you for dedicating an entire issue of The Mammalian Daily to Thisbe and the Barkettes.

They are to be applauded for their tenacity as well as for their innate musicality.

Without them, The Park would be a very dismal — and silent place.

Long Live Thisbe and the Barkettes!

*Chuck the Guck Man*  
The Park

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Thisbe and the Barkettes have put us all one rung up on the evolutionary ladder. If we of the next generation can display the same degree of drive and dedication, there'll be no stopping us!

*The Cynics (Philosopher Dogs)*  
The Park

...

Thisbe and the Barkettes have enjoyed tremendous success in the last few years. This was, in part, due to the support of many Humans, some of whom have never been admitted to The Park, let alone to any of the Barkettes' concerts there. Isn't it time we gave at least some credit where credit is due?

*Name withheld*  
The Park

I was delighted to read about the Barkettes' success in North America. Here, in Europe, we have had many Canine, Feline, Equine, Bovine, and other Animal groups performing freely for many years. The Barkettes' success proves definitively that music is one aspect of life that can be enjoyed by all species.

*Giuseppe Salvatore Gattino*  
The Colosseum Cat  
Rome, Italy

...

The fact that you devoted an entire issue of The Mammalian Daily to a Canine singing group is proof positive that Mammals still have as firm a grip on the media as they always have done.

There is nothing new about singing in the Animal world. My own group, The Canary Cousins, has been in existence for years, travelling and concertizing to sold-out audiences across North America.

If you were honest, you would admit that it isn't the singing Dogs who interest you so much — what makes them newsworthy is the fact that Humans have finally accepted them.

Your hypocrisy ruffles my feathers.  
*Conroy Canary for*  
The Canary Cousins  
The Park

# Research Cautions: Even Miaowgirls Get the Blues

*Mammalian Daily*  
*Mental Health Reporter*

Even miaowgirls get the blues.

That is the determination of six University of West Terrier researchers who have analyzed the results of the first phase of a three-part study of depression and its effects on Cats.

The study, entitled, "Depression in Cats: Even Miaowgirls Get the Blues," was funded in part by The Catnip Company and is the first undertaking of its kind in the history of UWT's Medical College.

"We are very excited about this study," said Dr. Chloris Cougar, who heads the team of dedicated researchers.

"Until recently, we had to make do with second-hand information, most of which came from Human sources and did not, necessarily, reflect the realities of Feline life."

The current study, she said, "gives us the opportunity to analyze data that pertain solely to Felines. This will enable us to understand the full effects of depression on our particular species."

The UWT Researchers estimate that Feline depression accounts for a significant loss of productivity in The Park, as well as profound mental anguish and physical discomfort for the individuals involved.

In addition, Dr. Cougar believes that depression can cause or affect other illnesses in Cats.

"We have long suspected that depression has been, in part, the cause of other conditions that Cats presented with at our hospital and at Dr. Bourru's office. We look forward to having the chance to test that hypothesis."

To date, analysis of the first phase of the study has enabled the UWT team to isolate at least one distinct depressive syndrome in Cats, which it calls Feline Unipolar Depressive Disorder, or FUDD (see symptoms in box at right).

"This is truly a breakthrough," said Dr. Cougar, "Once we are able to recognize the symptoms of depression in Cats, we will be able to develop effective treatments for the disease. This study has given us all new hope."

Results of the second and third

phases of the study are expected to be published within the next three years.

#### FUDD: The Symptoms

Physical symptoms include changes in appetite and sleep patterns, fatigue, and restlessness.

- A large number of Cats reported being conscious more than half the day.
- Most Cats reported a marked decrease in their interest in food.

Psychomotor activity changes include decreased incidence of and ability to knead, claw, climb, jump, spring, and pounce.

- Researchers noted decreased speed in eye movements and claw retraction.

Mood symptoms include a reduced capacity to enjoy warmth and sunshine, as well as a generalized lack of interest in adult daily life.

- Some Cats experienced a desire to return to the behaviour of kittenhood, and reported an increase in the desire to suckle.

### Seasonal Suggestions for the Spring Shedder

*Park Beauty Reporter*

The grass is green, the flowers are in bloom, and the Birds are singing in the trees. Everywhere in The Park, the signs of Spring surround us.

Not all those signs are pleasant, though. The warmer temperatures

and abundance of sunshine do help to elevate our moods, but they are also responsible for one of the less agreeable rites of Spring: our annual shedding frenzy.

"It's not uncommon, at this time of year, to see Animals literally running around in circles, biting off chunks of

their Winter coats," says Dr. Bregitta Oreamnos, chief trichologist at the University of West Terrier's Medical College, and author of "Hair Bawls: The 100 Most Common Complaints about Hair" (The Poplar Press, 24 AZ).

While no cure exists for our "detachment disquietude," Dr. Oreamnos advises her patients to adopt a proactive approach to their coats, and she suggests the use of natural techniques to ease us through this season of discomfort (see box below).

"And don't forget," Dr. Oreamnos adds, "a good tongue-lashing can work wonders on your coat."

### Park Residents Warm to Adopt-A-Human Project

These days, when Penelope Penguin dons her finest suit and leaves home to "strut her stuff," she is not alone. She is accompanied by her "adopted" Human, a blonde female in her mid-fifties (Human years) who lives outside The Park.

"I really enjoy the walks we take together," said Penelope in an interview recently. "I'm really glad I got involved with the project."

The "project" referred to by the Penguin is The Park's "Adopt-A-Human" project, an initiative of the Fourth Commission on Interspecies Relations. Celebrating its second year this Spring, Adopt-A-Human has recently been awarded funding from Human Life Management, Inc., a pro-Human organization whose business activities are carried on outside The Park.

The goals of Adopt-A-Human are simple: to foster understanding and respect for all species and to attempt to educate members of all Animal groups about each other's similarities and differences.

"For so long, we were taught that we weren't as good, as smart, or as capable as Humans. I think that had a negative effect on a lot of Animal groups," said one organizer. "Our hope is that getting to know Humans

will make a lot of Animals realize that those negative stereotypes — of ourselves and of Humans — are simply not valid."

In fact, one of the greatest boosts to the Animals' self-esteem has come from Humans themselves: recent studies conducted by Human researchers have confirmed that interaction with other Animal groups prolongs Human life by a sizeable margin.

Despite this, getting Humans to participate in the project has been a bigger challenge than organizers initially expected.

"They're a suspicious species," said Commissioner Tatiana Tortoise. "They found it hard to believe that we had their own best interests at heart."

Word of mouth eventually prevailed, however, and now, "there's no turning back," she said. In addition to the 70 Humans now enrolled, as many as 80 Animals are believed to be involved in the project, and organizers say they believe they can recruit an even greater number for registration in the next few years.

For Animals such as Penelope, though, the numbers are irrelevant.

"It's the quality of the interaction and the feeling that it gives you that really matters," she says.

#### The Natural Approach

**SHAKE:** Even undercover agents blow their covers in the Spring! Shake off that dead hair before it shakes you! A good shake before breakfast will set your day in motion!

**RATTLE:** Don't just stand there — do something! Whether you're waiting in line or hunting down lunch, remember: not all your feet need to be planted on the ground at the same time! Let's shimmy!

**ROLL:** Got a nice, thick mane? Make it shine! A good, forward tumble will give you a gleam that no commercial product can match!

#### Chicken Wire Alert

The Park's Health Office has issued a warning to Squirrels whose off-site adventures include the pursuit of juicy, Spring flowers: beware the Chicken wire that Humans used in the Autumn to cover Tulip and Snowdrop bulbs.

"Getting caught [in it] could cause permanent damage to legs and feet," health officials say.

# Peony Power: How Ant Intelligence Saved the Lives of a Queen and Her Colony

*Mammalian Daily  
Intelligence Reporter*

Never underestimate the power of a flower.

That is the advice of Eleanor J. Ant, whose ASIS detachment, the Select Undercover Brigade (SUB), has been credited with preventing the destruction of at least one of The Park's Ant colonies.

The five hundred SUB members made Park history this Spring when, cloaked in bouquets of Peonies, they entered the dwellings of Humans who

were under investigation by ASIS. Once inside, they located the devices that experts believe are responsible for the recent outbreak of Ant deaths in The Park.

"There is no question that this was our most dangerous operation to date," explained Annick G. Ant, who heads the elite task force.

"We went in knowing that our survival depended on those Humans' beliefs [in the symbiotic relationship between Ants and Peonies]. As far as they knew, our job there was to open the Peony buds by eating away their

waxy coating. If they had known what our real mission was, I don't think any of us would have made it out alive."

While other details remain top secret, both Annick G. Ant and ASIS head, C. Astrid H. Ant, attribute the success of the mission to the training that SUB members received in the AntTICS programme (Ant Tactics for Intelligence and Clandestine Surveillance).

"The success of this operation underscores the value of that programme," the ASIS head declared.

## Squiggles and Scribbles

**Tommy Tickbird and his Symbiotic Sojourns**

By Otis J. Oxpecker

The Poplar Press, 230 pages

Spring is sprung, and the wanderlust is with us!

Those of us who do not have the opportunity to journey outside The Park as often — or as far — as we'd like, will undoubtedly find this book a welcome and exciting diversion.

The latest offering in adventure travel writing from The Poplar Press is the story of Otis J. Oxpecker (a.k.a. Tommy Tickbird), and his travels across Africa on the backs of one Giraffe, two Zebras, and three Warthogs.

His is an idyllic existence. A natural groomer for these large Mammals, he feeds, mostly on ticks, in the early morning and evening. During the hottest part of the day, he rests; at night, he joins the communal roost, in trees and cliffs.

Imbued as it is with the sights and sounds and smells of the African continent, this tale is sure to make great summer reading for both the wistful wayfarer and the vicarious voyager.

**When All Good Things Begin with "B"**

By Mavis Malamute

Tall Tail Books, 35 pages

Ages 4 wks and up

Another triumph for Tall Tail Books, this enchanting book was written for Puppies but is suitable for all ages and species.

Narrated by a mother Bitch, it is the story of Barney, the runt of her litter, who discovers that, like his name, all the good things in his life begin with the letter "B": ball, biscuit, bone, etc.

The story is a delightful one and the illustrations, by renowned illustrator Pirkko Panther, lend a sense of bucolic tranquility to an otherwise urban tale.

"When All Good Things Begin with 'B'" will make a great gift for new mothers and for all those little ones in their pre-weaning weeks.

**The Silent Cluck**

By Berthilidis Strix, M.D., and Cornelia Panthera, M.D.

Lemon-Yellow Press, 250 pages

Deep in the recesses of our sub-

conscious, according to veteran psychoanalyst, Dr. Berthilidis Strix, lies a force that she calls "the silent cluck." The process of isolating one's own "cluck" is the subject of this book which Dr. Strix has written in collaboration with her esteemed colleague, Dr. Cornelia Panthera.

The premise on which their book is based is that this force, which is as individual as we are, is responsible for the choices we make throughout our lives. That fact (if, indeed, it is a fact) renders locating our "cluck" essential, if we are to feel that we exercise control in our lives.

But, why a "cluck?"

Dr. Panthera, a noted zoologist, is among those who believe that we all start life as a Chicken. Our process of maturation, as she explains in the book's preface, is one of "breaking out of the egg," both literally and metaphorically.

But, even when we are successful and achieve full maturity, say Drs. Strix and Panthera, we are still subject to the longings of that holdover from our earliest days, our "silent cluck."

"It is not unusual," writes Dr. Strix, "for the largest of Lions or for the smallest of Snails, to want to revert to the eggshell. It is, perhaps, at our lowest moments in life that we find our cluck is calling us, and we must listen to it."

Whether or not you believe in the Chicken Theory, this book will bring your deepest desires and disappointments into focus.

### Polly: Wanna Cracker?

and all thoughts  
of heaven and earth  
diminish  
then converge  
upon us  
in our loneliness  
and grief  
at being struck  
by mediocrity

Pietro Parrot

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## Ask a Poodle

### Far from the mating crowd

DEAR POODLE: Now that mating season is upon us, I was hoping that you could offer some tips to those of us who are not so season-savvy.  
- HOPEFUL

DEAR HOPEFUL: This is a subject about which it is extremely difficult to generalize, since mating habits, preferences, and timing differ so greatly from species to species — not to mention from female to male, and from individual to individual.

That old adage, for instance, about the Goose and the Gander...well, that hasn't held true for generations — yet it's the first thing out of everyone's mouth at this time of year. Some Geese can attract a mate with a honk and a wink, if you know what I mean — and then there are those who must work harder. Other species find they are at their best in a group situation, whereas I, for one, like to stay far from the mating crowd.

Some females I know go for looks as well as scent but, statistically, that's still a rarity. Where I come from, we have a saying: "La nuit, tous les chats sont gris." That translates as, "At night, all cats are grey." Which means, of course, that if you're trying to attract someone for the sake of perpetuating the species, you'd darned well better roll around something a little more persuasive than a mirror. Bonne chance à tout!

*Ask a Poodle (askapoodle@mammaliandaily.com) appears in every second issue of The Mammalian Daily and alternates with Dear Noreen (noreen@mammaliandaily.com). Please e-mail your questions to them or post them to The Mammalian Daily and mark the envelope "Dear Noreen" or "Ask a Poodle." We regret that neither the Poodle nor Noreen can send responses directly to you.*

## Beasts of Burden to Play Park Theatre

**Park Entertainment Bureau**

The Beasts of Burden, one of the most popular musical groups in the Animal world, will give a concert this Otium at The Park's ancient, open-air theatre, their manager confirmed

today.

The group, whose latest recording, *Pack of Lies*, rose to the top of the charts within a week, will donate part of the proceeds from their concert to the Park Animal Aid Fund.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dancers wanted. Auditions will be held on 12 Anthi at 14:00 at the ancient, open-air theatre. We are looking to fill roles for our newest production. Must be springy and light on your feet. Familiarity with our repertoire an asset. Call 4376-2679 now for an appointment! Herman Stroat Dance Company.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Volunteers Needed. For study on dormancy behaviour to be conducted by researchers at the University of West Terrier this autumn. If you are a full-grown Animal and you are willing to discuss this important issue, please call the study line at 3676-2684 for information on how you can participate. Your privacy is guaranteed. The University of West Terrier *Quaere Verum.*

# Let's Talk Balls!



with Bailey

### Today's ball is the BASEball.

The baseball has a long history with Dogs.

Originally conceived as a hunting tool, cynologists (those who study Dogs) believe the baseball was first used by the cave Dog on his forays into the wilderness in search of food.

Archaeological evidence suggests that the baseball pre-dates other methods popularly believed to have been used by Dogs in their hunt.

In fact, the word "base" is thought to be a corruption of the ancient Canine word, "baas," which means

"food." Linguists believe this suggests that, in the beginning, the Cave Dog thought of the baseball as a "food" ball.

The word "baas" is also closely related to the Human word "baa," which is used as an imitation of the sound that Sheep make. This serves as further evidence of the baseball's connection with food.

It is widely held that it was the Mexican Free-Tailed Bat who first introduced the Cave Dog to the notion of using the baseball in a form of sport.

Since that time, Dogs everywhere have enjoyed various forms of play with the baseball.

Sources: *Canine Prehistory: Society and Ritual; The Cave Dog's Guide to the Sporting World; The Canine Picture Book of Balls; The Educated Ball Owner's Guide to the Good Life; Various Articles and Reports.* bailey@mammaliandaily.com

# CAA campaigns to bring back the Dog paddle

Mammalian Daily Sports Reporter

A delegation of the Canine Athletic Association has made an impassioned plea to the organizers of the 26 AZ Park Interspecial Summer Games: Bring Back the Dog Paddle!

In a published statement, the Association asserted that the swimming stroke, which fell out of fashion some years ago, is an excellent test of aquatic prowess and should be reinstated in time for the next Summer Games, which are set to take place during the last two weeks of

## Interspecial Summer Games



Otium, 26 AZ.

Games organizers who are reviewing the matter say it will take some time to prepare a response.

# Whelpings and Passings

At long last!

**Kiersten Ku and Tormod Okse** are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their son, Elgar Elephant, 102 kgs. Many thanks to all involved.



It's a Goose!

**Henrietta Goose and George Gander** announce the hatching of their beautiful Gosling, Orabela.



**Brünnehilde Raccoon.** Suddenly, in a traffic accident outside The Park. Brünnehilde Raccoon, daughter of the famed storyteller, Rinaldo the Raccoonteur, and well-respected citizen of The Park. A mother of four and community activist, Brünnehilde was instrumental in the establishment of The Park's Safe Water Zone (PSWZ). Donations in her memory may be made to the "Keep Your Paws Out of Our Ponds" campaign. She will be greatly missed.

**Igor Beaver.** At his home, after a long illness. Igor Beaver, upstanding Park citizen, innovative designer, prolific builder, and amateur historian. Igor's interest in Beaver society led to his involvement in the production of the award-winning documentary, *Dam Nation.* Memorial service planned.

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

**To Renée Doe and Owen Buck:** two beautiful Goat Kids, Raoul and Liesel.

**Dottie Duck and Dieter Drake** welcome twin Ducklings to their Pond.

## MATING DANCE

**PLACE:** The Wishing Well

**DATE:** 08 Anthi 24 AZ

**TIME:** 20:00

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