REGISTRY OF FAME

The Wildlife Information Center, Inc., of Allentown, PA, an internationally active wildlife conservation, education, recreation and scientific research organization, has announced the establishment of a Wildlife Conservation Registry of Fame.

Persons selected for entry onto the Registry will be those who have made nationally or internationally significant contributions during their lives to protecting and preserving birds, mammals, and other wildlife in America and/or elsewhere.

The Center encourages people everywhere to adopt a more gentle and humane attitude toward wildlife by engaging in non-killing uses of wildlife such as observation, photography, and wildlife tourism.

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CATS 'MODEL' FOR HEAD INJURIES

It has been going on since 1978 at the University of Cincinnati — head crash studies on cats. Perhaps for an even longer period of time. The principal investigator, Patricia A. Tornheim, Ph.D., et. al. have published the results of the studies, which opened the data to professional scrutiny and newspaper comment. First, *The News Record*, Cincinnati, OH:

"Behind the razzle-dazzle of advertising for cosmetics, household products, and animal experimentation lies a grisly story of animal suffering and abuse. More often than not, the public simply has no idea of what is going on behind the locked doors of the laboratories. Millions of animals are used each year for live experimentation. In cosmetic testing alone, between 500,000 and one million animals suffer slow painful deaths: hardly a lifesaving matter for human beings.

"There is mounting evidence that thousands of animals are being tortured in unnecesssary research. The suspicion is unavoidable that needless suffering is being inflicted on laboratory animals because people get grants to do so.

"Such research is antiquated and repetitive. At the University of Cincinnati, cats continue to have their heads bashed in and our tax dollars pay almost $100,000 per year for this. When will it end?" ***(Pam Ellis)***

'. . . No Relevance to the Human Experience.'

"I have been asked to write concerning head trauma studies using cats to simulate similar conditions in people. Cats are not appropriate for these types of studies because of major differences in anatomy and brain physiology from humans. Therefore, data collected from traumatizing these creatures is of essentially no use in dealing with human victims. In fact, no nonhuman animal is sufficiently similar to humans to warrant subjecting it to head injuries as a 'model' of the human condition.

"Moreover, cats metabolize or react to some substances differently from humans. For example, morphine can cause extreme excitement and frantic movements in cats, whereas the same dose rate can have a calming and analgesic effect in humans. Therefore, much of the metabolic studies using head traumatized cats may have no relevance to the human experience."

(Nedim C. Buyukmihci, VMD, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights)

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FROGS' LEGS? NO THANKS!

During the monsoons, hundreds of workers in India (Maharashtra, West Bengal, Kerals and Tamil Nadu) fan out into the swampy rice fields. The rice crop is still to mature, but what awaits them is a rich harvest of frogs caught by lantern light at night.

The amphibians, or rather their hind legs, fetch millions in foreign exchange every year. The worldwide frog harvest, estimated to be 200 million per year, provides western countries with the exotic delicacy of frogs' legs. Gourmets in West Germany and France alone gobble more than 650 tons of the legs — the equivalent of 15 million frogs. Now, conservationists have demanded an immediate ban on the export of frogs' legs if an ecological disaster is to be avoided. Scientists have already expressed fear that the mass killing of such a useful species could trigger off an ecological time bomb.

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ON BEING FIRST (OR IS IT SECOND?)

The world's first Professor of Animal Welfare, Dr. Donald Broom, begins his appointment at the University of Cambridge Veterinary School this month. A behavioral scientist, Dr. Broom is presently a reader in pure and applied biology at the University of Reading, where he has specialized in studies on the care of farm animals. The new Chair has been funded by the Animal Welfare Foundation set up by the British Veterinary Association in 1983.

Now we quote a press release from The Society Laboratory Animal and Science (Netherlands):

"Holland has first professor on animal experiment questions in the world. Dr. Tj. de Cock Buning, assistant director of the Foundation for Biological Research, was appointed professor on animal experiment questions at the State University of Leiden, the Netherlands, on February 1st 1986. The appointment is an initiative of the Foundation Laboratory Animal and Science, which achieved a landmark in the history of experiments on animals with this. Nowhere else in the world is the social problem of the use of laboratory animals the subject of scientific research and education."

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DULY NOTED

– According to national statistics, the principal causes of death in today's Western society include heart disease, cancer, strokes, bronchitis and emphysema, alcohol-related problems, diabetes and high blood pressure, most of which are very difficult or impossible to cure but all largely preventable, because they are often caused by our affluent and wasteful Western lifestyle. We suffer these illnesses because of faulty diet and because we smoke, eat and drink to excess, fail to exercise properly and allow our environment to be polluted by dangerous substances.

– The Princess of Wales (Diana) has stated through her lady in waiting that she does not wear fur, only imitation fur. This news, publicized widely in national British newspapers, is seen as a severe blow to the fur industry.

– Through its publication *Awake*, the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect advocates a strong stand against vivisection. Its philosophy in respect to lab animals is contained in a free report, "Anti-Vivisection and Jehovah's Witnesses," from Jonathan Ross, Editor, *Arian Conditionalist Newsletter*, 1362 Kingfisher, No. 16, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

– Despite studies linking beer consumption to an increased risk of cancer, laboratory animals given beer actually developed fewer tumors than those given water, a researcher said. "It would be a great leap of faith to say beer decreases the cancer risk or protects a person from cancer," said Dr. Richard L. Nelson of the University of Illinois at Chicago, adding that laboratory animals have different body processes than humans.

– One out of every 50 doctors in the United States is a fake, according to an article by Sonia L. Nazario in the April 2, 1986 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*. That adds up to a total of 10,000 practicing quacks, who run clinics, give advice, and even operate, with phony or non-existent medical credentials. The article reported that the phonies frequently practice on the elderly and are often caught when — you guessed it — a serious incident of malpractice takes place.

–*Burger King Canada* has responded to public pressure by withdrawing the veal sandwich from all Canadian outlets, just one year after veal was dropped from all *Burger King* outlets in the United States. A boycott and letter-writing campaign pressured the second largest fast-food chain in the world into taking veal off the menu.

– Over the past three years with an effective European Economic Council seal import ban in force, the Canadian Seal Hunt has been reduced by an average of 77.84 percent per year, saving the lives of 522,197 seals. Now that the ban has been extended for a further four years, another 789,348 seals will be spared.

– "I did many experiments on live animals during medical school," said Dr. Abram Ber, a Phoeniz, AZ physician who formerly practiced anesthesiology and now has switched to holistic medicine. "I would say they had nothing to do with what I later had to know about or do to humans."

– U.S. Army security forces are using geese, which object loudly when unaccustomed sounds offend their sensitive hearing, as an early-warning system at three sites in West Germany, and expect to have them at 30 installations beginning in September.

– While the Australian government continues to declare war on its national symbol, the Kangaroo, by allowing nearly three million animals to be killed in 1986, the conservationists' pleas to end this ruthless slaughter are being heard the world over.

– "These days we are in a race to translate even the most preliminary research breakthrough into headlines. With professional competition fierce, research funds scarce and prestigious awards to be won, many scientists are anxious to have results published and publicized quickly. If the news is noteworthy enough, they may even orchestrate a press conference. Medical journalists grab the baton and run; health articles are a hot item." (From *In Self-Defense* by Peter Jaret.)

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