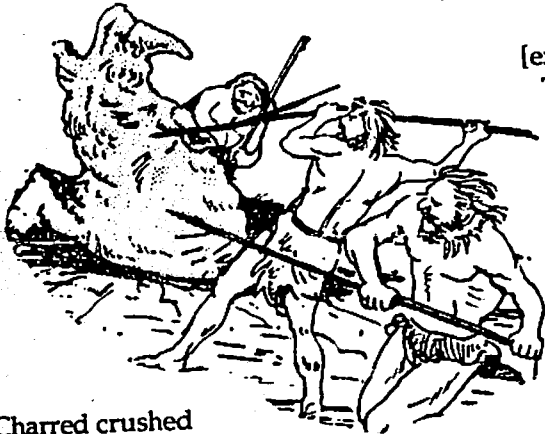


REALLY, RHINOS!

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PREHISTORHINO... ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO



Charred crushed rhinoceros bones are often found with Neanderthal man artifacts - evidence of successful hunts. Their hunting methods included large pits covered over with brush and tree branches. The rhino was led or chased into the trap where it could be easily attacked. Many pit-like sites are found throughout Europe. Scientists believe some of them are the remains of these prehistoric traps. [just to keep the feds off my back re: copyright, this comes from a newspaper spot called "Our Fascinating Earth" which someone gave me but I don't have the original source to cite.]

[excerpted from a letter sent by Tony Nichols, California to SWARA, 13(2):25, March/April, 1990]

"The herd of captive northern white rhinos has been split. One male and two females have been sent from Czechoslovakia to San Diego Wild Animal Park to join Dinka, the long-time resident male.

The breeding pairs of black rhino have been moved to another large enclosure so the four northern white rhinos will have free roam of the park's East African plain section. Over 70 southern white rhinos have been born at the park since 1972, so the place and experience is optimum for breeding the northern subspecies. People may not approve of the captive breeding of rhinos, but these measures are needed now that wild populations are decimated. A decade ago, the black rhino was the most numerous of the species, now its eastern race is scarce in the wild. If captive breeding succeeds, the

species will be more secure in global terms. the slaughter of a 'protected' group in Meru shows that precautions cannot be too great."

ZOO KEEPER'S BOWL-A-THON AIMS AT SAVING RHINOCEROSES

Way back in March, 1990 (according to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*), hundreds of zoo keepers across the country were bowling for rhinoceroses, hoping to knock down enough pins to keep the pachyderms safe from the machine guns of horn-hungry poachers. The American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) hoped to raise \$100,000 through a pledge drive connected to area bowling events. Funds were to be used to underwrite the operating cost of the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya, a 10,000-acre private facility protected by a fence and armed guards. The preserve contains 13 black rhinos and 4 whites. Next year's plans are more ambitious according to Willis J. Whittaker, director of chapter and regional affair of AAZK, headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. Says Whittaker, "We are soliciting support from any corporation or business in the US or Canada that uses the rhino as its logo on a promotional device. It is their way of giving something back to the rhino." So if any of our readers owns or works for such a company, please consider how you can participate next year. I witnessed the bowl-a-thon in Portland, Oregon where many people were having fun raising money and educating people all at the same time. Not a bad way to kill a Saturday afternoon.

"What is man without the beasts?
If all the beasts were gone,
Man would die from a great loneliness of spirit.
For whatever happens to the beast
Also happens to the man.
All things are connected.
Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons of the earth."

Chief Seathl, 1855

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A LIBRARIAN TO ENJOY THIS RHINO!



If you are a librarian, teacher, or bibliophile, you will want this whimsical, colorful and gentle reminder about book care. The orange/black/white poster measures 16" x 23". Send your check for \$6.50 to Really, Rhinos!.

IVORY TODAY, KERATIN TOMORROW

The market for ivory has collapsed, both in the U.S. and abroad, the World Wildlife Fund says. The environmental group credits a U.S. ban on imports, an international trading ban and increased public awareness of the slaughter of elephants for their tusks. A survey of the 15 largest ivory dealers in the U.S. found no buyers for existing ivory stocks, despite big price discounts. Ivory markets in other countries have seen similar declines. "In Africa, where ivory was selling for \$200 a kilogram, prices have fallen to \$2 to \$5 a kilo," said Jim Leape, WWF vice president.

[Compiled by Bruce Johnson from wire-service reports]



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And carry it all home in your brand new, gigantic rhino tote bag from the Lincoln Park Zoo. The bag is a special gift if you become a member of the zoo. Here is an excerpt from the invitational letter.

"At first glance, it might seem like a giant rhino and your Lincoln Park Zoo free gift don't have much in common. But really, they do.

"For one thing, both the rhino and your free gift are big and strong, yet lovable. For another, they're both hard to find. (In fact, when Ahadi was born in May 1989, he became the first black rhino ever born at our Zoo — and one of only 3,500 left in the world.)"

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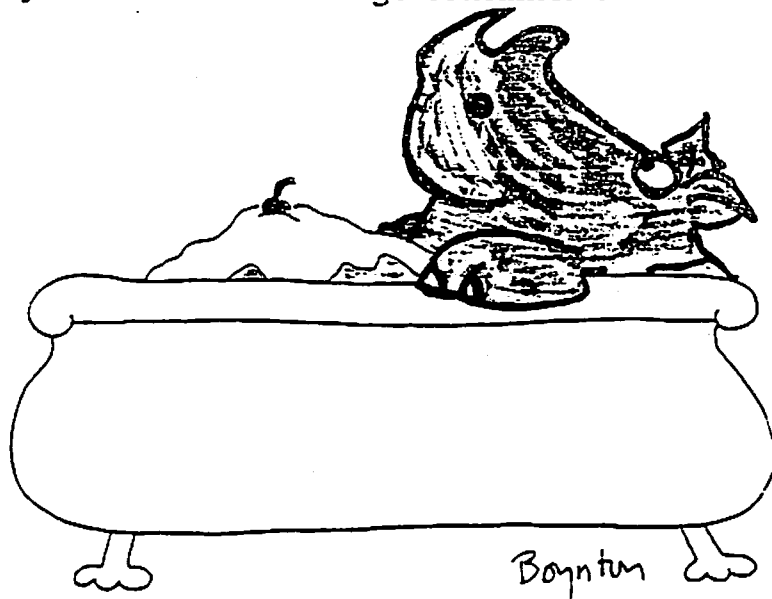
YES, BUT CAN IT SING & DANCE?

Some of you may have already seen the advertisement for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus coming to your town. Smack dab in the middle of the ad is a snorting black rhino with a leopard on its back. This is no P.T. Barnum hyperbole. The circus actually has a rhino act now! I do not do circuses but a friend of mine has seen the act. Basically the rhino is in a cage with the leopard which rides on the back of the rhino while the rhino runs around the cage a few times. What an act!! (Well, after all, what else can a rhino do??) I don't know about you (and I would love your comments) but I think this act stinks! I am not a fan of performing animals. Even if the rhino mistakenly thinks the leopard is some gigantic tickbird, I don't think it's a good idea. Sliding into anthropomorphism for a moment, I think it takes away the rhino's dignity. On the other hand, maybe people will see this zaftig entertainer in a more positive light and feel more concern about conserving the rhinos that remain in the wild. I can see it now. A poacher will corner a rhino and ask the \$64,000 question: "Can you perform any tricks?" The rhino stands there looking befuddled and snorts. "Wrong answer!" says the poacher. "Guess I'll have to kill you!" BAM!! Anyone out there wish to respond? Please send your comments to Really, Rhinos! by the end of August and they will be published in the Fall issue.



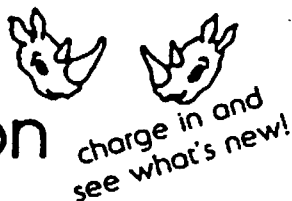
BEATING THE HEAT

Why not relax with a large container of ice cream?



RHINOPHILIGHTS will continue in our next issue.

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Debbie Byrne [former *Rhinophilight*] is still hunting for those perfect rhinos you can't live without. Some new items include Pseudo-Rhino and Once-a-Rhinot-shirts, note cards and rubber stamps. The Rhino Connection also has all my wooden rhinos on consignment, including three very large and unique carvings by Kenyan artists (male charging, mother and baby, large black 12"+L X 8"+H) Have ever heard of Hog Wild (Faneuil Hall, Boston and other places) which is a store/mail order catalog just for pig lovers? Debbie is seriously thinking of developing a mail order catalog for rhinophiles. If you are interested in this idea, let Debbie know! The more vendors we can discover, the more varied the catalog and the greater your collection could grow!

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FOR GIFTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS, patronize the Ecology House which features sculptures, books, stained glass, endangered species and wildlife t-shirts, buttons, gold and silver jewelry, cards, windchimes, fine prints, cruelty-free products, toys, towels and housewares (including a humane mousetrap) and more. Though it is a for-profit shop, part of the proceeds go directly to environmental causes in two ways. First, some items automatically create a donation as part of the purchase price. Secondly, Ecology House makes outright donations out of their profits to non-profit environmental, animal rights, and human rights groups. They do not represent any organization, but they are committed to being a positive factor for increasing awareness and public involvement.

I got a lovely letter from Jerry Devlin who informed me that they do have some rhinos! There is a new grey rhino mug. The handle is designed as the rhino's head and horns (\$10.95+). A set of eight rhino notecards (\$5.50+), bronze rhino necklace (\$35.50+ and gorgeous!!!), bronze pin (\$26.50+), silver charm (\$22.50+), small fuzzy stickers (28 @ \$2+) and more. Since they deal with over 300 suppliers of animal related products if there is a specific rhino item someone wants, they may be able to locate it. And, finally, Jerry asked about rhino conservation projects. They are interested in making donations.

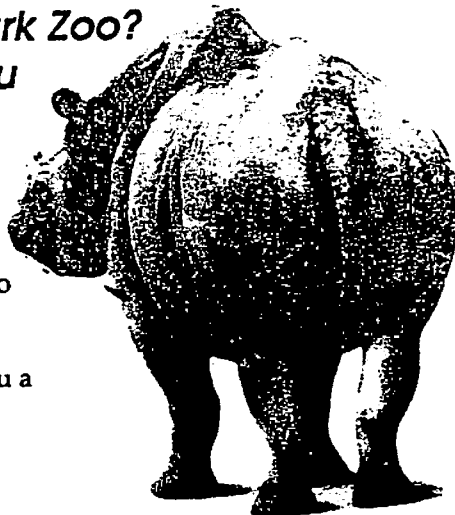
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HAVE CHILDREN WHO WEAR CLOTHES??

If you have preteens who pride themselves on being fashion plates, then let them know about two new clothing lines called "Endangered" and "Kids 4 Animals" which are in selected stores throughout the U.S. A percentage of each garment sold - t-shirts, fleece tops and shorts - will benefit World Wildlife Fund's international conservation efforts. An extensive back-to-school collection for fall 1990 will be in stores nationwide by July. Unfortunately, there are no rhinos at this time. Graphics for the new sportswear lines feature the African elephant, humpback whale, giant panda and jaguar. For more

information on store locations, call J.G. Hook, Inc., at 1-800-736-0041 and while you're spending their dime, ask them to introduce a rhino-line of clothes since the rhino is as endangered (MORE!!) than some of the animals they are featuring. Don't you think the older kids would like rhinos? (especially with the TMNT* boom)

*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM CANS and you too can afford a WWF Expedition to Thailand and Nepal from November 17-December 5, 1990. Visit Khao Yai and Taratao National Parks, the Himalayan foothills around Pokara, Nepal, the Royal Chitwan National Park (where you will ride on elephant back in search of rhinos through plains of elephant-grass) and visit the exotic Asian capital cities of Bangkok and Kathmandu. The cost is (only) \$4590 for 19 days, plus \$1539 round trip airfare from Seattle. Write WWF Expeditions, 1250 24th St, NW, Washington, DC 20037. Bon voyage!



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