

REALLY RHINOS!

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In the Winter 1991 issue of *Really, Rhinos!*, there was a blurb on the National Environmental Scoreboard. Although we did give Ngare Sergoi's newsletter H.O.R.N. credit for the information, we did rephrase some of the words and the last paragraph was strictly an editorial comment of R.R. not part of the original work. We apologize to the H.O.R.N. editors for the confusion and promise not to do it again without written permission. For the record, here is the exact reprint of the H.O.R.N. article:

CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD

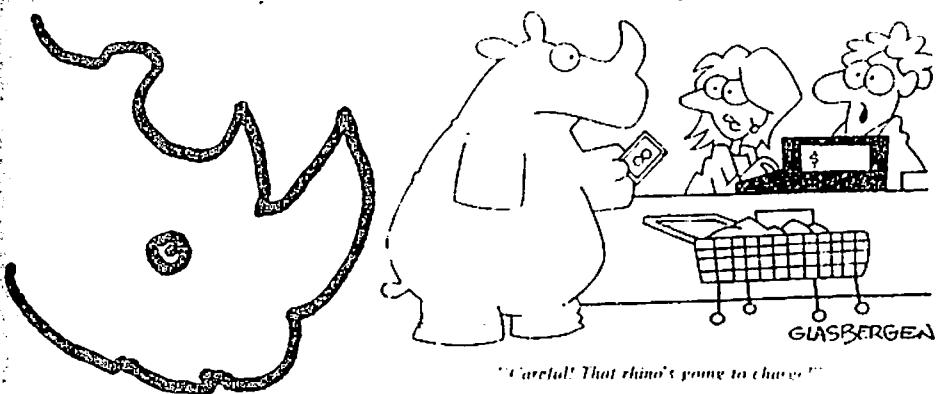
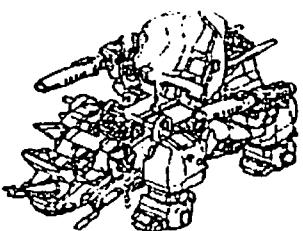
How do your representatives to Congress really feel about the environment? Their voting records indicate the truth. Each year the League of Conservation Voters issues the National Environmental Scorecards which gives the voting record of all members on key environmental actions before Congress. The scorecard is compiled annually and a new issue is available at the first of the year. The 1990 edition is the most recent available. If you would like to see your representative's environmental record, write to:

The League of Conservation Voters
1150 Connecticut Ave. NW Suite 201
Washington, DC 20036

Please enclose \$5 to cover copying and postage costs. (The league is a small organization.) And remember, 1992 is an election year..."

RHINO ROBOT FOR SALE

Corey Chandler, one of my favorite rhinophiles, is offering a rare rhino robot (transformer?) for sale. He is asking \$50 for it. Here's a thunderscanned print. If you want a photo, write to Corey at 123 Walnut Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941.



"Careful! That rhino's going to charge!"

Rx: RHINOPLASTY

You already know that Namibia has been dehorning the rhinos in an effort to save them from poachers. Now Zimbabwe is doing the same thing. According to a recent news clipping, there are about 2,000 rhinos left in wildlife sanctuaries which includes 2/3 of the world's black rhinos. Only 20 years ago 65,000 rhinos roamed Africa. Zimbabwean rangers have killed at least 145 poachers in the past seven years and still they've lost at least 960 rhinos to the @#\$%^& poachers. Despite the risk, however, poachers slip across the Zambezi River from Zambia because their ill-gotten gains are still more than they might earn in a lifetime. I know some people disagree with this statement; please respond if you do. Some tourists are a bit confused when they see these hornless rhinos but as one tourist put it, "They don't look like rhinos, or anything for that matter. No one at home will believe my photographs. But if it means they're going to be protected, I'm all for it." This effort is a pilot program and if it works, officials want to dehorn all of Zimbabwe's rhinos. The irony of course is, what to do with the horns. With more than two tons of rhino horn valued hundreds of thousands of dollars, the Zimbabwe government is stymied because trade in rhino horn is (of course we all know!) illegal. Correct me if I am wrong those of you who attended, but I believe at the International Rhino Conference in San Diego last May, this issue came up. Could the horn be sold legally with the proceeds used to protect the remaining rhinos in the wild and sanctuaries (for game wardens, transportation, radio equipment, etc.)? We are indeed sitting on the horns of a dilemma. R.S.V.P. if you have comments.