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Homing Waterfowl—  
Dusk at the San Diego  
Wild Animal Park

### Inside front

Blesbok on a hillside  
at sunset—San Diego  
Wild Animal Park  
*Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi*  
South Africa—Photo by Jones.

### Inside back

Bush variety—Bougainvillea  
South America

### Back

Lagoon and Fishing Camp  
after dark  
San Diego  
Wild Animal Park

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# AROUND

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**Above:** The Uganda Kob, *Kobus kob thomasi*, in their golden brown coats seem to glow just before sunset. **Below:** Some of the Fulvous Whistling Ducks, *Dendrocygna bicolor*, frequent the flower beds. Here the pansies are in full bloom.



# THE SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK IN MAY

## animal nightlife in June

*Suzanne Strassburger*

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FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED since the San Diego Wild Animal Park opened to the public on 10 May 1972 — and extraordinary changes and growth have occurred, both in the appearance of the Park and in the advancement of the animal collection. Nairobi Village is a virtual garden, filled with semi-tropical growth flanked by beds of brilliantly colored flowers. The beauty of the Park won nationwide acclaim with an award in 1975 from the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society.

The success of the Park in terms of its animal collection also has been noted many times since 1972. The Park now is populated by 2,200 animals of 186 species. Many of the animals are reproducing into the fourth and even fifth generations, and the survival rate among the newborn reached a high of 78% last year. In 1974, the Edward H. Bean award was presented to the Park in recognition of success in hatching the Abyssinian Ground Hornbill.

Development continues into 1976 with the construction of Tropical America and the initiation of a brand new program to enhance visitors' experiences during the summer. For the first time, the unknown nighttime world of the Wild Animal Park preserve will open to visitors with safari tours at



**Right:** A juvenile Anna's Hummingbird, *Calypte anna*, visits a *Chorisia speciosa* for a last meal before settling down for the night. This is one of California's native hummers.





**Above:** Construction is progressing rapidly at the new exhibit being added at the south end of Nairobi Village. Tropical America combines the flora and wildlife of rain forests of Central and South America. Visitors may walk through the jungle environment inhabited by Red Brocket Deer, marmosets, Squirrel Monkeys, iguanas and exotic birds, and view several boa constrictors from a glass-enclosed tunnel. A press preview is scheduled for 28 April 1976. **Above right:** Steve Martin trains a Great Horned Owl, *Bubo virginianus*, for the Birds of Prey Show. **Right:** Long necks and long legs characterize the Angolan Springbok, *Antidorcas marsupialis angolensis*. The herd now numbers 32 animals.

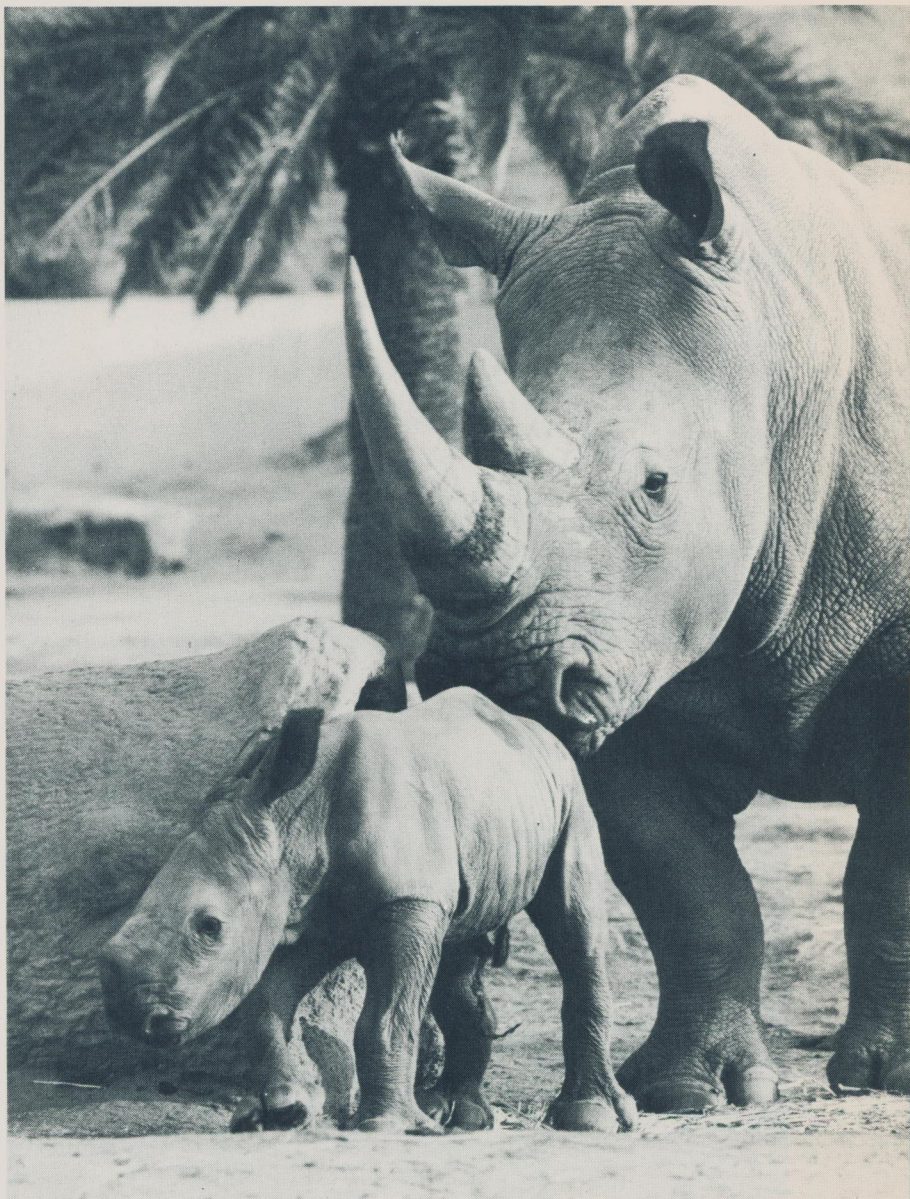
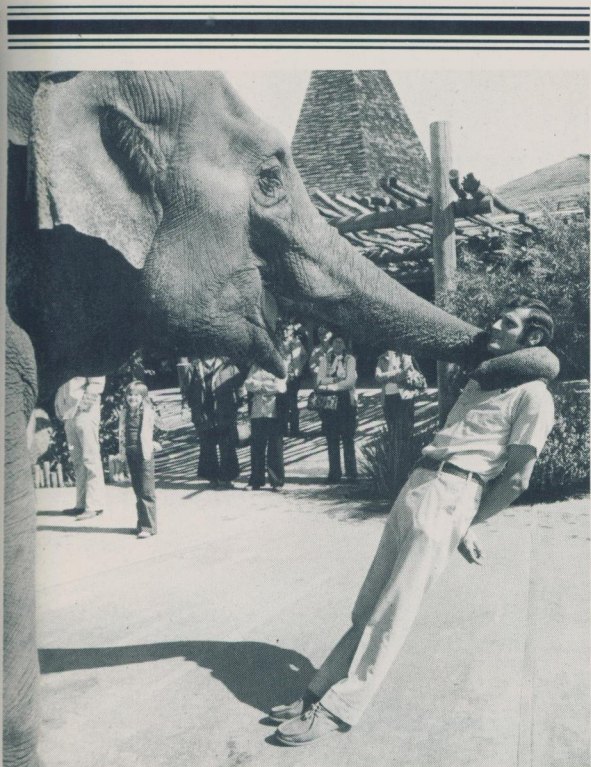


night planned from 1 July through Labor Day, 6 September. Passengers will board the Wgasa Bush Line monorail at Simba Station — (as they do for daylight tours) — but that is where all similarity ends. Driver-guides will explain to passengers that the night tour is an adventure in which sounds and smells will be acute and the ani-

mals will be seen only by moonlight or soft amber lights attached to the monorail cars. Silence and quiet movement will be a necessity.

Of course, monorail tours during the day will continue so visitors can enjoy the keener observation of animals and their habits afforded by daylight. During the summer, 1 July through 6 Sep-





**Above left:** Nita, an Asiatic Elephant, *Elaphus maximus indicus*, gives support to her trainer, Franz Tisch. **Left:** Madyline Sigler is putting an Arabian stallion through his paces. **Above:** Spring and summer visitors will have the pleasure of watching several young Southern White Rhinos, *Ceratotherium s. simum*. This year births occurred 12 March, 25 March and 13 April.

## Summer Schedule

**1 June through 30 June 1976:** Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Last monorail tour departs 5 p.m. Animal shows are scheduled throughout the day. Visitors may stay on the grounds until 6 p.m. Food service available.

**1 July through 6 September 1976:** Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Last monorail tour departs 10 p.m. Night monorail tours begin at dark, and animal shows are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Food service will be available at Mombasa Cooker until closing.

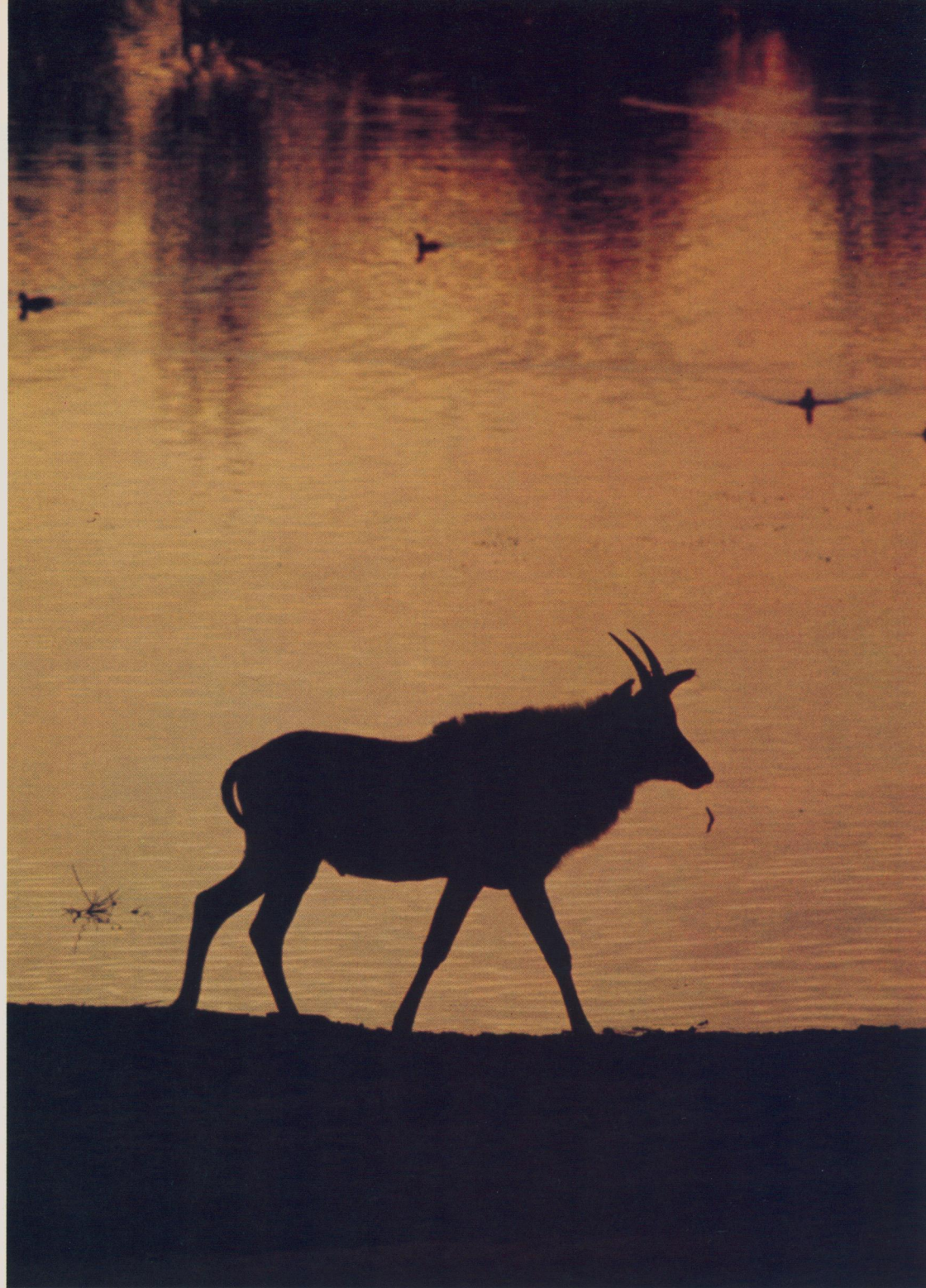
tember, monorail tours will start shortly after 9 a.m. and continue until 10 p.m., when the last tour departs.

Nairobi Village also will be more lively this summer with the addition of two amphitheatres — featuring three entirely new animal shows. Trainers are busily preparing for their shows' debuts, when birds of prey will fly high

over their new home on the crest of a hill; Asian and African Elephants will entertain visitors in a new amphitheater on the Kilimanjaro Hiking Trail; and seven breeds of horses will perform in Nairobi Village.

Besides activity around the amphitheatres, the Village will be filled with the sound of mood-setting music,









**Opposite:** The full and erect mane on the Angolan Roan antelope stands out at twilight and after dark. It has been said that without their horns they would resemble a horse, as indicated by their scientific name, *Hippotragus quinquatus cottoni*. Note the eye shine in the photo of the group. **Above:** Silhouetted in the shimmering waters of dusk, waterfowl search the pond for a tasty tidbit. **Right:** Even after dusk there is no mistaking the long necks of the Uganda Giraffe, *Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi*, as they feed from their treetop browse baskets or engage in a necking bout with a companion.

the aroma of African dinners being served at Mombasa Cooker, and the illumination of landscaping, walkways and waterways with soft, multicolored lights. Diners will be seated overlooking the waterfowl lagoon, the Congo River Fishing Camp highlighted in the background. An African buffet feast, consisting of barbecued beef and lamb, rice bujambura, spinach and ground nuts, jungle salad, foo-foo (yams) and fresh fruit, will be served along with more conventional dinners such as roast beef and hamburgers.

Special summer previews for the public, including the African buffet dinner, night monorail safaris, and animal shows are planned for the evenings of 25 and 26 June. Members' previews are set for 9 and 10 June. On all dates, regular prices for admission, monorail tours and food services will be in effect.

