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## COVERS

**Front:** Uganda giraffes *Giraffa camelopardalis rothschildi* at the Wild Animal Park.  
**Inside front:** Nighttime scene of a giraffe at the Park.

**Inside back:** *Coelogyne cristata alba*.  
**Back:** Nighttime scene at the Wild Animal Park of Indian axis deer *Cervus axis axis* exhibiting eyeshine.

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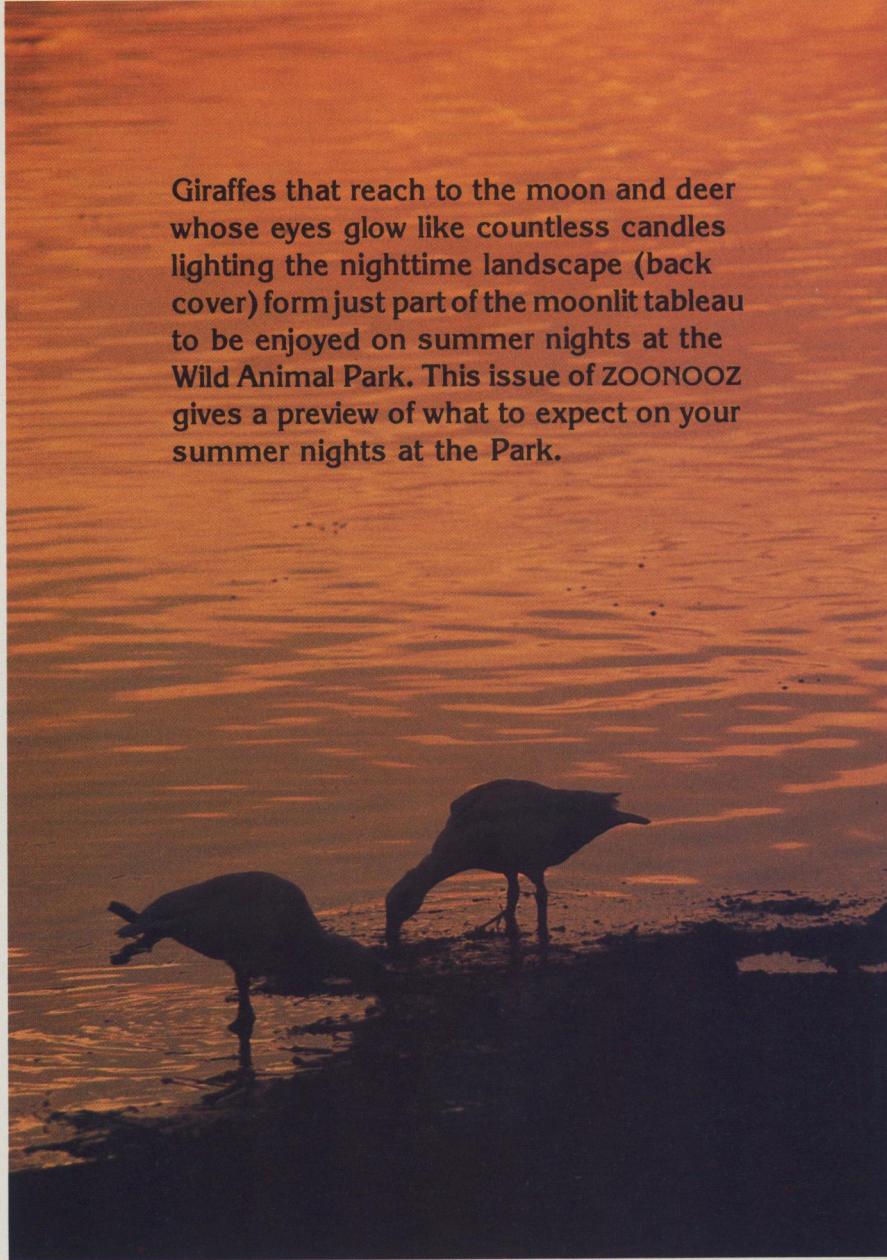
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Giraffes that reach to the moon and deer whose eyes glow like countless candles lighting the nighttime landscape (back cover) form just part of the moonlit tableau to be enjoyed on summer nights at the Wild Animal Park. This issue of ZOONOOZ gives a preview of what to expect on your summer nights at the Park.



## MEMBERS' NIGHTS AT THE WILD ANIMAL PARK

**July 8 and 9**

### Bromeliad Hunting in South America

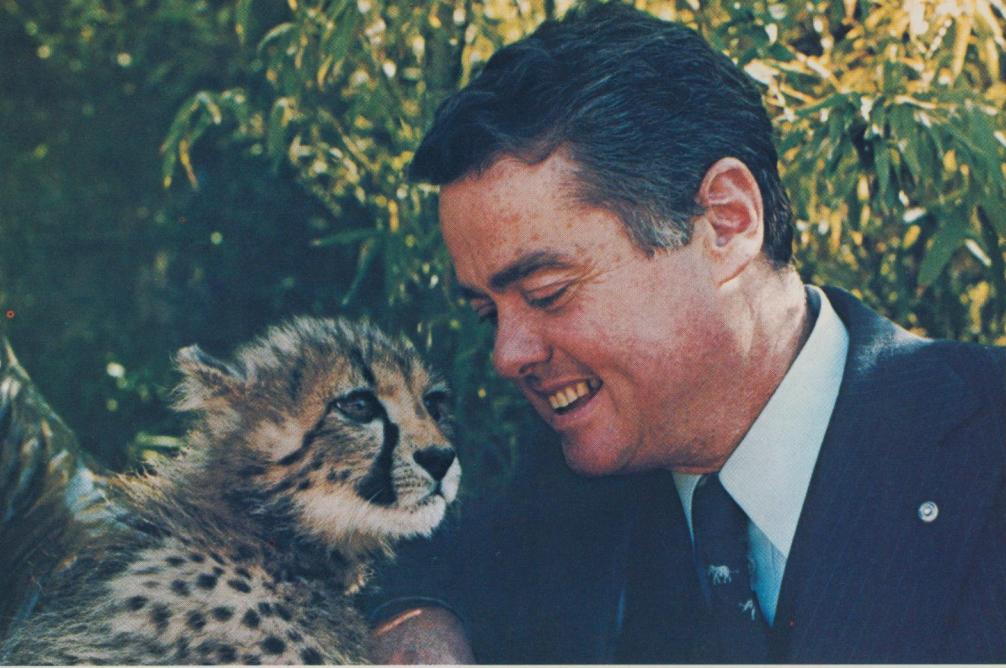
Take an expedition to the jungles of South America in quest of exotic plant species. Sharing slides from his recent travels in Ecuador and Colombia, bromeliad expert Jeff Kent will focus on the steps involved in bringing bromeliads to "captivity" — collecting, adapting, growing, breeding, and selecting them for the nursery trade.

As part owner of the world's largest bromeliad nursery, Kent has dealt with over 1,800 varieties of bromeliads. Kent's Bromeliad Nursery ships plants from its

Vista headquarters to customers throughout the world.

The program, followed by a dessert of fresh strawberry shortcake and coffee, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Mombasa Pavilion.

The cost per member is \$3 for the program and dessert. In addition, each member will be given a live bromeliad to take home. Reservations are by mail only and will be limited to the first 200 received for each evening. Mail payment to Members' Night Reservations, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112. In case of a sellout, checks will be returned. Tickets will be mailed prior to the event. Sorry, no refunds or transfers.



Society President George Gildred makes friends with Arusha, the cheetah.

## BRIEFS

### MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

George Gildred, a native San Diegan, was elected president of the board of trustees of the Zoological Society of San Diego in 1980. He has served on the board since 1973. He is president of the Gildred Building Company and secretary-treasurer of the Gildred Development Company in San Diego. In addition, he currently serves as the consul of Chile in San Diego, is a

member of the University of California at San Diego Board of Overseers, KPBS Radio and Television Community Advisory Board, Boys' Club of San Diego Advisory Board, and University of San Diego School of Law Board of Visitors. Gildred is chairman of the Committee to Build a Regional Cancer Center in San Diego and the San Diego Savings Bond Committee. He is also a director of the local Convention and Visitors Bureau and World Affairs Council.

Gildred has long been active in civic and community affairs. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of San Diegans, Inc., the Citizens' Transit Committee, the Editorial Advisory Board for *Stanford Magazine*, and the San Diego Integration Task Force. He served as chairman of the San Diego History Research Center Associates, San Diego County Heart Fund, United Way Individual Gifts Drive, and was co-chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Build a Stadium. He has been a director on the local boards of the Legal Aid Society, United Nations Association, University Club, Stanford Alumni Association, Combined Arts and Education Council, and Central City Association. He was treasurer of the Navy League and San Diego Civic Light Opera Association. In 1972-1973 he was president of the Rotary Club of San Diego, and in 1973 the Leukemia Society named him "San Diego Good Guy."

Gildred is an active yachtsman. He resides in Point Loma with his wife, Alison Frost Gildred, and their daughter and son.

### POLITICAL HEAVYWEIGHT

A one-year-old, 650-pound black rhinoceros has traded in a life of politics and fame for a peaceful, shady corner in the San Diego Zoo. Cornelius, who served as mascot for Canada's fourth largest political party, made his public debut here April 11, after a 30-day quarantine in the Zoo hospital.

Canada's first black rhino born in captivity, Cornelius was the emblem of Quebec's satirical Rhinoceros Party. Boasting of 30,000 members, this organization makes each new member a vice-presidential candidate. The party recently backed Adam Nobody for president under the slogan "Nobody for President and everyone for vice."

The young rhino was sent to the Zoo from the Granby Zoo in Quebec in exchange for a giraffe. Cornelius has taken up residence on the Zoo's Elephant Mesa.

Sally, the Zoo's female black rhino, is twice the size of Cornelius and considered

too old to reproduce. But even if the girl next door won't do, the Zoo plans to find a suitable mate for Cornelius in the future.

Many visitors are intimidated by the massive and formidable hulk of the rhino. The animal does have an unpredictable temperament and may charge when alarmed. But for the most part, the rhino leads a relatively passive life as a browser in the sparse savannah brush.

Once plentiful in its African habitat, the black rhinoceros is now listed as "vulnerable" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Although they are protected by law, poaching continues to deplete the rhinos' numbers, leaving perhaps as few as 10,000 in the wild.

Cornelius seems to have adapted well to the balmy California climate. He particularly enjoys being scratched with a stiff-bristled brush or napping in the warm afternoon sun. He doesn't seem to miss the limelight of Canadian politics at all.

Shari Simmons, Editorial Intern

