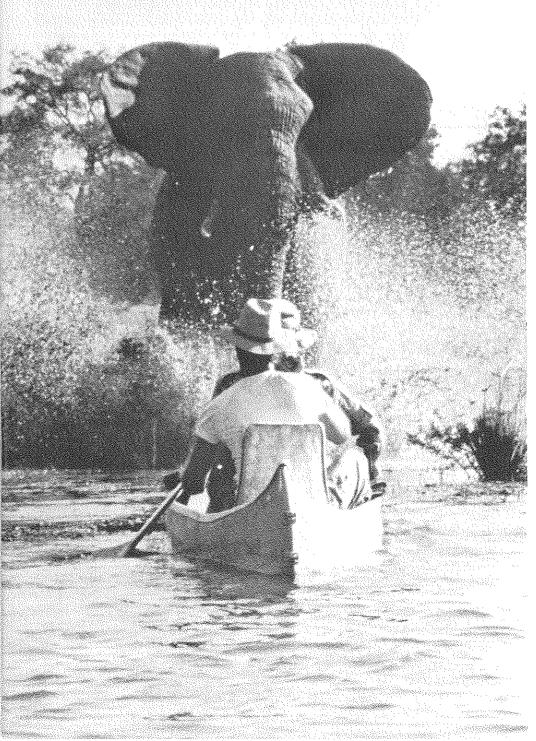
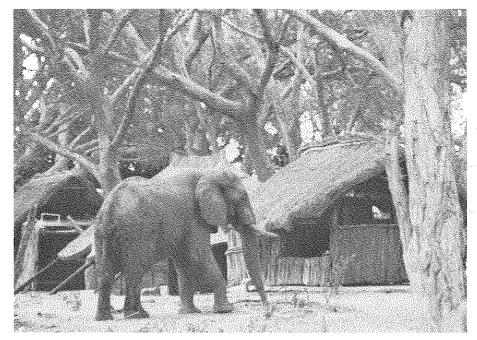
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Rukomechi Camp has a visitor who carries his own trunk.

# Zimbabwe safari: an untamed adventure

By Gilbert K. Boese, Ph.D. Milwaukee County Zoo Director

Zimbabwe, Africa—When people hear the word "safari," they immediately think of East Africa—Kenya, Tanzania, Kilimanjaro, Amboseli, Ngorongoro and Serengeti. There's another land making the word "safari" synonymous with its new arrival on the scenes: Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, shares the border to the south with South Africa, to the west with Botswana, to the east with Mozambique and to the north with Zambia.

The chance to return to Southern Africa (my last trip was in 1974) occurred because of an invitation from Fun Safaris, a safari outfitter, the Zimbabwe Sun Hotels chain and the National Parks of Zimbabwe.

Two representatives of the Milwaukee County Zoo — myself and Lillian Ramaker, Executive Director of the Zoological Society — took part in learning about the travel opportunities available in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe, which gained its independence in 1980, has been struggling to get its safari programs back on the map.

In October, 1985, we left for New York, connected with SAL Airways and flew directly to Johannesburg, South Africa. Arriving in Johannesburg, we joined a group of directors, curators and spouses from other zoos. After the long trip, no one was in the mood for much activity so we spent a quiet get-acquainted evening while en-

joying a delicious South African meal of prongs, a seafood delight.

Activity began the next morning when we took a bus to an athletic field where we boarded helicopters to journey to Pretoria and visit the National Zoo of South Africa. The helicopter trip was exciting. We flew via personnel carriers with open doors.

Willie Labuschange, a personal friend, is the director of the National Zoo. The zoo features many interesting exhibits which, of course, include a great variety of African hoofstock. The zoo also exhibits a white lion — a famous race found only in South Africa.

A highlight of the tour included a visit to a breeding farm which soon will come under the direction of the zoo. The breeding farm, Der Welt or The World, is the location for breeding of cheetah, brown hyena and Cape hunting dog. Of particular fascination was the King cheetah which is a large, robust animal with stripes rather than the small spots of the regular phenotype. Der Welt cheetah collection had members of various age groups including a two-month-old cub.

Following the visit to the National Zoo, we returned to Johannesburg and the Jan Smuts Airport for a flight to the capital city of Zimbabwe, Harare. Monomatapa, one of the Zimbabwe Sun Hotels, was our temporary home. We had dinner with Dick

Pitman who is a photographer, naturalist and writer. Pitman is developing a program to preserve black rhino along with the Zambesi. Black rhinos are poached by foreign parties seeking the rhino horns as an aphrodisiac.

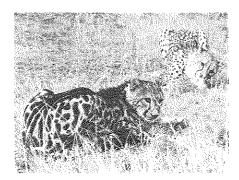
The next day we flew from Harare to Kariba, the village on Kariba Lake, where we boarded a bush flight to the Mana Pools National Park. This is a national park below the Kariba Dam and it is named for a series of old river channels that provide water throughout the year. Our destination in Mana Pools National Park was a camp known as Rukomechi. The plane left us at a seemingly deserted area until a land rover arrived. Away we went for a ride across the bush.

On the game run, we saw elephants in abundance and we had our first encounter with the Zambesi River. The Zambesi River was named by Vasco DeGama in 1497. It is the fourth largest river in Africa — 2,800 kilometers. It starts in the central portion of Zimbabwe and flows all the way to the Indian Ocean. At the Zambesi River, everyone took a refreshing swim although we were warned not to linger in one spot too long because of the crocodiles. Again we were off on another game run. This time we saw many elephants, a black rhino and a pack of wild hunting dogs.

Camp was a delight. It was a small settlement on a high bank of the Zambesi River. The sunset over the river that night was spectacular. The cabins were rustic, yet comfortable. Imagine sleeping under a thatched roof with open windows that had chicken wire in them to keep the baboons out!

The next day our group split into two activities. One group hiked through the bush and went on a game run, the other group took an all-day canoe trip down the Zambesi River.

The river is wide and filled with exciting animal life. Just a few of the canoe trip highlights were paddling past large groups of hippo, crocodiles, birds such as egrets, fishing eagles, crowned cranes and a myriad of bee-eaters, specifically the Carmine bee-eaters, which live in large colonies



The King cheetah (left) has stripes rather than the spots found on a normally marked cheetah (right).

along the banks of the river. Hundreds of these beautiful red birds were perched in trees along the bank.

Our group encountered many elephants. We were subjected to charges by the elephants as we took photos. Mana Pools National Park has a population of 12,000 elephants and about 16,000 buffalo, as well as common waterbuck or elipsis waterbuck, baboons, Chacma baboons, vervet monkeys, impala, reed buck and lion. It is a marvelous place for viewing game. By the end of the day, everyone had sore muscles and sunburns, but we had lived an adventure.

The second day at Mana Pools was spent bird-watching. In the morning, many birds were observed along the river bank, a place lush with vegetation, shadowy and cool. We saw quela, rock pigeon, pygmy king fishers and pie wagtails. The day was spent encountering animals, bird watching and taking a swim when we decided it was too warm.

Mana Pools with its rustic appeal and the ability to walk in the park, ride in the open land rovers and canoe is a beautiful spot.

The following day we visited Bumi Hills. Our group again split in two for separate activities. The first day was filled with a morning and afternoon game run. The second afternoon, we headed for Wilderness Camp.

Wilderness Camp was a floating camp on rafts. Each cabin is divided into suites, each with a tiny shower, bathroom, sleeping room and porch overlooking the water.

Wilderness Camp sits on Kariba Lake, the largest man-made lake in the world formed by damming the Zambesi River. The lake reached capacity in 1963, when Operation Noah, a much publicized event took place. All the animals isolated on the diminishing islands were moved to the mainland.

A game run by boat and a spectacular sunset made Wilderness Camp one of the group's favorite stops.

Our next destination was Hwange National Park where we stayed at the Hwange continued on page 4



A zebra makes a quick dash across the road in Hwange National Park.

#### Zimbabwe

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Lodge. Hwange is 5,000 square miles and has the largest population of elephants in Zimbabwe. In addition to elephants, our group sighted black rhino, white rhino, greater kudu, grysbok and steinbok.

Our group was granted special privilege to stay in the park in the evening. On one occasion while waiting in a large game viewing area we saw a herd of 50 elephants. They ran into the water for a drink, bellowing and carrying on with their babies running between the legs of the adults. We watched them swim and bathe. It was a breath-taking experience.

Another memorable experience was spending a night in a camp which was built in large acacia trees. We also saw an ardvark or antbear — a nocturnal animal rarely seen. It was the first time I had seen an ardvark — definitely a rare opportunity.

From Hwange it was on to Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls is one of the true wonders of the world. It borders on a gorge about 100 kilometers long and about 30 meters deep. It is the result of the river cutting through its own river bed and creating this magnificent towering natural expression.

The falls measure 1,708 meters across and 104 meters high with a flowage of up to 700,000 cubic meters of water per minute. Dr. David Livingston, the famous missionary, was the first white man reported to set eyes on the falls. He sited the falls in November, 1855, while sailing down the Zambesi in search of what was then known as Mosi-Oa-tunya or "the Smoke that Thunders."

Victoria Falls is an international tourist attraction, consequently, Victoria Falls

Town evolved with a railroad and a colonial hotel, the Victoria Falls Hotel.

The falls is in a national park and visitors can see the plunging water from many different angles by following a designated pathway.

The spray coming across the gorge from the falls creates its own ecology. There is a small tropical-rain-forest environment along the ledge. Just a few hundred feet away on top of the gorge, opposite the falls, is bushland. Victoria Falls has a whole series of chasms through which the water flows. As we walked along the pathway, we could feel the spray and mist.

The bird life is beautiful — noteworthy was the trumper hornbill, a large bird living in the area. Just up from the falls is the "big tree," a baobob tree which is 16 meters in circumference. The "big tree" is the place where Livingston used to meet with the local natives during his missionary work.

Our group spent two enjoyable days at Victoria Falls. Nearby was a kraal or native compound in which visitors can see dances of the various tribes.

Victoria Falls provided last minute shopping for carvings of wood and stone along with artifacts from other countries of Africa.

Zimbabwe is truly a land of safari. It provides nature in an untamed way and holds continued adventure and excitement. This exploratory trip has certainly put Zimbabwe safari programs back on the map.

At Kariba Lake, the group spotted a herd of Cape buffalo.





The only way to see hippos is while canoeing on the Zambesi River.

# TRAVEL

## Safari, so good

A safari is planned for the true adventurer. Zoo Director, Dr. Gilbert K. Boese, will lead a safari to Zimbabwe, Africa, departing October 24, 1986.

This unmatched adventure into the romance of the Zimbabwe bush is 18 days you will never forget. The trip begins at the greatest waterfall in the world — Victoria Falls.

You will visit the fabulous Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest national park. The exotic wildlife will delight even seasoned travelers — zebra, warthog, baboon, Sable antelope, kudu, Cape buffalo, waterbuck, hippo, crocodile, impala, lion, elephant and more!

You will travel by boat, by canoe, by landrover and by foot. You will discover a land like no other. Zimbabwe is a proud and beautiful country of animals, of landscape and of people.

Make Zimbabwe a special part of your life.

### Traveling down under

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County offers a 16-day travel opportunity to Australia, departing August 21 from San Francisco, California.

The long isolation of this "Island Continent" has resulted in the evolution of a distinct fauna and flora found nowhere else in the world. Australia is home to 240 species of mammals 119 of which are marsupials such as koalas, kangaroos and wallaroos. Australian birdlife is abundant — 720 species of bird in Australia alone.

The 16-day trip is available for \$2,895. An optional eight-day extension to the north and south island of New Zealand can be added for an additional \$895.

The Australian experience includes two days in Sidney, two days on the Great Barrier Reef and visits to the tropical rainforest of Atherton and Lamington National Park.

### Discover island delights

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County offers a 10 day nature expedition to the Galapagos Islands departing April 14, 1986, with an optional 12-day extension to Peru.

Thirteen major islands, six minor islands and 42 volcanic islets make up the Galapago Archipelago located on the Equator. The expedition includes visits to 10 of these enchanted islands, creating an unparelleled experience in natural history.

The 10-day package is available for only \$2,270 and the 12-day extension is an additional \$995.

# Register now for polar adventure

Imagine seeing 64 polar bears romping, swimming, eating and relaxing. That can be just one of your memories if you join other polar bear lovers on the Polar Bear Expedition, October 19 to October 26, 1986, offered through the Zoological Society.

This eight-day adventure in Winnipeg and Churchill, Canada, takes you to the worldrenowned "Polar Bear Capital of the World."

Call now to sign up for this incredible experience available at an incredible bargain — only \$1,595. For a detailed itinerary, contact the Zoological Society at 258-2333.

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The Zoological Society has a special offer - Ronald Reagan's favorite wine. The wine is a rich Chateau Bouchaine Napa Valley Chardonnay, dry yet elegant with a hint of lemon. While it is perfectly attractive now, the wine will reward patience as it will peak in three years. Not only will you be proud when serving this delectable wine, but you will be helping to support one of the world's top Zoological Gardens. The wine is \$100 a case. Each bottle is graced with a label artistically designed by an Honorary Zoological Society Director, Bill Moomey of Moomey/Ward Creative, Inc. Please call the Society office with your request, 258-2333, or mail the attached order blank.



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# Little Caesars Pizza to sponsor Zoo calendar



Little Caesars Pizza will sponsor the 1986-87 Zoo calendar. It will be the second consecutive year Little Caesars Pizza has supported this project to benefit the animals in the Milwaukee County Zoo.

The calendar will be a 16-month collector's item running from September 1, 1986 through December 31, 1987. A Zoo animal will be featured each month. The calendar will be sold at all Little Caesars Pizza Milwaukee locations and at the Zoo.

Winning photos in the Zoo calendar photo contest (see article on page 9) will be showcased in the calendar.

The Little Caesars Pizza/Milwaukee County Zoo limited edition calendar will be a daily reminder of the exciting events planned at the Zoo.

Thomas A. Bayoff, owner and president of Little Caesars Pizza southeastern Wisconsin franchise, is pleased with the continued support of the Zoo calendar.

"I like the positive 'up' feeling the Zoo provides," Bayoff said. "It is a year-round facility for family-oriented educational and recreational activities."

"Dr. Boese and his staff, the Zoological Society and Zoo Pride volunteers have given Milwaukee a quality attraction—one to be appreciated by all," he continued.

Little Caesars Pizza, located in seven counties of southeast Wisconsin, is the nation's third largest pizza chain. There are 13 Milwaukee locations and plans for 10 additional stores before 1987. Presently, Little Caesars Pizza has locations throughout the United States, Canada and England.

Little Caesars is an active community supporter. Last summer, the company donated time and food to various soup kitchens and lunch programs to help feed over 2,000 people in Milwaukee. The Little Caesars mascot visited children in Milwaukee area hospitals during Christmas in addition to his two appearances at the Zoo.

Little Caesars uses only fresh products in the preparation of its pizza. The company can maintain its high quality while serving so many people through the use of Pizza Pride® production system devised over 10 years ago. The Pizza Pride® production continued on page 9

# Donations needed to improve exhibit for polar bears

When was the last time you attended a ballet performance? When was the last time you attended a ballet performance at the Zoo?

If you answered never to the last question, you're right. The reason you haven't is because until the polar bear exhibit is renovated no one can see the graceful ballet which happens every day.

Mishka, Callisto and Aurora spend a good portion of their time swimming in their pool. But Zoo visitors and you as members of the Society never see their underwater antics.

The renovation of the polar bear pool will involve increasing the size of the pool and creating a glass wall which will allow underwater viewing.

Late last year all Zoological Society members received a mailing asking for donations to the polar bear exhibit renovation. Many of you have responded—thank you!

However, only half the goal has been reached. Please consider donating to the three polar bears in the Zoo.

Just take a minute and think how much

you would pay to attend a ballet performance. Why not send that amount to Mishka, Callisto and Aurora. You'll be able to enjoy their water ballet any day, every day, year-round.

Contact the Zoological Society at 258-2333 or at 10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee. WI 53226.

### Special Events on track at Zoo

You are invited to join Mr. and Mrs. Bunny and all of their helpers for the Zoo's traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29 and Easter Sunday, March 30.

Activities take place from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, and noon until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Make an Easter Basket here or bring your own and follow the Egg Hunt clues.

All aboard for All Aboard Weekend on April 12-13. Engine No. 82, The L. W. Nieman purchased for the Zoo by the Journal Company will be on display. Scale model trains from local clubs will be operating in many of the Zoo buildings and local railroad artists will be showing and selling their artwork.

### Photo contest developing at Zoo

The deadline for the 1986 Milwaukee County Zoo photo contest is March 28, 1986. Winning photos will appear in the 1986-87 Zoo calendar.

A panel of three judges — a representative from Fotomat Corporation, a Wisconsin photographer and the editor of *ALIVE* — will select the winners on April 1.

Fotomat Corporation, sponsor of the contest, will provide the following prizes: 1. Ricoh KR-5 mm SLR; 2. \$200 Fotomat developing; 3. \$100 Fotomat developing; 4. \$75 worth of Fotomat film; 5. gadget bag and Fotomat goodies; 6-9. Kodak disc cameras; and 10. tripod.

On Sunday, April 13, Dr. Gilbert Boese, Zoo Director, will announce the winners in a special ceremony at the Zoo.

#### Contest Rules & Regulations

The official contest entry will be the photo submitted. Permanently attached to the back of each photo must appear the contestant's name, address, zip code and telephone number.

All photo entries may be delivered in person or mailed to the **Zoological Society** of **Milwaukee County**, 10001 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226 or photos may be delivered to any of the **Milwaukee Area Fotomat Stores**. All photo entries must be in an appropriate envelope.

- 1. Horizontal photo format preferable.
- 2. Photos dated and taken after January 1, 1985 will be accepted.
- All entries must be previously unpublished photos and the winning photographs will become the property of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County.
- 4. All entries must be photos taken at the Milwaukee County Zoo.
- 5. The contest limit is 3 entries per contestant.
- 6. The original negative or slide must be furnished upon request.
- A self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage attached to cover cost of return delivery must accompany entry if contestant wants photo returned. Entries submitted without return postage will not be returned.
- 8. All winners will be notified by mail.
- 9. The Zoological Society of Milwaukee

County and Fotomat Corporation assume no responsibility for any photographs that are lost or damaged in transit and/or through circumstances beyond our control. Every effort to return photos safely will be made. However, safe return cannot be guaranteed.

#### Prizes Will Be Awarded:

- Top three winning photos will appear in the 1986-87 Zoo calendar and ALIVE, the Zoological Society quarterly publication.
- 2. Other non-winning entries may, also, appear in the 1986-87 Zoo calendar.
- 3. Awards will be given to the top 10 contestants.
- 4. Five Honorable Mentions will be named.
- Photos will be exhibited in local banks, will receive area wide exposure in ALIVE and will be displayed on the Zoo grounds.

For further information, please call 258-2333

#### Tips for Contest Photos:

- Animal close ups in a natural setting are desired.
- 2. Baby animal photos are especially desired.
- Clear, crisp and in vivid color photos are encouraged.
- Snapshots may be taken with any make of camera. No artwork or retouching is permitted on negatives or prints.
- Judging of all entries will be based on general interest and appeal. Photographic quality, although important, will not be the deciding factor.
- Color prints will be accepted on nontextured paper. Photos should be not less than 5x7; 8x10 is preferable. Not larger than 8x10.
- All entries whether photographed on color negative film or on color slide film must be submitted for judging in print form.
- Pictures should not be mounted or framed.
- Color prints made from slides may be submitted.
- Do not submit negatives with your prints.

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system consists of Little Caesars own patented Pizza Pride® oven and thorough operational employee training and supervision at all levels.

"Little Caesars and the Zoo are concerned with the same basic premise," said Bayoff.

"We both attempt to provide good quality service and products within clean, pleasant surroundings."

Look for the 1986-87 Milwaukee County Zoo calendar. It's sure to be a calendar with pizzazz.

# Animal additions keep Zoo changing

At this time of the year activities in the animal collection are more limited than they are in the spring and summer. However in spite of that fact, there have been some very interesting events.

In September, our Small Mammal building, which was recently renovated, became the new home for a ring-tailed lemur. She is here on a breeding loan from Utica Zoo, New York. Births in the building included two mountain fruit bats, two African grass mice and one straw colored fruit bat.

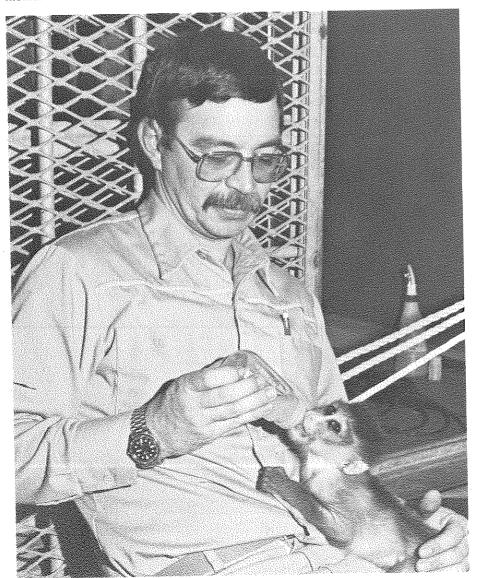
Mandara and Kuja, our two baby gorillas, were loaned in October to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. We received a three and a half year old male gorilla named "Quito." He has now become a marvelous, fun-loving playmate for Obsus.

A male mandrill named "Jones" was born November 7. Jones was rejected by his mother so he had to be taken to the hospital to be hand raised. We are happy to report that baby Jones is doing nicely.

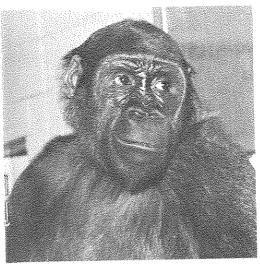
Later in November our female South American tapir who is on breeding loan at the Buffalo, New York Zoo, gave birth to a female. When the baby is weaned, she is scheduled to come to the Milwaukee County Zoo.

We have exciting news about the Children's Zoo. On December 5, Guy Moon, owner of Highland Hunters, Mequon, donated an 18-year-old appaloosa horse named Ace. He is a retired children's school horse. He likes his new home and he loves kids.

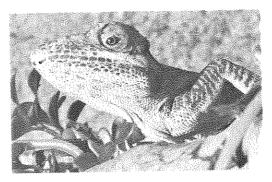
Among the other births at the Zoo this winter were a kangaroo, a male Malayan tapir, a black and white colobus monkey, a female Thompson gazelle, a female kudu and two impala. Unfortunately, one of the two impala that were born, died right before Christmas.



Zookeeper Gary Uphill feeds this growing mandrill. Photos by Bill Kopp.



Quito, a Lowland gorilla, wasted no time in getting acquainted with his roommate, Obsus, or with Milwaukee County Zoo visitors.



Cuban Anoles are a new addition in the Aquarium/Reptile building.



No that isn't a walking watermelon. A male Malayan tapir born this winter doesn't get too far from its mother.



Valentina, a female Colobus monkey, is available for adoption.



### Society announces Art Preview Sunday

By Bev Greenberg Development Director

The Zoological Society is pleased to announce that The David Barnett Gallery, housed in the historical 1875 Dr. Henry Harrison Button House, 1024 East State Street at Prospect Avenue, will host an art premier opening exclusively for Society members, Sunday, May 4, noon to 4 p.m. The premier will feature painter Joe Sambataro and sculptress Susan Potts.

Twenty percent of the premier proceeds, purchased between May 3 and June 30, will go directly to the Zoological Society. In addition, five percent of David Barnett Gallery's entire inventory purchased on Sunday, May 4, will also go to the Zoological Society. Zoological Society members must show their membership cards.

In conjunction with the art opening, The Executive Gallery, a chic women's apparel and accessory shop, has offered to donate 20 percent of anything purchased at the store by Zoological Society members. The Executive Gallery is located in the same building as the art gallery.

Mark your date book for Sunday, May 4. You are invited to attend this exclusive art premier. There will be a reception for everyone to meet both artists. This is an exciting opportunity to support your Zoological Society, view original artwork and visit a prestigious and historic Milwaukee art gallery.

#### ABOUT THE ARTISTS:

Joe Sambataro has created oil paintings and mixed media original works of animal inhabitants of the Milwaukee County Zoo.

His oil paintings depict the carefully defined animals in their natural environments which seem real enough to touch. His realistic and magnificent art pieces of the Zoo's animals will enchant spectators.

Sambataro is strong in draftsmanship and imagination and is one of the last students to receive a BFA degree from the Layton School of Art and Design prior to its closing.

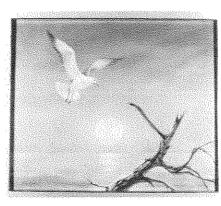
The Milwaukee Journal (3/6/76) has said, "By combining a universal human statement with a touch of the enigmatic fantasy for which Wisconsin painters are becoming known, Sambataro has assembled a body of work with considerable impact and cohesiveness."

Susan Potts, sculptress, has said that her intention is "to combine current favorites, whether objects, animals, images or occupations often with a female figure to create a cohesive, pleasing visual whole."

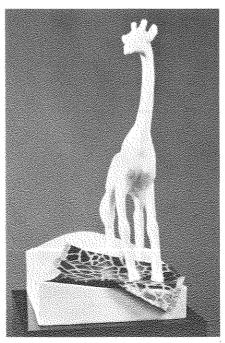
Molded forms are used for repetitive elements throughout Potts' work. Slab construction is used for some of the base forms or landscapes. In order to maintain a feeling of individuality, each of the female figures is hand carved from porcelain. Ms. Potts' artwork is graceful and would enhance any location.

Ms. Potts was educated at the Parsons School of Design, New York, NY 1967-70; BFA, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1974; graduate work, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Instructor, adult and children's ceramics classes, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

All of the artworks by artists Sambataro and Potts were specially created for the Zoological Society benefit and are being exhibited for the first time.



A Sambataro original oil painting looks real enough to touch.



This graceful giraffe sculpture is just one example of Susan Potts' incredible work.

## Membership offers benefits

Membership in the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County provides many benefits. Take a look at what you receive by joining the wildest club in town!

- FREE ADMISSION to the Zoo for your family (husband, wife and their minor children) or Individual (person named on Membership Card only). Parking additional.
- 10% DISCOUNT at all of our Zoo gift shops.
- "NIGHT IN JUNE" picnic for our members and their families.
- ANNUAL PROGRAM in July for our members and their families with famous guest speakers like Jacques Cousteau, Joan Embry and Marlin Perkins.
- SAFARI INVITATION—join an international safari organized exclusively for members and led by Milwaukee County Zoo Director, Dr. Gilbert Boese.
- ALIVE a one-year subscription to our fun and educational publication.

In addition, members receive free admission with their Zoological Society Membership Card (except where noted) to the zoos and aquariums listed below:

ALABAMA Birmingham Zoo Montgomery Zoo

ARIZONA Reid Park Zoo, Tucson

ARKANSAS Little Rock Zoo

CALIFORNIA
Knowland Park Zoo, Oakland\*
Los Angeles Zoo
San Francisco Zoo
Santa Barbara Zoo
Santa Ana Zoo
Sequoia Park Zoo Society, Eureka
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Audubon Park & Zoo, New Orleans Greater Baton Rouge Zoo, Baker Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo, Monroe

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\*Free admission to baby zoo only. Zoo is free but there is a \$2 charge per car to enter the park.

# Society to publish Zoo history

"The interest taken in Natural History is widespread and anything that purports to present the animal world in a thorough and comprehensive manner surely possesses merit. A Zoological Garden offers the most effective method of exhibiting animal life and its habits; educational value of which is universally recognized, as through its medium the living creatures can be observed and studied.... One of Milwaukee's greatest attractions is its Zoological Garden. It appeals alike to all classes. Everyone, from the youngest to

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the oldest, finds therein amusement and beneficial instruction."

Those words, written in a 1921 Washington Park Zoo membership promotion booklet, are still applicable 65 years later as the Milwaukee County Zoo moves into the implementation of the Master Plan. It is interesting to note the same concerns expressed in annual reports from the early 1900's as there are now — Zoo attendance, the comfort of the animals and the pleasure of the visitors. In 1924, Director Edward H. Bean commented on the great increase in attendance, particularly from outside the state. Today our marketing campaigns regularly take us south of the Illinois/Wisconsin border.

The present Milwaukee County Zoo has a rich history that mirrors developments in the zoo world in general. In an effort to preserve that heritage, the Zoological Society's Education Committee has undertaken a project to organize materials presently available in their archives. Additional materials — including newspaper clippings, correspondence, newsletters, photographs, and annual reports - are being requested from a wide variety of sources. If anyone has items of interest from either the Washington Park Zoo or the Milwaukee County Zoo they are invited to contact Society archivist Edell Marie Peters (672-1107). Items will be returned upon request and should include the donor's name.

The Education Committee will publish a history of the Washington Park/Milwaukee County Zoo in 1988 based on materials which are presently being collected and organized.

# Committee plans beautiful evening for Zoo Ball

The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County will host the third annual Zoo Ball on Saturday, June 28. The theme of this year's Ball is A Polar Expedition. Funds raised that evening will go toward the renovation of the polar bear exhibit. The Zoo plans to increase the size of the polar bear pool plus add underwater viewing so visitors can see the bears as they swim.

Co-chairmen of the Zoo Ball are Dick and Sue Steinman and Mary Beth and Buzz Carr. For more information, contact the Zoological Society at 258-2333.

### Dairy complex update

The Zoo has some "udderly" fantastic news about the Dairy Complex. Construction will begin in April. There will be a special event centering on the octagonal barn — the centerpiece of this one-of-akind complex. Stay tuned for an in-depth look in the next issue of ALIVE.

# **ZOO PRIDE**

### Something for everyone!

Zoo Pride, the volunteer auxiliary of the Zoological Society, offers exciting opportunities for interested individuals. Imagine observing and documenting the surgical recovery of a rhinoceros, describing the rigors of the elephant training program, or explaining how snakes shed with actual animal artifacts.

Many benefits accompany membership in Zoo Pride: continuing education opportunities, lectures, field trips, workshops, tours, the ZOOming In newsletter, etc.

For additional membership information, please contact Zoo Pride, 258-5667.

### Give that VIP treatment

Treat someone special to a behind-thescenes tour of the Milwaukee County Zoo. Receive an up-close and personal look at several of the exciting areas of the Zoo not usually seen by the public. For additional information and pricing, contact Robin Higgins, at the Zoo Pride Office, 258-5667. No VIPs under 12 years of age, please.

### Panda mania is coming

Zoo Pride is planning a fall field trip to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. The date is set for September 26-29. We're



looking forward to visiting the new home of our young gorilla, Mandara and her companion, Kuja, as well as getting caught up in the "Panda Mania." So mark your calendars and look for all the details in the next issue of *ALIVE!* 

### Birthday parties offered

Plan your child's next birthday party at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Complete with birthday cake and all the trimmings plus activities in the Zoo, this is one day that your child will truly remember! For further information, please contact Mary Rockstad at the Zoo Pride office, 258-5667. Due to the popularity of the program please plan ahead and book your party eight weeks in advance.

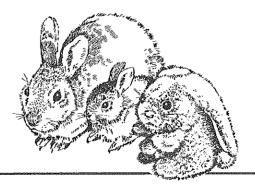
### For a wild time . . .

Bring the Milwaukee County Zoo to your next club meeting! Zoo Pride's Speaker's Bureau offers an outreach program highlighting a day at the Zoo. Your "guide" for this presentation is a Zoo Pride volunteer who is well versed in all the comings and goings at the Zoo. For additional information please contact the Zoo Pride Office, 258-5667.

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\*While supply lasts. MasterCard/VISA/American Express

Visit the Zoo for the Easter Egg Hunt, March 28 and 29, 12-2 p.m.

### Zoo crew creates snow-stopping sensation

By Mark W. Krueger, Sr. Park Supervisor II

Preparation for the 1986 U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition started on November 1, 1985, with much help from Jeff Daubs of Park Construction, Don Berg and Gordy Taylor of WinterFun, Inc. and the Zoo's special events coordinator, Mary Beth Carr. There were meetings about stock piling snow in our third parking lot, phone calls to State Fair and County Stadium for permission to haul snow to the Zoo in case of a lack of it on the Zoo grounds. But thanks to two small storms during December and a large storm in early January, there was adequate snow to finish the blocks in time for the competition.

Don Berg, Gordy Taylor and I selected the sculpture sites. The sites were chosen by size and the proximity of warming stations for the competitors. Thirty-one snow blocks had to be formed by filling 6'x6'x10' wooden frames. Only four frames were available initially but a quick response from Parks Construction resulted in an additional three. This gave us a much more efficient operation allowing us to build seven blocks per day. Finishing on schedule required three dump trucks, two front end loaders and two bobcat tractors, all supplied by Parks Construction.

On December 30, the front end loaders moved the four sections of each frame into place. Zoo staff then began the assembly process by bolting the sections together. Once the frames were assembled, it took three truck loads of snow to fill it completely. One loader filled the dump truck from the stockpiled, salt free, clean snow

The champions created "Sea Horses" which not only won first place, but the People's Choice award.

in the Zoo parking lot. The truck then transported the snow to each site. A second loader would dump three loads of snow into each box and park attendants and custodial staff from the Visitor Services Department and Grounds Department would climb into the box and stomp the snow tightly. This was repeated three times for each form. The snow settled in the box until the next morning when the sides were then removed by the same grounds crew. It took six days of work to fill all of the forms. A seven inch snow storm on Saturday, January 4, delayed us a day while the Zoo workers shoveled and plowed the Zoo grounds and Parks Construction drivers plowed the expressway and county streets.

Tool boxes with tools ranging from pails, shovels, machetes, axes and ice choppers were delivered to each finished snow block. A 35-gallon steel drum filled with water was brought to each group of blocks for use by each team on the site.

The competition started at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9. By 3:30 p.m. water in the drums became rust colored necessitating a switch to plastic barrels because the snow sculptures had to be white, no other color. Some teams used much more water than others, keeping my crew quite busy throughout the first day of competition. The second day was even busier. Team flags and signs had to be set up at each block. The team from Utah used over 450 gallons of water during the competition so we hooked up to a fire hydrant to keep them supplied. Our maintenance crew,



Putting the finishing touches on Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox which won second place in the competition.

### 1986 U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition Results

First Place Team #7 Craig Yanek, captain Wisconsin Tom Shea "Sea Horses" Brian Clemence

"Sea Horses" Brian Clemence

Second Place
Team #10
Wisconsin
"Paul Bunyan and
Raba the Plac Or"

Nancy Froncek, captain
Art Schmitz
Lou Saldibar

Babe the Blue Ox"

Third Place Team #14 E

Yace Team #14 Bruce Coleman, captain
Wisconsin Michael Pagelsdorf
"Ice Cream Cones" Richard Pflieger

Honorable Mention Team #33 Frank Brown, captain Idaho Hal Sager "Genie" Jane Volk

People's Choice Team #7 Craig Yanek, captain Wisconsin Tom Shea Brian Clemence

The first place team won an all-expense paid trip to Quebec City, Canada, to compete in the 1986 International Snow Sculpting Competition.

The 1986 U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition was sponsored by Prime Care Health Plan of Wisconsin.

once again, came through with flying colors hooking up spotlights for each block. They used over two miles of extension cords to accommodate the night sculpting so the teams could complete their masterpieces before 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 12. Some teams worked well into the early morning hours to finish. I set up a night patrol on Saturday night to keep a watchful eye on the finished products.

The only problem which was beyond our control was Mother Nature and the high thirties which she provided during the four days of competition. One sculpture was

Third place went to this sculpture which looks good enough to eat.

lost Saturday morning but the team regrouped and still made a very beautiful mermaid from what was left of the snow. One sculpture fell two minutes before judging and was a total loss.

I had a chance to meet and talk with many of the team members during the competition and I was told the Zoo organized a "class act" and our staff was very friendly and helpful in every way. I know our staff also made friends they will always remember. We have already committed to hosting the 1987 U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition at the Zoo with a possibility of 40 to 50 sculptures and a Zoo team.

I would like to thank all of the Zoo personnel for standing by me during the troubles of a year of learning. Next year the competition will be bigger and better. I've already started on new ideas for 1987 and look forward to working with all personnel involved again next year.



Bill Carr, Community Relations Director of PrimeCare Health Plan (left), helped the winning team members hold up a model of the winning sculpture. Team members are (left to right): Tom Shea, Craig Yanek and Brian Clemence.

# EDUCATION

Registration for Zoo Summer Camps begins April 1 and continues until the camps are filled. Please register by mail.

#### MINI CAMPS

9:30 a.m. to noon. These experiences will provide little ones with an exciting and entertaining look at the Zoo and its animal inhabitants.

COST: \$6 General, \$4 Society 5 & 6 yrs. #1. June 23 #2. June 26 4 & 5 yrs. #3. July 1 4 & 5 yrs. #4. July 2 4 & 5 vrs. #5. July 7 5 & 6 yrs. #6. July 23 4 & 5 yrs. #7. July 30 4 & 5 yrs. #8. August 5 4 & 5 yrs. #9. August 6 5 & 6 yrs. #10. August 18 5 & 6 yrs. 4 & 5 yrs. #11. August 19 #12. August 20 5 & 6 yrs.

#### DAY CAMP

9:30 a.m. to noon on two consecutive days. Programs consist of special tours, animals investigations and environmental studies.

COST: \$10 General, \$7 Society
#13. July 8-9 7 & 8 yrs.
#14. July 10-11 9, 10, 11 yrs.
#15. July 24-25 7 & 8 yrs.
#16. July 28-29 9, 10, 11 yrs.
#17. Aug. 12-13 7 & 8 yrs.
#18. Aug. 14-15 7 & 8 yrs.

### **VET CAMP**

9:30~a.m. to 3:00~p.m. Introduction to the world of veterinary science. Learn what

Zoo vets do, how to identify a healthy animal plus some. This camp is for the beginner.

COST: \$10 General, \$7 Society

#19. June 30 8, 9, 10 yrs. #20. July 21 8, 9, 10 yrs.

### ADVENTURE CAMP

#21. July 15-18

9:30 a.m. to noon for four consecutive days. This in-depth investigation will explore the Zoo's animal collection, exhibit design and Zoo operations. An at home assignment is included. COST: \$50 general, \$40 Society

9, 10, 11 yrs.

**EXPLORING NATURE (new)** 

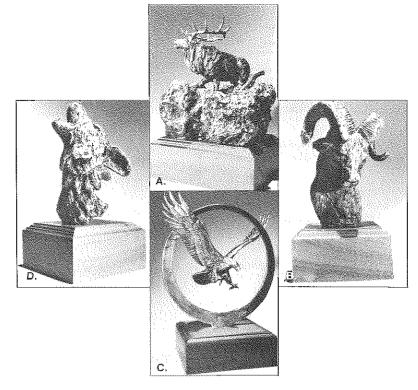
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Naturalist will guide you through a world of wonder. Looking at animal tracks, homes plus much more. COST: \$10 General, \$7 Society #22. July 22 8, 9, 10, 11 yrs.

#### SKILL-A-THON (new)

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Camp is for those who have previously attended one of the Zoo's summer camps. You will be exploring some new areas of the Zoo and testing your skills in animal knowledge and animal facts.

COST: \$10 General, \$7 Society #23. June 27 9, 10, 11, 12 yrs. #24. July 14 9, 10, 11, 12 yrs.

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# AT THE ZOO

March 14—Great Lakes Wildlife Art Festival Dinner. Call 784-2330 for information about this dinner honoring nationally recognized artists. Proceeds benefit the Zoo.

March 29, 30—Egg Days. Call the Zoo, 771-3040, for information about this traditional Easter celebration.

April 1—Summer Camp Registration. Call the Zoo Education Department, 771-3040, to register children for summer camps. Programs offered for children ages four through 12 years.

April 12, 13—All Aboard Weekend. Model train displays will be exhibited in the animal buildings.

April 12, 13—Kinderkonzert. Zip-A-Dee Zoo-Da is the special children's theme of a symphony concert at the Performing Arts Center. Zoo Director, Dr. Gilbert K. Boese will make a guest appearance.

April 27-29—Great Lakes Regional Conference. Milwaukee hosts the regional meeting of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.

May 4—David Barnett Gallery Exclusive Art Premier. See page 12 for details about this members-only opportunity.

May 11—McMother's Day. Along with McDonald's, the Zoo is happy to treat mothers to a special day at the Zoo.

May 21, 22—Dolphin Premier. Zoological Society members will receive a special invitation to a members-only preview of the new, exciting dolphin show.

May 31—Scout Show. Milwaukee County Boy Scouts will host their annual show at the Zoo.

June 7—Black-Footed Decatalon. A twilight run at the Zoo with the proceeds earmarked for the purchase of a pair of black-footed cats—the smallest cat in the world.

June 12-15—Teddy Bear Days. Join baby bears, papa bears and mama bears in this un"bear"lievable event sponsored by Zoo Pride.

**June 19—Annual Picnic.** All Zoological Society members have a date this evening at the Zoo.

June 19-July 13—Miniature Circus Display. See an animated miniature circus featured at the Zoo in honor of the Circus Parade.

June 28—Polar Expedition. The third annual Zoo Ball is the social event of the summer. You won't want to miss the magic of dancing and dining plus fund-raising for the upcoming renovated polar bear exhibit. Call 258-2333.

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