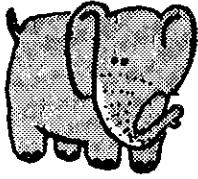




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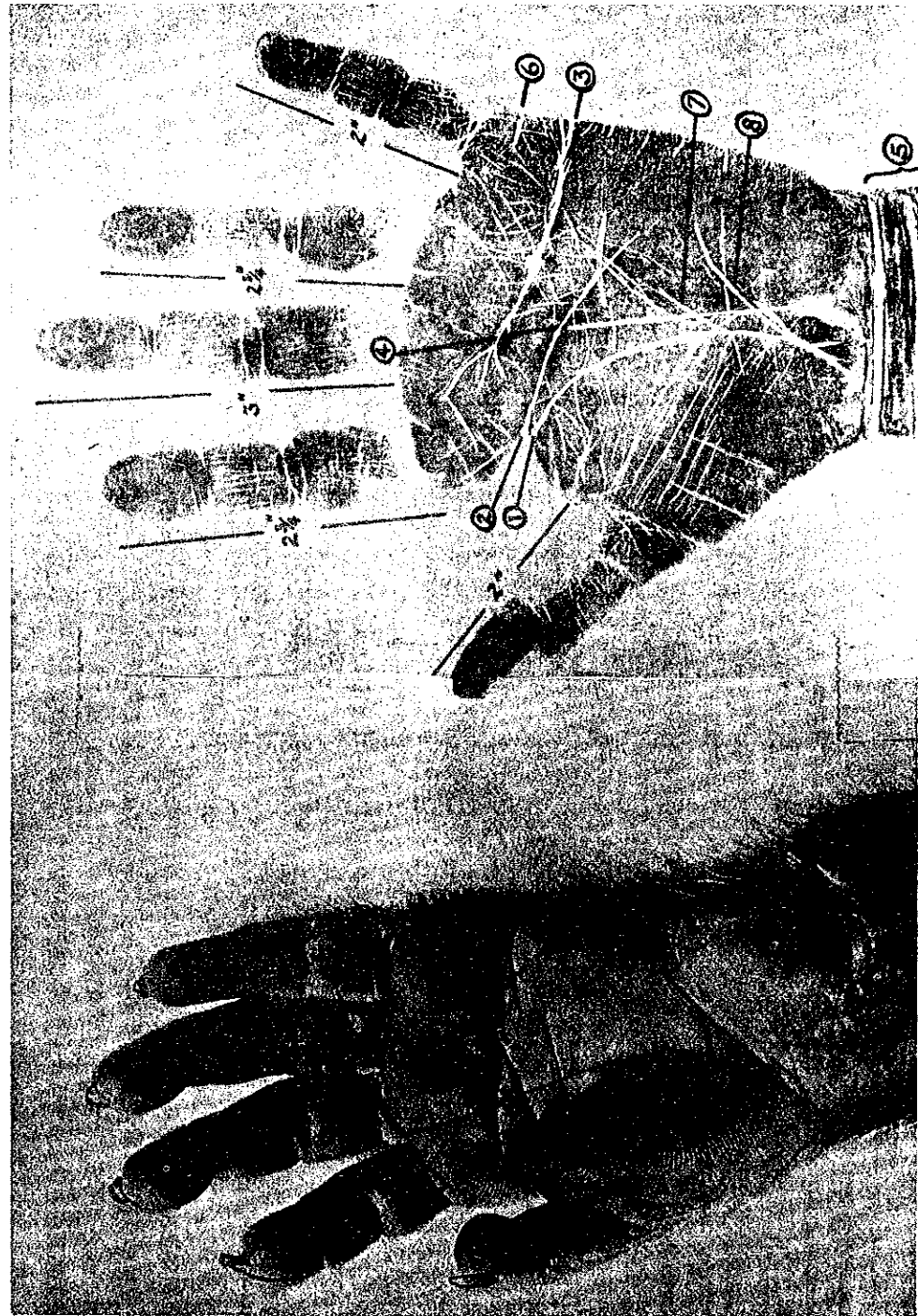
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MONKEY BUSINESS ANALYSIS: In the March, 1974 issue of Animal Talk I offered Zoological Society Pins bearing the head of our logo, the Siberian Tiger...prizes for the three best palm readings of a Macaque Monkey's hand. The ten entries were of such a superior quality that "The Committee" awarded each a prize.

In order not to show any partiality the winners are listed alphabetically...

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It's a "pleasure and a privilege" (if you will allow me to use a well worn cliché, but none-the-less appropos) to present each "Meister schtück".



L. H. OF FIG-TAILED MACAQUE

R. H. (print) OF HUMAN MALE

- 1=Life 3=Heart 5=Bracelets 7=Career
- 2=Head 4=Fate 6=Marriage 8=Intuition

Mr. Pig-Tailed Macaque, -- After a sometimes difficult but always interesting three month study of your palm, fingers, thumb and wrist, I have determined that you were born during one 12 month period. And this startling discovery led inevitably to these conclusions: If single, marriage is on the horizon; if married, domestic adjustments are in the offing. Also, November will be your most fun filled month -- probably due to all the exciting alterations you now are anticipating in your personal life.

Now, Mr. Pig-Tailed Macaque, pay close attention please. Your little finger points at big news, and it's this: You're bursting with creativity. You know that, of course. How could you not? But you've been almost unbearably frustrated as you've sought the appropriate outlet for your fantastic artistic talents.

Here's what you must do -- study ballet. Yes, ballet! To be honest, you face certain handicaps in this field. For one thing, you're short. Don't try for a role in "Swan Lake." But there are other roles for you. Find them! And concentrate on your special abilities. Just think, after dancing across the stage, you can swing over it. You'll be an instant sensation.

But there is another thing you must do. Change your name. And I have a suggestion for a replacement. How about "Vladimir Macaque"?

Alicia



By Alicia Armstrong
of The Journal Staff

The hand of the Pig-tailed Macaque is a dead giveaway.

The Heart Line with all those breaks indicates that, like most swingers (tree or otherwise) this guy was lucky in love time after time after time. Thus was born the expression "MONKEYING AROUND". (We do not intend to dwell on the fact that the Himalayan Macaque actually lives in Japan).

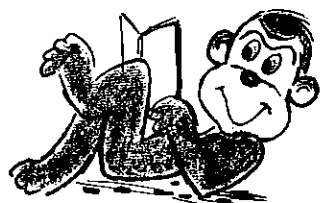
The Marriage Line, non-existent, shows the reason for the funny Heart Line. How could he keep a wedding ring on that tapered finger? Anyway, why make an honest Macaque out of a monkey?

Did you see that thumb? He must have been playing "Jack Horner" with coconuts. It figures - look at the weird head Line.

The only mystery is the lack of a Career Line since he obviously would do wonderfully well as a back-scratcher with that Fu Manchu Fingernail. One must also wonder about the possibilities of a Gillette commercial with that hairy wrist.

The extremely well developed mounts indicate intense enthusiasm in all phases of existence. This, coupled with a rather short Life Line, shows that this fellow burned the banana at both ends.

Donald H. Doig
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THE LIFE OF A SECRET AGENT by "Palm"

On his way to his most dangerous mission to date, Pig-Tailed Macaque --- code name P.M. --- thinks back on his life and loves.

In his youth, he was an inquisitive lad who loved to dabble in paint. So Mr. and Mrs. Macaque saved their banana peels and sent him to art school in Paris, thinking he would be the next Vincent Van Monk. P.M. took an attic room on the Left Bank where he met another young student by the name of J. Edgar Gibbon, who introduced him to the Secret Service.

Our Mr. P.M. has qualities which made him a superb agent. He has excellent reasoning powers, he is versatile (able to leap hanging vines with a single bound) and most of all he's courageous and loyal. He's had a long, hectic career as an agent --- sometimes successful, sometimes not. P.M.'s big downfall is his innate passion, often causing disappointments in love. Many's the time a winsome chimp or a gorgeous orang has flashed her pretty little smile and P.M. has "blown" the mission.

In his golden years, P.M. has turned to social service at the Milwaukee County Zoo. His big-heartedness, creativity, loyalty and his desire to please make P.M. one of the foremost members of the monkey community. His contributions to humanity have been many --- since his entrance into the community, the population has doubled.

Now, at the request of his chief, George Speidel, he will again embark on a dangerous mission that requires the utmost from P.M. He will have to use all the creativity and intuition he possesses. His mission ----- to serve the ice cream and beer at the annual zoo outing!!



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From the study of Robaram and Natasha - a left hand study of the Pig-tailed Macaque for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County.

The thumb shows strong willpower and logic developed to cope with humans. The "clubbed" end section could indicate the owner may fly into a murderous rage when provoked.

The strong life line, reinforced by an excellent fate line, indicates excellent health and long life. Two event lines leaving the life line early indicate a serious misfortune, like a lost love. The lower line cutting the fate line means interference in Mac's business and work, shame on you.

The simian line always means a fixed intensity of purpose for good or evil. We believe Mac's thinking would be along the lines of a devout reformer. The drooping lines indicate disappointments in the love department affecting the thinking. The deep Apollo Sun line means Mac will have success in the arts.

The long clear fate line indicates one career and excellent life adjustment. The strong branch running to the Jupiter mount says that Mac should be a leader of Macaques. We would strongly recommend you take him back to the Rock of Gibraltar. Let him lead a bunch of Macaques that need him. His talents are being wasted. You should find another lovable Macaque that doesn't want to lead to take his place.

Cordially,
Bob and Geraldine Graham
ROBARAM and NATASHA

Herewith, for your fascinating contest in "Animal Talk:"

I've just read the palm of a pig-tailed macaque:

His heart line is long, his marriage line slacque;

His life line is furrowed, his fate lays a cracque

That looks like the bacque of an old railroad tracque.

His fingers are pointed, denoting ability

In arts and in beauty, but also debility;

His thumb is misshapen, bespeaking hot passion

If one of his keepers should skip his food ration.

From his Mountain of Venus to Mount of the Moon,

It's clear this macaque is the fruit of a loon,

But for all he is lacquing, we find his palm precious

And dub it, indeed, the Paws That Refreshes!

Jerry Kloss

Slightly Kloss-eyed

by GERALD KLOSS of The Journal



Okay, my Pig-tailed Macaque friend, if you want your palm read, cut out the monkey-shines and let's get down to the business at hand.

Your hand has a moderate number of lines, suggesting you're energetic, keen minded and have vitality. You could climb up in this world (possibly to the top of a palm tree).

Your hand is flexible, showing you are reasonable and adaptable (you may feel caged in sometimes, but you make the best of it). You have fairly rounded fingertips, designating you are easy going, even tempered--not one to throw a monkey wrench into a situation.

Your head line shows good coordination between mind and body. Your ancestors proved this, when trained by natives to climb and collect coconuts for them. Your love life appears to be inconstant. But, even we humans, pardon the expression, monkey around a bit. Your life span appears a favorable 15-20 years.

Your Mount of the Moon indicates strong imagination, which could take you swinging through the trees of Southeast Asia, Sumatra and Borneo.

Your Mount of Mercury shows good business sense. A particular business is not designated, but I would venture, it referred to Monkey business.



Mrs. Donald McLean
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Here is my entry in your most recent monkey business contest.

Beginning with the head line, it appears that as a youth our Pig-tailed Macaque went ape, got involved with some Chicago gorillas who were trying to put a monkey on his back, and that he finally cleared himself with them by swearing to hear, see, and speak no evil of them.

His heart line indicates he returned to Milwaukee where he beat the bush until he spied the girl in the flying trapeze. They married, with the groom wearing the customary monkey suit, complete with hair shirt.

The fate line shows us that he went off to the guerilla wars in South America where he led a troop of monkeys to victory. Following the fighting, he knuckled down and became a banana king. He led an exemplary life, knowing he would one day live in a glass house.

Finally, his life line lets us in on the secret that he eventually will undergo a human-gland transplant which will enable him to keep up with his swinging mate.



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"You know my methods, Watson. What do you make of this print so conveniently left upon our door?"

"I should say", said I, drawing upon my Asiatic ramblings, "that it is the griffe of a Pig-tailed Macaque."

"Capital, my dear Watson. I daresay there are certain resemblances." Brushing past the gasogene he peered closer.

"Aha, Watson! Observe the slender artist's hand, the enormous imagination of the Moon mount, the sinister absence of the Sun----"

"A cave-painting artist," I ventured.

"We stray, Watson. However, you will recall my trifling monograph touching upon the subject of primitive painting, and its culmination in the great Neanderthal "Mal den Teufel nicht an die Wand" school ---But to continue---

An oily fog curled about the windows as Holmes bent even closer.

"There's devilry here. You perceive this diabolical swelling beneath the thumb here, below lower Mars---

"Holmes," cried I. "It is the Planet of the Apes!"

"Hear me out, Watson. As you know I do not entirely hold with the theories of M. Bertillon. Yet there are evidences here--Behold the powerful Head line utterly obliterating the Heart, the Mandarin fingernails of one who toils not with his hands. Aha, just as I thought! These are deep waters, Watson. No marriage indicated here, but great intuition."

There came a stealthy sound upon the stair.

"I fancy that our caller is none other than the owner of this hand."

The door swung wide to reveal in the gloom of the landing the stooping figure, the great burning orbs, the oscillating head of the arch-fiend and mastermind of the underworld, the Napoleon of crime---

Professor Moriarty.

(Fragment discovered among the memoirs of the late doctor by:)

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Dear Mr. Macaque,

The reading of your palm is finished.
A tale it does tell.
You obviously like what you're doing,
For you do it very well.

Your hand shows a friendly nature
Adaptable to most any clime
Where food and comfort are furnished,
Allowing a rest in your prime.

Joints indicate materialism,
A love of the finer things,
Like fruit and nuts and a favorite tree
And maybe a small bird with wings.

The thumb hints a lack of ambition.
The fingers will carry that out.
In general, you're just plain lazy.
Was there ever any doubt?

However, you do have your good side--
A heart as good as gold
Just filled with lasting affection
And passions still untold.

You're energetic and healthy.
A mount says you're eager to please.
Is it this or a selfish nature
When one sees you picking fleas?

Not knowing you in person,
But just judging by your hand,
You must be most entertaining
And in future will be in demand

For the joy of all who watch you,
No matter who they be.
The palm doesn't make the macaque.
It's the spirit within you they see.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kenneth Van Tilt



Is It Time to Phase Out America's Zoos?

AS MANY PEOPLE who have gone to a zoo recently know, zoos are in trouble. Many of them are antiquated, overcrowded and generally depressing places. Most of them have too many species, crammed into too little space and behind too many iron bars.

As with most faltering institutions zoos, despite their traditional civic and local flavor, are now turning to Uncle Sam for a bail-out program.

Proponents of such a federal bail-out program recently descended on a Senate subcommittee holding hearings on such a proposal. They didn't deny the deep trouble in which zoos find themselves, but they were quite optimistic about the future of zoos if only the federal taxpayers would foot the bill.

There is a growing popular feeling, however, that it is time to phase out zoos, and

by phase out, we mean that as animal populations in existing zoos die off they should not be replaced. The whole concept of the zoo is based upon ecological disruption in the countries from which the animals are obtained and is marked by enormous suffering and waste of life in transport. And once in the zoo, there is constant suffering through lack of freedom. Man can no longer treat his fellow creatures in such a callous fashion.

It has been declared that "zoos have a high and increasing educational value," and that we are in danger of losing "an irreplaceable learning experience." Just how much educational value has a caged animal?

With the advent of movies and TV, zoos have become of minimal value as an educational tool. Primal amusement, yes; education, barely.

There is a general feeling that as people compare the animals in zoos with the life of the species in the wild as shown in a documentary film, their general reaction is to recognize the imprisoned creatures as unhappy psychotic examples of their species. It is far more educational to show the public documentary films on the life of animals in their native wild.

One subject that remains little discussed is the question of money. Large sums of money are contemplated in the "zoo bill." At the same time, many urgent projects involving our human citizens either go unfunded or have their funds impounded by the White House. How can we seriously propose to spend millions of dollars on "bigger and better" zoos when so many of our human institutions remain substandard?

One version of the "zoo bill" provides for grants "to

any nonprofit agency for the purpose of enabling such zoo, aquarium, or agency to establish survival centers for the breeding, care and perpetuation of endangered species."

Not only does this concept appear to ignore the existence of the new federal Endangered Species Act and United Nations Endangered Species Treaty, it also deeply offends the sense of human dignity.

Has man become so avaricious that he cannot spare endangered species more than a few square feet of concrete and steel in which to "survive"? If that's the very best we humans can do, maybe we had best stuff a pair of each wildlife species and put them in a museum. That way, at least, there would be an end to the suffering.

Washington Post Service

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IN MY OPINION GEORGE SPEIDEL

Zoos Have an Important Role to Play in Conservation and Education

GOOD zoos are good homes for animals, and they are places where people of all ages and circumstances can learn to appreciate the great variety of animal life that shares this earth with them.

Everyone knows that many species of wild animals are in danger of extinction, and the list grows daily. If there were no zoos, most people would never "meet" representatives of these vanishing wild animal families and therefore perhaps would never develop the sympathy, understanding and appreciation of them that will be needed to help stem the tide that threatens to engulf them.

Zoo visitors who enjoy watching polar bears taking a dip on a lazy summer day probably will be more inclined to support conservation efforts to save the magnificent white bear (and other wild animals) from extinction.

Many zoo visitors who develop a general curiosity and interest in wild animals will expand and deepen that interest. These people, in years to come, will be among those who want to protect wilderness areas from further invasions by man.

For it is man, that most dangerous predator and invader, who threatens the very existence of many species by irresponsible hunting and by ravaging their habitats—leveling forests, draining swamps and plowing or excavating new land.

Zoos act as conservation centers themselves by breeding animals of endangered species and by providing valuable information about the animals and their needs. Zoos take relatively few animals from the wild. Many, perhaps most, American zoo animals were born in zoos.

These are just two or three points on one subject (conservation) that I wish to stress in answer to Bernard Fensterwald, whose article critical of zoos appeared recently in The Milwaukee Journal.

Animals well cared for and provided for in good zoos enjoy good lives, and, in fact, often live much longer than they would in the wild, where they are endangered by predators, disease and accidents.

Zoos provide wholesome recreation — as well as painlessly acquired education about animals and their place in

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nature—for millions and millions of people of all ages, races and economic and social levels throughout the world.

Many animals do, of course, live happily in the wild. Many others do not. Nature can be wonderful. It also can be cruel. The young animal that is abandoned by its mother or one that becomes sick, injured or old often dies slowly of disease or starves to death or is easily caught and torn apart by a predator. This is the side of nature that many people would just rather not think about.

Consider the case of Rameses, our zoo's male lion. A few years ago he and two other cubs that were starving to death were found by a ranger in Kenya, East Africa. The ranger's wife raised Rameses until he was several months old, and then we bought him.

He sired cubs at our zoo when he was not much more than a cub himself, and zoo visitors liked to watch

him romping with his youngsters in the lions' outdoor yard. He's had a great time and so have his cubs.

Rameses is sleek and healthy, and those who see him striding about in his regal way or resting in the sun with his equally sleek mates will have to say that he is contented.

Now, back to the point about zoos taking relatively few animals from the wild. In 1912, four polar bears were captured and delivered to the old Milwaukee Zoo, which then was in Washington Park.

Since that time (62 years ago, remember), no additional polar bears have been brought to our zoo. Many have been born here, of course, (including the first polar bear ever born in captivity), and we now have five.

Drop out some day and watch them enjoy a relaxing outdoor swim, followed by a huge fish lunch. And then tell us, if you can, that these bears are not happy.

Our lion, polar bear and other exhibits illustrate a modern trend, in zoos to display animals in surroundings that are as naturalistic as possible (barless enclosures).

William G. Conway, general director of the Bronx Zoo in New York, reported that more than 130 million visits were recorded last year by American zoos and aquariums, "a number greater than the attendance at all national football and baseball games combined."

"At no time in the past two decades has Yankee Stadium's best annual attendance equaled the worst of its neighbor, the Bronx Zoo," Conway said. The Milwaukee Zoo's attendance last year was 1,441,012.

Bills that would benefit zoos have been introduced in the United States Senate. Mr. Conway and I and others testified in behalf of this proposed legislation in January before a Senate subcommittee. Although zoos can be of benefit to man and animals, they do have their faults and can be improved. This we must do, because animals are a universal treasure — a national and international responsibility.



Speidel —Journal Sketch

Ivory poachers place elephant herds in peril

By Raymond Wilkinson

Nairobi, Kenya —UPI— The world monetary crisis has triggered a massive increase in ivory poaching throughout East Africa, to the point where entire herds of elephants are endangered, according to wildlife officials.

Speculators, especially in India and China, for the last year have been snapping up ivory as quickly as it appears on the market, in preference to holding uncertain currencies, especially the American dollar, the officials said.

This has resulted in a dramatic increase in poaching by groups operating on a large scale and single operators who can get as much as \$3,000 from a single elephant.

Poaching has become front page

news in local newspapers. The governments of East Africa, especially Kenya, are under increasing pressure to take measures to protect the herds.

Accurate figures are impossible to obtain, but the seriousness of the situation was underscored by David Sheldrick, warden at Kenya's Tsavo Park, one of the continent's biggest.

"With ivory at a premium, poachers have been trying to get into the park in such numbers that the situation became beyond our resources to control — until we received reinforcements," he said.

"But unless severe sentences are imposed on poachers as a matter of urgency, the indiscriminate slaughter of elephants and rhinos will pose a serious threat to the future of Tsavo Park."

He said 300 elephants and 40 rhinos had been illegally destroyed since January.

And not only large scale gangs are making a killing. One up-country farmer told a reporter:

"I go hunting now to make a profit. I can get a license for 2,000 shillings (\$300) for a single elephant, and clear \$3,000."

Asians leaving Kenya are also getting into the act, according to wildlife officials.

Nairobi acts as a vast clearing house for ivory from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Sudan, according to these officials. On one occasion police raided a suburban Nairobi home and found tusks from nearly 100 elephants stored in bedrooms, living rooms and storehouses.

Sunday, May 19, 1974

Zoo on Safari for Backers

"Your Zoo Deserves More Than a Visit" will be the theme of a membership drive by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County. It begins Monday.

The society is a private organization that buys animals for the zoo and helps the zoo in other ways. The society now has about 2,200 members. The annual membership

fee for an individual or family is \$10. There also are other membership categories.

Persons can ask for membership applications by writing to the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, Wis., Milwaukee, 53201.

The Mid-America Bank, 131 W. Layton Ave., is joining in the Zoological Society's membership project.

It will supply and process applications, and will pay part or all of membership fees, depending on the amounts of new deposits in bank savings accounts. The bank also will sponsor a "Zoo It Yourself" children's art exhibit.

A spokesman for the bank said: "The Milwaukee County Zoo is one of the best in the world. All Milwaukeeans are proud of this fact, and we are hoping that the public can easily identify with this project."

JAPANESE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT NOW OPEN. Sixty paintings by school children ranging from age seven through twelve representing the selected works from a competition in two cities in Japan, Tokyo and Nagoya, are now on exhibit in the Restaurant Lobby. I enjoyed "hanging this show" with the help of Uncle George (Speidel, of course). The show will be exhibited until Labor Day.

Twenty Milwaukee school art classes participated in producing about 200 selected works from their best students in the same age range of which number 60 were selected by a jury...half of this number were sent to each of the Japanese cities for display during this summer.

This international art exchange was arranged by George Speidel while in Japan and sponsored by Capitol Court Shopping Center.



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by Homo Sap

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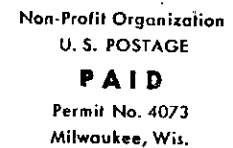
MURKYISM

by Homo Sap

To be or not to eat
that is digestion

Zoological Society of Milwaukee County

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Third Class

IT NEVER RAINS ON A ZOO PICNIC!! The eighth annual Zoociety picnic was again a "kolossal" success... a real Jalehrium (Happy Celebration). Over 3,000 persons attended to enjoy balmy weather and clear skies throughout the period of the picnic from 6:00 p.m. until the official 8:00 p.m. which is the normal "end of picnic". At this point I issued a proclamation, a right vested in me by generations of four bears, including the Zoociety Board of Directors, to call the picnic officially ended with the statement "If it rains hereafter, it is not raining on the Picnic". Fifteen minutes later, ominous rumblings and stroboscopic splashes of lighting produced free fire works to underscore my pronouncement, and everyone leisurely left the grounds in an orderly fashion to escape the pitter patter of "Rain Drops Falling on My Head".