

Recycling project helps rare black rhinos at zoo

From Staff Reports

Riverbanks Zoo's monthly aluminum recycling drive, which ended in August, raised more than \$500 for the black rhino conservation program this year.

Zoo visitors donated 1,814 pounds of aluminum to the zoo for recycling from January through August 1992. Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Co., sponsor of the project, recycled the aluminum and donated all of the proceeds to Riverbanks.

All funds collected through recycling benefit the zoo's black rhino conservation program. Riverbanks Zoo houses a pair of these endangered animals in its renovated African Plains exhibit.

According to zoo officials, black

rhinos are being driven to the brink of extinction by illegal hunting in Eastern Africa, and Riverbanks is working with other zoos nationwide to preserve the species through captive breeding programs.

Aluminum will no longer be accepted in the zoo parking lot, but any Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Center in the Midlands will continue to accept aluminum products and donate the proceeds to Riverbanks if requested.

In conjunction with the zoo's 1993 Conservation Day, Reynolds' partnership with Riverbanks Zoo will continue in a week-long spring recycling drive.

Riverbanks Zoo is off I-126 at the Greystone Boulevard exit. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. summer weekends.

Letterman to leave NBC, reports claim

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David Letterman, host of NBC's "Late Night" variety show, will leave the network when his contract expires in April, a trade magazine reported Monday.

Advertising Age, quoting unidentified television executives, said negotiations between Letterman and other bidders will

begin sometime between Labor Day and March 31, 1993, when NBC exercises a release clause in his contract.

Letterman's unhappiness with NBC for being passed over to replace "Tonight" host Johnny Carson has been widely reported in the entertainment press, but the comedian has not spoken publicly about his feelings.

At NBC, "Late Night" publicist Rosemary Keenan said contract renewal talks between Letterman and the network were "continuing," and said the Ad Age report had relied on anonymous sources.

"To the best of our knowledge, Advertising Age did not speak to anyone at NBC," she said. Letterman "had been a valued member of the NBC family for the

past 10 years, and it is our hope to have him stay at NBC beyond his current contract."

Ad Age said Letterman has had overtures from virtually every major national TV programming entity, including ABC, CBS, Fox Broadcasting Co., and the syndication arms of Columbia Pictures, Paramount, and Walt Disney Co.



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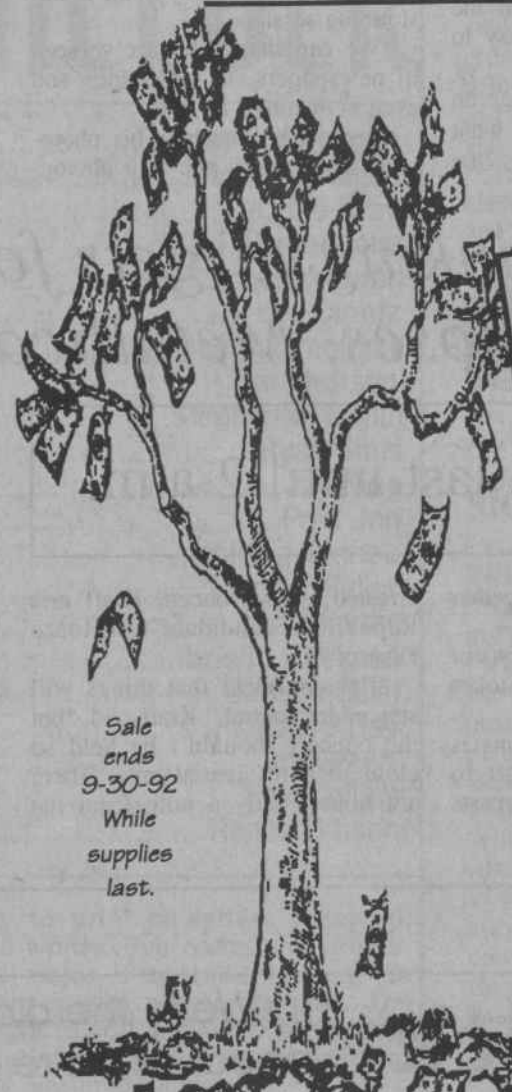
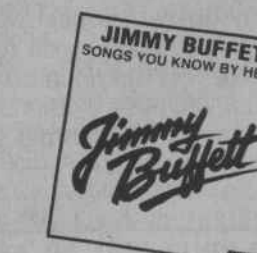
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