



Steel construction now underway at the Minnesota Zoological Garden is part of the roof superstructure of this giant trapezoid – a skylit conservatory which will house about 80 species of tropical birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, as well as lush tropical vegetation, protecting all from the rigours of Minnesota winter. It also will provide a 'bit of tropical paradise' for winter visitors to the zoo.

The structure is more than an acre in size and equals a five-storey building in height – 50-foot trees can grow within. Paths at various levels lead through a tropical rain forest, so that life in the tree tops, on the ground, and under water may be viewed. Nocturnal animals will be seen in artificial moonlight and birds in free flight may be observed in two aviaries.

The trapezoidal-shaped building is reported to be the only one of its kind in Minnesota.

NAPLES, ITALY

The Giardino Zoologico di Napoli is proud to announce the birth on 14 December 1975 of a female Black rhinoceros. This is the second offspring of the same pair and is also the *second rhino born in Italy*. The calf is being perfectly cared for by her mother. Her sister, born in 1971, is now in the Rome Zoo, paired with a male of suitable age.

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NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

On October 30, 1975, the Natal Zoological Gardens suffered its greatest tragedy. We lost Oupa, our 12-year-old male orang. This was a great personal tragedy for the Director, akin to losing a child. He had reared Oupa and Ouma, our female orang, from the age of 18 months, and all this time the staff fought a battle of wits with him, they erecting and Oupa demolishing. Despite his immense strength he could still be handled, and at one time he and Ouma spent the greater part of their lives at liberty. Cause of Oupa's death was peritonitis.

We make an urgent appeal to any zoo which has a young adult Bornean male orang utan for sale or exchange to please contact us.

The following are recent births and hatchings: 0.3 impala, 0.1 nyala, 1.0 Blue duiker, 0.1 bushbuck, 1.0 Fallow deer, 2.1 Brown hyena, 1.0 African leopard, 0.1 Water mongoose (DNS), 11 warthog, 2 Red-winged starlings, 1 Red-vented bulbul, 1 Edward's lorikeet, 1 Picazura pigeon, 4 Paserine doves, 2 White-backed colies, 1 Naviaqua dove.

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