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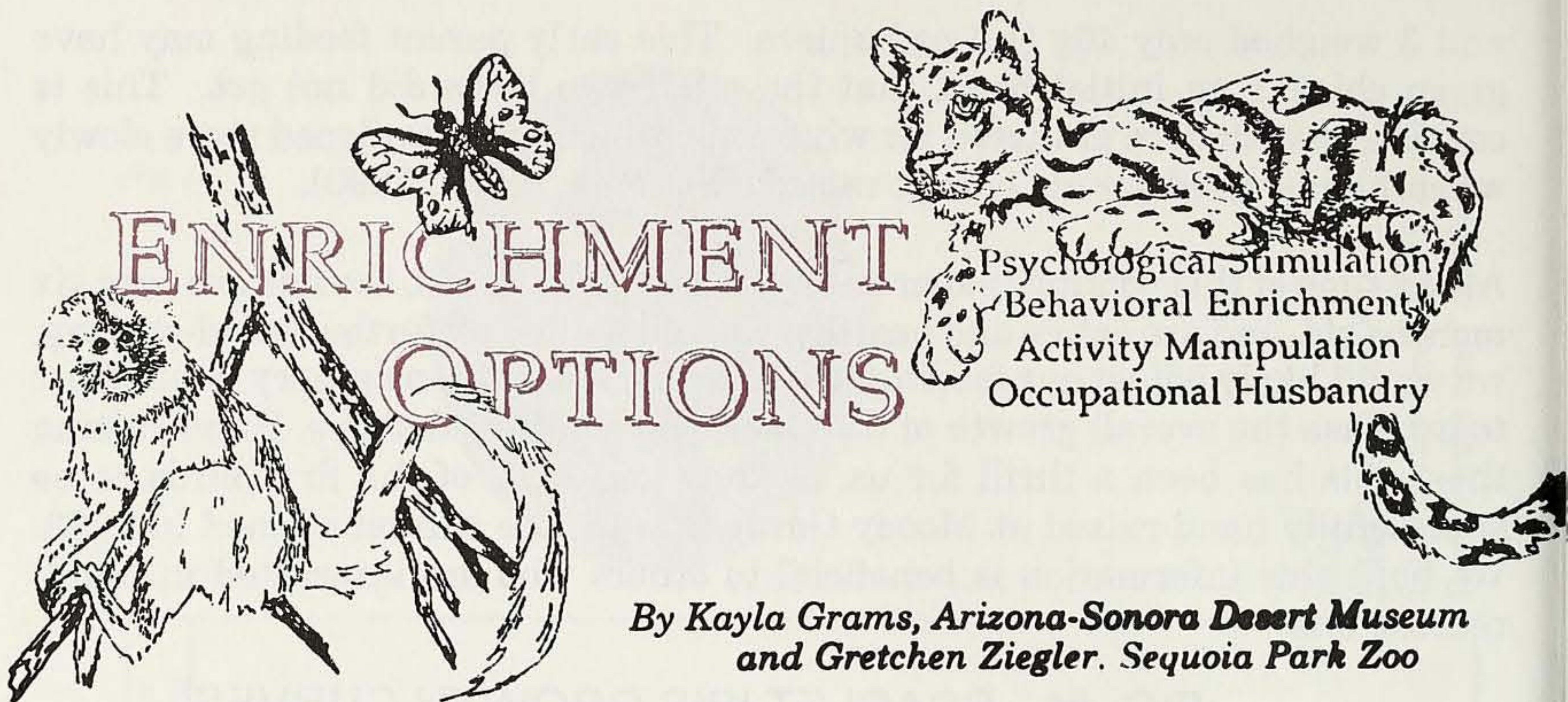
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**RHINOS:** We are currently in the process of hanging sections of cloth fire hose between adjacent pens. This hose can be used as an enrichment itself, or to rub off flies and biting insects. We can spray this cloth with a fly repellent to provide a walk-through repellent applicator as well.

We also use resealable, plastic buckets (without handles) for enrichment. Holes are drilled in various locations on the bucket and the animal must roll the bucket around the pen to dispense the produce pieces of dietary cubes.

We also give cardboard spools (from newspaper) for enrichment. Spools are 24 inches high and 30 inches in diameter. Rhinos enjoy rolling them around, putting their heads through the openings and carrying spools around their pen. If spools appear to get worn, they are promptly removed to prevent ingestion of cardboard.

### **HOOFSTOCK:**

1. Using large, eyebolt screws and chains, we secure browse branches, pine trees and/or deadfall in the outdoor yards. Animals have been seen rubbing and scratching themselves on these branches and can eat the browse.
2. We also utilize sections of chain to secure trees and/or branches to the chainlink dividers in their inside holding pens.
3. Branches and trees are also scattered around the indoor and outdoor yards on the ground for enrichment and/or hiding cover for more submissive animals.

*—Wendy L. Shaffstall, African Plains/Rhinoceros Keeper  
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