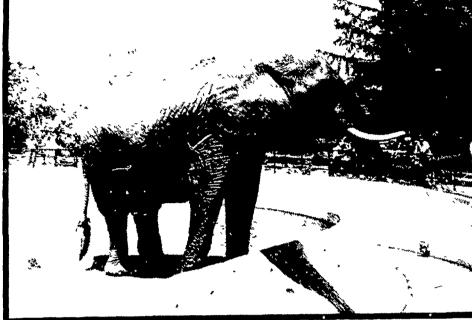
Flamingos show off their perfect balance as they dine or dream on one leg.





Ivory tusks, thick skin, and an incredible trunk. make this African elephant ready for the wilds of her native environment. At the national zoo, she delights visitors with a water show, cooling down her mammoth body with a "trunk" shower.

## Lancaster Farming

## goes to the zoo

BY SHEILA MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C -This marks the first official holiday weekend of the summer. And, if you find you don't have any field work to do, and can find someone to fill in for you at milking time, you might want to take a trip to the national zoo

In the first of a summer series on day-tripping Lancaster Farming will take a look at some places to visit in the area that don't require an overnight stay, or more than a tank full of gas to get there and back (depending on what type of car you're driving)

Our nation's capital. complete with legislators, monuments, and the White House, leaves most of us in awe The thoughts of fighting the hustle and bustle of the big city is a turn off for most

But, armed with a city map, anyone can find a trip to Washington D.C. a pleasant experience. Just imagine the sense of accomplishment to find that you're driving past the

Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, U.S D.A building built of old red bricks, on past the President's residence, and in you pull into a piece of the country.

Nestled in the heart of our nation's busiest city lies an area preserved for wildlife called the National Zoological Park. Here, visitors can see the giant pandas, Sing-sing and Lingling, a gift to our country from China.

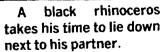
After watching the pandas munching on their bamboo a few short blocks, mid-city, dinners in teddy-bear fashion, you can hike along beautiful trails and watch white Bengal tiger soaking up the sun, an elephant giving itself a cool, refreshing shower with water sprayed from its trunk, or look into the big, soft brown eyes of a

coquettish giraffe. And for those who don't believe there's anything funnier than a barrel of monkeys, the inhabitants at the zoo will convince you that's true.

The zoo management tries to help its visitors see everything. They have developed a five-trail system where all you have to do is follow either an elephant, zebra, lion, polar bear, or

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it's a contest to see who can stretch their neck the fartherest, the giraffe or the zoo visitors.

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