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Club-A-Rama Week 22:

## SMALL GORILLA

1962



The SMALL GORILLA is a nicely detailed mold, and its popularity has led to its use at quite a few venues over the years, though the later-made LARGE GORILLA is seen more often today.



I know how we all look forward to vintage photos (me too!), so here is one from UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, Los Angeles. This machine is vending the LARGE GORILLA, but I thought it would be fun to include in this week's writeup.



MIAMI METRO ZOO, now known as ZOO MIAMI. The machine on the left is molding the SMALL GORILLA.



MONKEY JUNGLE, Miami



The MOLDVILLE archive includes this actual original plexi backglass from the GORILLA mold machine during the 50c period (the 1970s through the 1980s) at the MONKEY JUNGLE.



This is the sign that hung on the last machine at the LA ZOO that vended the LARGE GORILLA. Sadly, there are no longer any machines operating in California.



I wish I had a better picture of this, but I don't. This is an original J.H. Miller GORILLA from the mid-1950s. Note how similar the 1963 LARGE GORILLA looks to this original 1950s design by J.H. Miller (inventor of the Mold-A-Rama machine).





The SMALL GORILLA is the 15th moldset to receive numbering by Mold-A-Rama, and is dated no later than October 1962. The LARGE GORILLA moldset, also in the MOLDVILLE.com archives but not included in the 52-week Club-A-Rama, was made the following year (1963.)

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