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Learn about the life and times of this mighty white rhino

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➤ **Ask an Expert: Good Shepherd Ivory Carvings**
The Spring 2009 "Ask an Expert" left questions about carvings from Goa, India, unanswered. Typically, the relief figure at the base is a woman, specifically St. Mary Magdalene. She is shown as a penitent, reclining in a desert cave, with a book in front of her. Often there are details of a crucifix and skull, and lions on either side. In the ROM carving, there is a cross at the Magdalene's left. Some authorities suggest that the lions derive from legends of St. Mary of Egypt, which became intertwined with those relating to St. Mary Magdalene. **K. COREY KEEBLE** is a curator in the ROM's European section

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World cultures: (main image)
Dead Sea panorama
Photo: Courtesy of the Israel Antiquities Authority

Natural history: The golden toad in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity
Photo: Brian Boyle

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