

17-year-old endangered tiger euthanized at Honolulu Zoo

HONOLULU (AP) — An endangered Sumatran tiger at the Honolulu Zoo has been euthanized.

The tiger, named Berani, was put down in August at the age of 17, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reported. His 18th birthday would have been September 4.

Berani was born at the Phoenix Zoo in 1999. He was moved to Honolulu in November 2005.

The decision to put Berani down was made by veterinarian staff and animal keepers, zoo officials said.

The life expectancy of Sumatran tigers at zoos is 18.4 years and about 12 years in the wild, officials said.

There are fewer than 500 Sumatran tigers and about 200 of them live in zoos as part of a worldwide conservation effort, according to the zoo.

Last year, the Honolulu Zoo's Sumatran tiger named Djelita died after holding the Guinness World Record as the oldest living tiger in captivity at more than 25 years old.

Chrissie, a female Sumatran tiger, remains at the zoo.

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it's ever come to nuclear war, the missiles were removed and the shelters faded from public interest.

Now they, too, seem to be having a revival.

"When Trump took office it doubled our sales, and then when he started making crazy statements we got a lot more orders," says Walton McCarthy of Norad Shelter Systems LLC of Garland, Texas. "Between now and a year ago, we've quadrupled our sales."

His competitor, California-based Atlas Survival Shelters, says it sold 30 shelters in three days. During its first year in business in 2011 it sold only 10.

Bill Miller, a 74-year-old retired film director living in Sherborn, Massachusetts, thinks these days are more nerve-racking than the standoff in October 1962.

"I think it's much, much crazier, scarier times," he said. "I think the people who were in charge in the Kennedy administration had much more of a handle on it."

Nathan Guerrero, a 22-year-old political science major from Fullerton, California, agrees, saying he learned in history class that the "shining example" of a way to resolve such a conflict was how Kennedy's brother and attorney general, Robert Kennedy, brokered the tense negotiations.

"But knowing the way the current administration has sort of been carrying itself, it doesn't look like they are keen to solving things diplomatically," he said.

"As a young person, honestly, it's pretty unsettling," he continued.

Had he given any thought to building a backyard bomb shelter?



BACK TO BOMB SHELTERS? In this April 28, 1961 file photo, a dog sits near a police officer in the middle of an empty Times Square during a 10-minute civil-defense test air raid alert in New York. For some baby boomers, North Korea's nuclear advances and the Trump administration's response have prompted flashbacks to a time when they were young, and when they prayed each night that they might awaken the next morning. For their children, the North Korean crisis was a taste of what the Cold War was like. (AP Photo/Bob Goldberg, File)

"I'd be lying if I said such crazy things haven't crossed my mind," he said, laughing nervously. "But in reality it doesn't strike me as I'd be ready to go shopping for bunkers yet." Instead, he studies for law school and tries "not to think too much about it."

Other Americans are more sanguine about the possibility of nuclear war. Rob Stapleton has lived in Anchorage, Alaska, since 1975, and he is aware that Alaska has been considered a possible target because it is within reach of North Korean

missiles.

"There's been some discussion about it around the beer barrel and I'm sure the United States is taking it seriously, but we're not too concerned around here," he said.

Alaska is so vast and spread out, said Stapleton, that he and his friends can't imagine why North Korea would waste its time attacking The Last Frontier.

"I mean sure you'd be making a statement, but you'd not really be doing any damage."

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