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When The Bough Breaks

Along with spring, comes the ringing of the zoo's telephone and people with questions on how to care for baby birds they find. This keeps the zoo staff very busy on the phone and we on the TIGER'S TALE staff hope to save them some time. So for all you eager foster parents, here goes.

First things first - try to return the fledgling from whence it came, to the nest or to a nearby bush (if it has feathers, can hop but can't fly). If the nest needs to be reinforced, do so. "Ah, ha", you say, "but the nest is not a nest anymore - what now?" Make one. Plastic milk containers, baskets, etc. lined with grass make good substitutes. This substitute nest should be placed in the bird's original tree if possible; otherwise place it close by. From the Tropical Audubon's flyer on baby birds comes this reminder: PARENT BIRDS WILL NOT KILL NOR IGNORE BABIES IF HANDLED BY HUMANS.

Well, you have tried all of the above but it didn't work - What do you do next? Make a substitute nest (see above) and line with tissue. The nest should be cleaned often and the bird

kept warm and free from drafts. Don't forget to identify the bird so that you can select the proper diet.

The following menus are used at CPZoo:

1) General diet for everything but Pigeons, Doves and Birds of Prey:

Ingredients: 1 hard boiled egg yolk; 2/3 cups moistened dry dog food; 1/2 cup lean raw meat; mashed apple and banana; 1/4 teaspoon Linatone (can be found in pet supply stores); 1 teaspoon vitamin/mineral powder; 2 - 3 tablespoons of wheatgerm.

Mix with enough water to make the mixture the consistency of stiff mash potatoes. Use an eyedropper, Q-tip stick, etc. to feed - see pictures. Do not give any additional liquids to the baby birds. Refrigerate and only take out the amount of mixture needed for each feeding.

NOTE: For Blue Jays & Woodpeckers, add some orange to their diet.

2) For Doves and Pigeons: (You'll need a blender for this one.)

Ingredients: Parakeet seed

CALENDAR

Society meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Museum of Science Auditorium at 8 PM unless members are otherwise notified.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST: No meetings will be held during the summer months.



1 hard boiled egg yolk; canned milk (1/2 & 1/2) enough to make thin mixture; 2 or 3 drops liquid baby vitamins; 1 tablespoon of high protein baby cereal.

Pulverize at high speed the parakeet seed and then add the rest of the ingredients. Put the birds beak in the mixture and let them drink by themselves. (see picture.)

Feeding intervals will be anywhere from every 20 min. for the very young birds to every hour for the older ones. You do not have to feed them through the night.

- DEBBIE BURCH

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5/16/76	0/0/1
5/18/76	0/0/1
5/20/76	0/0/1
5/24/76	1/0/0
5/27/76	0/1/0

Blackbuck
 Sable Antelope
 Red Uakari
 Flying Fox Fruit Bat
 Red Kangaroo
 Blackbuck
 Blackbuck

DEATHS

5/01/76	0/0/1
5/01/76	0/0/1
5/04/76	0/0/1
5/18/76	0/0/1
5/27/76	1/0/0

Maxwell's Duiker
 Gopher Tortoise
 Ostrich (chick)
 Thomson's Gazelle (young)
 Red-headed Duck

ACQUISITIONS

5/12/76	0/0/1
5/28/76	0/2/0

False Gavia
 Grant's Gazelle

BREEDING LOAN to Philadelphia Zoological Garden

5/11/76	0/1/0
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Southern Bald Eagle
 (hatched 14 FEB 1973)

1/1/1 First figure indicates number of males; second figure, females; third figure, sex unknown at present time.

- DEBRA BURCH

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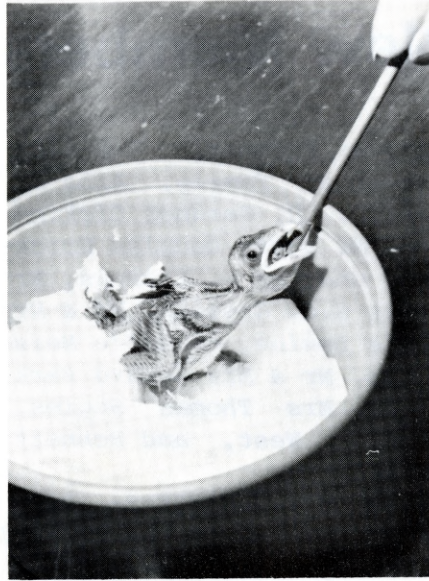
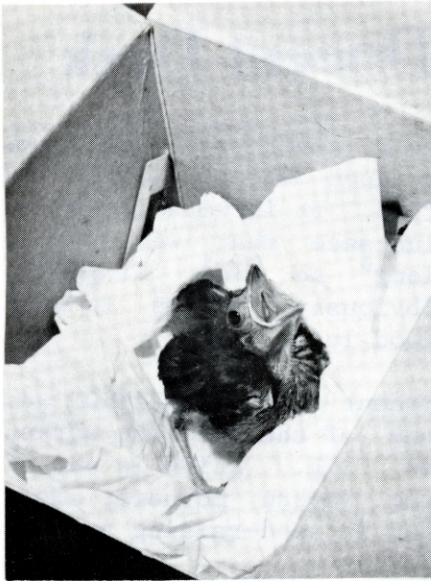
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A young Dixie poses for a picture during her early years at CPZoo. A memorial fund has been established in her name to purchase medical equipment. Contributions may be sent to:

DIXIE
 c/o Zoological Society of Florida, 4000 Crandon Bl, Key Biscayne, FL 33149.



LINDBERGH, the cardinal (left) sings for his supper. AL, the sparrow (center) demonstrates his eating ability. Both are fed the General Diet, described on page one. It is important that the food be placed at the back of the throat so the birds can easily swallow the food. PALOMA, the dove (right) is eating her mixture out of the rubber cup from an eyedropper. Please note the varieties of nests in which these babes are kept.

Blue Ribbon

The Society booth at Westland Mall's Charity Fair was judged "Fairest of Them All," and received a \$25 prize.

Seeds for the Plant Program were distributed, along with New Zoo information, membership applications,

and Zoo goodwill.

Co-chairmen DEBBIE BURCH (below) and BOB KARTMAN had assistance from LES & BETSY KRAMER, MARGARET CUTLER, JIM WELLINGTON. PEPITO, a caged friend (also below) assisted in the audio presentation.



High Society

With regret, PAT BROMBERG accepted the resignation of 2nd Vice-president, C. PETER BUHLER. Board Member JOHN ODGERS has stepped into the spot. MR. ODGERS is with Southeast 1st National Bank and he and his wife, PAM, are also members of the newly-formed Steering Committee for the Society.

The Society is pleased to be able to fund the trip to the AAZPA Conference in Baltimore for PHIL ALLEN, Education Director at CPZoo.

For those members who wonder about such things, let us tell you that BILL HOFFER from Zoo Design will be designing the new membership application and a new decal for your auto. These will be completed by the end of summer.

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It's never good news when a good Docent leaves the fold. It is with great reluctance that we wave "so long" to TINA KIRKWOOD. Obviously, it is Tampa's good luck.

Docent KEITH FINLAYSON was one of the team who worked on DIXIE. KEITH is one of the orphan mothers, also, and is hand-raising possums.

HESTER TAXAY is Chairman of the Children's Zoo Project. Any Society member over 19 wishing to assist will be under the direction of the Docent Council. Call the Society office for further information.



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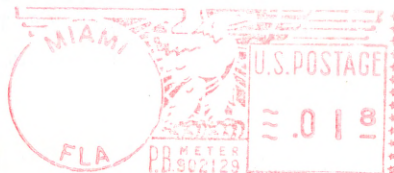
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