

## HIGH-FLYING EXCITEMENT.



Paintings by  
Banjong Mianmanus

Your spirits will soar when you hear that Metrozoo is reaching for the sky. The zoo's breathtaking aviary has been many years in the making, and when you see it you'll agree that it was worth its wait in gold. The grand opening will probably be early next year.

Construction was completed August 31st and this Asian aviary now sprawls over an acre and a half and soars to a height of 65 feet. The entire aviary is covered with netting.

Inside, it is lushly landscaped to replicate various geographical regions of Southeast Asia, including a marsh and a hardwood forest. Rare tropical fruit trees also dot the aviary, so that visitors can observe exotic birds flying and feeding on the fruit. An intriguing feature of this exhibit is that zoo visitors can actually enter the aviary through a double-door system especially designed so that the birds cannot escape. Zoogoers will stroll through the aviary along a winding walkway, over a hanging bridge and up to an observation deck. And for those who want to get a bird's-eye view, as it were, the Zoofari monorail also goes through the aviary via a wire-enclosed tube.

Ultimately, the aviary will display 100 different species of Southeast Asian birds, ranging from ground-dwelling species to those that live in treetop canopies. Metrozoo has already acquired 45 species of birds for the aviary, many of them never before displayed in this country. They are currently housed in off-exhibit areas and will be introduced into the aviary one species at a time, getting the birds used to their new surroundings.

Metrozoo's aviary will exhibit birds in an innovative way in that gregarious species of birds such as lorries, grosbeak starlings and coletc mynahs will be displayed together.



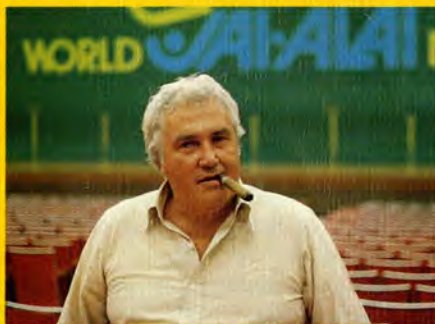
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# Thank You!

**Miami Jai-Alai** has always believed in soaring high, so their sponsorship of the aviary at Metrozoo was a perfect goal.

According to **Paul Rico**, of **Miami Jai-Alai**, "South Florida has been good to us and we wanted to work out a way to return the favor. So we came up with the concept of charity nights. The proceeds from these go to organizations such as the Zoological Society of Florida, the University of Miami and the United Way...all of which make South Florida a wonderful place to call home."

Miami Jai-Alai raised \$15,000 for the Zoological Society at one such charity night. The money will provide partial sponsorship for Metrozoo's outstanding aviary.



Paul Rico reminds you that Miami Jai-Alai's charity nights are a great way to have fun and support worthwhile causes. And if you don't know much about the game, be like the birds in the aviary and wing it.

## No Time Like The Present.

It's that time of year again--and if you're racking your brains for a special gift for that special person, we have a great suggestion for you. Give someone the zoo. That's right. A gift membership will let your friends visit the zoo as often as they like, absolutely free. As you know, winter weather is ideal for visiting the zoo. So call 255-5551 and find out about our gift memberships.

And for the person who has everything, how about adopting an animal? It's not everyday people get such a wild gift. You can choose your animal from antelope to zebra.

Your friends will thank you for your thoughtful gifts. And so will the zoo.



# President's Message

The Zoological Society continues to grow in strength and dedication as our membership steadily increases.

A backward glance at the past year gives the Society renewed hope for the accomplishment of our goals: the early completion of Metrozoo and its establishment as a world-class zoological park.

From a small zoo in Crandon Park, both Metrozoo and the Society have now joined the Big Leagues. It did not happen easily. There have been and will be many obstacles. But there have also been people of vision willing to sacrifice their time and contribute their financial resources to make Metrozoo a reality for the South Florida community. There have been members and volunteers committed to this project at every level who understand the importance of this undertaking. To each of you the community owes a debt of gratitude and I extend my personal thanks.

The Society has now become a strong community force able to marshal public and financial support to fuel the necessary progress of Metrozoo.

In the past 24 months we have:

1. Provided more direct support to the Zoo than in the 27 previous years of the Society's existence.
2. Increased membership enrollment over 40% to 28,000 adult members plus their families.
3. Raised in excess of \$800,000 in dollars and goods for support of the zoo including over \$200,000 worth of volunteer hours.
4. By offering a \$100,000 challenge grant to the County, we generated an additional \$200,000 in Dade County budget subsidies.
5. Expanded the Board of Directors from 18 to 27 to better assist the Society in administration, fund raising, membership drives, and day-to-day advisement of the Society and Metrozoo.
6. Established the Board of Trustees to identify key leaders from the community to help the

Society support Metrozoo through broader community participation and leadership.

7. Carefully selected an Executive Director to implement programs and policies for the future growth of the Society.
8. Helped Metrozoo host the largest AAZPA conference in history. Almost 1,000 delegates were in attendance.
9. Saw Metrozoo receive accreditation from AAZPA -- an impressive "seal of approval" in the world of zoos, parks, and aquariums.
10. Provided classroom education to over 50,000 children from Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties with Dade County TSA support.
11. Arranged for the purchase of the orangutans & lesser flamingoes, as well as the transportation of lowland gorillas, white tigers, orangutans, and funded the Sumatran rhino project.
12. Established the bald eagle breeding project.
13. Established the travel program.
14. Instilled a community sense of awareness for the need of Metrozoo's continued progress.
15. Enhanced the newsletter to members with colorful zoo stories.
16. Offered more member events than ever before.

The Society is now positioned well for the future. With an excellent Board of Directors, an expanding and outstanding Board of Trustees, and a growing membership, we will be able, with everyone's continued support, to help Metrozoo move forward and achieve what was once the "impossible dream."

Ronald Esserman, President



# Upon My Word

## Contest Results

How many words can be made from the letters in the word **ENDANGERED**? Lots! One hundred of those words are listed below:

<b>A.....</b>	<b>D.....</b>	<b>E.....</b>	<b>G.....</b>
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add	dag	eagre	gander
adder	dan	ear	gan
age	dander	earn	gar
agree	dane	edge	garden
an	danger	egad	gean
and	dare	en	gear
anger	darg	end	gee
are	darn	endanger	gender
	dead	endear	gene
	dean	engender	genera
	dear	ennead	genre
	dee	enrage	gnar
	deed	era	grad
	deer	ere	grade
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	dene	erne	gree
	derange		greed
	dere		green
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nard	raga	redan	
near	rage	redd	
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need	rand	reed	
nene	ranee	render	
nerd	rang	rengage	
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# Upon My Word

## Contest Winners

1. **Sharon Brady**, age 11: 95 words
2. **Bruce Wrucke**, age 10: 93 words
3. **Elizabeth VanderWyden**, age 9: 89 words
4. **Kristina Bryan**: 81 words
5. **Joseph Gager**, age 11: 75 words
6. **Shannon Deter Barnwell**, age 11: 68 words
7. **Jennifer O'Leary**, age 11: 68 words
8. **Angela Kramp**, age 11: 65 words
9. **Tobi Geiger Sirianni**: 56 words
10. **Mathew Francar**, age 9: 52 words

# Education Outlook

## Program Lineup

November 16 - January 3

### Metrozoo Inn

Night life at a zoo is really something, and you get a rare chance to observe it. Bring your sleeping bags for this special slumber party which includes a mono-rail ride, dinner, a night walk and a light breakfast the next morning. Registration is limited to the first 15, so hurry if you want to be in on the Metrozoo Inn.

Friday - Saturday November 16  
5 P.M. - 9 A.M. • Grades 4-6  
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers

### Breakfast With The Beasts

Experience the tranquil beauty of the zoo in the early morning. Enjoy a continental breakfast while learning about the food habits and nutrition of the zoo residents, then meet some of our popular animals closeup. Did you know, for instance, that a baby elephant can consume 50 pounds of hay, 20 pounds of alfalfa and several pounds of apples in just one day? Now that's really a jumbo appetite! Pre-registration required.

Sunday - November 18, December 16  
8 A.M. - 10 A.M. • Families — Adults  
\$8-Members / \$10-Nonmembers

### Night Owls

A night out for adults only. Find out what the kids have been raving about. Spend the night at the zoo and discover a whole new world of sights and sounds. Bring your sleeping bags, we'll provide the dinner and a light breakfast! For all you night owls, this will be such a hoot!

Friday - Saturday • November 30  
6 P.M. - 9 A.M.  
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers

### Horse Sense

For the family-a fun day at the "Double S", a real Arabian horse breeding farm. Spend time with the equine experts & learn all about the care and maintenance of horses. We'll provide a down-home barbecue for lunch provided by the Ft. Lauderdale Hog Roasting Association. You'll get horse sense without even riding. Parents - a great way to spend a day with your children. Parents must be accompanied by a child.

Saturday - December 8 - 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
\$30 (for two)-Members  
\$38 (for two)-Nonmembers  
Includes lunch • Children 9 years old and up, adults all ages

### Family Nite Inn

A nocturnal adventure at the zoo for the whole family. Parents and their children will experience a new program about animals and their families. Bring your sleeping bags, we'll provide dinner and a light breakfast. Registration is limited, so hurry if you want to join in the family fun.

Fri.-Sat. • Dec. 28 • 6 P.M. - 9 A.M.  
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers  
Children grades 2 through 6 & parents

### FIU at the Zoo

FIU IS BACK AGAIN! Our fall class was a fantastic success with over 40 participants. This spring's classes will include teaching methods utilizing outdoor settings and special environments as well as new sessions with the zoo staff. The program, prepared by the Zoological Society of Florida's Education staff and Dr. Ed Reichbach of FIU is offered for graduate and undergraduate credit. The classes will meet every Thursday from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. To register or find out more, call Dr. Reichbach at 554-2561 or the Education Department of the Zoological Society at 255-5551.

Thursday • January 3 - March 28

### Enroll Me In The Following Programs.

Programs \_\_\_\_\_  
Session Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Desired)  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASS REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member  Nonmember

**Membership** entitles you to free admission to Metrozoo and 70 other zoos, special events and the Society's publications. Family \$35 / Dual \$25 / Individual \$15. Annual memberships are tax deductible. All registrations must be paid in advance. Refunds will be made up to 1 week prior to class starting date.

Mail to: **Education Dept. ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA**  
12400 S.W. 152nd Street • Miami, Florida 33177

# TOUCAN TIDBITS

A hearty welcome to our four new board members who were recently appointed. They are **Frank C. Baiamonte**, Vice President, American Bankers Insurance Group; **Sherril W. Hudson**, Managing Partner, Deloitte, Haskins and Sells; **Sanford B. Miot**, Senior Vice President, Arvida Southern; and **Robert Paul**, Partner, Paul, Landy, Beiley and Harper. Our next issue will announce the new board members voted in at the October elections.



At a board meeting held on September 21st, **Joseph E. Ferrer** was appointed Executive Director of the Zoological Society of Florida. Many of you already know him. He joined the Society in February 1983 as director of development and membership, and was one of the qualified finalists presented to the board by an executive search committee.

You'll be hearing more from him in the future but for now he just wants to remind all Society members that "this is your organization, and my staff and I are here to serve you and the zoo."

## OOOOOPS!

The printer's devil struck the election ballots the Zoological Society mailed out. B.B. Goldstein is actually a director of **Commercial Bank & Trust**.

**Executive Director:** Joseph E. Ferrer  
**Editor:** Mamta Chaudhry-Fryer  
**Design:** Janice McDougall

## Can We Stalk?



If you've been stalking the perfect gift for the holiday season, hunt no further. Just follow the trail of the cougar to Metrozoo this Thanksgiving weekend. There you'll find world-renowned artist Charles Frace and his wildlife prints, back by popular demand.

Mr. Frace is famous for his lifelike and graceful paintings of animals, many of which are displayed in museums around the country. Prized by collectors, original Frace canvases sell for \$35,000 and up and some of these will be on display at Metrozoo. Here's your chance to start your own Frace collection with prints that range from \$12 to \$800.

To some, the crowning glory of this year's collection will be "American Monarch," in which Mr. Frace displays his cougartistry. This collector's item shows a male cougar stalking its prey in a snowy forest. The cougar's alertness and beauty are perfectly captured on canvas. Two hundred 22" x 36" prints of this painting will be sold at the Zoological Society exhibition for \$135 each. This is a unique offer

for Zoological Society members only.

If you can't make it to Metrozoo for the Frace exhibition on November 23rd, 24th and 25th, but would like one of these signed, limited-edition prints reserved for you or a friend, just make your donation for \$135 to the Zoological Society and send it to the Special Events department. After we receive your check, we'll set aside a print for you on a first-come, first-served basis. Your print number will reflect the order in which your check was received, so hurry.

And remember, a Charles Frace print is an investment. In 1978, Mr. Frace had painted another cougar and prints of that sold for \$90 each. That same print now sells for about \$800--if you can find one, that is.

When you buy a Frace print, you are investing not only in art, but also in the animals that inspired the paintings, because proceeds from the sales benefit the zoo. So get a print for yourself. Or give it as a gift...one from the 'art!

## What Am I?

Cut out the eight puzzle pieces and put them together to form an animal who is black and white, has a prehensile trunk-like nose, and is herbivorous (a plant-eater).



# A Feather In Our Cap



*A bird in the hand...a rare female Archibald's Bowerbird.*

**P**apua New Guinea is a bird lover's paradise. The exotic and gorgeous birds native to New Guinea are rarely exported out of the country, so it was a proud moment when Metrozoo was included in a collection expedition to that country in cooperation with such major-league zoos as the Bronx Zoo, San Diego Zoo, Los Angeles Zoo and the Dallas Zoo.

Metrozoo's Curator of Birds, Ron Johnson, went on a seven-week collecting expedition (only the second such expedition ever to New Guinea) and all his expenses were paid by the Zoological Society of Florida.

Was the trip worth it? Definitely. The successful operation netted twenty rare and valuable birds which will eventually be displayed in Metrozoo's free-flight aviary. They include the Ribbon-tailed Bird of Paradise, the King of Saxony Bird of Paradise and the Papuan Lory, as well as the Reichenow Honey-eater and the Smoky Bare-eyed Honey-eater.

How did Johnson get the birds? That's another story. And you can hear it from Ron Johnson himself. He'll show slides and speak on the Metrozoo aviary and his New Guinea expedition for the Tropical Audubon Society at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th, at the Museum of Science. The program is free and open to the public.



*On the road to Tarri with Southern Highlands Wigman.*



*Gifts of goodwill from the Zoological Society.*



*Ron Johnson--ready to go.*

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Metrozoo has already achieved significant successes in reproducing the exotic birds to be displayed. The first captive hatching in the world of the grosbeak starling occurred at Metrozoo last February and more eggs of this rare species have been laid since.

It's no egg-zaggeration to say that Metrozoo's aviary is going to be one of the most spectacular anywhere. And people will flock to it from all over the world.



*The aviary is sponsored, in part, by Miami Jai-Alai.*

# Giving Thanks

November is volunteer appreciation month. With that in mind, we decided to sit down and count our blessings and came up with more than 200 of them. Our volunteers.

Budgets and cutbacks are facts of zoo life. This can sometimes mean a lack of manpower to get jobs done. So how do we fill in the blanks? With our volunteers.

Volunteers often end up working more hours than paid staff members--without a paycheck. Their commitment comes from the heart and the satisfaction of a job well done is payment enough for these very special people. Without our volunteers, our zoo would not be where it is today.

So it was entirely appropriate that when the national convention of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums took place in Miami in September, our volunteers guided the distinguished visitors from zoos all over the world around Metrozoo.

But the day did not end there for the volunteers. Late in the afternoon they went down to Dade County Auditorium to attend the county budget hearings. The financial future of the zoo hung in the balance. Thanks in part to the demonstrated dedication of the volunteers, the zoo did indeed receive additional funds.



This Thanksgiving let us give thanks to those who show us the fine art of giving--our volunteers.

# Jungle Jog



Once again, it's time to run wild at the zoo. Yes, the third annual Jungle Jog is almost upon us. We just thought we'd jog your memory so that you can keep track of this event.

Jungle Jog is on Sunday, January 13th, at 8 a.m. As you probably know by now, it's a five-mile run at the zoo. And if you're racking up those miles, you'll be happy to know that this race is sanctioned by the Road Runners Club of America. Registration is \$7 per person; if you register after January 7th, the fee is \$10.

There's no registration or fee for the one-mile Fun Run.

All participants will get free admission to the zoo for the day of the run, as well as a colorful T-shirt.

You can enter as an individual or as a team from a corporation, club or school. And don't forget to wear your wildest costumes because we'll be giving out prizes. Dress up as a leopard and we'll spot you right away. Any wild costume is acceptable--of course, as long as you don't come bear.

## Please mail me Jungle Jog application forms.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

*Send to the Zoological Society c/o Jungle Jog. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, or pick up an application at Footworks in South Miami or at the front gate of Metrozoo.*



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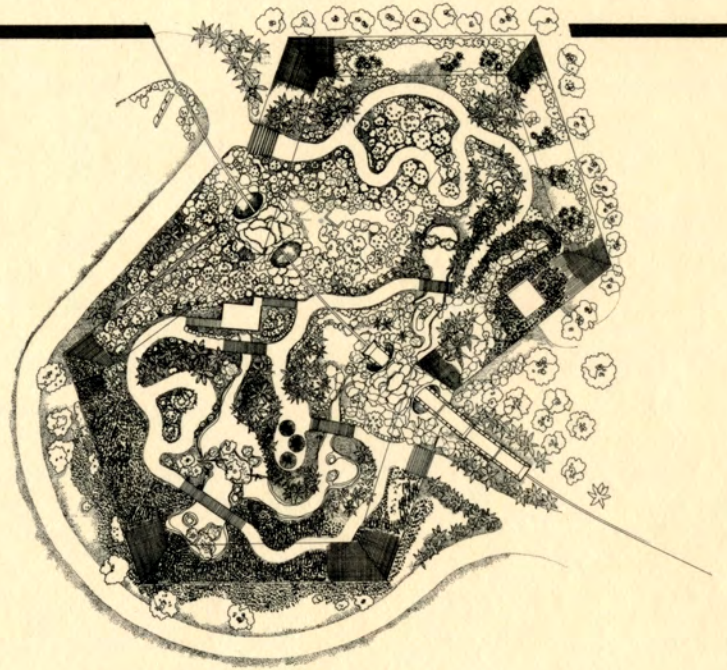
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Grand Preview of Metrozoo's Aviary

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# Wings Of Asia

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# Garden Of Tropical Birds



December 8, 1984  
from 4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

**Featuring:** Tours of the Aviary between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., a twilight Bird Show, musical performance by the Homestead Kitchen Band, a cash bar, free snacks and cold drinks, a Zootography Club Photographic Show and Sale, and a commemorative gift for our first 1,000 members through the Aviary.

***Remember — Bring your membership cards!***

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**R.S.V.P.** Please mail in by November 30th. This will help assure proper accommodations.

Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ (Remember, they must become Members.  
This service will be available on 12/8/84.)

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