

TOUCAN TALK



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THE NYALA



Across the walkway from the gorillas, in the paddock until recently inhabited by the maribou stork, is the zoo's newest arrival -- the nyala (*Tragelaphus angasis*). These impressive antelopes are from Eastern South Africa, where they live on plains in the

fringe forest area, primarily along the river.

The nyala collection at Metrozoo consists of one adult male, two females and one juvenile male. These animals were received from Santo Domingo and are from wild founder stock, representing a new bloodline in the United States.

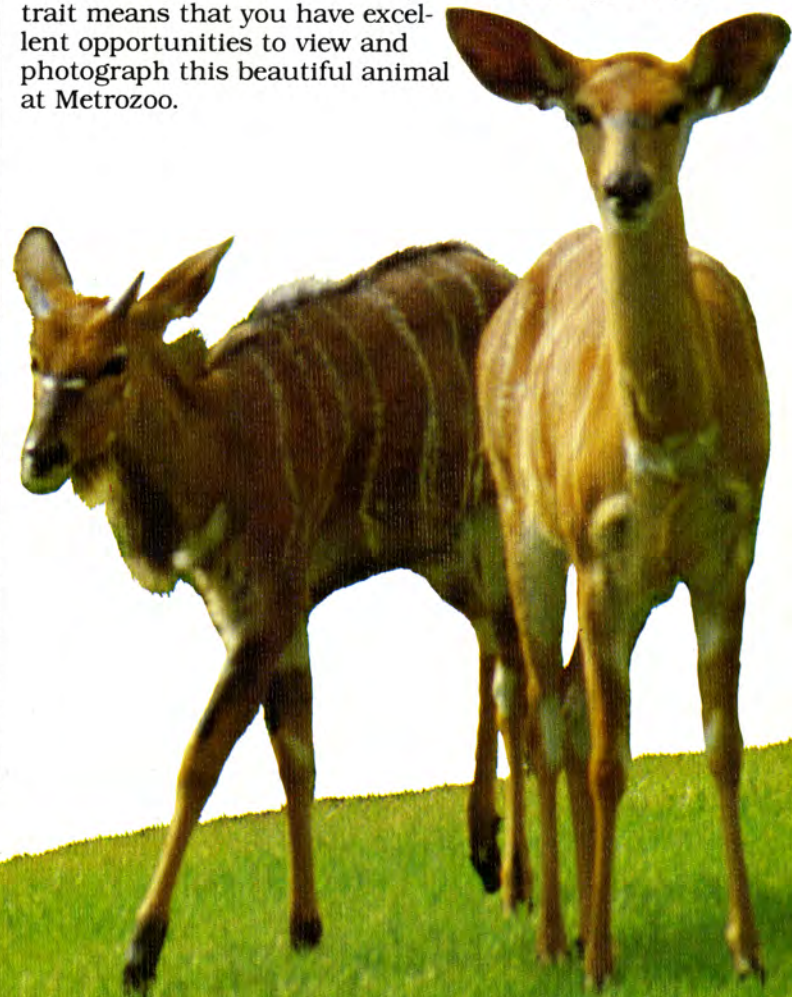
Nyalas belong to the spiral-horned antelopes (which include kudus, bushbucks and sitatungas), and have a distinctive, striped coat, with fine white lines running vertically. There is a marked difference between the males and females of this species. Females are a rich chestnut color, weigh up to 200 pounds, and are three feet high at the shoulder. The males are half a foot taller, weigh up to 285 pounds, and are a darker slate brown. Unlike the females, the males have horns that are lyre-shaped and may reach 30 inches in length. The male's mane runs to the base of the tail and stiffens to threaten other males, to attract females, or when he senses danger.

Nyalas are browsers, eating leaves, fruit, flowers, twigs and the bark of more than one hundred species of plants. They are capable of standing on their hind legs to reach high-hanging leaves, and also occasionally eat tender shoots of grass. In the wild, nyalas roam in herds of 6 to 40 animals. A herd may consist of females with one mature male, all males, or all females.

When walking, they proceed in single file, with the females in the lead and the oldest bull bringing up the rear. They feed mainly in the early morning and late afternoon, but are sometimes active during the day, and at night during the rainy season. There is extensive overlapping of home range both between and within the sexes, but they don't seem to be territorial.

The gestation period of the nyala is from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 months. After it is born, the single offspring, weighing 10 - 12 pounds, is usually hidden in thickets by its mother for one or two weeks. At birth, both sexes are the same color, resembling adult females.

The nyala will allow other animals to come quite close before running away. In fact, nyalas have one of the shortest flight distances of any of the antelopes. This trait means that you have excellent opportunities to view and photograph this beautiful animal at Metrozoo.



Thank You

Florida National Bank has been a long-time supporter of Metrozoo and recently sponsored a successful concert there. The melodious voice of Judy Collins brought back memories to the thousands of zoogoers who enjoyed the concert.

Now, Florida National Bank has come up with a special promotion that is music to our ears. To help in our membership drive, Florida National is offering a free, one-year Zoological Society membership to anyone who opens an Equity or Executive Creditline through the month of July.



*John R. Benbow, President
Florida National Bank / Miami*

John R. Benbow, president of Florida National Bank in Miami, said, "We're pleased to support the Zoological Society of Florida. We're seeing Metrozoo evolve into one of South Florida's top educational and cultural achievements, as well as a unique attraction for residents and visitors alike."

Thank you, Florida National ... we bank on you for continued support.

Adventures Aboard

July 28 • FIU to Kenya
Filled.

Sept. 14 • Egypt/Israel
Space Available — Hurry!

Sept. 27 • Kenya
Still time to obtain passport!

Nov. 8 • Galapagos
Filling quickly. Reserve space now!

Nov. 22 • Kenya
Grab your camera!

Feb. 22 • Amazon
**Most demand for information.
Reserve now!**



Robert Yokel and I went to Tallahassee to receive a resolution from the State Legislators declaring Metrozoo a premier and world-class zoo, and an asset to the citizens of Florida.

During May we also launched a massive membership campaign which brought us nearly 2,000 new memberships for a new total of over 18,000. Welcome to all of you newcomers! We hope all of you will utilize your memberships to the fullest by taking advantage of the wide array of summer concerts, following the development of the animal clinic; watching for the coming of the koalas; and looking forward to the annual Members' Night. A gala benefit event for the Society is being planned, to be hosted by Lord & Taylor at their grand opening at International Mall -- watch for details.

The corporate campaign is in full swing, generating new commitments along the way (over \$150,000 in pledges). Among others, Publix Supermarkets has contributed over \$6,000 to distribute video tapes,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a busy time we've had at the Zoological Society this year! During the month of May, Joseph Ferrer,

produced by Broadcast Quality, Inc., throughout the Dade County School System. These tapes will bring Metrozoo to children at schools that do not have funding for field trips. For those that do, the tapes will provide an introduction to the zoo, before they actually visit it.

The Board of Directors has expanded to include Mr. G. Lester Freeman of Southeast Bank and Mr. Beverly Carter of the Miami Herald. The Society is fortunate to add these gentlemen to our ranks -- welcome aboard.

People and faces come and go; the Board was sorry to see Laurie Dittmer, Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator resign from the staff. We all commend her for a terrific performance and wish her well in her new position.

I again want to thank each one of you for supporting Metrozoo through your participation and involvement with the Zoological Society of Florida. I am certain that all of us are eager to maintain our zoo's world-class status.

Lester Goldstein

A Thoughtful Gift



*Alejandro Reyes,
President,
INACOMP*

Gifts come in all sizes, shapes and forms and we'd like to say a special thank you to Alejandro Reyes, President of INACOMP computer centers, for his generous donation of a Televideo micro-computer and printer to the Society. The com-

puter will be used for word processing; to assist in special mailings; and eventually for recording our financial transactions.

The acquisition of the computer should also help to streamline the issuing of new cards, as well as renewals. In a variety of ways, we will now be able to serve our membership even better -- thanks to Alejandro Reyes and INACOMP.



EDUCATION OUTLOOK

Diane Ledder, Education Supervisor

Metrozoo Inn

Experience the sights and sounds of the zoo after dark with a zookeeper as your guide. Bring your sleeping bag and a toothbrush; we'll supply dinner, breakfast and a great adventure.

Friday - Saturday
August 23

5 P.M. Fri. - 9:00 A.M. Sat. • Ages 9-11
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers

Family Zoo Inn

This new program lets parents and children experience an overnight adventure together at the zoo. A "behind the scenes" tour and live animal presentation highlight the evening.

Friday - Saturday

6 P.M. Fri. - 9 A.M. Sat. • July 26
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers

Breakfast with the Beasts

Take advantage of this opportunity to enter the zoo in the early morning hours. Learn how and what our animals are fed, and meet some of our most personable animal residents up close.

July 21, August 18

8 A.M. - 10 A.M. Sunday
\$8-Members / \$10-Nonmembers

The Biology of Captive Wildlife*

This is a new 3-credit undergraduate course offered through the biology department of F.I.U. It is designed to introduce both majors and non-majors to the biology and management of captive wildlife. Lectures will be given by the education department and Metrozoo staff, and will include discussions of behavior, nutrition, veterinary medicine, research and management, as they apply to the study of captive exotics. Students will tour off-exhibit facilities such as the quarantine and breeding areas, nighthouses, and holding facilities. Registration for the course is through F.I.U. The course number is ZOO-2996 (reference number: 2318, off campus course).

Summer Session B: June 27-Aug. 15
Tuesday & Thursday 4 P.M.-7 P.M.
\$30-Members / \$35-Nonmembers
Plus F.I.U. tuition

Volunteer Training

Phase I of our volunteer training program will be offered on 3 consecutive Saturdays in July. The course introduces new volunteers to the Zoological Society and Metrozoo and trains them for positions at the information booths, front gate, aviary and Society office.

Saturdays - July 13, 20 & 27
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
\$10 materials fee

Night Owls

Fill a summer evening with an overnight adventure at the zoo. Enjoy a light summer dinner with wine, a behind-the-scenes-tour, and a presentation by our veterinarian. Enjoy your zoo as others seldom can -- at night.

July 19, August 16
6 P.M. Fri. - 9 A.M. Sat.
\$17.50-Members / \$20-Nonmembers

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



Don't get left behind!
It's still not too late to register for summer zoo-camps. Call the Education department at 255-5551 for a brochure.



TOUCAN TIDBITS

Docents For A Decade

By Pat Kelly,
Docent

Three members of our group recently became 10-year docents. What is the secret of their success? Loyalty, commitment, tenacity, and, most of all, flexibility.

Joyce Meade has actually been a docent for a dozen years. She was in the second-ever docent class in 1973. Since then, she has been a docent, President of the Docent Council and Board Member of the Zoological Society. Petite and attractive, Joyce has played a highly visible role in promoting the zoo by co-starring with various animals on TV programs such as "Skipper Chuck," "Outside Chance," "Something on Seventeen," and "Duck Duck Goose." In her spare time, Joyce has been mother to 18 opossums, 12 ducks, countless baby birds, bats, snakes, a raccoon and a spider monkey!

Bob Kartman says he has been a docent for 10 years because he loves both the people and the animals at the zoo. Although the docent council now boasts a number of husband-wife teams, Bob and Flo Kartman were the first.

They loved Crandon Park and volunteered a great deal of their time there. Bob reminisces fondly about Duchess and Colonel, two chimpanzees who loved grapes. In fact, when Flo died, Bob adopted Duchess in her memory through the Adopt-An-Animal program.

Chester Wofsey's trip to Kenya in the early '70s and his frequent visits to the London Zoo prompted his interest in Crandon Park Zoo. His enthusiasm has never waned. He remembers all that has happened at the zoo in the last 10 years -- the names of all the animals, the funny incidents, the poignant moments. As a docent, Chester shares his memories and knowledge with others. A retired criminal investigator for the IRS, perhaps Chester finds it a pleasant change to give information rather than to get it.

To Russia, With Love

By Ron Johnson,
Curator of Birds



Two fertile Stanley crane eggs laid at Metrozoo are now at the Oka State Nature Reserve in Russia, part of a rare exchange program to preserve the world's vanishing wildlife.

The Stanley crane eggs were taken to Chicago, packed in a specially designed box with foam rubber and a hot water bottle. They were handed over to Dr. George Archibald, director of the International Crane Foundation, who then carried the eggs, along with three Siberian crane eggs laid at Baraboo, Wisconsin, to the nature reserve in Russia.

We hope that Metrozoo's Stanley eggs will hatch into potential mates for the Oka State Nature Reserve's two Stanley cranes -- both males. The Russians are interested in establishing a breeding program for this African species. The Stanley crane is one of several bird species that Metrozoo is concentrating on reproducing.

It was an obvious match. In return for the two fertile eggs, Metrozoo will receive a pair of birds from the U.S.S.R., probably a species that we would be unable to obtain otherwise.

The International Crane Foundation, in conjunction with the World Wildlife Fund, has been working with the nature reserve in Russia since 1977 in a cooperative breeding program for Siberian cranes, which are severely endangered in the wild. The fertile eggs being delivered to Russia from Wisconsin will be placed in the nests of common cranes, in an effort to bolster the meager population of Siberian cranes in the wild.

This is an important step towards cooperation in preserving endangered and rare wildlife around the world, and Metrozoo is proud to be involved.



State of Florida
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Resolution 1350

By The Committee on Tourism & Economic Development,
Representative Larry Hawkins and Representative Dantzler

A resolution recognizing the Miami Metrozoo for
its success and accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that the Miami Metrozoo is
state-of-the-art in zoo design and has received numerous
acclamations, including the highest honor in the zoological
profession, the Edward H. Bean Award for the Breeding of
Endangered Species, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Metrozoo, while open only 3 years and
still growing, is already one of the world's largest zoos and has
become a popular attraction in South Florida, and

WHEREAS, zoos are for everyone and this extraordinary new
facility provides the Legislature the opportunity to recognize its
value to Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
Florida:

That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
hereby recognizes the Miami Metrozoo for its success and
accomplishments.

This is to certify the foregoing was adopted on May 22, 1985.



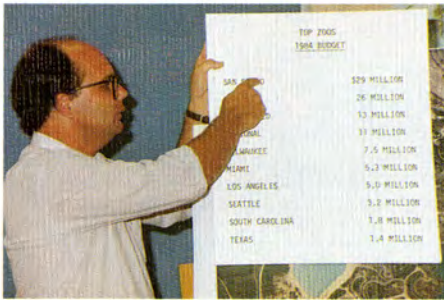
James Harold Thompson
Speaker

Allen Morris
Clerk of the House



A proud moment for the zoo. House Speaker, James Harold Thompson presents a resolution to Lester Goldstein while State Representative Larry Hawkins, Joseph Ferrer and Bob Yokel look on.

Board Of Trustees



The first annual Board of Trustees meeting was held on Saturday, June 8th. New board members received a personal tour of the zoo from Metrozoo Director Bob Yokel. They were also familiarized with the new budget for the zoo.

At the meeting, the board studied a report on fundraising -- one of the most important functions of the trustees, and reviewed the zoo's "wish list," compiled by Metrozoo's curatorial staff.

In addition, the nominating committee was chosen, and this committee will nominate future members of the Board of Directors.

The meeting helped to define the goals and delineate the responsibilities of the trustees, who are looking forward to a successful year of support for Metrozoo.



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



Upcoming Concert

Three Dog Night

Sunday • July 7th, 1985

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WIN... a two week all expense paid photo safari to Kenya for two*

or one of many others great prizes in

The First Annual Metrozoo Photography Contest.

Capture the "Spirit of the Safari" in either black and white or in color at Miami's Metrozoo, and you could be off on a dream vacation to the wilds of Africa. Or you could win a Canon AE-1 35mm camera, a Kiwi Paparazzi 801 camera bag, or a Vivitar Instant Slide Printer.

The Metrozoo Photography Contest is open both to amateurs and professionals. Registration begins on August 31st and runs through September 2nd, 4 p.m. All proceeds from the \$10.00 registration fee will go to the Zoological Society of Florida, plus each entrant will receive a free Kiwi Cordura wallet with a retail value of \$12.95.

In order to qualify, all photographs must be taken at the zoo and include an animal currently on display. All entries must be a minimum of 11" x 14" or larger, mounted (mounting may be flush or with border). All entries must be received at Kenya Photo Mural, 12210 S.W. 128th St., Miami, FL 33186, no later than September 10th, 1985. Judging will be conducted by photographers from National Geographic and Miami Herald.

Prize structure:

- Overall Grand Prize** - (either black and white or color) - a two-week, all-expense-paid photographic safari to Kenya for two*
- First Prize**/black and white/color - Canon AE-1 35mm camera
- Second Prize**/black and white/color - Kiwi Paparazzi Photo Bag
- Third Prize**/black and white/color - Vivitar Instant Slide Printer
- Honorable Mentions** - 20 - certificates

Fill out the entry blank on the back and hand in, along with your \$10.00 entry fee, at the Kiwi display at the entrance of the Metrozoo on either August 31st, September 1st or 2nd and receive your Kiwi Cordura wallet. All proceeds to benefit the Zoological Society of Florida.

THE FIRST ANNUAL METROZOO PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY KIWII PHOTO BAGS, KENYA PHOTO SAFARI, INC., FINANCIAL CENTER TRAVEL, INC., BRITISH AIRWAYS, CANON, VIVITAR AND KODAK.

Official Contest Rules

- 1) Eligible photos will be those depicting the "Spirit of the Safari" and be limited to photos taken at the Metrozoo featuring animals currently on display.
- 2) Both professional and amateur photographers may enter.
- 3) Photos must be taken from the public viewing areas at the Metrozoo. Photos taken during a professional photographic assignment or with the help of zoo personnel will not be eligible.
- 4) Entries will be accepted in two categories: black and white prints and color prints. Minimum photo size is 11" x 14," but larger sizes are acceptable. Photos must be mounted, and mounting may be flush or with a border. Prizes will be awarded for best overall photo; first, second and third place in each category, and 20 honorable mentions overall.
- 5) The prizes are:
 - Grand Prize** – Photographic safari to Kenya for two*
IN EACH SEPARATE DIVISION OF
BLACK AND WHITE AND COLOR:
 - First Prize** – Canon AE-1 35mm camera
 - Second Prize** – Kiwi Paparazzi 801 photographic bag
 - Third Prize** – Vivitar Instant Slide Printer
 - Honorable Mention** – 20 – Certificates
- 6) Entry fee is \$10.00 per photo.
- 7) All proceeds go to the Zoological Society of Florida.
- 8) Entry applications must be handed in at the Kiwi booth at the Metrozoo between August 31, 1985, and September 2, 1985, by 4 pm.
- 9) Fees must be paid in cash, check, or money order.
- 10) Entries must be delivered to Kenya Photo Mural, Inc., 12210 S.W. 128th Street, Miami, FL 33186 between 9 am and 6 pm through September 10, 1985.
- 11) Each entrant will receive a Kiwi wallet, retail value of \$12.95.
- 12) The Zoological Society of Florida has the first publication rights in any media for all entries. Upon usage, rights revert to photographer. Prints may be picked up in exchange for the original slide following the contest at Kenya Photo Mural.
- 13) Judging will be conducted by photographers from National Geographic and Miami Herald.
- 14) Selected photos, including all winners, will be on display at the Metropolitan Museum in Coral Gables at a date to be announced.
- 15) No responsibility is assumed for lost, mutilated or late mail.
- 16) Grand Prize winner must possess a passport or a certified copy of his/her birth certificate and be able to obtain a passport. Any minor who wins the Grand Prize must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- 17) Certain travel restrictions regarding the photographic safari will apply.
- 18) Taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.
- 19) For a list of prize winners, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Photo Contest, Kiwi Northern Mercantile, 6721 N.W. 36th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147.
- 20) All proceeds to benefit the Zoological Society of Florida.

*This does not include items such as alcoholic beverages, gratuities, visas, airport taxes and similar items of a personal nature.

Official Entry Blank

Entries will be accepted only at Kiwi booth at MetroZoo during regular hours.
August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 1985

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Business _____ Age _____

Are You a Professional Photographer? Amateur Photographer?

Cash Check Money Order