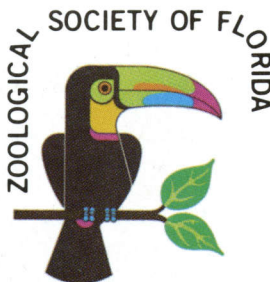


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Dog Days of Summer

by K.T. Taylor, Docent/Volunteer



Those of us who live in South Florida are among the luckiest people in the world. The beautiful scenery and year 'round tropical climate are the envy of most of our northern neighbors. Our megalopolis is exciting, with a delightful international flavor and yet, we still have some old time "Florida Cracker" traditions. Some of us leave all this at the end of "THE SEASON," retreat to mountain cabins for the summer and reappear along with the snowbirds in the fall. Others stay to enjoy the relative peace and quiet of the summer months.

Those of us who stay here year 'round know that in these summer months we can really have our own world and relish

the many blessings we often take for granted. We can enjoy at a leisurely pace the many attractions in this area which our visitors often have to see at a frantic pace. Nowhere is this more easily and comfortably done than at Metrozoo - enjoying nature's wonders with the knowledge and pride that we citizens of South Florida have helped make all this possible.

Wait - don't stop reading - do you "moan and groan" at the thought of a zoo in the summer? If you have avoided your zoo in summers past, you have a treat in store for you now. The pathways, once lined with young saplings, now are bordered with shade trees. Miccosoukee chickees are placed strategically along the

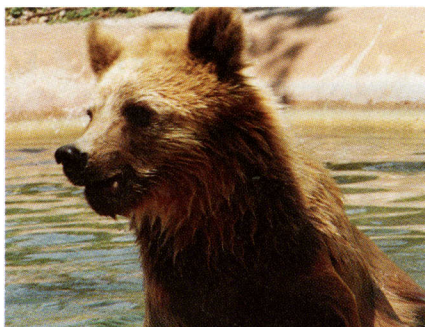
paths. It hardly seems possible that only a few years ago this beautiful park was established on 740 acres out in the "boonies," where there were few ways to escape the summer heat. Metrozoo is now six years old - young in the zoo world. After this short time, we can boast of a well established zoological park. We are no longer in the "boonies"; the area has grown up around us. We now have a shopping center and lovely homes right across the street, with farms and ranches still nearby.

We are fortunate that most of Metrozoo's animals are from tropical climates such as ours. However, even those from cooler climates, such as the European

brown bears, adapt well to the summer heat. We *Homo sapiens* can adapt too, if we adjust our dress and attitudes to cope with the heat in the most logical ways.

For a visit to Metrozoo, we suggest that you wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing. This allows the air to circulate freely and helps keep you cool. You will often see a bird or a furry animal shake itself and ruffle its feathers or fur; this is their way of "loosening their clothing" which helps to keep them cool in the summer.

Try to avoid dark colors which seem to hold the heat. Above all, wear comfortable walking shoes with good support. For most people (both adults and children) the most comfortable shoes are those made specially for walking, worn with thick socks to absorb perspiration. A brimmed hat or sunshade will help shield your face. A hat will also protect your scalp from sunburn. Wear sunscreen on other parts of the body such as face, arms and legs. This is especially important for children with their tender, sensitive skin. You will notice that nature has provided some animals with their own type of sunscreen. For example, the pygmy hippopotamus displayed in our African plains area exudes an oily secretion which helps to protect its skin from the sun.



Now that you're dressed for comfort, head for the zoo. It might be fun for you to try the Zoobus which will operate on week-ends from the Dadeland North Metrorail station. If you drive, exit the turnpike at S.W. 152 Street (Coral Reef Drive).

When you arrive, do as the animals do in the summer heat – take it easy – and don't hurry. Don't try to crowd your activities into too short a time. Remember, you live here, you don't have to see it all at one time. You can come back as often as you like! Check the entertainment guide and plan your day in consideration of your slower pace. Walk slowly; the breeze (and there always seems to be one) can catch up with you. Stop and rest frequently on one of the benches or under a chickee. Seek out the shade; you'll see that the animals do this on their paddocks. This is what they do in the wild and their paddocks have been designed accordingly.

Save some steps by using the air conditioned monorail from one area to another. Your membership entitles you to a monorail discount and you can get on and off as often as you like all day. From the monorail, you will also get a bird's eye view of some of the vast undeveloped portions of Metrozoo.

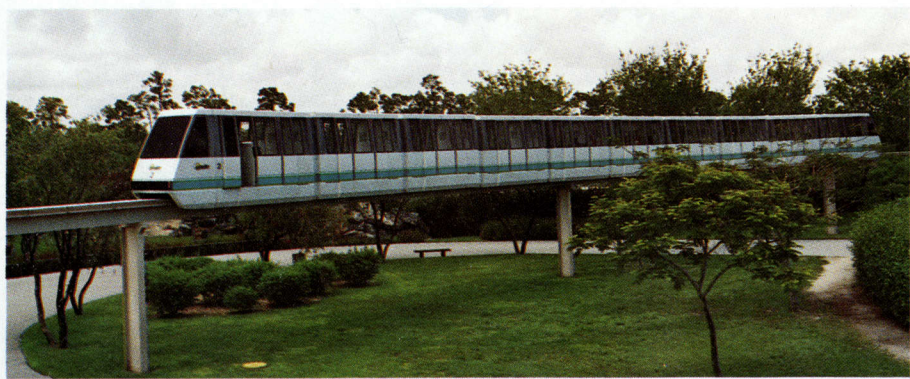
Stop for refreshment at either Sulawesi or Zoobaba. At Zoobaba, you can enjoy your food and drink in one of the two dining areas right on the edge of beautiful Lake Lulonga. One of these facilities is air conditioned and the other is "breeze conditioned."

One thing the animals do to refresh themselves is to take a dip in the water on their paddocks. We *Homo sapiens* will have to satisfy that animal behavior with a "dip" into shaded areas or air conditioning. It will be fun to browse through our air conditioned gift shops located both at Sulawesi and at the entrance/exit. You may just find that perfect gift you have been looking for.

A nice peaceful quiet time can be found in the Aviary, strolling among the greenery, the waterfalls and ponds, or just sitting on a bench and experiencing the sights and sounds of our exotic bird population.

If you or your family and friends would rather ride than walk, or if you have visitors who want to "see the whole thing" in a couple of hours, you have another option. For a reasonable fee, you may call to reserve a special golf cart tour manned by trained volunteer Docents. This would be a real summer treat, since you get a thorough explanation about each exhibit and the animals it houses, as well as a lot of interesting information about the zoo. This service does have to be reserved in advance by calling 251-1128 for details.

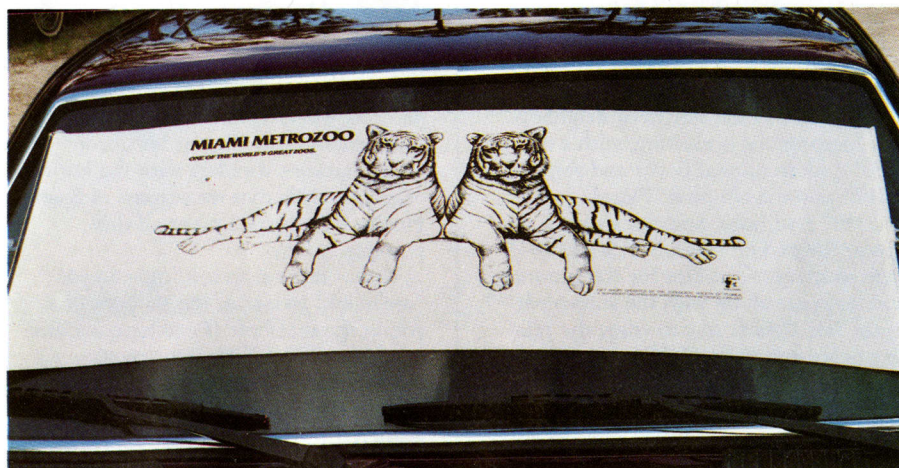
Remember, this is YOUR zoo. Come shake the summer doldrums and enjoy! We'll be there along with the animals, will YOU?



Director's Choice ...

This issue, the Director's Choice is an exclusive car shade, featuring the white tigers. Unlike the ordinary cardboard accordion-style, this shade rolls and is made of durable synthetic paper. It easily attaches to the windshield of your car with suction cups and can be opened in a matter of seconds. The artwork, by Jim Boyle, has been silk screened onto the product, reproducing the sketch perfectly.

These car shades are currently available exclusively in the gift shops for only \$10.00. On your next visit to the zoo, stop by and purchase your white tigers. What wonderful animals to be waiting on your car windshield after a shopping trip! Remember, all proceeds from the gift shops support Metrozoo.



Animal Feature:

Marabou Storks

by Carl Burch, Zoological Supervisor

Metrozoo's "Wings of Asia" Aviary contains just less than one half of our bird collection. The remaining birds are held off display for breeding or are on display in open exhibits. Many of our paddock birds share exhibits with mammals or reptiles, while others have enclosures all to themselves.

The Marabou Storks, *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*, live in a mini-park exhibit designed for them in the African lobe. The three males and five females have been in this exhibit for 2½ years.

In 1981, Marabou storks from Crandon Park Zoo joined the six birds at Metrozoo and were held in the quarantine pens, where they often displayed nesting behavior and incubated rocks and pine cones. In 1983, all eight birds were displayed on a paddock recently vacated by the Grevy's zebras. Here, they made an attempt at nest building and settled into a recognizable annual cycle. In early 1985, a mini-park exhibit was designed and built for the

Marabous and they were moved into their permanent home. In 1986, they constructed a large, well formed nest; however, no eggs were produced. This year, they built two nests and one of the pairs has laid two clutches of eggs, the first clutch with three eggs and the second with four eggs. None of the eggs have been viable, but with this much progress we have great hopes for next year being a successful one.

Marabou storks have successfully reproduced only once in the United States, at Busch Gardens, Tampa in March of '78, so the progress of Metrozoo's birds is very significant.

The genus *Leptoptilos* contains three species of stork, the greater and lesser adjutant stork of Asia, and the Marabou stork of tropical Africa. These are the largest, over four feet tall, and by most

authorities, the least attractive of all the storks. I take exception to the last part of that description. Marabous (French for a priest) are stately birds with great character and presence. They remind me of an old English butler. Their scientific name *Leptoptilos* comes from the Greek meaning "slender wing" and *crumeniferus* is Latin and refers to "a purse hung around the neck."

Marabous are probably the only member of the stork family, *Ciconiformes*, that are not just holding their own, but in fact, are increasing in numbers. This is likely due to the fact that they are scavengers and are not disturbed by the close proximity of man. They exploit man's wastefulness for their own benefit. At kills by other predators in the wild, Marabous, with their massive build, dominate vultures and are able to obtain the best of the pickings. They are also competent predators in their own right. Marabous are capable of catching small birds on the wing and fish if they are concentrated in drying pools. Unlike most other storks that fish by tactolocation (touch), Marabous fish by sight.

Marabous are gregarious and nest in colonies situated in tall trees or on cliffs. Metrozoo's birds are from 8 to 15 years old and live to be 35 to 40; perhaps longer in captivity. They soar gracefully, like other scavengers, but unlike other storks they fly with their necks folded back and their heads on their shoulders. Like most carrion eaters, Marabous have nearly bald heads with only a few fine, hairy feathers. This helps prevent matter from sticking to the head area. They have a large, distensible, gular pouch or throat sac that is connected with breathing and a small subcutaneous air sac at the base of their neck between their shoulders.

I hope this small amount of information will allow you to see the Marabou storks as more than "those ugly old birds across from the dik-dik."

\$50,000
from
Knight-Ridder
To renovate
Sulawesi
Village
Petting
Zoo



The Knight Foundation, the philanthropic division of the Knight-Ridder Publishing division of the Knight-Ridder Publishing Company, has donated \$50,000 to the Zoological Society.

The Zoological Society would like to thank the Knight Foundation for this generous donation which will be used for the renovation of the children's petting zoo, better known at Metrozoo as "Sulawesi Village." The grant will specifically go toward the construction of special petting stalls which will enable children to touch the animals.

The renovation of Sulawesi Village which has been closed six months now, will certainly be accelerated by this unanimous contribution.





Medicine Frank adds new palmetto fronds to the chickees near the Sulawesi Village.

ON THE GROUNDS...

If you have ever paused to rest beneath one of the thatched shelters during a trip to the zoo, you can appreciate the comfort and efficiency of these authentic Indian structures. "Chickee" huts are the traditional form of shelter built by the Miccosukee Indians of the Everglades. They continue to provide cool, dry living space even today in Indian villages. Constructed from frames of Cypress and fronds of palmetto, they also provide comfort to zoo visitors seeking refuge from Miami's subtropical sunshine.

Metrozoo's huts are maintained by members of a family owned business,

"Authentic Chickee Huts," operated by John Osceola. According to Mr. Osceola, the palmetto fronds that form the roofs of the chickees need to be replaced about every four years. Repairs, however, are the easiest part of the job; Initial construction necessitates wading miles through knee-deep mud to harvest palmetto fronds with a machete, and carrying the 300 pound logs back to dry ground.

The next time you pause to rest beneath one of our chickees, reflect for a moment on the natural beauty and efficiency of these distinctive structures.

A Program For The Older Student

Walking the zoo can be a real challenge for an older person, especially in our spring and summer heat. To alleviate this problem, and to bring the world of wildlife a little closer to seniors, the Education Department has created a program specifically for the older visitor: The Zoofari Seniors Program.

Participants are treated to an educational program in the classroom and an

introduction to some of our small animals. Following the classroom presentation they receive a narrated tram tour of the zoo. As an option, a box lunch is available after the tour. The program requires a minimum of 30 people, and may be scheduled for Monday through Friday by calling the group booking line at 251-1128.



The Society Continues to Grow...



Marjorie Arden, Director of Merchandise.

The Zoological Society is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members.

Marjorie Arden has been appointed as the Director of Merchandising for the Society's gift shops. Marjorie comes to us from Jordan Marsh Department Stores where she spent twenty years in the capacity of Buyer. For the past four years she held the prestigious post of Buyer for designer dresses. The Society is certain to benefit from Marjorie's expertise in the retail field.

The Special Events and Public Relations Coordinator position has been filled by Lisa Amaro. Lisa previously worked for the South Miami Kendall Area Chamber of Commerce where she served as Membership Coordinator. She holds a B.A. in Communication Arts and French from Hillsdale College in Michigan.

We would like to welcome both Marjorie and Lisa and look forward to applying the innovative concepts that they will bring to the Society.



Lisa Amaro, Special Events and Public Relations Coordinator

SUMMERTIME!



Programs for Children:

Kindercamp en Español

GRADES: 3,4,5 años de edad

Esta es una experiencia educacional, llena de actividades y ejemplos visuales para niños pequeños. A través del arte manual, juegos, canciones y cuentos los niños aprenderán las características de diferentes animales.

FECHAS: July 27-31
HORAS: 1:00 a 4:00 p.m.
COSTO: \$75/Miembros: \$65

Art Camp

GRADES: 5 and up

Students will explore a variety of media and techniques in creating animal art and projects. They will learn to use their own observations and sketches of animals on zoo grounds as the basis for their work. This class is designed for students with a serious interest in art. Class size is limited to 20.

DATES: July 6 through 10
HOURS: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$65-members/\$75 Nonmembers

Programs For Teens:

Summer Safari

GRADES: 7-8

For young teens interested in pursuing careers in wildlife biology, zoology, or veterinary medicine, Summer Safari provides a valuable experience. Participants will learn about the management of captive wildlife through behind the scenes tours and contact with the zoo staff.

DATES: August 17 through 21
HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to noon
FEE: \$75-Members/\$85-Nonmembers

Programs for Families

Breakfast with the Beasts

Make the most of the "Dog Days" of summer by visiting the zoo in the cooler, early morning hours. A continental breakfast is followed by a visit with some of our off-exhibit reptiles, and a special trip to the rhino barn.

DATES: Sunday, July 19
Sunday, August 16
HOURS: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
FEE: \$10-Members/\$15-Nonmembers

Programs For Adults

Adult Zoo-Inn

Spend a leisurely summer evening camping out at the zoo. Dinner, an unforgettable after-dark tour, a look behind the scenes, and an evening with a zookeeper are all part of this popular program.

Bring your sleeping bag and prepare to enjoy.

DATES: Friday, July 17
Friday, August 14
HOURS: 6:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday
FEE: \$25-Members/\$35-Nonmembers

Register Here

Mail to: Education Department, Zoological Society of Florida, 12400 S.W. 152nd Street, Miami, Florida 33177 (305) 255-5551

Participant's Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____
 Program(s): _____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
 _____ Date: _____ Fee \$ _____
Member **Membership #** _____ **Nonmember** **Fee \$** _____
 Mastercard Visa Amer. Exp. Expirate Date _____ **TOTAL** _____
 Card # _____ Signature _____

For Camp and Children's Programs, please complete the following:

Parent's Name _____
 Student's Age _____ Grade in school (as of Sept. '87) _____

Registration Policy: Advance registration is required for all programs. Registration is by mail or credit card only. Program information may be obtained over the telephone; however, a reservation in the program is contingent upon payment. Fees may be paid by check, money order, cash or Visa/Mastercharge/American Express. A confirmation letter will be issued upon receipt of payment. Fees are refundable up to one week before the program date. A \$5 processing fee will be retained in the event of a cancellation. \$10 will be retained for all camp programs.

Volunteer-Staff Appreciation Night



Volunteer of the year, Jane Fleitman
with friend "Chips."

Volunteers are very often the backbone of an organization. Within the Zoological Society of Florida's structure, the volunteers are by far the most visible members of the organization. At Metrozoo, visitors are not likely to see the zoo director, curators, keepers or Society staff members, but will see the well trained volunteers. On the average, the Zoological Society of Florida's volunteers contribute over 26,000 hours of support to Metrozoo each year! Quite literally, we could not do an effective job without the dedication of over 150 volunteers.

On April 25th, during National Volunteer Month, the Board of Directors of the Zoological Society recognized all of our volunteers, as well as the staff of Metrozoo, at the annual appreciation party. Georgia Leslie received her 10 year pin and life membership. Lew Adrian, Alice Badenell, Carla Eberhardt, Jane Fleitman, Phyllis Hallberg, Donna Lea Needham, Joan-Page, Ginny Pave, Clairette Sanders, Ronnie Scherer, Rosemarie Twinam, and Steve Vogel were all awarded 5 year pins; still another was selected as the "Volunteer of the Year."

Through her continued service and dedication to Metrozoo, the Zoological Society's Volunteer of the Year, Jane Fleitman, has initiated several different pilot projects which include the ever popular "Close-ups." Jane makes sure the educational collection of snakes are fed at the proper intervals; checks to assure the lecture animals' leashes and collars fit properly; exercises two injured owls and trains selected volunteers to do the same; and collects and shares updated information about the animals on exhibit. She has served on the volunteers' Advisory Board and has appeared in a cable television production about volunteer responsibilities at Metrozoo.

Jane, and all of the volunteers, serve as the ambassadors for the Zoological Society and Metrozoo. The volunteers are well trained, providing zoo visitors with friendly information and services that would not be possible without many hours of dedication, hard work, and the commitment to the finest attraction in South Florida.

(For information on becoming a Zoological Society volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 255-5551.)

Experience the

Galapagos Islands

an exciting adventure!

swim and play with sea lions ...

reach out to scores of bottlenose dolphins
leaping from the sea ...

approach within inches of the fearless and
exotic wildlife!!!

The Galapagos Islands ... a magical place of bizarre and fascinating creatures found no where else in the world! Marine iguanas, quietly grazing on lush green beds of algae, look like prehistoric cattle. Six hundred pound giant tortoises are the benevolent relics of an exciting episode in evolution. The beaches and rocky shores are home for hundreds of sealions - they tease and delight swimmers, and play like puppies in the water!

Galapagos is a collection of 13 large islands, and more than 40 smaller islands, islets and reefs, spread out over more than 17,000 square miles of Pacific Ocean. The islands are clustered about the equator, 600 miles off the west coast of South America. It is significant that there has never been a land connection between these remote islands and the continent.

The origin and isolation of this tiny group of volcanic islands has given nature an opportunity to create a very unusual biota. There are seabirds that can't fly; lizards that swim and dive, and eat seaweed; and daisy trees a hundred feet tall!!! The continent is dominated by mammals, but the Galapagos Islands are a land of reptiles and birds. The Islands are very exciting for birdwatchers because there are so many species here that are found nowhere else in the world.

One of the most enchanting characteristics of the Galapagos wildlife is the complete lack of fear of human visitors. The guides will caution you to watch your step so you don't stumble on a sleeping iguana, a nesting bluefooted boobie or a sea lion pup! You will be coldly "ignored" as you walk through colonies of hundreds of nesting seabirds. Finches, warblers and mockingbirds land on your head and peck at your shoelaces.

The isolation from the mainland has made these islands a "natural laboratory" for the study of evolution. Indeed, these islands are well-known as the birthplace of modern biology. Based on his observa-

tions in Galapagos, Charles Darwin revolutionized the scientific community of his time with his theory of evolution. Darwin made his historic visit to the islands in 1832 aboard the British ship H.M.S. Beagle.

A visit to Galapagos is an exciting personal adventure and a unique educational opportunity. The Zoological Society of Florida is organizing a special trip to Galapagos in August. We will tour the islands aboard the M/V Bucanero, the largest and most comfortable passenger ship in Galapagos. The ship will be our means of transportation between the islands, and a floating hotel. We will spend most of the time each day on the islands. We visit an island in the morning, the ship sails during lunch, and we visit another island in the afternoon.

This is a trip for people who enjoy nature and the outdoors. The Galapagos Islands are a National Park of Ecuador. The number of tourists are limited each year as part of an effort to protect the fragile ecology. Also, since preservation of the native wildlife is the primary goal, there is little development in the islands.



There won't be a hotdog stand selling cold drinks at the end of the trail! You will enjoy Galapagos if you can walk several hours a day; however, the pace is leisurely and relaxed. You can swim and snorkel every day with playful and mischievous sea lions. The activities on the islands are not difficult. Visitors to Galapagos range in age from 4 years old to 94! Don't worry about getting seasick - the waters in Galapagos are very calm year-round.

We are offering two options for the Galapagos program: the 6 day trip from Aug. 24 to Aug. 29 will include the highlights of the Islands; the 10 day trip from Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 will provide a more comprehensive experience. If you are interested in more details about our programs please contact Pat Superfine at the Zoological Society (255-5551) or Kathy Franklin at Galapagos Reservation Center (448-8844).

Director's Message ...

The Society has its construction "hard hats" on again! Some of you may have noticed that the area east of the Galapagos Tortoise is being cleared for the erection of the koala exhibit, made possible through a major gift from the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Foundation. Hopefully, koalas will be at home in this beautiful new facility by late 1987, early 1988.

The area north of the present Metrozoo Administration Building has been designated as the site of the new Society Membership/Administration Building. Some of you may not be aware that for the past six years, the Society staff has been working out of three trailers located at the rear of the zoo's administration building. The new building is being underwritten by donations from private individuals who specifically want the Zoological Society and its staff to have a permanent home on zoo grounds.

Both facilities are being constructed through the support of the Capital Projects Committee, led by Chairman John Little, President of Matrix Construction Corporation, DeWayne Little, Vice President of Babcock Company, and Sanford Miot, President of Arvida Southern.

At this time, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the individuals who supported our recent Adopt-an-Animal campaign. This is an important part of our development effort and the funds are used to help defray the monumental cost of feeding and caring for the more than 1,200 animals at Metrozoo. Some of the money is used to purchase special equipment, for example, a scale to weigh birds at the Brooder/Hatchery building or heat strips to keep our reptile collection warm. Occasionally, the money is used for the funding of special holding facilities for breeding rare and endangered species. The Society's very first contribution out of Adopt-an-Animal funds was the purchase of cages for the Bald Eagle Project, with which we are still involved.

In closing, we want to remind you that the Society has taken over the operation of the gift shops at the zoo. As a member, you are entitled to a 10% discount on all purchases over \$10, whenever you show your membership card. Most importantly, every time you make a purchase, you further support Metrozoo.



The Endangered Sumatran Rhino

Metrozoo's involvement in animal conservation projects does not stop here or even in the United States. Although Metrozoo is constantly working in cooperation with the many zoos located in this country, it is often necessary to closely examine what is taking place on the international level concerning the conservation of a particular species.

Metrozoo is currently involved in an important conservation program involving the Sumatran rhino, an endangered species closely bordering on extinction. Bill Zeigler, general curator of Metrozoo, will be taking a two week trip to Indonesia along with several representatives of other major U.S. zoos in order to examine the possibilities of acquiring the Sumatran rhinos. This is not Zeigler's first trip to Indonesia. He previously traveled there to start the process of Sumatran rhino preservation. Zeigler also helped implement an educational program which instructs native breeders on the handling of the rhinos.

Man is by far the largest culprit in the endangerment of the Sumatran rhino. They are hunted mainly for the medicinal qualities consumers in Japan, China and

Thailand mistakenly believe the animals to possess. It is their belief that rhino urine can cure high fevers and mental illness.

Being hunted is not the only problem endured by the rhino; they also face habitat destruction. Malaysia and Sumatra are presently being cleared and cultivated for cocoa and oil palm plantations, leaving the rhinos homeless and accessible to the hunters. The development of this land often leaves a few rhinos stranded in small areas which encourages inbreeding. This inbreeding starts to weaken the genetic pool of the animal which poses even further problems to the rhinos. While there may be a number of rhinos left in Indonesia, few viable populations remain. Zeigler has concluded that if the preservation program is not successful the species will become extinct within the next 60 to 70 years.

Zeigler's trip will largely be a political one involving the acquisition of the proper signatures needed to set the proposed program into motion. If the trip goes according to plan, Metrozoo could be one of the first American homes of the Sumatran rhinos.

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A Useum



Are you ready to visit a "useum?" That's right a useum, not a museum. The Discovery Center, a hands on science, art and history museum is actually a "useum" because the Center's visitors are encouraged to become involved with the exhibits. Where else could you gallop away on an electric pony or be a part of an optical illusion?

The Center's newest exhibit "Creativity Under The Sun," lures its visitors into displaying their creative genius with scientific inventions and works of art including holograms, stroboscopes, mobiles and a light sculpture. Here, you can let your imaginations run wild and experiment with colors and shapes.

"Creative Visions," the Discovery Center's traveling exhibition, will be on display from July 22 through August 23. This exhibit allows visitors the chance to experience the fine art of "serigraphy," or silk screen printing by actually touching silk screen panels and by taking part in workshops and enrichment classes.

As a member of the Zoological Society, you can visit the Discovery Center at a 20% discount. The Discovery Center is just one of seven organizations that are offering our members a discount on admission.

The others include: The Center for the Fine Arts, the Miami Seaquarium, the Museum of Science & Space Transit Planetarium, Viscaya, the Historical Museum and the Gold Coast Railroad Museum.

To receive the 20% discount on admission, you must show your valid Zoological Society membership card with proof of identification. The discounts apply to regular admission only, and may not be used in combination with any other discounts or for special engagements.

Take the time to discover your creativity at the Discovery Center, located at 231 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

"I.D. PLEASE!"

Please remember, you will be asked to show proof of identification along with your valid membership card for entrance to the zoo.

If you lend your card to someone else, it will be confiscated at the gate.

You are a valued member of the Society and we want you to enjoy your visits. In order to avoid problems at the gate, take a moment now to check your card and make sure the information (name and address) is up to date. If you have moved, please contact the membership office with your new address.

The discount programs and free entrance to the zoo have made our card very valuable. We are privileged that the zoo allows our members free entrance. If the zoo feels that the membership card is being abused, they will cancel our privileges. Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar

July 5,

Greater Miami Avicultural Society Meeting, 3:00 p.m./Classroom #2.

July 12,

Breakfast with the Smurfs, meet Papa Smurf, Clumsy Smurf and Sasette Smurf, Reservations required call 255-5551

July 15,

Zootography Club Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Classroom #2

August 2,

Greater Miami Avicultural Society Meeting, 3:00 p.m./Classroom #2

August 9,

Spider Maritn in concert, 1:30 p.m., Concert Meadow. \$2 upcharge.

August 19,

Zootography Club Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m./Classroom #2

August 30,

American, Three Dog Night in concert, 2:30 p.m., Concert Meadow. \$2 upcharge.



Roger Carlton (far right) is joined by Ray Lopez, newest member of our Board of Directors (right), Marilyn Tendrich and Board member Howard Tendrich in celebration of Carlton's 40th Birthday. In lieu of gifts, Carlton requested that his guests make a contribution to the Society's Adopt-an-Animal program.

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