

Toucan Talk

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Entrance to Asian River Life exhibit with prayer wheel in the foreground.



One of the waterfalls at the Asian River Life exhibit.

Pat McBride, left and Terry Guilbeau of the McBride Group, architect and designer of Asian River Life.



You Made It All Possible!!!

his issue of Toucan Talk is dedicated to all of you who have contributed your dollars, time, creative ideas, and love in support of the Society's projects. Because of you, we can continue our efforts to make Metrozoo the premiere zoological park in the country.

With the completion of Asian River Life, high technology exhibitry has arrived in Miami. This is our first multi-level, mixed species, underwater showcase featuring animals that would coexist in this habitat. A visit to the riverbank will envelop you in its atmosphere and heighten not only your visual perspective, but will awaken your senses of sound and smell as well. Small clawed Asian otters frolic in their aquatic environment; a water monitor suns itself in a tree; muntjac peer from the protective covering of their shrubbery. The exhibit has been expanded to include magnificent clouded leopards in the central area, and a blood python provides the finishing touch. At every turn, a wonderful, unique animal is visible.

This \$1,000,000 project has proven to be one of our most challenging efforts. Our Founding Contributor, the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Foundation, had the vision to provide funds to get the exhibit off the drawing board and into production. Major sponsors - The American Express Foundation, The Dade County Park and Recreation Department, The Knight Foundation, Sportservice, proceeds from Feast With the Beasts, and our membership year end campaign donations -enthusiastically followed suit.

The exhibit was conceived by zoo design specialist The McBride Company and each phase was carefully supervised by McBride's team of Terry Guilbeau and Larry Reiser. The general contractor was Board member DeWayne Little's firm of Phoenix Builders. The job-site foreman was Bill Boyette, who has donated his services on many of the Society's projects for the past three years.

Several artists contributed to the overall effect including the mud work and tree roots on the riverbank, and the prayer wheel. The stunning graphics are the work of Bill Tuttle, head of Metrozoo's Design Department. We thank Bob Yokel, Director of Metrozoo and his curatorial staff for their guidance and expertise. We are also grateful to Red Dot Construction and Reliable Sprinklers for their donations.

We hope you plan a visit to Metrozoo in the very near future to immerse yourself in our natural Asian river environment.



Walkway with graphic railings and glass viewing areas to exhibits below.



Clouded Leopards

by Bill Zeigler, General Curator

Considered by many zoologists to be the most beautiful of cats, the clouded leopard, Neofelis nebulosa, until the mid seventies, was steeped in mystery as thick as the shrouds of mist that covered its home in the tropical rain forests of Asis. The single species in the genus Neofelis, clouded leopards range from Nepal above India, east to southern China and Formosa, including the island of Haman, south to Sumatra and Borneo. It is a relatively small leopard with males reaching a maximum weight of approximately 60 pounds, however averaging about 45 pounds. Females are obviously smaller, weighing about 25 - 30 pounds. Body length ranges between 30" to 39", not including the tail which can be as long as 34".

As the name implies, this leopard's pattern of spots varies in size and shape, giving them the appearance of clouds. The coat ranges from a dull brown to rich golden or yellowish brown with the spots outlined in black. However, unlike other cats, the outline always tends to be thicker at the posterior side of the blotches. The spots on the legs become solid and the underbelly tends to white or cream.

Another unique feature of the clouded leopard is its long snout and canine teeth. Compared to other cats, the clouded leopard has the longest canines relative to its body size.

For many years, biologists thought the clouded leopard was primarily nocturnal and arboreal in habits. In Malaysia, its common name is "rimau-dahan" or tree tiger. However, a review of literature regarding shootings and field studies indicate that it is actually more active during the day and spends most of its time on the ground. The long canines were at one time said to have developed as a result of the clouded leopard's diet of birds, the extra length helping the cat penetrate the feathers. Studies have now revealed that their main diet consists of small deer, such as the greater and lesser mouse deer, Tragulus napu, T. javanicus, the muntjac, Muntiacus muntjak, and

other mammals such as rodents, small monkeys, pigs, porcupines, as well as birds.

Because of its secretive nature, little is known of its behavior and breeding in the wild. The majority of information has come from captive breeding by zoos and private collections. Gestation usually runs 86 - 93 days with an average of 2 to 3 kittens, however, as many as 5 have been recorded. Kittens are much darker than their parents, helping them blend into the dark forest floor when they first venture from the den, which usually consists of a cavity at the base of a tree or cave. They may stay with their mother for as long as 14 months.

The clouded leopard is considered **ENDANGERED** by the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, and an Appendix I by the Convention on International trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

Here in the United States, the clouded leopard is a part of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) Species Survival Plan (SSP). Metrozoo's animals were selected for pairing by the SSP Species Coordinator. The female was born in 1988 at the Baton Rouge Zoo in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the male is from the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was born in March of 1989.

In captivity, clouded leopards have the distinct reputation of being very difficult to pair up when mature. Males have been known to be quite aggressive towards females and in some cases, have actually killed their proposed mates. When young however, such as the two we will be receiving, the process usually goes much smoother.

Metrozoo last had clouded leopards back in the late seventies at the old Crandon Park Zoo. Their return has been anticipated for a long time, for they are truly a marvelous animal. With the specially designed exhibit, you will be able to see them as no other zoo has been able to display them.

We look forward to seeing you at the new Asian River Life exhibit this spring. Be sure to watch your mail for notice of special activities.

Executive Vice President's Message

As we near completion of the Asian River Life exhibit, we feel a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. As members and donors, you can take great pride for having been a part of this exciting project. This exhibit is so unique and innovative, that it will serve as the prototype for future construction at Metrozoo.

Many of your donations were earmarked for this one million dollar plus project including a \$350,000 partnership grant from the Dade **County Park and Recreation** Department, but the Society's support of Metrozoo is not confined to one area. Our commitment to this facility is total and complete. It is clear that we have a fiduciary responsibility to keep our members informed of the allocation of funds. In a recent survey commissioned by the Board of Directors, it was evident that our members are very knowledgeable in all facets of Society business. We appreciate this quality and feel that an informed member is an involved member.

Since our fiscal year began on October, 1989, we have supported the zoo directly in the following categories: Under the Adopt-an-Animal program, funds were provided for several important conservation programs including Metrozoo's participation in the Andean Condor Release program in Central and South America; the zoo's Conservation Outreach membership; and the purchase of a yellow naped Amazon parrot. The Society has also provided funds for the maintenance of the Christopher Weeks Animal Hospital.

While negotiations regarding the Society assuming a more meaningful operation role continue between the Society, the Dade County Manager, and the Park and Recreation Department, we have pledged funds to defray the cost of animal food and feed in the form of an operating expense.

We hope this basic breakdown has given you some idea of the type of funding the Society provides to Metrozoo. Your continued support will keep our beautiful zoo a vital and growing zoological park, one of the best in the world and a source of great pride to the people of South Florida.



Adopt-an-Animal Program	\$	3,250.00
Contracted Services		10,042.00
Premise Maintenance		616.00
Operating Expense		24,000.00
Travel and Training		. 1,666.00
Vet Internship Program		. 1,200.00
Capital Projects (Asian River Life)	8	802,085.00
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\$ 842,859.00



We Will Miss Him

David L. Gamble, member of the Zoological Society Board of Trustees, passed away suddenly last summer. Through his estate, \$50,000 was contributed to the Society to set up an endowment fund for the koala exhibit in Mr. Gamble's name.

If you would like to include the Society in your will, please call our development department at 255-5551.

Attention: Adopt An Animal Parents!

As veteran Adopt an Animal parents know, we have held an annual breakfast honoring our "parents" on Mother's Day for the past two years. This year, we have decided to honor our fathers and mothers on Father's Day weekend with a special presentation by the animal training staff from Metrozoo's amphitheater show. Note: we are changing the time of our event as well as the day!

WHO:	Adopt an Animal Parents
	and their guests.

- WHERE: Meet at the Main Entrance to Metrozoo.
- WHAT: Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. We will see a special presentation in the amphitheater and a "Behind the Scenes" tour starting at 7:00 P.M.
- WHEN: Saturday, June 16, 1990 6:30 P.M.
- WHY: We want to show our appreciation to you.
- COST: \$10 for parents, \$15 for guests - to defray expenses. Please call 255-5551 for reservations.

The Adopt an Animal Program, with over 450 members, annually raises over \$40,000 for the care, feeding and maintenance of the more than 2,000 wild animals at the zoo. The Zoological Society of Florida would like to thank each and every parent for participating, and we would like the opportunity to meet and get to know you better at this casual get together. We have an exciting evening planned that should delight the entire family.

If you have seen the amphitheater show in recent months, then I am sure you will be delighted to learn how the animals enter and exit the stage, and how they learn the many behaviors they exhibit for you each time they appear. If you have never seen this performance, then you have missed a vital part of Miami Metrozoo. Come meet Maverick, the serval cat, and his sister and see how much they have accomplished in less than a year. Meet Toni, Lynn and Nancy, our animal trainers as they show you how they teach the animals to perform, For reservations, please call Libby at 255-5551. If you are not a member of the Adopt an Animal family, call today to join so you won't miss this wonderful evening of entertainment. If you would like to adopt an animal for Father's Day, we would be delighted to have the certificate and other materials ready for presentation at this event.

Education Outlook

Summer's here! Enjoy the many "hot" programs we have planned for all ages. Summer camp sessions are very popular, so register early. Don't miss these "sunshine" opportunities to explore the fascinating wildlife that abounds at Metrozoo!

Programs for Children Zoo After School

Grades 1-4 May: River Experience

Discover the creatures of the river as we explore your newly opened "Asian River Experience" exhibit. Animals like the otter, water monitor and muntjac will be included as well as other river creatures. Come aboard for a truly fascinating encounter.

Dates:	May 9 and 23
Hours:	3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$12.00 Members
	\$17.00 Non-members

A.I.R. Scouting Program

Grades K - 12

This popular scouting program for both girl and boy scout troops allows children to learn about Metrozoo's animal collection and the zoo's role in wildlife conservation. Come earn an A.I.R. (Awareness, Interest, Respect) patch while enjoying the zoo.

Dates:	Saturday Mornings, through
	June 30
Hours:	9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Fee:	\$12.00 (1 chaperone per 8
	scouts is free)

Programs for Families Family Zooventure

Parents and pre-schoolers (ages 3-5)

The next two months feature some of Metrozoo's newest "faces." Discover more about them together with your preschooler (ages 3-5) as you complete exciting arts and crafts projects, see the areas where they live, view a variety of slide presentations, and have hands-on interaction with some of our exotic smaller creatures. Don't miss out on these great opportunities to explore our new neighbors. After June, there will be no more Zooventures until the fall, so come out and have some zooper fun!

May: Otterly Outrageous! Please join us as we explore the new Asian River Experience and observe the clownish antics of the Asian small-clawed otter as well as the other animals that make up this truly unique exhibit. Games and arts and crafts will highlight these fascinating river creatures.

June: Just Horsing Around! This class will focus on the zoo's "horse-like" animals, including our two different species of zebras and our newly acquired onagers. Other animals that are "horsey relatives" will be included as well. Please join us as we gallop off to explore these new adventures.

Dates:	May 6 and 20
	June 3
Hours:	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Fee:	\$12.00 Adult members
	\$3.00 Child (must be 3-5 years)
	\$15.00 Adult non-members
	\$6.00 Child (must be 3-5 years)

Breakfast With the Beasts

Bring your family and enjoy the early morning beauty of Metrozoo. After a continental breakfast, you will learn about some of the animals that call it home.

May: Maternal Marvels. On this special Mother's Day, please join us in celebrating with some unique animal mothers as well as honoring those of the human kind. This program will feature exotic Metrozoo moms and focus on their individual maternal behaviors. Don't miss this "simply marvelous" event!

June: Dashing Dads! Many males in the animal kingdom are quite elaborate and distinctive in both their colors and size. What better time than Father's Day to focus on these majestic creatures while also paying tribute to all wonderful human dads!

July: River Walk! Our new Asian River Experience exhibit is home to otters, water monitors, muntjac, clouded leopards, and blood pythons, but the animals aren't alone in making this exhibit truly an experience to remember. The whole exhibit takes into account the interaction between the environment and its specific inhabitants. Enjoy a special sunrise tour of this beautiful display and the unique animals that make it come alive.

Dates:	May 13
	June 17
	July 15
Hours:	8:00 - 10:00 A.M.
Fee:	\$15.00 Members,
	\$20.00 Non-members
	(Children 5 and under are half
	price)

Family Overnight

This fun overnight program allows participants to enjoy the zoo after dark. A pizza party starts the evening, followed by a behind-the-scenes night hike through the zoo. Bring comfortable clothes and sleeping bags, and be prepared to "camp out" in the classrooms. We'll supply everything else.

Dates:	May 12
	June 2 and 30
	July 14
Hours:	6:30 p.m. Saturday -
	8:30 a.m. Sunday
Fee:	\$25.00 Members (Children 5
	years and over, please)
	\$35.00 Non-members



Programs for Adults Supper Safari

May: Protecting Endangered Species. Patrick Hyde, a supervisory inspector with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, will enlighten us on the important role this agency plays in protecting endangered species. This Wildlife Inspection Program is fundamentally involved with customs and inspecting wildlife commodities. Please join us and become aware of the problems currently facing wildlife through illegal trade and what the United States is doing to protect the world's precious creatures.

Date: Hours:	May 19 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. (buffet
Fee:	refreshments included) \$25.00 Members
	\$35.00 Non-members

New Wildlife Conservation Seminars (WCS)

In our ever-changing world, both local and global conservational issues have become paramount in importance. The Zoological Society of Florida takes pride in promoting conservational awareness through the efforts of Miami Metrozoo.

In our new educational WCS (pronounced "wicks") we hope to be a spark to light the flame of a continuously growing awareness of the environment around us and the wildlife that inhabits it. Various wildlife topics will be emphasized by both Metrozoo staff and outside speakers. The 1½ hour lectures will include a presentation followed by light refreshments.

June: Doctor of the Ark. Dr. Scott Citino, Metrozoo's veterinarian, is responsible for the health of over 3,000 animals. His typical day can include treating tigers, checking chimps, helping hedgehogs, or drawing bloodwork from birds. Learn all about zoo medicine and what is involved in treating exotic animals as well as the impact Metrozoo has had on local wildlife conservation. This is one lecture you won't want to miss!

July: S.S.P.: Matchmaking For the Future. What are Species Survival Plans and what do they accomplish? Bill Zeigler, Metrozoo's General Curator, will answer these and many more questions as we find out how the roles of zoos are drastically changing to include computer dating games!

Dates:	June 9
	July 21
Hours:	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$15.00 Members
	\$20.00 Non-members

Summer Camp At Metrozoo 1990

Kindercamp:

Our most popular camp provides a firsthand experience for young campers. Through a variety of contact and direct observational activities, children will learn characteristics of different habitats and the animals that live there. Snacks and animal oriented crafts, games, and songs are included in the camp experience.

Registration Policy: Advance registration is required for all programs. Registration is by mail or telephone,

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/Mastercard/American Express. A confirmation letter will be issued upon receipt of payment.

Cancellations: All fees are non-refundable. Cancellation notifications must be received at least 72 hours (3 business days) prior to the actual program date in order for credit to be accrued. Fees then may be transferred to another program. You may transfer to another program only once without losing your payment and the transfer must occur within 2 months. AGE: 3- 5 years old (children must be 3 years of age by April).

Session 1: Habitats I		
Dates:	June 25 - June 29	
	July 2 - July 6 (no camp on July	
	4) *	
	July 9 - July 13	
	July 23 - July 27	
Session	2: Habitats II	

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Dates:	July 30 - August 3
	August 6 - August 10
	August 13 - August 17
Hours:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Fees:	\$75.00 Members per/wk
	\$85.00 Non-members per/wk

*For the week of July 2: \$60.00 Members, \$70.00 Non-members

Jungle Juniors

Grades 1-3

Jungle Juniors will spend their afternoons exploring the variety of habitats that are represented in the zoo. They will learn why these habitats are important and what types of wildlife inhabit them. Movies, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and live animal interactions are part of the summer fun!

Session 1: Habitats I Dates: July 2 - July 6 (No camp on July 4)* July 9 - July 13 July 23 - July 27 Session 2: Habitats II

Dates:	July 30 - August 3
	August 13 - August 17
Hours:	1:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.
Fees:	\$85.00 Members
	\$80.00 Non-members

*For the week of July 2: \$70:00 Members per/wk, \$80.00 Non-members per/wk

Zoo Camp

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Grades 4-6

Zoo campers will enjoy learning about zoo animals and their habitats while

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 # Non Member 🗆			Fee \$
🗆 Mastercard 🗆 Visa 🗆 Amer. Exp.	Expiration Date		TOTAL
Card #	Signature		

For Children's Programs, please complete the following:

Parent's Name _

Student's Age _____

_____ Grade in school (as of Sept. '89) _

gaining an appreciation for the functions of modern zoo. Conservation awareness and involvement will be stressed as it applies to the zoo as well as our backyard environments. They will learn from both the educational staff as well as the zookeepers and the animals themselves. Campers should bring a brown bag lunch Monday through Thursday; Friday we will provide lunch with the zookeepers.

Dates:	July 16 - July 20
	August 20 - August 24
Hours:	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Fees:	\$105.00 Members
	\$115.00 Non-members

Summer Safari:

Grades 7 - 8

This week long program is for young teens interested in pursuing careers in wildlife biology, zoology, or veterinary medicine. Participants will gain valuable experience while learning about the management of captive wildlife through behind-the-scenes tours and contact with zoo staff.

Date:	August 6 - August 10
Hours:	1:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.
Fees:	\$80.00 Members
	\$90.00 Non-members

Toucan Team:

Grades 9-12

This is a special one week session of our teen volunteer training program. Students study biology, exotic animal management, and animal habitats with both educational staff and animal science staff. After completing the course, participants will be eligible to serve as junior counselors for our summer programs.

Date:	June 25 - June 29
Hours:	1:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.
Fees:	\$80.00 Members
	\$90.00 Non-members



Fabulous Feast!!! Thank You Donors And Volunteers

Enchanting! Wonderful food! Great menu selections! Terrific party! These were just a few of the comments overheard at our third annual Feast with the Beasts. This event, like fine wine, gets better with each passing year. Leslie Cohen, Chairman of this year's Feast, coordinated the various committees led by experienced Chairmen in a symphony of productivity and creativity. Metrozoo became an Asian village, with lush tropical foliage, a twinkling pagoda, balloons, mood lighting, and of course the highlight of the evening, delicious food!

The scintillating black tie affair began at 7:00 P.M. with a cocktail party for our **BEASTKEEPER** patrons, who had generously contributed \$500 each. They were greeted in the parking lot by Mackey, our baby elephant, who was also elegantly attired in formal elephant raiment. They were escorted to the new Asian River Life exhibit for their exclusive cocktail party, catered by Joe's Stone Crab and Creative Tastes. Both restaurants did a splendid decorating job and set the tone for the rest of the festive evening. Our guest of honor was Governor Bob Martinez and his lovely wife, who enjoyed the party immensely. Guests were given a grand tour of the new exhibit with explanations of the various intricate construction details, as well as information on the animals that will inhabit the exhibit. Following the cocktail party, our Beastkeeper patrons were escorted to the main event which was theirs exclusively for thirty minutes.

The limousines began arriving at 8:00 P.M. signalling the start of the party for over 900 general admission guests who paid \$150 each to stroll through Metrozoo's improvised Asian village and enjoy the finest cuisine in three counties! The food was wonderful, diverse, and so delicious. Several restaurant booths had outstanding decorations which added so much to the festivities. Music by **Varon** again filled the big chickee and our guests danced to their hearts content.

The headline act this year was Chubby Checker and the Wildcats at the amphitheater and the original "twist" man worked his way into the hearts of his audience with nostalgic and energetic performance!

The wonderful evening came to a close at 2:00 A.M., after a dessert and coffee party in the trellis area where reggae music was provided by Ras Dakarai and the Spice Roots Band.

Thank you everyone. Thank you Leslie Cohen, Chairman of the event, your great sense of humor kept us all on an even keel. Thanks to all our donors, the hub of Feasts from which all the spokes radiate. Thanks to our committee Chairmen and committees who put six months of planning and execution into the success of the party. Thanks to our volunteers who work so hard during the course of the evening and keep everything running smoothly. Thanks to the staff at Metrozoo whose help and cooperation are invaluable. Most of all, thanks to our guests. You are the stars of the affair. We hope you enjoyed it so much that you will come back again next year, with a friend.

We thank American Express, cosponsor of Feast With the Beasts, especially Frank Richter, III, Terrance Smith, John K. Pankratz, Laura Jack, Janet Mercede, Linda Holbrook, Sally Nystrom and Roberta Weinstein.

Our very special gratitude to the following committees for their very special labor of love:

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From art supplies to Zinfandel, the following donors made valuable contributions to the third annual FEAST WITH THE BEASTS:

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Dear Members:

Please consider the following list of restaurants when dining out. When there, please mention to the owners or managers your position with the Society and thank them for their support of Feast With the Beasts.

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Citicorp/Citibank Funds Chapter One Program

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Zoological Society of Florida, we extend our sincere thanks to Citicorp/Citibank for its generous contribution of \$10,000 toward the Chapter One Program.

The Chapter One Program is a unique opportunity to expose underprivileged children at various grade levels to the wonder and complexities of the animal world, and aid in stimulating an awareness of and respect for wildlife.

For 1,000 inner city children, Chapter One incorporates both fun and education while spending a day at the zoo. Upon arrival, the students participate in a classroom presentation designed especially by the Zoological Society's education department. Topics range from learning about animal adaptations to their environment to how they interact within the food chain. In a favorite portion of the class, they are also given hands-on opportunities to get close to small animals and biofacts.



Jobn Ream, Chairman of Citicorp/Citibank Savings of Florida, presents a check for \$10,000 to Joseph Ferrer for the Chapter One Program.

Once the students have completed the classroom presentations, they are taken on a tour of the exhibits. Escorted by Zoological Society volunteers, they are offered a brief description and provided with the names of each animal they observe. Fascination turns to smiles as the students see animals that in some cases, they have only seen in books.

Midway through the tour, the students are served a nutritious lunch in the cool shade of the picnic pavilions. Here, they relax and discuss their favorite animals.

Upon completing the tour, the children are furnished materials to take home with them specifically designed to reinforce their truly unique experience at Metrozoo.

Children are our hope and future and we again graciously thank Citicorp/Citibank for their generous donation. They have made it possible for a special group of young people to appreciate the interdependency between man and animals.

Toucan Trader's Choice

Earth Day was celebrated universally on Sunday, April 22, 1990. Here at Metrozoo, our philosophy is "Everyday is Earth Day." In recognition of this important event, the Toucan Trader and Parrot Jungle gift shops are carrying a variety of Earth Day tshirts for adults and children, Each shirt carries its own unique message, for example SAVE OUR SEAS, ENDANGERED SPECIES, SAVE THE RAIN FOREST, ENDANGERED HABITAT. One of our children's designs is a color-your-own SAVE THE PLANET (markers included).

We are committed to raising the awareness of our community and invite your support.

We still have a limited number of exclusive signed elephant posters that were introduced at the Richard Leakey lecture. The signed posters are \$10.00, a considerable savings over the gallery price. Remember, you receive a 10% discount on purchases over \$10.00 and proceeds go to support the feeding and care of Metrozoo's animals.



Biofacts Cart Rolled Out At PAWS

Parts are parts - unless they are special animal parts on a rolling cart in PAWS. For many years, "Close Ups" has been a popular diversion Society volunteers have shared with zoo visitors. Composed of animal hides, antlers, bones, feathers and shells, the collection of confiscations and contributions has been displayed on benches, hung from trees, even spread on the ground. Thanks to generous donations made by Howard Tendrich of Heritage House and Picki Pelaez, our volunteers now have a beautiful, custom-made, mahogany cart on which to display their educational wares.

Have you ever touched the hard, thick skin of a rhino or stroked the hide of an eighteen foot Burmese python? Did you know a zebra's tail has spots instead of stripes? These are just a few of the fascinating tactile and visual sensations you can share the next time you visit the children's zoo. Look for the red-roofed rolling cart accompanied by a uniformed volunteer. Take a moment to see "close-up" some unique parts of the animal kingdom.

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- and tents. All transfers and baggage handling. American breakfast in Nairobi; three meals daily on safari. Plus, Welcome Cocktail Party with Members or the East Africa Wild Life Society. Lecture in Arusha by Professor Karim Hirji, one of the directors of the Serengeti Wildlife Institute, or a member of his professional staff. Lecture in Nairobi by the eminent naturalist. Daphne Sheldrick, author of "Orphans of Tsavo," or a member of her professional staff.

- Daphne Sheldrick, author of "Orphans of Tsavo," or a member of her professional staff. Lecture by Park Ranger in the Masai Mara, duties permitting. Sightseeing and game viewing by private minibus with guaranteed window seat; Land Rover in the Crater. Maximum of 6 passengers per minibus. Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes, and entrance fees to all game reserves. Flight bag, passport wallet, baggage tags. A \$200 tax deductible contribution to the Zoological Society of Florida.

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DEPART: OCTOBER 30, 1990 **RETURN:** NOVEMBER 14, 1990

Dear Members and Friends,

Who has not been touched since youth by the magical words: Africa, the Serengeti, safari? Once again it gives me pleasure to help make these words a reality for all of you by extending an invitation to join the Zoological Society of Florida in an exciting photographic safari to East Africa.

It's nature's last stronghold where you can still see vast herds of zebra, gazelle and wildebeest, prides of lion, magnificent elephants, and a great profusion of bird and plant life. It's still to be seen before civilization obliterates it. Also, you'll meet some of East Africa's friendly people such as the Masai, the Kikuyu and the Samburu.

You'll experience everything -- from a three-day tented camp in the Masai Mara, to the luxury of Nairobi's Inter-Continental Hotel. You'll overnight at the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's "Garden of Eden," and you'll spend the evening at the world-renowned Mountain Lodge "Tree" Hotel.

A trip to East Africa will be an experience of a lifetime. Much still remains "as it was in the beginning." I hope you will join us and create your own memories of Kenya and Tanzania. Our group will be limited in size, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Cordially,

Joseph E. Ferrer **Executive Director**

Don't miss our other travel opportunity in 1990. Limited space is still available on our **Russia** Zoofari departing on June 25th. Call us for more information and detailed itinerary.

DAY 1 * MIAMI/EN ROUTE -- Board your KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plane after your short flight from Miami. Overnight flight to Amsterdam.

DAY 2 * AMSTERDAM/EN ROUTE -- Morning arrival in Amsterdam. Dayroom provided at the <u>HILTON-SCHIPHOL</u>. Day at leisure to take in the sights of Amsterdam. Tonight, return to the airport for your flight to East Africa.

DAY 3 * ARUSHA/LAKE MANYARA -- Arrive Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport in Arusha. Lunch and briefing at the New Arusha Hotel. Afterwards, it's off on safari to Lake Manyara National Park, home of the tree-climbing lion. Drive up the Rift Valley escarpment to <u>LAKE MANYARA HOTEL</u>, dramatically perched on the Rift wall looking down at the Park.

DAY 4 * LAKE MANYARA NAT'L PARK/ NGORONGORO -- Your game run this morning, may offer you views of water birds, flamingos, pelicans, leopard and rhino, baboons, as well as large herds of elephant and buffalo. Look up at the acacia trees along the lake shore, where you may spot the tree-climbing lions. Continue to the legendary Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's "Garden of Eden," in time for lunch. Afternoon is leisure. <u>NGORONGORO WILDLIFE LODGE</u>.

DAY 5 * **NGORONGORO CRATER** -- Descend 2,000 feet into the 200-square-mile floor of this extinct volcano. You appear to be approaching a vast blue lake, only to find as you draw close to the Crater floor that these are its unspoiled plains swarming with numerous plains animals, in addition to elephant, rhino, lion, hippo and buffalo. Picnic lunch in the crater. After a thrilling day of game viewing from your Land Rover, ascend to the <u>NGORONGORO WILDLIFE LODGE</u>.

DAY 6 * **ARUSHA/NAIROBI** -- Return to Arusha. During lunch, Professor Karim Hirji, formerly with the University of Dar Es Salaam, will discuss his current work as a director with the Serengeti Wildlife Research Institute. Afterwards, board your aircraft to Nairobi, where you'll be escorted to your hotel in the heart of the city. Tonight, a briefing by your courier and a Welcome Cocktail Party with members of the East Africa Wild Life Society.<u>INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL</u>.

DAY 7 * **TREE HOTEL** -- Drive north, to Outspan, an English Country Hotel situated between the foothills of Mt. Kenya and the Aberdare Mountains. After lunch, continue to the newest of the world renowned Tree Hotels, built on stilts, adjacent to a large water hole and salt-enriched earth, attracting animals throughout the night. <u>MTN LODGE TREE HOTEL</u>. DAYS 8/9 * SAMBURU -- Continue north, via Isiolo, towards the great dry Kenya scrublands to Samburu. The Uaso Nyiro River banks carry crocodile and a fantastic range of birdlife, and the hills and plains abound in unique mammal species -- gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, dik-dik, Beisa oryx, Somali ostrich and Grevy's zebra. <u>SAMBURU LODGES</u>.

DAY 10 * LAKES NAIVASHA/NAKURU -- Journey to Lake Naivasha, a bird-watcher's paradise, the most beautiful of Kenya's Rift Valley lakes. OR, drive to Lake Nakuru, a shallow alkaline lake, the world-famous haunt of flamingos. Here, you may have the opportunity to see rhino, as 19 have been recently released in the Park, as well as the rare Rothschild Giraffe. <u>LAKE</u> NAIVASHA HOTEL/SAROVA LION HILL.

DAYS 11/12/13 * MASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI -- Drive to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, the Northern part of the Serengeti, one of Kenya's most favored game-viewing areas. Your accommodations at a tented camp offer another adventure -- as you sit around the camp in the evening and are in your tent at night, the sounds surrounding you enhance your awareness that you are truly on a wildlife adventure. Everything is big in the Mara, from the herds of zebra and wildebeest, originating in the Serengeti, to the prides of the mighty lion that rest and laze in the shade. On one of these nights, a Park Ranger will join you, duties permitting, who will discuss animal habits, tribal lore and conservation methods in the Mara. MARA SAROVA CAMP.

DAY 14 * NAIROBI -- A last game run this morning in the Masai Mara, before returning to Nairobi. Tonight, meet the eminent naturalist, Daphne Sheldrick, or a member of her professional staff, who will discuss their work at the animal orphanage. Ms. Sheldrick is the only person to have succeeded in raising orphaned baby elephants and is the author of the book "Orphans of Tsavo." INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

DAY 15 * NAIROBI/EN ROUTE -- A full day of leisure in Nairobi. Relax by the pool, sit in a sidewalk cafe, or do some last-minute shopping in the hurly burly of the African marketplace. And then, "Kwaheri" (Farewell) to Africa. You'll be escorted to the airport for your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

DAY 16 * AMSTERDAM/MIAMI -- Your jet lands in Amsterdam this morning, where you connect with your flight to the U.S.A. You just had a thrilling tour into creation. Time to look back and remember - and plan to go again. You almost certainly will!

Zoological Society of Florida - 16-Day Safari to East Africa -- October 30, 1990

Send and Make Checks Payable To: PARK EAST TOURS, 1841 Broadway, Suite 900, New York, NY 10023 For Further Information Call: Travel Coordinator - (305) 255-5551 OR Park East Tours - (800) 223-6078

() Enclosed is my deposit check for U.S. _____ (\$400 deposit per person.) Balance due by August 30, 1990.

Check Applicable Optionals:

() Request Roommate, if Possible

- () Single Room Supplement, if Available (\$495 additional)
- () Optional Balloon Safari Masai Mara (\$260 Full Payment Required)
- () Smoking () Non-Smoking

Information concerning passport and visas as well as all necessary forms and instructions will be forwarded on receipt of your deposit.