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NEW ANIMALS

Births and Hatchings

4 Greater rheas (genders unknown) – November 6, 2001

Acquisitions

1 Male red kangaroo – November 8, 2001

1 Redtail catfish (gender undetermined) – July 6

2 Male giant eland – July 26

1 Male crocodile monitor – August 1

New Birds for the Aviary

1 Male abyssinian ground hornbill – November 1, 2001

1 Female Jambu fruit dove – November 14, 2001

2 Male horned parakeets – November 15, 2001

1 Male and 1 female red-billed malkohas – November 15, 2001

2 Female Malayan great argus – November 15, 2001

2 Female pink-spotted fruit doves – November 15, 2001

2 Male purple-tailed imperial pigeons – November 15, 2001

1 Male and 1 female black-collared fruit pigeons – November 15, 2001

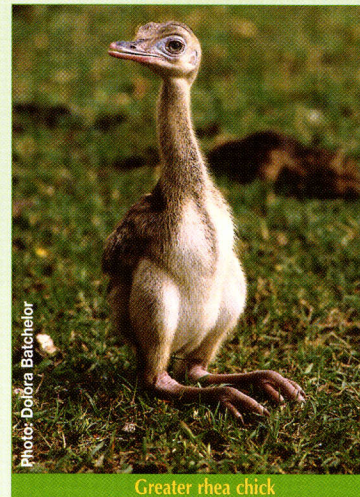
1 Male and 1 female grey junglefowls – November 23, 2001

1 Male and 1 female Edward's pheasants – November 23, 2001

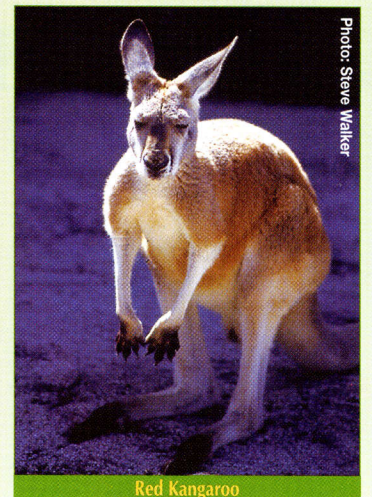
1 Male and 1 female lesser Bornean cresteds – November 23, 2001

1 Male and 2 female grey peacock pheasants – November 23, 2001

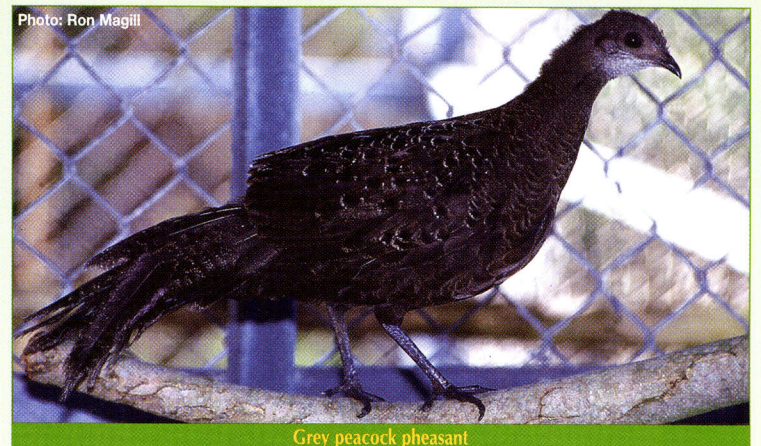
2 vulturine guinea-fowls (genders unknown) – November 23, 2001



Greater rhea chick



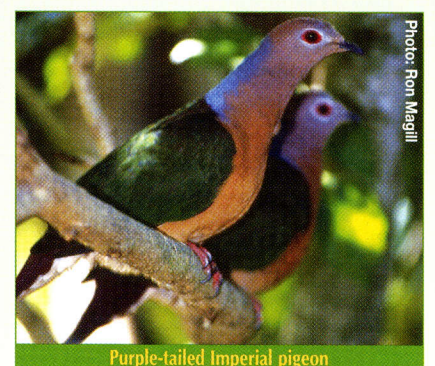
Red Kangaroo



Grey peacock pheasant



Pink-spotted Fruit dove



Purple-tailed Imperial pigeon



Dear Friends:

This is one of our favorite times of the year. The weather is cooler, baby animals delight us all, and there is a feeling of happiness and well being at the Zoo. It's when we all look forward to the re-birth of nature that only comes with spring. And it's a time that reminds us that Earth Day should be celebrated all year long.

Egg Safari 2002 will be our big Spring kick-off event. Children between the ages two and twelve will delight in the magic of the Easter Bunny while they scramble for eggs filled with candy.

To celebrate Earth Day, your family is invited to learn about the hidden beauty of the tract of pine rockland behind the Australian lobe of the Zoo. We want to awaken in you a sense of wonder at the amazing animals and plants you have in your own back yard. Learn to grow a butterfly garden, recycle and become acquainted with the world's amazing wildlife — all right here at your Zoo!

We look forward to seeing you at the Zoo many times this year!

Sincerely,

Glenn W. Ekey
Executive Director
Zoological Society of Florida

Gift Giving: Back To The Basics

Did you know that there are more than 229 species represented by just over 1,400 animals at Metrozoo? There are a lot of mouths to feed, teeth to clean, and exhibits to be kept! It's no wonder that the Zoo spends over \$300,000 each year just to feed our furry, scaly and winged friends. The koalas alone eat up to 2.5 pounds of eucalyptus leaves every day. So, in order to keep our cute, snuggly koalas satisfied, every week fresh sprigs of these exotic leaves are trucked to the Zoo from Ft. Lauderdale at a cost of \$12,000. The Zoo kitchen staff cut up over 2,000 pounds of meat for the carnivores each day! Every week the keepers cart 20,000 pounds of hay to the exhibits in their trucks. Water hoses, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and feeding dishes need to be replaced frequently.

This year, while juggling your tax returns, give a good strong thought to gift giving. Your gift to the Zoological Society of Florida will help feed and maintain our hungry, growing friends. It will also enable us to improve upon existing exhibits and build new ones. All contributions are tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor for more information.

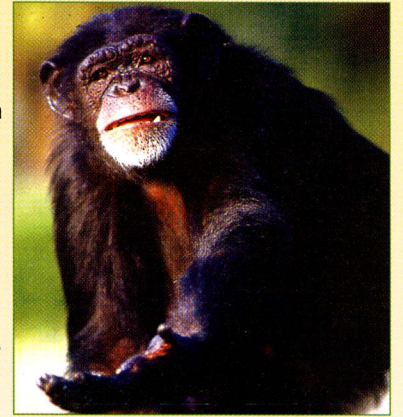


Photo: Ron Magill

THE WILD BUNCH CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY!



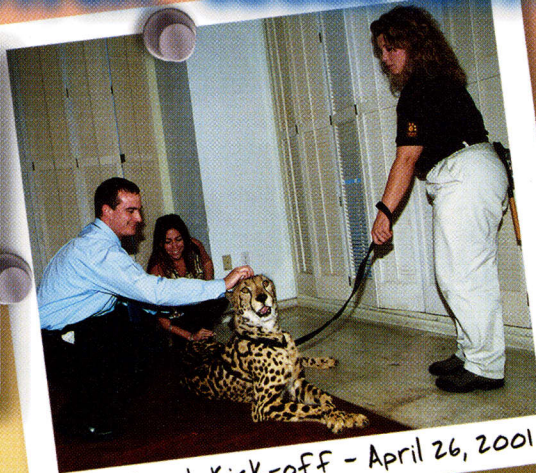
Wild Bunch Leaders

Top (L-R): *Wild Bunch* Leaders: Stephane Gressier, Closet Maid; Monika Mucarsel, Verifone; Robert Powell, Steel Hector & Davis; Guillermo Levy, Steel Hector & Davis; Sallie Anne Marvil, Vision In Planning; Debbie Mucarsel (front), ZSF

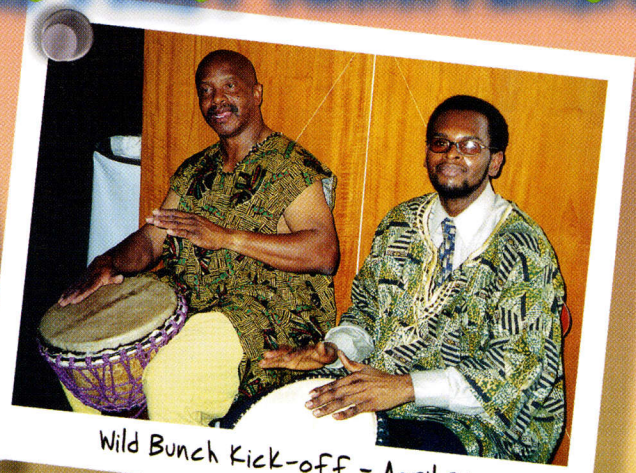
Right (L-R): Robert Powell and Ben Wolkov singing a duo at Karaoke Night

Bottom Middle (L-R): *Cosmopolitan* hosts the *Wild Bunch*: Yolanda Balido; Robert Powell, Vice-Chairman of Operations and Social Events, *The Wild Bunch*; Sara Clichy and Fadia Bassi, Sales Staff, *Cosmopolitan*

Bottom Right (L-R): *Cosmopolitan* hosts the *Wild Bunch*: Valerie Quemada, member; David Barkus, Associate, Greenberg Traurig P.A.; Steve Nicar, Associate, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.; Julie Berthelot, Creative Manager, The Brand Institute



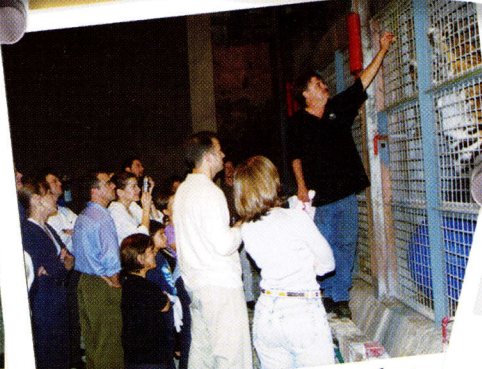
Wild Bunch Kick-off - April 26, 2001



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Karaoke Wild Bunch Night-August 30, 2001



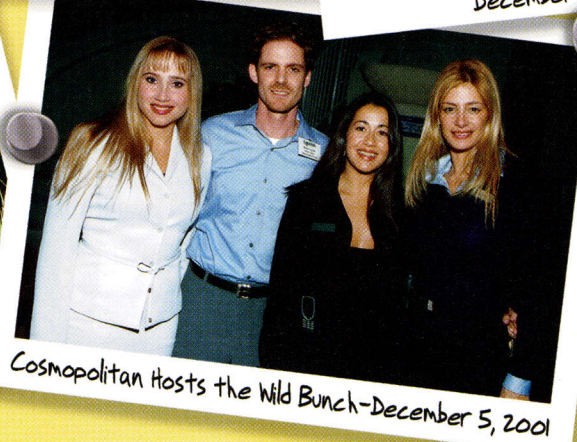
Holiday Behind-the-Scenes Tour-December 12, 2001



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Howling Bash-October 26, 2001



Cosmopolitan Hosts the Wild Bunch-December 5, 2001

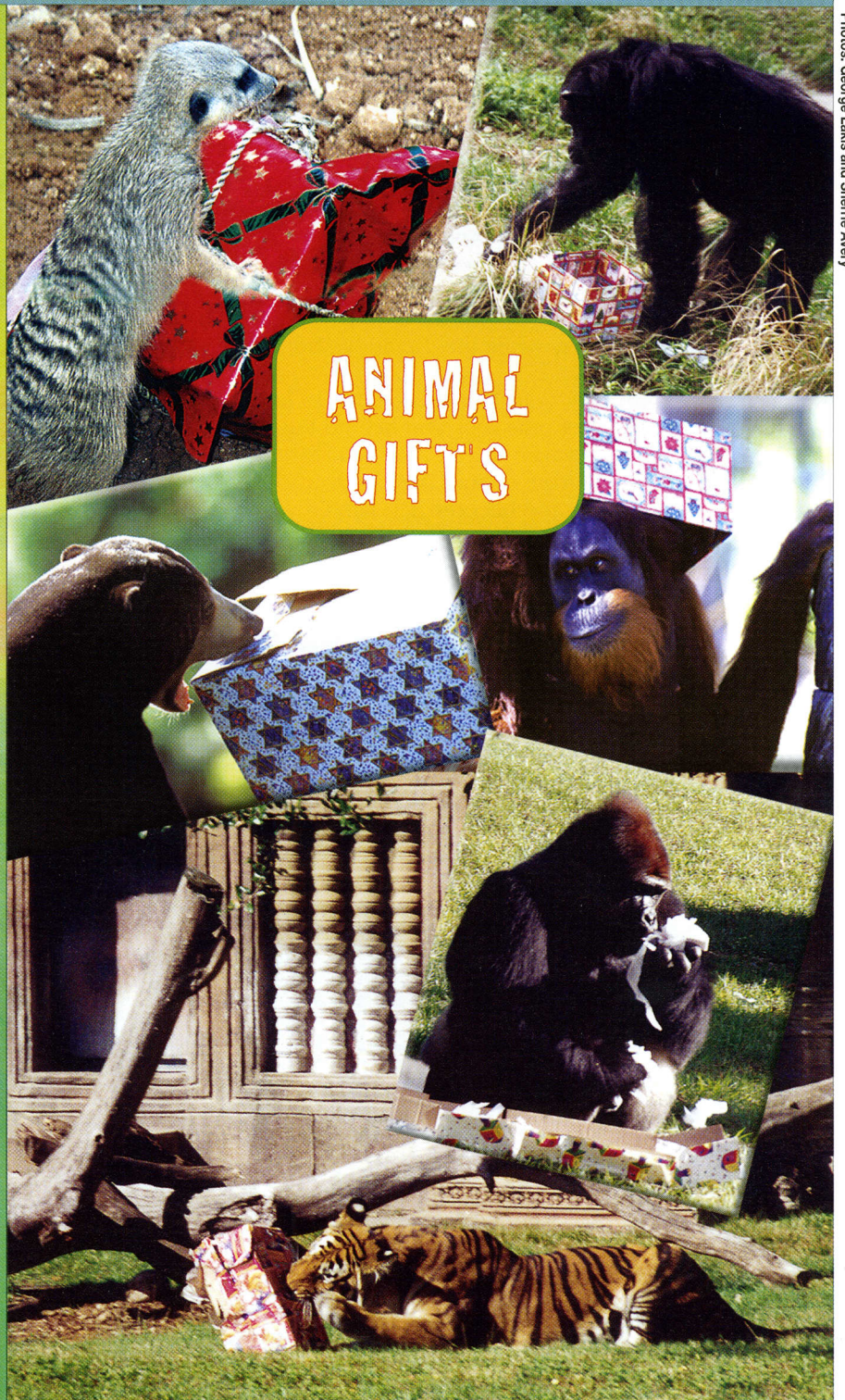
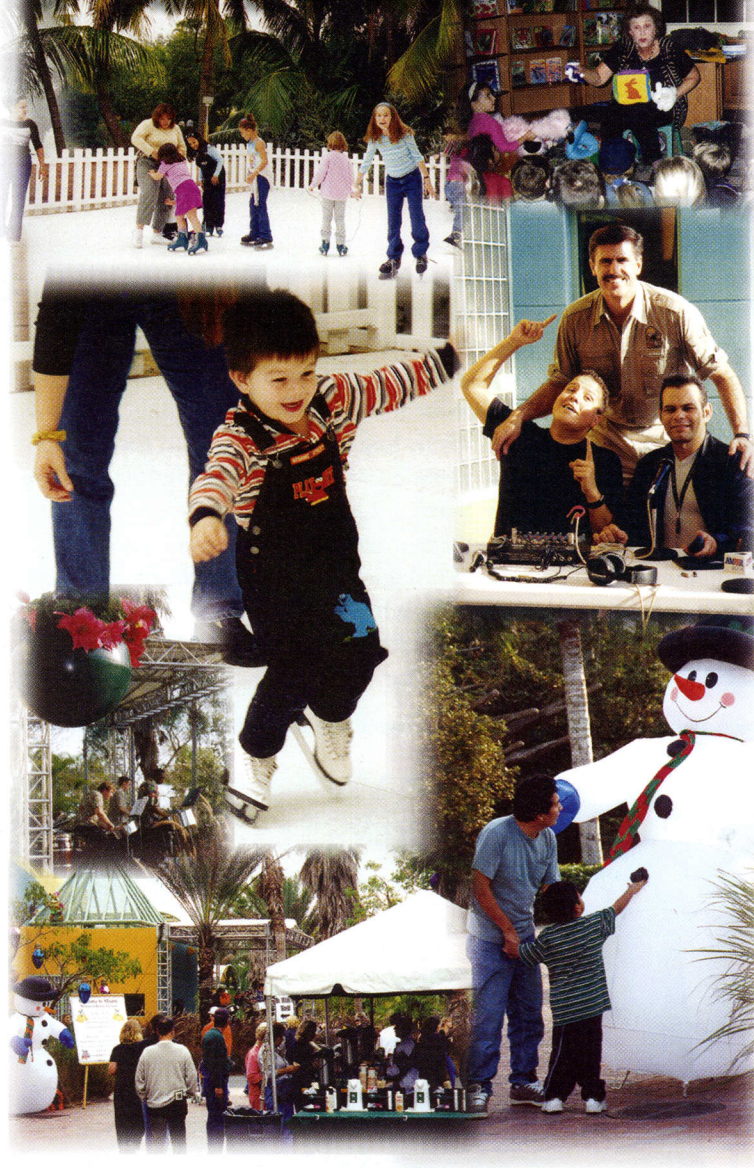


Cosmopolitan Hosts the Wild Bunch-December 5, 2001

Photos: Barbara Crutchfield and Sherrie Avery

Photos: George Lakis and Sherrie Avery

FUNLAND



The Zoo was transformed into a Holiday Funland from December 16-30, 2001 as visitors ice-skated in the River Plaza at Dr. Wilde's World, rode a train around the Siaming and gibbon exhibits, laughed at the antics of a number of animals opening their holiday gifts, listened to stories told by Linda Spitzer, enjoyed holiday music by Spiral Nazca and the Miami World Percussion Orchestra, and were treated to live remotes by Radio Amor 107.5 FM and Magic 102.7 FM.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

- Many thanks to **Baptist Health Systems** and particularly to **George Lakis** and **George Lakis Jr.** for photographing and video taping the Zoo, the Holidays at the Zoo, and our animals.
- To our very special friend **George Batchelor**, for his gift to construct the Hidden Ruins exhibit. Adults and children of all ages will enjoy wildlife from the Americas, thanks to your philanthropic leadership.
- To many **BellSouth Telephone Pioneers** for planting 200 trees at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum on Miami Metrozoo grounds on Saturday, November 10, 2001. Special thanks to **Bobette Mauck** who worked tirelessly to obtain donations of plants, soil and mulch, and for ensuring a very successful event.
- A heartfelt Thank You to **Boyer and Meyrovitz Charitable Foundation** for their continued support of ZSF's work with our community's youth.
- To **Cordis Corporation** for your support of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo.
- To **Ferdinand Phillips** for your friendship and continued involvement on the Board of Trustees.
- To the **Florida Division of Cultural Affairs** for your commitment to ZSF's goals.
- To **Jane and Jerry Goodman** for your years of commitment, and for giving to our programs and your favorite friends, the giraffes!
- A very warm Thank You to the **John E. and Nellie J. Bastien Memorial Foundation** for their yearly commitment to our goals.
- Many thanks to the **Miami World Percussion Orchestra** and **Spiral Nazca**, featuring **Oshka Tarazona** for their performances at our 2001 Holiday Funland.
- An earnest Thank You to the **Paul and Maxine Frohing Foundation Inc.** for their long-time support of ZSF's programs.
- Our deepest gratitude to **Peacock Foundation, Inc.** for their continued support of our education programs.
- A special Thank You to the **Sara H. Woodruff Foundation** for their generous support of our education and conservation efforts, and to **Libby Madden** for making this gift possible year after year.
- A sincere Thank You to **The Five Millers Family Foundation, Inc.** for their generous support of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo, and especially to **President Paul B. Steinberg** for making this gift a reality.



TRACKING THE MIGRATION OF BIRDS

By Nancy Hembree, ZSF Volunteer Docent

What better way to prepare for the re-opening of the aviary than to participate in Project FeederWatch? This is the second year that the volunteers of the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) set up bird feeders, watched, counted and recorded the species and numbers of birds that stopped by for a bite to eat, to rest on a branch or just to see what was going on in the area.

Our feeders are registered with the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology *Project FeederWatch*. *Project FeederWatch* began in 1987 as a winter survey of birds that visit backyard feeders in North America and a way to educate people about bird watching. Information collected each year helps ornithologists track changes in the abundance and distribution of bird species that use feeders in the winter.

The goals of *Project FeederWatch* are to:

- Gather long-term data on winter bird populations in North America,
- Detect significant population declines or expansions,
- Track the dynamic movements of nomadic and migratory species during winter months,
- Identify habitat features (including types of feeders and foods) that attract or enhance bird populations, and
- Provide direct feedback to *Project FeederWatch* participants and the general public regarding bird population trends.

Scientists at Cornell University stated, "Throughout the world, the kinds and numbers of birds vary from place to place and year to year. For scientists to develop a global understanding of changing bird populations, they need to watch and count birds across large geographic areas and over long spans of time." The ZSF volunteers gather that information for our area and forward it to Cornell University.

In addition to contributing to the scientific body of knowledge about birds, ZSF volunteers hone their observation skills (very useful for locating birds in the aviary) to observe and learn about bird behavior. Which birds flock together or

feed alone? Which ones are bullies? Which ones wait their turn? Which birds grab the seeds and fly away with them and which ones gulp them right down? Which ones pick through the feed looking for just the right seed? What calls do the birds make? Do they sing? Chirp? Squawk? Do they eat from the feeder or eat on the ground? Does the weather influence how many birds visit our feeder?

Correctly identifying the birds is critical to the accuracy of *Project FeederWatch*. None of the ZSF volunteers are experienced ornithologists, so there is the challenge of identifying the birds that visit. When an unidentified bird appears we follow several steps:

Take careful notes - observe plumage color, wing bars, eyebrows, throat color, mustache bars, beak shape and length (is it like a Cardinal, Woodpecker, Mockingbird?), eye color, relative size (bigger than a Blue Jay? smaller than a Sparrow?). We find that if we grab the bird book prior to noting these characteristics, the bird usually flies away while we are flipping the pages.

Note its behavior - is it perching? Walking? Bouncing? Feeding solitary or in a group of its kind?

Try to confirm what it is - make a sketch, take a photo or ask another knowledgeable birder for help.

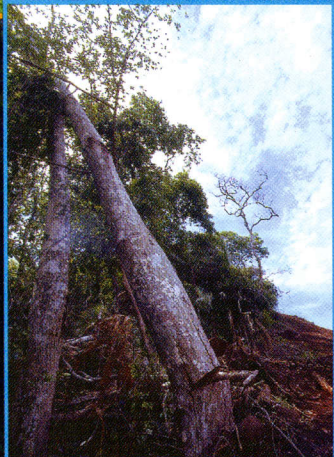
Although most of our birds are year-round residents (such as Blue Jays, Mourning Doves, Eurasian Doves and Grackles) - there are migratory birds that come by to see what is available to eat. Our favorite migrant, so far, is the Ruby Throated Hummingbird that comes to sip the nectar of the Ixora flowers. We never give up hoping that a Painted Bunting will arrive!

South Florida is a bird watcher's paradise, especially in the fall and winter. You can learn about local bird watching activities by contacting the Tropical Audubon Society of South Florida. If you are interested in learning how to have your own backyard *FeederWatch*, log on to the Cornell University web site at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw> > or write Cornell University, Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Watching birds is a wonderful way to spend time with your family, relax, relieve your stress, look more closely at the beauty of nature and contribute to scientific research. It will also help you have even more fun in the Zoo's new aviary!



THE RAINFOREST: A RENEWABLE OR LIMITED RESOURCE?



Photos: Ron Magjill

**By Cristina Heredia, Exhibits Specialist and
Dr. Kathleen Turner, DVM, Zoo Exhibits Manager**

"The Wonders of Tropical America" exhibit in Dr. Wilde's World is designed to creatively cultivate a great interest in saving our tropical forests. We often hear that it is important to act fast to save the rainforest, but we are not always aware of the facts about the situation. This exhibit provides an interactive experience that allows the visitor to develop a personal connection with the rainforest while learning fascinating factual information.

Tropical forests contain a wealth of valuable resources that are used by people everyday and everywhere. The loss of tropical forests can lead to much more than just species extinction. Besides providing products such as fruits, nuts, barks, latexes, fibers, resins, medicines, and exotic plants, tropical forests have a life-sustaining impact on our earth. Along with the world's oceans, forests absorb billions of tons of carbon every year. As the tropical rainforests are destroyed, this stored carbon is released into the atmosphere. The increased amount of atmospheric carbon compounds can absorb greater amounts of energy, which leads to the global warming phenomenon known as the "greenhouse effect".

The threat of deforestation is imminent. Deforestation is the process by which a forest is chopped down, burned, or damaged. Since tropical forests contain the greatest range of tree species, there is a high demand for industrial wood products such as lumber, panels, pulp, and paper. This high demand for timber can lead to accelerated rates of deforestation. There are many additional factors that

contribute to deforestation, including cattle ranching, crop planting, international logging, and the demand for fuelwood.

Enormous plots of land, often several square miles, are cleared in order to create pastures to raise beef for world markets. Many of the poor or "landless" people seeking work as cattle ranchers, head to the forests colonizing parts of the Amazon jungle. Colonizing the forests can be harmful to the farmers as well as the environment. The aggressive destruction of the forests can result in changes that create breeding grounds for disease. When forest areas are cleared, predatory animals must look elsewhere for food, allowing infected rodent populations to multiply. Farmers can also face a greater risk of contracting malaria. When forest trees are cut down, mosquitoes that would normally live in the canopy can come in contact with people and transmit the disease.

Peasant farmers, also called migrant cultivators, commonly practice crop planting. Crop planting is "slash and burn" agriculture. It usually involves a small plot of land, typically only a few acres, where trees are cut and then burned to prepare a plot for planting. As the trees burn, tremendous amounts of carbon are released into the atmosphere. The available nutrients of the cleared forestland do not remain in the soil for long; therefore, farmers must continuously plant a few crops, then move on to new plots that contain nutrients. The nutrient-poor areas can not be planted again for long time periods. Many farmers can not afford to purchase necessities and will work as

migrant cultivators. They sustain themselves and their families by raising crops for food and selling produce to markets.

Another major component of deforestation is commercial logging, which removes large numbers of trees from the forests to sell for wood and pulp. Logging takes place in two ways. One is by selectively cutting and collecting only certain valuable species of trees. Although only selected species are harvested, the surrounding forest areas are destroyed in order to access the desired species. The second method is clear-cutting, where all the trees in the area are cut. Clear-cutting requires heavy machinery and causes massive destruction to the forest. In addition to destroying the vegetation, the compacted soil contributes to erosion.

The international demand for timber is great and poorer tropical countries are in need of raising money for projects to pay debts and begin to develop industry. Logging companies often gain control of forestlands from locals through a variety of means in order to begin logging for profit. Usually these logging operations are interested in high-value species of hardwoods such as mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*).

Collection of fuelwood is also a strong contributor to deforestation. Developing countries depend on fuelwood for cooking and heating. This resource is dwindling and is costing more, leaving locals with no choice but to spend many hours harvesting it on their own. Heavy collection of fuelwood can lead to additional forest depletion and damage.

Fortunately, creative techniques are being implemented to provide products without destroying the rainforest. Productive agriculture and appropriate logging methods are on the rise. The use of plantations is one method that is currently used to supply products such as building materials, pulp, and fuelwood, while saving large acres of forest. This consists of planting fast-growing, highly productive, or multiple-use species. The babassu palm tree (*Orbignya martiana*) is one example of a multiple-use tree that can be farmed on the poor soils of the previously forested lands. The babassu palm tree provides a wealth of natural resources that includes oil, fertilizer cake, charcoal, methyl alcohol, acetic acid, and tar.

The increased use of agroforestry techniques is also good news. With agroforestry, trees and shrubs are planted with crops and livestock

to create a self-sustaining primary forest structure. This technique yields large amounts of wood products, increases the production of crops, creates new wildlife habitats, and improves ecosystems. In addition, it provides shade for valuable understory species including the cacao (chocolate) tree

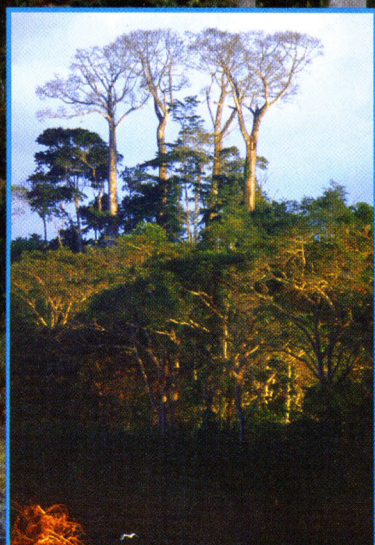
(*Theobroma cacao*).

These are only a few of the ingenious and innovative methods that allow farmers to earn a living without degrading the forest, while supplying the high demand for rainforest products. There is a great need for further development and implementation of these types of practices in order to sustain the rainforests. Through education, awareness, and an understanding of the dynamics of the forest as well as the

needs of the people, a successful and productive solution can be attained.

Dr. Wilde's World is dedicated to educating, entertaining, and inspiring people to discover why rainforests are important and what we stand to lose if these forests are destroyed. Once we have experienced the remarkable features of the tropical rainforest we can start to express our concerns and educate others on how to save these invaluable treasures.

This month is a good time to remember that Earth Day should be everyday all around the Globe!



Photos: Ron Magill

Teen Zoologist Interns

By Cecilia Betancourt, Education Specialist and
Jessica Pfeffer, Student Intern & Teen Zoologist

If you come to Metrozoo on a school day, you will notice the volunteer Zoo hosts right away as they help school groups enter the gates. You will also find volunteers at the information booth just inside the entrance; and once you're on the Zoo path, there are docents in front of many of the exhibits, sharing their considerable knowledge about our animals. Most of the people in these posts are retirees, but there is another group of volunteers, less visible but equally dedicated; they work in the Children's Zoo, in summer camps, in Doctor Wilde's World, in the Zoological Society of Florida offices, and with special events.

All these volunteers are high school students. New teenage volunteers are accepted every summer upon completing a week-long training course qualifying them to work at Metrozoo as Teen Zoologists. For each week of summer camp, Teen Zoologists outnumber teaching staff by three to one, and their help is invaluable! Although each volunteer makes a long-term commitment, some teens return to the zoo week after week, summer after summer, becoming fixtures of the Zoological Society and endearing themselves to the staff.

Some of these particularly committed teens are eventually hired as staff, like Michelle Baez, Education Assistant for the Zoological Society. Michelle has been with the Zoological Society in a variety of capacities for five years, and has gone from Teen Zoologist to camp counselor to Education Department staff member. Currently studying elementary education at FIU, Michelle now teaches our wildly popular toddler program, Zoodler Academy, twice a week. She also helps run the Zoo Inn program, teaches classes for schools on field trips, and serves as an administrative assistant in the Education office. Zoodlers, Zoo-Inn staff, and Education Staff all agree; we don't know what we'd do without Michelle.

Leah Grassi is also a former volunteer, now in her senior year at Miami Sunset Senior High School. Leah volunteered for two years and was then hired by the Education Department as a Zoo Inn guide. For the Zoo Inn program, groups sleep over at the Zoo for a behind-the-scenes tour and a variety of other activities. Leah is one of the staff members that leads the program, accompanying them on their tours and giving them a hands-on animal program each morning before they leave. Participants in the Zoo Inn program always praise Leah. Beyond her role as a Zoo Inn guide, Leah continues to volunteer her time for special Zoo events such as the Big Bug Out or the Howling Bash Halloween Party.

Some high school students receive academic credit for the work that they do at the Zoological Society. One such student, Jessica Pfeffer, is a senior at Killian High School. Formerly a Teen

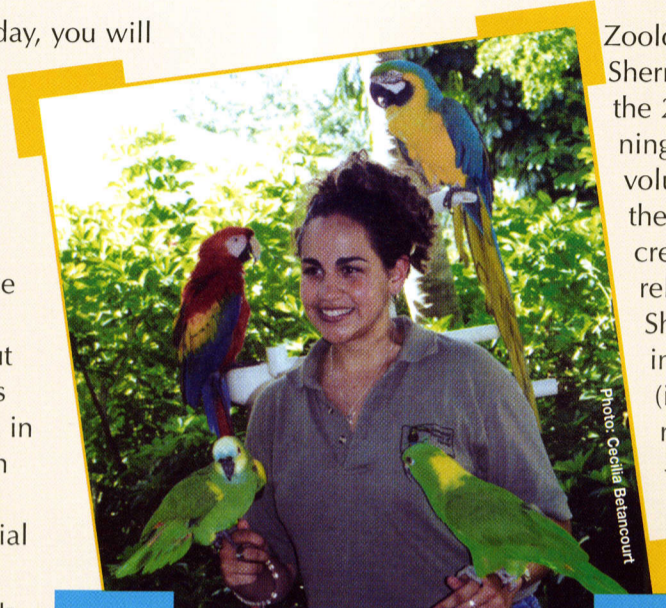


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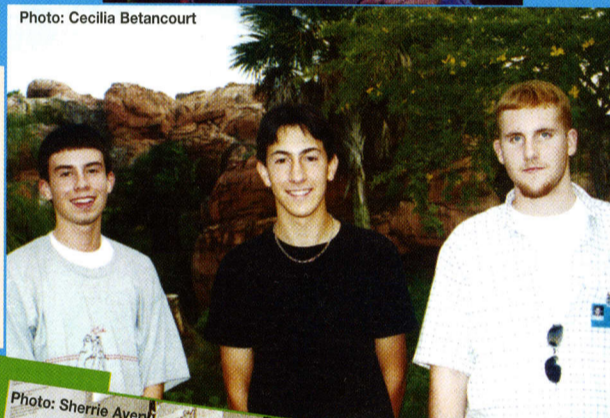
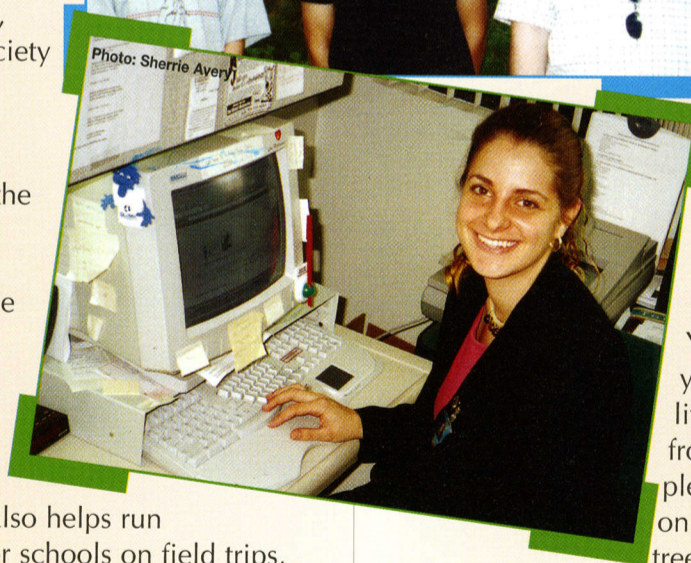


Photo: Sherrie Avery



ing animal behavior and are observing primates on Zoo grounds. For their next unit in botany, we will be taking them to the Everglades for an introduction to field botany with graduate students from the FIU biology department. Finally, these interns will be designing and carrying out an independent project under the guidance of the Education Department staff.

Becoming actively involved with Miami Metrozoo is not just a special learning experience, it's also a chance to have fun and explore one of the coolest places in Miami. People of all ages can participate in helping the Zoo to grow. Whether interning at the Zoological Society of Florida or helping at the Children's Zoo, all volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact the Education Department at (305) 255-5551.

Photo (Top): Michelle Baez with birds

Photo (Middle L-R): Jonathan Serna, Matt Fisher, Alex Seasholtz

Photo (Bottom): Jessica Pfeffer



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SPRING ADVENTURES AT ZOO CAMP

Enjoy a very special spring break discovering animals from around the world. Campers will learn about the world's earliest zoos and why, today, our Zoo is ranked among the top ten in the country!

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Zoo History—Spend the day learning about animal species that were part of the world's first exotic animal collections!

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Zoos are fun for animals and people!—Zoos are safe havens in which endangered animals live peacefully and raise families. The Zoo is also a fun place for people to learn. In this session, campers will explore the different ways that both animals and people enjoy the Zoo.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Metrozoo History—Did you know that Miami Metrozoo began many years ago, at Crandon Park on Key Biscayne, with a set of only six animals? Eventually, the animals outgrew their home, and the Zoo was moved across town to its present location. Some of the original animals are still here. Campers will meet them and learn about Metrozoo's past, present and future!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Working at the Zoo—Meet the people who take care of our Zoo. Professionals work hard to care for the animals, plants and people at the Zoo. Campers will meet them and learn all about their important work.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Home-Sweet-Homes—The Zoo is home to 229 animal species. They all have different needs based on their natural habitats. Campers will learn how each exhibit is designed with nature in mind and will have fun building their own miniature animal exhibits!

Ages: 4-11 years old

Dates: April 1-5

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: Members \$100.00

Non-members \$120.00

Early drop off is at 8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$10.00 per week.

After-care is from
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00 per week.



Zoodler Academy



Bring your little one to our popular toddler program! Zoodler Academy provides a safe and friendly environment for small children to meet animals and learn about nature. The program includes a story, craft project, touch table, and live animals.

Dates:
2-3-year-olds
 Tuesday, March 5: *Leo the Late Bloomer*
 Tuesday, March 12: *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*
 Tuesday, March 19: *Little Gorilla*
 Tuesday, March 26: *Dear Zoo*
 Tuesday, April 9: *Grandma Possum*
 Tuesday, April 16: *A Mother for Baby Bird*
 Tuesday, April 23: *Miss Spider's Tea Party*
 Tuesday, April 30: *A Porcupine Named Fluffy*

Dates:
3-4-year-olds
 Thursday, March 7: *Leo the Late Bloomer*
 Thursday, March 14: *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*
 Thursday, March 21: *Little Gorilla*
 Thursday, March 28: *Dear Zoo*
 Thursday, April 11: *Grandma Possum*
 Thursday, April 18: *A Mother for Baby Bird*
 Thursday, April 25: *Miss Spider's Tea Party*
 Thursday, May 2: *A Porcupine Named Fluffy*

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cost: Members: One Adult and One Child: \$10.00
 Additional Children: \$4.00 each
 Non-Members: One Adult and One Child: \$12.00
 Additional Children: \$6.00 each
 Alumni of Zoodler Academy's 2000-2001 season receive a \$2.00 discount.

Wild Nights

This program includes dinner and a behind-the-scenes tour with a zookeeper guide.



Dates: By request only
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cost: Members: \$20.00 per person;
 Non-members: \$25.00 per person.
 Available for adults and children six years and older.

Zoo-Inn



Bring your scout group, youth group, or biology class to spend the night. In this sleepover program, you'll have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark, a morning animal presentation, and more! Available for adults and children six years and over. Price includes a T-shirt, badge, two meals, and one snack.

Dates: Program offered Friday and Saturday nights throughout the school year.
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Cost: \$40.00 per person.
 Minimum group size: 15 • Maximum group size: 30

Educator's Day at Metrozoo

A fun way for teachers to do their "homework"

On November 3, 2001, the ZSF Education Department hosted a very successful workshop for 73 teachers representing Miami-Dade



Senior Keeper Adam Stern in Ecology Theater with Bearded dragon

public schools. This special event, held twice a year, orients teachers to utilize the Zoo and its Education Programs as a living classroom resource.

Participants earn ten master plan points toward their Teachers Education Center, M-DPS certificates. Ten extra points are offered when a teacher plans a class field trip to the Zoo immediately following the Educator's Day workshop. The teachers who participated in this year's workshop all deserve an A+!

For information or to register for this workshop, contact the Teacher Education Center (TEC) office at (305) 887-2002.



Children from Miami-Dade County's Head Start Program enjoy the Zoo with Commissioner Jimmy Morales.



Zoological Society of Florida All-Program Registration Form

Participant's Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Are you a ZSF Member? Yes ___ No ___ Membership # _____
 Payment Enclosed: Check # _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____ AMEX _____ Credit # _____ Expiration Date _____
 Customer Signature: _____ Total Camp or Program Fee: \$ _____

Participant Information

Parent/ Guardian's Name _____ Contact Phone: _____ Age/Grade of Child _____
 Program: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____
 Session: _____ Date _____

Campers Only/Camper's Medical Information

Physician's Name _____ Phone: _____ Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____

In an emergency, if the parent, guardian, or designated physician/dentist cannot be reached, I authorize the Zoological Society of Florida to transport and/or obtain medical services from any physician/dentist for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____
 Please indicate any medical conditions or health problems of which the Camp staff should be aware. Please describe: (if you require further space, please use a separate sheet of paper):

Allergies _____ Handicap _____ Prescribed Medications _____ Other _____
 (your signature below gives permission to Camp staff to dispense only required medications you send with your child. Please provide the prescribed container, paraphernalia necessary for taking medications, and explicit instructions on a separate sheet of paper.)

Name of Person(s) Who Will Pick Up the Child

Name _____ Relationship _____ Second name _____ Relationship _____ Phone# _____

Vehicle Information: Make _____ Color _____ Tag # _____ 2nd Vehicle: _____ Color _____ Tag # _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Zoological Society of Florida camp or other program as indicated above. I have read the registration and medical sections and have supplied accurate information. My child can be photographed and his/her picture used for public relations purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, and registration cannot be processed unless this form is completely filled out.

For reservations, call (305) 255-5551 and mail registration form to Zoological Society of Florida/Education Department, 12400 S. W. 152nd St, Miami, FL 33177-1499 or fax to (305) 255-7126



The annual event, which will be held from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, is Metrozoo's largest fundraiser and South Florida's premier social event, drawing more than 600 party animals from Palm Beach to South Dade. Tables of 10 are \$10,000 and \$5,000. For more information about Ball of the Wild or to make reservations, call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit www.zsf.org.

Summer Zoofari Camp

Don't miss the summertime fun at Metrozoo! Our Zoo campers will have an unforgettable time, while enjoying close up experiences with their favorite animals!

- Ages: 4 - 13 years old
- Dates: June 17 - August 16
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Cost: Members \$128 per week
Non-members \$148 per week

For more information, please contact the Education Department at (305)255-5551, ext. 123.



Photo: Maria Sarno

THE GREAT METROZOO EGG SAFARI

Sunday, March 31,
11 AM - 4 PM.

It's a magical day at Miami Metrozoo! With continuous egg safaris for kids 12 and under near the Children's Zoo, face painting, the Easter Bunny, fun "eggsperiments", Mr. Bunny Photo Spot and special surprises.



ANGELS HATCHERY KOI POND WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 13, 2002
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Avenue

Enjoy a fascinating presentation on Koi health, pond management, nutrition, filtration, disease prevention, and construction. A question and answer period will be followed by a tour of an ornamental fish farm. Cost: \$15 per person (Proceeds are donated to Metrozoo.) To register: Call Angels Hatchery at (305) 248-7777.

PINE ROCKLAND TOURS CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

See Dade County's Hidden Beauty, Join Us For the Next Adventure!

Sunday, April 21, 2002

Times: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
(leaving from the wart hog exhibit) The tour will last approximately 30 minutes



What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to explore the secrets Mother Nature has in store for you in Metrozoo's Rock Pinelands. Did you know that South Florida and the Bahamas are the only regions of the world where you'll find pine rockland forests?

In this fascinating 30-minute walk you'll learn about the pine rockland's geology, fire ecology, and many native plants, including some that are federally listed. We will get up-close-and-personal to this rare and endangered habitat!

The minimum age is 12. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

CORPORATE SURVIVOR CHALLENGE

Saturday, April 27 - Sunday, April 28, 2002

Didn't make it to the outback? Then come and be a survivor at Miami Metrozoo's version of the survivor game. This overnight fundraiser is another Wild Bunch event. Mud wars, scavenger hunt, mystery water challenge, camping challenges, Zoo night tour, luau feast and prizes. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The challenge ends at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, followed by a Luau dinner with music from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Debbie Mucarsel at (305) 255-5551, ext. 117.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT METROZOO

Sunday, April 21, 2002
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come learn about the wonderful things that nature has right in your own back yard and all you can do to "act locally." You'll enjoy a variety of activities and interesting presentations, plus live music and other surprises. This year's Earth Day event is being created by the ZSF volunteers. The Tropical Audubon Society of South Florida will be on hand. Learn how to create a butterfly garden in your own yard, and how to be more actively involved in conserving our natural resources. Think globally and act locally!

BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR ZOO: Volunteer!

Volunteers contribute in many different ways. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, come to one of our upcoming Open Houses. For dates and times, call the Volunteer Services Office at (305) 255-5551, ext. 124.

Events and dates are subject to change.

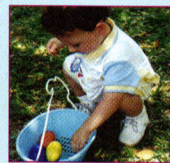
MARCH 2002



BALL OF THE WILD
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Saturday 2

THE GREAT METROZOO EGG SAFARI

Sunday 31



APRIL 2002

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Sunday 21

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MAY 2002

Fourth Annual

BIG BUG OUT

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5



Bring Mom to the Zoo on Mother's Day

Sunday 12

JUNE 2002

SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP

June 17- August 16



ENJOY FATHER'S DAY AT THE ZOO

Sunday 16

JULY 2002

SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP

June 17- August 16



AUGUST 2002



COOL ZOO SUMMER

Dr. Wilde's World and Summer Camp
July - August

SEPTEMBER 2002

COME SEE THE

KEEPER TALKS

Daily, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



ENJOY GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT THE ZOO

Sunday 8

OCTOBER 2002

MetroBoo!

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27



NOVEMBER 2002



Damien Kong Jamaican Iguana Fundraiser
TBA

The Zoo will be open on Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, 28

DECEMBER 2002



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT METROZOO

TBA

JANUARY 2003

Radio Disney Birthday Bash

TBA

FEBRUARY 2003

JUNGLE JOG 5K RUN & FUN WALK

TBA



For information on any of these events, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305)255-5551

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