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# TOUCAN TALK



July - August 2002

The secretive  
**Okapi**

Meet  
**Ramses**  
The baby giraffe.

**Kidzoodle!**  
Fun and games, just for kids!

Rainforest dwellers,  
**Emperor Tamarins**

# LOOK

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

Photo: Sherrie Avery



**Acquisitions:**  
Hedgehogs

### BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 1 Female bactrian camel March 08, 2002
- 1 Male reticulated giraffe. March 15, 2002
- 5 Sacred Ibis\* .....March 19, 2002
- 2 Demoiselle cranes\* .....April 16, 2002
- 1 Male southern gerenuk ...April 22, 2002
- 5 (3 male/2 female) North American ruddy ducks .....May 1, 2002

\* Gender undetermined

Photo: Dolora Batchelor

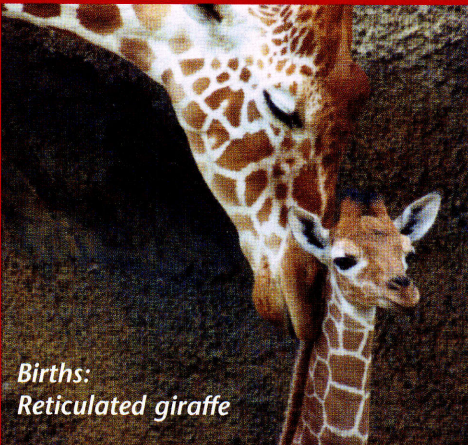


**New Aviary Resident:**  
Painted stork

### ACQUISITIONS

- 2 Male hedgehogs.....March 4, 2002
- 1 Male American crocodile. April 12, 2002
- 2 Giant gourami\* (Asian fish) April 13, 2002
- 2 (1 male/1 female) European pole cats .....April 17, 2002
- 2 Giant Thai catfish\* .....April 13, 2002

\* Gender undetermined



**Births:**  
Reticulated giraffe

### NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 2 Female lesser green broadbills .....March 13, 2002
- 6 (3 Male/3 Female) Blue-masked leafbirds .....March 13, 2002
- 1 Male sultan tit.....March 13, 2002
- 1 Male black bronzewing .....April 4, 2002
- 1 Male painted stork.....April 4, 2002

Photo: Richard Arnold

## New Exhibit EMPEROR TAMARINS

By Steve Conners, Metrozoo General Curator

Two diminutive emperor tamarins (*Sanguinus imperator*) are at home in the large display window visible from the front entrance to the ZSF building. Tamarins are almost exclusively South American with primary and secondary tropical forest canopies being their favored habitats.

Tamarins can be distinguished from other monkeys by their silky fur that is often brightly colored and grows in long adornments on the heads of several species. The incredible mustache of the emperor tamarin is an extreme example. They don't have opposable thumbs and all their nails have evolved into claws (except on the big toe) to enhance their climbing abilities.



An Emperor tamarin stops to stare.

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PHOTO: RON MAGILL



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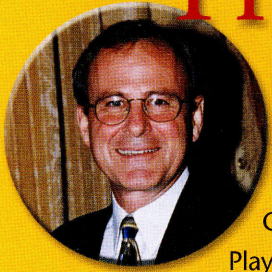
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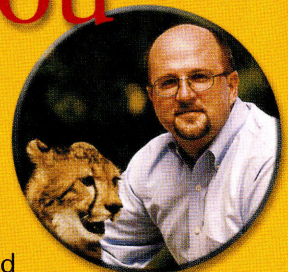


## DEAR FRIENDS,

Summer is underway and your Zoo is the coolest outdoor fun spot in town. Children will love the Seahorse Water Playground next to the Children's Zoo.

Spaced throughout the winding Zoo paths are misters, fans, chickee huts, shaded rest areas, benches with shade trees and two Rain Rooms. The waterfall in front of the Asian River Life exhibit (otters, Komodo dragon, and clouded leopard) is a great spot to rest and cool down. The guided tram tour is a relaxing way to see the Zoo and be out of the direct sun. For air-conditioned comfort while seeing the exhibits, take the monorail or explore the magic of the Tropical American rain forest in Dr. Wilde's World.

Check out the construction of the American Bankers Family Aviary *Wings of Asia*. The birds are arriving almost faster than we can count them! They are being kept behind-the-scenes until all construction is complete.



In addition, make sure you don't miss our newest additions in the African Section of the zoo, the okapi and giant eland. They are both very impressive and represent dramatic improvements to our animal collection.

Encourage your friends, relatives and business associates to enjoy the Zoo this summer. Word of mouth is the best advertising there is, and YOU can make a big difference in helping us to boost summer attendance and share the latest Zoo news.

**GLENN W. EKEY**  
Executive Director,  
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Miami Metrozoo donated an Adopt-An-Animal certificate with a \$2,500 value to be used in an eBay auction to raise the money for the scholarship fund. For more information on how you can become involved in this worthwhile effort, visit their website at: [www.familiesoffreedom.org](http://www.familiesoffreedom.org)

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Find out how to be more involved in your Zoo. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (305)255-5551, ext. 124.

**State Representative Edward Bullard takes  
Miami Metrozoo's Cheetah to Tallahassee.**

# SPOTTED ON THE HILL

Miami-Dade Days in Tallahassee were unlike any others in recent memory. As

African cheetah Savannah strolled onto the floor of the Florida State Legislature, the legislative assembly literally came to a halt. The cheetah's trip to the State Capitol was facilitated by State Representative Edward Bullard and his wife the Honorable Larcenia Bullard, both who are actively committed to Miami Metrozoo. Mrs. Bullard serves on the Board of Directors of the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF). "The Bullards are among our greatest champions of the Zoo's mission to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and to help conserve it for future generations," said Glenn W. Ekey, ZSF Executive Director.

We are indebted to ZSF president Daniel J. Licciardi for the several trips he made to Tallahassee to personally speak with the state legislators and governor on behalf of Miami Metrozoo. He is indeed a great friend and champion of ZSF and the Zoo.

Savannah represented Miami-Dade County and Miami Metrozoo at this year's Miami-Dade Days in Tallahassee on February 27 and 28. Governor Jeb Bush, Secretary of State Kathy Harris, and dozens of other

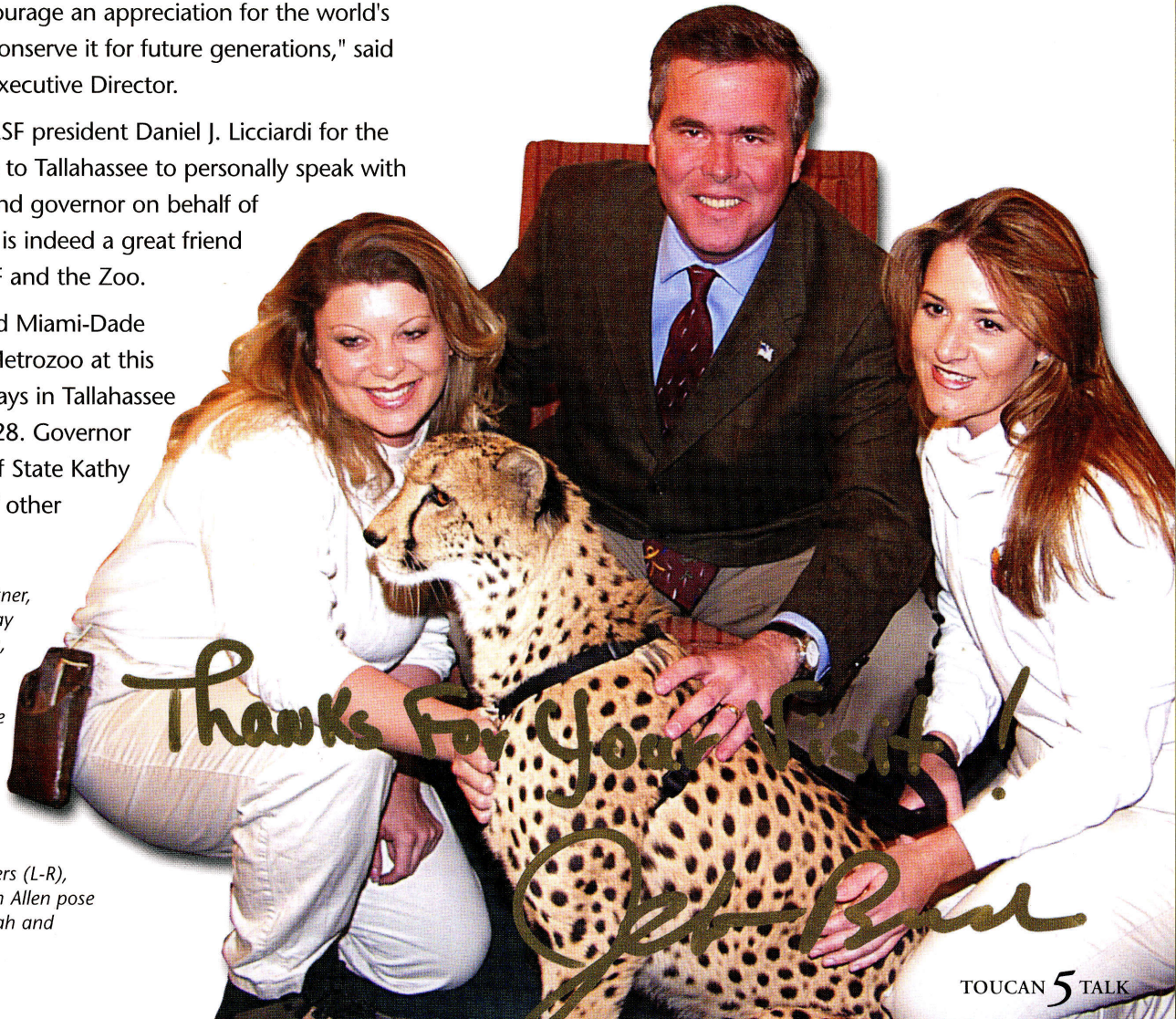
legislators were treated to a special office visit, purrs and even hand-licking by the graceful feline.

Savannah flew in style inside the cabin on Miami Air International, thanks to president and owner, Ross Fischer. Accompanying Savannah to Tallahassee and representing the Zoological Society of Florida on behalf of Miami Metrozoo were Paul Vrooman, Director of Marketing; Ron Stayton, Associate Director of Development; and animal handlers Susan Allen and Jennifer Nelson.

**TOP PHOTO:**

L-R: Rodney Barreto, Partner, Barreto, Cunningham, May Corporate & Public Affairs, ZSF Board Member & Lobbyist; Governor Jeb Bush; State Representative Edward Bullard; Daniel J. Licciardi, VP, Finance & General Manager Miami Jai-Ali & ZSF President

**BOTTOM PHOTO:** Miami Metrozoo's animal handlers (L-R), Jennifer Nelson and Susan Allen pose with Savannah the cheetah and Governor Jeb Bush.



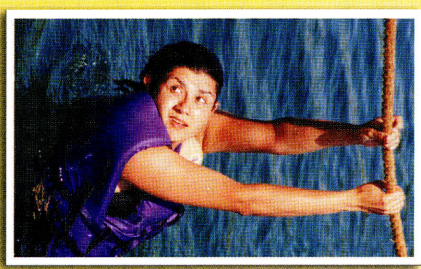


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# The First Annual Green Cross Health Systems Corporate Survival Challenge

It was a unique fundraising event, unlike any you've ever seen: a no-holds-barred series of physical and mental challenges, held at a remote, rugged location behind-the-scenes at Miami Metrozoo. More than 80 "tribespeople" and volunteers spent an action-packed day at the Zoo, and

competition was fierce to determine who would reign as the tribe of "ultimate survivors." In addition to the pride that comes from being the best of the best, the first place winners, the Blue Morphos (the only non-corporate tribe, and the only tribe with only 4 members) each took home a weekend for two at the luxurious new Our Lucaya Beach & Golf Resort in Grand Bahama Island – a chance to rest up and relax after taking the principle "survival of the fittest" literally.

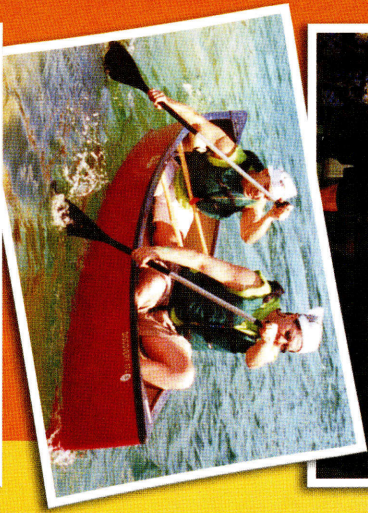
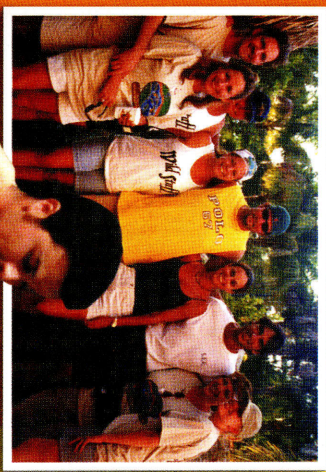


**Hosted by the  
Zoological Society  
of Florida's  
Wild Bunch at  
Miami Metrozoo  
on Saturday,  
April 27 2002**

We extend our very special thanks to Gilles D'Andrieux, SEE Productions for organizing the event, and to Guillemmo

Levy for his tireless leadership as Wild Bunch Events Chair; to the Wild Bunch Events Committee: Drew Cashmere, Sean Kramer, Sallie Anne Marvil, Monika Mucarsel, Joanne Palenzuela, Stephanie Parks, Robert Powell, Valerie Quemada and Rosina Villavicencio; and to ZSF staff for many long hours of planning.

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**PHOTOS:** (Top Right) Swimming/Bridge Challenge: Liliana Escamilla, Reprografia White Bengal Tigers, (TopLeft) First Prize Winners, the Blue Morpho Tribe: Stephane Gressler, Closet Mold, Inc.; Ben Wolkov, Hurnton & Williams; Gilles D'Andrieux, SEE Production; Carouis de Palma, Senior at Coral Gables High School; Michael Popok, (Second Left) Canoe Challenge: Veriphone Crocodiles; (Third Left) Corporate Survival Challenge Organizing Team: Robert Powell, Steel Hector & Davis; Debbie Mucarsel, Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF); Carla Hubbard, ZSF; Michelle Loret, ZSF; Guillemmo Levy; Steel Hector & Davis & Wild Bunch Vice Chair of Events; Christy Ceballos; Gilles D'Andrieux, SEE Production; Jamie Lassonde, ZSF; Sarah Graf, ZSF, (Bottom Left) Sumo Wrestling: Orangutans vs White Bengal Tigers, (Bottom Right) Miguel Nunez, Green Cross Health Systems Orangutans, Presenting Sponsor



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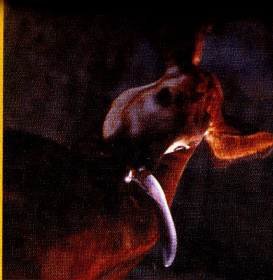
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**You're a great friend to have!**



Photo: Barbara Crutchfield



The dense equatorial forest habitat in central Africa has made the okapi a difficult animal to study or even observe. In fact, its existence was unknown to science until the early part of the 20th century.

# Okapi

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Secretive

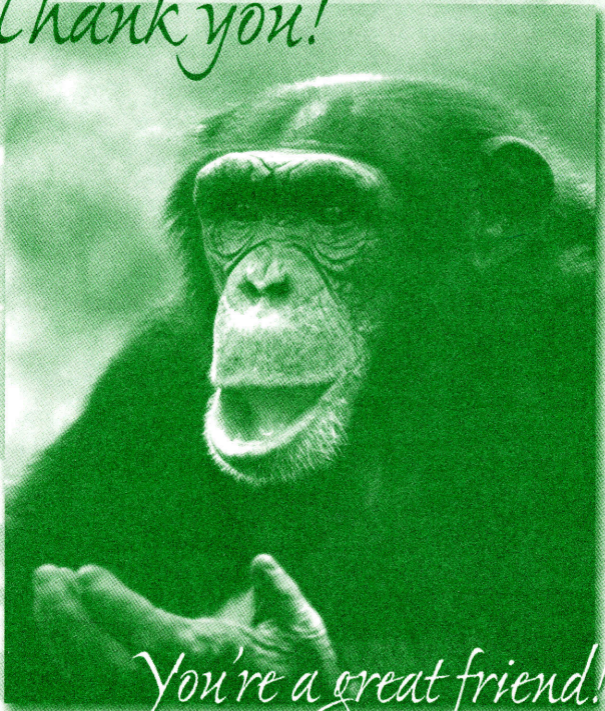
By Steve Conners, Metrozoo's General Curator and Terry Webb,

Zoological Supervisor





*Thank you!*



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On behalf of all our furry, winged, and scaly friends at Miami Metrozoo, we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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When you give to the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF), you give to our education programs, our animals and our efforts to educate the community about wildlife preservation and conservation. Everyday, your gift is at work, helping us complete our important mission to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and to help conserve it for future generations.

Wildlife conservation is a top priority for us, and our goal is to enlighten others through the Zoo's network of multi-faceted education programs. Currently Miami Metrozoo is breeding over 40 species of animals, like the Bengal tiger, that are in danger of extinction. We are helping to conserve tree kangaroos in New Guinea and Amazon parrots in the West Indies. Over 200 volunteers spend some 40,000 hours a year teaching visitors about the animals.

If it were not for Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida, your children and grandchildren might never have the privilege of seeing a black rhino or an African elephant.

We know you have a choice in gift giving. We value and appreciate your generosity and recognize your gift as an act of genuine caring and support of our mission. Please contribute to ZSF and make a difference in the future of the world's wildlife. In doing so, you will not only help make Miami Metrozoo a better place to visit, but you will also increase the odds that the animals you see here will not become extinct.  
*Thank you.*





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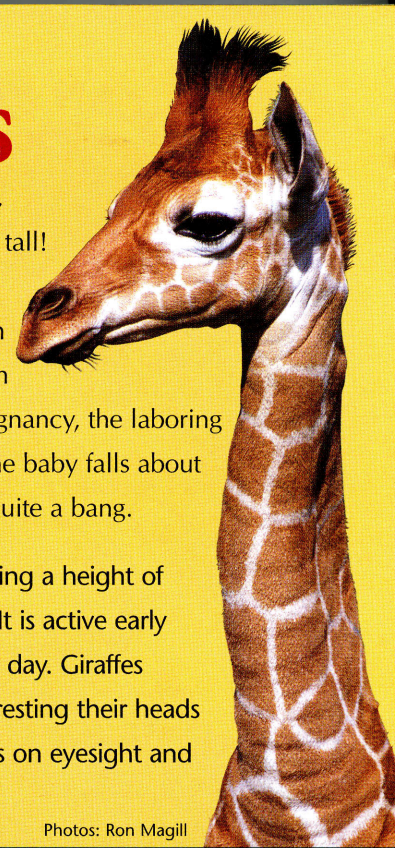


# Meet Ramses

Ramses, a reticulated giraffe, was born on March 15th, weighing in at a mere 161 pounds and standing 6 feet tall! Ramses is the 32nd giraffe to be born at the Zoo, including several born at the old Crandon Park Zoo on Key Biscayne prior to 1980. His mother, Kita, was born at Metrozoo in February 1984. After 15 months of pregnancy, the laboring mother rarely, if ever, lies down while giving birth! The baby falls about 4-6 feet to the ground where it meets the world with quite a bang.

The giraffe is the tallest living terrestrial animal, averaging a height of 16-18 feet and weighing about 1,400-2,000 pounds. It is active early morning and evening and rests during the heat of the day. Giraffes usually sleep standing, but will occasionally lie down, resting their heads on the lower part of one hind leg. The giraffe depends on eyesight and may have color vision.

Photos: Ron Magill



Based on some small strips of hide sent from the then Belgian Congo to the Zoological Society of London, the first description of an okapi was published in 1900. Initially scientists believed it to be some type of zebra because of the bold stripes on the skin fragment.

The following year, an entire skin and skull arrived in London, and it was obvious this was a relative of the giraffe. It was unique enough, however, to be placed in its own genus, *Okapia*. It's specific name, *johnstoni*, is a tribute to Sir Harry Johnston, the man who obtained the skin and bones from which the animal was described. The first live okapi arrived in Europe in 1918 and in North America at the NY Bronx Zoo in 1937. It is interesting to note that five large mammals have been discovered since the okapi--one of these as recently as 1990.

The overall color of the okapi is a rich, dark maroon-brown. The fur is short and fine, looking like velvet. The lower portions of the legs are nearly pure white. The dark body color merges with the white via a series of distinct horizontal stripes on the rump and upper parts of all four legs. The giraffe-like head with its

large ears and eyes stares calmly down at you from a height of about seven feet. A 14-inch tongue is used for grasping otherwise out-of-reach leaves, and also comes in handy for ear and eye cleaning! The okapi's most important senses are smell and hearing.

Okapi feed on the freshly growing tips of trees and shrubs at the edges of rainforest clearings. Mainly solitary animals and never found in herds, females tend to maintain separate territories of one to two square miles in size while the males apparently do not, and range over large areas.

There are believed to be about 30,000 okapi living in the forests of central Africa and less than 60 in captivity in the United States. The Ituri forest in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has the highest concentration of the species. They are not considered endangered yet, but poaching, mining and logging are all occurring in this unique forest. Metrozoo's two females, 3-year-old Kiara and 2-year-old Karma, will be paired with suitable males sometime in the future. Our Okapi came from the San Diego and Oklahoma City zoos.

## GIRAFFES AND OKAPI Celebrating their similarities and differences

The beautiful okapi is now on exhibit across from its giraffe cousins. Notice the similarities in their ambling walks, straddling or bending their forelegs to reach the ground with their mouths, elongated, pointed faces, small skin and hair-covered horns, large soulful eyes with sweeping lashes, and long tongues. Both are built with their front quarters taller than their hindquarters. The okapi is unsociable, whereas the giraffe is gregarious.



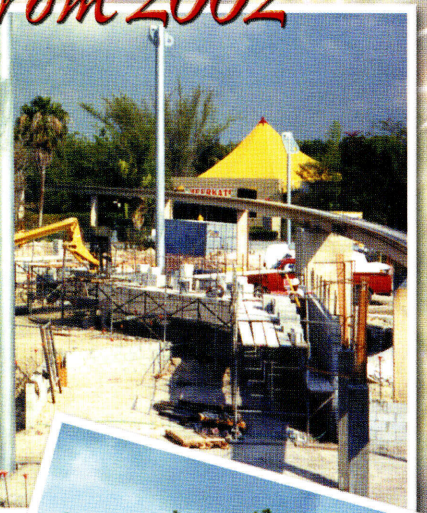
# Wings of Asia

at Miami Metrozoo

*Excitement abounds at the Zoo* as the construction of the aviary takes on very recognizable shape. The roofs are on the buildings, and the support poles and wires for the free flight aviary are in place. "The project is progressing on schedule, and we're looking to see substantial completion by the end of this year," said Elisabeth Koncza, Deputy Director of the Zoological Society of Florida and Education Director. "It's wonderful to see the variety and beauty of the birds that have already arrived at the Zoo, and more exciting to imagine them flying, perching and swimming in what will be a gorgeous tropical setting."



## Images from 2002



## Images from 1992

*While we watch* the construction of the aviary's Research Center, models of birds and dinosaurs are being cast in Canada and a 6-minute movie about dinosaurs and birds is being produced in Boston. Just like Dr. Wilde's World, the aviary will offer hands-on, interactive fun (and learning) for everyone.



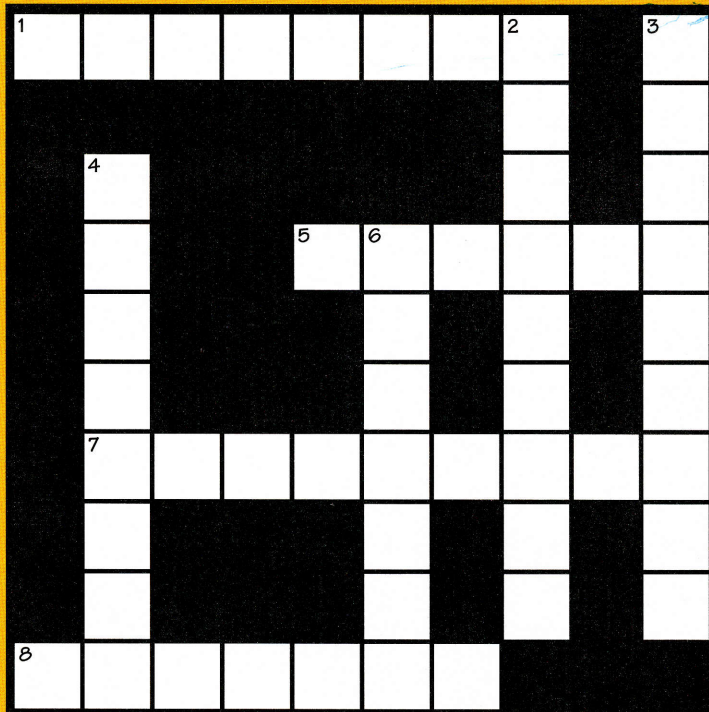
# KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES  JUST FOR KIDS!



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the clues across and down to help solve the puzzle!



### Across

- Bird's have these covering their bodies.
- Rainforest, ocean, ( d \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- Frogs, toads and newts all belong to this group.
- An order of mammals that includes apes, monkeys and humans.

### Down

- A ( s \_\_\_\_\_ ) may study zoology, biology, etc.
- Active at night.
- An animal that hunts its prey.
- The term used when a species no longer exists.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 What weighs 8,000 pounds, and is almost 6 times heavier than a large camel?  
 Answer: Peggy, Miami Metrozoo's African elephant

## WORD SEARCH

Find the words listed on the left, hidden in the puzzle!

- ANOVA
- CHIMPANZEE
- FLAMINGO
- CROCODILE
- IMPALA
- KOMODO
- DRAGON
- PORCUPINE
- RHINOCEROS
- SLOTH BEAR
- TIGER
- WARTHOG

K I I K E J S A K B L Q  
 P O R C U P I N E L A B  
 B I M P A L A O H X J P  
 A R G O H T R A W I V D  
 T E L I D O C O R C O S  
 S R H I N O C E R O S D  
 A N J O V T D V G I E D  
 F N I E F F A R I G P T  
 L S L O T H B E A R I H  
 N L B F L A M I N G O U  
 C H I M P A N Z E E O H  
 N G W K L X G R F G I N

Answer Key  
 CROSSWORD PUZZLE:  
 Across  
 1. FEATHERS, 5. DESERT, 7. AMPHIBIAN  
 8. PRIMATE  
 Down  
 2. SCIENTIST, 3. NOCTURNAL, 4. PREDATOR  
 6. EXTINCT



A

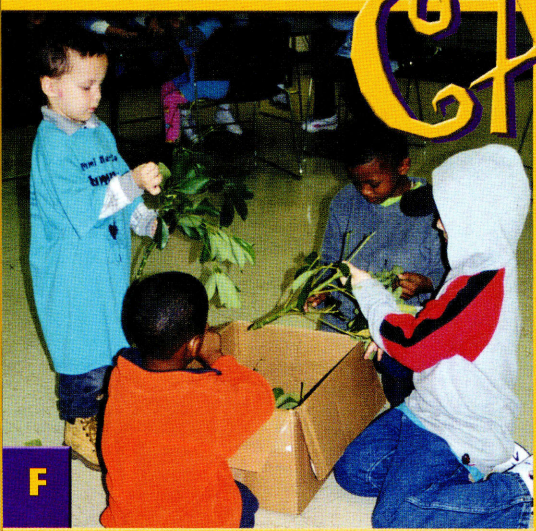


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# CAMP FUN!

Real wild kids with real live animals!

PHOTOS: (Clockwise from Top Left)



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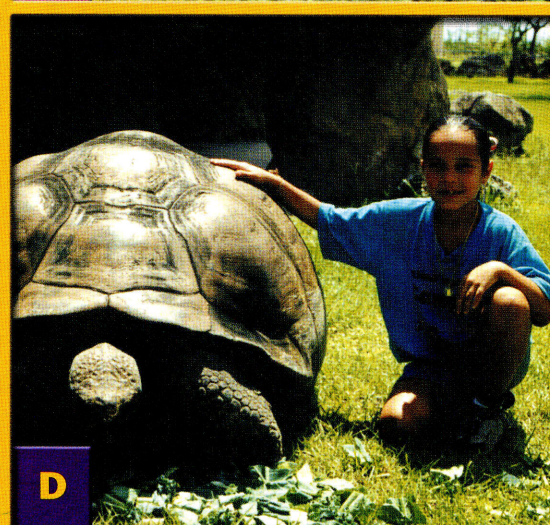


C



E

- A Listening with animal ears
- B Making a "tiger treat tube"
- C Tiger enjoying "tiger treat tube"
- D My new friend
- E Baird's tapir enjoying a treat box
- F Boys making a treat box



D

## ◆ ◆ ◆ STUDENT HIGHLIGHT! ◆ ◆ ◆

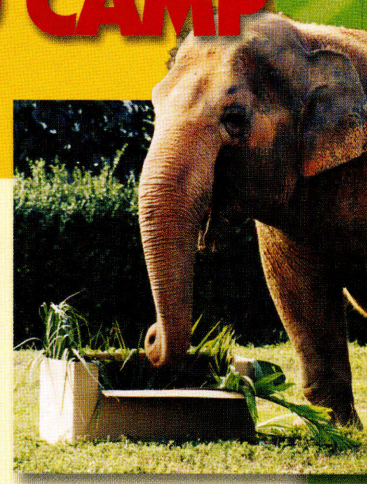
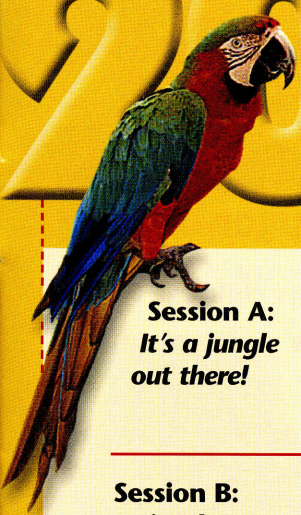


**Amanda G. Robles**, 2nd Grade, PATH, Coral Reef Park

"On February the 20th I went to Miami Metrozoo. At the zoo I had a class at Dr. Wild's exhibit. I got a drinking cup there, as a souvenir. I learned about animals and their habitats. A habitat is an animal's home. I learned about animals that live in the Rainforest. Some of the animals that live in the Rainforest are spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, jaguars, and blue morpho butterflies. I learned that the jaguar is the fastest animal in the Rainforest."



# 2002 SUMMER ZOO CAMP



*Learn to make snacks for wild animals!*

**Session A:  
It's a jungle out there!**

Animals work hard to make a living in the natural world. During this week devoted to animal adaptations, you'll learn about foraging strategies, techniques that protect prey from hungry neighborhood predators, and how the support of friends makes tough times bearable.

**Session B:  
Animals and me**

What makes pests pesky? Do exotic animals make good pets? What do people have in common with their closest non-human relatives? In this session, you'll explore the connections between people and animals across cultures, through time, at home, and in the wild.

**Session C:  
Wildlife celebration!**

A healthy ecosystem is a team effort, and each animal plays an important part in its natural community. In this session, you'll learn about the far-reaching effects of extinction and what you can do, everyday, to make a difference. Join us in our celebration of the world's wildlife, and gain a new appreciation for our most precious natural resources!

**CAMP SCHEDULE AND COST**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Cost: Members \$128 per week, Non-members \$148 per week**  
**\$10 discount with 2 or more weeks registration or... \$10 discount with 2 or more registrants per week.**  
**One discount per family.**

## Session dates to remember

**June 17 – 21**

|           |            |                 |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Session A | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds   |
|           | Zoolife    | 11-13-year-olds |
| Session B | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds  |

**July 15 – 19**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session B | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session C | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**June 24 – 28**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session B | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session C | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**July 22 – 26**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session C | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session A | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**July 1 – 5\***

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session C | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session A | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**July 29 – Aug 2**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session A | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session B | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**July 8 – 12**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session A | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session B | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**August 5 – 9**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session B | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session C | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

**August 12 – 16**

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Session C | Kindercamp | 4-6-year-olds  |
| Session A | Zoofari    | 7-10-year-olds |

\*Note: Camp will be held on July 4.

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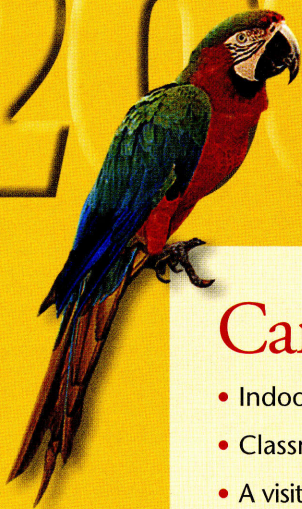
*Make new friends and have fun!*



*Meet real, live animals close-up!*



# SUMMER ZOO CAMP



## Camp Activities

- Indoor and outdoor activities alternated for comfort
- Classroom presentations with animal skulls, skins, teeth, tusks, etc.
- A visit to Dr. Wilde's World and the wonders of the Tropical American rainforest
- Visits to animal exhibits and with the animal keepers
- A behind-the-scenes visit (at least once a week)
- Many close-up classroom encounters with small birds, mammals and reptiles

### EARLY MORNING DROP-OFFS

8:30 a.m.,  
\$15 per week per child

### AFTER CAMP CARE

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,  
\$35 per week per child

- Arts and crafts
- Classroom preparation of special treats and toys for animal enrichment followed by a visit to watch the animals enjoy their gifts
- Water play (children should have a change of clothes)
- Playground time
- Storytelling
- Schedules subject to change depending on weather and animal welfare issues
- **PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH NOT PROVIDED**



Send a completed registration form along with payment to:

Zoological Society of Florida  
Education Department  
12400 SW 152nd Street  
Miami, FL 33177-1499  
Phone: 305-255-5551  
Fax: 305-255-7126

### CANCELLATION FEE

\$30 fee is applied if cancellation  
is made ten days or less prior to  
the program date.

NOTE: Enrollment is not confirmed until the Education Department has received both a completed registration form and full payment.

## Important phone numbers:

Educational Programs.....305-255-5551, ext. 123  
 Membership / Adopt-An-Animal.....305-255-5551, ext. 111  
 Volunteering / Walking Tours.....305-255-5551, ext. 124  
 General Information .....305-251-0400  
 Group Sales / Picnics .....305-251-0400, ext. 230  
 Birthday Packages .....305-233-8389



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# AT THE ZOO!

Summer time is here!

## JULY 4TH OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC

At Miami Metrozoo / 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Bring your family to the Zoo for good old-fashioned Independence Day fun, food, games, and music by the Coca Cola Street Crew. Take a walk on the wild side and see some of the most awesome animals in the world.

## COOL ZOO SUMMER FUN

Enjoy An Outdoor Wildlife Adventure that's Cool and Refreshing.

This summer, fans will be added to the misters along the paths! Kids can get wet at the new Seahorse Water Play area next to the Children's Zoo as well as two Rain Rooms (one in front of orangutans and one opposite guanacos). Young chimps have a handle on summer fun whenever they decide to douse the unsuspecting visitor who stands under two showerheads at their exhibit! And don't forget the air-conditioned monorail and Dr. Wilde's World to keep you cool.

Cool Zoo™ products will be available for your comfort and convenience, including Burr Bands™ that keep you cool, visors, hats, fans, bike bottles, sunscreen and towels.

## ENTERTAINMENT

NEW THIS SUMMER! **The Glacier Run** - Chill out on a downhill race through an Arctic ice quarry on the coolest simulator ride ever!

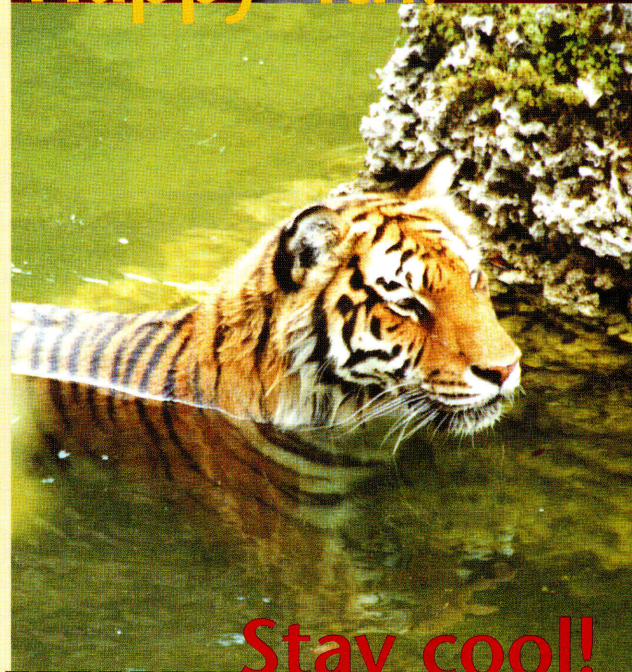
There will be special events throughout the summer, so be sure to frequently check the Zoo's website at [www.miamimetrozoo.com](http://www.miamimetrozoo.com).

## NEW ANIMALS

Along with the exciting and awesome new okapi and giant eland exhibits, see our new animal babies. Frederika, the lowland gorilla, is expecting a baby in late June, early July. Two more additions are expected in July, a second giraffe and a Grant's zebra! You won't want to miss these new babies!



# Happy 4th!



# Stay cool!

## National Geographic Television at Miami Metrozoo

Miami Metrozoo was honored and delighted to have Miami Spanish TV host Antonella Palazio and a film crew from National Geographic Television filming at the Zoo on April 20th. They are hoping to produce a series on wild animal babies and animal behaviors. Miami Metrozoo is a favorite location for television and movie producers, as the expansive animal exhibits make the animals look like they're in the wild.

*Antonella Palazio bottle feeding bactrian camel*



# COOL ZOO SUPER SAVINGS!

## All Summer at the TOUCAN TRADER GIFT SHOP at the ZOO!

Zoo Members receive a 20% discount on any Cool Zoo logoed merchandise. Choose from such items as bike bottles, fans and caps. **COUPON EXPIRES ON AUG. 31, 2002.**

# MIAMI METROZOO FRIDGE CALENDAR

Calendar events and dates are subject to change. For information on any of these events, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305)255-5551



## SEPTEMBER 2002

### KEEPER TALKS

Daily, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy Grandparents' Day at the Zoo  
Sunday 8

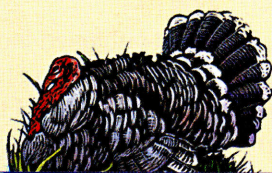


## OCTOBER 2002

### METROBOO!

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27

**HOWLING BASH**  
Friday 25



## NOVEMBER 2002

### WALK OFF THE TURKEY!

The Zoo's open on Thanksgiving Day,  
Thursday 28



## DECEMBER 2002

### CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT METROZOO

TBA  
**WINTER CAMP TBA**



## JANUARY 2003

**RADIO DISNEY BIRTHDAY BASH**  
TBA



## FEBRUARY 2003

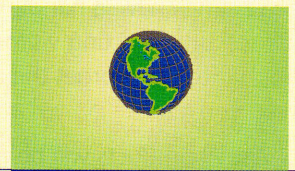
**JUNGLE JOG 5K RUN & FUN WALK** Sunday 9

American Bankers Family Aviary  
*The Wings of Asia* TBA



## MARCH 2003

**BALL OF THE WILD**  
Saturday 1



## APRIL 2003

**EARTH DAY**  
TBA

**EGG SAFARI**  
TBA



## MAY 2003

**FIFTH ANNUAL BIG BUG OUT**  
TBA



## JUNE 2003

**SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP** June - August

Enjoy Father's Day  
Sunday 15



## JULY 2003

**FOURTH FEST**



## AUGUST 2003

**COOL ZOO SUMMER**

Dr. Wilde's World  
July - August

*Wings of Asia* June - August



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