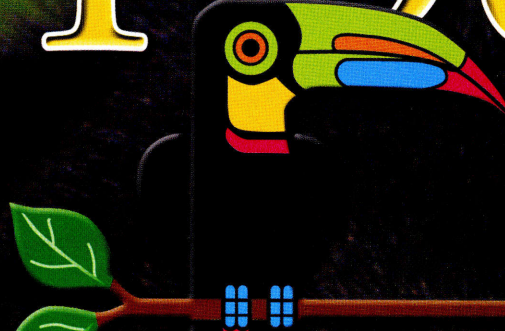


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Fourth-graders experience  
**Carnival Kids Program**

# LOOK

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

Photo: Ron Magill

### ACQUISITIONS

- 2 Sucker fish\* ..... April 13
- 2 Catfish\* .....April 13
- 1 Female southern gerenuk.....May 9
- 1 Female northern lesser bush baby (primate).....May 31
- 1 Male red kangaroo .....June 15
- 1 Striped skunk\*.....June 10
- 2 Caribbean flamingos\* .....June 11

\* Gender undetermined

### Births: Stanley Crane



### NEW BIRDS FOR THE AVIARY

- 2 Male, 1 female green peafowls.....May 9
- 1 Female abyssinian ground hornbill .....June 7

\* Gender undetermined



### BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 6 Mandarin ducks\*..... May 30
- 1 Male Grant's zebra ..... June 7
- 2 Stanley cranes\* ..... June 16
- 15 Krefft's river turtles\*..... June 19 & 20
- 1 Female western lowland gorilla . June 22

\* Gender undetermined

### Acquisition: Southern Gerenuk

Photo: Barbara Crutchfield

### New Aviary Resident: Green Peafowl

Photo: Dolora Batchelor



### It's a girl!

**Alice**, a Lowland Gorilla born June 22, 2002, weighing 2 - 4 pounds.

Photo: Ron Magill

### It's a boy!

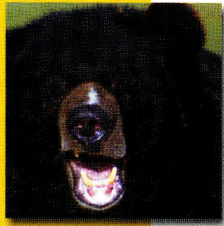
**Sargent**, a Grant's Zebra born June 7, 2002, weighing 86 pounds, standing 3 feet tall!

Photo: Ron Magill

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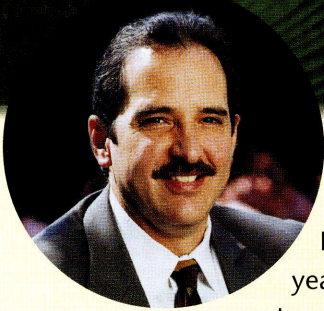
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# Message from the President



**Dear Friends,**

It's amazing how quickly two years can fly. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as President of the Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF). I am indebted to the wonderful members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and the Metrozoo Oversight Board for their support and invaluable assistance. It is with great pleasure that I now turn the reigns of the presidency over to our highly committed and active Chair-elect Jennifer Getz.

This past year has been filled with wonderful mileposts. I am pleased to announce the recent funding of \$500,000 by the Florida Legislature, thanks in great part to the support and hard work of State Representative Edward Bullard and his wife Larcenia, a member of the ZSF Board of Directors. We are currently advocating a Miami Metrozoo license plate for Miami-Dade County. More details follow on page 12.

ZSF membership has increased this year by 10%. Dr. Wilde's World has been immensely popular with Zoo visitors, and excitement mounts as the construction of the American Bankers Family Aviary *Wings of*

*Asia* progresses on schedule with a target of substantial completion by yearend. *The Wild Bunch*, a group of young professional volunteers who support the work of Miami Metrozoo and the ZSF by acting as community advocates and goodwill ambassadors for wildlife and conservation, has just completed its first year in successfully raising more than \$50,000 for the work of the Zoo. *Ball of the Wild*, our annual fundraiser, was the best ever, generating \$430,000. Over 60,000 school children visited the Zoo and learned how vital wildlife conservation is to their future.

Most of all, I thank you, our valued member, for your support. Your annual membership contribution enables the Zoo and ZSF to build more exhibits, increase and enhance our educational programs, and support wildlife conservation programs. You are indeed a good friend!

**Daniel J. Licciardi**

President  
Zoological Society of Florida

## Ron Magill Honored

Ron Magill, Metrozoo's goodwill ambassador, was one of 24 international conservationists honored as a "champion of wildlife" by the prestigious Explorer's Club in New York City on June 13.

## Welcome Charles W. "Chip" Roberts ZSF Director of Development

We are pleased to announce that Chip Roberts has joined the Zoological Society of Florida as director of development. Chip brings ZSF and Miami Metrozoo over 16 years experience in successful fundraising at several large local organizations including the University of Miami, Florida International University and Sunrise Community. His most recent position was Vice President of Financial Development with the YMCA of Greater Miami.



Chip grew up on Key Biscayne and was a frequent visitor to the Crandon Park Zoo. He and his wife and three sons live in Homestead.

"Chip's many years of experience in successful fundraising in the Miami-Dade community will certainly help the Zoo achieve its mission to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and to help conserve it for future generations," said Glenn Ekey, ZSF executive director. "We are very pleased to welcome Chip to the ZSF and Zoo family."

Hialeah Park generously donated 60 Caribbean flamingo eggs to a consortium of zoological parks, spearheaded by AZA Stork Tag and Miami Metrozoo, in an effort to inject new blood into long-term captive flocks.

# miami metrozoo joins hialeah park to form flamingo conservation consortium

Story by Jeff Sailer, Curator of Birds, Miami Metrozoo



With the collaboration and assistance of Hialeah Park officials and U.S. Fish & Wildlife authorities, a team from Miami Metrozoo was allowed to enter Hialeah Park to gather the eggs. Several of the eggs were brought to Miami Metrozoo and placed on the nests of our flamingos, and the remaining eggs were sent to other parks with Caribbean flamingo collections. Miami Metrozoo was delighted to get the eggs, as our own flamingos have only produced infertile eggs in recent years. Within a couple of days, the eggs began to hatch, and the Zoo's flamingos became foster parents, believing the chicks to be their own.



Metrozoo's Keeper Michelle Goostree (Top Photo) along with Supervisor of Birds Carl Burch (Bottom Photo) gather and pack the eggs for transport.

When an egg is removed from a bird's nest, the bird assumes it has

been preyed upon by other animals and will produce another egg to replace the one that was taken. This is the bird's natural instinct to maintain a stable population. Within a week, many of the flamingos at Hialeah Park replaced the eggs taken from their



Mother and newly-born chick meet eye to eye.

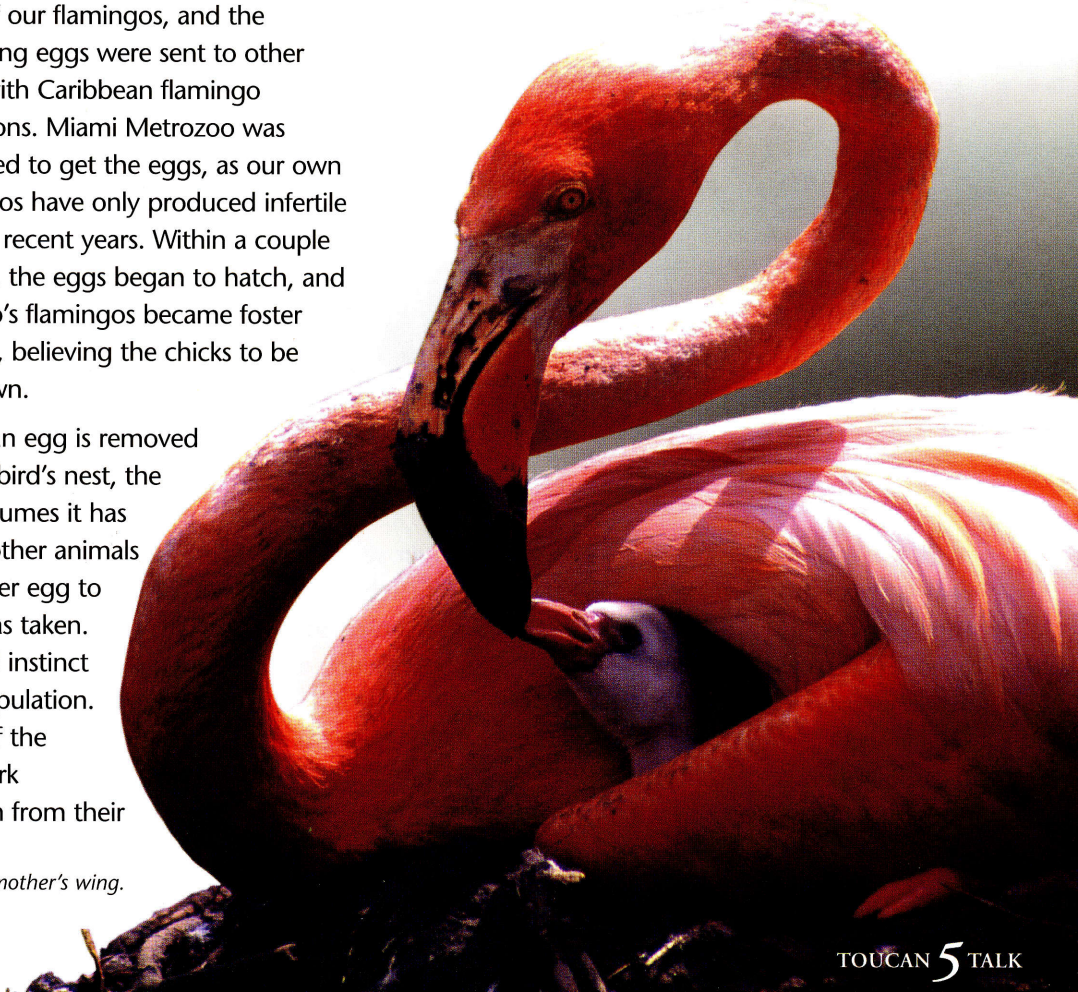
nests. This is how Hialeah Park was able to make a valuable contribution to flamingo captive breeding programs without causing significant reductions in its own flock.

Some zoos have experienced reduced production in their flocks due to normal aging and mortality of the birds. The chicks from the Hialeah Park eggs will rejuvenate several zoo flamingo collections. The new bloodline will help ensure more productive flocks.

Miami Metrozoo is grateful to Hialeah Park for their very generous contribution to our Caribbean flamingo collection.

Hialeah is world renowned for its beautiful flock of over 300 free-flying flamingos. Though the park is no longer racing horses, the flock is still cared for and continues to thrive.

Photos: Ron Magill



A young chick peeks out from underneath its mother's wing.

# ALICE LORRAINE GILLEY

12 March 1956 - 27 May 2002

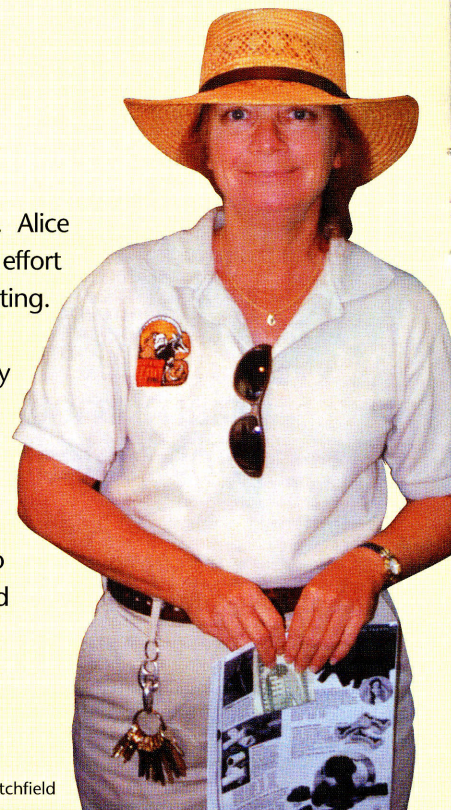
On May 27, 2002, Miami Metrozoo lost a super employee, Zoo professional and most of all a friend. Zoological Supervisor, Alice Gilley died in her home of natural causes. She began her career at the Santa Fe Teaching Zoo in Gainesville and worked at both the Knoxville and Central Florida zoos before coming to Miami. Alice worked at Metrozoo for 22 years, starting as a Zookeeper. She was promoted to Senior Zookeeper and finally Zoological Supervisor in charge of the Asian section of the Zoo. She had a keen wit and sharp sense of humor, was talented and enthusiastic about work and life, and is greatly missed by those who knew her.

Alice was an advocate of the tree kangaroo conservation effort in Papua, New Guinea that is supported by the AZA Monotreme and Marsupial

Taxon Advisory Group (M & M TAG). Alice engaged Metrozoo in support of this effort that only five other zoos were supporting. Her colleagues of the M & M TAG Steering Committee were so struck by her intense interest and support, that they will memorialize her efforts at the research station in New Guinea. Metrozoo has granted several thousand dollars to the tree kangaroo project through our Conservation and Research Fund, largely due to Alice's commitment to this project.

***Thanks for everything Alice!***

Photo: Barbara Crutchfield



*Donations in Alice's name may be sent to the Alice Gilley Memorial Fund, Miami Metrozoo, 12400 S.W. 152nd Street, Miami, FL 33177. This money will be applied to the Miami Metrozoo Conservation and Research Fund and earmarked for projects involving tree kangaroos.*



Photo: Sarah Graff

**2002-2003 Wild Bunch Executive Committee:** L-R: Miguel Nuñez, Jr., Vice-Chair of Membership (Green Cross Health Systems); Rosina Villavicencio, Vice-Chair of Social Operations (Herman Miller Workplace Resource); Guillermo Levy, Chair (Steel Hector & Davis LLP); Valerie Quemada, Vice-Chair of Events, Howling Bash (Muller & Lipson, P.A.); Robert Powell, Jr., Vice-Chair of Events, Corporate Survival Challenge (Steel Hector & Davis LLP).

**The Wild Bunch** kicked off their second year with a party at the decadent Nikki Beach Club, sponsored by Chivas Regal. The festivities also served to usher in the new Executive Committee members elected by their peers. Events Vice-Chairs Valerie Quemada of Muller and Lipson P.A. and Robert Powell of Steel Hector & Davis LLP will use their expertise to plan a fabulous time for all at the second annual Howling Bash and Corporate Survival Challenge, respectively. Miguel Nuñez, founder of Green Cross Health Systems, will take charge

of member recruitment as Membership Vice-Chair. Rosina Villavicencio of Herman Miller Workplace Resource will serve as Social Operations Vice-Chair to plan and organize informal gatherings and Wild Bunch cocktails. Overseeing all Wild Bunch activities, in the position of Wild Bunch Chair, will be Guillermo Levy, also of Steel Hector & Davis. With a year of experience behind them and great expectations for the future, this year's Executive Committee promises to give Wild Bunch members a year they'll never forget!

# Thank You!

Many thanks to **Botanics Wholesale** and **Chris Oppenheimer** for a generous donation of plant materials for Zoo landscaping, especially the *Cordia sebestena* or ginger trees with the beautiful orange flowers. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Our thanks to the **City of Hialeah** for renewing its annual corporate membership in the Blue Morpho Circle, and to **Mayor Raul Martinez** for his support of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo. Thanks to the **Cobb Family Foundation** for its generous support and especially to **Sue M. Cobb** for making this gift a reality. We appreciate **Raymond Dunleavy's** commitment to our goals. Many thanks to the **Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation** for its ongoing friendship with ZSF and Miami Metrozoo. A warm thanks to ZSF Executive Director **Glenn Ekey**, Metrozoo Director **Eric Stephens** and the **Master Plan Committee** for their vision and dedication to creating a magnificent future for ZSF and Miami Metrozoo. Thanks to **Sarah Ferry** for renewing her adoption of a magnificent Bengal Tiger. Our appreciation to the **Jefferson Lee Ford III Memorial Foundation** for its commitment to our goals. We are grateful to the **Dr. Moses and Beatrice Goodman Fund** for its ongoing dedication to our mission. A very special thank you to **HSBC in the Community (USA) Inc.** and the **American Express Company** for sponsoring "Love of Learning," a program to bring underserved children to the Zoo. A heartfelt thank you to **The Alma Jennings Foundation, Inc.** for its support of the Board of Directors and

of our conservation education goals. Many thanks to the people and businesses who helped to make this year's July Fourth Old-Fashioned Picnic a big success: **Coca Cola Street Crew, Party City, Reprografia, Sunset Feed** and **Winn Dixie**. Many thanks to **Thea Katzenstein** for her invaluable service to the ZSF Board of Directors and continued support of our work. Our deepest gratitude to **Daniel J. Licciardi** for his inspiring leadership as President of the Zoological Society of Florida and tireless advocacy of ZSF and Miami Metrozoo. Our thanks to **Anthony R. Morgenthau** for his kind support. Thanks to the businesses and people who helped make the Memorial Day Weekend with Arthur a great success: **American Meetings & Conventions, A Party With Us**, and **Reprografia**. Thanks to the **Miriam and Bernard Peck Foundation, Ltd.** and especially to **Micki** and **Bernie** for their continuing support of our mission. We appreciate the generosity of **Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc.** for its continued dedication to and support of ZSF's education and conservation efforts. We extend our sincere appreciation to **The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida** for its generosity and commitment to furthering our conservation education goals. A heartfelt thanks to **SunTrust Banks of Florida Foundation** and **Jay Pelham** for their gracious donation.

## You're a great friend to have!

L-R: Glenn Ekey, ZSF Executive Director; skink; Maria Rodamis, Community Affairs Manager, Publix Super Markets, Inc.; Mike Meredith, Publix Super Markets, Inc. presenting a corporate check to Debbie Mucarsel, ZSF Associate Director of Development for Corporate and Individual Giving. The donation is for general support of ZSF's education programs.



# CARNIVAL KIDS

Story and Photos by Cecilia Betancourt,  
Education Specialist



**During the 2001-2002 school year, the Carnival Kids Program provided a very special experience for fourth-graders in three Miami schools.**

Students at Frances S. Tucker Elementary, Bunche Park Elementary and Dunbar Elementary took part in a yearlong course in zoology administered by Zoological Society of Florida Education staff. The program was divided into four modules, most of which consist of two outreach visits to the school and one field trip for the students. Through the generous sponsorship of the Carnival Foundation, the Zoological Society of Florida was able to provide fully paid field trips, educational materials, student t-shirts, and a teachers' curriculum to make the program as effective and exciting as possible. Each of the three schools is listed as Title I, and many of the 240 participating students are seldom exposed to Florida's natural areas. This program is designed to introduce them to the living treasures of South Florida, both at the Everglades National Park and at Miami Metrozoo.

The Carnival Kids program began in October, when Zoological Society education staff made initial visits to the schools. During the first module of the program, Animal Classification, we presented live animals such as cockatoos, snakes, and rabbits to illustrate the

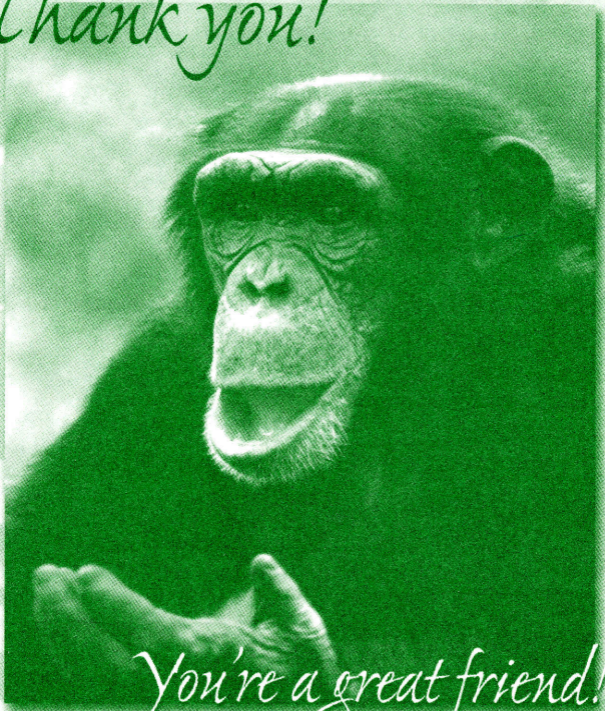
fundamental differences among basic animal groups. Students learned the characteristics of each group of vertebrates, including mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, and amphibians.

For Module Two, Animal Adaptations, students learned about the features and strategies animals rely on to survive. The first outreach focused on feeding and hunting techniques, while the second focused on adaptations to climate and habitat. During this unit, students took a field trip to the Zoo to see live examples of the principles they had learned in the classroom. In addition, an Amazon parrot, a ball python, and a pair of sand skinks paid a visit to each school.

After completing the Animal Adaptations module, students moved on to Module 3, Endangered Species. On the first visit to each school, we introduced the topic and explained how animals and plants become endangered. Live animals including a boa constrictor and a macaw prompted a discussion of their disappearing homeland, the tropical American rainforest, and its conservation. We also brought furs and ornaments made from endangered animals, highlighting the problem of poaching as a threat to legally protected species. Students visited the Zoo a second time to observe the many endangered animals on display here. For the



*Thank you!*



*You're a great friend!*

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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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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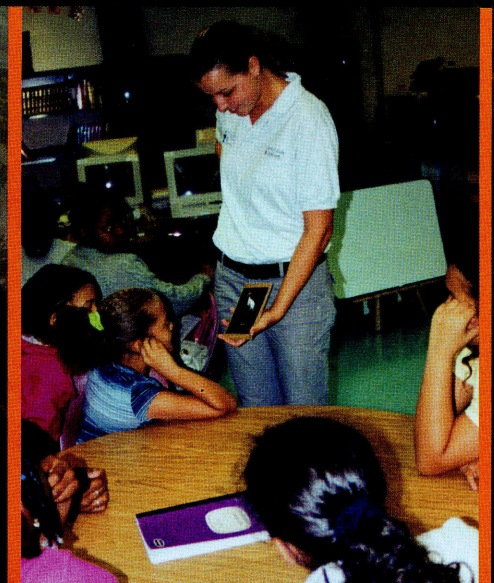
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second outreach visit, we focused on conservation success stories. The black-footed ferret, for example, is a native species brought back from near-extinction by captive breeding. After learning the story of the animal's decline and subsequent recovery, students were shown a European domestic ferret, cousin to the much less common black-footed species.

The final module of the program, Everglades Animals, tied the first three modules together and related this knowledge to Florida animals. During this portion of the program, students learned about the different Everglades environments and encountered a rat snake, king snake, Eastern glass lizard, indigo snake, box turtle, and American alligator in the classroom. After their overview of Florida's plant and animal communities, students visited the Everglades National Park on a field trip. On this trip, students explored a freshwater pond and a hardwood hammock up-close on the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo trails. Among other creatures, students spotted egrets, herons, cormorants, cardinals, painted buntings, anhingas, alligators, soft-shell turtles, snakes, raccoons, tree snails, ruddy daggerwing butterflies and lubber grasshoppers.

After completing the program, students were given a test on animals and the environment that matched one they had taken at

the beginning of the year. Scores had risen dramatically after finishing the program. In one school, the average pre-test score was 20%, while the post-test average was 60%. One hundred percent of the students scored 40% or less on the pre-test, but 60% scored higher than 40% on the post-test. An increased awareness of local conservation was perhaps their most impressive improvement. When asked to name an endangered South Florida animal on the pre-test, students listed panthers, manatees, cats, dogs, pigs, birds, polar bears, lions, zebras, rabbits, and parrots. On the post-test, however, students responded by listing panthers, manatees, crocodiles, sea turtles, marsh rabbits, bobcats, alligators, storks, and whales.

At the end of the program, each school commemorated their year of learning by putting on a celebration, featuring skits, songs, and artwork made by the students. In addition, the Carnival Foundation and the Zoological Society of Florida provided a special reward for a year of hard work and achievement; a Miami Heat basketball player gave an inspirational talk to the students at each school, and Ron Magill, Miami Metrozoo communications director, brought cheetahs Savannah or King George for an interactive encounter.



# STATE LEGISLATORS GRANT \$500,000 TO MIAMI METROZOO

**“A deciding factor may have come from a feline named Savannah.”**

**M**iami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has been awarded a grant of \$500,000 from the State of Florida earmarked for Miami Metrozoo’s American Bankers Family Aviary *Wings of Asia*. The state dollars are for the construction and installation of the Interpretive Exhibit that will be housed inside the new aviary, which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2003.

The Zoo made a strong pitch for state support during the Miami-Dade Days in Tallahassee this past February, facilitated by State Representative Edward Bullard, his wife the Honorable Larcenia Bullard, and Zoological Society of Florida President Daniel J. Licciardi, all active advocates for Miami Metrozoo.

The grant is part of the Cultural Facilities Program of the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, which coordinates and guides the state’s support and funding of renovation, construction, or acquisition of cultural facilities. This year, state legislators approved more than \$13 million in grants to cultural institutions throughout the state.

We are deeply grateful to the many friends of Miami Metrozoo in the State Legislature who made this grant a reality for the Zoo. We extend a special thanks to Ron Stayton, ZSF Associate Director of Development for writing the grant; and to Ron, Elisabeth Koncza, ZSF Deputy Director and Director of Education, and Connie Dawson, Grants Manager Miami-Dade County Park & Recreation Department for going to Tallahassee to defend the grant.



*Savannah, the African cheetah, part of Miami Metrozoo’s Cheetah Ambassador Program, with Secretary of State Katherine Harris.*



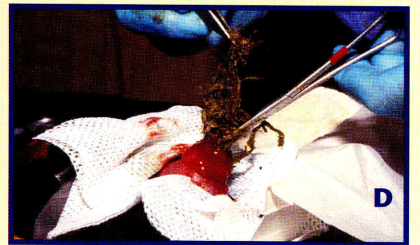
*(L-R) Miami Metrozoo animal handlers Susan Allen and Jennifer Nelson with cheetah, Savannah, greeting our legislators.*

# A PEEK INSIDE THE ZOO ANIMAL HOSPITAL

By Dr. Christine Miller, DVM,  
Miami Metrozoo

Miami Metrozoo's hospital is like any other hospital. Our medical services are provided on grounds at the Zoo and include everything you could imagine, from caring for newborn animals, providing regular physical exams and dental care to complicated surgery. The Zoo has a full-time staff and we also utilize the services of several medical specialists in our community.

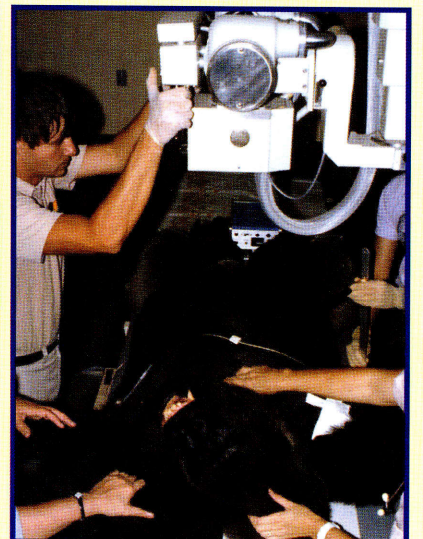
Bird Photos: Dolora Batchelor



**SURGERY: (Above four photos)** One of the birds you'll see in the American Bankers Family Aviary *Wings of Asia* needed emergency surgery. **A:** Giving the Malkoha anesthesia, **B:** X-ray of a mass in the bird's abdomen, **C:** Prepping the bird's abdomen for surgery, **D:** Successfully removing impacted grass from the gizzard



Photo: Ron Magill

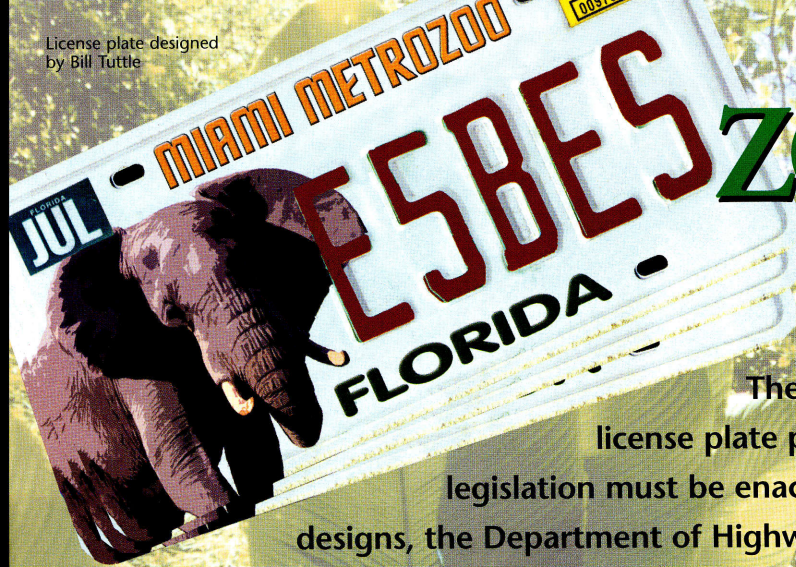


**DENTAL CARE: (Above left)** (L-R) Consulting dentists, Dr. Richard Souviron and Randy Groh performing a root canal on an African Cape hunting dog.

**ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMS: (Above right)** A male lowland gorilla being x-rayed

**REPAIRING BROKEN BONES: (Lower left)** Dr. Doug MacCoy, consulting veterinarian surgeon, assisted by Dr. Christine Miller, plating a broken femur (leg bone) on a Komodo dragon.

Photo: Ron Magill



# ZOO LICENSE PLATES

The Zoological Society of Florida (ZSF) is initiating a license plate program in support of Miami Metrozoo. Since legislation must be enacted to establish new specialized license plate designs, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles requires that ZSF procure the signatures of 8,500 individuals stating their intent to purchase the new plate. ZSF is confident that with over 15,000 members, we can generate the signatures needed in Tallahassee to launch this exciting new program.

The specialized Zoo license plates will cost \$40, of which \$25 will be income to Miami Metrozoo. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Zoo to raise money and for you to visually show your support of your Zoo every day.

**YOU REALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Thank you for your support.**

    **CLIP AND MAIL TODAY!**    

Please take a moment and fill out the petition below, sign it and mail it to the ZSF **no later than October 11**.  
Mail to: Zoological Society of Florida, License Plate Program, 12400 SW 152 Street, Miami, FL 33177.

## PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE MIAMI METROZOO SPECIALIZED LICENSE PLATE

DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT FLORIDA TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

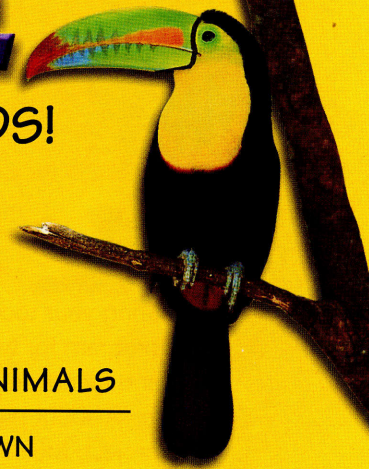
MAKE OF VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF MAKE \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the undersigned is the registered owner of the Motor Vehicle for which a petition for a specialized license plate for Miami Metrozoo is being made.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

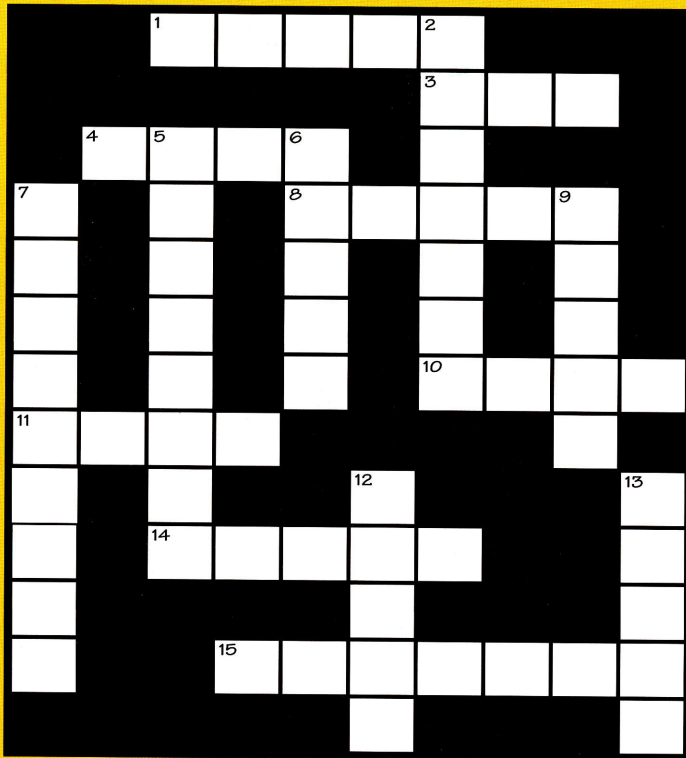
# KIDZOODLE

FUN AND GAMES  JUST FOR KIDS!



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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



THEME: FOUR-LEGGED ANIMALS

### ACROSS

1. One bump or two
3. Big antlers
4. Sometimes hibernates
8. Lives on land & water
10. Frequent Prey
11. Billy or Nanny
14. Black & orange or black & white
15. Dines on tree tops

### DOWN

2. Spots
5. Big all over
6. Horn on nose
7. Florida reptile
9. Playful river life
12. Stripes
13. Sly den-dwellers

## WORD MATCH

Match the words in the left column with the animal in the right.

TALON	TIGER
TUSK	SHARK
HOOF	BEAR
WHISKER	EAGLE
SHELL	ELEPHANT
ANTLER	ZEBRA
CLAW	DEER
FIN	TORTOISE

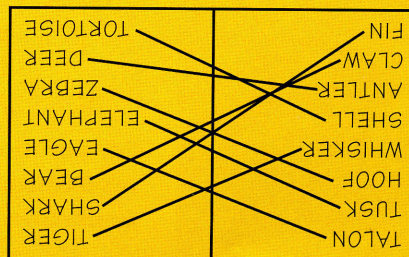
Riddle: What has four legs and flies?

Answer: A horse! It has four legs and lots of flies!!!

WORD SEARCH

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S

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



ANSWER KEY

CROSSWORD PUZZLE:

Across

1. CAMEL, 3. ELK, 4. BEAR, 8. HIPPO,
10. DEER, 11. GOAT, 14. TIGER, 15. GIRAFFE

Down

2. LEOPARD, 5. ELEPHANT, 6. RHINO
7. ALLIGATOR, 9. OTTER, 12. ZEBRA, 13. FOXES



# 2002 EDUCATION PROGRAMS



## Zoodler Academy

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

### 2-3-Year-Olds (Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.)

**September 3:** *It's a Jungle Out There*

**September 10:** *Little Bugs*

**September 17:** *Animal Families*

**September 24:** *Numbers by Animals*

**October 1:** *What Color Am I?*

**October 8:** *Big or Little*

**October 15:** *Busy Bee*

**October 22:** *Home Sweet Home*

**October 29:** *BOO-dler's Halloween Parade*  
(Dress as your favorite animal)

### 3-4-Year-Olds (Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.)

**September 5:** *It's a Jungle out there*

**September 12:** *Little Bugs*

**September 19:** *Animal Families*

**September 26:** *Numbers by Animals*

**October 3:** *What Color Am I?*

**October 10:** *Big or Little*

**October 17:** *Busy Bee*

**October 24:** *Home Sweet Home*

**October 31:** *BOO-dler's Halloween Parade*  
(Dress as your favorite animal)

#### Cost:

**Members:** One Adult and One Child: \$13.00

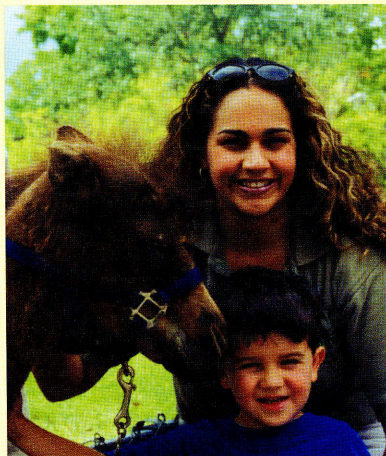
*Additional Participants* (Infant through Adult): \$5.00 each

**Non-Members:** One Adult and One Child: \$15.00

*Additional Participants* (Infant through Adult): \$6.00 each

**Alumni** of Zoodler Academy's 2002-2003 Season will receive a \$2.00 discount

**Note: Class sizes are limited, and pre-registration is required. Additional participants must also enroll in advance to attend class.**



*Girls prepare to spend the night at a Zoo Inn.*

Photo: Cecilia Betancourt



## Zoo Inns

Bring your scout troop, youth group, biology class or adult group to spend the night! In this sleep-over program, you'll have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark and a morning activity or animal presentation. Zoo Inns are available for adults and children six years of age and older. Price includes a T-shirt, badge, pizza party and continental breakfast.

**Dates:** Every Friday and Saturday during the school year

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 A.M.

**Cost:** Members: \$42.00 per person  
Non-Members: \$48 per person  
Minimum group size: 15  
Maximum group size: 30

**Pre-registration is required. The program varies according to animal availability.**



*Feeding an Indian rhino one "Wild Night."*

Photo: Carol Tomlinson

## Wild Nights

Join us for a 2-3-hour behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo after dark. The program includes a pizza dinner party and is available for adults and children ages six and older.

**Dates:** Available upon request.

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**Cost:** Members: \$22.00 per person  
Non-Members: \$28 per person  
Minimum group size: 15  
Maximum group size: 30

**For additional information or reservations, call the Education Department at (305) 255-5551.**

*Baby camel with Michelle Baez and a Zoodler.*

Photo: Carol Tomlinson

# AT THE ZOO!



It's all about Fall!

## METROBOO AT MIAMI METROZOO!

Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27

10 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

It's Trick-or-Treat at the Zoo for ages 12 and under. Costume contests, fabulous prizes and safe, fun trick-or-treating at South Florida's "wildest" party. There will be plenty of delicious treats for the kids. Free to members and one free child dressed in costume with one paid adult. Regular Zoo admission for all others.



## Trick or Treat!



## SECOND ANNUAL HOWLING BASH

Friday, October 25, 8:30 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.

At Miami Metrozoo

Be an exotic animal and party wild style at the Second Annual Howling Bash presented by the Wild Bunch. Young professionals are throwing this Halloween costume party to raise funds to support the Zoo and the Zoological Society of Florida's education and conservation programs.

Featuring complimentary bar and hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing and a few wild, interactive and scary surprises...!

**DRESS:** Halloween costume chic (animal costumes encouraged!)

**COST:** \$40.00 per person. Space is limited. For more information please call (305) 255-5551 ext. 117

**RSVP** by Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at (305) 255-5551.

## GET ON-LINE!

The membership department is up-dating their records, so please be sure to send your EMAIL address to [www.omena@zsf.org](mailto:www.omena@zsf.org). We want to keep you up-to-date with the latest Zoo News and Special Events.

## VOLUNTEER!

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



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIAL!

## Kids! Get your FREE Zoo Logo Pencil from the Toucan Trader Gift Shop!

One FREE Miami Metrozoo logo pencil to each child in the family with this coupon. Limit: One per child  
COUPON EXPIRES ON OCT. 25, 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



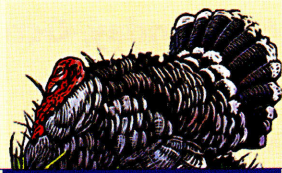
## SEPTEMBER 2002

**KEEPER TALKS**  
Daily, 11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
**GRANDPARENTS' DAY**  
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

**GIFTS FOR THE ANIMALS**  
TBA



## JANUARY 2003

TBA



## FEBRUARY 2003

TBA



## MARCH 2003

**BALL OF THE WILD**  
Saturday 1  
**SPRING CAMP**  
Monday 31 - Friday April 4



## APRIL 2003

**EGG SAFARI**  
Saturday 19 - Sunday 20  
**EARTH DAY**  
TBA



## MAY 2003

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
Sunday 11



## JUNE 2003

**SUMMER ZOOFARI CAMP** June - August  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
Sunday 15



## JULY 2003

**FOURTH FEST**



## AUGUST 2003

**COOL ZOO SUMMER**  
Dr. Wilde's World  
*Wings of Asia*



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