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HATCHINGS

Two kori bustards were successfully hatched and hand-reared in Metrozoo's Brooder/Hatchery from eggs donated to Miami Metrozoo from the National Zoo / Smithsonian. (25 days old in photo)

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HATCHINGS

This Javan pond heron and its sibling are possibly the first (to our knowledge) to have been successfully hatched in captivity, in the Wings of Asia, and parent-reared.

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BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

1 Nyala*Nov. 10, 2003	
2 Kori bustards*Oct. 23 & 22, 2003	
2 Javan pond herons*	
(in the Aviary)Oct. 16 & 17, 2003	
4 South American	
red-footed tortoises*Oct. 1, Sept. 29 & 25, 2003	
2 Southern gerenuks*Sept. 16 & 23, 2003	
7 Fly river tortoises*Sept. 3 & 6, 2003	
3 East African crowned cranes*Aug. 27, 2003	

ACQUISITIONS

1 Male, 1 female white storksNov. 11, 2003
1 Male, 1 female yellow-billed storksNov. 6, 2003
2 Male, 2 female white-faced
whistling ducksOct. 28, 2003
4 Male black-bellied whistling ducksOct. 28, 2003
8 Northern seahorses*Oct. 23, 2003
1 Female nyalaOct. 16, 2003
1 American crocodile*Oct. 13, 2003
2 Malaysian painted river turtles*Oct. 2, 2003
2 Male Indian rhinocerosOct. 1 & 19, 2003
1 Male, 24 female
greater spear-nosed batsOct. 1, 2003
1 Mexican blind cavefish*Sept. 30, 2003
1 Male greater kuduSept. 26, 2003
1 Female Marabou storkSept. 26, 2003
1 Male southern gerenukSept. 24, 2003
1 Male kori bustardSept. 15, 2003

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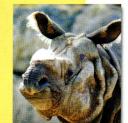
1 Female Indian whistling duckOct. 28, 2003
1 Male, 1 female straw-crowned bulbuls Oct. 16, 2003
2 Female bamboo partridgesOct. 9, 2003

* Gender undetermined

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The great folds in the skin of the endangered Indian rhinoceros make it look like it's wearing a shield of armour. PHOTO: RON MAGILL



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e are honored and delighted to welcome Vince Berkeley as the 2003-2004 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Zoological Society of Florida, and three new board members: Vicki Garrigo, Glenn Huber and Susan Kahn. Their commitment to serve the ZSF and Miami Metrozoo is invaluable to our plans for growth and expansion.

The staff of the ZSF and Miami Metrozoo, along with the Board of Directors extend our deepest appreciation to our outgoing Chairman, Jennifer Getz. Jennifer has been an inspiration to all of us. She has tirelessly spearheaded Ball of the Wild for the past four years and has been a vivacious, energetic spokesperson for the Zoo throughout the South Dade community. In appreciation for her efforts on behalf of the ZSF and Metrozoo, an interpretive observation area inside the aviary will soon be named the Getz Family Pavilion.

We all look forward to a wonderful year filled with exciting educational programs, special events, new animals, and the groundbreaking for the second phase of the Zoo's 20-year master plan, Tropical America.

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Incoming Chairman of the Board, Zoological Society of Florida Vincent L. Berkeley, Jr.

Vincent L. Berkeley, Jr. recently served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations for Burger King Corporation. In this capacity, he

was responsible for developing diversity strategies and initiatives that impact the company globally in the areas of human capital, franchising, supplier development, and community relations. He was

also responsible for external relations, both nationally and within the Greater Miami community.

Mr. Berkeley has served in a number of senior roles with Burger King Corporation, including Senior Vice President, Operations Services & Support, where he oversaw the development of system-wide operating strategies and training programs. As Senior Vice President, Restaurant Operations, U.S.A. South, he was responsible for all sales, operations, training and marketing activities for franchised and company-owned restaurants throughout the southern region of the United States. He also served as Vice President,



Diversity and Corporate Affairs.

Mr. Berkeley received his B.S. in Human Resource Management from Friends University in Kansas. He is involved in many community activities, including serving as National Chairman of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, and Chairman of the 100 Black Men of South Florida. He also serves on the boards of the Welfare to Work

Partnership, BizLink and the Wichita Children's Home. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Council, Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities. He has served as a mentor to dozens of individuals within Burger King Corporation, as well as young people trying to make a difference in other companies and industries nationally. Mr. Berkeley has served as a mentor with the Miami Fellows. His passion is working with young people and helping them make a difference in their lives. He is married and has two children.

Meet Our New Board Members

Victoria F. Garrigo

Vicki Garrigo is a University of Miami graduate, where she majored in Business Administration. She completed her graduate studies both at UM and Florida State University. Mrs. Garrigo began her career with Northern Trust Bank in 1987, where she is presently Senior Vice President and Managing Executive. Her areas of specialty are private/commercial banking and financial planning. She lives in Coral Gables with her husband Jose Ramon, who shares her keen passion for classical music and opera.



G. Glenn Huber

Mr. Huber is a graduate of Florida State University, with a degree in Finance. He was recently named Vice President and Sales Officer in the Private

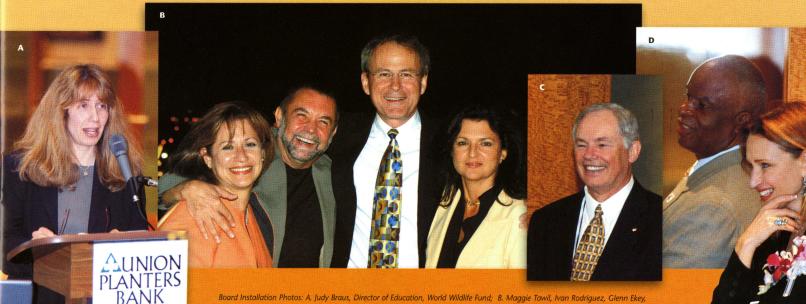
Wealth Management group of Mellon Financial Corporation. He is responsible for new business development, focusing on high net worth individuals in South Florida. Mr. Huber has nearly 20 years of experience in investment management and banking. Prior to Mellon, he was vice president and wealth advisor for Northern Trust Bank and had served as assistant vice president for Barnett Bank of South Florida. He and his wife Jave have two sons.



Susan J. Kahn

Mrs. Kahn is a graduate of the University of Miami and was most recently Vice President and Director of Marketing for Northern Trust Bank. Prior to

that, she was Director of Marketing for Florida International Bank. She has been a featured writer in a variety of publications, such as In-Flight Magazine, the Miami Herald and Miami-South Florida Magazine. She also specialized in business-related articles for South Florida Magazine. Mrs. Kahn has been actively involved on local boards, committees and associations for many years and is presently on the Coral Gables Property Advisory Board. She resides in Coral Gables with her husband Larry; they have three grown children and one grandchild.



Vivian Donnell Rodriguez; C. Thom Wolek; D. Vince Berkeley and Jennifer Getz - Photos: Ron Magill

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Miami Metrozoo designated a Major Cultural Institution.

Not all museums are indoors! There's one in Miami where the collection snarls, growls, roars, leaps, flaps, flies, hops, climbs and dives. Miami Metrozoo is a living museum and is the only American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) accredited zoo in Florida's three southernmost counties.

In September 2003, Miami Metrozoo was designated a Major Cultural Institution by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. The designation as a Major Cultural Institution was based on the Zoo providing full and regular seasons of cultural programs open to the general public; the impact of its programming of county-wide, regional and national significance; it's highly-rated educational programs; and active cultural offerings which advance the Zoo's mission of encouraging an appreciation for the world's wildlife and helping to conserve it for future generations. The four hands-on, interactive galleries at Miami Metrozoo not only entertain, but also provide educational insights on many aspects of the world's wildlife, history, culture, and science.

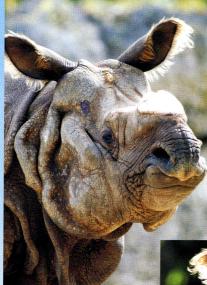
> "We are extremely honored and proud to be designated a Major Cultural Institution," said ZSF President and CEO, Glenn Ekey. "Our organization plays a vital role in the cultural life of our community's citizens through our world-class exhibits and programmatic offerings. This designation further validates our claim that we are a 'living museum' for all of South Florida and the world."

"I am excited about the new possibilities as well as the responsibilities that come with this designation," added Eric Stephens, Metrozoo Director.

Funded by Miami-Dade County, as recommended by the Miami-Dade County Mayor, Board of County Commissioners, and Cultural Affairs Council, the objective of the Major Cultural Institutions program is to help support the annual operations of, and programming provided to, the community by Miami-Dade's largest exemplary cultural organizations. A further testament to Metrozoo's cultural excellence, the Zoo has previously been, and continues to be, recognized by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, having received financial support from this state organization since 1995.

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Juanpur & Suru Metrozoo's New Indian Rhinos

By David Jimenez, Zoological Supervisor, Asian Section

The rhino horn is made up of modified hair and keratin, which grows from the nose, and is matted to form a continuously growing horn. If broken off, the horn will grow back.



uanpur" affectionately called Johnny by his keepers, was born on January 27, 1990 at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, which has a very successful rhino-breeding program. Currently on loan from the Baton Rouge Zoo, Johnny arrived at Miami Metrozoo on October 1, 2003. He has fully adjusted to his new surroundings and so far is a very active rhino, choosing to spend most of his time roaming his exhibit perimeter. His large size can be very intimidating, but his keepers have reported that he is very easy to work with and is well behaved.

"Suru" named after the famed Suru Valley of India, was born on December 31, 2000 at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and came to Miami Metrozoo on October 19, 2003. He is still adjusting to his surroundings, which for now includes his barn stall and the Indian Rhino breeding paddock (which is located off exhibit). Strangers can easily spook Suru (as I found out first hand during an early morning visit). However, he has quickly learned to recognize who his keepers are and seems to have started a bonding process with each of them. Suru seems to spend most of his time resting under the large shade trees towards the back of his enclosure. Although his size is still relatively small, his appetite rivals that of Juanpur.

Juanpur

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by letty webb, same pokeepers Front-line Specialists

Why would someone want to be a ZOOKEEPER? Imagine spending your day with exotic animals in a park! The zookeeper is responsible for the livelihood of some of the most endangered and beautiful species in the world.

The zookeeper profession has evolved over time, with many zookeepers today holding advanced educational degrees. They conduct research, provide quality care, and are dedicated to a challenging and difficult job. Zookeepers are responsible for the day-to-day care and safety of the animals in the zoo's collection. Each zookeeper has an area to which he or she is assigned, and each has a niche, a special interest, or knack for the animals under his or her care.

Animal care ranges from working with small insects to the 10,000-pound elephant. Zookeepers are the front-line specialists that know the animals the best. Because they see the animals daily, they know each animal's individual behaviors and personalities.

Without the zookeeper, the zoo could not function. Managers rely on zookeeper input for information needed to make important decisions. The zookeeper is the first individual to notice health concerns, behavior changes, or physical changes with an animal. The veterinarian depends on the zookeeper to provide insight and early communication to provide appropriate medical care.

Zookeeping is a rewarding and interesting profession. It takes a special person with special skills. Miami Metrozoo has a wonderful and dedicated group of zookeepers providing quality care to a great animal collection.

- A. Zookeeper Adam Stern and Monarch Butterfly in the Butterfly Garden of the Children's Zoo Photo: Bob Beck B. Zookeeper Dolora Batchelor with kudu - Photo: Sherrie Avery
- C. Zookeeper Tom Condi with baby small-clawed river otter Photo: Sherrie Avery
- D. Zookeeper Andrea Adams giving a keeper talk about the Malayan sun bear. Photo: Barbara Crutchfield
- E. Zookeepers Ariel Owens and Rebecca Connor checking the Galápagos tortoise Photo: Barbara Crutchfield





Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2003

By Mairi Allan, Press Officer, Natural History Museum, London

The winners of the 2003 Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition were announced on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at a special award ceremony held at the Natural History Museum in London and presented by famed ornithologist Bill Oddie. Gerhard Schulz of Germany was named Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2003 for his image, *Gorilla and Boy*, which features Miami Metrozoo's lowland gorilla, "JJ".

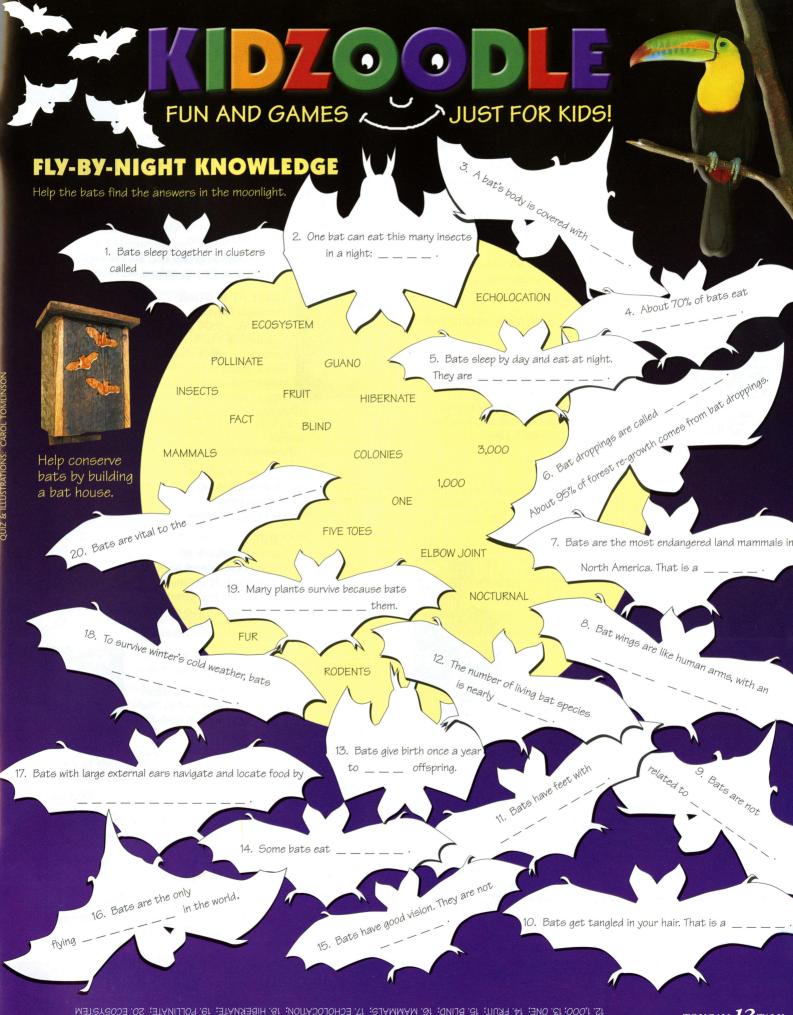
The winning image of a young boy looking through the exhibit's cave window at Metrozoo's majestic gorilla was among more than 20,500 entries, from over 60 countries. World Wildlife Fund-UK supported The World in Our Hands category from which *Gorilla and Boy* was picked as the overall winner. Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the world's biggest and most prestigious wildlife photographic competition, jointly organized each year by the Natural History Museum and BBC Wildlife Magazine.

Winning Photographer: Gerhard Schulz, Germany

"From the other side of the gorilla house at Miami Metrozoo in Florida, I could watch the visitors' reactions as they encountered their relatives at close quarters. Many people came by, pointed at the lowland gorillas and continued on their way, but this boy stopped and stared in awe. It was their expressions that made such an impression on me. There was such a depth of feeling in the gorilla's eyes, and the boy leant against the glass as if he wanted to reach through and make contact. It was a poignant juxtaposition."

Photographer's Specs:

Camera: Canon EOS 1Von a Sachtler tripod; Lens: 600mm f4; Settings: 1/250 sec at f8; Film: Fujichrome Sensia 100



ANGWERS: 1. COLONIES; 2. 3,000; 3. FUR; 4. INSECTS; 5. NOCTURNAL; 6. GUANO; 7. FACT; 8. ELBOW JOINT; 9. RODENTS; 10. MYTH; 11. FIVE TOES; 12. 1,000; 15. 0NE; 14. FRUIT; 15. BLIND; 16. MAMMALS; 17. ECHOLOCATION; 18. HIBERNATE; 19. FOLLINATE; 20. ECOSYSTEM

TOUCAN **13** TALK

Zoo Programs For Members

WILD ABOUT ART Saturday, January 24 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Choose Session A or B; materials are included.

Session A: For children 6-10 years old

Young ones practice basic art concepts and draw from unique wildlife biofacts. Draw what you see and create a composition!

Session B: For adults

Explore basic art concepts and create images of wildlife and nature. Learn beginning drawing skills to develop an original "work of art."

COST: Members: \$12.00 per person (child or adult) Non-Members: \$15.00 per person (child or adult)

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.



EDUCATOR'S DAY: TEACHERS' WORKSHOP Saturday, February 21 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

This workshop is designed to show teachers how Miami Metrozoo can serve as an educational resource, with an emphasis on our newest exhibits. Participants are awarded ten (10) Master Plan points upon completion. **To register, call the Teacher Education Center at 305-887-2002.**

ZOODLER ACADEMY January – February

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.

TUESDAYS

2-3-Year-Olds: 3:30-4:30 P.M.

January 06	Fluffy, Scaly, and Spiky
January 13	Forest Friends (Classroom)
January 20	Old MacDonald's Farm
January 27	Construction Animals
February 03	Animal Wrappers
February 10	My Animal Valentine
February 17	Strictly for the Birds
February 24	Jungle Jive

THURSDAYS

2-4-Year-Olds: 1:30-2:30 P.M. 3-4-Year-Olds: 3:30-4:30 P.M.

January 08	Fluffy, Scaly, and Spiky
January 15	Forest Friends (Classroom)
January 22	Old MacDonald's Farm
January 29	Construction Animals
February 05	Animal Wrappers
February 12	My Animal Valentine
February 19	Strictly for the Birds
February 26	Jungle Jive

COST: Members: One Adult and One Child: \$13.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant through Adult): \$5.00 each per class. **Non-Members:** One Adult and One Child: \$15.00 per class; Additional Participants (Infant through Adult): \$6.00 each per class. Alumni of Zoodler Academy's 2002-2003 Season: \$2.00 discount per class.

Note: The Zoodler Program is for one adult and one child. Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required. Additional participants must also pre-enroll in order to attend class.

No refunds or credits for missed classes.

ZOO INN Fridays and Saturdays 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Bring your scout troop, youth group, biology class or adult group to spend the night! In this sleepover program, you'll have a walking Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Zoo after dark and a special morning activity. Zoo Inns are available for adults and children at least six years of age and include pizza dinner and continental breakfast.



COST: Members: \$45.00 per person Non-Members: \$50.00 per person

Minimum group size: 15; Maximum group size: 30. Pre-registration is required. Program varies according to animal availability.



BATTY AT BEDTIME Through March 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Now through March, come "hang" with our batty friends for a night in this fascinating bat exhibit in Doctor Wilde's World (DWW). This unique Zoo Inn program will show you just what it is like to go batty as you sleep in DWW and experience these

nocturnal animals in their favorite time of day: night! This limited-time sleepover will include a special guided tour, pizza dinner, bedtime snack and a continental breakfast.

Open only to adults and children at least 6 years old.

Group Size: Available to groups of 6 people.
Capacity: 5 groups (of 6 participants each).
COST: Members: \$45.00 per person
Non-Members: \$50.00 per person

BIG CAT-NAP CAMP OUT Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20

Participate in Miami Metrozoo's **First Annual Big Cat-Nap Campout!** Mark your calendars for Friday, March 19 or Saturday, March 20, pack up your camping gear and come on over to experience a night of wilderness, complete with sound effects (provided by Zoo animals)! *Call for details and registration materials, (305) 255-5551 ext. 125.*

WILD NIGHTS Saturday, January 24 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Join us for a special 2-3 hour walking Behind-the-Scenes tour led by a zookeeper to selected animal exhibits. This Wild Night begins with a pizza party and is available for adults and children at least six years old.



Call today for available dates! Special dates for private groups are available. Pre-registration is required.

COST: Members: \$25.00 per person Non-Members: \$30.00 per person

Minimum group size: 15; Maximum group size: 30. Pre-registration is required. Program varies according to animal availability.

Spring Camp at Metrozoo Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2 Ages 4-11 years old

Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2 is when children enjoy a special time with Zoo animals here at Miami Metrozoo. *For more information, call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551.*

PROGRAM EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. For more information, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit the Zoo's website at www.miamimetrozoo.com.

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RADIO DISNEY BIRTHDAY BASH Sunday, January 25 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M.

Come celebrate four years of Disney magic! Pajama Jen and the Radio Disney Fun Squad will be celebrating Radio Disney AM 990's fourth birthday at Miami Metrozoo. There will be all kinds of awesome games, musical and variety acts on stage, contests, prizes and other exciting interactive entertainment.

SEX & THE ANIMAL A Valentine's Day Evening for Adults Saturday, February 14, 7:30 P.M. Metrozoo's Amphitheater

Back by popular demand, Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador Ron Magill will present his critically acclaimed program, "Sex & the Animal," for adults only. This hilarious slide show has been called a "Best Bet" by *The Miami Herald*, and "a real crowd pleaser" by the *Florida Times Union*. *The Miami Review* said, "They [the audience] don't just laugh at what they hear. They howl. They gasp. They cry."

Although no profanity is used, many of the images are of a graphic sexual nature, describing the unique, fascinating, and often-humorous mating behaviors of a wide variety of wildlife. The subject matter is presented in a very light-hearted and fun manner, often making comparisons to human sexuality. The objective of the presentation is "education through entertainment" in every sense of the term.

This year's program is a special benefit for the South Florida Chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers. All proceeds from the event will help Metrozoo's zookeepers with their admirable work at the Zoo, as well as to support special conservation programs in Africa. **Cost: Members: \$10.00, Non-members: \$15.00**

DAILY

 Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats. At Dr. Wilde's World, 10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
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Nearly 1,000 kinds of bats, almost a quarter of all mammal species, inhabit the earth! Are all bats vampires? Are they blind? Do they really get tangled in your hair?

Your adventure into their world will answer these and many more questions about these misunderstood animals.

ToadStool! At the Children's Zoo 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Hug a bug. Wake a snake. Greet a Hedgehog!

ToadStool is an indoor interactive adventure for explorers of all ages. Your guide will introduce you to each animal, take time to dispel myths, explain particular characteristics, and even let you touch selected individuals.

• Wildlife Conservation Carousel* 10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Ride the carousel at the Children's Zoo, and see how many endangered species you can identify that are at Miami Metrozoo.

* Wildlife Conservation Carousel: Cost: \$2.00 per ride. Discount: Purchase carousel tickets at admission, and get 3 rides for \$5.00 or 6 rides for \$10.00.

Shows Location Times

Ecology TheaterChildren's Zoo11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 3:00 P.M. Wildlife ShowAmphitheatre12:00 Noon, 2:00 P.M., 4:30 P.M.

Keeper Talks & Animal Feedings

For the entertainment and education of our visitors, animal keepers feed snacks to and talk about the animals in their care. This is a wonderful opportunity for action photos and to ask the questions you have about these unique animals. Join the keepers at their respective animal exhibition areas:

Tiger	11:00 A.M.
Orangutan	11:30 A.M.
Otter	12:00 P.M.
Meerkat	12:30 P.M.
Dromedary camel	1:00 P.M.
Pygmy hippo	1:30 P.M.

Chimp2:00 P.M
Himalayan black bear 2:00 P.M
Giraffe2:30 P.M
African elephant3:00 P.M
Galápagos tortoise3:30 P.M

CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. For more information, please call the Miami Metrozoo at (305) 251-0400 or visit the Zoo's website at www.miamimetrozoo.com.



Ball of the Wild 2004 The Allure of Asia

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2004, 7:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

An unparalleled party by Barton G.

"This year's Ball of the Wild theme, 'The Allure of Asia,' wonderfully describes the excitement of the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia* at Metrozoo today," said Ana Milton, Chairman of Ball of the Wild, now in its fifth year.



The evening's journey into the wild, featuring the culinary and opulent delights of Barton G., will include a silent auction, wildlife encounters, spectacular entertainment by a variety of Asian dancers and acrobats, and fabulous prizes in a live auction. One of the highlights of the evening will be a raffle for a \$10,000 Wild Shopping Spree at Samuel Getz

Private Jewelers and Designers, sponsored by Alan and Claudia Potamkin, and hosted by Jennifer Getz as the shopper's personal guide.

2004 Ambassador For Wildlife Award

Ron Magill, Metrozoo's Goodwill Ambassador, will present the second annual Ambassador for Wildlife Award to naturalist and adventurer, Jack Hanna, whose life work is in keeping with Metrozoo's mission to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and help conserve it for future generations. Ball of the Wild supports a variety of Zoo programs, including conservation and education. Chairing the event are Ana and Cecil Milton. Honorary Chairs are R. Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison.

A limited number of seats are still available. For more information about Ball of the Wild or to make a reservation, please call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551, ext. 118 or visit www.zsf.org.



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