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TOUCAN TALK



MAY - JUNE 2004

NEW AT THE ZOO

BIRTHS AND HATCHINGS

- 1 Female addra (dama) gazelle.....Mar. 2
- 1 Male black and white colobus monkeyJan. 16

ACQUISITIONS

- 1 Female kinkajou.....Mar. 1
- 2 Female Anegada iguanas.....Feb. 13

AVIARY HATCHING

- 1 Pied imperial pigeon* (second of species)Feb. 27
- 1 Purple-tailed imperial pigeon (first of species)Feb. 24

NEW IN THE AVIARY

- 1 Little giant gourami (fish).....Feb. 15
- 3 Chinese algae eaters (fish).....Feb. 15
- 1 Tiger loach (fish).....Feb. 15
- 3 Male, 3 Female fairy bluebirds (Q).....Feb. 10
- 10 Scaly-breasted bulbuls* (Q).....Feb. 10
- 5 Lesser green broadbills* (Q)Feb. 10
- 3 Male, 3 female greater yellow-naped woodpeckers (Q)Feb. 10

NEW IN THE AVIARY (CONTINUED)

- 4 Male, 4 female thick-billed ground doves (Q)Feb. 4
- 4 Male, 4 female red-crowned pigeons (Q).....Feb. 4
- 5 Male, 1 female beautiful fruit doves (Q)Feb. 4
- 2 Pink-spotted fruit doves* (Q).....Feb. 4
- 2 Male, 3 female black-naped fruit doves (Q)Feb. 4
- 7 Orange-bellied fruit doves* (Q).....Feb. 4
- 2 Male, 2 female, 2* orange-fronted fruit doves (Q)Feb. 4
- 5 Male, 3 female Bartlett's doves (Q)Feb. 4

* Gender undetermined
(Q) In quarantine



Pied imperial pigeon fledgling with parent (hatched March 27)

PHOTO: SHERRIE AVERY

THE ZSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS were paid a surprise visit by the Children's Zoo's ball python, Herman, at their March 10th meeting. Pictured Left to right are: Front row: Zookeeper Adam Stern; Dr. Miguel A. Núñez, Jr.; Ted Schwarz; Valerie Seasholtz; Diana Udel. Back row: Daniel J. Licciardi; Susan M. Kahn; Victoria F. Garrigo; Chairman Vincent L. Berkeley, Jr.; Robert W. Hudson; William J. Gallwey, III; G. Glenn Huber; James C. Hartenstein and Andrew H. Weinstein.



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The white tiger is *not* albino but a genetic variation of the orange tiger and it is usually larger than the orange tiger.

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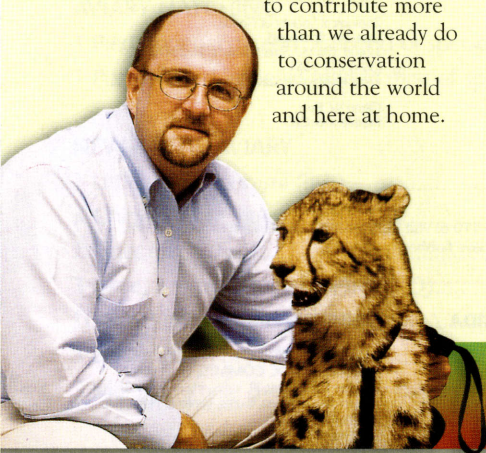
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From the Director

An item that may be on our ballots this November is the re-issuance of the old (1972) Decade of Progress Bonds for a new bond issue called, for the time being, a General Obligation Bond – “Building Better Communities.”

While we do not yet know to what degree the Zoo may benefit from this potential vote, we do hope that a significant number of capital dollars will be allocated towards completion of our Master Plan. Identified as a \$350,000,000 plan, passage of the Bond issue, if it does appear on the ballot, will be critical to achieving continued improvements to the Zoo with the many interactive components that are planned, as well as the ability to contribute more than we already do to conservation around the world and here at home.



We have already completed the American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia as Phase I of the Master Plan, and we are working on the next expansion for animals from Tropical America.

An important thing to remember is that the early construction of Miami Metrozoo and its original exhibits were built with dollars obtained through the Decade of Progress Bonds.

As you contemplate your vote on the ballot, we need you to consider if you want us to continue this good work. Another thing to keep in mind is that *there will be no new taxes if the measure is passed*. Since the Decade of Progress Bonds are set to expire, new bonds taking the place of the old ones will occupy the old tax position. This effectively allows new bonds to be sold for a wide variety of projects with no new financial impact to the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

Please come back to see us soon and have a wonderful family outing at your Miami Metrozoo!

Eric Stephens
Director, Miami Metrozoo

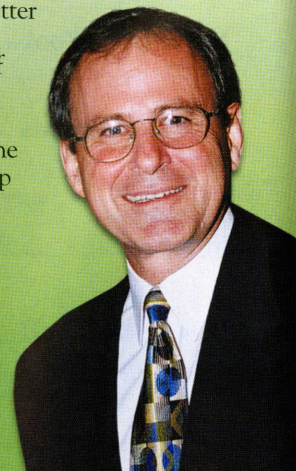
From the President

Miami Metrozoo is on a fast track to becoming the greatest zoo, not only in the United States, but also in the world. Our mission is to encourage an appreciation for the world's wildlife and to help conserve it for future generations. Incorporated into this mission, the Zoo operates as a world-class attraction, a center for conservation, a strong adjunct to school education programs, a partner with the World Wildlife Fund, and a major cultural institution, among many other critical roles.

Your support of Miami Metrozoo, and especially in helping us to promote the General Obligation Bond – “Building Better Communities,” is critical to the continued growth and success of Miami Metrozoo. In the next three issues of *Toucan Talk*, we will be telling you more about the bond issue and how you can help Miami Metrozoo.

We thank you for your support!

Glenn W. Ekey
President & CEO
Zoological Society of Florida



Savannah goes to Tallahassee...

By Ron Stayton, Associate Director of Development

Florida State Legislators were treated to a special visit, and in some cases, hand licking by Miami Metrozoo's African cheetah, Savannah. As the charismatic feline strolled down the hallowed halls during Miami-Dade and Broward County Days on March 31 and April 1, the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo requested \$6 million for the construction of the Zoo's planned *Hidden Treasures of Tropical America* exhibit and \$535,000 for development and for traveling exhibits at *Dr. Wilde's World*. *Hidden Treasures of Tropical America* is Phase 2 of the Zoo's \$350 million, 20-year Master Plan.

The Tallahassee visit was facilitated by Senator Larcenia Bullard and Representative Edward Bullard, both actively committed to Miami Metrozoo. Also greatly instrumental to the trip was Daniel Licciardi, Past Chairman and board member of the Zoological Society of Florida. “We are committed to developing the greatest zoo in the United States, and possibly in the world,” said Glenn W. Ekey, ZSF Executive Director. “Thanks to the commitment and efforts of the Bullards and Dan Licciardi, we have a voice in Tallahassee.”

Governor Jeb Bush and Savannah



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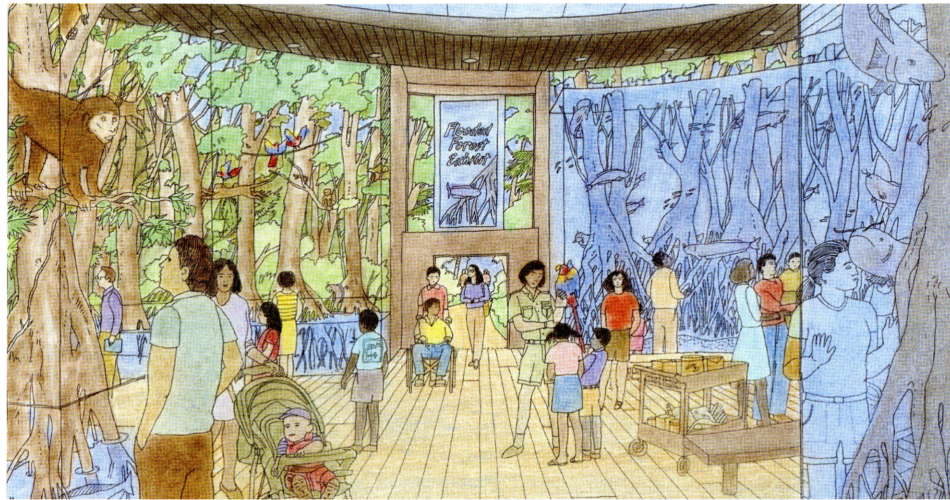
A ROLE FOR YOU

Imagine the impact on your life if the world's greatest zoo was in your backyard. You and your family would have unforgettable experiences together all year long in an unsurpassed environment that entertains, teaches and amazes. Your local economy would receive over \$1 billion worth of economic impact. People around the world would regard your hometown as a world-class destination.

That opportunity is now at hand. Miami Metrozoo's master plan, as described in previous and upcoming issues of *Toucan Talk*, has the potential to make our community home to the world's greatest zoo! With phase one, our new aviary, complete and phase two, our magnificent Tropical America exhibit, almost through the design process, the plan is moving toward reality but there is more to be done.

A major step toward realizing that future will be the successful passage of Miami-Dade County's general obligation bond referendum on November 2, 2004. It is important to know that the bond will not raise your taxes from current levels and it will fund an array of important capital projects to improve our lives. Significant funds from the bond issue are expected to be designated toward our \$350 million master plan. The Zoological Society of Florida is also seeking contributions from private philanthropy and support from the State of Florida.

As the bond referendum is formulated, it is extremely important for its designers to hear from citizens who want their community to be home to the world's greatest zoo. With your voice combined with others, we will make sure that Miami Metrozoo receives its fair share of funds from the bonds. Once the proposal is formulated, we'll be back in touch with you, our members and supporters, on additional ways that you can be a part of making this dream a reality.



Be a dream builder. Get involved in the passage of the 2004 general obligation bond referendum.

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Be a Dream Builder

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM

1. Make your voice heard.

The county commission and staff are forming the makeup of the bond issue right now. Your voice is needed to make sure that Miami Metrozoo receives a fair share of the funding that it will create. To do this, you have several options:

- **Online** - Visit www.miamidade.gov/bond2004. Visit the Citizen's Suggestion Form page and provide your input online.
- **Public meetings** - Dozens of town hall meetings are being held around the county to collect citizen input. To get the latest calendar, visit www.miamidade.gov/bond2004.
- **Email** - You can email your comments to bond2004@miamidade.gov
- **Phone** - Call 305-375-2756
- **Mail** - You can mail your comments to: General Obligation Bond 2004, 111 NW 1st Street, 10th Floor, Miami, FL 33177

2. Register and vote. If you have not registered to vote, do so now. If you will be traveling on election day, ask for an absentee ballot or take advantage of early voting locations. You can do both by visiting <http://elections.miamidade.gov> or by calling at 305-499-VOTE. Registration for the November 2 election closes on October 4.

3. Participate in the campaign. Campaign work can be a fulfilling process and it's a great way to make your community a better place. As we near election day, the Zoological Society of Florida will be working hard for the passage of the general obligation bond referendum and your help will be needed. (We promise to make it fun, too!) To have your name placed on our campaign volunteer list, call Paul Vrooman at 305-255-5551 or by email at pvrooman@zsf.org.

THANK YOU!

The Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo extend a sincere Thank You to all our supporters and benefactors. Your financial support of our education and conservation programs is deeply appreciated.

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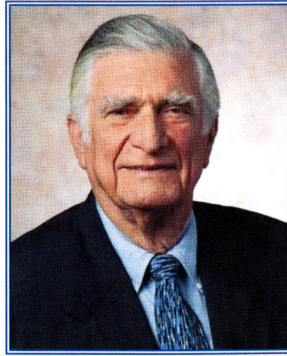
Over 60 volunteers from the Tropical Flowering Tree Society

Organizations

Tropical Flowering Tree Society
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ZSF & Miami Metrozoo staff & volunteers



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Lester L. Goldstein • 1929-2004

We are saddened to say farewell to our very dear friend Lester L. Goldstein, longtime member of the ZSF Board of Directors, who passed away on March 16 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

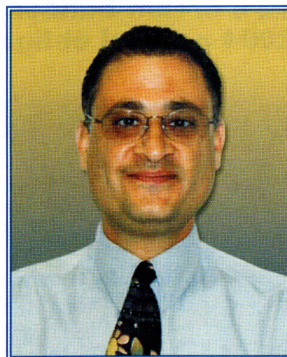
"Lester's leadership as President of the Zoological Society of Florida from 1984-1986 was an inspiration to all who work for ZSF, either as a volunteer or a staff member," said ZSF President Glenn Ekey. "We will greatly miss Lester's enthusiasm and determination to see Miami Metrozoo be the best zoo in the world."

"With Lester's passing, the zoological community lost one of its greatest supporters," stated Bill Galloway, ZSF board member and past chairman of the board. "Lester's love of Metrozoo and the Zoological Society of Florida is reflected in the many years he dedicated as a board member of the Society. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched."

"Lester loved the Society and the Zoo so much, I often thought he'd love to dedicate his life to this full-time," said friend and fellow board member and past chairman of the board, Sandy Miot.

Lester was an attorney and partner with Bilzin, Sumberg, Dunn, Price & Axelrod, P.A.; president of the Builder's Association of South Florida; worked with underprivileged youths as chairman of the Greater Miami Service Corps; with his wife Bella, was a founding Notable of the Alzheimer Care Committee of Douglas Center; a founding member of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged; founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital; former chairman and a member of the Board of Governors of the Shepard Broad Nova University Law Center; and former chairman and member of the Metropolitan Dade County Planning Advisory Board.

Lester's wishes were that donations be made in his name to the Zoological Society of Florida, 12400 SW 152nd Street, Miami, FL 33177 and to the Alzheimer's Notables at Douglas Gardens, Attn: Development Department, Miami Jewish Home at Douglas Gardens, 5200 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33138.



Matthew J. Fine • 1962-2004

We were shocked and greatly saddened by the sudden death of ZSF board member and good friend, Matthew Fine, of a heart attack at his home on March 2.

A committed supporter of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo, Matthew joined the ZSF Board of Directors in 2002. "Matthew Fine enjoyed being a part of the Zoological Society of Florida because he was a family man and each of his affiliations reflected his family ties," said Beverly Roker Hopkins, his assistant at The Miami Herald. "Serving on the board of The Zoological Society of Florida and The Florida Grand Opera was a tribute to his family."

Matthew was a devoted husband to his wife Danny and a loving father to his daughters, Cecily, 5 and Isabella, nearly 4." Matthew's wife, Danny, added, "Miami Metrozoo was special to Matthew because it was his desire to preserve institutions for family and loved ones to visit, and spend quality time together."

Matthew was with The Miami Herald since 1989, as the Broward Sales Manager, Key Accounts Manager and National Advertising Director. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Grand Opera.

Matthew touched the lives of so many people. To Matthew, friendship was not measured by the quantity of years that you knew him; it was measured by respect, honesty and loyalty. He knew how to be a friend, a husband, a father, a boss, a colleague, and a motivator. His sudden departure left all of us in a reflective mood. We reflect on his laughter, his wise cracks, and the special names that he coined. We reflect on his leadership, his guidance and his desire to make a good impression. Most of all we reflect on his absence. We will miss him and could only hope to measure up to the likes of Matthew Joel Fine. We were all blessed to have known him.

A Memorial has been set up for Matthew's children. Contributions may be made in person or mailed to: Matthew Fine Fund, c/o KRMH Credit Union, Miami location: 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132. Or: Broward location: 2010 NW 150 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33028.

Sweet, shy, intelligent, artistic, independent, and full of spunk. That's Thelma. What she isn't, is complacent and predictable.

I first encountered Thelma at the Oklahoma City Zoo. My first impression was that she was a sweet, somewhat shy 23-year-old Sumatran orangutan. During the day, visitors could observe her through the glass of an indoor room. What the visitors did not know was that Thelma had used her browse as a tool to disassemble the exhibit's security cameras and fans! So she was kept indoors to prevent her from escaping the outdoor exhibit.

The adventures of Thelma

By Crystal LeMaster, Miami Metrozoo Primate Zookeeper

After the zoo closed to the public, Thelma was eager to work one-on-one with her keeper, Debbie. Perhaps it was the special time with her keeper or the smorgasbord of treats displayed before her to earn, she was eager to perform the duties requested by the keeper. Orangutans are intelligent; and watching her was almost eerie, as I could see her thinking. Reflecting back on the training sessions, her behavior should have been a sign of things to come!

Thelma was intended as a breeding companion for the Columbus Zoo's 40-year-old male. However, she ran a lot faster than he did, and the relationship did not work out. So Thelma was sent to Miami Metrozoo to breed with our male, Jasper.

She quickly managed to escape her enclosure in Quarantine and then climb up a light pole onto the roof of the building and into a nearby vehicle. All she lacked were the car keys! I don't know if she was planning to drive away, but she had the good manners to close the car door behind her when she finally exited the car. There were also some frantic moments when she concocted non-edible meals and once again used her browse to take apart an electrical outlet.

When Thelma was introduced to Metrozoo's male orangutan, Jasper, they took turns viewing each other through the nighthouse hallway. Thelma showed more interest in the keepers than the other orangutans. After several months, Thelma and Jasper were placed in the same room. Thelma kept her distance on one side of the room while Jasper became a vacuum cleaner, snarfing up all the treats on the floor. When he finally turned his attention to Thelma, she bolted out onto the exhibit and up a tree where she remained for three days!

Thelma now channels her energies painting delightful works of art with acrylic paints. Her artwork is being sold to start an enrichment fund for our zoo animals. Thelma loves spending time with her keepers. As for Jasper and Thelma? No love connection yet, but there's still hope!

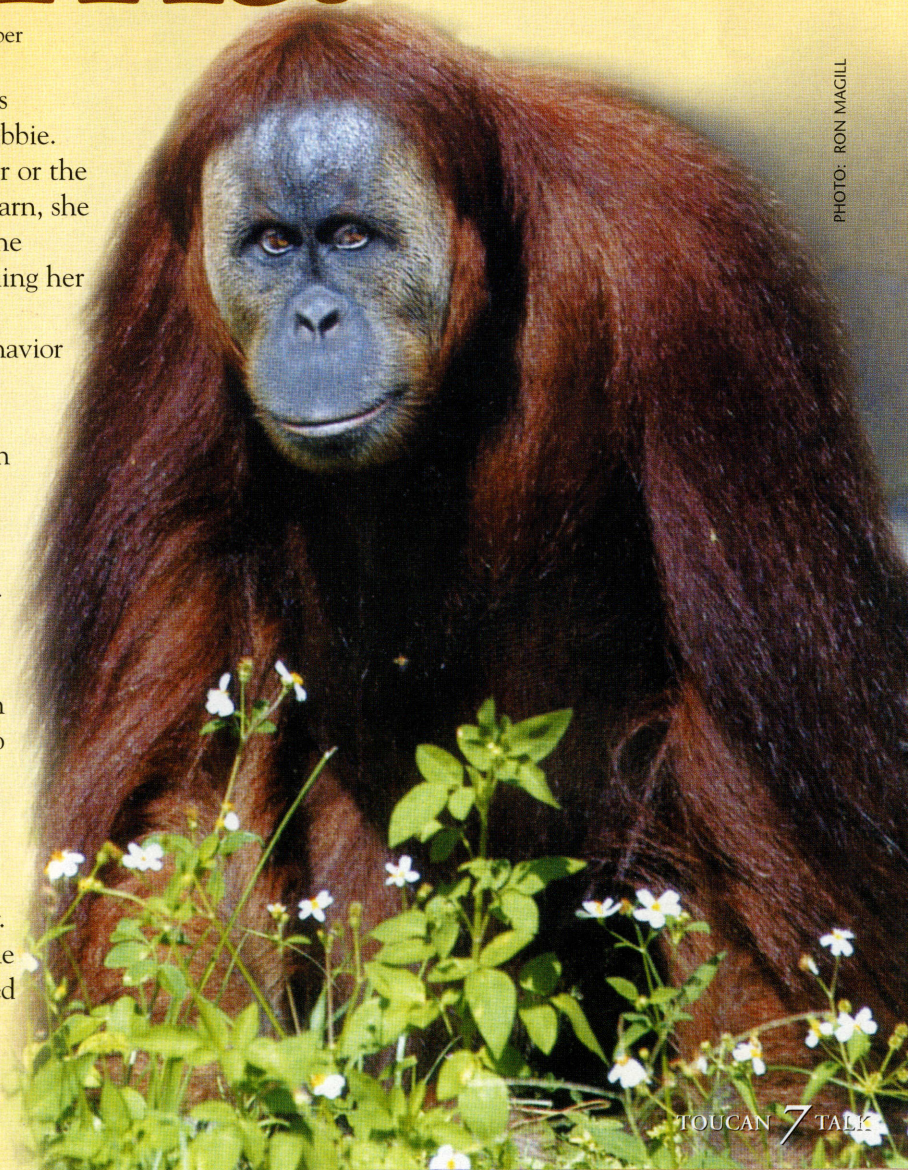
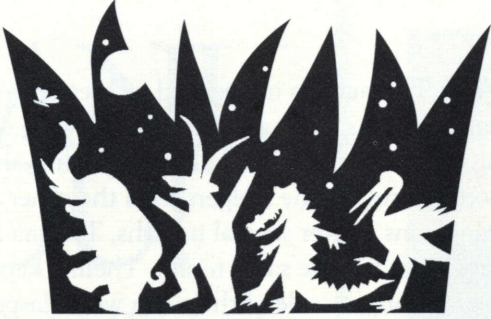


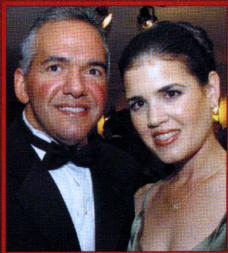
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BALL OF THE WILD
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The Allure of Asia

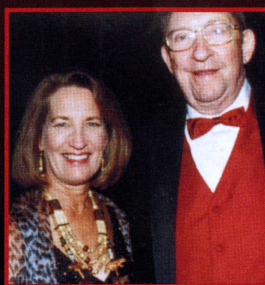
The 2004 Ball of the Wild, *The Allure of Asia* was an exhilarating display of support for the Zoological Society of Florida and our magnificent Miami Metrozoo. I was truly inspired by the many people who came together for wildlife and our Zoo. The evening was spectacular, and the Zoo was in full splendor. Amazing wildlife surrounded us, a full moon graced us, delicacies tempted us, music got us moving, Jack Hanna inspired us and Ron Magill made us laugh. All this plus an eclectic silent auction and a live auction that only Bob Soper and the Zoological Society can deliver made for a wild and unforgettable evening. Thank you to all who attended and supported our efforts, and thank you to the diligent Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo staff for all your efforts and unwavering dedication to running one of the world's greatest zoos - our Miami Metrozoo.



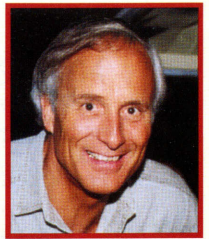
Ana Veiga Milton
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Ball of the Wild, *The Allure of Asia*
and Cecil Milton

We are deeply grateful to all who joined us for Ball of the Wild's *The Allure of Asia*. Together we celebrated the work of the Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo to continually educate our community and Zoo visitors from far and wide about wildlife and conservation efforts around the globe. We thank you for sharing our belief in this important mission and your support of Ball of the Wild. We look forward to building together the most unique and exciting zoo in the world.

R. Kirk Landon and Pamela Garrison,
Honorary Chairs
Ball of the Wild, *The Allure of Asia*



JACK HANNA
2004 Miami Metrozoo
Ambassador for Wildlife



Naturalist and adventurer Jack Hanna was the recipient of the second annual Ambassador for Wildlife Award. Host of the hit television series, *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, Jack takes millions of family viewers around the world on exciting journeys to learn about animals and the places they live. "The show gives me the platform to excite people and get them to care about animals," he said. "For me, this is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

Hanna gained national attention in 1978 when he became the director of the Columbus Zoo where he has served as Director Emeritus since 1993. Hanna has authored an autobiographical book, *Monkeys on the Interstate* (1989) and for children, *Let's Go To The Petting Zoo With Jungle Jack*. He is a Professional Fellow of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and a member of the Explorers Club.

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CAMPERS ONLY/CAMPER'S MEDICAL INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Physician's Name _____

Phone _____

Dentist's Name _____

Phone _____

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Please indicate any medical conditions or health problems of which the Camp staff should be aware.

Please describe: (if you require further space, please use a separate sheet of paper):

Allergies _____

Handicap _____

Prescribed Medications _____

Other _____

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO WILL PICK UP THE CHILD

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Relationship _____ Phone _____

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Relationship _____ Phone _____

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**2004 BALL OF THE WILD
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The Zoological Society of Florida and Miami Metrozoo are truly grateful to the exemplary 2004 Ball of the Wild Committee members for their tireless efforts and commitment to our fundraising efforts. The gala was exceptional. Thank you for your contributions!
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A few photos from a memorable evening...



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PHOTOS: SERGIO ALSINA

Exploré le Zou

By Nancy Wielert, Education Manager

Exploré le Zou is a great saying for anyone living in South Florida, and for the students at Edison Park Elementary School in Miami's Little Haiti community, it has a special meaning. The entire 5th grade got to visit Miami Metrozoo and explore the wonders within its borders. Exploré le Zou served as a classroom outside of the typical classroom.

Imagine that your school has gorillas, alligators and even elephants in its classroom. That's exactly what these 5th graders experienced as they participated in the Exploré Le Zou program, sponsored by The Ethel and W. George Kennedy Family Foundation. Miami Metrozoo became a "living classroom" as these students explored how animals are adapted for survival and the importance of conservation. Not only was it exciting for these children, it was fun! They also learned about the endangered pinelands habitat and other wonders of their own natural Florida. The teachers enthusiastically participated right along with their students in each of the field studies.

A trip to the Everglades in late winter with their Zoo and classroom teachers provided a glimpse of what Florida might have looked like many years ago. The students saw Florida's native animals in their habitats, a first-time experience for many of the children. For these students at Edison Park Elementary, the "living classroom" is an experience many will remember forever.



PHOTO: BARBARA CRUTCHFIELD

Nature, the Zoo & You

By Nancy Wielert, Education Manager

Proudly dressed in their new maroon t-shirts featuring an okapi on the front, inner-city fourth graders from Comstock Elementary School had the opportunity to visit Miami Metrozoo, some for the very first time. One of the first things they learned was how animals are classified. Then, to reinforce the lesson, the children went on a guided walking tour that included the American Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*, where birds literally flew right over the children's heads. It was an exciting way to see their lesson in action and an opportunity for these children to experience "wild" life in a safe and comfortable environment where they were immersed in nature and the animal world.

Nature, the Zoo and You, a unique program sponsored by HSBC in the Community (USA) Inc. enabled ZSF to provide these children with hands-on interactive educational studies at the Zoo and to participate in field trips, including the Florida Everglades. The lessons learned through this program were more than just about animals; the children also discovered the local wildlife and the importance of conservation. It was truly a chance to explore Nature, the Zoo and their connection to it all.

**Top Right: Asian elephants, Dahlip & Nellie enjoy a splash.
Bottom Left: Okapi feed on some low-lying branches.**

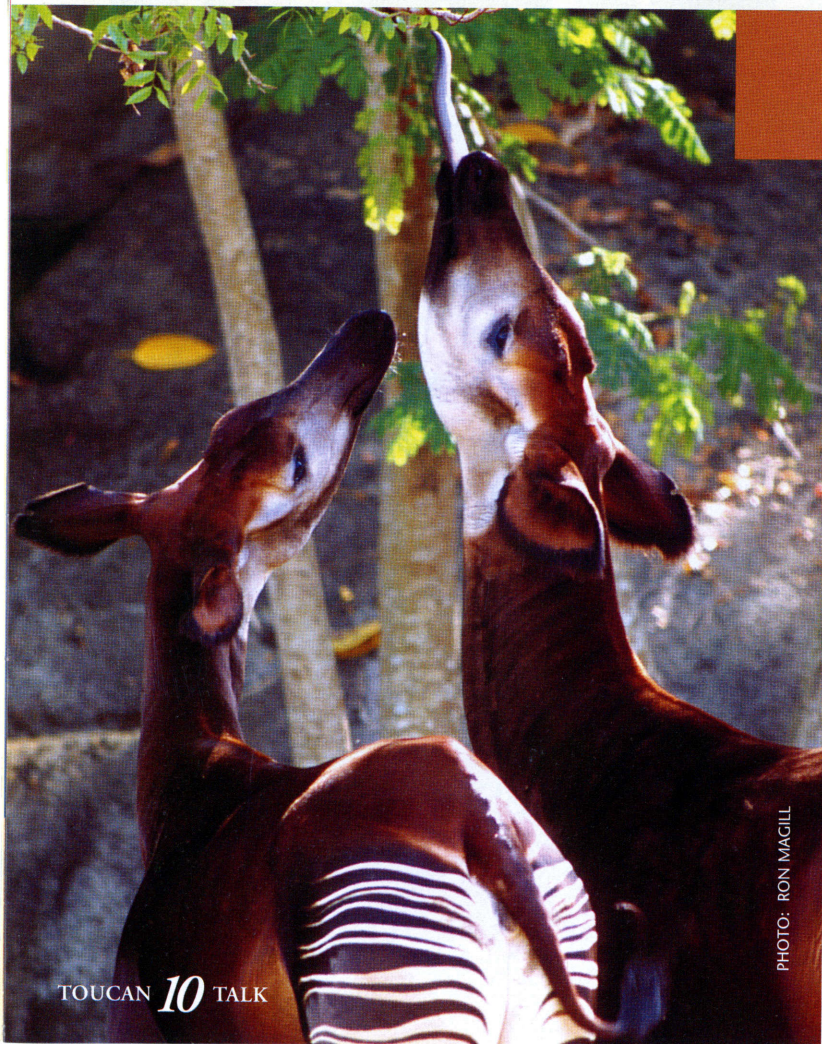


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2004 GUIDE



CAMP TITLE ART: BAILEY GIBSON (AGE 9)

A. Past And Present Animals

Are dinosaurs ancestors of today's birds? What was it like to be a dodo, a mammoth, or a saber tooth tiger? At ZooCamp, children will explore the similarities between the birds, reptiles, and mammals of the past and the present ones, while enjoying the fascinating animals at the Zoo.

B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!

In the tropics and the snow, in the savannas and the jungle, animals are struggling for survival. The daily challenges faced by animals must be overcome, or else! Campers at the Zoo will have an unforgettable time learning about the adventurous lives of their favorite animals.

CAMEL ILLUSTRATION: NATASHA MORRIS (AGE 9)



C. How Do Animals Get Along?

Can animals sometimes count on each other's help? Do different species of animals always compete and fight? ZooCamp children will be amazed by some odd couples found in the animal world. Well, as long as it works for them...

D. Lions, Tigers, And ... Meerkats!

Animals are grouped together according to traits that they have in common. This session of Camp is all about a very popular animal bunch: the carnivores (meat eaters). Carnivores can be tough and very good at using their teeth. It is true, meerkats are carnivores, too!

CONTACT US TODAY!

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at (305) 255-5551.

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Miami Metrozoo, visit our
website at
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Session dates to remember...

JUNE 14 - 18

- A. Past And Present Animals.....4-6-year-olds
- C. How Do Animals Get Along?.....7-10-year-olds

JUNE 21 - 25

- B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!.....4-6-year-olds
- D. Lions, Tigers, And ... Meerkats!.....7-10-year-olds

JUNE 28 - JULY 2

- C. How Do Animals Get Along?.....4-6-year-olds
- A. Past And Present Animals.....7-10-year-olds

JULY 5* - 9

- D. Lions, Tigers, And ... Meerkats!.....4-6-year-olds
- B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!.....7-10-year-olds
- B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!11-13-year-olds

JULY 12 - 16

- A. Past And Present Animals.....4-6-year-olds
- C. How Do Animals Get Along?.....7-10-year-olds

JULY 19 - 23

- B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!.....4-6-year-olds
- D. Lions, Tigers, And ... Meerkats!.....7-10-year-olds

JULY 26 - 30

- C. How Do Animals Get Along?.....4-6-year-olds
- A. Past And Present Animals.....7-10-year-olds

AUGUST 2 - 6

- D. Lions, Tigers, And ... Meerkats!.....4-6-year-olds
- B. It Is Definitely A Jungle Out There!.....7-10-year-olds

***Note: Camp will be held on July 5**

2004 GUIDE

Camp schedule and costs

June 14 – August 6, 2004

9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., Monday – Friday

Ages 4 to 13 years old. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Campers must bring their own lunches with drinks from home.

Cost: \$160.00 per week (Members: \$140.00)

Drop off and Extended Care:

- Morning drop-off: 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
- Extended care: 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Cost: \$35 per week per child

Discounts:

- \$5.00 discount per additional child,
 - \$5.00 discount per additional week
- Discounts apply to immediate family only.

Registration:

- Pre-registration with payment is required by 12:00 Noon on the Wednesday preceding the week of Camp the child will attend.
- Registrations received after 12:00 Noon on the Wednesday preceding the week of Camp the child will attend are charged a \$10.00 late fee per child.

Cancellations:

- If a registration is cancelled five days or less prior to the program date, a \$30 fee is applied.



2002 CAMP ART: BAILEY GIBSON (AGE 9)

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Camp activities

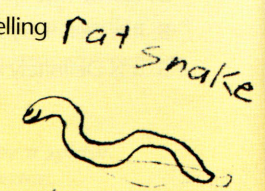
- Classroom presentations with animal skulls, skins, teeth, tusks, and other items
- Visit to American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia
- Visit to Dr. Wilde's World Tropical America exhibit
- Visit to animal exhibits with animal keepers
- Arts and crafts
- Classroom preparation of special treats and toys for animal enrichment, followed by a visit to watch the animals enjoy their gifts
- Visit to the pine rockland forest, a native and endangered habitat
- Classroom preparation of diet for some of the Children's Zoo animals
- Close-up classroom encounters with small birds, mammals and reptiles
- Water play (children should have a change of clothes)
- Playground time
- Songs, games, and storytelling

Slop bear



Jason Armada

My Favorite thing about Zoo Camp is seeing the animals jumping around having fun. I love asking the zoo keeper about the animals. I like being behind the scenes. I also like seeing the keeper feed the animals. We also get to make projects for the animals. Sometimes you get to feed the ducks. On the last day you get to go to the water part. Metro Zoo Camp is the best!



CAMP LETTER: JASON ARMADA (AGE 9)

ANIMAL ILLUSTRATIONS: SARAH JOSEPH (AGE 8)

KIDZOODLE



Play the Wildlife Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to reveal the animal name. Stumped? Answers are at the bottom of this page.

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| OAGRAOKN | _____ | NAPTEHLE | _____ |
| NOOGB | _____ | RIDOCLECO | _____ |
| RUMLE | _____ | ONAA | _____ |
| SELONIS | _____ | ENARC | _____ |
| WACAM | _____ | BIGNOB | _____ |
| TUNGRAANO | _____ | IORHN | _____ |
| ERUNKEG | _____ | SHAPANET | _____ |
| ITWEH RITGE | _____ | DOORNC | _____ |
| PAKIO | _____ | THICROS | _____ |
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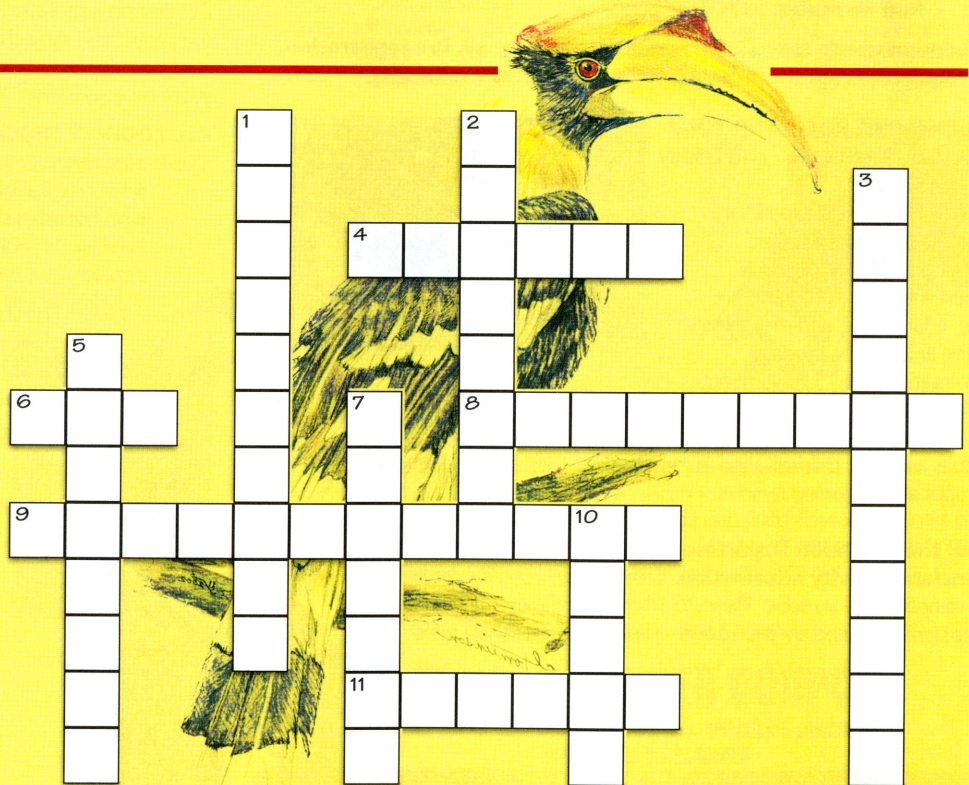
Crossword Puzzle

DOWN

- A change in the structure, function or form that improves the chances for survival
- Covering of a bird's body
- Living on land
- Living alone
- A unique plant or animal able to reproduce and evolve
- Acting as a poison

ACROSS

- Thin plates covering the body of a reptile or fish
- A good place to see and learn about animals
- All living and non-living things that interact in a particular place in the environment
- All species on earth, their genetic variations, and their ecosystems
- From another part of the world; not indigenous; foreign



ANSWERS: WILDLIFE WORD SCRAMBLE: OAGRAOKN = kangaroo, NOOGB = Bongo, RUMLE = Lemur, SELONIS = Lioness, WACAM = Macaw, TUNGRAANO = Orangutan, ERUNKEG = Gerenuk, ITWEH RITGE = White Tiger, PAKIO = Okapi, NSU ERBA = Sun Bear, FAIRFEG = Giraffe, YEMADDORR CLEMA = Dromedary Camel, NAPTEHLE = Elephant, RIDOCLECO = Crocodile, ONAA = Anaconda, ENARC = Crane, BIGNOB = Gibbon, IORHN = Rhino, SHAPANET = Pheasant, DOORNC = Condor, THICROS = Ostrich, LOGLAIR = Gorilla

ANSWERS: CROSSWORD PUZZLE: DOWN: 1. ADAPTATION, 2. FEATHERS, 3. TERRESTRIAL, 5. SOLITARY, 7. SPECIES, 10. TOXIC ACROSS: 4. SCALES, 6. ZOO, 8. ECOSYSTEM, 9. BIODIVERSITY, 11. EXOTIC

ZOO PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS



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.

WILD NIGHTS

**Saturdays, May 22 and June 5
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.

GUIDED PINE ROCKLAND TOUR Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:45 P.M.

Join us for the next expedition! See the Zoo's rare Pineland area up close, and personal! These interactive programs are fun, educational, and may include a live animal. The program time varies from 15 to 45 minutes. Please meet your host, "Pineland Lily," in the Australian lobe, near the Koala Exhibit, shown on the left side of your Zoo map. Recommended for adults and their children aged 10 or older. ZSF Members and school groups are welcome.



Call the Education Department at (305) 255-5551 for pineland activity information. Children ages 10 - 17 must be accompanied by an adult. These 20-30-minute programs are free with Zoo admission, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

ZOODLER ACADEMY

May – June

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. (See cost below.)

TUESDAYS

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

May 04 *Animal Mommies*
May 11 *Animal Opposites*
May 18 *The Tortoise and the Hare*
May 25 *Mixed up Chameleon*

THURSDAYS

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

3-4-Year-Olds: 3:30-4:30 P.M.
May 06 *Animal Mommies*
May 13 *Animal Opposites*
May 20 *The Tortoise and the Hare*
May 27 *Mixed up Chameleon*

ZOODLER GRADUATION DAY

**Thursday, June 3
3:00 – 4:30 P.M.**

It's that time again when we honor the new Zoodler class of 2004! Have your little one join in the ceremony. Any child that has attended at least one Zoodler class is eligible to attend the year-end celebration. (Pre-registration is required.)

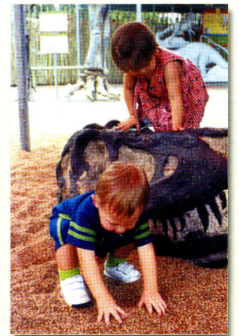
ALL ZOODLER PROGRAMS

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.

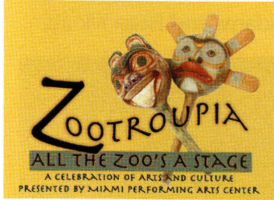
Inset Photos: Trying on a tortoise shell; Zoodler graduate with cap and mask



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AT THE ZOO!

SEASONAL FUN FOR EVERYONE!



ZOOTROUPIA
All The Zoo's A Stage
A celebration of art and culture
presented by the Miami Performing
Arts Center
May 3 - 23, Weekends
Asian Performing Arts Series
 In celebration of Miami Metrozoo's American

Bankers Family Aviary, *Wings of Asia*, Asian cultural entertainers featuring music and dance will perform each Sunday from February 22 - May 23 at the aviary. The Asian performers will vary from week to week with entertainment ranging from the Middle East and Asia.

Sundays, 12:00 Noon, 1:45 P.M. and 3:30 P.M.
in the Plaza at *Wings of Asia*

May 2: Vietnam
 May 9: China: Chinese dragon
 May 16: Russia: Music
 May 23: Middle East: "Eastern Stars"

Miami Performing Arts Center's FLYING SQUAD

This five-member group of Miami-based entertainers will roam through the Zoo park to surprise and delight visitors with short, lighthearted street theater routines. Many of these vignettes will draw their inspiration from the Zoo's own environs, and will be interactive with Zoo visitors.

Saturdays & Sundays, unannounced times and places, surprise vignettes throughout the Zoo, several times each weekend day

May 1 & 2
 May 8 & 9
 May 15 & 16
 May 22 & 23

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE / INFORMATION PROGRAM

May 2 & 5, 2004
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

These sessions provide detailed information regarding Zoo volunteer opportunities and responsibilities. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to tell you about the volunteer programs and answer questions. Please RSVP to Volunteer Services to reserve a space, 305-255-5551, ext.124.

THE AMERICAN BANKERS FAMILY AVIARY, WINGS OF ASIA

Free Flight Aviary - Daily, 10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Encounter rare and exotic Asian birds close-up and in free flight. Watch them build their nests and care for their young.

Bird Feedings - Daily, 10:30 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

Follow the bird keepers for fun and information while they go throughout the aviary feeding the birds.

Indoor Activities - Daily, 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Observe ducks swimming on top of and under the water with fish and turtles through the viewing glass of the indoor, air-conditioned Observation Center. Step out behind two waterfalls to see the aviary from a duck's eye view, and learn how you can participate in local conservation efforts in the Potamkin Conservation Center. Gift shop features Asian gifts.

Dinosaur Encounters - Daily, 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

View a film showing the link between dinosaurs and birds at the Field Research Center, then search for the skeleton of a 40-foot-long carnivorous dinosaur in a mock fossil excavation dig pit and manipulate a giant metal dinosaur puppet.



COMING! SPIDER-MAN, WOLVERINE AND SPIDER-GIRL

July 3 & 4, 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.

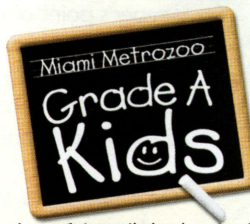
Presenting, "Who Wants to be a Super Hero," two 30-minute presentations, followed by a 1-hour "meet and greet" the super heroes.

EXPLORE TROPICAL AMERICA
At Dr. Wilde's World

May - June
10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Enjoy a unique hands-on, interactive adventure into the very heart of Tropical America. Back by popular demand, this fun exhibit features new animals from centipedes to a giant tarantula, Amazonian fish and funky-looking turtles. Awaiting you at the George Batchelor Theater is a movie with surround-sound to immerse you into the tropical rainforests of Panama, Central America and northern South America. Inspect the artifacts and crafts made by the indigenous rainforest people, marvel at the live animals, and be challenged to identify hidden wonders throughout the exhibit. There are storybooks, puzzles, puppets and rubbing stations for children.

Future exhibit plans include a working beehive and a corral where children can climb in and interact with tortoises (sorry, no adults inside the corral).



GRADE "A" KIDS
June 14 - August 13
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Good report cards can mean big rewards this summer at Miami Metrozoo, maybe even free Zoo admission! Throughout the summer, from June 14 until the beginning of school this fall, Miami Metrozoo will give \$1.00 off the admission price and a sticker for every "A" any student has earned on his/her report card. Parents will be given a bumper sticker stating *My Child Is A Grade "A" Kid At Miami Metrozoo*, and each student honored will receive a sticker to wear. Students presenting a report card with at least one "A" can also sign the "A" List, a large sign at the Zoo's entrance that lists the child's name, school and the number of "A's" earned.

COOL ZOO SUMMER FUN
All of June, July and August

Play on cool water slides around the zoo. Enjoy cool water mist, shady areas, a water play area and fun activities for everyone. There are lots of ways to keep cool at the Zoo this summer, so be sure to bring a bathing suit or change of clothes for the kids. Children love the seahorse water playground next to the Children's Zoo. Check out the misters along the walkways and the one in front of the Chimpanzee exhibit that is controlled by the chimps. NEW this summer are the very popular surrey quadracycles for easily getting around the Zoo. Chickee huts, covered rest areas and the air-conditioned free monorail will help you escape the sun and heat as you travel throughout the Zoo. Also for your cool comfort, explore the wonders of the Tropical American rainforest in our indoor, air-conditioned Dr. Wilde's World and the Temple and Field Research Center at Wings of Asia. It's way cool at the Zoo! Cool down with an ice cream and a variety of live musical performances throughout June, July and August.



TOUCAN TRADER COUPON

AN EXTRA 10% OFF YOUR EXISTING MEMBER'S DISCOUNT!
ONLY VALID ON SUNDAYS

On Sundays only, in addition to your 10% member's discount at Toucan Trader Gift Shop, you get an EXTRA 10% off your purchase. Don't miss the excitement of Zootroupia at the Zoo on Sundays in May and novel Asian gifts!
OFFER EXPIRES JUNE 27, 2004.

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A Purr-fect Life.

By Andrea Adams and Elissa Moats

Fascinated and impressed, visitors gaze at three female Bengal tigers interacting in their daily activities in front of an Asian temple. Sometimes leaping, chasing, rolling, stretching, swimming, strolling and frequently catnapping, they lead an active life, tiger style. This good life and their well-being is the result of the care given them by their keepers, Andrea Adams and Elissa Moats.



Zookeepers Andrea Adams and Elissa Moats
Photo: Sherrie Avery

A special relationship and mutual admiration exist between the tigers and us. From a keeper's point of view, we are never bored or indifferent to their nature. The tigers definitely are 'tuned in' to us, as they raise their eyes and ears for the slightest sound or movement. They seem to track us like radar, even in a crowd. Confidence, trust, playfulness and cooperation have developed over time. Of course, this does not mean the tigers are cute and cuddly. Their natural wild instincts are evident at all times.

On a daily basis, we create and provide new forms of enrichment to maintain their physical and mental fitness. Witnessing the results is our reward. Their individual personalities become apparent. Carlita, the white tiger, stares directly at us; hesitates until we approach, before she begins playing with her toys. We call her the "charmer" because she is the most attentive to us. Roshe's behavior is indifferent and often un-playful. She calmly strides with a steady gaze. She is the "cool cat". We rely on her consistent cooperation in daily routines. Lyric, the "innocent one", seemingly has a passive personality and facial expression. She's more cautious with new experiences. She usually pauses while the others take action. Perhaps she is just a good actress and would be the first to bite or attack if an opportunity arises.

Our experience as a "five girl team" continues to grow with new challenges and learning exchanges. We consider it a privilege to work with the magnificent Bengal tigers.

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