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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



BACKYARD BIRDS.

One of the rites of spring in our family is bird watching. This spring has brought welcome sightings of Warblers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Wood Ducks, to name a few.

This spring also has brought the rewarding chance to observe the Trumpeter Swans as they become established throughout the state at potential nesting sites selected by the Department of Natural Resources. As I watched these beautiful birds feed and glide through the water, I felt proud that the Zoological Society is helping to make this experience happen. The development of protected species and protected places is an important issue of the 90's. In fact, your Zoological Society, in its efforts to promote the conservation ethic, has helped such countries as Belize in Central America preserve habitats and species for future generations.

You are cordially invited to join us on our 1991 field trip to Belize, a country that offers some of the best bird-watching opportunities in the world. On August 21, at 7 p.m., we will host a Belizean night in the Peck Welcome Center for anyone interested in learning about the natural history of this colorful and wildlife-rich country.

I feel we have a bit of Belize in our own backyard. Every morning, when I listen to the chorus of orioles, cat birds and others, I'm thankful that we're not experiencing a "Silent Spring." It will be up to us individually and to organizations like the Zoological Society to assure this never happens.

And, speaking of birds, if you haven't yet visited the new Aviary, please do when you have a chance. You'll love it, and you made it possible.

Have a wonderful summer.

Gilbert K. Boese, Ph.D., President  
Zoological Society of Milwaukee County



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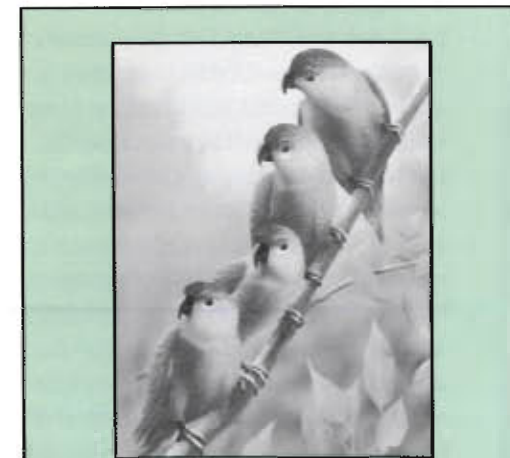
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This painting of Desmarest's Fig Parrots by Jay Jocham, an artist with the Zoological Society, appears on a poster commemorating the opening of the aviary and on the cover of one of four note cards featuring different birds in the aviary. For information on purchasing posters or note cards, see "Buy Buy Birdie," page 7.

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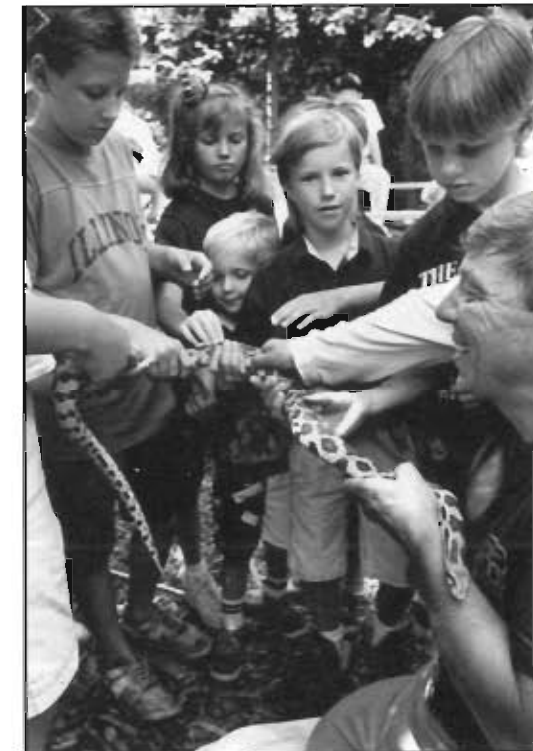
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# The Beasts of Brazil

A few years ago, Aquarium/Reptile Curator Rich Sajdak took a trip to Brazil to study turtles. Not ordinary turtles. Amazon River Sideneck Turtles.

After lots of field observation and months of preliminary research with his research partner, Flavio de Barros Molina, assistant curator of reptiles at the Sao Paulo Zoo in Brazil, he decided to take steps toward saving these huge freshwater turtles, endangered by habitat destruction and human exploitation.

So, Sajdak went back. For 42 days this winter, Sajdak and Molina picked up where they left off in 1988 as participants in the

International Partnerships Among Museums Program, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. The Milwaukee County Zoo and the Sao Paulo Zoo are the first zoos in the world to participate in this institutional exchange program.

During the first part of his trip to Brazil, Sajdak and Molina spent time every day—every hot, muggy, rainy day—at the Belem Zoo, located on the equator at the mouth of the Amazon River, identifying Amazon River Turtles and keeping careful records of the animals' distinguishing characteristics. The Amazon River Turtle is one of the largest freshwater turtles in the world, with some specimens weighing up to

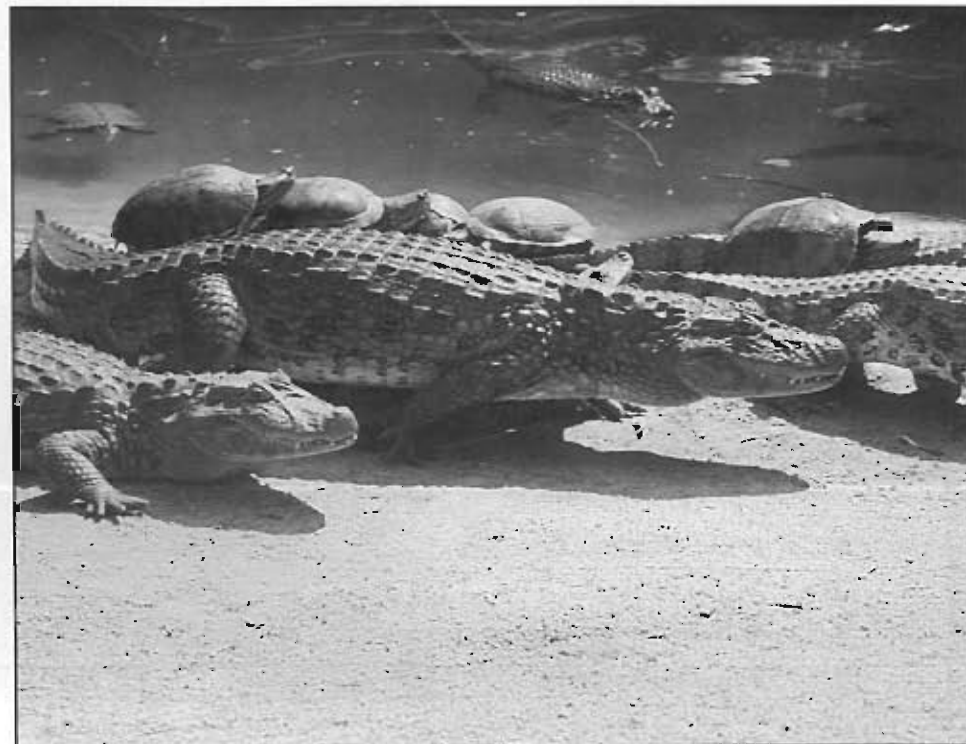


Photo by Richard Sajdak

90 kilograms and carrying 89-centimeter shells. The Belem Zoo is only one of two zoos in the world to breed Giant Amazon River Turtles.

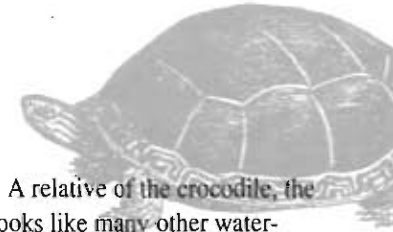
The big discovery of Sajdak's trip was a record-sized, 125-pound Giant Yellow-footed Tortoise. "Finding this huge turtle was the most exciting part of my trip," Sajdak said, speculating that the oversized turtle may be genetically abnormal. Karyotyping, or counting and studying the turtle's chromosomes, would help confirm his speculation.

To continue his study of the Amazon River Turtle and maintain his relationship with the Belem Zoo, Sajdak brought back to Milwaukee five baby Giant Amazon River Turtles and five turtles of another species.

Sajdak's work with Molina on the turtles ignited an interest in writing a guide in Portuguese about the Amazon River Turtle that would help Brazilians identify the turtles in the wild, realize that the species is threatened, and learn how to better manage the species. The pair's research also reinforced Sajdak's argument for compiling existing data on the turtle and creating an international studbook, or management program, for the Amazon River Turtle. The studbook would contain baseline information about the turtles that would be helpful to other zoos around the world that have Amazon River Turtles. The Milwaukee County Zoo has one of the only adult pairs of the Amazon River Turtle in North America.

During the second half of his trip, Sajdak traveled to Sao Paulo, a city of about 12 million, with Molina to study another threatened species, the Broad-snouted

*These caimans, from Brazil's Sao Paulo Zoo, are part of a thermoregulation study being conducted by the Milwaukee County Zoo and the Sao Paulo Zoo.*



Caiman. A relative of the crocodile, the caiman looks like many other water-dwelling crocodylians because of its wide, rounded head. Caimans, which can grow up to eight feet long, live in shallow, freshwater coastal streams and swamps. However, in recent years their natural habitats have been replaced by highways, dams, resorts and pollution. Some caimans are even being hunted for food and for their skins, Molina said. "Unfortunately, crocodylians have everything going against them...they're ugly to most people, they live in aquatic habitats, and they can be dangerous."

Motivated by a personal responsibility to prevent further loss of the caiman to habitat destruction and human exploitation, Sajdak and Molina showed up at the Sao Paulo Zoo every morning before the sun reached the animals' enclosure. They worked steadily together on what was to total more than 120 hours of observation.

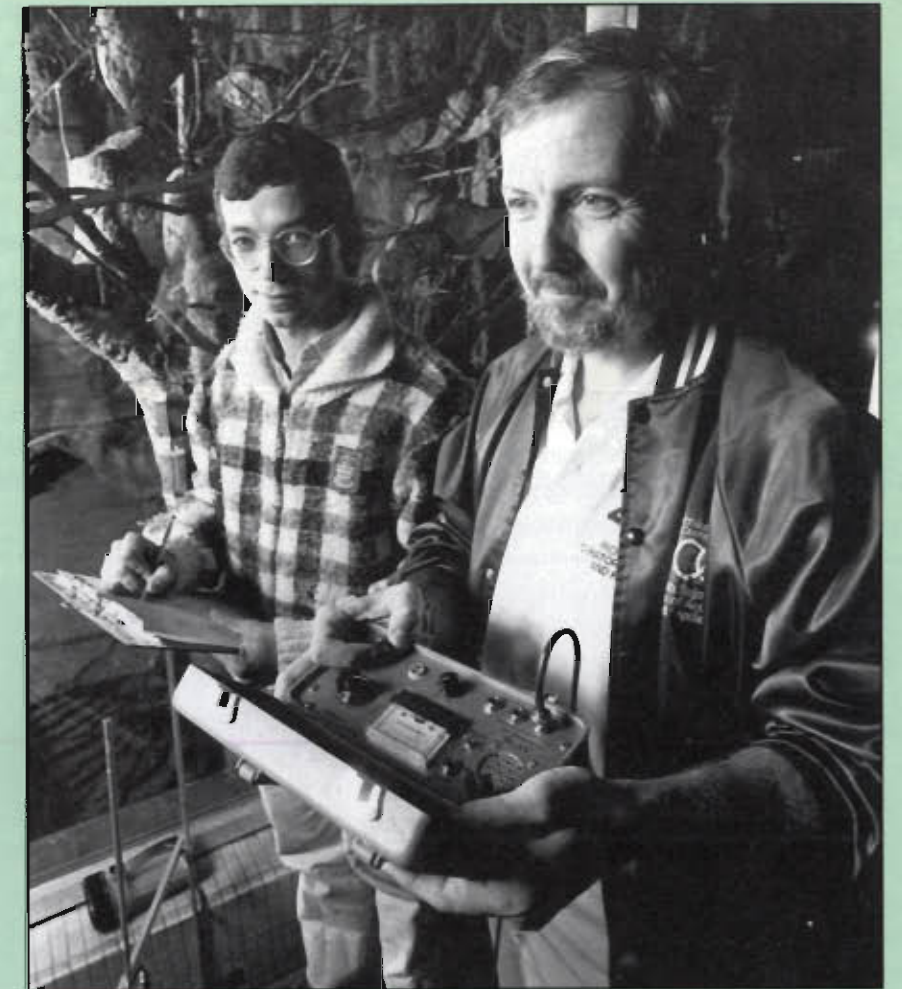
To what end?

"The purpose of this study was to get within the natural range of the caiman species, learn which temperatures caimans prefer, and ultimately, learn how to better manage our animals here at the zoo," Sajdak said.

Molina and Sajdak began their research by selecting four caimans from the Sao Paulo Zoo's collection and marking them with paint dots. Then, they fed each study animal a tiny transmitter about the size of the first joint of a man's smallest finger. Once inside the caiman, the transmitter, designed to help the scientists monitor the animals' temperatures, sent a pulse signal through a directional antenna to a pulse receiver.

"As the caiman's temperature rose, the equipment registered the pulse, and we

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Richard Sajdak (foreground), and research partner Flavio de Barros Molina, assistant reptile curator at Brazil's Sao Paulo Zoo, collect temperature data on our zoo's Broad-snouted Caimans.

## ON THE JOB

Richard Sajdak, Aquarium/Reptile Curator  
Milwaukee County Zoo

Working toward a greater understanding of what Caribbean Racers need to survive and what we can do to help save these snakes from extinction is what's on Rich Sajdak's mind these days, not to mention the welfare of 150 reptiles and amphibians and 2,000 fish and invertebrates at our zoo. A lot to think about in a day?

Now try adding to the list plans to move the zoo's heliotherms (sun-loving animals) back out into the sun, upgrade the Aquarium/Reptile Building's marine fish exhibit, and add new educational exhibits to the building. That's a lot to think about.

Since starting his zoo career as a keeper here in 1977, Sajdak has never stopped thinking about the importance of taking care of our zoo animals and the pressing need to protect our world's existing and vanishing animal species. Sajdak's field work over the years has especially heightened his awareness of these critical issues.

"Of all my responsibilities, I like working in the field the most," Sajdak said. With pride, he cites his field work on the Caribbean Racer Snakes (1977-present) and his most recent work with Amazon River Turtles and caimans.

Sajdak, who has a master's degree in zoology and a bachelor's in conservation, is a professional fellow with the Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) and is affiliated with a long list of other professional organizations.



measured the time between pulses," Sajdak said.


Having collected days of data off the equipment, donated by the Zoological Society, Sajdak and Molina noted an emerging pattern in their records that suggested caimans prefer dusk, when their bodies are the same temperature as the air and water.

Their data also noted some odd behaviors. For instance, when the caimans felt warm, they would open and not close their gaping mouths, some would lift their hind legs off the ground and slowly spin them in a "wind-milling" motion, and one small male never came out of the water. Neither Molina nor Sajdak can explain why the animals exhibited such curious behaviors.

And, it seems the more they discover, the more they need to find out. "This study hasn't answered nearly all of our questions," Sajdak said. But, when he couples his work with information published on thermal behavior in scientific journals, Sajdak sees important captive animal management implications.

"At our zoo, we keep our Broad-snouted Caimans in a relatively dull, dark exhibit and we never had a chance to observe the caimans' behavior in the sun," Sajdak said. "An improved exhibit certainly would help these animals' quality of life at the zoo and enhance reproduction."

When Sajdak returned to Milwaukee with Molina to complete the last part of their caiman study here, they repeated the same thermoregulation experiment they conducted in Brazil. "We wanted to see how we can modify our exhibit to bring it into line with the caiman's natural coastal environment."

Hence, our caimans' two brand new heat lamps. 

*All proceeds from this year's Zoo Ball will help provide a refurbished home for the reptiles and fish at our zoo. Planning for the renovation will begin next year, and the building is scheduled to be completed by mid-1994.*

## Plants or no plants?

Over the past five years or so, many people have advanced many thoughts on how to control deer damage in the Milwaukee area and around the state. But which of these ideas would be an effective method of controlling damage done by the White-tailed Deer at our zoo?

Elizabeth Frank, the zoo's curator of large mammals, and Andrew Teare, senior staff veterinarian, have been asking that question since January, 1990, when the zoo's Horticulture Department cited garden damage as a major concern.

Recognizing that the Zoo could neither casually eliminate the deer to prevent further damage to plantings nor bear the burden of supporting the deer on the zoo grounds, Frank and Teare solicited support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Involving the DNR in the zoo's deer population management proposal was necessary because Wisconsin's deer—and the damage they cause—are the responsibility of the DNR, Frank said.

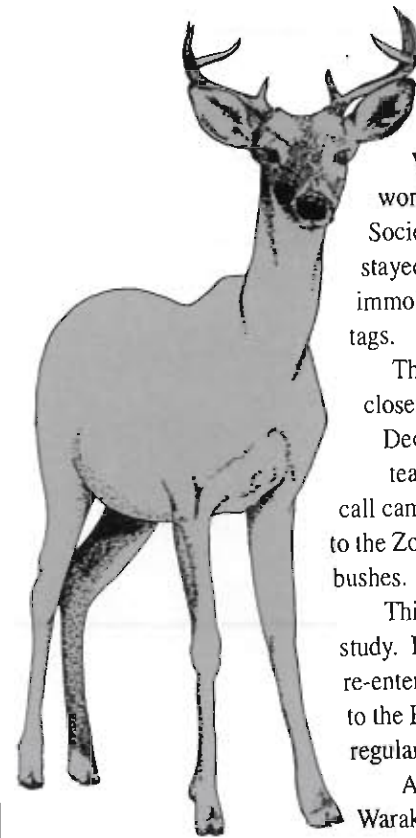
The Zoo's population control project, begun in October, involved identifying the deer on the zoo grounds; finding out if the deer stay at the zoo or wander in and out of the zoo; and if the deer stay, determining whether surgical sterilization is an effective way to control deer population growth.

Nine months of field observation conducted by Julie Waraksa, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee graduate student whose work on this project is funded by the Zoological Society, identified 12 different deer, some of which stayed on the zoo grounds. Eight of the 12 deer were immobilized, sterilized and tagged with Zoo and DNR tags.

The team had hoped this procedure would bring them closer to a population control solution. However, in December, the deer disappeared and nobody on the team knew where they went. That is, until a phone call came from a nearby Bishop's Woods resident, referred to the Zoo by the DNR, who noticed tagged deer eating her bushes.

This call added a whole new dimension to Waraksa's study. Her next steps: to find out where the deer leave and re-enter the zoo, determine what route(s) they follow to get to the Bishop's Woods area, and note when the animals regularly return to the zoo.

And because this project is a three-year study, Waraksa has 27 more months to track them.



## Nesting newborns

In the winter issue of *Alive*, "Portrait of a Dilemma" told the story of a Zoological Society-supported experiment designed to make up for tree loss on Horicon Marsh's Four Mile Island, home to Wisconsin's largest heron and egret populations. Early observations by the DNR suggest that the birds are responding well to the artificial "trees" that are part of the experiment; however, officials won't be able to tell how many of each bird species are using the nests and how many young per nest are born until the end of summer.

## MEMBERANDUMS

### No Card Yet?

This is an apology to all Zoological Society members inconvenienced by our membership application and renewal process and an explanation of why your membership card hasn't yet arrived or arrived late. Though summertime is when the Zoological Society customarily renews and processes more than 80 percent of its applications from new and established members, we did not anticipate this year's tremendous response to our spring membership drive. To deliver your membership benefits more efficiently, we have hired additional second-shift staff and are issuing temporary membership cards to members without cards. For a temporary card, call (414) 258-2333 or visit the Society office. Thank you for your patience.

NEW

### Kids Night

Kids won't find broccoli or brussel sprouts at this event. Instead, cotton candy, licorice whips, hot dogs and ice cream tempt kids (and parents or grandparents) to the zoo from 6-9 p.m. on July 18. Kids can watch dogs from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department demonstrate their drug-finding skills and sing along to children's singer and entertainer, Fred Turk. Kids will also have the first chance to sign up for membership in the Animal Adoption Program's new adoption club for kids, the Kids 'n' Critters Club. Read about this new club on page 15.

NEW

### Lecture Series

From fall through spring, the Zoological Society will offer members five different opportunities to gain a better understanding of wildlife and the environment through its new Lecture Series.

On Tuesday, September 10, Richard Sajdak, the zoo's Aquarium/Reptile curator, will discuss his recent field study of Brazil's caimans and river turtles. His

work, done with the Sao Paulo Zoo in Sao Paulo, Brazil, represents the first zoo research in the world done through the International Partnerships Among Museums Program. See story, page 5.

On Thursday, October 31 (Halloween Day), Jan Rafert, the zoo's Primate and Small Mammal curator, and John Wightman, area supervisor for small mammals, will discuss the importance of bats and dispel some of the myths associated with them.

Lecture topics and dates for programs in February, March and April will be included in the fall and winter issues of Alive. Admission to lectures is free, and

parking is \$4. Limited seating is available. To make a reservation for the September 12 program, call (414) 258-2333. The program will be held in the Education Center (Stackner Heritage Farm) and will begin at 7 p.m.

### Buy, Buy Birdie

Commemorative posters featuring the Fig Parrots pictured on the cover of this magazine and sets of eight note cards featuring four different aviary birds are available for \$5 plus tax through the Zoological Society office, (414) 258-2333. Proceeds will benefit the aviary.

### Pack Your Bags For...

NEW

#### Shedd Aquarium.

Whale watchers and marine life aficionados, here's a trip for you. On Saturday, October 5, the Zoological Society is hosting a trip to Chicago's John G. Shedd Aquarium. This is the first members-only domestic field trip offered through the Society's "Pack Your Bags" travel program.

This day-long trip offers Society members a chance to travel through the aquarium's new Oceanarium and see Beluga Whales, Pacific White-sided Dolphins, Alaskan Sea Otters, Harbor Seals and several penguin species.

Cost is \$26 per person, which includes a Continental breakfast prior to departure from the Milwaukee County Zoo, round-trip Motor Coach transportation, admission to the Shedd Aquarium, and beverages and snacks on the return trip to Milwaukee. To make a reservation, fill out the form between pages 6 and 7 of this magazine and mail it to: Zoological Society, Shedd Trip, 10005 W. Bluemound Rd., WI 53226, by Friday, September 20. For information, call (414) 258-2333.

#### Belize.

Departing October 28, 1991, this safari invites adventurers on a two-week trip South of the Border to view abundant marine life along Belize's famous coral reef, take part in some bird-watching opportunities unequalled anywhere in the world, and explore Mayan ruins. Travelers also will visit the Crooked Tree Sanctuary, the Zoological Society-supported Community Baboon Sanctuary, and the Belize Zoo.

#### Indonesia.

A visit to Indonesia is a chance to see some of the most magnificently plumed birds, enjoy the whitest snow-capped mountain peaks, collect unique art and experience a warm and gentle tribal culture. Scheduled for the last week in February, 1992, the Zoological Society will travel to the islands of Komodo, Bali and Sumatra, all wildlife sanctuaries rich in flora and fauna.

*Overseas safaris will be led by Zoological Society President Dr. Gil Boese. For more details, call Susan Hauke, travel program coordinator, at (414) 258-2333.*





S U M M E R

# Outdoor Classroom

It's summer. For kids, it can mean three months off from school or it can mean three more months of learning. Rarely will kids pick the latter, unless they're at a zoo.

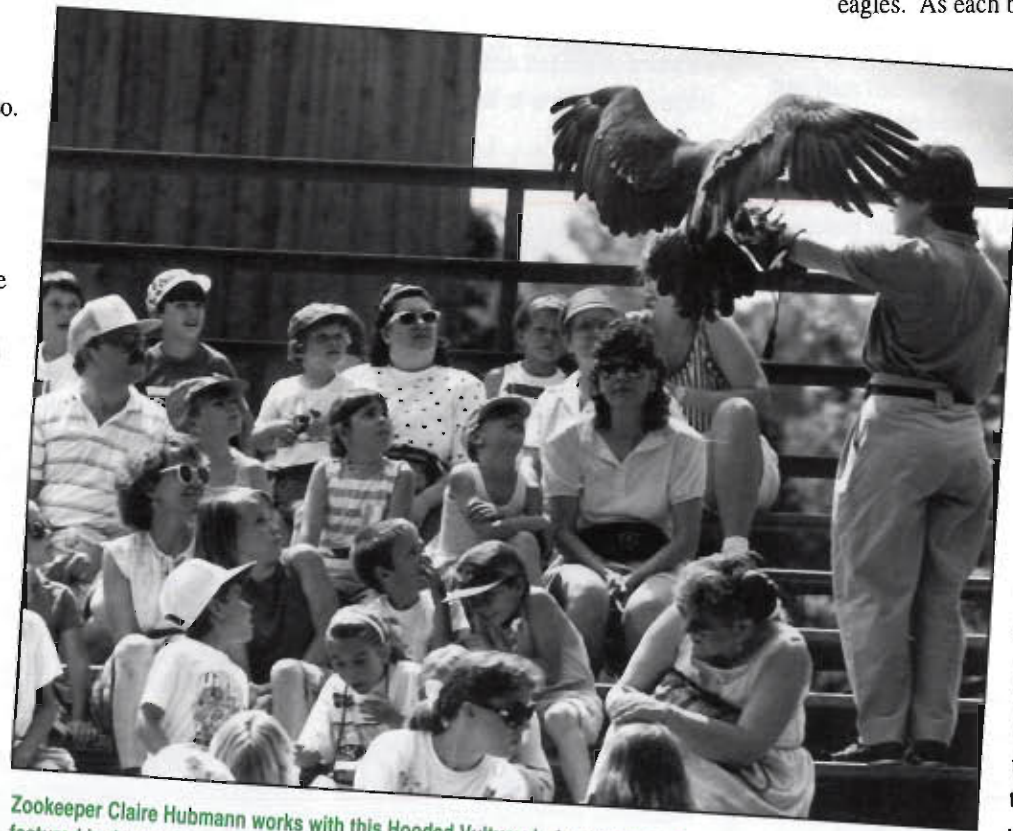
Literally an outside classroom, the zoo combines live animals with personal interpretation by animal experts to make learning about animals and our environment fun, easy, and for everybody.

All summer educational programs at the zoo get their "students" involved, whether by inviting questions or asking for a volunteer to feed a sea lion.

In a day's visit to the zoo, families can learn what makes a raptor a raptor, what makes sea lions different from seals and how a snake really feels.

"The zoo has such tremendous potential to educate thousands of people about animals, especially during the summer months," said Jeff Schultz, the zoo's coordinator of special programs. "The programs we offer in summer are our way of giving summer zoo visitors a little something extra for their money."

"We hope that once families learn



Zookeeper Claire Hubmann works with this Hooded Vulture during the zoo's Raptor Bird Show. Other raptors featured include a hawk, falcon, owl, osprey, kite and eagle.

This free, 20-minute show features seven types of raptors, or birds of prey: hawks, falcons, vultures, owls, ospreys, kites and eagles. As each bird is introduced by

on-stage raptor experts, it swoops from the uppermost corners of the theater's bleachers to center stage, flying only inches above the heads of the audience. This spectacular demonstration is designed to give people a closer look at the birds' distinctive characteristics—strong feet and hooked upper beaks—and a better understanding of how the birds use their wings and tails.

From each presentation, the audience walks away

with a greater understanding of what raptors are, what these birds eat, how they eat, what makes one raptor different from the others, and what makes an endangered species endangered.

Presenters also make sure no show-goer leaves without knowing the problems raptors face in the wild as a result of human ignorance or inefficiency, habitat destruction, pollution, and pesticides.

At the end of each show, Zoo Pride volunteers are on hand to distribute instruction flyers on how to build barn owl nest boxes and sparrow hawk/screech owl houses and sheets of suggestions on how audience members can live more conservation-conscious lives.

People wanting to learn even more about conserving raptors and other birds can call InfoSource, a 24-hour informational service, at (414) 257-5359 and request topic numbers 304 and 305.

The Raptor Bird Show program is leased from the Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project at the Tyson Research Center in Missouri and is sponsored by Good Humor Ice Cream.

## Animals in Action

- VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- DAILY THROUGH LABOR DAY
- 9 A.M. ELEPHANT TALK
- 11 A.M. GREAT APE TALK
- 11:30 A.M. REPTILE TALK
- 1:30 P.M. ASIAN ELEPHANT TALK
- 2:15 P.M. CAMEL DEMONSTRATION
- 2:30 P.M. REPTILE TALK
- 3 P.M. SEA LION/POLAR BEAR TALK

This program lets people learn about how zoo animals are cared for from the people who do it every day—the zookeepers. "The keepers are the hands-on people who work with the animals every day, and they're the ones who have the most interesting—and sometimes funny—stories to tell," Schultz said.

"They can give zoo visitors an inside look at the zoo and what goes on here from an animal management perspective."



Jack Uphill, aquarium/reptile zookeeper, gives children a closer look at Wisconsin's non-venomous Fox Snake during an Animals in Action Reptile Talk.

The program features the following animals in locations throughout the zoo: elephants, apes, reptiles, camels, sea lions and polar bears.

Zoo visitors attending Animals in Action programs will get a chance to touch a reptile during the Reptile Talk, get within

three feet of a camel during the Camel Demonstration, watch an ape munch on brunch at the Great Ape Talk, learn the secrets to handling a two-ton elephant during the Elephant Talks, and watch the

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polar bears dive for apples and the sea lions dart for fish during the Sea Lion/Polar Bear Talk.

### Sea Lion Show

SURFING SAFARI THEATER


10:30 A.M., NOON, 1:30 P.M., 3 P.M.—MONDAY - SATURDAY

11:30 A.M., 1 P.M., 2:30 P.M., 4 P.M.—SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS

THROUGH OCTOBER

For \$1 per person, zoogoers can get a fascinating introduction to the natural history of the sea lion while watching the antics of three playful sea lions in the pool before them. The animals' underwater acrobatics and agile bodies have made sea lions -- at this show and in the zoo's sea lion underwater viewing exhibit -- a favorite among zoogoers.

To zoo visitors, this show is a treat. The pool is 80 feet long, 35 feet wide and 18 feet deep. It holds 250,000 gallons of water and is home to three sea lions -- Sport, Ellie and Fernando -- year-round. Of the three sea lions, Fernando seems to be the biggest crowd pleaser. He weighs 626 pounds, about 400 pounds more than Ellie or Sport and has a more engaging personality. "He's theatric," Schultz said. "When Fernando comes out into the pool, he enraptures the audience and gets them to 'ooh' and 'aah,' as if there were fireworks here."

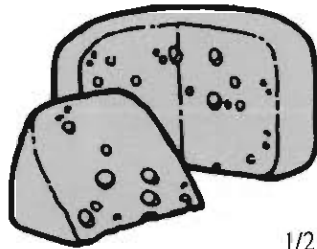
The Surfing Safari Sea Lion Show is leased from Zoo Vet Productions, California, and is sponsored by Miller Brewing Company. Journal Communications provides the theater. 

*Use this information on times and locations of special programs to plan your next visit to the zoo. Then, when you come, pick up a brochure at the zoo's entrance gate that gives all the program information listed here. For information on other educational programs and events at the zoo, call the Zoological Society's Education Department at (414) 256-5421 or read page D of Alive 2.*

## EDZOOICATION

### The Big Cheese on our Block

Anna Adesso, a 9-1/2-year-old from Shorewood, won a free trip to the zoo for entering this First Place recipe in the Fun with County Line Cheese Cookbook Contest:



#### SURPRISE CHEESE BAKE

- 1 stick (1/2 c.) margarine
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 medium zucchini, grated
- 2 c. shredded County Line Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 c. Parmesan cheese

1/2 c. dry bread crumbs

- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 4 egg whites, beaten to blend
- 1/2 c. half & half

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9" x 13" glass baking dish with vegetable spray. Melt 1/4 cup margarine in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until softened, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes. Add zucchini, cook 10 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Stir in 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, 1/4 cup bread crumbs and the Italian seasoning.

Transfer mixture to prepared dish. Sprinkle with remaining Monterey Jack Cheese. Combine beaten egg whites and half & half. Pour over zucchini. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs. Dot with remaining 1/4 cup margarine. Bake until golden brown, about 35 minutes. This can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Re-warm before serving.

For a copy of the Fun with County Line Cheese Cookbook, visit the Zoological Society's Education Department in the Education Center. This Cookbook Contest was a part of June's Festival of Dairy Weekend, sponsored by County Line Cheese.

### A Quilt to the Highest Bidder

Bid on eight quilts made by school children and seniors as part of the Zoological Society's Birds of the World Quilt Project during a silent auction to be held in the Peck Welcome Center at the zoo from August 12-18. The quilts commemorate the opening of the new aviary. Quilt auction proceeds will benefit the Zoological Society's conservation educational efforts.

### New Exhibit Has Zoo Buzzing

Zoo visitors are getting an up-close look at how bees build a hive and produce honey, thanks to a new exhibit sponsored by the Gary Katz Foundation.

The exhibit, located in the Stackner Heritage Farm, lets zoo visitors watch bees through a glass-covered opening in an old half-tree trunk, touch and smell a piece of beeswax, and learn about the importance of bees to Wisconsin's agriculture from educational graphics mounted near the exhibit.

The Beehive exhibit was designed by the Milwaukee and Waukesha Beekeepers Association, and the exhibit's beeswax block was donated by Honey Acres.



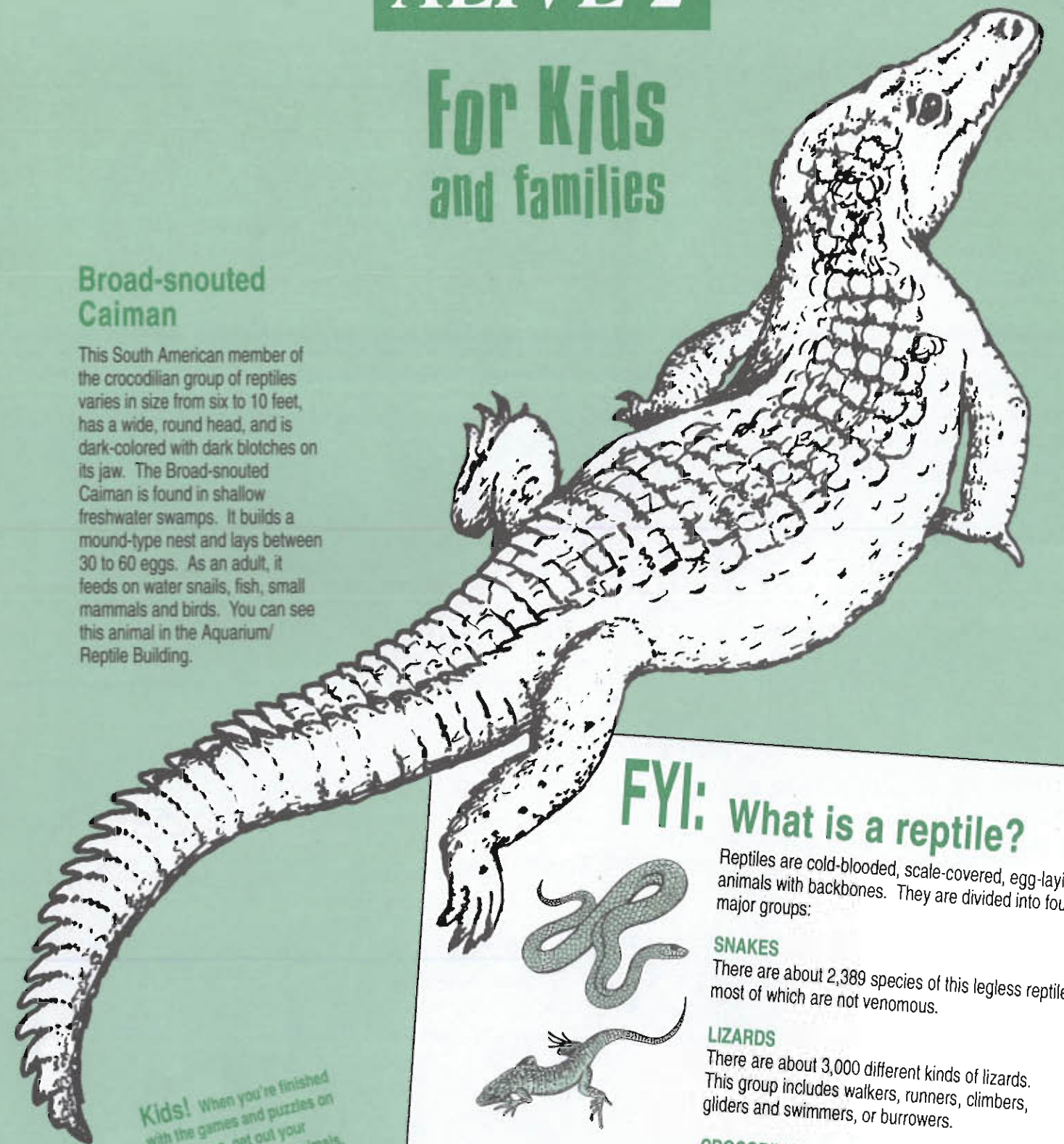
# ALIVE 2

For Kids  
and families

PULL-OUT SECTION

### Broad-snouted Caiman

This South American member of the crocodylian group of reptiles varies in size from six to 10 feet, has a wide, round head, and is dark-colored with dark blotches on its jaw. The Broad-snouted Caiman is found in shallow freshwater swamps. It builds a mound-type nest and lays between 30 to 60 eggs. As an adult, it feeds on water snails, fish, small mammals and birds. You can see this animal in the Aquarium/ Reptile Building.



## FYI: What is a reptile?

Reptiles are cold-blooded, scale-covered, egg-laying animals with backbones. They are divided into four major groups:

#### SNAKES

There are about 2,389 species of this legless reptile, most of which are not venomous.

#### LIZARDS

There are about 3,000 different kinds of lizards. This group includes walkers, runners, climbers, gliders and swimmers, or burrowers.

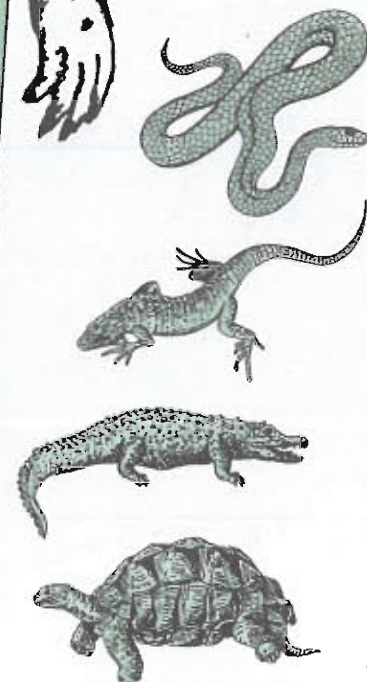
#### CROCODYLIANS

Similar to large lizards, this group includes crocodiles, alligators, caimans and gavials.

#### TURTLES/TORTOISES

The bodies of these reptiles are entirely covered by a firm shell.

There is one other minor reptile group called the Tuatara. Visit your library to learn more about this group.



*Kids! When you're finished with the games and puzzles on these pages, get out your crayons and color the animals, just like in your coloring books.*

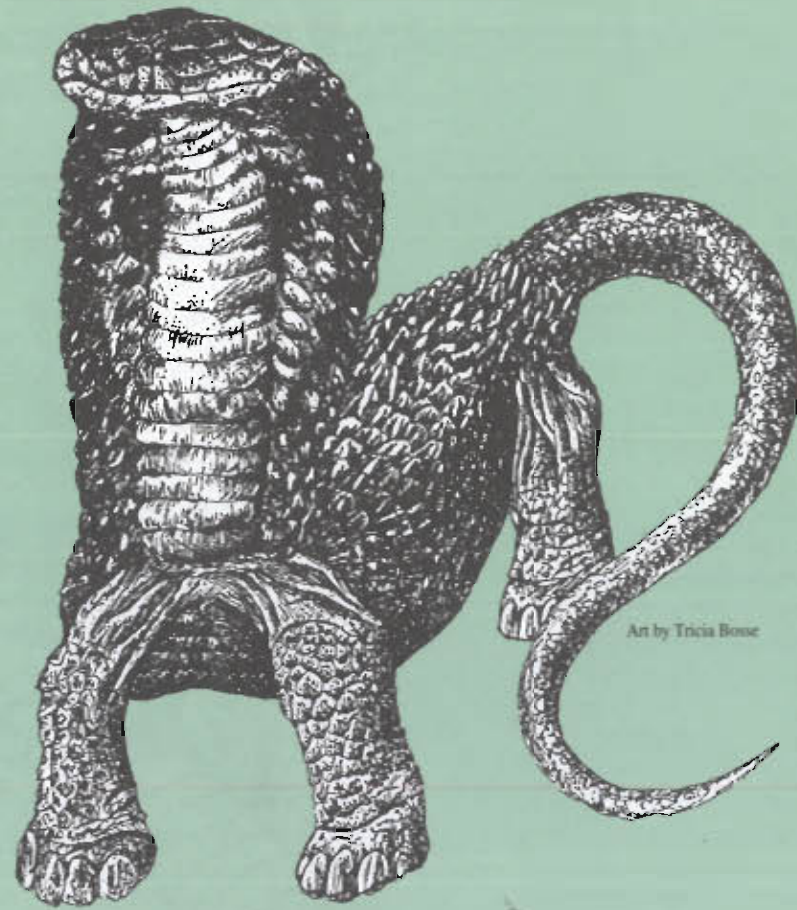
Art by Tricia Bosse

—by Mary Thiry



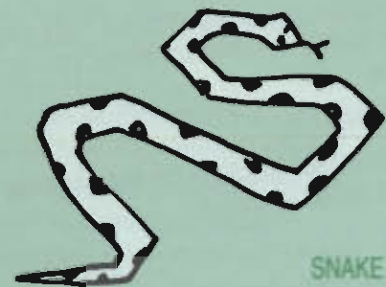
# Creative Creature Contest

Test your creativity by making up a name for this mythical reptile. This creature represents the four major reptile groups (snake, crocodile, lizard and turtle). Send in your name for this creature on a 3" x 5" card by August 30 to: Zoological Society, Creature Contest, 10005 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226. Don't forget to include your name, age and complete address on the card. Prizes will be awarded. Top winners will be announced in the next issue of *Alive*.

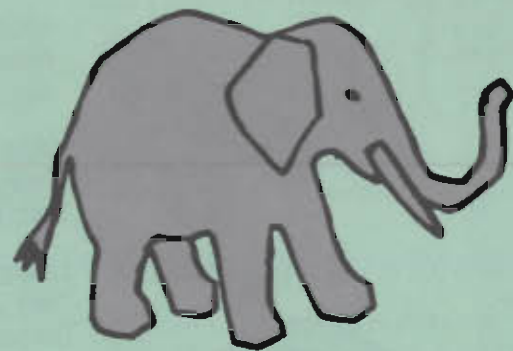


# Ring Around the Reptile

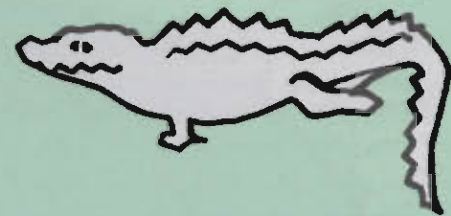
Circle the animals that belong to the reptile family.



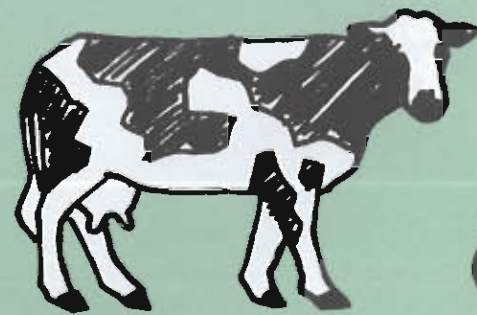
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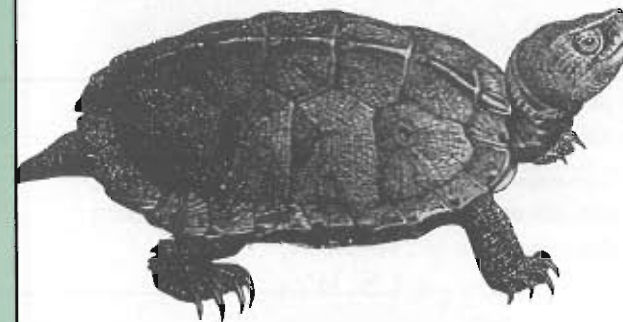
Answers: snake, crocodile, lizard

# THE CURIOUS CORNER

## CAN TURTLES HOP IN AND OUT OF THEIR SHELLS?

A turtle's shell is made out of bone and is actually part of its skeleton. Its ribs and backbones are built right into the shell. The shell is covered with a thin layer of skin, and the skin is covered by scales. That means that a turtle cannot hop out of its shell any more than you can jump out of your skeleton!

Submitted by Kaylee Jackson, 4, Milwaukee

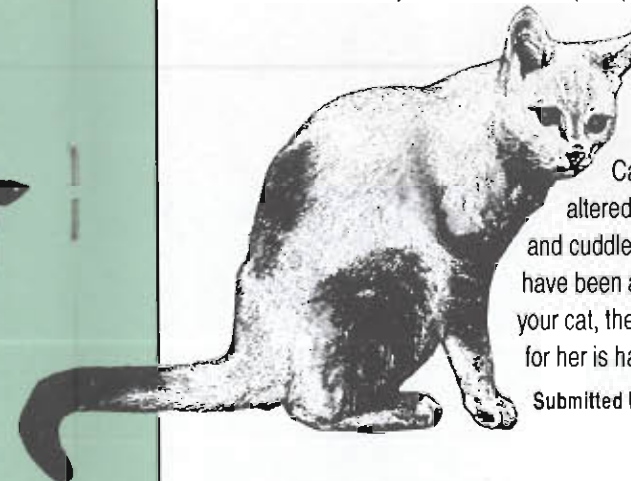


## WHY DOES MY CAT HAVE TO BE FIXED SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE BABIES?

Every day, 70,000 kittens are born in the U.S.! Most must be destroyed because there are not enough homes for them. A vet can fix or alter your cat with a simple operation. After that, she will be healthier and happier. She will even live longer and be a better pet.

Cats that have not been altered cry a lot, are messier, and cuddle a lot less than ones that have been altered. So, if you love your cat, the best thing you can do for her is have her altered.

Submitted by LuAnn Kuehl, Milwaukee



—by Pete Feldner



## WHAT IS A MARSUPIAL?

A marsupial is an animal that has a pouch where it carries its babies. When a baby marsupial is born, it is so little that it could not live outside of its mother's body.

Fortunately, it does not have to, because its mother has a pouch or pocket. The baby crawls into the pouch and drinks milk until it grows large enough to go out into the world. Kangaroos and koalas are two famous marsupials that live in Australia, but we have only one marsupial, the Virginia opossum, that lives right here in Wisconsin.

Submitted by Sam Pranger, 8, Milwaukee

If you are a curious person, age 12 or younger, who has a question about animals or the zoo, write to: Zoological Society, "The Curious Corner", 10005 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. If your question is selected for publication, you will receive an inflatable Jungle Giraffe. The three-foot-tall animal includes fun facts about the giraffe.



# Education Programs

The following educational programs are coordinated by the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County and the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service. They are designed to help children uncover the mysteries of the Animal Kingdom. To enroll your child in any of the programs or to receive registration information, complete the order form and return it by August 1.

## PRESCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Children ages 4, 5, and 6 (in kindergarten) can enroll in these 2-1/2 hour workshops to be held in September, October, November and December. Instructors and volunteers will introduce children to different zoo animals each month. Workshops include visits to the animals and a variety of fun learning activities. The fee for each workshop is \$8 for Society members and \$10 for non-members.

## TINY TOTS

Parents and three-year-old children are invited to the zoo for these 1-1/2 hour workshops. Each month, children will have a chance to get a close-up view of the featured animal-of-the-month and participate in a variety of classroom activities. Workshops will be held in September, October, November and December. The fee for each workshop is \$10 for Society members and \$12 for non-members. Fee includes a parking pass. Babysitting is available at the zoo for your other children for \$3.50 for one child and \$4 for two children.

## KIDS DAY OUT

Back by popular demand! "Kids Day Out" will be held in the Education Center on Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25,

during the Wisconsin State Teachers Convention. Children can be enrolled for one or both days. The program, for children ages six to 11, will include arts and crafts, recreation, movies, lunch, a zoo tour and more!

## SUMMER CAMPS

Thanks to Walgreen's, the Zoological Society is able to provide an educational summer for more than 2,500 children through its annual Summer Camp Program.

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

Read all about it at the zoo. Kids and families who come to the zoo on Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., can participate in a day-long celebration of reading, to include free learning activities in the Education Center, special art activities with artist Mary Tooley, a scavenger hunt, and a chance to add a sentence or two to an over-sized story book. The theme for this year's reading program is "Wheels, Wings 'n' Words" and is sponsored by the Milwaukee County Zoo, Zoological Society of Milwaukee County, Waukesha Library System, Milwaukee Library System and Federated Library System of Milwaukee.



## ORDER FORM - FALL 1991

For each child, please request one form and enclose a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESCHOOL WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4, 5, 6 (in kindergarten)

\_\_\_\_\_ TINY TOTS FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 & PARENT

\_\_\_\_\_ KIDS DAY OUT FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-11

Return by **August 1** to: Fall Education Programs, Zoological Society of Milwaukee County, 10005 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

# Illustrious Images

These are the top four winners of the zoo's annual Fuji Photo Contest. All of the images reflect an eye for composition, a desire for challenge, a need for patience, and a sincere respect for wildlife. Special thanks to Fuji Film and all the zoo enthusiasts who entered this year's contest. Fuji Film awarded first-prize winner Mike Tarnowski a \$50 gift certificate, eight rolls of color film, two blank cassette tapes and two tickets to the Milwaukee County Zoo.

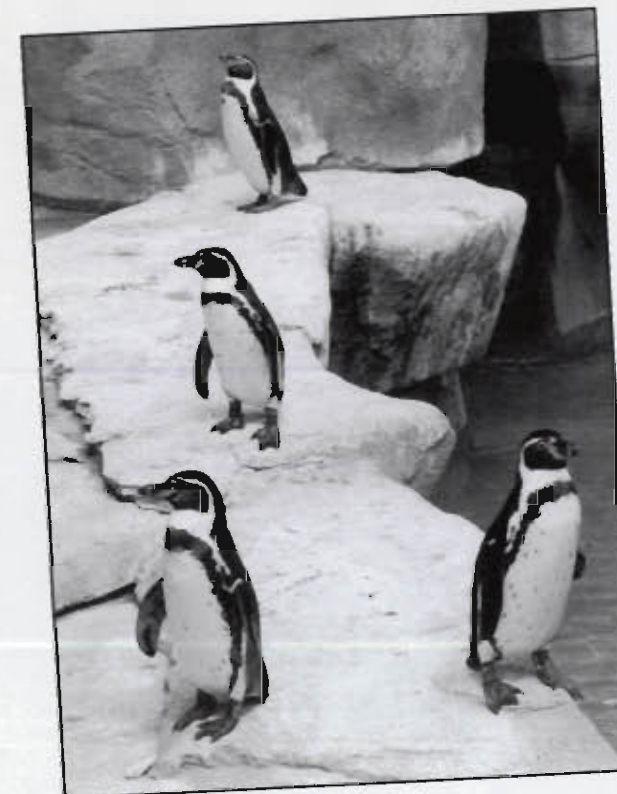
All other winners received \$25 gift certificates, four (4th place) to six (2nd place) rolls of color film, two cassette tapes, and two tickets to the Milwaukee County Zoo.



First Place Green Mamba  
Mike Tarnowski St. Francis, WI



Third Place Chipmunk  
Carol Kardach South Milwaukee,



Second Place Humboldt Penguins  
Mark Vanderpool Milwaukee, WI



Fourth Place Polar Bears  
David Kern Wauwatosa, WI





# A Very Special Story

A different kind of learning took place at the zoo last month when more than 1,100 children with and without disabilities showed up at the zoo to learn about animals through art.

The day-long Very Special Kids Day - Safari at the Zoo event sent children from Southeastern Wisconsin on a trip around the zoo, stopping at many of the zoo's 80 ArtStops, or workshops, to touch a snake's skin, paint pictures of elephants, pet a goat, make ink prints of fish, act out environmental skits, and other wildlife-themed activities.

Aimed at showcasing children's creative talents through dance, drama, music, and visual arts, the day's events were coordinated by the Zoological Society; Zoo Pride, the volunteer auxiliary of the Zoological Society; the Milwaukee Police Department; and Very Special Arts Wisconsin, an agency providing arts programs for children and adults with and without disabilities.

"Our Zoo Pride volunteers were looking for an opportunity to help give those children who don't ordinarily go on field trips a chance to come to the zoo, learn and have fun," said Robin Higgins, the Zoological Society's coordinator of the event.

"This seemed like a wonderful opportunity for us. I found this event personally fulfilling because I know the Zoological Society and the zoo have so much to offer. We need to be the ones reaching out to those who can't reach out to us. There's a lot out here to experience; it's just that people with disabilities experience the zoo differently than we do."

Kids who came to the zoo on Very Special Kids Day agreed that, besides participating in the ArtStops, watching 68

police squad cars from around the state process into the zoo—with red lights flashing—was an event hard to top in terms of excitement and feeling special.


Visitors to the zoo on that day, however, found an activity they thought came in a close second—the Kids Khorus, an integrated group of students with and without disabilities, who sang and signed songs to music by the Milwaukee Police Band in the Old Style Zoo Terrace. "They're really good," some passers-by noticed.

The Zoological Society's and the Zoo's relationship with Very Special Arts Wisconsin is a new one, but Higgins hopes Very Special Kids Day is the first of many similar special events. Very Special Arts Wisconsin is a non-profit organization that tries to integrate all individuals into as many communities as possible through ongoing programs like Very Special Kids Day.

Higgins is quick to recognize all the staff and Zoo Pride volunteer hours that went into making the event happen:

arranging for zookeepers to be available for Animals in Action Programs, packing lunches, assembling kids' packets, inviting dignitaries to the event, putting together the day's program book, and every other little detail that seems to get overlooked as soon as an event is over.

"I knew our Zoo Priders and our Zoo and Society staffs could handle an event of this sensitive nature and of this magnitude," Higgins said. "It was fun gathering everybody together to do something positive

for a group of people who I know really appreciated it." 

*Donors that supported Very Special Kids Day - A Safari at the Zoo are BDO Seidman; Robert Baird & Co.; Frito Lay; Gilles' Custard; Hardee's; Milwaukee Insurance; Milwaukee Public Schools; Rippin' Good Cookies; Sentry Foods; 7-Up; State of Wisconsin Art Board; Variety Club of Milwaukee; and Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.*



## ON THE JOB

Robin Higgins, Director of Membership, Animal Adoption, and Volunteers, Zoological Society of Milwaukee County

Robin Higgins wouldn't mind if history repeated itself—at least the last ten or so years—because she's enjoyed every minute of it. This vivacious woman, who over the past several years gave Zoo Pride volunteers "some of the best and most energetic leadership," is now trying to do more of the same for Zoological Society members and Animal Adoption sponsors as well.

Her new job as director of Membership, Animal Adoption and Volunteers, which she started last October, demands the same persistence, people-patience, and knack for overcoming adversity she learned while working more than 10 years ago as a Zoo Pride volunteer and then, later, as head of that organization. Among her goals, she says, "is to help all of our supporters—members, adoptive 'parents' and volunteers—to get the most out of their affiliation with the Zoological Society and the Zoo."

Higgins is responsible for coordinating all Society membership, Animal Adoption, and new-volunteer orientation programs. But what makes Higgins' events and programs unique are her exhaustive attention to detail, constant emphasis on customer service and satisfaction, and genuine gratitude to staff and volunteers for helping make it all happen.

"What I did as a volunteer and volunteer administrator here gave me an interesting perspective on what motivates people to be affiliated with the Zoological Society," Higgins said. "I try to make every member, every Animal Adoption sponsor, every volunteer, and every staff person feel equally important . . . because they are."

Higgins said of her history with the zoo: "I've loved the zoo since I was five, but never would have guessed I'd end up working here."

*Robin Higgins admires the work of some St. Aemilian preschoolers during Very Special Kids Day, devoted to enriching the lives of children with and without disabilities.*

## ZOO PRIDE VOLUNTEERS

### Senior Celebration

Big Band and Dixieland music, free health screenings, and other entertaining and educational activities invite seniors (60+ years) to the zoo for free on Friday, September 6 for Senior Celebration. Parking is \$4 per car. Complimentary coffee and snacks will be served to the first 4,000 seniors who come to the zoo for the event.

From 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., seniors can enjoy Dixieland jazz music by Lisa Edgar and Razamatazz and Big Band music by Bob Prokop and the Wilson Knights; play Animal Bingo; pick up health information at Aurora Health Care health/information booths throughout the zoo; and participate in health screenings offered by St. Luke's Medical Center and SinaiSamaritan Medical Center staff.

Seniors also will be able to take train and zoomobile rides and watch the Surfin' Safari Sea Lion Show at regular zoo prices, touch the animals in the petting ring, and attend Animals in Action live animal demonstrations by zookeepers and Zoo Pride volunteers.

Seniors also can buy a box lunch, which includes a sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert and soft drink, and visit the Tri City National Banks popcorn wagons for free popcorn.

Senior Celebration is sponsored by Aurora Health Care; Zoo Pride, the Zoological Society's volunteer auxiliary; and the Milwaukee County Zoo.

### Behind-the-Scenes Zoo Tours

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the zoo and discover how zookeepers care for the animals through Zoo Pride's VIP Tour Program. Tours are offered every day and cost \$7.50 per adult and \$5 per student or senior. Costs exclude zoo admission and parking. To arrange a tour, call (414) 258-5667 three weeks in advance of your requested date.



## SUPPORT SNAPSHOTS



### Zoo Ball VIII: Roamin' Holiday

The \$175,000 (and still counting) raised at this year's Zoo Ball, sponsored by American Airlines, will help give the zoo's reptiles and fish a new home by spring, 1994. About 500 Zoo Ball guests enjoyed Italian dinners served in two different zoo locations. Entrances to each dining area were decorated with life-size topiaries in the shapes of elephants, giraffes, lions, bears and panthers. The evening also featured a silent auction of more than 250 Italian and wildlife-themed items, dessert and dancing. Christin Cleaver and Joe Goldberger and Bonnie and Leon Joseph co-chaired the event with support from more than 60 volunteers.

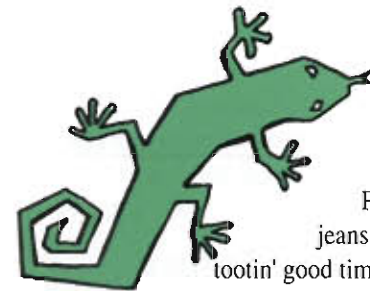
◀ Paul and Patty Cadorin (left) and Tom and Connie Pire roam the streets of Forum Zoologica (Peck Welcome Center) at Zoo Ball VIII.

### This Way for Fun

May was a good month for the zoo's Humboldt Penguins, thanks to a \$4,000 donation from Stride Rite Children's Stores to the Zoological Society's Animal Adoption Program.

### Information, Please

Look for a kiosk near the Sea Lion exhibit that was specially designed to display and promote the Zoological Society's Animal Adoption Program. The \$1,000 kiosk was donated by the Telephone Pioneers.



### Z-O-O Roundup at the Z Double Circle Ranch

Put on your bandana, boots and old blue jeans, and round up your friends for a rootin' tootin' good time at the Z Double Circle Ranch! Come to the zoo on August 24 for country music and food, a horseshoe toss, a cow chip throwing contest, the Texas two-step, square dancing . . . real country-western fun! Tickets are \$25 per cowpoke. For tickets, fill out the form between pages 6 and 7 of this magazine.

The Roundup is hosted by the Associate Board of the Zoological Society. Co-chairs are Becky Druml and Bob Anger. Miller Brewing Company is the major sponsor. For information, call Judi Bessette, (414) 258-2333.

▶ Lee Kordus, an Associate Board member of the Zoological Society, serves up some chili for cowpokes at last year's Western Hoedown at the Z Double Circle Ranch.



### Eggcited Winner

While on her way to see the new aviary in May, Susan Boardman stopped to fill out \$5 worth of "Feather Your Nest" raffle tickets. One of her tickets won her \$2,089.25, exactly half of the total amount donated to the raffle by zoo visitors. The other half will benefit the aviary. Boardman is a Zoological Society member from Wauwatosa.



# For Kids ONLY



**I**t started out 10 years ago as a group of about 2,500 wildlife enthusiasts—adults, mostly—who wanted to get more involved in making zoo animals feel more at home here. Today, the Zoological Society's Animal Adoption Program, dedicated to helping people do just that, turns its attention to kids who want to do the same with its new adoption program for children, called the Kids 'n' Critters Club.

"Kids' natural inclination to learn more about the zoo's less exotic animals is the main reason the Kids 'n' Critters Club was formed," said Robin Higgins, coordinator of the club. "We wanted to offer something special to a group that's very special to us."

For children ages four to 12, the club is designed to get kids excited about the zoo, teach them respect for animals, and make them feel special pride in being affiliated with a club that's all theirs. They even have their own clubhouse — the log cabin in the Stackner Farm.

To be an active member of the Kids 'n' Critters Club, which is sponsored by Tri City National Banks, kids can adopt any zoo farm animal or any animal running wild in the zoo, including peacocks, chipmunks, rabbits and dozens more. Adopting an animal costs \$8, and club membership is renewed annually. All proceeds benefit the zoo's animal exhibits.

"Our hope is that some kids will save up allowance money to adopt an animal," Higgins said. Parents, grandparents or friends also can adopt an animal on behalf of a young person.


After kids adopt an animal, they get a membership card, their names on a recognition board outside the clubhouse, a t-shirt iron-on decal, a sticker sheet, a birthday card from their adopted animal, an invitation to the Adoption Picnic, and, perhaps most important, an education.

Through a quarterly newsletter, filled with feature stories and kids' activities, and an introductory booklet on farm and other animals, members learn basic information about the animals' eating habits, size, weight, color, natural habitats and any special adaptations.

Club membership also encourages children to earn a sew-on patch of the Club Animal of the Year by learning about that animal, completing an activity sheet that asks questions about the animal, and turning the sheet in to a Zoo Pride volunteer at the clubhouse for a patch of the animal. This year's featured animal is the woodchuck.

"The aim of this component of the

program is to get children and parents learning together and give children a sense of accomplishment and a reward for good work," Higgins said. "It makes kids feel important."

Higgins anticipates rapid growth in Kids 'n' Critters Club membership. "As children and adults become more aware of the wildlife around us, the need to affiliate with programs like this one increases." 

*The Kids 'n' Critters Club will be formally introduced at Kids Night, a new event for children of Zoological Society members, on July 18. See story, page 7.*



Aja Harper, 5, gives zoo goat Rasputin some welcome attention in the zoo's Goat Yard. Rasputin is one of hundreds of farm and wild zoo animals up for adoption through the Zoological Society's Kids 'n' Critters Club.



## PLATYPUS SOCIETY

The Platypus Society, a group of corporations, foundations, and individuals, contribute more than \$300,000 annually to

the Zoological Society. If you would like to join in helping the Society uphold its mission of supporting the zoo, educating the public about

the importance of conserving wildlife and the environment and conserving endangered species, call Judi Bessette, (414) 258-2333.

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*"The generous contributions that Platypus Society members make each year to the Zoological Society is a significant*

*investment in the future of the Zoo. I feel great satisfaction in knowing that I am a part of an organization that exists to enrich the lives of our zoo visitors.*

*As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Zoological Society, I am pleased to introduce a new format on these pages. This new format is designed to share with you our Platypus members' reasons for supporting the Society."*

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### NEW MEMBERS

The Zoological Society welcomes the following new Platypus Society members as of early June:

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Mr. & Mrs. Dale Engstrom

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Friends contributing to the Platypus Society after mid-June, 1991 will be recognized in the next issue of *Alive*.



### Tunes on the Terrace

Nothing happening on Wednesday nights? Come to a concert and enjoy food at Tri City National Banks' annual concert series, Tunes on the Terrace, featuring:

- July 17 - New Odyssey, a 60's and 70's Chicago show band
- July 24 - Dick Strauss, a 40's Glenn Miller-style show and exhibition
- July 31 - Street Life, a mainstream jazz group featuring instrumentals and vocals

Zoo gates open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, and concerts start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 (adults) and \$3 (children 12 and under). Society memberships do not apply. Parking is free with a coupon available at any Tri City National Bank. Parking is \$4 without a coupon.

### Milwaukee a la Carte

Feast with the beasts at The Milwaukee Sentinel's a la Carte, August 15-18. Sponsored by the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and Miller Brands, this event celebrates its seventh year of bringing Milwaukee some of the best food in the area to one place. Zoogoers can sample food from more than 25 area restaurants at food villages throughout the zoo from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and enjoy music at four entertainment stages along the way. Zoo admission is free for Zoological Society members, and parking is \$4.

### Harvest Zoobilee

Walk the zoo with a taffy apple in your hand during the zoo's celebration of the Fall Harvest, September 14-15. During this fall weekend, more than 30 artists will exhibit and sell their work, to include items like ceramics, pottery, painting, glass and jewelry. Some artists will show how their crafts are made. Zoo visitors can purchase pumpkins, vegetables, seasonal fruits and taffy apples from farmers located throughout the zoo. Zoo admission is free for Zoological Society members, and parking is \$4.

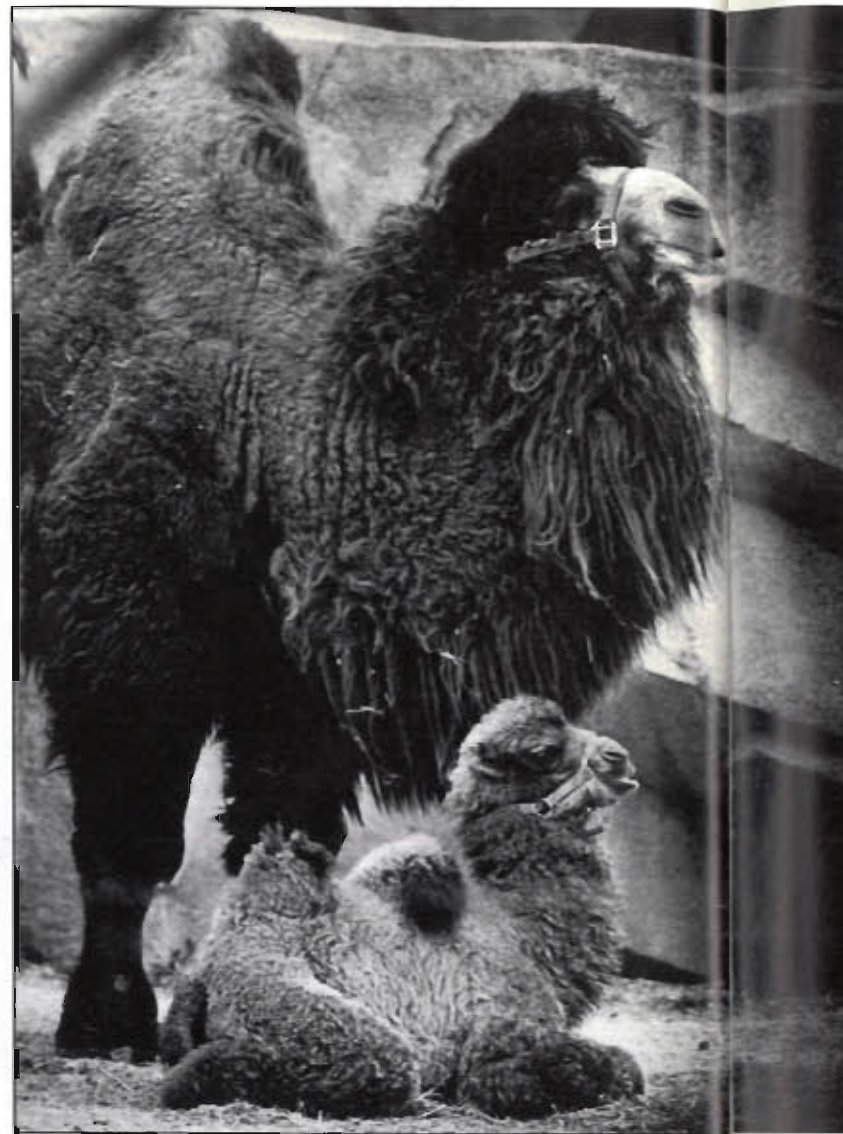
### Reserve the Zoo for You

Make your next party, business meeting or picnic more memorable by hosting it at the zoo. The Peck Welcome Center, Feline Building, Aquarium/Reptile Building and the Flamingo Cafe are available for reservations after regular zoo hours all year long and can accommodate groups of 50 to 800. Put your guests on a camel or elephant, in a steam train or on a zoomobile, and your event really will be memorable.

For information on reserving the zoo, planning for concession needs, or renting the train, zoomobile, Sea Lion Show or animal rides for your zoo event, call the Zoo's Group Sales Department at (414) 256-5430.

### Say Thanks with the Zoo

To say "thanks" to your favorite customers, your premier employees or your best friends, give them tickets to the zoo. Call the Zoo's Group Sales Department at (414) 256-5430 for more information on purchasing advance tickets (in groups of 20+ only).



### Bactrian Camel ▲

Camel Yard  
Born: March 26, 1991

When people try to imagine a camel, a picture of a large, humped animal in a sandy, steamy desert usually comes to mind. But the zoo's newborn camel, Joshua, presents quite a different image: a small animal, with humps resembling deflated balloons, in a green, lush yard. Joshua's humps, though small now, will develop as fatty tissue is produced. Camel humps are an adaptation that allows camels to go without water for days. The Bactrian (two-humped) Camel's long, shaggy coat also is an adaptation that insulates the animal from heat and keeps it warm as temperatures drop. This adaptation, especially, helps them adapt well to Milwaukee's climatic extremes. The Bactrian Camel is from southwestern Mongolia and northwestern China.

Source: Bob Hoffmann, Area Supervisor  
Winter Quarters



### ◀ Bongo

African Yard  
Born: April 30, 1991

This young female bongo is the first bongo to be born at the Milwaukee County Zoo in five years. And it's a critically important birth, at that. She is one of about only 75 bongos in North America. Living predominantly in the forests of West and Central Africa, the bongo is an endangered species. A bongo can be easily identified by its distinctive, individual stripe patterns, which aren't always the same on both sides of the animal's body. One photo of this baby bongo is all you'll need to recognize her for life.

Sources: Bess Frank, Curator, Large Mammals  
Dave Sorensen, Area Supervisor, Pachyderms

### WHAT'S GNU

### Amazon River Sideneck Turtle ▶

Aquarium/Reptile Building (off exhibit)

Arrived at Zoo: February 21, 1991

All of us establish criteria for what makes an animal cute, and rarely does a turtle make it into the newspaper or on T.V. But the plight of the Amazon River Turtle earned it space in our magazine. Human exploitation and habitat destruction in the Amazon River Turtles' native South America have threatened the existence of this turtle. The Amazon River Turtle is one of the largest freshwater turtles in the world. Through a special exchange program with Brazil's Sao Paulo Zoo, our zoo is working to ensure the Amazon River Turtle's future (see story, page 4).

Source: Richard Sajdak, Curator, Aquarium/Reptile



### ◀ Alpaca

South America Yard  
Born: May 25, 1991

So elegantly poised does this little alpaca appear that it's no wonder she's already captured the adoration of thousands of fans. Suzita, or little Suzy, was named after a Zoo Pride volunteer who watched Suzita's birth. Though Suzita joins six other alpacas in the zoo's newly renovated South American Yard, fans will have no trouble spotting her. Unlike most alpacas, which are dark, Suzita is blonde. Neither parent is blonde. Alpacas are relatives of the llama and are especially well-known for their fleecy wool.

Source: Bob Hoffmann, Area Supervisor, Winter Quarters

### Himalayan Black Bear ▶

South of Lion House  
Born: December 18, 1990

Although you wouldn't guess it from the playful antics of these recently born bear cubs, the future of the Himalayan Black Bear is hardly secure. Though its range in the wild seems expansive, covering much of Asia's forested areas, this species is on the endangered species list. The Himalayan Black Bear generally weighs 150 to 300 pounds and can be identified by a white crescent-shaped mark on its chest, hence, its nickname, "moon bear." The birth of these two bears represents the first generation of parent-raised bears in this family at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Source: Bess Frank, Curator, Large Mammals







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