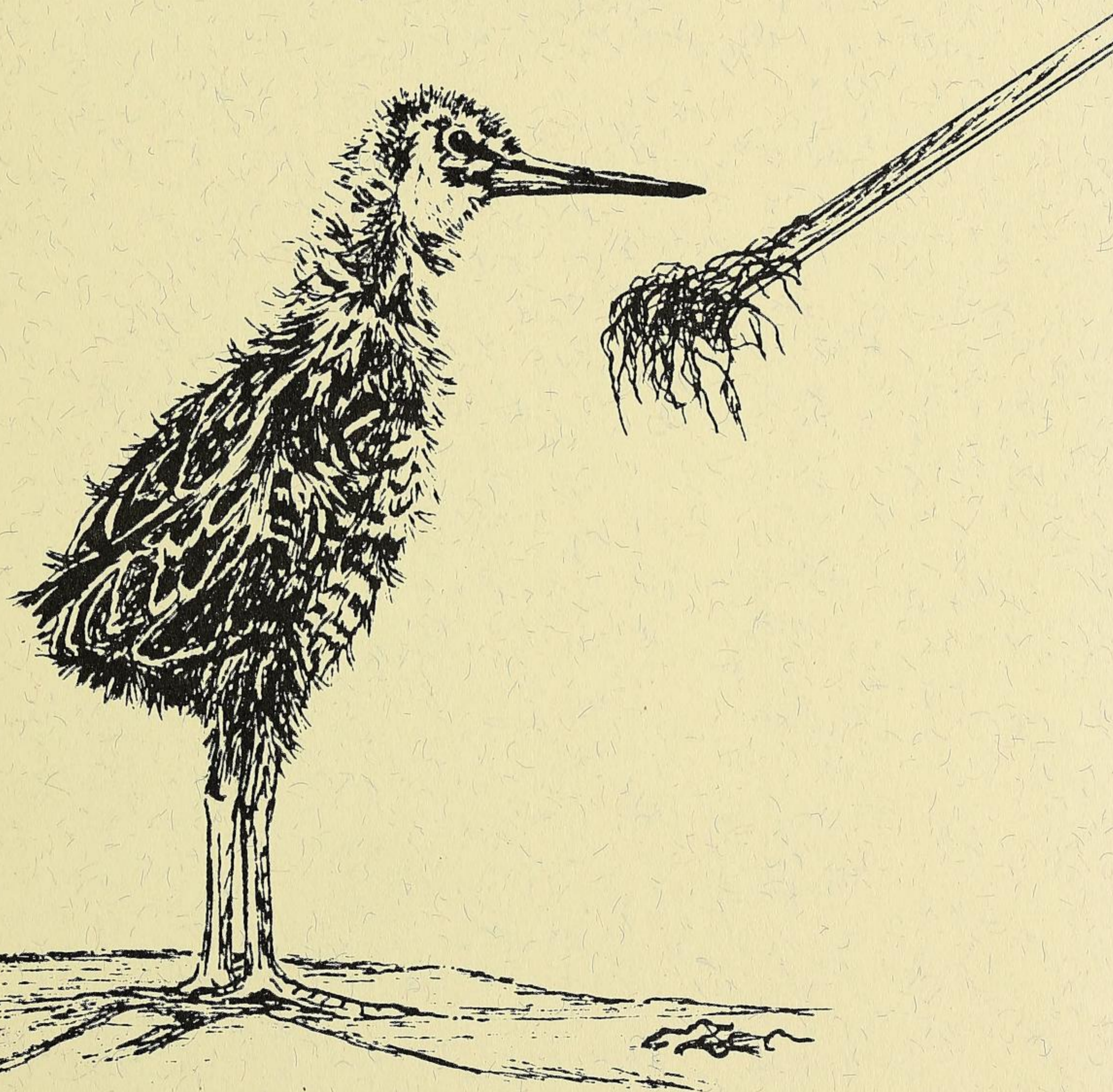


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San Diego Zoo Celebrates First Rhino Birth



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The first rhinoceros ever born at the San Diego Zoo was delivered at 9:50 p.m. on 15 November. The male Black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*) was born to 20-year-old Scooter, who was born at the Oklahoma City Zoo. The father is Dillon, a 25-year-old from the National Zoo. Dillon and Scooter have been together at the SDZ for four years. The 17-month, two-week gestation concluded with the arrival of the 60-pound infant which has been named "Werikhe" after Kenya's "Rhino Man" Michael Werikhe. Michael Werikhe has walked across Africa, Europe and the U.S. to raise funds for Black Rhino preservation in Africa.

Initial reports from Lead Zoo Rhino Keeper Martin Ramirez said that the baby was nursing and doing fine with its mother in an off-exhibit holding area. It was scheduled to make its public debut in late December.

This is the first rhinoceros of any kind born at the San Diego Zoo in its 76-year history. The San Diego Wild Animal Park, opened 20 years ago, has had 100 rhinoceros births --five Black rhinos, 17 Indian rhinos, and 78 Southern white rhinos. Black rhinos are critically endangered with fewer than 3,000 estimated to remain in their native Africa. --*excerpted from Zoological Society of San Diego News Release*