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Front: A graceful beauty, the red-crowned crane *Grus japonensis* is a symbol of love and longevity. See story, page 10. San Diego Zoo photo by Ron Garrison.

Back: A Lake Victoria Defassa waterbuck *Kobus ellipsiprymnus adolfi-friderici* on a winter's day at the Wild Animal Park. San Diego Zoo photo by Ron Garrison.

Opposite: Ken Allen, today's escape artist extraordinaire. Similarly talented orangs from an earlier time are featured beginning on page 6.

The pranks of playful primates that predominate in this year-end issue of ZOONOOZ are offset by the elegance and majesty of the red-crowned crane.

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Albino bullfrogs are not totally without pigment, as this yellow, white, and pink individual shows. Just melanin is absent.



SAMBA TO SOUTH AMERICA

More than 2,000 people swayed to the samba October 14, during the eighth annual Celebration for the Critters. Held at the Town and Country Convention Center, the event featured a bountiful buffet of South American and other foods, dancing to the Siers Brothers band, limbo and samba contests, and visits with South American animals.

The evening benefited the Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species (CRES), raising more than \$100,000. Special thanks go to major sponsors Atlas Hotels, Sitmar Cruise Lines, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, and American Airlines.

SPECIAL SPECIES

The last Special Species program for 1988 will be held on December 12, 13, and 14, and will feature Susan Millard, research supervisor at the Wild Animal Park's cheetah breeding facility. She will be accompanied by Arusha the cheetah and Arusha's golden retriever companion, Anna. Millard will present a 45-minute slide show on the range and characteristics of the cheetah and give an in-depth look at the relationship between mother cheetahs and their cubs. Her work with the cheetah breeding facility will also be discussed. The lecture will be held at the Zoo's Otto Center auditorium. The December 13 and 14 presentations are sold out.

A new season of Special Species programs will begin in January and will include programs on animals ranging from cuddly koalas to carnivorous cougars. Each program is highlighted by a visit with a live

animal. Two of the 1989 Special Species lectures will be held at the Wild Animal Park—wolves on May 23 and 24, and elephants on September 26 and 27. The rest will be at the Zoo. You can enjoy all nine 1989 Special Species lectures for \$45 per person, or select individual programs for \$6 each. All Special Species programs begin at 7 P.M., and are followed by refreshments and casual conversation with the animal experts. For reservations, send a check payable to the Zoological Society of San Diego to Special Species, Education Department, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112. Indicate program dates on your check. Reservations will be confirmed by letter. Special Species lectures are open to Zoological Society members only. (Sorry, no refunds for this series.)

Special Species 1989

January 24 and 25

Koalas—Valerie Thompson, keeper

February 21 and 22

Tigers—Mike Kobert, keeper

March 28 and 29

Baby Animals—Janet Hawes, nursery attendant

April 18 and 19

Rattlesnakes—Charlie Radcliffe, keeper

May 23 and 24*

Wolves—Cheryl and Dave Nix, Rare and Wild America show

June 20 and 21

Birds—Alan Lieberman, curator

September 26 and 27*

Elephants—Jean Hromadka, keeper

October 24 and 25

Bats—Curby Simerson, keeper

November 14 and 15

Cougars—Gary Priest, animal trainer

*Programs held at the Wild Animal Park