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the females changed sex and became a functional male. The males and females now spawn frequently in their exhibit tank, producing hundreds of fertile eggs.

SIGNIFICANT HATCHING AT RACINE ZOO

Racine Zoo has announced the 24 December 2001 hatching of a black-footed penguin chick, born on AZA Species Survival Plan recommendation. Its 18-year-old mother has raised a number of offspring with a previous male, but this is her first successful chick sired by a new 11-year-old mate. The Zoo has two pairs of SSP recommended breeders, and as of late February, Zoo staff was awaiting the hatching of their other pair's fertile egg.



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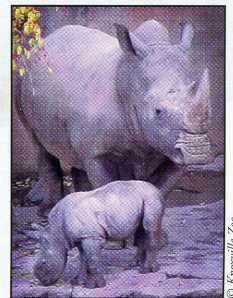
FROG INVASION AT DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo announced on 6 February the hatching of hundreds of Panamanian golden frog tadpoles. The success of the Zoo's breeding program, and the Zoo's status as a leader in the captive breeding/field study conservation program entitled "Project Golden Frog," could help save the golden frog, a species on the verge of extinction, estimated as a certainty within the next five years if conditions do not improve. There are currently over 200 golden frogs and hundreds of tadpoles off exhibit at the Zoo's National Amphibian Conservation Center (NACC). A public exhibit is planned to open by the end of 2002.

The recent spread of a fungal outbreak, coupled with both over-collection for the illegal pet trade and habitat loss, are having a devastating effect on the overall golden frog population. While the disease has yet to affect the Panamanian golden frog, Panama's national symbol, their Costa Rican relatives have been driven to extinction.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS IN KNOXVILLE

The Knoxville Zoo announced the birth of a female white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) on 16 November 2001. She is the Zoo's 25th white rhino birth and part of one of the most successful breeding programs in the United States. The infant, her parents, and the rest of the Zoo's herd of seven white rhinos are doing well. The Zoo also had another successful cubbing season in 2001 for red pandas (*Ailurus fulgens fulgens*) with two litters totaling five cubs. The Zoo is the most successful breeder of



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red pandas in North America and the second most successful in the world. With the support of an Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) grant, the Zoo is developing two videos to share hand rearing and training techniques with other zoos. \$