**Jungle Jeff’s Blog**

Hey Everyone!

Jungle Jeff here.

Are you ever wondering what’s going on at the Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park week by week? Curious about what new animals are going on and where to find them? Well, know your news is always being kept a weekly basis at the Zoo by Jungle Jeff’s blog. So be sure to check in.

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**Scarlet Ibis**

The Scarlet Ibis, a bright red bird, is a threatened species. In later years, they are prized for their meat, milk, bones, and tail feathers. Native Americans have used Scarlet Ibis for their spiritual and creative life, where they are still used. Scarlet Ibis were brought to Mexico by the Spaniards over 400 years ago. In addition to the Scarlet Ibis, you might look for another one of our newly acquired animals, a rare black-and-white monkey and a female golden lion tamarin.

**Navajo-Churro Sheep**

The Navajo-Churro sheep descended from the Churro sheep, which were acquired by the Navajo people in the 1860s. These sheep are characterized by their fine, long, straight hair and are considered a threatened species with an estimated population of fewer than 10,000 individuals.

- **Navajo-Churro Sheep** have coarse, long hair.
- They were the first sheep breed to be domesticated in the New World and were brought to Mexico by the Spaniards over 400 years ago.
- The Churro sheep were acquired by Native Americans through raids and trades.
- The sheep play an essential part of the Navajo spiritual and creative life, where they are prized for their wool, milk, and meat.

The number of Navajo-Churro sheep has decreased due to flock reductions. In flight, ibises form diagonal lines or v-formations. This formation decreases wind resistance for the ibises. Both the male and female take turns in guarding the nest site until the chicks are large enough to defend themselves. Our Navajo-Churro sheep are part of a breeding program, and the offspring may be returned to Native American tribes.

**Make the Zoo Yours!**

You may have noticed that we have put up some new animal exhibits around your Zoo. Please feel free to bring your family on the Train Depot by filling out the forms and dropping them in the boxes to let us know what you can do to improve your Zoo experience.

**Special Events 2008**

- **May 4 Zoo-B-Que** at the grill for all of these to be out on exhibit soon.
- **June 8 Sunset at the Zoo** for all of these to be out on exhibit soon.
- **June 21 All Zoo Volunteer Recognition Dinner** — Zoo Volunteers only. Members only event: 4:30-7PM.
- **July 6 Night at the California Wildlife`** at 7PM. Members: $5, non-members: $10. Members only event: 4:30-7PM.
- **August 30 Zoo-Volunteer Appreciation** at 7PM. Members: $5, non-members: $10. Members only event: 4:30-7PM.
- **September 26 at the Zoo** for all of these to be out on exhibit soon.

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“Rip” Ribble was selected to be the new Director of Enrichment and Education of the Santa Ana Zoo. Beginning his new year of President of 2009, Rip comes from a 35-year background in public service, having served as the Executive Director of the Santa Ana Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Agency. He’s also a former U.S. Marine who served as the Recreation and Community Services Department’s Assistant Director, who also helped to lead the Santa Ana Zoo. As Rip says, “We have around 140,000 domestic breeds” of animals.

This past year and continuing efforts, the new Rip Pablo Solis-Sanchez Stage to be hosting a variety of entertaining

animals and educational activities throughout the coming summer months. The current stage is at the Santa Ana Zoo and is a beautiful place for free admission. The stage went through the renovation of a stage in 2003, and the 30th anniversary celebration by “hopping” in Rip. The new stage was also a major renovation, which included a new area and, which is a Grade 1 stage situated in the Children’s area. 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