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AARDVARK

1967-69

Crandon Park Zoo, Key Biscayne, FL



This is an awesome-shaped mold - the **AARDVARK** from Crandon Park Zoo, when it was at Key Biscayne, Miami, FL!

Crandon Park Zoo was located on the south end of Crandon Park in Key Biscayne. It was created 1948 when three monkeys, one goat, and two black bears were purchased for \$270 from a small road show stranded near Miami. Talk of relocating the Zoo began in 1965 when Hurricane Betsy put three feet of water over most of the Zoo and caused the death of 250 animals. By 1980 the zoo would relocate to its current location in Southwest Miami-Dade under the name "Miami Metrozoo". In 2010 the zoo was again renamed to "Zoo Miami".

No Cigars From Father

It's Aardly Fair For New 'Thing'

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — It's hard to tell when a born-aardvark is in a family way. Something to do with the way aardvarks are built: a little like a pig, a little like an anteater.

Besides, aardvarks are night people. They sleep days in a

kind thing." Then everybody got excited.

This baby aardvark turns out to be the second one ever born in captivity. The only other one on record died four days after it was born in 1962 at Frankfurt, Germany, when its mother called it a.



To make sure that doesn't happen to Crandon Park's aardvark, zoo veterinarian Dr. Ronald Sampson took it home with him. He's bottle-feeding it as a hippo-op baby formula.

Obsolete Words

The name aardvark is derived from the obsolete Afrikaans words aard and fark, meaning "earth pig." The beast itself is a burrowing, nocturnal African mammal that grows to five feet long and eats ants. It has a long snout, a snake-like tongue, large ears and a heavy, tapering tail.

The baby aardvark has no name yet, and they think it's a female. That's right; they think so.

It may yet turn out to be a male. You see, it's hard to tell them apart.

hollow log where they can be seen, but not very well, from outside.

That makes it easy to understand why Crandon Park Zoo was totally unprepared for the birth on Sunday of a baby aardvark. Zoo men didn't find out about it in the ordinary way, because aardvark fathers don't pass out cigars.

A zoo visitor called a keeper over and said "Hey, what's

In 1967 the Crandon Park Zoo received worldwide recognition for the first successful captive birth and rearing of a baby aardvark! (And probably soon thereafter made a phone call to Mold-A-Rama about that machine they'd been wanting...)

Beauty only a mother can truly appreciate . . .





A contest was held to name the new baby aardvark, and this young lady - Jackie Edmund - won the contest!



An original vintage Mold-A-Matic plexi backglass from the 1970s owned by MOLDVILLE.



The **AARDVARK** moldset dates to the UNnumbered Mold-A-Rama era of 1967-1969, which correlates nicely with the baby aardvark's birth in September 1967.

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