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MOMS FREE at ZOO on MOTHER'S DAY with Online COUPON and Child Ticket Purchase Plus See Newest Zoo Mom and Babies!

What: This Mother's Day, take mom to Naples Zoo to see the Zoo's newest mom, the Solomon Island Skink! Solomon Island skinks are great moms – demonstrating a level of parental care not observed in other lizards by protecting both their young and territory. And these moms don't have it easy. The newborn lizards are frequently up to a third the size of the mother – that's like a 140 lb woman giving birth to a 46 lb baby. What's more, the latest arrivals were twins!

Solomon Island skinks are the largest known species of skink. They have reached lengths of 32". Much of that length is a prehensile tail. Like a spider monkey's tail, the skink's tail can wrap around a branch and fully support the weight of the animal as it dangles below.

Plus the whole family can enjoy all the fun shows and take a relaxing cruise through islands of monkeys, lemurs, and apes. Kids enjoy feeding the fish, having fun in the playgrounds, and seeing all the wild animals!

Remember, moms get in the Zoo free this Sunday with a coupon from the Zoo's website and the purchase of one child ticket at regular price. **Coupon required.** This coupon cannot be combined with other offers, online tickets, or zoo memberships. Valid May 11, 2008 only.

When: Sunday, May 11, 2008 / **ONLINE COUPON REQUIRED**
Enter as early as 9:30 a.m

Where: Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens
1590 Goodlette-Frank Road (across from Coastland Center)

Photos: Images of baby skinks and mom available at www.napleszoo.org/press



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