

Kids and camel dung not so bad after all

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When asked to do a story at the Zoo, I volunteered without hesitation. "Who's playing?" I asked. No, no, no, they explained to me -- animals.

"Impossible, I assured them. Eric Burden split from those guys years ago."

Then it hit me -- the Folsom Children's Zoo. Screaming kids and camel dung, and they don't even serve beer.

But to its credit I must say that I was quite surprised by the fine collection of exotic animals and botanicals to be found at our capitol city zoo.

The Folsom Children's Zoo is located on 8 1/2 acres of land at 2800 A St. and is a fun, educational way for people of all ages to spend an afternoon.

It is a place of endless trivia. For instance, did you know that female alligators can hatch up to 70 eggs at once? Or that Snowy Owls make their nests on the ground? Or that the White-Faced Duck actually whistles instead of quacking? Or that the Pygmy Marmoset weighs only 4 ounces?

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