



# Fall/Winter 2007-2008



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## NEWS FLASH:

### "COST is awarded AZA 2007 Best New Exhibit for BIG CAT FALLS"

At the 2007 AZA conference, COST was awarded "Top Honors" for their work on the Big Cat Falls exhibit at the Philadelphia Zoo. Inside the exhibit, developed to house big cats from around the World, COST created a variety of lush habitats filled with cascading waterfalls, swimming ponds and streams, rockwork, ancient ruins and termite mounds. COST was delighted to receive such a prestigious award. Other team members sharing in this award include EHDD and Mesa Design for their design contributions on the exhibit.

## Four Winds Casino Resort

Located off I-94 in New Buffalo Township, Michigan, Four Winds Casino Resort is the only land-based casino located within 150 miles of southwest Michigan. This mammoth casino is also considered to be one of the largest casino developments in the Midwest. The casino/resort was developed with a North Woods lodge feel, so heavy logs, cedar and birch branches and numerous stone styles were used throughout the facility.

COST of Wisconsin, Inc. was responsible for much of the custom architectural metals and faux wood structures featured at the casino. These simulated logs were meticulously reproduced to create gaming pit covers shown in the pictures above and to the right. The gaming floor, hallways and entries are adorned in their specialty finishes. An accelerated schedule was required to meet the scheduled opening date. This required fabricating much of the work offsite at COST's 140,000 sq. ft. Jackson plant and installing the pieces once they arrived on the jobsite.



# Miami Metro Zoo Expansion Project: Tropical America Exhibit Will Feature Endangered Amazonian Species

South Florida is alive with the sound of the Tropics. Miami Metro Zoo, home to over 1,000 species from around the world, is expanding to include a new *Tropical America* exhibit.

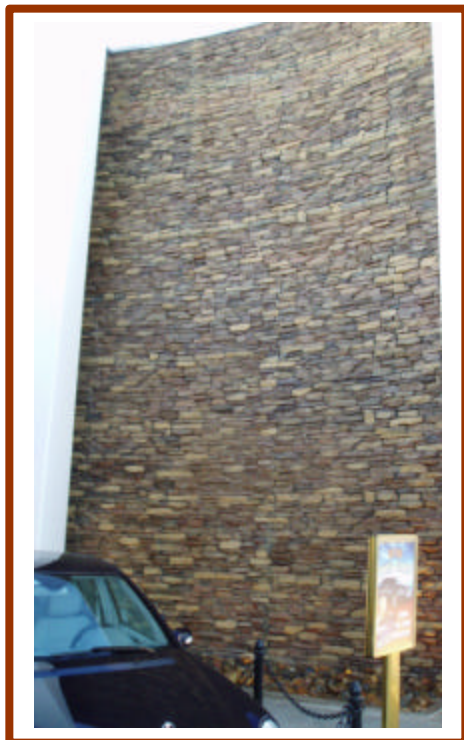
According to officials at the Miami Metro Zoo, this new exhibit alone will be larger than many American zoos. Tropical America will be situated on about 27 acres of land that had been destroyed by Hurricane Andrew. Today with the help of architects Jones and Jones, Lyons/Zaremba and construction companies such as COST and PCL, this land will be transformed into a lush and tropical home for species from Amazonian regions within Central and South America.

The types of species that will be making a home within this new exhibit include the Anaconda, Giant River Otters, Howler Monkeys, Jaguars, and Crocodiles. Various bird species will also be a part of the exhibit, including Harpy Eagles, Toucans, and exotic Hummingbirds. COST will decorate these exhibit areas with highly detailed rockwork, earth bank textures, ruins and artificial ponds and streams.

This extensive expansion project is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2008.

## Valley View Casino

Valley View Casino in Valley Center, California is a luxurious entertainment destination nestled within the mountains. The Casino, owned by the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, was originally opened in 2001.



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Since its opening, the casino has undergone several renovations and additions to more than double its original size. COST assisted in the construction process by designing and building the architectural water features found at the casino entry. These features include a grand architectural entrance fountain feature with nine fountains of varying heights, three Native American sculptures and rotating colored up-lighting. COST's responsibilities for this fountain included installing a free form pool with a colored plaster finish, GFRC stone work, filtration and recirculation systems, and the underwater and above water lighting systems. The Native American sculptures, provided by a tribal artist, were situated within the fountain as a centerpiece. In addition to the fountain, COST also created a 30' tall decorative water wall at the casino entrance. The wall was replicated to match the cultured stone style on the existing building. This impressive wall provides a stunning view for guests when entering the casino while matching the existing architectural stone found on the building.



## SeaWorld San Antonio: Journey to Atlantis

### Latest Ride to Offer Thrills for Whole Family

Journey to Atlantis, a combination roller coaster and water ride, is the latest family attraction to splash down at SeaWorld San Antonio. The ride designed to mimic the mystical lost city known as Atlantis, features unexpected twists and turns, creating an experience like no other. A unique aspect of the ride includes a camelback track which brings riders uphill nearly 100ft where they are then unexpectedly spun around and propelled backwards down the track. The boat then rotates again at the crest before plunging down the final hill and splashing through a wall of water.

During the construction of Journey to Atlantis, liners, pond texturing and several rock outcroppings were required to complete the desired look of the lost city. COST was proud to be selected by Seaworld to complete these services for their featured attraction. Journey to Atlantis was completed and ready for adventure enthusiasts in March of 2007. COST's success in this project has led to other Anhueser-Busch projects. COST is currently constructing Jungala, a new exhibit area located at Busch Gardens in Tampa. See our next newsletter for additional details on this exciting project.



## Bass Pro Shop scores touchdown at Patriot Place

Bass Pro Shops has recently opened a flagship store in Patriot Place, a 350 Million retail and entertainment complex in Foxborough, MA. The complex is situated next to Gillette Stadium (home of the New England Patriots). Bass Pro Shops unveiled its newest store this fall in time for the 2007 holiday shopping season.

COST of Wisconsin, Inc. a longstanding specialty contractor for Bass Pro Shops, provided turn key construction of the 140,000 sq ft store's aquarium, turtle pond, trout pool and beaver dam.

The main attraction, a 35,000 gallon aquarium, serves as an educational piece in collaboration with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The aquarium will be stocked with more than 400 fish native to the area including largemouth bass, striped bass, northern pike, bowfin, giant carp and crappie. Two elevators rise up from each side of the aquarium offering patrons a bird's-eye view of the 3-story GFRC panelized waterfall. Taxidermy animals, such as moose, deer and other wildlife in natural and action settings, are set amidst foliage on top of the mountain waterfall. Other water features include a 5,500- gallon turtle pond and a 3,800 gallon trout pool.



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