

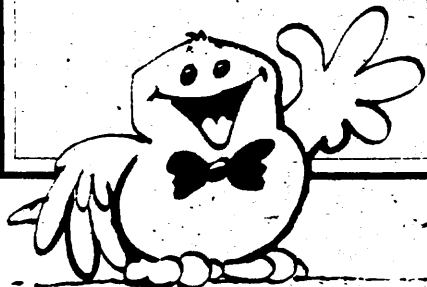
LETTERS

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★ ELBIE ★

The winner of the Elbie Award for August/September 1996 is 11 year old Richard Bickley from Kibler Park in Johannesburg. Richard loves Young Custos.

You, too, stand the chance of winning an Elbie Award and a year's free subscription to Young Custos. All you need to do is write and tell us about any conservation project in which you and your friends have participated, or about your holiday in a national park. The most interesting letters will be published.



ELBIE IS THE BEST!

I really love Young Custos. It is very educational and helpful for school projects. I enjoy reading it in my free time. I especially enjoy 'Elbie, the little brown job.' Who writes it? I can never tell because I can't see the name. The Elbie which was in the December 1995 issue of Young Custos was very funny. I had a good laugh.

Thank you for sending the books to my granny. She is an honorary ranger. She always gives me the books.

Don't you want to place jokes in the Young Custos? I enjoy jokes because it is good to laugh.

My school also receives Young Custos. I am in Meredale Primary and am 11 years old. I am looking forward to the next issue of Young Custos. I am a big fan.

Richard Bickley
Kibler Park, Jhb

ODE TO A RHINOCEROS

I wrote this letter while travelling between Pretoriuskop and Malelane. I was looking for a rhinoceros and I found one.

I used the tune from Elizabeth Fourie's song 'Van Vredendal tot Beestekraal'. I am 10 years old

From Berg-en-dal to Malelane
And Skukuza on the way.

I looked for a rhino by every bush
By every dam and vlei.

Chorus:

Will this long, long road
lead to him today? (X2)

At last I discovered him
In the shade of a tree!
Will I ever see him again?

So steadfast and so free.

I looked for a rhino by every bush
By every dam and vlei.

Chorus: twice.

Leana van Rensburg,
Sinoville, Pta

WRITE TO ELBIE, PLEASE!

Elbie is very sad. It seems that no-one loves him anymore, because he doesn't receive any letters. Come on friends, won't you please write to Elbie and cheer him up? He will be so happy!