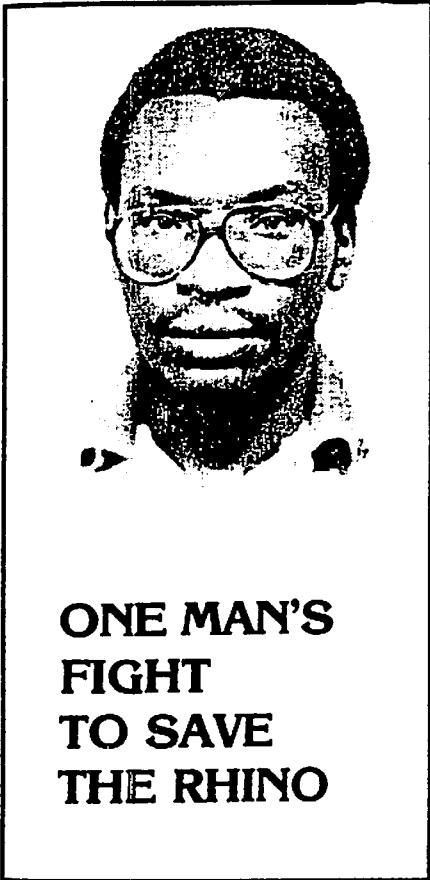


# REALLY, RHINOS!

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## ONE MAN'S FIGHT TO SAVE THE RHINO

## MICHAEL WERIKHE WINS THE FIRST GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE

[compiled by Fleur Ng'weno, SWARA, July/August, 1990, p.31-32]

The Goldman Environmental prize, created by Richard and Rhoda Goldman of San Francisco, California, has been awarded for the first time this year. The first winner of this prize is Michael Werikhe. Michael was nominated by Wildlife Conservation International and the East African Wild Life Society for his walks in aid of the black rhino. To recap Michael's accomplishments since 1985: Michael Mayeku Werikhe has walked thousands of miles in East Africa and Europe to raise public awareness regarding the plight of Kenya's most endangered animal, the black rhinoceros. Through these widely publicized events, "The Rhino Man" as he is more affectionately known, has reached more than 50 million people and raised over one million dollars for rhino conservation projects. He views the rhino as a symbol, as he explains: "If there is no hope for an animal so huge, strong and recognizable, what hope is there for the lesser animals...?". Michael is currently Security Supervisor at Associated Vehicle Assemblers in his home town of Mombasa, Kenya and serves as a consultant with several African wildlife organizations.

## ADOPT A RHINO

There is still time to adopt a rhino at the Winston Safari Park (PO Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496-0231) You can be an aunt or uncle for only \$50 a year. If you have a garden but don't live near a zoo, you may also wish to purchase some ZOODOO which is a generic term for various grades of zoo compost, a product of a rather complex process of recycling animal and vegetable waste.

## DEHORNING NOT DAMAGING

[Swara, July/August, 1990, p. 20]

Conservationists involved in dehorning black rhinos *Diceros bicornis* in Damaraland, north-west Namibia, have judged the operation, which was carried out between March and June 1989, a success. They chose the method as being less risky to the rhinos than translocation.

The dehorned rhinos were monitored for several months to see if the lack of horns affected their social interaction, their ability to defend themselves or their feeding habits, but no ill-effects were observed. Two calves have been born to dehorned mothers and there is no more poaching in Damaraland; the poachers have moved north to Etosha.

## **RHINO HORN ON SALE IN THE UK**

[*Swara*, July/Aug, 1990, p.20]

Continuing illegal trade in African rhinoceros horns was recently revealed in the UK after an investigation carried out by the newspaper *The Times*. For the second time in three years, substantial number of rhino horns were offered for sale by London-based dealers in contravention of EEC and UK laws. Much of the rhino horn on sale in the UK is thought to be old, allegedly purchased by antique dealers from private individuals. *The Times* reported that a separate police investigation is under way involving the offering for sale of 54 black rhinoceros horns by another UK dealer. The entry of such large quantities of horn into the market, regardless of source, could supplement the amount of horn derived illegally from wild populations and therefore help to fuel continuing demand. This is one of the factors which prompted the adoption of a resolution at the last CITES meeting which urged all parties to establish a complete prohibition on all trade, internal and international, involving rhinoceros parts and derivatives, including personal effects.

To date, there have been no prosecutions in the UK relating to illegal sale or offering for sale of rhinoceros horns. This most

recent case closely followed considerable public criticism of the UK government's low level of commitment to the control of illegal trade in wildlife, with particular concerns for the lack of monitoring of the internal market and poor co-ordination between enforcement bodies.

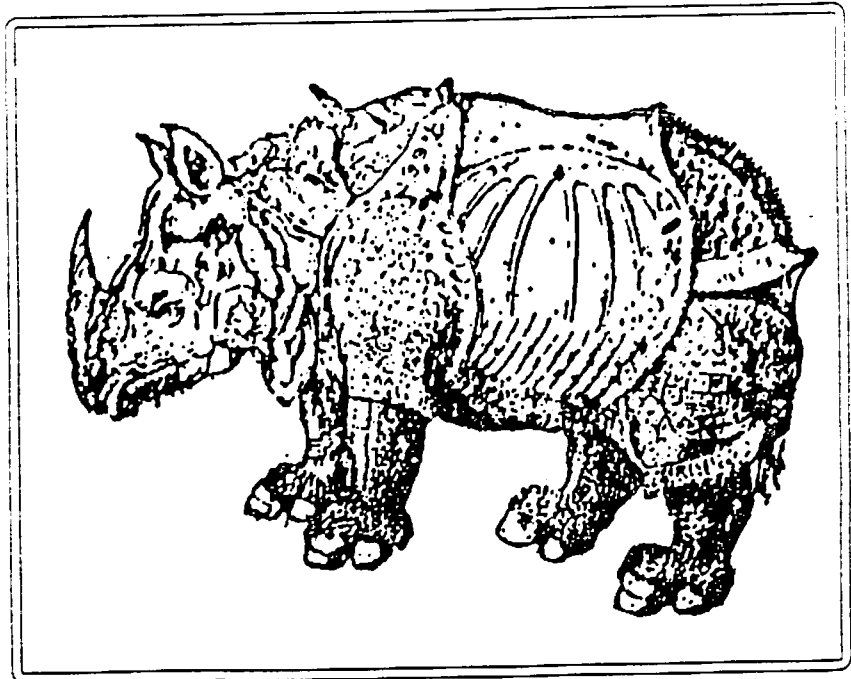
### **"DURER'S RHINO THE MOST BOOTLEGGED IN THE BIZ"**

[Excerpted from the *Boston Sunday Globe*, May 20, 1990, by Milo Miles]

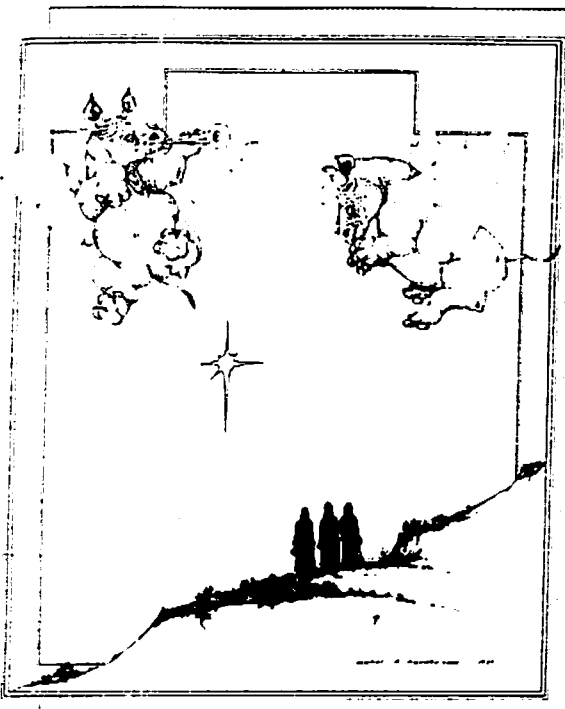
"Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) is the all-time champion among animal illustrators when it comes to being bootlegged. The subject in Durer's case was the first living rhinoceros brought to Europe in more than 1,200 years.

Durer never saw the rhino in the flesh instead composing his drawing from a sketch made in Portugal. A particular distinguishing mark is a wholly fictitious horn sprouting between the rhino's shoulders. In other, later renderings that horn is a dead giveaway that the picture had been copied from Durer - or from a copy.

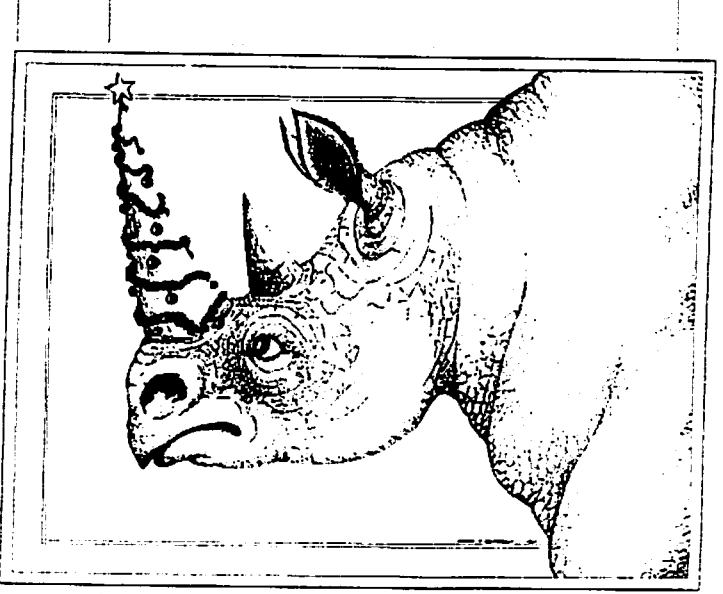
T.H. Clarke, in his peculiar and truly obsessive study *The Rhinoceros from Durer to Stubbs, 1515-1799*, catalogs all manner of cartoons, ceramics, sculptures, tapestries and timepieces based on the Durer rhinoceros occurring more than two centuries. Clarke notes that 'Despite contemporary portraits of the first Lisbon rhinoceros by other hands, and despite later and more naturalistic portraits of the rhinoceros of 1579, 1684 and 1739, the Durer image of 1515 prevailed.' "



# YULE LOVE THESE X-MAS CARDS!



Rhino Renderings is offering four different rhino Christmas cards available in single design or assorted packet. Cards are blank inside with matching envelopes. Send \$12 (additional \$2 for postage & handling for first dozen, 50¢ for each add'l doz.). Wholesale orders also welcome. Write to Jill Henderson, 8763 W. Star Drive, Littleton, CO 80123.



# R H I N O P H I L I G H T S

*"Life is too short  
to drink bad wine"*

My arrival was highlighted with the destruction of the maternity wing or so the story goes. I joined a "new" American family. My father, Otto, a recent immigrant from Germany, fell in love with Charlotte Johanna, a first generation San Franciscan. Our home was across the bay. I was raised in Berkeley with a typical American childhood and many fond memories.

The family moved to Seattle after my high school graduation and as I said goodbye to friends, they told me I would meet someone from the Northwest and marry. My answer was "no way." It was at the University of Washington, while taking courses in organic chemistry, that Dick and I met. We married almost 37 years ago. I soon realized I had become "Mrs. Rhinoceros", the nickname the family has been called by children for generations. After graduating as a medical technologist I did research work while Dick attended veterinary school. Education

and the Air Force had us residing in various states. Finally in 1969, we returned to northern California with our son and three daughters.

A neighbor started our rhino collection in 1960. We have over

When the children left home, I returned to work but had to change careers when another family hobby became a business. We had always made beer and wine at home. Doesn't everyone grow hops and have liquids fermenting in every cool

room in the house?

Isn't everyone awakened on the hottest day of the summer to the news that the grapes are ready? In 1984 we turned commercial with son Jack as our partner and as the winemaker. Joanna Vineyard was a reality. I now tend our tasting room in Napa Valley and invite you to stop and visit. As I review the years I see that Dick and I are thinking about retirement. The children are all grown and busy with their careers and families. Joanna Vineyard continues and of course our rhino collection just keeps growing!



200 figurines and pictures decorating our family room. Collecting has been a fun hobby and friends have enjoyed surprising us when they find an unusual rhino. A favorite of mine is a wall-hugger from Japan with the oriental eyes and grin.

Wine as gifts? Why not?! It's an idea that's building momentum among gift-seekers searching for that special present. Teddy bears and savings bonds certainly have their value, but will little Tommy or Suzie enjoy them as much in the coming years? A well-made Cabernet

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Sauvignon can age alongside the child and reach maturity about the time legal drinking age is achieved. In addition, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations and promotions can be commemorated by the gift of wine. Imagine arriving at your class reunion with case of Chardonnay bottled the same year you and your buddies picked up your diplomas. Tied the knot in 1990? Why not pick

up a Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend that was married the same year to celebrate your tenth anniversary? For those of you who are BIG THINKERS, Joanna Vineyard is able to customize your gift ideas to include your company name on a wooden gift box, or even the label itself. Joanna Vineyards offers a variety of wine. Check with Joanna for current availability, but in the past, they have offered Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and White Zinfandel. If you are in the

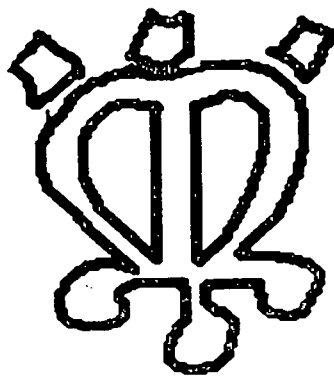
Napa Valley area or wish to order some wine by mail, contact Joanna Ryno at Joanna Vineyard, PO Box 2318, Yountville, CA 94599  
(707) 763-8248 [home]  
(707) 944-9157 [vineyard]

P.S. If anyone is interested in a print of a rhino with a glass of wine, appropriately titled "Wineoceros", write to: First Impressions, PO Box 3628, Carmel, CA 93921. Blank greeting cards are also available [not sure if at same place]

## TAKE A DAILY WALK WITH A RHINO?

YES! Send for your very own hand-carved, custom-designed rhino walking stick made by master carver Milton O. Jews. I discovered Milton upon reading the April, 1990 issue of *National Geographic* and he was kind to send three sketches of possible rhino topped walking sticks. You may select either a

white (two poses) or Indian rhino. Milton did not send information on the type(s) of wood available or specific dimensions of the stick but then we have only corresponded once. I suggest you contact him directly for more specific information as he may be amenable to creating something original for you. Prices ranging from \$85-\$95. Contact: Milton O. Jews, 2125 Watkins St, Phila, PA 19145.



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