

REALLY RHINOS!

7:1, Spring, 1993

RHINO UPDATE; WWF AND NWF URGE SANCTIONS

[FOCUS, 15(1):1, January/February, 1993]

"Although international trade in rhino horn has been prohibited by CITES since 1977, four consumer countries - South Korea, China, Taiwan, and the Republic of Yemen- are doing little to control the illegal trade. In response, World Wildlife Fund and the National Wildlife Federation in late November petitioned the U.S. government under the Pelly Amendment to impose sanctions on the four countries.

Under the Pelly Amendment the U.S. can ban direct imports of wildlife products from countries that undermine the effectiveness of CITES programs for species such as rhinos. Although no sanctions have ever been imposed through the Pelly Amendment procedure, conservationists credit the threat of sanctions in 1991 with influencing Japan's decision to ban all international trade of sea turtles products by 1994."

NEWS FLASH! Taiwan announced an immediate ban on the import, export, sale, and display of rhino horn. WWF applauds Taiwan's critical move to help shut down the illegal rhino trade.

GALLOP OVER

to your nearest bookstore or newstand and get a copy of the Winter, 1993 issue of ZOO LIFE. There is a black rhino on the cover and a featured article inside. "Operation Rhino" describes the rhino conservation efforts in Zimbabwe as a last stand against poachers is mounted. The chart below is most sobering:

	1970	1992
Black	65,000	3,400
Northern White	Several thousand	31
Southern White	1,000*	5,560
Indian	Unknown	1,700
Javan	Unknown	<100
Sumatran	Unknown	850
TOTAL	@ 70,000	11,600

*Recovered from a low of <100 [Furnas, Brent. "Operation Rhino" ZOO LIFE, 4(1):46, Winter, 1993]

TAX REFUNDS FOR RHINOS

If you are one of the lucky ones (not me) to get money back from the IRS, consider pledging it during the 3rd annual BOWLING FOR RHINOS sponsored by the zookeepers at the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Oregon or check with your local zoo to see if they are doing the fundraiser. Monies raised will go to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya. For more information, contact the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Trust, 6208 SW 32nd Ave, Portland, OR 97201; (503) 293-0920. ALSO..... the San Diego Zoological Society is probably going to have another RHINO WALK in May. For more information, write to SDZS, POBox 551, San Diego, CA 92112-0551.



RHINO WOMAN

No, it's not me. If Michael Werihke is the "Rhino Man" then Anna Merz is the "Rhino Woman" For more than ten years, Anna has committed her life to rhino preservation on a 5,000 acre ranch (Lewa Downs). Below is an excerpt from an interview with Karen Kane which appeared in ZOO LIFE [Winter, 1993]

"With the blessings of the Kenya Wildlife Service, black rhinos were captured and released on the reserve now called Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary. At the present time it is home to nearly two dozen white and black rhinos. In just a decade the rhinos translocated there have produced 15 young. The Bowling for Rhinos fundraiser helps support this effort and in fact, the sanctuary has expanded to 45,000 acres (the entire Lewa Downs) and the adjoining 16,000 acres Ngare Ndare Forest Reserve owned by the Kenyan government. Nearly every species of East African animal (except hippos) live on the reserve. Two well-guarded openings in the fence allow for animal migration.

When asked what the most important thing she would want people to know about rhinos, Merz responded, "They are sensitive, intelligent animals. they have been on this earth for 60 million years and have adapted themselves in living quite comfortably among nonhuman creatures."

In describing the poaching around Ngare Sergoi, Merz commented that "the Somali Shifas are the most dangerous gangs of poachers. They travel from the north armed with machine guns. No one can stop them before they reach Ngare Sergoi. Fortunately, no rhinos have been lost to the poachers. Guards watch over the animals every day, and the electric fence alerts us to anyone who touches it. We are also fortunate in that the villagers near the reserve, who are very grateful to us because the fencing protects their crops from animals, are watchful of poachers too."

Merz' response to the dehorning of rhinos to protect them was, "it would be a shame to mutilate an animal to protect it, but I also think it is better to have a dehorned rhino than a dead rhino." (Rhinos at the sanctuary are property of the government whose policy is not to dehorn.)

When people in the U.S. ask how they can help rhinos, Merz suggests learning about them, "understand why they are such wonderful creatures and support organizations that work to protect them. Why anyone should help rhinos is akin to asking why anyone should help older people and innocent children. People should have reverence and respect for every living thing."

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Excerpts from Anna's United States lecture tour have been reprinted in the Fall, 1992 issue of H.O.R.N. magazine, the official newsletter of the Ngare Sergoi Support Group. A year's

subscription is \$15 and you get a 10% discount on any products they sell. To subscribe to H.O.R.N. or to order your own copy of *Rhino At the Brink of Extinction*, send \$22.50 to Ngare Sergoi Support Group, PO Box 29503, Columbus, OH 43229. All proceeds go directly to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary for the continued operation and success of the sanctuary. P.S. Did you see Andy Lodge and Anna Merz on the recent National Geographic special about zoos

SEX AND THE SINGLE RHINO

Tell me you watched this November episode back in December! Affectionately known as "sewer science" by participants at the International Rhino Conference in 1991, this hour program delved into the problem of artificial means of propagation of the rhino species. You may be vexed that the producers ask such questions as "why bother?" or "does tampering with genes effect evolution of the species?" and there is definitely no consensus on the efficacy of these projects. If you would like to have a copy of this program, write to PBS in Washington, DC. (Call your local library for the address)

(X-Rated)

Just kidding



WWF

World Wildlife Fund

December 31, 1992

Judyth Lessee
P. O. Box 1285
Tucson, Arizona 85702-1285

Dear Friends of World Wildlife,

I am writing to thank you for your recent gift of \$100.00 to World Wildlife Fund in support of our work to save the rhino. Your support will enable WWF to take emergency measures to protect the rhino, seriously threatened with extinction throughout the world.

As you know, poachers have wiped out eighty-five percent of all species of rhino over the last twenty-five years. Additional funding and conservation measures must be implemented NOW if the rhino is to survive into the next century. And that is why your gift is so timely.

WWF has made a commitment to save the rhino. And immediate action must be taken. New sanctuaries must be created and existing reserves must be managed and patrolled far more effectively to halt poaching, and halt the destruction of rhino habitat.

Our plan for immediate action includes funding for a comprehensive rhino sanctuary to manage and monitor the Javan rhino in Southeast Asia; a reintroduction program for the Greater one-horned rhino in Royal Bardia National Park, Nepal; a study of the impact of rhino dehorning in Zimbabwe and Namibia; and, establishing rhino sanctuaries in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

But this is only the beginning. We have a long, hard road ahead of us if we are to save the rhino. And, we can only do it with the continued support of our members. Thank you.

Please accept the enclosed WWF Calendar with our appreciation.

Sincerely,
Kathryn S. Fuller

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President

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Incorporating The Conservation Foundation. Affiliated with World Wide Fund for Nature

OTHER RHINO CONSERVATION PROJECTS

AAZPA is still accepting donations for Michael Werihke's 1991 Rhino Walk

Write to: "Rhino Walks" / AAZPA
7970D Old Georgetown Rd
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-7777

African Wildlife Foundation
1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 265-8393

International Black Rhino Foundation
c/o Fossil Rim Wildlife Center
Route 1, Box 210
Glen Rose, TX 76043
(817) 897-2966

Rhino Information Hotline (900) 288-HOPE
[\$5 first minute, \$2 each additional minute.
Must be 18 years or older to call.
Funds from this rhino information hot line
are devoted to Zimbabwe's anti-poaching efforts.]

Rhino Rescue Fund
c/o Wildlife Conservation International
New York Zoological Society
185th St. & Southern Blvd
Bronx, NY 10460
(212) 220-6891

Rhino Rescue USA
1150 17th St, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 293-5305

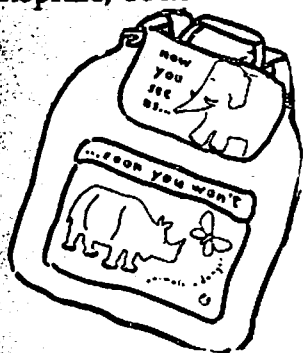
Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation
230 Park Avenue, Suite 2711
New York, NY 10017
(212) 949-0606

Give 'til it hurts so they won't have to.

RHINO BUY\$

A WIN WIN SITUATION

You can do something nice for your body and for endangered animals too. The Body Shop, an English import, sells ecologically friendly products. There are no animal ingredients and nothing has been tested on animals. In addition to being a for-profit business, The Body Shop has also invested money into promoting awareness of the world's endangered animals, especially the elephant, whale, rhino, polar bear and turtle. So if you visit a Body Shop (located usually in shopping malls), you can buy soap, washcloths, sponges and cosmetic bags with a yellow rhino on it. I received a "rucksack" (English term for our backpack) for a Christmas gift from fellow rhinophile, Todd Comi.



An excellent free brochure about animals in danger is also available in the store. Treat yourself and be good to the animals at the same time. For more information, contact The Body Shop, Int. 45 Horsehill Rd, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927.

RHINO BUY\$

FINE ART THE EASY WAY

Under the supervision of specialists at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, Lenox Collections has recently come out with a porcelain Greater One-horned Asian Rhinoceros calf. It is about 7.5" long from nose to tail and about 5" high from hoof to ear. Most recent price is \$65. I have it and it is quite nice. A very easy way to get some fine art into your collection. Write to Lenox Collections, PO Box 3020, Langhorne, PA 19047-9120. (1-800-225-1779) Don't forget to mention *Really, Rhinos!* if you order (so maybe they will consider doing other rhino species).

MORE FINE ART

One of the generous artists who donated her artwork for the rhino cards, Judith Smith Wilson has informed me she has some new rhino art for sale. Judith sent me color photos and they look super. The rhinos are all pen & ink w/ watercolors. These are originals.

Black rhino at Mt. Kilamenjaro	(\$375)*	8x10
Black rhino at Mt. Kilamenjaro	(\$225)*	9x12
"Charging Rhino" (white rhino)	(\$125)*	8x10
"Rhino Rhino" (black rhino)	(\$750)*	12x16
"Momma & Baby Rhinos"	(\$425)*	12x14
"Rhino's Rhino's"	(\$150)*	12x12
"A Fork in the Road"	(\$250)*	12x16

*Open edition prints cost \$25.

Judith Smith Wilson
Art On Safari
10437 Escadara Drive,
Lakeside, CA 92040



RHINO BUY\$

Ngare Sergoi Support Group is selling a neat rhino t-shirt which is a photo image of a black rhino (same on front and back). It costs \$13.50 and is available in M,L or XL. (P.S. Same shirt costs \$17+ from WWF!)

WWF does have a large (chartreuse) stuffed cloth for sale. It's about \$27. There is also a smaller one available for about \$5. Call 1-800-833-1600.

Rhino greeting cards are still available. The price is \$12 (includes postage) for eight cards/envelopes. All proceeds will go to rhino projects. Send check payable to Really, Rhinos! Please buy some!

R/H/I/N/O/C/E/R/O/S

Did anyone besides Bob Neillie see how many words you could make out of the word rhinoceros? Bob sent me this list. Can you top it?

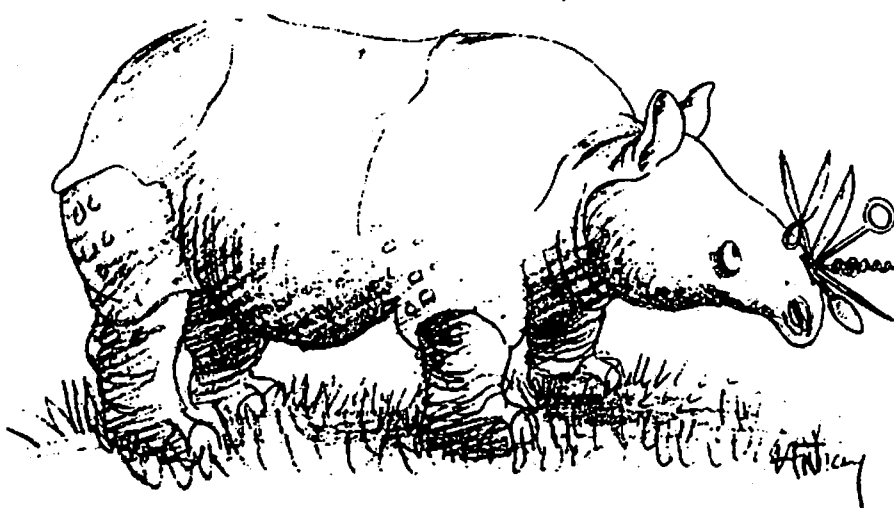
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choir	hone	score
chore	horn	scorn
coin	hose	shoe
cone	nor	shone
core	ore	shore
corn	rich	shorn
echo	roe	sooner

THANKS TO ONE OF OUR FAITHFUL READERS

 for the following quote:

"There is a rhinoceros whose happiness, as near as I can make out, is in needing to be trained every morning, or else he 'forgets' his circus routine, and in this you find a clue to the slow, deep quiet chuckle of his happiness and to the glory of the beast."

[Vicki Hearne, "What's Wrong with Animal Rights," *Harpers*, September, 1991, p.59]



SPRINGTIME FOR RHINO

The following rhinophiles have upcoming birthdays:

Leslie Friend	April 28
Judyth Lessee	May 2
Jane Kenny	May 5

Really, Rhinos! is published quarterly. Annual subscription are \$15 (\$5 overseas) of which \$5 is donated to rhino projects.

Reader feedback and rhino citing should be reported to Judyth Lessee, Editor, *Really, Rhinos!* PO Box 1285, Tucson, AZ 85702-1285, (602) 327-904

Note: If you find errors, please know they are printed for those who always look for them. We try to print something for everybody.

REALLY, RHINOS!

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REALLY RHINOS!

7:2, Summer, 1993

This issue is dedicated to Beth Ann Daly of Iowa City, a new rhino subscriber who has generously contributed many tidbits & rhinos for this issue.

UN ENVOY FOR RHINOS!

Excerpted from BBC Wildlife,
11 February, 1993:42-44.

In 1961, Sir Peter Scott predicted that the black rhino would be extinct in three decades and today, 32 years later, despite the WWF, SSP, Operation Rhino, Save the Rhino and all the other rhino-friendly organizations, the downward slope continues. Despite all the gloom and doom, there is hope. Now there is actually a UN Envoy for Rhinos and guess who it is? Yes! Esmond Bradley Martin! "People are finally realizing that it is possible to save the rhinos. I keep hammering away at the pessimists with success stories - successes which are in some of the world's poorest countries." Bradley Martin suggests that where there is a will there is a way provided

the will is at the highest political level. In Nepal, the king himself has ordered the protection of rhinos and the governments of both Kenya and India have provided sufficient political will and commitment to control the poaching.

After the shocking realization that Zimbabwe's black rhino population was only a quarter of what had been officially claimed in November, 1992, Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, the executive director of the UN Environment Program (which among other things, administers CITES) reacted with unbureaucratic speed & in a matter of weeks he had created the post of UN Special Envoy for Rhinos, the first time this has ever been done for a species; provided funds to the Zimbabwe Wildlife Department for anti-poaching intelligence-gathering activities and co-funded a documentary film on the trade and his envoy's interviews with dealers.

Research in the U.S. indicated that there is no need to add toxins to rhino horn medicines as they already contain dangerous poisons put there by the manufacturers. Researchers at the Forensic Laboratory of the US Fish and Wildlife Service have discovered that rhino keratin has a lower molecular weight,

higher sulphur content and a lower pH value than keratin from other species. This is useful because to prosecute someone for importing rhino-horn medicines, it is first necessary to prove there really is rhino horn in the pills. In fact, unpublished reports reveal that in two brands of Asian medicinal tea balls, no traces of rhino-specific keratins were found. It would therefore appear that someone is being conned - not only are patients not getting the medicine they are paying for, they may actually be poisoning themselves or their children. Legal trade in these "medicines" has now been stopped in Taiwan and further exports from China are banned. But in China, the world's most populous nation, there are estimated to be nearly 8.5 tons of rhino-horn stock.

There is another way to bring pressure to bear on the rhino-trading countries: a clause in US law called the Pelley Amendment. It says that if any country can be shown to be undermining an international agreement to protect an endangered species, in this case CITES, the US government can ban imports of all wildlife products (including fisheries) from that country. The next CITES meeting will be in the US in 1994 and your letters

supporting this amendment are critical. How the US government stands on this issue will undoubtedly influence many other CITES member-countries as they cast their votes.

Some final words about CITES. The point of CITES is to protect species whose survival is being, or might be threatened by international trade. The failure of CITES to end the illegal rhino-horn trade is now being used as an excuse to restructure the whole convention, making its goals as much to do with continuation of trade as the protection of the species. CITES has not failed the rhino. It is the poor implementation of CITES - the failure of the people who matter to carry out the democratically voted decisions and resolutions of the people who mind. CITES can be likened to a dam across a river of rhino trade, with conservationists and customs officers in the role of the beavers. The dam is well built and most of the flow has been stopped but every time one leak is plugged, another one - another smuggling route - appears. Leakage is now down to a trickle, but the rhino populations are so low that there is a drought of rhinos to feed the trade - because for years there were more leaks than there were new rhinos. But the leaks are being plugged faster now

that rhinos have become the issue of the moment. If we succeed, we will then need a long period during which the rhino trade is totally dammed, and the level of rhinos allowed to rise. And the last thing the rhino puddle needs now is a sluice-gate of legal trade. Otherwise the rhinos will run dry, and Sir Peter Scott's dire prediction will come true - and only a few years behind schedule.

MORE ON FORENSICS

A fascinating article on new scientific methods to catch poachers can be found in the Spring, 1993 issue of *ZooLife*.

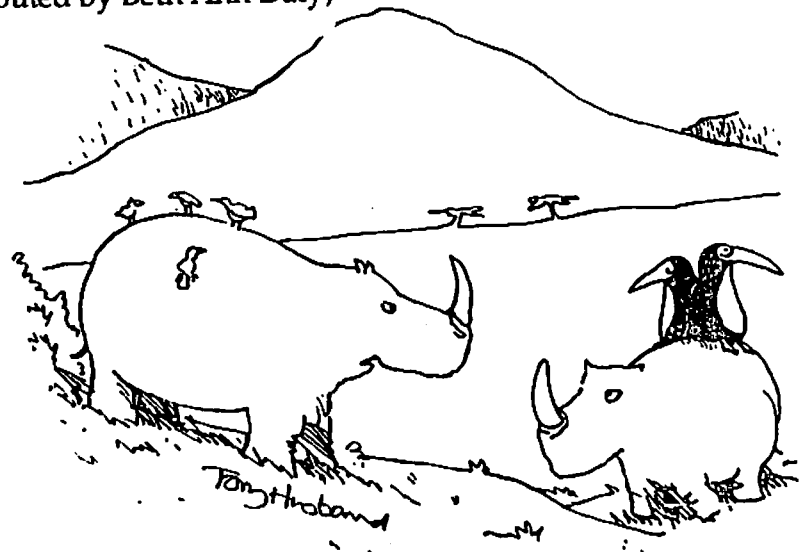
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon is highlighted. (see also the preceding article).

RHINO HUMOR

Q: Why did the rhino cross the road?

A: The chicken was on vacation!

(contributed by Beth Ann Daly)



"And where the hell have you been?"

A traveller going through customs in Africa was asked by the customs officer if he had anything to declare.

"No, nothing to declare," said the man.

"Are you sure about that?" asked the customs agent.

"Quite sure," replied the man.

Narrowing his eyes, the customs officer said, "What about that rhinoceros standing behind you with bread in his ears?"

"Sir," said the man indignantly: "What I put in my sandwiches is my own business." (contributed by Arthur Chandler)

RHINO QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME/WORK/FAX PHONE _____

1. What is your birthdate (month and day..... year is optional!)
2. How long have you been collecting rhinos and what got you started?
3. What was your first rhino and when, where, how, etc. did you get it?
4. How many rhinos do you have now (approximately)?
5. Which is your favorite rhino and why?
6. Where/how do you find the most rhinos for your collection?
7. How many rhinos have you purchased that were mentioned in *Really, Rhinos!* (circle one)
all most some few none
8. What feature(s) would you like to see ADDED to *Really, Rhinos!* ?
9. What feature(s) would you like to see DROPPED from *Really, Rhinos!* ?

10. How many zoos have you visited that have rhinos?(please list them)
11. Have you ever seen rhinos in the wild? (please list when,where)
12. What is your favorite rhino conservation project/organization?
13. Do you have any duplicate rhinos you would like to sell or trade?
(please list them on a separate sheet with prices if applicable)
14. What type of rhino(s) are at the top of your wish list (limit to 5 please)
15. Do you prefer the BLACK, WHITE, SUMATRAN, GREATER ONE-HORNED,
JAVAN, or NO PREFERENCE? (circle one)
16. Do you think there should be a rhino museum?
Where would you like it to be?
What do you think it should contain?
Would you like to help see this museum established?
17. Do you know any other rhinophiles (or rhino-artists) whom would like
to know about the R,R! newsletter? Please list name/address or send
business card.
18. Do you have any black & white photos of rhinos (any!) you can send for
inclusion in a future issue of R,R! newsletter? Full credit will be given
and original will be returned. If so, please send now.
19. Do you collect any rhino you can find or do you have guidelines? (e.g.
only a certain species; a price limit; a specific medium, i.e. wood, bronze,
crystal, fine art, etc., etc..) Please list any guidelines you have.
20. So, what else can you share about being a rhinophile that we didn't already ask you?

Please return this questionnaire to:

Judyth Lessee, Editor, Really, Rhinos!, PO Box 1285, Tucson, AZ 85702-1285

THE RHINOENTREPRENEUR STRIKES BACK!

I want to create a rhino calendar for 1994. In it, I will include everyone's addresses, your birthdays, any other special days you want to highlight, plus any rhino or other conservation-related events. I also want to have twelve rhino pictures, one adorning each month. If you don't mind black & white photos or pictures, the calendar should not cost too much (less than \$20) but if you really want color, then it will cost at least \$25. I will of course donate all money minus printing costs to rhino conservation projects. Tell me what you think. I would like to get started on this before I go back to my 80+++ work week in August. Anyone who would like to help put this together is certainly welcome. Your feedback is really wanted and needed. So, do let me know ASAP, PDQ, STAT. Thanks y'all. (P.S. This will be a politically correct calendar. There will be male and female rhinos of various ages, from a diverse cultures.)

SPEAKING OF STRIKES...

I just spoke to Nancy Nenad (Planet Rhino) and she and I are going to participate in Bowling for Rhinos on June 26th in Tucson. Remember that all the money from Bowling for Rhinos goes to support Ngare Sergoi Sanctuary (Anna Merz) in Kenya. Please support our rhino team by pledging some rhino (actual slang for money). Send your donations payable to Judyth Lessee c/o Really, Rhinos! PO Box 1285, Tucson, AZ 85702-1285. I will match any pledge for every strike I get.



How is the money actually spent? According to the Winter, 1993 issue of *H.O.R.N.* (Helping Our Rhinos Now), the annual expenses at Ngare Sergoi/Lewa Downs Rhino Sanctuary are \$160,000 which is provided by Anna Merz! AAZK contributions have included the costs to relocate 10 rhinos, replace one vehicle, add security people and equipment for AAZK plane flight. More money is needed of course and we salute the AAZK members and all rhino friends who are committed to the preservation and growth of Ngare Sergoi!

Learn more about Ngare Sergoi by subscribing to *H.O.R.N.*, Contact Andy Lodge, PO Box 29503, Columbus, OH 43229. You can also support the sanctuary by buying Anna's book. Ask Andy for details! (614-337-0676)

RHINO BIRTH-TO-EARTH greetings to:

Francis Ripka -June 8 (40th!)
Debby Sorenson -June 15
Mark Knapp -July 12
David Rosenman -July 24
Nancy Nenad -July 29
Carolyn Sargent -July 29
Corey Chandler -Aug. 20
Bill Argersinger -Aug. 23 (50!)
Todd Comi (Aug. 23)

If you want to send birthday cards to any of these rhinophiles, send them to Really, Rhinos! and I will forward them in one big envelope.

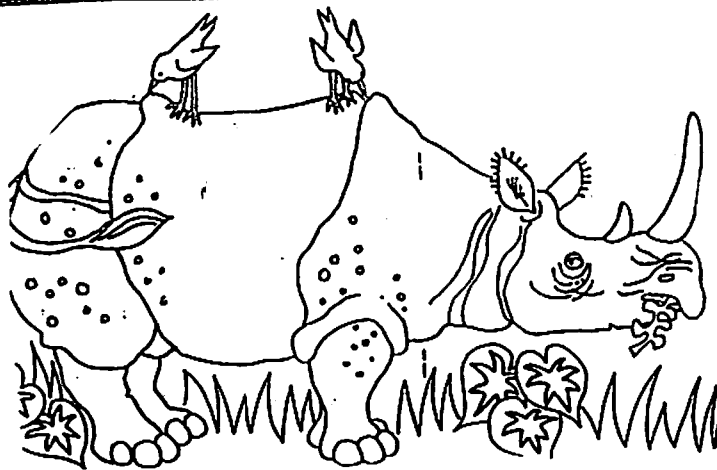
ANOTHER BIRTHDAY TO CELEBRATE!

New baby rhino! A black rhino was born on November 15, 1992 at the San Diego Zoo. The young male was named *Werihke* after Michaela Werihke. It's the first black rhino birth in the 76-year history of the Zoo.

HOST YOUR OWN BOWL-A-THON! *

Contact:
Patty Pearthree,
PO Box 199026,
Indpls, IN 46219-9026
(317) 322-8723.

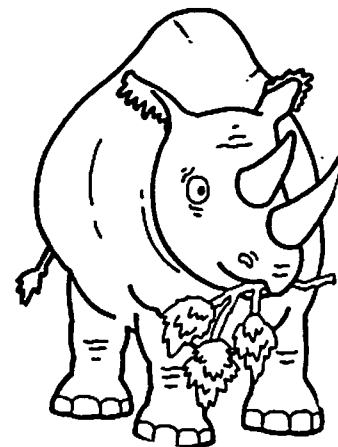
*or check with your local zoo



INVITE A RHINO TO LUNCH?

Ever thought about inviting a rhinoceros to lunch? There are probably a couple of things you should know first. The rhino's table manners aren't the best. If it's been raining outside, chances are he'll walk into the dining room with mud up to his knees. Rhinos are big animals, about three times as large as a horse, so they have big appetites. Here's a suggested menu:

- 4 lbs. carrots (whole, not sliced)
- 2 lbs. bananas
- 2 lbs. large white potatoes
- 2lbs. apples
- 2 lbs. green beans
- 2 lbs. oranges
- 1 lb. loaf of bread
- 25 lbs. of hay
- 1 large tub full of grain: corn, soybeans, oats and alfalfa
with vitamins & minerals mixed in.
- Stir to make a rhino cereal.
- 6 or 7 buckets of water.



Don't bother with a fancy tablecloth, he'll eat right off the floor. It's a good idea to have a mop handy. When he eats the oranges, he usually drools orange juice. The vegetables are good for him, please ask him not to hide his green beans in the corner, or step on them getting to the fruit.

He's a good natured fellow, though. Probably he won't mind if your canary perches on the bucket, while he's having a drink.

(Thanks to the subscriber who donated this!)

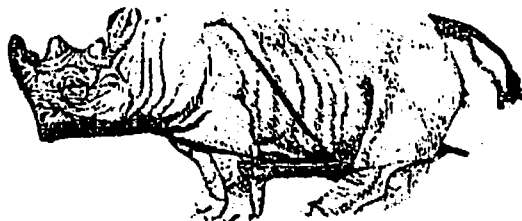
RHINOCEROS¹⁶⁴

One erudite subscriber from merry olde England, Andrew Laurie, has sent me a list of 164 words he was able to create from the word rhinoceros, including one anagram (croonerish). I say bravo to you Andrew! You win the prize. Come to Tucson and you can collect it! If anyone wants a copy of Andrew's list, send a SASE and I'll give you a copy.

BUT DO YOU HAVE THIS ONE DEPT.?

It's a version of *How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin* but do you have the version, read by Arte Johnson which includes a rhinoceros-shaped carrying case for the cassette? Costs about \$10. Available at fine book stores, probably the zoo and if all else fails, write to Dove Audio, 301 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Free color catalogue available by calling 1-800-328-DOVE.

Total playing time:
approx. 45 minutes



RHINOCEROLOGY redux

I received a letter recently from Beth A. Morris who espouses "rhinoceroLOGY" which she describes as "the study of how to make it through the jungle of life without being eaten alive." Beth has given permission for me to reprint her "Bill of Rhino Rights

I still need to do homework on #4,6,8,10. How about you?

RHINOCEROLOGY
HOW
TO
MAKE IT
THROUGH
THE JUNGLE
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
BEING
EATEN ALIVE!



Beth A. Morris



"RHINOCEROLOGY"

BILL OF RHINO RIGHTS

1. I have the right to "step in it".
2. I have the right to be my own Rhino self.
3. I have the right to be responsible for my own Rhino actions.
4. I have the right to say "No", and be a guilt free Rhino.
5. I have the right to have my Rhino needs met.
6. I have the right to carry out my Rhino actions despite what Cows around me might think.
7. As a Rhino - I have the right to go charging out in the world everyday "asking for it"!
8. I have the right to be treated with Rhino respect.
9. I have the right to change my Rhino mind.
10. I have the right to feel and express Rhino anger.

Beth A. Morris

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Cabot, Arkansas 72023

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RHINO PHILANTHROPY

The Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon has a wish list. If you have or wish to contribute money to purchase any of the following, please contact Sally Lawson. PO Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496-0231. (503) 679-6761.

Jack the white rhino roams free at Wildlife Safari so it's a worthy cause.

blank cassette tapes
small electronic scale in grams
electric fans
35mm Ektachrome slide film
5 gallon plastic buckets
electric knife sharpener and can opener
eight-foot couch
Apple//e computer and laser printer

adding machine/calculator w/ tape
flash attachment for 35mm camera
large water-proof tarp
mini or vertical blinds
space heaters
airless sprayer
overhead projector
two tall stool
heavy chain



THE ZOO REBUILDING FUND

Saving our most natural resource.

Did you see the Frederick Wiseman cinema verite documentary called "Zoo"? It was a 2.5 hour trip to Miami's MetroZoo. One segment showed the life cycle in a flash as an Indian rhino gave birth to a stillborn baby. Despite incredible efforts including CPR and artificial resuscitation, the neonate could not be revived. Later in the documentary, the gruesome task of conducting an autopsy on the baby was explicitly shown. No further word on the status of the mother (the film was completed a while ago). Since that time, however, Hurricane Andrew blew into Miami and wrecked havoc on the zoo. The Zoo Rebuilding Fund has been established by the Zoological Society of Florida. All contributions will go for the immediate reforestation of the land. Any contribution is helpful. \$25 plants a seedling, \$100 plants a Sabal palm, \$500 plants an oak tree. Send your tax-deductible contribution to The Zoo rebuilding Fund, 12400 Southwest 152nd Street, Miami, FL 33177 or call 1-800-362-5800.

SILENT AUCTION

donated by Beth Daly

pewter rhinos
ceramic black
plastic & rubber rhinos
cloth rhino keychain (WWF)
rhino puzzle in matchbox
rubber rhino nose
wooden rhino pin
carved wooden black rhino
rhino books

What is my bid for these?

Do you want to exchange them for other duplicates you might have? Do you want to bid on the entire box?

It would make a nice "starter kit for new rhinophiles!

Send me your bid so these rhinos can have a happy home AND DON'T FORGET! The ceramic rhino that Stuart Friedlander donated is still available! Bid on that too!

Oh give me a home where the rhinos roam...

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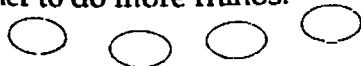
Black rhino mobiles. (2.75" high X 5" long) From: Skyflight Mobiles, PO Box 974 Woodinville, WA 98072. Five rhinos on a rod #RHIN-M (\$23.95) single rhino #RIIN-S (\$3.95)

Artist willing to draw rhinos on demand: Dewey McGuire (319-337-3233).

You want someplace to put your boring toothbrush? Try a ceramic rhino toothbush holder.

Contact Tom Ecklund at Nag Original, 2080 Llano Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 and be sure to mention Really, Rhinos! I'm trying to get Tom to create some more ceramic rhinobilia.

We know rhinos don't lay eggs but that's no reason why you can't have an egg with a rhino on it! Contact Ellen Klomps, Eleggens, 470 Canyon Rd, Providence, UT 84332. (801) 753-1716. She has many different kinds of eggs (swan, goose, chicken, turkey, ostrich, peacock) and her prices vary. I met Ellen at the Arizona Renaissance Festival in March. Again, encourage her to do more rhinos.



Another eggcellent choice: Lauri Cramer, PO Box 533, Bayfield, CO 81122, Lauri also

has handpainted eggs AND she has (or at least had back in April) a beautiful watercolored black rhino, framed for \$150. Call her at (303) 884-9426.

La dolce vita. La dolce rhinocerente. I found a *molto frido* (very cool) poster of Federico Fellini(?) rowing a boat with a rhino in it. "E LA NAVE VA" It costs \$48++ and you can order it from: Barb's Frame of Mind, 402 N. 4th Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705. (602) 620-0932. It's like 3 feet by 4 feet and is basically black and white.

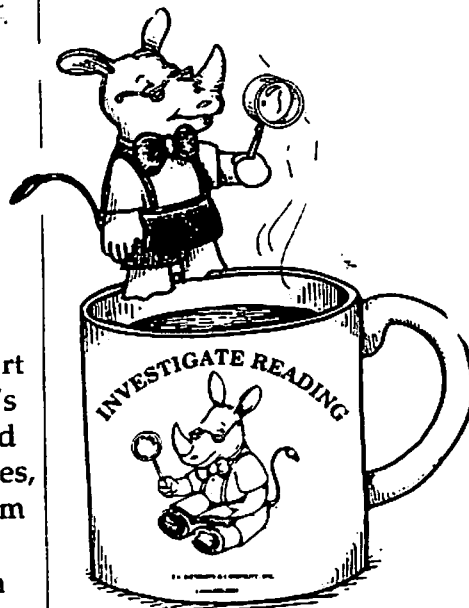
Do you have kids? *Play* magazine will keep you informed on the latest in quality entertainment for your children. A two year subscription is only \$24 and you get a Kid Rhino sampler free with prepaid orders. Call 1-800-247-2160.



For kids of all ages! A jigsaw puzzle depicting a cheerful savanna scene (no poacher allowed!). The 10-by-13-inch, 24-piece puzzle with an illustration by author and illustrator Helen Cowcher is part of the Children's Book Council's effort to get children to read and learn about environmental issues, and it intended for children from pre-K to third grade (or rhinophiles of any age!) Send a

check for \$8.50, made payable to Children's Book Council, Order Center, 350 Scotland Rd., Orange, NJ 07050, USA.

Hey, rhino educators!! You don't have to be a classroom teacher to request a copy of T.S. Denison's 1993 catalogue. It's free and a rhino is on every page! And, best of all, you can buy some inexpensive rhinobilia. To schlepp your rhinos around, you can buy a tote bag. To relax, sip something cool or hot from a rhino mug with the same logo - "Investigate reading" There is also a poster with the same logo. Prices are very inexpensive and if you spend \$35 worth of merchandise, you can get a tote bag or mug free. Any purchase will entitle you to a free poster. So, get on the horn and call 1-800-328-3831 and remember to mention Really, Rhinos!



MORE RHINO BUY\$

Are you already sick of Jurassic Park? First, take a Tums and then go down to the bookstore and buy a copy of *A World Without Rhinos*. It's a pop-up book which illustrates four ancestors of today's rhinoceros. Costs about \$8. If not available in stores, write directly to Dial books for Young Readers, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014.

MORE RHINO BUY\$

Sterling rhino jewelry available from a store in Scottsdale, AZ. I bought some at the Int'l Rhino Conference in '91. There is a rhino head ring (\$35), a bracelet (@\$60), key ring, earrings and pins. Write or call: (602) 483-6293.

MORE RHINO BUY\$

At last, we've covered it all! You can now buy a dust cover for your computer monitor and keyboard which has a rhino in it! You can order an environmentally friendly, deluxe vinyl or budget vinyl cover. Call INMAC at 1-800-547-5444.

FINALLY, LASTLY, IN CONCLUSION...

Is anyone interested in either a rhino ear cuff or a rhino-carved meerschaum pipe? I am negotiating with two artists.

Gentle Rhino Readers:

You may have noticed that this issue is 'double strength'. I decided to throw everything in that I had up to press time because I do believe that life is short and you should eat dessert first. There is no sense in stockpiling rhino info. I cannot promise future issues will be so voluminous. Just wanted to let you know what's going on in my head. (see Bill of Rhino Rights #2)



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Note: If you find errors, please know they are printed for those who always look for them. We try to print something for everybody.

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