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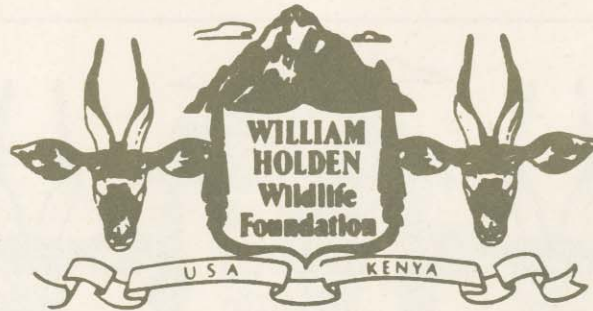
Jo-Ann Sesar WHWF Bookkeeper with James Vermey
And Junior Staff of the Education Center

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Dear Friends,

The most important news from Kenya is the controversial resignation of Dr. Richard Leakey as director of the Kenya Wildlife Service on March 23rd. Dr. Leakey has experienced a year filled with some of life's greatest challenges, not only has he lost both his legs as a result of a crash in his single engine plane, but he had to endure accusations of mis-management of his department.

In January Dr. Leakey submitted an offer of resignation which was rejected by His Excellency President Daniel Arap Moi. In the interim of Dr. Leakey's absence from the KWS, many political changes occurred. Owing to the directives, Dr. Leakey has announced that he does not feel he can perform these duties adequately with any hope of success, therefore he has once again resigned as director.

President Moi has appointed zoologist David Western as the new director of the KWS. A Kenyan since 1962, Dr. Western has directed The Wildlife Conservation Society's Kenya program for the past 20 years, and has served as chairman of the IUCN's African Elephant and Rhino Specialist Group from 1987 to 1990. The immediate reaction from wildlife organizations all over the world, is that Dr. Leakey's resignation is a huge blow to conservation efforts in Africa, and could have a very damaging effect on the tourist industry. We wish Dr. Leakey the very best in whatever endeavors he should choose.

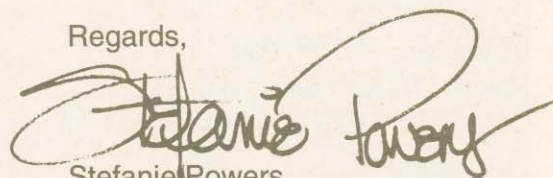
I hope you will notice that we are using a new paper for our newsletters, in fact it is a revolution in paper because no trees are cut to produce it. Have I piqued your curiosity? "Read all about it" on page 5, and I hope you will join us in this attractive alternative to further destruction of our forests. Please let us know what you think of our new paper!

Due to the catastrophic effects of the earthquake of January 17th and the continuing aftershocks, we have postponed our fund-raising event originally planned for Feb. 20th. Our new date is Sunday, October 16th at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and I hope you will be able to join us, if not in person then in spirit.

We are embarking on the final phase of the Education Center which will complete construction according to our original plan. We are all extremely excited about the opportunities the facility will accommodate as are all our students and professionals. I will be traveling to Kenya in May and I will return with a drawing of the proposed plan which we will publish in an upcoming newsletter.

In this newsletter we are including an article about the Dolphin Research Center in the Florida keys, which I hope you will find of interest. This center ranks among the best captive dolphin programs I have seen.

Regards,



Stefanie Powers

News From Kenya

Construction:

The following improvements have been made over the last few months: the completion of a water catchment tank at the Ken Norris rural library at the Wathituga School; the repair of the wier and bridge at the Education Center was completed; a new telephone system was installed at the Education Center; a repainting and oiling of shingles was done at the Education Center's main facility.

School Visits:

Students were welcomed from the following schools: the International School of Kenya, Hillcrest Secondary School, Lairerwan Primary School, Egerton University, Ngenia Secondary School, Miu-gune Primary School, Nairobi School, Kianda University, Auya Boys Secondary School, Kiria-Ini Primary School, St. Mary's Karumandi, Jomo Kenyatta University College, Ruiru High School, Premiere Academy, Mt. Kenya Secondary School, Moi Equator Girls, Nyariginu Primary School, St. Christopher's School, and the Kalalu Primary School. A typical day visit consists of the following activities: welcome lecture, video, project walk visit to animal orphanage and game drive. In addition the Education Center welcomed the giraffe center competition winners from the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife; and the Hodari Boys Club and the Aga Khan Scouts and Girl Guides both participated in a "day in the life" of your favorite animal activity.

V.I.P. Guests:

The Education Center was pleased to have Kimathi Kiaba, the new forest officer/Nanyuki and his assistant visit our facility, along with Wanjohi Waweru, the Deputy Mayor Nanyuki.



The Dolphin Research Center

"We can only conserve what we love, love what we understand, understand what we're taught." Beau Douin

The Dolphin Research Center is the only not-for-profit dolphin facility in the United States. They maintain a colony of about 15 dolphins in a natural marine environment at Grassy Key, Florida. Among their programs include: 1) the Dolphin/Child Research Program, an innovative approach using dolphins to teach handicapped and learning disabled children, and this work has been so successful that it is being expanded to also include head and spinal trauma patients, cancer patients, and other high stress groups; 2) DolphinLab is a week-long program of classes and hands-on exercises, this program has attracted national recognition as the finest education program about dolphins anywhere; 3) The Dolphin Critical Care Unit, which cares for sick or injured marine mammals from aquariums all over America as this natural environment lends itself well to rest, relaxation and recovery; 4) The Florida Keys Marine Animal Rescue Team, which rescues stranded whales and dolphins in their area. In addition to accepting contributions, the Dolphin Research Center encourages all their membership on a local level to participate in helping dolphins and their environment. You can join them in these efforts in the following ways: 1) Avoid buying items with plastic packaging, such as 6-pack rings. These have been found to end up in the ocean intact, and dolphins have had to been rescued as a result of the 6-pack rings caught around their mouth. If you do purchase these items be sure to cut up 6-pack rings before throwing them away. 2) Make sure that schools, clubs and businesses don't release balloons. The mass release of balloons allows large quantities of indigestible plastic to end up in the water. 3) Participate in coastal cleanups. 4) Purchase only dolphin safe tuna. If you would like more information about The Dolphin Research Center, you may contact them directly at:

The Dolphin Research Center, P.O. Box 2875, Marathon Shores, FL 33052

A LONG OVERDUE VISIT TO KENYA

Jo-Ann Sesar has been the bookkeeper for the William Holden Wildlife Foundation's Los Angeles office for the past five years. Jo-Ann and her husband Dennis, a CPA, live in Los Angeles and in spite of her long association with the Foundation they never visited the education center in Kenya. For all these years the closest contact Jo-Ann had with our work in Kenya came in the form of numbers on a page sent to her from our Kenyan bookkeeper Sam Waweru.

So with cameras in hand, sensible shoes, the appropriate khaki wardrobe, all shots necessary and a round trip ticket, Jo-Ann and Dennis set off on their safari. The tour operators they had signed up with had allowed little time for lingering at the Foundation but they managed to squeeze in a meaningful day and came away understanding what was behind all those numbers on the page and bringing home with them the memories of the faces and the spirit of the staff who preach the gospel of the William Holden Wildlife Education Center.

James Vermey, our Chief Education Officer, met the Sesar's at the Mt. Kenya Safari Club where they were spending the night. As James led them on a tour of the animal orphanage, it was obvious that they had an immediate rapport. "He was wonderful," explained Jo-Ann, "and so knowledgeable about the animals." They spent two hours at the animal orphanage, observing the young llamas, a unique herd of East African Bongos; the highly endangered colobus monkeys; and among the other species living in the protection of the orphanage, a cheetah, which was much favored by Dennis and his camera.



Dennis Sesar with a llama at the animal orphanage

James traversed the Mt. Kenya Game Ranch en route to the site of the education center where the Sesar's saw more rare and endangered species who live in the herds on the ranch, the favorite being the albino zebras.

Even though Jo-Ann had seen the many pictures of the Foundation she was delighted and impressed by the buildings and the care with which the entire center is maintained. "The Education Center has the nicest buildings we saw in Kenya!"

Jo-Ann and Dennis had an opportunity to see first hand all the projects we have on site and those we are planning for future development. Visiting the Foundation put everything in perspective for her, she not only felt a part of the effort but was deeply touched by seeing the dedication of all those who comprise our staff.

Kenaf Paper



The world's paper demand is constantly escalating due to the rising population, increased computer usage and global communications. The traditional methods of paper production have resulted in serious environmental problems, such as deforestation, global warming, ozone depletion and water contamination. This has lead to companies, such as TreEco, located in Southern California, to promote paper recycling and other methods of paper production that does not have these negative effects on our environment.

Kenaf Paper has absolutely no tree fiber content. It is made from the kenaf plant, a member of the hibiscus family, which also includes cotton and okra. From seed, the kenaf plant grows to 12 feet tall in four to five months. It requires little water and few fertilizers for growth. Each acre of kenaf harvested produces six to ten tons of raw



the kenaf plant grows up to 12 feet tall

fiber. This is three to five times the amount of fiber yielded per acre of southern pine. Kenaf can replace trees in all facets of paper making, and can be profitably grown by farmers in the cotton belt.

Another reason Kenaf Paper is beneficial for the environment is that fewer chemicals are required to convert it to pulp. This reduces water contamination. The kenaf fiber is naturally lighter in color than wood, so it requires less bleaching when it is made into paper.

In addition to high and low-grade paper products, the versatile kenaf plant is also used to make high protein animal food, particle board, potting soil and molded packaging.

For more information on the kenaf paper, or other environmentally safe recycling office products, you can contact TreEco directly at:

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Venice, CA 90291
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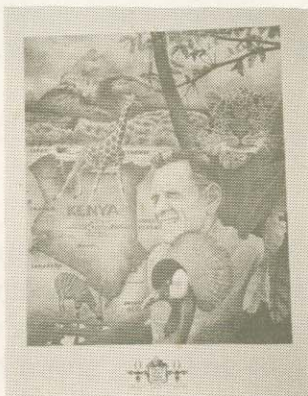
promotes sustainable agriculture.



Greeting Inside:
HERE IT IS
IN BLACK AND WHITE:
I LOVE YOU!

WHWF ANNOUNCES EXCLUSIVE GREETING CARD LINE

The WHWF is pleased to announce an exclusive line of greeting cards available through Greetings From Nature with proceeds of the sale of each card going directly to our work in Kenya. Currently, the line offers 12 cards featuring birthday and friendship notes. The cards are printed in the U.S.A. using ecologically-friendly waterless printing and soy based ink on 50% recycled paper with 10% post consumer waste. In May, a new line of 16 cards will be released, with two featuring photographs taken by our Foundation President, Stefanie Powers. Ask for these cards in your local card stores, or call 1-800-274-6555 to find a store near you that offers this line.



Posters are \$18.00 each (\$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage).
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Enclosed is my check for \$15.00 for a copy of James Vermey's Paper of the "Future of Wildlife Management in East Africa."

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Just a reminder that the Foundation has WHWF t-shirts!

T-Shirts are \$12.00 each (\$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage).
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