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Dear Friends,

Our office has recently received a number of calls inquiring about the reports of political unrest coming out of Kenya. To answer your concerns I can only say that the demonstrations which have occurred tended to be centered in Nairobi where the press coverage is greatest. Nairobi is nearly three hours by car from Nanyuki, which is the closest town to the education center. The violence has been sporadic and seems focused along tribal and political lines. Most people feel that the impending elections due before December, will bring the return of stability. The short answer is we are all safe and our work goes on unimpeded.

Recently I participated in a fascinating event known as MungoPark, an online adventure magazine produced by a team at Microsoft. MungoPark is the name of the famous Scottish explorer from the last century and the production is certainly worthy of its unconventional namesake. By combining the ingredients of travel, adventure sports, the great outdoors and the natural world with the latest in online reporting techniques the result is graphically pleasing and informative. I was asked to report on the caribou in northern Labrador for the September 'issue' which included features in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For those of you who are computer minded, you can call up back issues of the cyberpublication MungoPark by logging on to the worldwide web and calling mungopark.com. I hope you enjoy the dispatches as much as I enjoyed writing them in the prestige environment of the northern Labrador's barren lands. It was a privilege to view at close range the last of the great herd animals of North America.

Speaking of the internet, we are keeping up with the new age as well, and our new web site is reached easily by www.allmediapr.com/whwf and our email is whwildlife@aol.com.

Warmest Regards,

Stefanie Powers

News From Kenya:

* All four rural foundation libraries were recently renovated and painted. This was done concurrently with a complete inventory. The inventory revealed a need for particular titles of school books for the J.L. Foundation Library and the Ken Norris Library. These were purchased from the Natural History Book Society in London and the Textbook Center, located in Nairobi.

* Nicholas Kunga from Egerton University, Dept. of Natural Resources, has joined the internship program for two months. Kunga's project proposal is on identification and labeling of wild animal bones and skulls in the education center's small museum.

* Foundation member Susan Bruckner, who recently visited Kenya, including the education center, kindly donated the video 'Animals A to Z'.

* Ramona Griffin, continuing her loyal support to the foundation's work, donated 30 science books.

* The Los Angeles office packed up 32 boxes of past newsletters which were then shipped to Kenya.

* WHWF president, Stefanie Powers, donated 9 copies of each of the following books: The Great World Tour, The Great History Search, The Great Big Bus Search and The Great Undersea Search. All these materials were catalogued and distributed throughout the education center and the rural libraries.



News from Southern California:

The California School for the Deaf 5th graders are at it again raising money to help "Save the Elephants" in Africa. This has been an annual event for the past nine years. The students collect pennies, recycle cans and have a bake sale. This year they have raised almost \$500.00. The entire school gets involved in this project. The 5th graders also make presentations to all the younger grades. As students Melissa Kinney, David T., Tami Perez, Beatrice Roberts, Kenneth Horn, Rodger Lanorias, Daniel Hernandez, Madonna Ron, Scott Bobb, Mayra Ordaz, Terry Quick, Charity Davis, Joseph Lopez III and Chad Inman each wrote in their letters that



a c c o m p a n i e d drawings of elephants, "Please use this money to help protect the elephants. Teach the children about elephants and about ivory. Build a special big place to keep the elephants safe. Elephants are really very important. They help people".



When it comes to helping humanity the ambitious keepers at the Kansas City Zoo are quick to react. And because of their swiftness, students at the William Holden Wildlife Education Center will receive much needed school supplies — 300 pounds of supplies, in fact, including paper, pencils, pens, calculators, crayons and chalk.

The supplies were gathered as part of a fund raising event, Bowling for Rhinos, hosted by the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK). Bowling for Rhinos, which began in Kansas City, was set up to gather funds to benefit three Rhino sanctuaries in Kenya, Africa and the Indonesian Islands of Java and Sumatra. The success of Bowling for Rhinos soon spread nationally. When AAZK sent out a call to local members to help gather school supplies for children in areas near the rhino sanctuaries, keepers at the Kansas City Zoo took on the project whole-heartedly and made it a part of the annual Bowling for Rhinos.

"Generous efforts from those of the Kansas City Zoo keepers bring the concerned peoples of the world closer together," said William Holden Wildlife Foundation president, Stefanie Powers. "Our global village of conservationist needs to feel that closeness, and our students will be extremely grateful to receive this expression of generosity and love."



Kansas City Zoo keepers and AAZK members take a break after collecting school supplies headed for the William Holden Wildlife Foundation Education Center in Kenya

The Kansas City Zoo, located in Kansas City's Swope Park, recently completed a \$71 million renovation and expansion, which created a 200-acre zoo with more than 1,500 animals in naturalistic settings. The Kansas City Zoo features the Deramus Education Pavilion; a children's conservation tile wall, a community resource center, an 8,000-gallon native Missouri aquarium; and a state-of-the-art exhibit of man's journey through time. The Deramus Education Pavilion also houses the Sprint IMAX®Theatre, the first IMAX theatre to be located in a zoo, anywhere in the world. The Sprint IMAX Theatre, with its 6 1/2 story screen — stadium seating, and multi-channel sound system - offer audiences a powerful, immersing film experiences.

Each summer the Kansas City Zoo works to make education fun at the Zoo. Children and visitors of all ages can participate in a number of educational events. Gone With The Current, a marionette show demonstrating how our actions affect the bodies of water around the world; The Radical Reptile Show, focusing on the uniqueness of reptiles; and Nocturnal Safaris, giving families the opportunity to learn about wildlife issues while spending the night inside the zoo all focus on ways we can positively and negatively impact the world around us.

Visitors to the zoo also interact with our interpreters, actors and actresses who play characters from the continents of the world, or with our Zoo Docents, who educate visitors and answer questions about the world's wildlife.

"We are happy to know that the supplies are going to students in Kenya," began zoo keeper and president of AAZK's Kansas City branch, Jacque Blessington. "The William Holden Wildlife Education Center has a great reputation for preparing area students with the critical

messages of conservation. I'm glad these supplies will help them continue."

For more information about the Kansas City Zoo call: 816-871-5701; or write to: Kansas City Zoo, 6700 Zoo Drive, Kansas City, MO 64132.

In Loving Tribute: Jimmy Stewart

Not only did the world lose a great star and a great gentleman, not only did his family lose a loving father, but we lost a great supporter for the cause of conservation. Few people know how devoted Jimmy Stewart was to many conservation efforts, and how involved he was with the work of his daughter Kelly as she travelled Africa doing great work most notably with the mountain gorillas of Rwanda.

No list of the greatest stars of the motion picture industry would be complete without the name of James Stewart.

Stewart may well be the entertainment industry's most honored figure, having been awarded the Kennedy Center Honors and the Medal of Freedom, the latter being the nation's highest award to a civilian, both presented by President Reagan; two Academy Awards, one for Best Actor and one honorary for his 50 distinguished years as a motion picture actor; two New York Film Critics Awards for Best Actor; the same from the Venice Film Festival; France's Victoire trophy for Best Actor; the Drama League and Screen Actors Guild Achievement Awards; and the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award, among many others.

In September, 1989, Stewart had his first book published by Crown titled *Jimmy Stewart and His Poems*. By Christmas, the book had been on every best seller list and had sold in excess of 300,000 hardcover editions.

In November, 1989, Stewart was guest of honor at the Virginia Festival of American Film at Charlottesville in connection with the 50th anniversary of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, for which he received the first of this five Oscar nominations.

In February, 1985, the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that Stewart had been voted an honorary Oscar for the body of his work over a period of 50 years in Hollywood. He thus became only the fifth to be so honored after winning for Best Actor.

Also in 1985, one of Stewart's best-loved and

most successful starring pictures, *The Glenn Miller Story*, was re-released all over the world. Prior to the European release, Stewart was the recipient of a special award at the Cannes Film Festival.

In 1968, what Stewart considered one of his most important honors was the presentation of the annual Screen Actors Guild Award for "outstanding achievement in fostering the finest ideals of the acting profession".

Subsequent years were also fruitful in many ways for the actor. The year, 1983, marked his 75th birthday which was celebrated over a gala weekend in his hometown of Indiana, Pennsylvania, climaxed by the unveiling of a bronze statue of that city's most famous son. Later that year, four pictures directed by Alfred Hitchcock which starred Stewart - *Rear Window*, *Rope*, *Vertigo* and *The Man Who Knew Too Much* - were re-released in the United States and abroad to tremendous grosses.

In the field of education, the actor is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture and served as a trustee for four years. He was also a trustee of Claremont College, located in Claremont, California. He has been awarded four honorary degrees - from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, the University of South Carolina and Chapman College.

Aware of the responsibility of the citizen to his community, Stewart, among other activities, was a member of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. His interest in St. John's Hospital Medical Center in Santa Monica, California is evidenced by the Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon which raises large sums of money annually for the hospital.

Of Scottish-Irish descent, Stewart was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania on May 20, 1908 the son of Alexander Stewart. Four years after Stewart's birth, his sister, Mary, was born and two years later came another sister, Virginia.

Stewart left home for the first time to enroll at Mercersburg Academy to prepare for Princeton University. At Mercersburg, he would up with a role in the senior play, *The Wolves*.

As a Princeton freshman, Stewart elected to major in civil engineering. Discouraged in this field, he turned to architecture.

Stewart won a scholarship to graduate school

to work toward his Master of Arts degree. However, on graduation day, he ran across Joshua Logan, a graduate of Princeton the year before, who subsequently became one of the nation's foremost stage producers and directors. Logan asked Stewart if he would be interested in spending the summer with the University Players, a stock company in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Having nothing planned for the summer months, Stewart agreed. And thus, by accident, his career goal changed. When the time came to begin his post graduate studies, he decided to try his hand as a professional actor. He made his professional debut in the play, *Goodby Again*, and moved with it when it went on to Broadway in the fall of 1932.

He has been actor ever since, except for his military service. He appeared in a series of plays and then in the role of Sergeant O'Hara in *Yellow Jack*, which put his name up in lights on Broadway for the first time.

Then followed roles in *Divided by Three*, *Page Miss Glory* and *Journey at Night*, after which he signed a contract with MGM and headed for Hollywood. Starting with *Murder Man*, he appeared in 24 movies in five

years, when the war interrupted his film career.

Nine months after his being drafted into the service and owing to his previous flying experience and educational background, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and won his wings. After a year of training, he became a bomber pilot and squadron commander. Soon thereafter, he went to England and into combat with the 8th Air Force. He participated in 19 missions over Germany, including raids on Bremen, Frankfurt and Berlin. For his leadership of a wing of bombers during the Feb. 20th, 1944 raid on aircraft factories at Brunswick, Stewart was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He also holds the Croix de Guerre with Palm. For his outstanding achievements, he was made a group commander and promoted to the rank of colonel before his discharge from the service in the fall of 1945. He subsequently became a brigadier general in the United States Air Force prior to his retirement in 1968. He is one of the only two officers in the history of the Air Force Reserve to receive the Distinguished Service Medal 'for exceptionally meritorious service to the United States'.

Stewart's first picture after his return to Hollywood was *It's A Wonderful Life* in 1946, for which he received another Academy Award nomination. Three decades later, it had become the most popular Christmas classic on television.

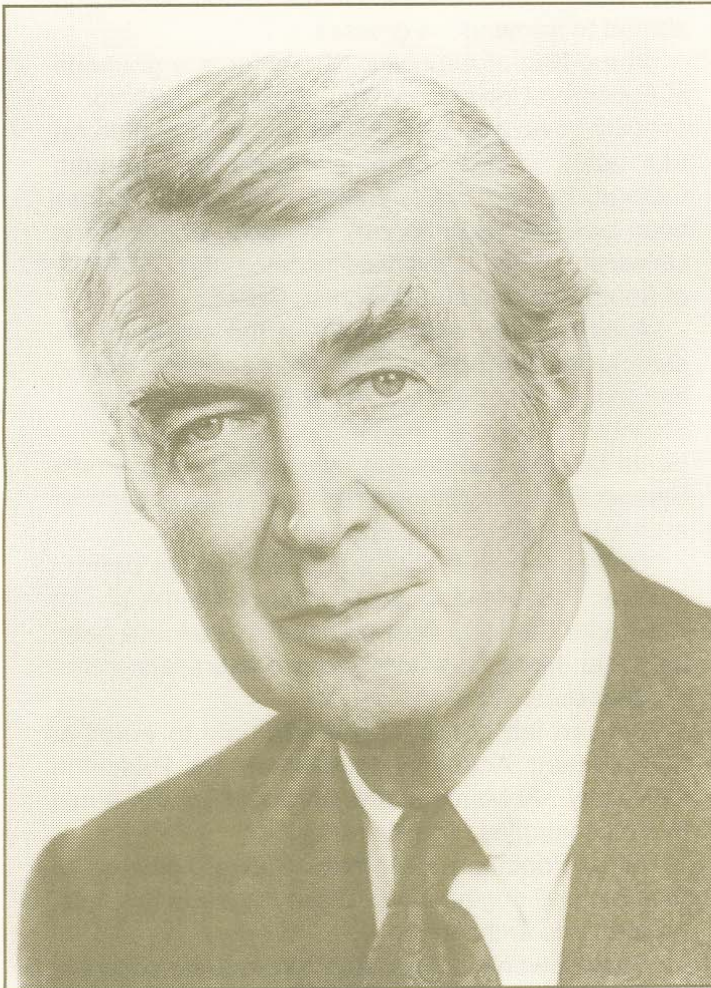
Stewart returned to Broadway in mid-Feb. of 1970, to co-star with Helen Hayes in *Harvey*. When Stewart called an end to the run, the play was still enjoying SRO audiences.

Stewart has been the star of two television series. The first, *The Jimmy Stewart Show*, in which the actor portrayed a professor, aired on NBC. The second, *Hawkins*, was comprised of six 90-minute dramas for CBS in which he played a country lawyer.

Stewart was married on Aug. 9th, 1949 to Gloria Hatrick McLean who had two sons by a former marriage. The older son, 1st Lieutenant Ronald W. McLean, born June 19th, 1944, was killed in action in Vietnam; Michael McLean, the younger son, born March 5, 1945, is married with two children. The Stewarts have twin daughters, Judy and Kelly, born May 7th, 1951. Judy is married with two sons and Kelly is a zoologist, as is her husband. They received their doctorates from Cambridge University.

The Stewarts' lived in Beverly Hills in the same house they purchased immediately after their marriage. Gloria Stewart passed away in Feb. of 1994, and the world lost a gentle giant of the motion picture industry and a great humanitarian on July 2, 1997.

..... He will forever be remembered and will forever be missed.





Woodland Park Zoo's Annual Chairman's Dinner

(Reprinted from the summer edition newsletter of the WPZ)

For the first time ever, the annual Woodland Park Zoo's Chairman's Dinner opened its doors to more local zoo supporters and the WildKeepers were there to enjoy the evening. The new look for the annual event was a break from tradition from the old "roast" of the outgoing chairman while welcoming in the new chair. This year's event was focused on larger participation by zoo supporters who were entertained by local and not-so-local celebrities and then asked to donate to the general zoo fund. This new event will now serve as the exciting kick-off to the WPZ fund-raising season.

The dinner event took place at the Four Seasons Hotel Spanish Ballroom. After a short reception, outgoing Chair, Gerald Johnson, started off the evening by introducing local celebrity Sharon Howard. Ms. Howard, an award-winning television producer, impressed us all with her devotion to animal conservation by presenting a video of Pacific Northwest wildlife concerns. WPZ's own Eagle Release was part of this entertaining and informative video.

After a great meal, patrons were awarded with the highlight of the evening - a talk and video presented by Stefanie Powers. To quote Pete Davis, WildKeeper president, "Ms. Powers looked fabulous". Even more fabulous, however, was her wonderful presentation, "Making the Connection".

Although she is most well-known for her long-running *HART TO HART* series, many at the event were surprised and elated to learn of her devotion to animal conservation via the William Holden Wildlife Foundation Education Center in Kenya. The efforts of this organization have aided to fight for conservation efforts in the world. In addition to the education center, the William Holden Wildlife Foundation rescues endangered animals for possible re-introduction in their habitats. Her video and speech were fascinating.

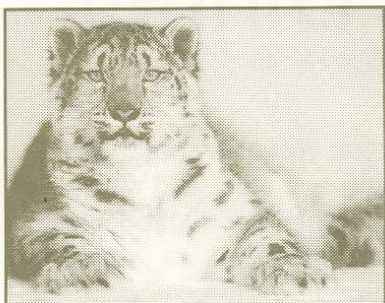
Rounding out the evening was the welcome of the new chairman of the WPZ zoo board, Phil Nudelman. He presented several awards and gently roasted Gerald Johnson while lauding him for the fine work he has done for the zoo.

It was an entertaining and educational evening that raised over \$100,000 for the general zoo fund; a great way to start the fund-raising season. The WildKeepers look forward to participating in this event next year and in years to come.

For more information on the WildKeepers, please write to: Woodland Park Zoological Society, 601 North 59th Street, Seattle, WA 98103-5858.



**WHWF President
Stefanie Powers speaking at
WPZ's Dinner**

NEW!!!**WHWF Offers Members
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Wishing you the best
of the holiday season

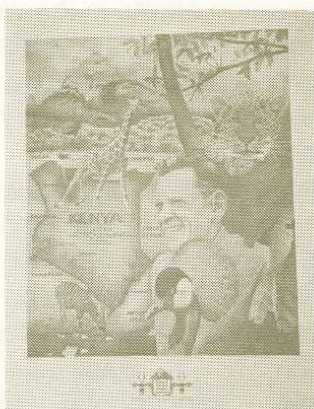
The William Holden Wildlife Foundation is pleased to once again offer to our members special packs of holiday greeting cards.

Each pack contains ten holiday greeting cards and eleven envelopes. Packs are \$12.00 each, with \$2.00 postage and handling for the first pack, and \$1.00 thereafter. International postage is \$4.00 for the first pack and \$2.00 thereafter.

To order, please specify whether you would like the Snow Leopard (to the left) or the Siberian Tiger (to the right) and how many packs. Please send in your orders by Oct. 31th, to allow us to ship them to you by Nov. 15th.



Have a wildly
wonderful holiday



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