1984 Red Daily Reminder
Original diary entries by: Warren Garst

Worked at office and from home on dictionary

Visitors: Lewis Huisinga
          John Krause family
          Kevin Krause
          Ken Grabowski

Wrote to: Dian Fossey

Calls: Jeremy Anderson
       Keith Micklesohn
       Simone Cheffings re Peter
       Viv Wilson
       Gene Decker
       Peter Drowne re trip to Kenya
       Glen Hausfater
       Shirley McGreal re primates
       Shirley Harvey

Trips: Milwaukee to see Jean and Miner Vandermade


1984 February 2: Bart O’Gara took us to Bison Range where we checked out helicopter
and locales for filming.

1984 February 3: Got snow mobiles ready – made test runs up road to Rattlesnake Mts.
Visited with Bart O’Gara and Charley Jonkel.


1984 February 5: Filmed transport of goats on snow machines and their release.

1984 February 6: Too cloudy to film.

1984 February 7: Filmed sync statements at Rattlesnake and Bison Ranges.

1984 February 8: Filmed goat catch on the Bison Range.
1984 February 9: Filmed goat chases. Packed up equipment.

1984 February 10: Drove over snowy roads to Bozeman to visit Genny Lee and David Locke and family. Also saw Mr. And Mrs. Townsend.

1984 February 11: Left Missoula at 8 AM with delays in Billings and Denver. Our flight was diverted from Chicago to St. Louis. Spent the night there.


1984 February 13 thru February 29: Home in Chicago. Worked at office and from home on dictionary.

Visitors: Tim Stetzner (stayed with us during run of his play “Woman of the Year”)
Phil Jensen
Jan Oelefsi
Gail Reich
Brian and Doreen Thring

1984 March 1 thru March 22: Home in Chicago. Worked at office and from home.


1984 March 24: Went to Bison Range and set up for filming.

1984 March 25: Stayed in room working on dictionary.

1984 March 26: Rainy day, no filming.

1984 March 27: Filmed driving bison from one pasture to another on Bison Range.


1984 March 29: Packed equipment and shipped to Chicago.

1984 March 30: Left Missoula and flew to Denver. Genny and Esther met me at airport.

1984 March 31: Had breakfast with Bud and Charlene Feely in Denver, then to Esther Grubbs. Drove to Boulder to see Margaret Altmann, Tim and Joan Donavan, Kay and Adele Lam. Called Gene Decker in Loveland. Stayed with the Andersen’s.
1984 April 1: Visited with Bob and Judy Andersen and Shirley Harvey. Saw Fran Lechleitner, Les and Edna Madison, Ted Blevins.

1984 April 2: Visited Mary Jean and Greg Currier, Elmer Remenga, Lois Niemann and Mary Jo Bell

1984 April 3: Had breakfast with Shirley Harvey. Lunch with Judy and Bob Andersen. Had dinner with Bill and Bobbie Cook.

1984 April 4: Breakfast with Elmer and Maria Remminya. Visit with the Batsons. Dinner with Barbara and Diane.

1984 April 5: Drove to Colorado Springs and left slides with Tom Stack. Drove to Denver and had dinner with Barbara and Bob and Betty Hawley.

1984 April 6: Met with Gerald Haddock and put Windsor Garden’s condo on market. Had coffee with Gale Harvey. Dinner with Esther Grubbs.

1984 April 7: Flew to Chicago.

1984 April 8 thru April 30: Stayed in Chicago. Worked at office and at home on dictionary.

1984 May 1 thru May 6: In Chicago getting ready for Santo Domingo trip.


1984 May 9: Worked with Peace Corps to arrange purchases. Went to zoo to check light on filming location.

1984 May 10: Learned how to assemble Zodiac boat.

1984 May 11: Got on Army Huey helicopter and flew to Lake Enriquio. Set up camp..

1984 May 12: Explored island and lake to find locations of iguanas and crocs.

1984 May 13: Went by car to Santo Domingo.

1984 May 14: Ray Paunovitch and Jim Fowler arrived today. Went to zoo to see filming location and get shot of iguanas. Took Craig and Sylvia Hendrickson to dinner.

1984 May 15: Tried to film croc capture at zoo. Not too good.
1984 May 16: Flew by chopper to camp with Ambassador Bob Anderson. Did some filming from the air.


1984 May 18: Ray and I set up another small blind on a small island and tried without success to lure crocs in.

1984 May 19: Rod went to blind on small island for crocs. Ray, Jim and I looked for croc nests. Didn’t find any.

1984 May 20: Filmed Jim, Katie and Odaly catching flamingoes.

1984 May 21: Filmed in Sixto with Jim at croc nest.

1984 May 22: Sent Rod to blind on North beach and Ray to blind on small island.

1984 May 23: Jim started assembling his net – he had said it would be ready today but it’s a long way from finished.

1984 May 24: Filmed walk-thrus with Jim, Katie and Mark. Jim spent rest of day working on his croc net.

1984 May 25: Filmed sync statements and commercials.


1984 May 27: No good filming today.

1984 May 28: Filmed 4 crocs on beach. Tried to capture them but trap didn’t work. Craig and Sylvia Hendrickson and Betsy Fowler came.

1984 May 29: Jim worked on traps.

1984 May 30: Sat in blinds all day with no luck. Began packing to leave.

1984 May 31: Finished packing. Copter picked us up at 1 PM.

1984 June 1: Tried all day to arrange alligator capture at zoo but was turned down.

1984 June 2: Craig and Sylvia Fredrickson took me shopping.

1984 June 3: Stayed in Hotel.

1984 June 4: Began cleaning and packing equipment.


June 8th Genny’s brother Carl died.
June 20th bought condo next to ours.

John and Margy Batson came for visit.


1984 July 12: Picked up filming permit.

1984 July 13: Went to Simone’s to organize tents and camp gear. Saw Daniel Sindiyio and Sandy Price.

1984 July 14: Went to Cheffing’s to get camping gear sorted out.

1984 July 15: Bought tickets for Marlin.

1984 July 16: Picked up equipment. Had lunch with Cynthia.


1984 July 18: Put up camp pf 3 tents near Kichwa Tembo.

1984 July 19: Went to Serena to see Simon Makalah, assist. Warden about filming permit. He didn’t show up..

1984 July 20: Cloudy day, stayed in camp.

1984 July 21: Warden Simon Makala came to camp today and discussed filming permit. Went to Little Governors’ to watch balloon take off.

1984 July 22: Found 2 female cheetahs

1984 July 23: Filmed a lioness with 2 big cubs.
1984 July 24: Went to Serena to pay filming fees. Drove toward Keekerok to find location of migration.

1984 July 25: Took Kay Turner to Mara River camp for dinner and to see black bush babies.

1984 July 26: Left camp early. Didn’t see much but migration was at Miti Mbeli.


1984 July 29: Filmed balloon sequence in morning, then promos and commercials.

1984 July 30: Worked on sync opening for show.

1984 July 31: Filmed car with wildebeest.

1984 August 1: Filmed sync sequences and commercial.

1984 August 2: Filmed cars driving thru wildebeest and buffalo herds. Bill and George hosted a barbecue at the “blind”.

1984 August 3: Went to Paradise Crossing and filmed last sync tapes.

1984 August 4: Went to Miti Mbili Lugga to film car with lions. Don, Marlin and Mike left today.

1984 August 5: Spent day in a blind at river crossing.

1984 August 6: Spent day in river blind.

1984 August 7: Drove to Keekorok. Migrating herd is in Mara Triangle near Kichwa Tembo.

1984 August 8: Worked with wildebeest herd and a lioness.

1984 August 9: Worked around migrating herds. Got letters from Dian Fossey, Simon and Sam Mwaura.

1984 August 10: Filmed different animals with migrating wildebeest and a river crossing.

1984 August 11: Sat in blinds at river crossing. No luck.

1984 August 13: Paid gate fees then went to Serena to pay filming fees. Filmed a servel.

1984 August 14: Made long drive from Miti Mbili to Talek-Mara confluence to Paradise Plains without seeing anything exciting.

1984 August 15: Spent the day with 2 groups of inactive lions.

1984 August 16: Saw 6 cheetahs in 4 sightings. Re’d cable from Don re making show 1 hour.

1984 August 17: Cloudy, dark day. Stayed in and worked on dictionary.

1984 August 18: Filmed lioness killing crippled wildebeest.


1984 August 20: Shopped and banked in Nairobi.

1984 August 21: Took Kay to lunch at Akasaka.


1984 August 24: Scouted Governor’s Camp.

1984 August 25: Took balloon ride but had poor light and no animals.

1984 August 26: Drove warden Makallah’s brother t Lolgorian. Filmed Masai with lions.

1984 August 27: Filmed Masai with wildebeest.

1984 August 28: David Goodenough came by. Went with him to Governor’s Camp. Had Dave, Kay, Bob and Heather Campbell for dinner. Stayed in Kichwa tent since creek was so flooded we couldn’t get across.

1984 August 29: Went out to film but got zilch.

1984 August 31: Didn’t feel well. Stayed in all day. Wrote Genny.

1984 September 1: Filmed lioness killing wildebeest.

1984 September 2: Spent day with cheetah which didn’t hunt.

1984 September 3: Looked for lions but found nothing worth staying with. Salim found 3 cheetahs. We stayed with them till 6 PM, left them with 9 mini buses.


1984 September 5: Spent day packing.

1984 September 6: Genny’s birthday. I called her from Nairobi.

1984 September 7: Paid Simone and sent luggage.

1984 September 8: Met with Sam Mwaura to pay A and K bills. Took car to Cheffings and stopped to see Cynthia Moss. Called Genny and Sandy Price.


1984 September 10: Denise drove me to Jan Smut’s Holiday Inn.


1984 September 12: Genny called. Did Kenya accounts. Went to Kuehn and Nagel to talk about clearance.

1984 September 13: Quiet day of waiting.


1984 September 16: Went to Joubert’s for Brae. Genny called from Krause’s where she’s watching things while John and Terry are away.

1984 September 17: Nathan Scott arrived. Waited until about 2 PM for my gear to clear customs. Left in 2 Avis cars for Jan Oelefis’s.

1984 September 18: Stayed in camp recharging battery with hand generator.
1984 September 19: Talked about show. Jan took us on game drive.

1984 September 20: Send Franz to blind near waterhole for filming. I worked on my dictionary.


1984 September 22: Genny called at 5 AM and let me speak to my harem having a party at her house. Got birthday cards from Lenore, Marie, Nickie and Effia.

1984 September 23: Went to a farm where the crew will catch gemsbok tomorrow.

1984 September 24: Filmed gemsbok capture.

1984 September 25: Spent day at Oelefsi’s.

1984 September 26: Filmed giraffe catching in AM. Drove back to camp.

1984 September 27: Wrote shooting outline.

1984 September 28: Spent day working on dictionary.


1984 September 30: Called Rosewitha.

1984 October 1: Shot footage from helicopter.

1984 October 2: Filmed capture of zebra in boma. Sent Franz up in copter to film game.

1984 October 3: Filmed giraffe capture in AM. Drove to Otjewarango to a game farm where darted a rhino to remove wire from his foot.

1984 October 4: Filmed capture of mountain zebra in nets; helicopter airlifted crate. Put up nets on Mt. Etjo.

1984 October 5: Franz and Jonathan filmed from helicopter.

1984 October 6: Filmed 2 sync statements

1984 October 7: Tried to set up for giraffe sequence.

1984 October 8: Too dark to film.
1984 October 9: Filmed capture of female giraffe.

1984 October 10: Filmed capture of young rhino.

1984 October 11: Did lion capture sequence.


1984 October 14: 2 Avis cars came to transport us and equipment to Windhoek.

1984 October 15: Called Genny. Marked time in Hotel.

1984 October 16: Caught flight to Frankfurt.

1984 October 17: Caught flight to Chicago.

1984 October 18: Lorie Sherwin arrived.

1984 October 19: Went to office.

1984 October 20: Spent day organizing apartment.


1984 October 22: Jonathan Scott in office today. Screened his show on lion capture.

1984 October 23: Screened croc show done in Zimbabwe, saw Geladada baboon show.

1984 October 24: Worked in office.

1984 October 25: Looked at some show ideas – walk to north pole and Australian research.

1984 October 26: Wrote Dian Fossey. Greg and Marta Remmenga arrived from their schools in Iowa for the weekend.

1984 October 27: Put up bookshelves.

1984 October 28: Went to costume party as witch and monk at Dana Willis’s

1984 October 29: Genny, Katie and Fran went to Art Institute.

1984 October 30: Called Greg Hendrickson re croc show.