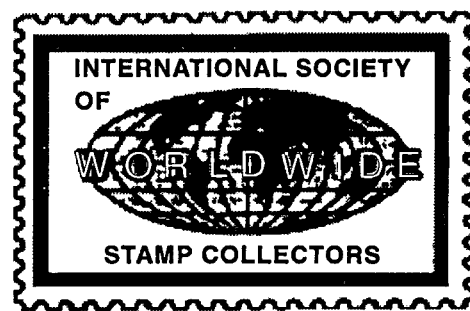


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Endangered Species of Zimbabwe

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The Convention and International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) was established in July 1975, with 134 member countries currently belonging. A conference is held every two years to monitor and implement policies dealt with by various committees. From the 9th to the 20th of June 1997, the 10th meeting of CITES was held in Zimbabwe. CITES works by regulating or banning trade in species that they have placed on three lists.

Appendix I lists animals and plants whose figures have dropped near or below the accepted optimum level, making extinction near and imminent. All commercial International Trade is prohibited. Species selected from this category are portrayed in this stamp issue. Appendices II and III permit controlled Commercial Trade. The CITES meeting covered several contentious issues, including the de-listing of the Zimbabwean Elephants to Appendix II. The Africa Resources Trust, Campfire Association and other interest groups in Zimbabwe, in conjunction with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, have worked to change the management policies, which are a major part of tourism, commerce and the economy of Zimbabwe. At the end of the conference Zimbabwe succeeded in the lobby for the de-listing of her elephants to Appendix II. This special issue of stamps, which was issued on April 15, 1997, was researched, designed and painted by Zimbabwean artist Paula Ware.

Cycad (*Cycadeceae Encephalartos manikensis*)

The manikensis complex of species is specific to the Zimbabwean area. This primitive plant is said to be a relic from the dinosaur age, and much prized by collectors around the world. Cycads are long-lived, perennial, unisexual plants that

develop cones and produce seeds. Reproduction may occur only once every 15 years in some species, and the male and female plants produce cones at the same time for fertilization. (Fig. 1)

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco Peregrinus minor*)

The diminishing numbers of this bird prompted a captive breeding program in 1978 by the Zimbabwean Falconers' Club. The habitat hunting terrain requirements have changed by encroaching development and pollutants in agriculture. One female bird can eat as many as 3,000 quelea birds in a year. The accumulated toxins cause sterility and often death, placing the species in jeopardy. (Fig. 2)



Fig. 2

Pangolin (*Manis temmincki*)

A shy, nocturnal animal that has been placed on the Specially Protected Species List because of its association with traditional and cultural beliefs, the pangolin is often



Fig. 3

See "Endangered Species," page 3.)

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NEXT ISSUE: Watch for some good articles by William Silvester and Charlie Jensen, another great QUIZ by Bob Toole, and a biography of our first member in 2000, Carol J. Edholm!

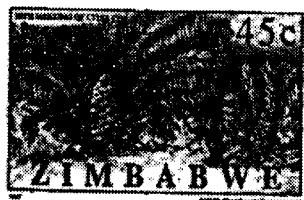


Fig. 1

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

It's time to get back to business! Consider this a "State of the Society" message. Although we have now just enrolled new member #2228, the ISWSC currently has 709 active members. This represents a loss of a little over 100 members per year from about three years ago, when we had over a thousand members. The reasons for the attrition are many and include age, ill health, discontinuation of collecting, and conflicting time demands as major reasons cited. Not a single member has ever resigned due to dissatisfaction or negative feelings toward the Society, but then not every resigning member states a reason.

Another problem is the dwindling number of young members of the ISWSC. Currently we have only 10 such members and we are not getting many inquiries from young people interested in joining. I am hopeful that our newly elected VP for Charitable Services, Jeff Hayward, will be working towards increasing our youth membership.

The ISWSC Board members, officers and managers have been holding an email discussion of this problem and have decided that a two-pronged approach is needed. The first is an effort at retention including reminders to members who are close to their expiration dates, listing such members in each issue of *The Circuit*, incentives for renewing early, and other similar efforts. The second is a recruitment effort to enroll new members. This could include advertising, bonuses for member recruiting new members, letter writing campaigns to philatelic (See "President's Column," concluded on page 10.)

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"Endangered Species," continued from page 1:

killed and presented to chiefs, leaders and spirit mediums. The animal has a long tail and heavy brown scales. The long claws on the front feet tear into ant colonies, where it probes with a meter-long tongue to lap up ants. (Fig. 3)

Black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*)

Trade in rhino horns, specifically for use in ceremonial dagger-handles and traditional medicines, has brought the rhino to near-extinction in Africa. The Zimbabwe population declined from 1700 in 1989 to 300 in 1993, prompting the initiation of protection zones, fitting of radio collars and dehorning. Numbers have risen by 20 in the last 2-3 years as a result of a successful but very expensive anti-poaching exercise. (Fig. 4)

**Fig. 4****Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)**

This tusk-bearing animal is the world's largest living land mammal. Over-hunting and grazing restrictions have reduced the African population drastically. Zimbabwe had fewer than 500 in 1920, but with effective conservation their numbers have soared to over 30,000 more than the optimum sustainable number level of about 35,000. Before the CITES conference this was causing problems, as Zimbabwe was bound by the CITES laws. One of the problems Zimbabwe faced was how to effectively manage wildlife with regard to elephants. The most important result of the conference for Zimbabwe was the de-listing of the elephant from Appendix I to Appendix II. (Fig. 5)

**Fig. 5****Python (*Python sebae*)**

The skin of this reptile is highly sought after as a fine and decorated leather. An adult may reach up to six meters, and newly hatched snakes average 60cm in length. This causes fear, contributing to its threatened extermination. This species of snake is seldom aggressive and is an asset in controlling noxious rodents such as the cane rats. Captive breeding has been successful. (Fig. 6)

**Fig. 6****Dues Information:**

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$10*

Youth membership (under 18), \$8*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$17*

*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, PO Box 150407 Lufkin, TX 75915-0407 USA.

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For reasons of accountability, *only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads.* All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

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Full page, \$75**; Half page, \$40**; Quarter page, \$20**; Per column inch, \$5. Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue. *Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra. **Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunato (see p.2) for special rates.

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First 30 words, including name, address, and zip code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1. NOTE: State abbreviations = one word. "PO Box 12345" = two words. Zip code = one word.

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S.

Send text and payment for ads to the Editor, Marian MacLeod.

For all addresses, refer to page 2.

Timely Tip

by Harold J. Humm (#678)

To remove self-sticking stamps from paper, especially if the self-sticking adhesive is not water soluble, apply a few drops of Ronsonol Lighter Fluid to the back of the paper. The stamp will then come off easily.

Excessive adhesive can be removed from the back of the stamp with a tissue moistened with lighter fluid.

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Auction # 21

Closing April 15, 2000

		<u>Cat. Value</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>
1	USA 68 U stamps, G-VF 65/Q7, mostly earlies, selected for cancels. Cork bullseye, numeral killers, a few precancels. A few w/ faults (SE, clip perfs, etc.	250.00	60.00
2	USA 233 VF MH, slight toning, DG. 237 F MHH, TH, large DG. Both decent face appearance	222.50	10.00
3	USA 246/260 U, G-VF #248-9, 251, 256. 250, 254 are SE. 257-60 all nicely centered	190.75	15.00
4	USA 1895 issue U, G-VF. #264, 267-70, 272-74, 276. Perfs cut/touch 2 sides of 276	86.05	8.00
5	USA 285-86, 289 (SE), 290 (ironed CR), all UN, NG, F-VF. 287-88 U F. All CVs as U.	107.50	6.00
6	USA 74 dif U older issues, Colombian. Trans-Miss, Banknotes, 1920s comems, etc. All w/ some defect, SE, etc. CVs up to \$27.50	?	10.00
7	USA Farleys unused, 754, 763-64 pairs, 762 line pair. 760 single. All nice margins. Plus MNH, 1379a BLK & PL BLK. 1368a	21.05	4.00
8	USA MNH grouping. 1311, 4 S/S. 1419c, 1580 PL BLKS. 1393a, 2201a, both full BKLTS. E21 & 23. OCV '98	13.60	3.00
9	USA 24 dif M&U, BOB issues. Incl M, E13-14, U, E2, E5, F1, J1, 3, 15. Plus 6 high CV revenues	117.15	17.00
10	USA 581 stamps, all on paper. 97% comems, mostly recent (incl 60 foreign). 42 Century issues, 24 BLKS (8 PL#), 19 PL# singles, 23 in se-tenants.	?	
11	USA 50 dif FDCs on Fleetwood envelopes w/ cahets & unad. Incl 1909, 2122, 2196, 2419, O132 Plus singles & Blks/4 of dif 1983-89 se-tenant issues. Brookman CV.	270	50.00
12	USA 34 dif FDCs, all unad, cachets. 1984 & later, mostly blks or se-tenant multiples. Bookman CV	89.00	25.00
13	USA 25 FDCs, 1950s & 80s, most are unad & cachets. Plus 11 postal cards incl 4 FDCs Also a special Elvis cover.	26.70	
14	UNITED NATIONS Small collection mtd on Harris pages, 1951-95. Pages fine condition. 88 stamps 2 MNH.	26.70	
15	GREAT BRITAIN Huge box w/ 1,000s G.B. definitives, all eras, Kings to Eliz Machins. Some jumbled, many sorted in glassines. Appears 1/2 on paper. Weight = 21 oz	?	
16	BAHAMAS 31 G U, CNR. CR, some discoloration on front.	70.00	30.00
17	CANADA 86 F, MH, 1898 map, Christmas	22.50	10.00
18	CANADA 100 MNH, G, perfs cut at bottom, off-center	75.00	25.00
19	CANADA 113 F, MHR, tiny TH on back, some clipped perfs. 119 F, MHR.	85.50	30.00
20	CANADA 192-4, F-VF, MH. 211-16, F-VF, MNH.	45.45	19.00
21	CANADA 294 & 321, F-VF MNH, couple SM stains seen on front of 321.	24.00	10.00
22	CANADA & USA Box w/ several 1,000 Canada & a few GB, all on paper. Old, beat-up stock book w/ USA, couple 100 U comems 1930s-70s & Pres series. Best Item Apollo-Soyuz mult. MNH.	?	20.00
23	CYPRUS 10 G, U, overprint on PL# 215.	70.00	28.00
24	GHANA 1-174, C1-6, J6-10. Complete issues 1957-64, all M, appear NH incl S/S.	60.15	5.00
25	HONG KONG QE2 definitive sets, 490/504 & 630/644, 27 dif stamps.	25.00	7.50
26	JERSEY N1-8, F-VF, some MNH, some MHR.	30.50	10.00
27	JERSEY 226 dif, mostly U, incl dues, hi-values, & definitives, plus 44 non-philatelic cards & covers.	?	17.00
28	MALAYA Postage due paradise! J1, 3-4, 7-9, 12, 21a. 9 stamps, all U.	73.50	34.00
29	NORTHERN RHODESIA 25-45, missing 28, 29, 31. F-VF, MLH. KG6. OCV '97	47.00	25.00
30	SINGAPORE 26 dif U: 86-95, 107-11, 189-99.	37.75	21.00
31	SINGAPORE 45 dif U in sets/part sets. 263-74, 336-46, 453-62, 567-75, 580-1.	32.70	14.00
32	SINGAPORE 110 dif U, large & small issues, incl KG6 definitives & QE2 pictorials	?	7.50
33	SOUTH AFRICA Homelands. Bophuthatswana, Transkei, Venda, Ciskei. 69 dif postally U.	?	10.00
34	UGANDA 2 FDCs; 1997 Gandhi 1,000 shil. S/S. 1999 300 shil. Uganda Post issue. Both U, cachets, but crinkled edges. Also, 2 MNH 100 shil. Toy Story stamps, BoPeep & Lightyear. Plus 19 Uganda Post stamp brochures, a few dupes.	?	6.50
35	BRITISH 46 stamps in ret. unins. ISWSC sales book. All eras, Canada, Malaysia, Nigeria & a few Norway. Sales price = \$25.55. DON. CV approx.	65.00	

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36	AUSTRIA 9 dif U earlies, G-VF. 19, 27, 29a-31, 33, 35, 45-6. 33 TH, pers cut bottom, nice front 46 some brittle creases, corner perfs.	147.65	
37	AUSTRIA 170 dif M&U, mostly definitives before 1940s. Generally familiar stamps.	?	7.50
38	GERMANY 669 U, VF, light circular cancel	50.00	20.00
39	GERMANY Approx 85 stamps U, some recent. Majority older, incl 29, 35, 337-9, 678, 683, 685 Many dupes incl hi-values. A few Austria included.	236.25	24.00
40	GERMANY 381 stamps mtd, M&U. Some early, then inflation, later W. Ger. Also a few Berlin, plus some DDR.	93.00	22.00
41	GERMANY 120 dif, (incl 20 Austria). 1484/2009, many semi-post, B600/842. All U, mtd w/ ID#'s	144.00	20.00
42	GREECE 254 stamps, U, mostly dif. 1889-1990, incl 95A, 104, 172. OCV '96.	62.00	22.00
43	HUNGARY 27 dif MNH.3218/3268, B243. Incl 3224-35.Plus Romania CTO, 3664-84. DON '95 CV 97.96		
44	HUNGARY & POLAND Poland 1115-23, Hungary 1539-47, C81, all MNH. Plus Poland 1465-72 CTO. OCV '98.	16.85	3.00
45	ICELAND 34 U (17 dif), 546/645. No 15¢ stamps included.	55.70	12.00
46	ITALY 531/1272, MNH sets/singles. 64 stamps incl 584, 857-9, Triete 155, 902, 909 blocks OCV '98	22.15	4.00
47	ITALY 11 oz bag w/ 1,000s sorted into glassines. Appears to be mostly on paper, modern definitives	?	
48	NETHERLANDS & SCANDINAVIA 168 dif incl 24 Finland MNH & 95 Neth early to modern w/ 20 B#'s. Also Norway & Denmark. In 4 ret OMNI books. '92-'95 CV's.	172.66	
49	NORWAY 72 U stamps, incl 24 Iceland. All modern, all CV's in \$ ranges up to 11.25.	124.00	17.00
50	ROMANIA 14 philatelic covers w/ 48 dif stamps & 5 S/S. Mostly sets, 1985-87, incl 3344, 3399-03, 3451, 3464. CV as singles.	23.07	
51	SAN MARINO & VATICAN S.M., 7 singles & sets, MNH incl 185, 439-45, 716-27, CB1, Vat, 4 MNH sets 77/382. OCV 1979.	17.10	4.00
52	SCANDINAVIA 72 dif U Finland, Norway, & a few Iceland. All modern w/ most CV's in \$ ranges.	102.00	15.00
53	SWEDEN MNH stamps & BKLT panes. 799-803, 821, 830a, 857a, 946-50, 1430-24	17.75	7.00
54	EUROPE France 682, Iceland 297/546, B19-20, 19 stamps. Switzerland B91-4, B96-9 MNH OCV 1979	22.45	5.00
55	CUBA 4 dif sets, MNH 648-62 (\$36.55 CV), 686-700, 3059-64, 3328-34, unpriced by Scott. Yvert CV = 1325 francs (+\$36.55).		53.00
56	CUBA 277 stamps + 13 S/S, +2 pope aerograms. All MNH, 1993-97, a few dupes. Sent by Cuban ISWSC members for approx \$130 in club dues. Sports, trains, planes, people, Scott unpriced. Mostly complete sets.	?	
57	CUBA 276 stamps, + 16 S/S, all MNH, 1992-98, a few dupes. Aprox \$130 in members dues payments, but mostly dif stamps from preceeding lot. Flora/Fauna, cats, dogs, fish, flowers, Diana. Mostly in complete sets. Scott unpriced.		
58	ECUADOR 300 dif M&U, 1881-1960s. incl C5 (SE), +4 fakes not counted, w/ info. Also 200 dupes not counted.	100.00	8.00
59	HAITI 61 dif U, 1881-1939, Plus 50 dupes not counted in CV.	13.75	
60	NICARAGUA 338 dif, many M, 1862-1960s, w/ info on fakes. Plus 100 dupes not counted in CV.	104.55	8.00
61	PARAGUAY 148 dif M&U, 1870-1960s. Plus 30 dupes not counted & info on fakes.	50.00	5.00
62	EL SALVADOR 240 dif M&U, 1967-1940s. Incl C124 MNH. Also 30 dupes not counted in CV.	90.00	5.00
63	VENEZUELA 357 dif U, 1870s-1970s. Some better issues, many from long sets. 50% pre-1940.	?	12.00
64	LATIN AMERICA Collection in looseleaf Harris binder w/ cover nearly gone. 3,232 stamps, mostly dif, M&U & CTO. Range from earlies to 1970s. Good distribution thru years. Half are Mexico, Argentina (many officials), & Brazil. Other quantities incl Chile (286), Uruguay (273) Nicaragua (242) ?		50.00
65	CHINA 100 stamps 112/1105, M&U, many M. Majority after 1940. Some sets, few blks. on Sales sheets in binder.	90.00	25.00
66	CONGO/ZAIRE Congo 445, 456-8, C263-5. Zaire 1068, 1076, 1136, 1188. All MNH.	21.20	4.00
67	FRENCH POLYNESIA C134-36, C136a, set & S/S MNH.	52.75	24.00
68	INDIA & NEPAL 117 stamps M&U in 2 ISWSC books, 84 are India, QV to 1990. Nepal incl some M, mostly modern. '93 & '94 CV.	75.01	
69	IRAN Ret OMNI blue book w/ 19 suspicious stamps, 236, 239, 247-54, 256, 321, 336-40. Incl letter describing most as fakes/fake overprints. CV as genuines. Sold As Is.	242.50	
70	JAPAN 200 dif, all large, modern, U.	165.00	24.00
71	JAPAN 172 mostly dif, U, all modern issues.	150.00	13.00
72	NEPAL 200 dif U, all modern.	?	10.00

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73	NYASA 7 sets, mostly M. 26-38 (2 sets, M&U), 42-3, 49-50, 94-125, J1-9.	74.50	10.00
74	USSR AREA 50 dif M, various former republics. Also 14 covers from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lith. 18 Estonia U on piece, plus 7 dif Russia.	?	10.00
75	AFRICA Collection in Harris album, 1 cover off, mtd on pages. 2,501 dif stamps, M&U. A few earlies. Mostly modern many colorful CTO's. No British. Largest quantities: Liberia & Guinea 278 each, Rwanda 275, Tog 201, Burundi 164.	?	30.00
76	ASIA 3,122 stamps M&U, mostly dif. Collection mtd in Harris album, covers splitting off. Some earlies, but mostly modern issues incl CTO's & sand dunes. Largest quantities: Turkey 621 (1958-59 small city views appear cpl. M). Chinas 554, Mongolia 325, Viet Nams 217.	?	20.00
77	ORIENT 153 stamps, M&U, many better issues, mostly post WW2. Japan, both Chinas, Ryukyu, Philippines, Manchukuo. OCV '97. Slight duplication.	140.00	14.00
78	WORLD Collection on loose Harris pages, earlies to recent. Many CTO's, nothing unusual noted typical beginner collection. Estimate 1,000 stamps. DON.	?	
79	WORLD Old style, heavy maroon springback album binder 11 1/2x12", worn on all edges. Aprox 1,000 stamps on quadrilled pages, earlies to 1960s. Austria, Germany, Italy, Swiss (incl semi-posts) All w/ cat ID.	?	30.00
80	WORLD Estimate couple 1,000 U on paper from desirable countries. No dunes, iron curtain, or CTO's. OCV estimated.	500.00	
81	WORLD 1,000's of stamps from everywhere, all CTO's. Sorted into many glassines, filling bos 3x5x8", Net weight 27 oz.	?	
82	WORLD 91 manila stock sheets in 3 ring binders w/ over 4,000 stamps. Strength in France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Romania. All off paper, expect many dupes, many definitives.	?	
83	WORLD Several 1,000's mixed, off paper, heavy duplication. In glassines from Canada, N.Z. Russia, also Australia on paper.	?	
84	WORLD Topicals from 11 dif nations. Many MNH, some blks, other CTO. 212 stamps, 89 dif. All large & colorful. Flora, fauna, art, cars, etc.	?	5.00
85	WORLD 1,00s & 1,00s mostly off paper, sorted into 100s of glassines from everywhere. Bag measures 9x6x3" & weighs 24 oz. Range old to recent, seems to be mostly definitives.	?	
86	WORLD Cigar box loaded w/ 1,000's semi-sorted into many glassines. Appears mostly pre-WW2 to general to describe. All off paper, M&U.	?	20.00
87	WORLD Box chock full of 1,000's of stamps, off paper. 7x7x2" size. Many earlies, also many CTO's iron curtain, & dunes. Also 10 early Haiti, 1745, OCV \$40. Plus 33 correspondence covers, Jersey, etc. & 20 unused postal cards. DON.	?	
88	WORLD Couple of 100 on paper, mostly S. Africa & New Z., plus U USA post-war commems off paper. Also 6 Kalt plastic sleeves for slides.	?	
89	WORLD Various OMNI & sales book remainders, M&U w/ CV's to \$30. Strength in older Venezuela, incl 1, 6, 11. Belgium, Nuie, etc. Also couple of 100 mixed.		

Thanks to Jeff Galli and Harry Smith for donating some lots to the Society for this auction.

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90	WORLD 9 retired blue books, est 500 stamps, all over 50¢ CV. Earlies & moderns, wide variety Best are Philippines, Romania, Denmark, G.B. '96 & '97 CV's.	478.11	
91	WORLD 12 retired OMNI pink books, Est 1,000 stamps. Mostly modern but some earlies, Strength in Australia, Canada, China, Germany, G.B, H.K, Ireland, Netherlands, Scandinavia '91 & '92 CV's	319.21	
92	WORLD 5 retired OMNI blue books, w/ 122 dif M&U. Strong in British (no G.B) & ealy to modern Liberia. All over 50¢ CV. '96 - '98 CV's.	129.05	
93	WORLD A-N countries w/ 265 stamps in 4 OMNI pink books. Strong in Australia, Belgium, Bruundi CTO's, Canada, Central Africa, G.B. '92 & '93 CV's.	94.47	
94	ALBUM Harris maroon looseleaf binder, 2 post w/ pages, worldwide. No ID, but guessing its Traveler edition. Unused, excellent condition. No stamps. DON.	18.95?	
95	ALBUM Scott's International regular binder, holds 300 pages. Scotts #800B001. Never used, new condition. Retail \$45. HBO.		20.00
96	ALBUMS 3 Scott 2-post specialty albums (2#1 & 1#3). All binders show spine wear. #1 dust cover badly damaged, #3 is fine. 100 quadrilled & 50 plain pages unused plus 30 quadrilled w/ hinge marks. HBO.		
97	STOCKBOOK 2 Lighthouse stockbooks, actate pockets, hard covers, white pages, glassine interleaves. 16 & 64 page, red, fine condition. Retail \$50. HBO.		12.00
98	ALBUMS 2 showgard cover albums, 9 1/2x4 1/2", pockets in fine condition. Both brown, 80 & 112 pockets. Retail \$35. HBO.		10.00
99	ALBUMS 2 Showgard cover albums, 7 3/4x4 1/2", pockets in fine condition. Both red w/ 88 & 60 pockets. Retail \$25. HBO.		8.00
100	PHONE CARDS Uncirculated, unused Telephone Smart Cards issued by defunct Uganda Posts & Telecom. Units of 10, 20, 50, 100. Minimum bid is per card, any unit designation. On bid, state how cards & what units desired.		1.00 ea

AUCTION RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Bid increments: \$1-5 = .25, \$5-10 = .50, \$10-30 = 1.00, \$3-100 = 2.00, Over \$100 = 5.00. Bid in these increments only. Odd amounts will be lowered to the next increment.
2. High bidder wins at one advance over second-highest bidder.
3. If there are tie bids, the earliest postmark wins.
4. If only one bid is received, lot goes at the minimum bid listed by the owner.
5. State the highest you are willing to pay. Your high bid will be used only if necessary. No "buy" bids or requests for percentage increases will be accepted.
6. Lots are returnable for items mis-described or mis-identified. No returns on large lots or collections, etc.
7. The Auctioneer reserves the right to decline unreasonably low bids.
8. Lot information will be sent to successful bidders with invoice. Invoice will include postage. Payment is expected in U.S. funds within 10 days.
9. Lots will be shipped and billed by Everett M. King and payment should be sent to him at the address on the invoice.

Centering and Condition:

VF = very fine, wide margins	G = Good, perfs cut into design	MNH = Mint never hinged	MH = Mint hinged
F = Fine, off center, but perfs do not touch design	U = Used	MLH = Mint light hinged	HH = heavy hinged
VG = Very Good, perfs touch deign	M = Mint		HR = hinge remnant

Other Abbreviations Used:

FDC = First Day Cover	HC = heavy cancel	EX = except
OCV = Owner's Catalog Value	EST = estimated	OVPTS = overprints
1/6 = not all numbers included	WTK = watermark	EA = each
LC = light cancel	DON = donation lot	AVG = average
HV = high value	CR = crease	+ = plus
MGN = margin	LG = large	& = and
BKLT = booklet	ENV = envelope	CPL = complete
SE = straight edge	SEP = separated	DIF = different
PNC = plate number coil	S/S = souvenir sheet	INCL = include (s) (ed)
CVR = cover	1-6 = all numbers inclusive	COMEMS = commemorative
SM = small	SON = socked on nose cancel	UNCIRC = uncirculated
ADD = addressed	CDS = circular date stamp	ID = identification (Cat #)
DUPES = duplicates	NG = no gum	RET = retired, returned
UN BKLT = unexploded booklet	BLK = block	KG = King George
CV = latest Scott Catalog value	w/ = with	QV = Queen Victoria
HBO = held by owner	PEN = pen/pencil notations	QE = Queen Elizabeth
DG = disturbed gum	TH = thin	

Auction # 20 Report

Auction #20 was another success for the Society. We had 55 bidders for the 100 lots. 69 of the entered lots sold. 31 bidders won at least one of the their bid lots. Processing the lots was a little slow this year. I held off until after Christmas to mail out the statements. *The Circuit* went to press in the middle of November, so the prices realized and the listings for Auction #21 are both in this issue. George Land is lotting the next (#22), but there is still time to submit lots.

I have been working on getting a new house built for next year's planned retirement as well as continuing to work at my new position at the Mosquito Abatement District.

Auction #20 Prices Realized

Lot #	Price Sold	Highest bid	Number of bids
1	34	34	9
2	13	15	1
3	11	12	6
4	5	5	1
5	10	10	1
6	5	6	1
7	14	14	7
8	22	30	10
9	9	10	10
10	11	16	4
11	9.50	9.50	1
12	29	30	4
13	5	5	6
14	15	15	2
15	-	-	0
16	-	-	0
17	2.75	6.50	2
18	14	25	3
19	24	24	2
20	7.50	21	6
21	-	-	0
22	20	20	5
23	8	8	2
24	-	-	0
25	-	-	0
26	12	15	2
27	34	40	6
28	-	-	0
29	20	22	1
30	-	-	0
31	-	-	0
32	-	-	0
33	20	22	1
34	-	-	0
35	-	-	0
36	-	-	0
37	-	-	0
38	-	-	0
39	13	14	1
40	-	-	0
41	-	-	0
42	15	16	1
43	-	-	0
44	-	-	0
45	38	40	2

46	-	-	0
47	19	20	1
48	47	47	5
49	-	-	0
50	8	8	4
51	-	-	0
52	-	-	0
53	17	18	2
54	11	15	1
55	12	12	1
56	-	-	0
57	-	-	0
58	-	-	0
59	-	-	0
60	11	11	3
61	14	14	2
62	8	16	1
63	17	18	2
64	-	-	0
65	47	54	1
66	-	-	0
67	17	20	7
68	7.50	8	4
69	19	20	1
70	10	10	2
71	85	100	1
72	-	-	0
73	30	30	10
74	28	30	20
75	21	22	11
76	8.50	12	9
77	6.50	7	9
78	7	10	3
79	9	9	4
80	6	6	4
81	6.50	6.50	3
82	15	15	8
83	12	17	1
84	13	14	8
85	28	30	6
86	11	11	5
87	75	80	1
88	105	110	2
89	100	115	1
90	34	35	6
91	-	-	0
92	28	30	12
93	19	25	5
94	12	14	4
95	20	20	1
96	2.50	2.50	1
97	50	56	6
98	12	12	4
99	21	21	3
100	-	-	0

A SPECIAL AUCTION TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

George and I consulted with Tom and Tony and we will hold a special auction some time this year. This auction will be for large, bulky items (2-20 or more pounds) such as:

Catalog Sets
Books, Literature
Bulk on paper stamps
Bulk off paper
Albums, Bulk Supplies
Large boxes of mixed stamps

These lots are to be held by the submitting owners to save the shipping costs. When a bidder is found, the owner will be notified where and who to send the lot is to be sent.

To Submit a Lot - Send:

Name
 Address
 Full Description of Lot
 Estimated weight or shipping cost

*This is a Great Way to
Clear Out All That "Junk"*

Send submissions to:
George Land
4024 Fairlands Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

3. Should the Swap Circuit stamp fee be collected 1) by the number of circuits requested, or 2) by each type of circuit requested (i.e. Regular, CTO, Small/Definitive)? ☐ Per Circuit Requested ☐ Per Circuit Type
4. If the Swap Circuit monetary fee and/or stamp fee was lowered, would you (check all that apply):
☐ Request More Circuits (of the type you now receive) ☐ Decrease Participation
☐ Participate in Other Circuit Types (that you don't currently receive) ☐ Make No Changes in Participation
5. How do you feel about the Swap Circuit yearly fees having a monetary portion and a stamp portion?
- 6a. Should a monetary amount be established as an alternative to the stamp portion of the fees? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 6b. If you answered "yes" to 16a, what should that amount be (please circle one)?
\$0 \$1 \$2 \$3 \$4 \$5 \$6 \$7 \$8 \$9 \$10 More (please specify): \$_____

CIRCUIT TYPES

7. Circuits currently consist of 100 stamps to keep each mailing under 1 ounce. If you could set the number of stamps included in each circuit, what would that number be? _____ # of stamps
8. If a "super" circuit were created (like the Regular Circuit, but containing 200 stamps instead of 100), would you be interested in participating in the circuit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 9a. If a "country" circuit were created (containing stamps from a single country only), would you be interested in participating in the circuit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 9b. If you answered "yes" to 19a, please indicate the countries you would like to see offered:
- 20a. If a "continent" circuit were created (containing stamps from a single continent or region only), would you be interested in participating in the circuit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 20b. If you answered "yes" to 20a, please indicate the continents or regions you would like to see offered:
- 21a. If a "topical" circuit were created (containing stamps depicting a single topic or subject only), would you be interested in participating in the circuit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 21b. If you answered "yes" to 21a, please indicate the topics you would like to see offered:

MISCELLANEOUS

22. What would you suggest to bolster participation in the Swap Circuit program by members living outside the USA?
23. Please include any additional thoughts, comments, or suggestions you would like to share concerning the Swap Circuit program:
- 24a. Would you like to receive information about participating in the Swap Circuit program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 24b. If you answered "yes" to 24a, please check all areas of interest: ☐ Regular ☐ CTO ☐ Small Circuit

OPTIONAL (required to be included in the drawing or to receive Swap Circuit program information):

Member #:

Name:

Address:

Randy Smith
P.O. Box 21115
Eagan, MN 55121
USA

Thank you for completing this survey. Results of the survey will be shared with the member-ship in a future newsletter. Please return completed survey ASAP (no later than May 15, 2000) to:

ISWSC SWAP CIRCUIT OPINION SURVEY

The ISWSC Swap Circuit program allows members to trade stamps one for one regardless of catalog value. There are three types of circuits: Regular (with members divided by the first letter of their last name: A-F, G-M, N-Z), CTO (cancelled to order stamps only), and Small/Definitive (stamps smaller than approximately 1" x 1 1/8"). A circuit consists of up to five members. The circuit manager sends a packet of stamps to the first member, who selects the stamps he/she wants and replaces them with an equal number of stamps. The member then mails the packet to the next circuit member. The last circuit member returns the packet to the circuit manager, along with US mint First Class postage. Yearly participation fees are \$2.00 (US funds) plus 100 stamps per circuit requested.

The purpose of this survey is to gather the thoughts and opinions of the entire ISWSC membership concerning the Swap Circuit program. As the ISWSC exists to serve you, the ISWSC wants to make sure the Swap Circuits are serving the interests of the majority of the membership. Your responses will be used to determine if any changes should be made to the program.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and return it to the address listed below. **To encourage participation in the survey, a drawing will be held for a free one year extension of ISWSC dues.** To be eligible for the drawing, you must complete the survey below (including your membership number) and return it to the address indicated ASAP (no later than May 15, 2000). Thank you for your participation in this survey!!

MEMBER BACKGROUND

1. In what country do you live? ☐ USA ☐ Canada ☐ Other (please specify): _____

2. Are you currently participating in the ISWSC Swap Circuit program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "yes" to question #2, please skip to question #6, otherwise please continue with the next question.

3. Have you participated in the ISWSC Swap Circuit program in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. What is the biggest reason you aren't currently participating in the ISWSC Swap Circuit program (please check one)?

☐ Lack of Interest ☐ Lack of Time ☐ Swap Dues Too High
☐ Unfamiliar with Program ☐ Poor Quality of Stamps ☐ Don't Have Stamps to Swap
☐ Other (please specify): _____

5. What improvement(s), if made, would persuade you to participate in the Swap Circuit program?

Please skip to question #18.

6. Which Swap Circuits are you currently participating in (please check all that apply)?

☐ Regular (A-F, G-M, or N-Z) ☐ CTO ☐ Small/Definitive

7. Approximately how long have you participated in the Swap Circuits? _____ year(s) and/or _____ month(s)

8. What do you like most about the Swap Circuits?

9. What do you like least about the Swap Circuits?

DUES

10. Understanding that the Swap Circuit program must cover all of its own expenses, do you feel the current Swap Circuit fees are (please check one): ☐ Too Low ☐ About Right ☐ Too High

11. Understanding that the yearly Swap Circuit monetary fee is used to purchase additional stamps for the circuits, pay Swap Circuit postage and to reimburse the managers/coordinator for their expenses, what should the monetary fee be per year (please circle one)? \$0 \$1 \$2 \$3 \$4 \$5 \$6 \$7 \$8 \$9 \$10
 More (please specify): \$_____

12. Understanding that the yearly Swap Circuit stamp fee is used to maintain and rejuvenate the Swap Circuit stock, how many stamps should the stamp fee be per year? _____ stamps

Getting Kids Interested in Collecting

By Charlie Jensen (#1367)

I recently had a chance to get down to West Palm Beach for a couple of weeks, where three of my daughters have taken up residence, to visit the grandkids. Kyla is a bit over two years of age and much too young to be introduced to stamping, right? At least that's the conventional wisdom.

Well I must have given her an old commonwealth album one night some time ago when she was living here with us, to entertain her and thought nothing of it.

However while I was in South Florida visiting, I had gone to a stamp show in Miami and bought a few items, which on my return to my daughter's house I spread over the kitchen table. Over to my side came Kyla with the album that she had kept somewhere and she wanted some stamps for her book. Since she is so young I know she can't handle hinges or soaking stamps but I then got a bright idea.

My daughters had saved me an assortment of stamps from their X-mas mail so I trimmed the paper square and using some glue stick put them in Kyla's book.

After watching me for a few minutes she figured out how to put the stickum on the back and she began trying to place several in the book. Something else came up before it got too repetitive and boring and her book with it's eight or ten stamps got put away.

Each day for the rest of my visit, whenever I did anything with my stamps, she would bring me her book and we put five or ten items in the album. It did not seem to matter that many were slightly nicked by the mail process or that there were a lot of reindeer, flags or X-mas Madonnas, she was just happy with her book of stamps. I did not mention that many were upside down or sideways, as it did

not seem to be important to her.

Some day should she have an interest in stamping the album can be opened up and the stamps within soaked off the pages and the cut square paper. And if she never builds an interest nothing is lost but a few extremely common items anyway. It was hard to figure how much of an impression I made with her at that time.

However, a few days later I overheard a conversation from another room. Apparently her younger cousin (1½) had the temerity to try to pickup her album. I heard Kyla saying...."NO, Erik... that's MY stamps....Grampa gave them to me!"

Since returning to my home I've sent her an envelope each week with various cheap stamps in it; her mother says that she sits still and patiently sticks them in the album.

The more I think about it the more I am coming to the conclusion that our efforts to attract young collectors may be too late. By the time youngsters develop the motor skills to handle stamps right (hinges and all) it is too late, as they have been hooked by the instant gratification activities of the Sega Games, MTV and such. By then we have to compete with too many blaring attention-getters, but if we start earlier perhaps the seed can be sown in their fertile minds and someday in the future they will begin to become more involved in collecting the "right" way.

I had once, a few years ago, watched one of the youth advisors from our local club try to keep a bunch of elementary school age children under control while he showed them the right way to handle mint stamps with a set of tongs. I had been invited to show some of my treasures and talk a little bit about collecting. I was

struck at the time how boring and structured he had made the whole process seem, but did not at that time think it through.

I would venture to guess that a large number of our members are grandparents and, as such, we are in a position to influence the children's behavior. I would also guess that many of us are waiting for the right moment to get some spark of interest from our grandchildren when they are old enough to appreciate our hobby. But I think now that the best course of action might be to give them some stamps as soon as they are old enough to stick them in a book. Never mind the hinges and not touching the stamps with the fingers. Get them involved with the idea of collecting sooner, not later.

I have picked out another old discarded album to give to Erik next year and a bunch of simple stamps to go with them. I have several grandkids to experiment on so I plan to give each of them in turn an old book that if they lose or ruin will be no loss. I will send each one a few stamps at a time and a small glue stick.

I think I shall have to keep some notes to see the results of my experiment.

I am beginning to have this fantasy that starts some years in the future with some child saying to his or her children, "My grampa gave me those stamps".

This arrived from Richard Rizzo (#2215): "I don't want to seem picky, but in the quiz on page 10, Vol.18, No.1 of *The Circuit*, #7 states "(1970-)" should be "1970-1997." I believe that Zaire changed its name back to the Congo in 1997.

"More seriously I do enjoy your newsletter, especially *Whatzits?*"

Election of Officers

By Dave Nelson (#25)

Surprise, surprise, the new officers of our society are:

- Anthony Zollo, MD—Pres.
- Dave Nelson—VP, Public Relations
- Jeff Hayward—VP, Charitable Services
- Dalene Thomas—Secretary

Also a change to the Bylaws was approved: To Article V, Section 1, Paragraph "e", add The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors."

As most will recognize, these are the same officers as last year, with the exception of Jeff Hayward. All

ran without opposition. The returning officers are not allowed to run again for next year so please be thinking about whether you or someone you know might be willing to stand for election next year. It is not too early to start thinking about that. (See *Secretary's Report*) ➡



Swap Circuit

By Joan Roderick (#669)

Rudi Paltauf reports that in September he received his 180th circuit, rewarding him with 3,422 stamps.

Can anyone beat that?



"President's Column," conclusion: publications, etc.

However, if this Society is to grow (indeed if it is to *survive*) the membership as a whole (read **YOU!**) must get involved. The current handful of officers and managers cannot do all the work. Last election there were NO unopposed candidates (most of who were volunteering for re-election). Several of these will not be eligible for re-election next year, and unless interested candidates come forward we will face a crisis. We are pleading to all of you to help us with the above efforts. If the ISWSC and the hobby of philately are important to you, you must get involved.

Our hobby and our Society need your support and your time. Please contact me if you are willing to help work for the future of the ISWSC and philately.

Till next time... TZ



Please note: Editor does not mail out the newsletters. If you have any questions about your Circuit mail service, please contact Tom Fortunato or Tony Zollo. Thank you!

Secretary's Report

by Dalene Thomas (#101)

Election Results – 158 ballots were received, 129 voted for the entire slate and approved the bylaws amendment. Of the others, there were many incomplete ballots. There were three votes against the by-laws amendment, one vote for a write in candidate, and one no vote for two of the nominees.

Balloting constituted more than a quorum resulting in election of the entire slate of officers and approval of the by-laws amendment.

Our thanks to Joanne Berkowitz for receiving all the ballots and for tabulating them. We also thank members who wrote in comments on the cards. All suggestions have been forwarded to the appropriate board member.

As part of my job as secretary, I have agreed to send out cards of sympathy or get well greetings when needed. This program can be successful only if I know when such a correspondence is needed. I will depend on all of you to let me know when a member has passed away or when someone is seriously ill. Feel free to write or email me at anytime. dalenel@uswest.net



ISWSC Update

By Tom Fortunato (#379)

The ISWSC web page has been redesigned and now includes a full roster (minus the address), dues expiration date and interest codes.

Members are urged to verify the information now online. We are also in need of current members phone numbers and APS/ATA membership numbers. These societies from time to time want us to report which of their members are part of our group for the affiliates program. Anyone with this info can contact me (see p.2).

Where to Send What

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Jan./Feb. ¿Whatzits? Inspires Many Answers!

Guenter Rathgeb (#1539) of Germany emailed the editor with the following message: “I can tell you something about the stamps in the ¿Whatzits? column.

R.A.S.D. *Sahara Occ.* means Arabic Democratic Republic of Sahara; *Sahara Occ.* means Western Sahara. It was formerly the Spanish colony named Spanish Sahara. In 1975, when the last African colonies were de-colonized, especially the Portuguese colonies, there happened the Green march of hundred-thousands of people from Morocco. Morocco thought that this territory was a historical part of the Moroccan kingdom. The people marched into the territory and the Spanish did not fight against it. They gave up rule over their territory within a few days. The northern part of the colony was occupied by Morocco and the southern part by Mauretania. Later, Morocco overtook the whole territory. The territory is rich in minerals. There is a freedom-fighting group of the people of Sahauris (the whole people is only about 100.000) which fights for independence. They have an exile-government that is not recognized by the international society. They print their own stamps, which are not at all in use. The themes are partly the country, but mostly sports, animals, flowers. I hope this is some information that may help.”

And this from **Pierce Bullen** (#2124): “Stamps sent in by **Lynda Bray** pictured on p. 9 of Jan-Feb “Circuit” are phantoms “issued” by the exile “government” of the Western Sahara, which has its headquarters in exile in Algeria.

“Western Sahara is former Spanish Sahara, and was taken over by Morocco (and initially partly by Mauritania) after the Spanish withdrew in 1976. The local independence movement, named Polisario, formed a government-in-exile called the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. The initials “R.A.S.D.” on the stamps are the Spanish-language initials of the said Republic. The Arabic writing on the stamps consists mainly of the initials of the Arabic name of the exile government (al-H al-’A as-S ad-D); the full name of the government is “al-Hukumah al-’Arabiyah as-Sahrawiya ad-Dimukratiyah.” There is an outline map of the Western Sahara on the background of the first stamp in the second row in the “Circuit” article.

“The cancellations shown are presumably all CTOs. However, since the Sahrawi government-in-exile is recognized by most Arab states and a few other countries, it is possible that some stamps franked with Sahrawi stamps may have passed through the mails within or from Algeria.”

From **Randy Smith** (#1111): “I read with interest

the Whatzits column from the Jan-Feb 2000 *The Circuit* newsletter asking for help with identifying stamps from “R.A.S.D. Sahara Occ.”. Remembering that I also had some stamps with those markings (and that I had not yet truly identified them), I decided now was the time to try to find out their origin.

“My first attempts to identify the stamps involved looking up “R.A.S.D.” and “Sahara Occ.” in several stamp identifiers I own. “R.A.S.D.” didn’t yield anything, but “Sahara Occidental” was listed as being Spanish Sahara, and “Sahara Occidental La Aguera” was listed as being Aguera (La). Not fully trusting either, I next turned to *Linn’s World Stamp Almanac* to try to find additional information about each country. Aguera was described as a district in the western Sahara, which issued its own stamps until 1924 when it became part of Spanish Sahara. Looking under Spanish Sahara, I learned that it was a former Spanish possession in north-western Africa and was comprised of Cape Juby, La Aguera, and Rio de Oro. It also credited Spanish Sahara with issuing over 300 stamps, but it also indicated it had been inactive since 1976. Although additional information was given (including mentioning POLISARIO, a nationalist group which declared the area independent), none of it explained the stamps illustrated in the newsletter.

“Giving up on the traditional resources I had, I decided to turn to the Internet. Remembering that many stamp identifiers don’t list countries whose actual names appear on stamps, I decided to start by searching on “R.A.S.D.” and “Sahara Occ.”. A quick search for “R.A.S.D.” using a popular search engine didn’t turn up any related information, but searching for “Sahara Occ” struck pay dirt. Following the links to several sights, I was able to put things together, identify the stamps, and learn some history and current events at the same time. In the words of Paul Harvey, here’s “the rest of the story”.

Ed. Note: Unfortunately the rest of the story will have to appear in the next issue of The Circuit (May/June). Stay tuned!



FREE FREE (well almost)—I have a number of pairs of a stamp SIMILAR to Portuguese India 50a (Scott). Anyone can have one by sending me a SASE to 6501 Pebble DR, Pensacola, FL, 32505. I have sold several of these in blocks all over the world and no one has yet identified it. It is either a fake or essay (I think) anyway, the price is right. Dave Creson (#170) creson@freent.com

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ADVERTISING

—Send ads and payment (made out to
ISWSC) to the editor; address on p. 3.—

United States Singles

I recently bought a small US collection.
Here are some duplicates at deep discounts.

Cat #	Description	2000 CV	Net
159	Used, fine	15.00	5.00
179	Used, fine	15.00	5.00
215	Used, fine	16.00	5.00
220	mint, fine OG	20.00	11.00
221	Used, good (perf pull)	6.00	1.75
222	Used, fine	2.25	1.00
227	Used, fine	18.00	9.00
230	MNH	25.00	18.00
232	mint, good (discoloration)	62.50	14.00
237	mint, good (gum disturbed)	135.00	50.00
248	Used, fine	3.00	1.00
248	mint, fine OG	25.00	11.00
257	Used, fine	14.00	8.00
287	mint, OG	140.00	60.00
289	Used, good (perf pull)	37.50	6.50
320	mint, good	19.00	9.00
476	Used, good	12.00	5.00
503	MH	10.00	6.00
509	MNH	14.00	8.00
511	Used, good	2.50	0.75
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