Animals, people and environment at the county jai

Acting locally, thinking globally

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discussions we have are extremely and environmental ethics. The conservation biology, and animal teaching animal behavior, County Jail over the past eight years without having learned something informed these men are about interesting and wide-ranging and it important issues. I never leave thrills me at how outspoken and I've been working at the Boulder which I'm the roving ambassador s part of the Jane Goodal Roots & Shoots program, (www.janegoodall.org) Institute's

> meetings around the world. and my talks at professional that I incorporate into my daily life

Sheriff's Office, has worked closely is called "transitions" and it's been successfully graduated from it when someone is released, they segment of the course is over or wonderful to work with. When each happen. Lisa Lopez has also been with me to be sure that this will Services for the Boulder County who oversees the Program Suppor are released. Sgt. Susan Yankovich men learn will be used when they anticipated that the skills that the have taken part in the course and receive a diploma to show that they The program in which I now teach

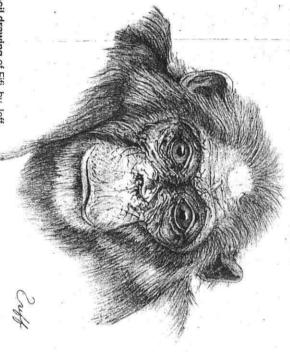
people and the environment. It appreciation and respect for animals, Roots & Shoots is about building

> countries worldwide. And now, of each and every individual needs aspect of this program stresses that for all age groups in more than 90 now there are thousands of groups originally focused on youngsters but the program are empowered to work place for all beings. Individuals in make a positive difference to make to be heard and that each of us can all individuals matter, that the voice are part of Roots & Shoots. A major people confined in refugee camps youngsters, seniors, inmates, and the world a more compassionate

time discussing ethics — how behavior and spend considerable groups we talk about animal been an education for me. In my in which I've never lived really has Crossing the divide into a habitat

> emotions, pain, and ethics are and debates about animal thinking, [] rival those of my university classes given sustainability, and climate change environment. Discussions of animal and how we should interact with the informed and moving. behavior, animal protection,

work for a better world. difference, if they want to be able to IVO to be if they really want to make a gn stressing that jail just isn't the placeare kids about the mistakes they made, gri writing letters and poems telling nurture hope among youngsters by individuals. And they're helping to are also incredibly hopeful many of the men with whom I work It never fails to impress me that 181



Pencil drawing of Fifi, by Jeff

of Fifi, one of Jane Goodall's favorite

including a beautiful pencil drawing prose are outstanding works of art, the drawings that accompany their boundless hope and love. Some of of having a positive self image and of that stress the importance of "being world for all beings - messages cries to try to make this a better

chimpanzees, drawn by Jeff.

Some of the messages that I've

a kid" and the overriding importance

wisdom to share. Their messages of

And they do indeed have much

ten bring me to tears — sincere out-

and hopeless world.

what often is presented as a bleak them to develop and sustain hope in hope. Many have families and want work enjoy sharing messages of

Many of the men with whom I

your heart what is right. Have faith spect my family . . . you can feel in self, go to school to learn how to are the things I would do: Love my and hope for the future. Be happy live, be a good friend, love and re-If I could do my life over, these

unlock the doors to gaining opportu-

Obtaining an education will help

change the world and make it a bet to be like us — it's up to you to

Kids out there — you don't want

don't waste it. You are all very spe Time passes very fast, so please

and care about the birds and the the afternoon sun . . . climb trees bees...have simple days and sim Be a kid, have fun, play ball in

ple ways, a Kool-Aid smile to light up

word, for there are many reasons for should be encouraged to spread the more now than ever everyone spect, compassion and love. Perhaps carry messages of hope, peace, reand we need to build bridges that We can all learn from one another

and keeping everyone's dreams alive dreams alive — for that matter sharwith youngsters and keeping their sharing messages of peace and hope We all can make a difference and fresh start. It isn't always easy, but Act locally, think globally. Help vides right here in our community. cross frustrating and challenging dito do go out and build new bridges, ing these messages with everyone it's a win-win situation for everyone those who are less fortunate get a So, if you're looking for something certainly is a good road to travel

ing messages of hope. many books and travels widely spreadthan 30 years. He is the author of ty of Colorado at Boulder for more Bekoff) taught biology at the Universi Marc Bekoff (http://literati.net/

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