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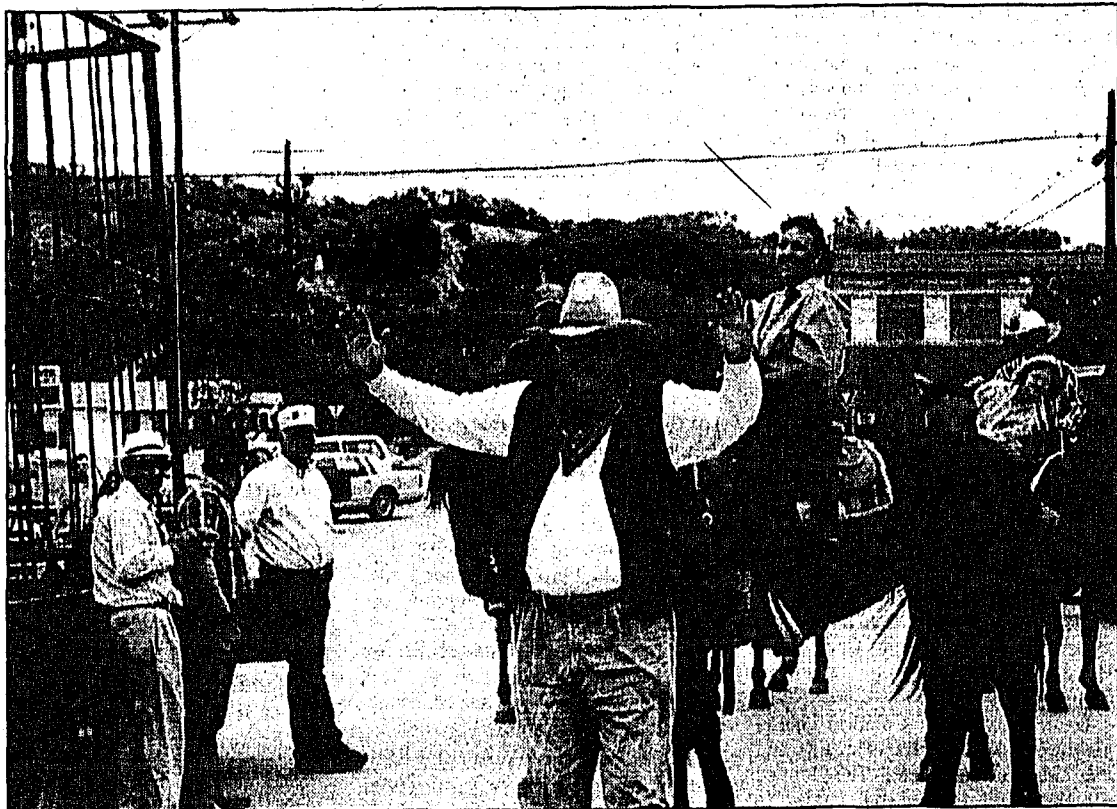
Santa Anna News

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I Didn't Do It!

"Mouthy Mike" Mike Efird was one of Santa Anna's 'Ten Most Wanted' on Funtier Day. He is shown here proclaiming his innocence while being escorted to the Funtier jail by posse member Toni Watson and others. Efird is otherwise known as pastor of First Methodist Church. Others of the "Ten Most Wanted" standing by the jail are "Big Jr" Montie Guthrie, "Sticky Fingers" Rob Cheaney, and Joe Ed "Wooly" Wise.

Photo by Becky Martin

Junior High Athletes To Be Honored Tonight (Thursday)

The Santa Anna Booster Club will honor the Santa Anna junior high school athletes tonight (Thursday) and cookout.

The Junior High Cookout will be held on Thursday evening, May 16

at 5:30 p.m. at Mountaineer Stadium.

The menu for the cookout will be hot dogs, chips and cookies. The price will be \$3.00 per person. Athletes will eat free.

School Band Concert Thurs.

The spring concert of the Santa Anna School bands will be held Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert will feature the 5th and 6th grade bands along with the high

school band.

Various achievement awards, including the coveted John Phillip Sousa Award, will be presented.

Officers for the next year will be introduced.

End Of Year Awards Programs Planned For Next Week At School

End of school award programs will be taking place next week for Santa Anna ISD students.

High school and junior high students will receive various awards on Monday afternoon, May

13.

The elementary awards program will take place on Friday morning, May 24 in the cafeteria.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these programs.

Santa Anna Elementary Field Day To Be Held Friday, May 17

Santa Anna Elementary students will be enjoying a Field Day on Friday, May 17 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a parade of classes. The day will end about 2 p.m.

Children will be involved in activities and contests from grades Pre-K through sixth.

Everyone is invited to come encourage the youth in this Field Day.

A concession stand will be open with proceeds to go toward new playground equipment.

Musical Saturday At Civic Center

The Santa Anna Park Board will be sponsoring a musical Saturday at the Civic Center (Armory) beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There is no admission charge. Hamburgers coffee and soft drinks will be available at the concession and drawings will be conducted for pies and cakes.

One of the tire swings at the park was broken during the Funtier Day events and some of the money raised by the musical will be used to replace the swing.

Everyone is welcome.

Last week, Morales wrote letters requesting the sell-off to the Teachers Retirement System, the Employees Retirement System, the Permanent University Fund and the Permanent School Fund, the *Morning News* reported.

Morales spokesman Ron Dusek said the attorney general was obligated to tell the state funds that "tobacco stock will plummet" as a result of litigation against the industry, and that his letters were made public because his advice could affect the stock market.

The largest investor in tobacco stocks of the four funds is the Teacher Retirement System, which holds \$413 million.

Als' last week, State Board of Education chairman Jack Christy of Houston said the 14-member panel would meet this week and discuss Morales' request to sell tobacco stock in the Permanent School Fund, which the board oversees, the *Houston Chronicle* reported. Christy told the *Chronicle* he

SAHS BACCALAUREATE SERVICES AT HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY EVENING

Baccalaureate Services for the Santa Anna High School senior class will be held Sunday night, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the high

school auditorium with Father Cyr of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman delivering the message.

The traditional "Graduation Edition" of the NEWS will be published next week, saluting the Class of 1995.

Graduations Set Next Week SAHS, Junior High, Kindergarten

Santa Anna schools will dismiss for the summer for Friday, May 24. High school graduation will take place on Friday evening, at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday evening at 6 p.m. the Kindergarten class will hold commencement exercises in the

school cafeteria.

Also on Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 the eighth grade class will hold graduation in the high school auditorium.

A complete list of graduates for each graduating class will be in next week's issue of the NEWS.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE SET FOR JUNE 8TH

The Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a City-Wide Garage Sale on June 8.

The Chamber will list any garage sale in town or the immediate area for a set fee of \$3.00. These sales will be advertised in several local and area papers, on area radio stations and television stations.

Your garage sale location can have area wide publicity for about

what you would pay for one personal ad.

The Chamber will hand out lists and city maps to people who stop by the office on Saturday morning. It is hoped that this garage sale will attract people from the area to Santa Anna.

Take advantage of this chance to sell off all your odds and ends that you can't seem to find a place to

store.

To get your name and address on the listing, come by the Chamber Office before May 31 or call 915-348-3535 for more information.

Guy Allen Sets Record, But It Won't Count

Santa Anna native Guy Allen recently set a new record while participating at a Jackpot roping at Talpa.

Guy roped and tied in 7.71 seconds which is the fastest ever according to his sister, Toni Watson, but the time can not be recorded as it was not a sanctioned event.

Guy, who holds ten world roping titles, is currently in 4th place in the race for another title with a young Jason Evans leading at the present time.

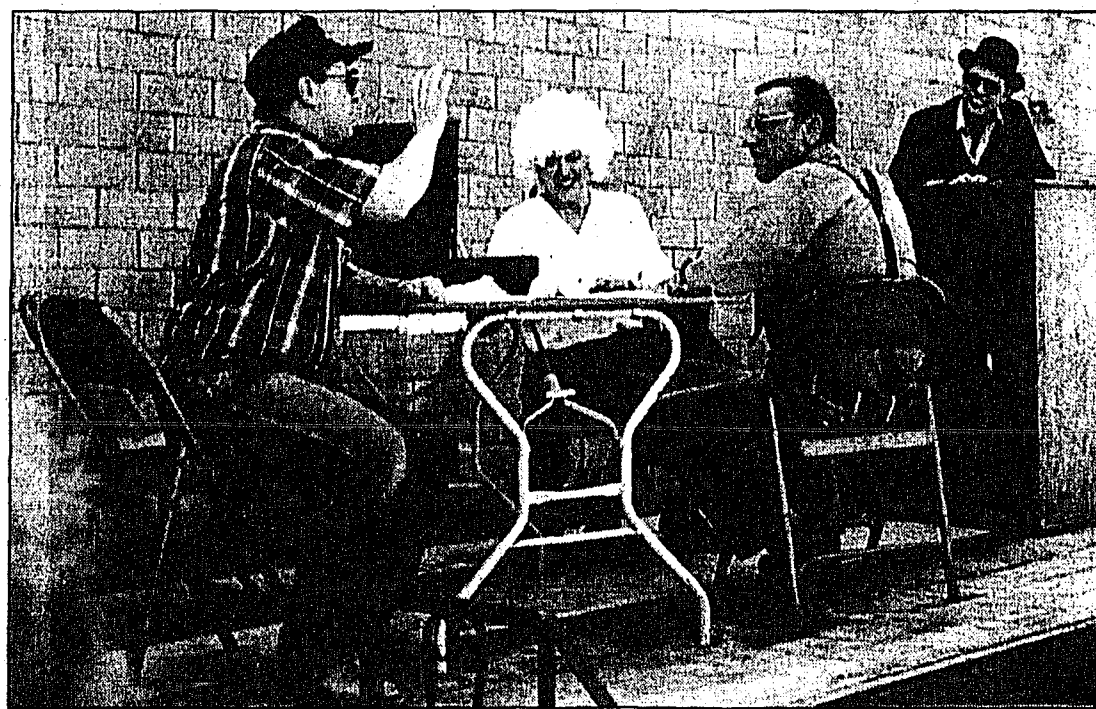
Water Safety - Don't Leave Home Without It! Swim Lessons Slated At Coleman

Swim lessons at the Coleman City Pool will be held May 28th through June 14th directed by Carla Hooper, American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

Registration will be held Monday, May 20th, at the pool, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. or obtain a

registration form at Coleman City Hall. Registration deadline is May 21.

Lessons will be offered to participants from 6 months of age through high school at the cost of \$10 per student in levels 1 through 3, and \$20 for levels 4 through 7.



Rob's Fingers Aren't Sticky!

At least that's what Rob "Sticky Fingers" Cheaney seems to be trying to convince the judge of during the Funtier Day court session for the "Ten Most Wanted". We're not sure "Judge" Rod Musick is buying his story and "prosecutor" Bernidine Watson is not too sure herself. But defense lawyer Jackie Smith appears to be thinking his client is as honest as the day is long. After being voted the top criminal of the "Ten Most Wanted", we can assume all of Rob's 'friends' were giving him lots of moral support.

News staff photo

believes it is morally wrong for the state to invest education dollars in tobacco stocks. "On one hand we're telling the kids (smoking) is evil, and on the other hand we're taking the tobacco industry's profits."

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush, said the governor would leave the decision of whether to divest tobacco stocks

with the boards that govern the four funds.

Bomer Orders Billing Change

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer ordered Allstate and Farmers insurance companies to change the way they have calculated auto and homeowners insurance premiums.

Last week, Bomer ordered the two companies to stop rounding

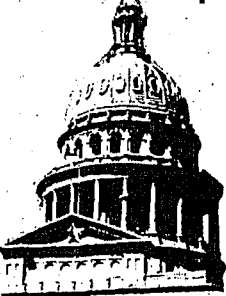
up bills to the nearest dollar — a practice that has resulted in allegations of overcharging.

Policyholders of Allstate and Farmers have a lawsuit pending in a South Texas state court alleging the companies have overcharged customers more than \$100 million over the last decade.

Spokesmen for Allstate and

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Attorney General Dan Morales continued to wage war on the tobacco industry last week when he suggested Texas sell more than \$500 million in tobacco stocks it holds in its pension and endowment funds.

"Texas should not be in business with those who seek to do our children harm. Our state should repudiate its financial involvement in these unconscionable efforts to

profit at the expense of our children's lives," Morales told the *Dallas Morning News*.

But Jack Maroney, an attorney for Philip Morris Inc., a defendant in the lawsuit, characterized Morales' plea to dump tobacco stocks as "another attack on business."

In late March, Morales filed suit against the tobacco industry on federal racketeering charges.

Presbyterian Youth To Hold Garage Sale Sat.

The youth of Santa Anna Presbyterian Church will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, May 18 to help with activity and camp expenses.

The sale will take place in the old Guthrie Building which is located east of the Chamber of Commerce building.

Donations of items will be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off Saturday morning.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying Hello To
Mrs. Velda Mills of Olton

Obituaries

Harold Horton

Harold Gwinn Horton, 63, a resident of Pflugerville since 1971, died Saturday, May 11, 1996.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at Cook-Walden/Condra Funeral Home. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Santa Anna Cemetery with local arrangements under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

He was born April 8, 1933 in Bangs to Thomas Emmett and Lillian Rebecca Rathjen Horton. He was reared in Santa Anna and graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1951. He entered the U. S. Navy after graduation and served in the Korean War, being honorably discharged in 1956. He was a member of V.F.W. Post No. 6115 in Elgin.

Survivors include his wife, Tommie Jean; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles and Terrie McKamy of Hallsville, James R. and Bonnie Hodgson of Austin, Tommy Gene Hodgson of Pflugerville, Jerry and Patsy McMullin of Bastrop, and Harold Gwinn Horton, Jr. of Lubbock; a daughter and son-in-law, Gwynda Jean and Johnny Miranda of Georgetown; two brothers, Thomas Wayne Horton of Houston and Frederick Olin Horton of Lake Brady; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

F. C. Conway

BANGS—F. C. (Buck) Conway, 77, of Bangs, died Monday night, May 13, 1996, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 1996 at Rocky Creek Baptist Church with Revs. M. V. Bryant, S. L. Yeilding and Ray Ricker officiating. Burial followed in Coleman Cemetery directed by Bangs Funeral Home.

He was born April 7, 1919 in Grosvenor, the son of Lee and Lou Ella Faries Conway. He married Alice McHorse Sept. 21, 1937 in Coleman. He was retired from Santa Fe and a veteran of the U. S. Army and member of Rocky Creek Baptist Church. He had lived in Coleman, Sweetwater and Dallas before moving to Bangs in 1980.

Survivors include his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bill Conway of Spurger and Perry Lynn and Patsy Conway of Milwaukie; Wis., one daughter and son-in-law, Wilma Jo and Mike Talbot of Arlington; one sister, Frances Thompson of Coleman; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MAY 16
Shannon Abernathy

MAY 17
Billy Joe Harvey
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Brown*

MAY 18
John Rendon
Mr. and Mrs. Gip Allen

MAY 19
Rob Cheaney
David Key
Ruby Hays

MAY 20
Lori Smith Kernes
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Fellers

MAY 21
Glenda Kooney
Damon Harper
Karen Wetsel Smith
J. T. Avants

MAY 22
Maegan Rae Watts
Amy Boyet
Donald Fellers



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hipsher are proud to announce the birth of their ninth grandchild.

Halie Janice Hipsher was born April 11, 1996 at 9:04 p.m. in Brownwood Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Halie is joined by her parents Tom and Megan Hipsher and her sister, Kaitlyn of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hipsher are proud to announce the birth of their tenth grandchild.

Shannon Shae Parrish was born May 3, 1996 at 9:54 a.m. in Brownwood Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Shannon is joined by her parents Randy and Sandi Parrish and her brothers Stephen and Austin of Brownwood.

Elisha Blanton Has Entered Ice Cream Contest Before

In last weeks issue of the NEWS it was stated that Elisha Blanton won the ice cream freeze-off in her first Funtier Days Ice Cream Freeze-Off Competition.

Actually Elisha was a participant last year placing second.

Betz Selected As Finalist In Pre-Teen Texas Program



Stephanie Betz

Stephanie Betz, daughter of Randy and Cyndie Betz of Tool, Texas has been selected as a finalist in the 1996 Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held May 24-26 at the Harvey Hilton Hotel in Irving.

Pre-Teen Texas is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies 7 to 12 years of age based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State finalists will be judged on academic achievement; volunteer service to church and community; school honors and activities; development of personal skills and abilities; general knowledgeability; communicative ability; and on stage review and acknowledgement of accomplishments.

Stephanie is the 10-year-old granddaughter of Donald Ray and Billie Owen and great-granddaughter of the late C. R. and Faye Owen of Santa Anna.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received the following memorials and donations:

In memory of Harold Mills from Louise Moore, D. H. and Christi Moore, Linda and Shanty Robb and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Penny.

A donation from Don and Janice Williams.

Trickham Cemetery Memorials

The following memorials have been received by the Trickham Cemetery Association:

In memory of Birdie and Roscoe McMahan from Norma Guevara and T. A. Brown; and

In memory of Vince Calcote from Novella Stearns, Myra Haynes, Moya Cole and family, Howard and Glenda Brandon, Rankin and Natalie McIver and Majorie Sullivan.

FBC Adult IV Sunday School Class Has Social

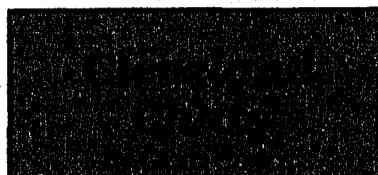
By Barbara Kingsbery
Members of the Adult IV Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday evening, May 9, for supper at the home of Carlyle and Evelyn Howard.

Grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings and homemade ice cream were enjoyed by the group as they assembled on the patio of the country home.

Attending were Marion and Warren Aldridge, Billie and Carly Gattlin, Lula Havner, Jim and Jean Howard, Carl and Jean Langford, Tom and Barbara Kingsbery, Wanda and Royce McIver, Bert and Sybil Morgan, Robert and Mary Smith, and Raymond and Lodema Jones. Visitors with the group were J. W. and Birgit Howard of Conroe, houseguests of the host couple.

Friday night we received 7/10th's inch of rain. We have really been blessed the past couple of weeks with our weekly showers. We are still a ways from having the tanks and such full but it is really looking better. Thankfully, ours has been good weather rain, no hail, high winds, etc.

This Saturday night, May 18, will be family supper night at the community center. Everyone please come and enjoy the good food and



Hoping all you had a nice Mother's Day. For my part I had a swelled up knee and had to stay home from church. We did get nice showers the past week. So far Patsy called today, Carolyn called, Diane called. Also yesterday had beautiful flowers delivered to me.

Visitors first of week with Carmilla were Edith and Carl Flores of Vernon, Joe and Beth Flores of Hampton, Virginia and Nancy Avants of San Angelo. On Wednesday Carmilla and Nancy Lee went to Abilene to Hendrick Hospital to visit Carolyn Petuca of Bangs. Mother's Day Carmilla was invited to dinner at Nancy Lee and Lonnie and children's Sunday. J. C. Bible stopped by Sunday morning. Carmilla went by the rest home Friday.

Jerry and Cathy Ellis and children were Mother's Day guest of Cecil and Nona-Bell Sunday. They took them up to Tammy's for a fish fry. Jerry took Nona Bell and Cecil and Brownwood shopping Saturday morning.

David Huggins of Coleman visited his parents the Lee Ray Huggins and they all went out to eat. They looked for the other part of the family to come by on their way from Austin.

Ovella Williams went by Aunt Helen and Uncle Emil Williams Sunday and also visited Letha Martin and Mildred Cammack. Russell Williams spent the weekend with his mother.

Lou visited Bobbie Guthrie Friday. Jennifer and Jessica Pelton spent the weekend with their grandparents the A. C. Pierces.

I visited with Winnie Haynes Friday.

J. T. and Debbie Naron and boys of Merkel visited his parents the John Narons Sunday.

Margie Fleming spent Sunday with Eddie and Phyllis Dillard. Donna Mapson.

Ladell and Burnice Bilbrey were at church Sunday morning.

Wednesday Darrel came by, Margie Fay Fleming visited also. Peggy Sikes and I visited Friday.

Charlie and Kathleen Avants took her mother out to the farm Sunday and dropped by the Dairy Queen for a blizzard on the way back. Kathleen was up to see her mother another time the past week.

Patty and Clayton Patton of Brownwood and Eldon and Margaret Shockna of Brownwood visited Doyle and Juanita Ward Saturday and played dominoes double nine.

Jerry Ellis visited Rachel and I Sunday.

Jerry and Cathy and family had Sunday night supper with Cecil and Nona Bell.

Hope all you had a nice Mother's Day.

'Round & About

Former Santa Anna residents, Mr. and Mrs. John McDaniel and daughter Marcie of San Angelo visited friends here Saturday afternoon.

While living here, Mr. McDaniel was local manager of WTU during the 1960's.

Visiting on Mother's Day Sunday with Dale and Carol Herring and Casey Wade was Derek Little of Brownwood.

Roy Buse is back home and feeling fine after an air ambulance flight to San Antonio last Friday when he had some heart problems. Tests proved nothing serious going on and he returned home Sunday with JoAnn and daughter Sherry Craig who had driven down to be with him.

Grace Short is a patient in

fellowship. Starts 7 p.m., bring your appetite and your favorite dish and join in the fun.

Joe Ed, Ruth Ann, Nathan and Korky Wise had lunch with Faye Wise Sunday. Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden Wise and Vivian Steward visited in the afternoon. Mark called from Tucson.

Blake Williams and Garland McSwain have visited back and forth during the week. Blake has visited via telephone with Bill and Ruth McGill, Carolyn Williams, Veronica Freyer and Donald, and Lillian Williams. He was a business visitor in Brady Friday.

Jennifer Rutherford spent the weekend with Claudia Rutherford. They visited with the Hafner family Friday night. Sunday visitors were Randy and Christi Rutherford of College Station and Larry, Linda and Todd Rutherford of Brownwood.

Burgess and Gayle Steward were business visitors in San Saba Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors with Johnnie Steward have been Charlie Smith, Ralph and Betty Langston, Billy and Emily Maness and Mike, Jamie, Lauren and Casey Ray.

Bill and Sadie Bryan went to Dallas Thursday and along with Charlie and Pat Greener, William and Serena Hendryx, Judy Bryan and Frosty Robinson attended the Texas Ranger game returning home Sunday afternoon. Dee Dee McAllister visited with them while in Dallas. Royce and Wanda McIver have visited several times during the week.

Vivian Steward visited with Bill and Joyce Mueller one afternoon and Faye Wise and her company on Sunday evening.

Visiting with Darlene McElrath during the weekend were Guy McElrath, Miki Mayo, Dana McElrath and Michael Robinson.

Debbie Kennett of Austin and Kim Whitton, Clay and Katie of New Braunfels arrived Saturday to visit with Minnie Bray. Sunday John, Frankie and Lucy Gregg joined them for church and lunch.

Ralph and Betty Langston of Odessa visited with Jack and Skeeta Cooper Wednesday night. Jack and Skeeta were in Temple over the weekend to celebrate Mother's Day with a Sunday morning brunch in the back yard of the Sheffield home returning home Sunday afternoon. Those attending were Arlen and Quincy Allen, Gil, Elizabeth, Justin and Jordan Gregory, Mike, Tracy and Wyatt Sheffield of Wimberly and Monty Sheffield of San Antonio. Wesley, Debra, Dru and Madison Allen visited Saturday night. Elec Cooper visited Sunday evening.

Wednesday night Jr. and Nell Brusenhan were at Bro. Jeff, Loma and Sara Dean's for Bible study. Minnie Bray accompanied them. Nell quilted Thursday. Jr. and Nell were at Simpson Lake Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull. Loreta Highsmith of Billings, Montana, Judy Martin of Denver, Colorado, Anita O'Leary of O'Fallon, Illinois, Mary Hetts of Memphis, Tennessee and Jody Brusenhan of Carrollton and a granddaughter Meca Broadway of Austin visited via telephone with Nell on Mother's Day.

Guy and Dorothea Whisenant spent Sunday in Brownwood with Jimmy, Cathy, Tammy and Little Jim Fraser.

Saturday Elec and Rose Cooper were in Brady visiting with Denny and Louise Densman and Dorinda Anderson of San Angelo. They had Mother's Day dinner. David and Ronnie Cooper visited with Rose via telephone to wish her a happy Mother's Day. Denny and Louise and Bo Wilson visited with Elec and Rose Sunday morning. Andy McCarroll visited Monday morning.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I

Brownwood Regional Medical Center undergoing treatment and rehabilitation for a broken hip. She appreciates your prayers and concern.

Pete and Winnie Rutherford visited their son and family, the Joe Rutherfords, in Grape Creek last Thursday. That evening they attended graduation ceremonies in the San Angelo Civic Center where their granddaughter Julie received her nursing certificate from Howard College.

Check It Out

By Alice Anna Spillman

Mother's Day was good for several at the library. Ovella had a visit from her son Russell. Betty went to Snyder to visit daughter Linda and her family. I got a call from Monique and a beautiful book. She got to see an exhibit of Assyria. We both enjoy archeology and those treasures were recovered from the desert sands. Remember the destruction of Nineveh, as told in the Bible? I am amazed at the ability of these ancient artists. This area has been cut off by various wars, etc. Monique and I think there will be many more discoveries. The library has a number of books about ancient civilizations and archaeological finds.

Recently an archaeologist has found articles left when the Spanish explorer Coronado come into the panhandle of Texas. We have been told that things have been found in our area: Do you know of anything?

Several out of town visitors have been in. My old neighbor Nancy Flores Avants of San Angelo came in with sister Carmilla. Wanda Henderson Johnson and Tomboy were driving by to Odessa from Austin and stopped. This will be the 50th year after our high school graduation. Our class is hoping to see everyone.

Mrs. Marilyn Knight has a friend from London, England visiting. She was interested in the way our library is financed—compared to those in England.

A family who just moved into the area from New Mexico were in. Mr. Moore and two daughters. They are enjoying the rain after the very dry time in New Mexico. Welcome. Thanks to all who drop in.

Barbara Simmons donated a new book, *Chicken Soup For the Soul*. Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. It has been on the best seller list for many months. This book contains 101 stories to open the heart and rekindle the spirit. Those are divided into sections on learning, live your dream, overcoming obstacles, on love, on parenting, etc. I read 14 pages and was inspired—even shed a tear. Luther May checked it out at once. You could call to get on the list.

The Green Thumb keeps changing hours, so please be patient. Ovella will have less hours until July and the new year. Call to be sure we are in.

We are working on plans for the Summer Reading Club for boys and girls. We always need help. Let us know if you can volunteer.

Contributions to buy snacks and awards would be appreciated. If you would like to buy one of the books that are recommended, please call.

There are still free magazines and some paper backs. Come help yourself to a sack.

was a business visitor in Coleman. Friday night I stayed with my mother Gladys Slayton. Bo picked me up Saturday morning and we had supper at Tammy's Steaks in Santa Anna. Sunday we had lunch with his grandmother Ethel (Maw Maw) Wilson and his uncle and aunt, Bill and Betty Wilson at Tammy's Steaks. Sunday visitors were Claudia Rutherford, Charlie Smith, Frances McAlister, Mindy, Meagan and Chase

Avants. I visited with the rest of the children via telephone during the day Sunday.

Alice Anna Spillman Winner Of Afghan

Alice Anna Spillman was winner of the afghan given away on Funtier Day by the Santa Anna Nutrition Center. Carmen Donham contributed the lovely afghan she crocheted.

The Nutrition Center staff appreciates the support of the community for their projects.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"They could finance a man's trip to the moon with the movie rights alone, if they'd send a good-lookin' gal along with him!"

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Carol,
Just want to say thank you for all you do above and beyond the call of duty and for the special friend that you are!

Polly

Smith Weds LeMond



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Wayne LeMond

Melanie Diane Smith and Joshua Wayne LeMond were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 1996 in the First Baptist Church in Santa Anna. Aaron LeMond, father of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Edwin and Janice Hipsher of Santa Anna and Rondoe and Margie Smith of Carson City, Nevada. The groom is the son of Aaron and Rita LeMond of Santa Anna.

Grandmother of the bride is Opal Langford of Santa Anna.

Grandparents of the groom are James Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hanley. Great-grandmothers of the groom are Arah Blair and Jewel Martin of Bangs.

The church pews were decorated with white taffeta and lace bows. At the altar was a brass heart archway with baby's breath and ivy with white bow accents. Two brass double heart candelabra stood on each side of the archway while a brass unity candle stand was behind the archway. Greenery, white bows, white and pink baby's breath, crystal candelholders with sage green candles accented the choir area.

Brandi Martin and Ami Beal registered guests from a lace covered table featuring baby pictures of the bride and groom, a white abaster candleholder with two rose honey-combed beeswax candles, ceramic bride and groom and a feather pen.

The ceremony began with Fredina Harrell and Amy Garza lighting the candles. Each wore an off the shoulder dusty rose princess style tea length dress highlighted with lace appliques at the neckline.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jackie Smith of Stephenville. The bride wore a ivory gown. The fitted bodice featured a rounded neckline of silk tulle above the satin fitted bodice. Appliques of schiffli lace outlined in pearls and an array of pearl drops enhanced the bodice front. Covered satin buttons trailed down the center back. Leg of mutton sleeves of silk tulle and satin formed bridal points at the wrists. A large motif of schiffli lace adorned with sequins and pearls enhanced the skirt front and rows of lace accented with bows flowed down the skirt back. Deep lace circled the hemline and the semi-cathedral train. She wore a v-band headpiece decorated with pearls and silk roses with a two tiered fingertip veil. The bridal bouquet featured a cascade of white velvet roses, pink roses and white pearl accents. The bride observed the traditions of something old--a handkerchief belonging to the late Mrs. Emzy (Gladys) Brown, something new--wedding gown, something

borrowed--her mom's first diamond ring from her parents, and something blue--garter. She also carried a penny from her birth year in her shoe.

Matron of honor was sister of the bride, Shelley Pritchard of Brownwood. Bridesmaids were Janice Hipsher of Fort Hood and Amy Miller of Stephenville. Each wore an off the shoulder sage green princess style tea length dress accented with lace appliques at the neckline. The attendants carried long stemmed pink roses with greenery and dusty rose and sage ribbon streamers.

The flower girl was Kelsey Pritchard, niece of the bride. She wore a dusty rose dress style similar to the bridesmaids. She carried a white wicker basket to scatter pink rose petals before the bride. The ring bearer was Zachary Pritchard, nephew of the bride. He wore black suit and carried a white satin pillow accented with pink ribbons.

Best man was Bobby Maler of Santa Anna. Groomsmen were brothers of the groom James LeMond of San Angelo and Jason LeMond of Santa Anna. The groom and attendants all wore black suits.

Ushers were Bobby Pritchard of Brownwood, brother-in-law of the bride and Reece Seymore of Bangs, cousin of the groom.

Pianist was Gail Loyd and William Loyd operated the sound system. James Jones of San Angelo sang "I Swear" and "Keeper of the Stars."

A reception was held afterwards in the Christian Life Center. The bride's lace covered table featured a two tiered heart cake with a fountain with rose colored water surrounded by a gazebo effect with greenery, pink roses and pearl hearts. From the top heart cake was a staircase leading to a smaller two tiered heart cake. The cakes were decorated with pink hearts, angels and pink flowers topped with a lace trimmed heart with a car carrying a bride and groom. Serving at the table were Misty Bradley, Bertha Frausto and Dawna Snipes.

The groom's table featured a chocolate sheet cake which was accented with wedding bells and the couple's names. A pink rose centerpiece flanked with crystal candelholders with sage green candles decorated the table. Serving at the table were Heather LeMond of Santa Anna, Julie LeMond of San Angelo, sister-in-laws of the groom and Alesha Seymore of Bangs, aunt of the groom.

Also helping with refreshments were Betty Berry, Donna Bradley, Carolyn Willis, Cathy Hipsher,

Police Report

Santa Anna Chief of Police Carlos Torres has reported that during the month of April there were 37 calls answered by his department.

Cases under investigation include a theft and a criminal mischief complaint.

The victim of a trespassing does not wish to file charges.

A breakdown of calls answered are:

Written warnings 3; family disturbances 9; gas drive-offs 2; wrecks 5; criminal mischiefs 1; harassment 2; trespassing 1; thefts 1; assist motorist 4; welfare concern calls 1; illegal burning in city limits 1; suspicious persons call 1; reckless driving 6; livestock on highway 1; illegal dumping of trash 1; and illegal use of 9-1-1 1;

Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

We are very thankful to report our little community received a small portion of rain during the week. Wasn't a big rain. We did have two different showers that was an inch and each time a small amount more. We all thankful for moisture and to see green grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and family enjoyed Mother's Day with her parents and probably others on Sunday. Mrs. Fitzpatrick's parents live at Rowena. Was a nice day to gather.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Trudi Rutherford and myself attended the 50th celebration for Mr. and Mrs. John and Marie Fulbright of Coleman at the High Rise Apartment in Coleman Sunday afternoon. Also Mr. Loyd Rutherford attended. Was a large crowd and was very nice. We all wish wonderful years together ahead.

Mrs. Ethel Radle reports a quiet weekend and also the past week. Mr. Joe Alvin Wynn of Coleman visited Tuesday. Her son Bob of Fort Worth are called Mother's Day and her daughter Ruth Poldrack of Coleman visited Saturday.

Stephanie, daughter of Mrs. Loyd Rutherford employed in Brownwood was a weekend guest here with her mother Mr. and Mrs. Loyd and Linda Rutherford.

I really had a nice surprise come my way one afternoon the past week. A nice couple rang my door bell and was so good to see Mr. and Mrs. C. W. and Billye Ruth Stephenson. They had other business to care for. Only could stay and chat a short time. Has been so long since I had seen them and so good to see them. They are living at Tuscola. So nice to see them.

Was so nice Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Mitchell of Trickham with her two daughters who were to be with her "Mother's Day". We enjoyed a nice visit together and so nice to see each one. Don't forget I enjoyed the visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Trudi Rutherford and myself visited with Mrs. Joe Grant in Coleman Sunday afternoon.

Delta Omicron Selects Scholarship Recipient

By Pat Vance

The regular monthly meeting of Delta Omicron was held Monday, May 13, at the Coleman County Telephone Cooperative office. The executive board met first.

Meeting was called to order with the opening ritual by Mary B. Pritchard, roll call with 10 members present and reading of minutes of the last meeting.

Unfinished business of community calendars was discussed. New business was the district meeting was the major topic. The district meeting will be held in Santa Anna on June 2.

The recipient of the scholarship was elected and will be revealed at the Santa Anna graduation ceremony.

Refreshments of salads and desserts were brought by each member and enjoyed by all.

Members attending the meeting were Bernidine Watson, Susie Voss, Dorothy Harris, Peggy Hensley, Mary B. Pritchard, Debbie Watson, Patti Musick, Coyita Bowker, Gayle Stewardson and Pat Vance.

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Self Culture Club Honors Local Elementary, Junior High UIL Winners

On Wednesday, May 8, the Self Culture club hosted their annual luncheon honoring elementary and junior high students who placed a first through sixth in UIL academic events. The luncheon, held at First Baptist Church, was attended by 42 students and four teachers.

Decorations were red, white and blue in honor of 150 years of Texas Statehood. A Texas flag, maps and pictures about Texas were on the walls. Table decorations of miniature bales of hay, artificial cactus and bluebonnets were provided by Representative Bob Hunter of Abilene. The Texas Department of Transportation provided a map, bumper stick and literature about Texas for each child and teacher. A Texas style meal of sloppy joe, beans, chips and build your own ice cream sundaes was served.

Elementary students attending were Kelly Voss, Willic Gilbreath, Sarah Powell, Heather Bradley, Jodie Strength, Nathan Nicholas, Jenna Hensley, Jala Rankin, Chris Kershner, Billy Spires, Claire Gibson, Stephen Donham, Tristan Tomme, Alicia Ellis, Jennifer Pelton, Jon Turney, Daena Castillo, Kisha Stenbridge, John Frausto, Tyler Morgan, Kindi

Cloer, Rosemary Gonzales, Kathy Simmons, Amy Gibson, Angel DeLeon, Michele Noriega, Crystal Isbell, Johnny Stout, Sabrina Martin, Harmony Herring and Rainey Bacon.

Junior high students attending were John Smiley, Jesse Castillo, Erika Tijerina, Stuart Gibson, Buffy Martin, Austin Voss, Jessica Powell, Jaci Kuykendall, Chrystal Pelton, Connie Weaver and Tasha Lewis.

Teachers present were Dean Bass, Lee Coffman, Susan Snipes and Cindy Huffman.

After the luncheon a brief business meeting was held. Officers to serve for the next two years were installed. New officers are Gale Brock, president; Cathy Ellis, vice president; and Konjana Weaver, secretary-treasurer. The club meeting day was changed to the second Thursday of the month. The meeting was closed with the reading of the club collect.

Club members attending were Bobbie Benton, Novelle Boylston, Gale Brock, Pat Efrid, Cathy Ellis, Billie Gatlin, Betty Key, Cam Slagle, Alice Anna Spillman, Konjana Weaver and Suzie Bass.

Burgess Weaver Receives U.S. Army Military History Award



ABILENE--CDT SSG Burgess Weaver is presented the Association of the United States Army Military History Award by Maj. Bruce Whittemore, professor of military science at Hardin-Simmons University. Weaver of Santa Anna, member of Hardin-Simmons University's Roughrider Battalion, was presented the Association of the United States Army Military History award at the spring 1996 awards ceremony held April 16 at the Officer's Club at Abilene's Dyess Air Force Base.

Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, MAY 17
Roast beef/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cake and ice cream

MONDAY, MAY 20
Oven fried chicken, white cream gravy, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas and pineapple pudding

FRIDAY, MAY 24
Chicken fried steak, white gravy, green beans, tossed salad and fruit cocktail pudding

FBC To Recognize Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors will be recognized during the Sunday morning worship service at First Baptist Church and presented gifts from the Church. This group includes Brandi Martin, William Loyd and Melanie Smith LeMond of Santa Anna High School; Amber Huggins of Panther Creek High School; and James Jones of San Angelo Central High School.

Following the service, the graduates and their families will be entertained with a buffet lunch in the Christian Life Center.

The graduate recognition is an annual event at the local church.



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Happy Hula Skaters

Happy young hula skaters, second graders Harmony Herring and Jenna Hensley, joined the Funtier Parade.

News staff photo



MONDAY, MAY 20
Breakfast: donuts, orange or apple juice and milk
Lunch: Meat & bean tostados, whole corn, toss salad w/dressing, orange or apple juice, slice peaches w/topping, milk and picante sauce

TUESDAY, MAY 21
Breakfast: Buttered toast, scrambled eggs, fruit, milk and jelly
Lunch: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit and potato salad, orange or apple juice, milk, mustard and dessert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
Breakfast: Biscuits, fruit, milk, sausage gravy and jelly
Lunch: Salisbury steak, vegetables, fruit, hot rolls, milk, steam rice, gravy and ice cream

THURSDAY, MAY 23
Breakfast: Pot luck, fruit and milk
Lunch: Pot luck on meat, veggies, fruit, bread, milk and dessert

FRIDAY, MAY 24
Breakfast: Pot luck, fruit and milk
Lunch: Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, apples, milk, potato chips and cookies

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Thursday, May 16: Junior High Sports Cook-out; Mountaineer Stadium; 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16: Band Concert; High School Auditorium; 7 p.m.

Friday, May 17: Elementary School Field Day; Mountaineer Stadium; 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19: Baccalaureate; High School Auditorium; 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 20: Junior High and High School Awards Programs;

Thursday, May 23: Kindergarten Graduation; School Cafeteria; 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 23: Junior High School Graduation; High School Auditorium; 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24: Elementary School Awards Program; School Cafeteria; 8 a.m.

Friday, May 24: Last Day of School; dismissal time is 12 noon

Friday, May 24: High School Graduation; Mountaineer Stadium; 7:30 p.m.

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White bass are good on small spinners and on crank baits fished along the river and main lake.

Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 20 feet of water around the creeks, rivers and main lake.

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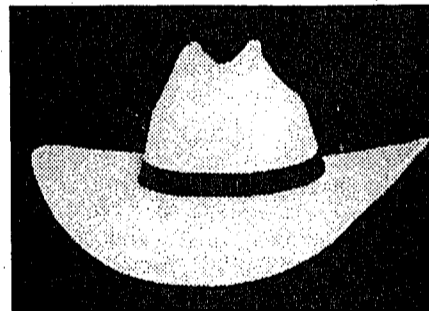
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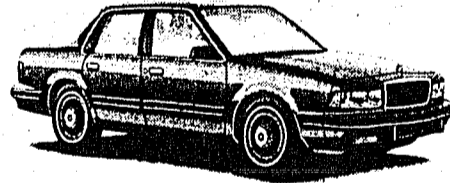
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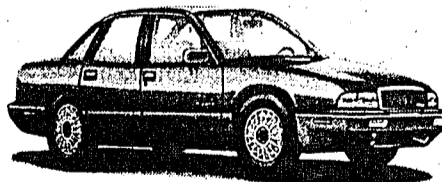
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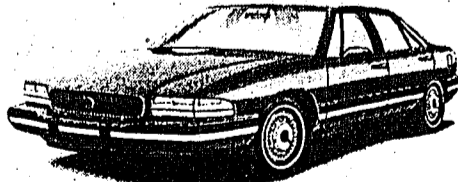
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On An African Safari

By David and Margaret Karthaus

We were up at 6 a.m. the next morning, into the vans by 8:30 and out on another game run. Each van took us to a different place that we had not seen before, plus we could always pass by the better areas from our previous runs. During the second day we saw more cheetahs and leopards and were privileged to watch a herd of about thirty elephants crossing the river. One of the funniest sights that we saw while they were crossing is when a mother elephant pushed her small baby from behind as she climbed up the banks out of the river. More than one elephant seemed to play close to the young to ensure their safety. We spent two nights at Samburu and left early the next day to drive back toward the south.

Samburu was the farthest north that we had gone. We drove back much of the same road as we had driven on while heading north. We were driving toward the Aberdare Country Club where we would eat lunch. On the way, with some urging from David, we stopped by the grave of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the founders of the Boy and Girl Scouts. Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were British subjects, but spent most of their lives in Africa. Much of the development of the Boy Scout program started here in Kenya, a few miles from his final resting place.

Shortly after leaving the grave of Baden-Powells, we stopped at an orchard of coffee trees. We were able to see Kenyan coffee

growing. This might have been more meaningful five or so years ago, but since we haven't drunk coffee for five or so years, we are probably not as excited as a coffee connoisseur would have been.

The Aberdare Country Club was a sight to behold. It was like a beautiful palace in England that was transplanted at the top of a lovely hillside. The formal gardens were really a thing of beauty. I never did see the golf course except at a distance and it looked like it might be a challenge to play through the animals. Everything was strictly British. The lunch was a smorgasbord that you might find anywhere in the English countryside. After luncheon and some mandatory shopping, we gathered our overnight bags and boarded a bus for the Ark. We were only allowed to take an overnight bag in the bus along with our photographic equipment. The rest of our luggage remained with our drivers in the vans. We were bussed about fifteen miles, mostly on unpaved roads to our resting place for the evening, The Ark. The Ark was so named because it looked exactly like our mental picture of what Noah's Ark would have looked like. The same buses would bring us back to meet up with our drivers and luggage tomorrow morning.

Shortly after leaving the main road we started ascending some steep hills through a relatively dense forest. The first stop was to allow us to see a leopard resting on a tree stump next to the road. The next stop was for water buffalo grazing just off the road. The third stop was to allow us to see a family of Colobus monkeys that gathered in a tree next to the road. It was difficult to get pictures from the bus as the roof didn't life off. The fourth and last stop was at the Ark itself.

The Ark is a three or four story hotel built with Noah's Ark in mind. At least it looked like the Hollywood version of the Ark. The rooms were narrow and you had a feeling you were really aboard a sea-going vessel. Every day about the same time, several bus loads are left off at the Ark. The next morning everybody is loaded back on the busses to be returned to the Aberdare Country Club, where they have made arrangements to be picked up. If you want to stay for two nights, the guests must go back to the Country Club, eat lunch and then return. The Ark was built next to a natural salt lick and water hole. From its observation points, some of which are open air and some are behind glass, you are able to observe the animals coming in for a drink of water, a touch of salt or both. It's a very beautiful setting. Our room was equipped with a beautiful window overlooking one side of the water hole. The beds are constructed more like bunks and the heavy wool blankets warned you that it did get cool at night. Each of the beds was equipped with a wool covered hot water bottle placed at bedtime, where your feet would be. We

spent much of the afternoon watching many water buffalo and an elephant visiting the water hole. The elephant spent a lot of time searching for a salt rich outcropping. We had a lovely dinner complete with a delicious soup and a wonderful dessert bar not to mention the many choices for entrees and veggies. About this time we decided that we would have to pace ourselves at meal times or we would never fit into our flying clothes that were waiting for us at Nairobi.

After dinner we sat outside to watch the animals until it got too cold to remain outside. Viewing for much of the evening was very difficult in that a dense fog came in and we had very limited visibility. The whole outside was well lit so that you could watch the animals all night, it was fun watching the animals though the mist and on occasion the fog would lift and you could see everything very clearly. We saw our first white rhinos here at the Ark. Even though Jeanie warned us, we were not prepared to sit up all night. A few of us got tired and went to bed to enjoy our hot water bottles. In each room there was a buzzer and every time the game spotter saw a notable animal, he would signal each room. I do not remember the exact sequence but one buzz was for an elephant, two for a cat and three for a rhino. A few lazy people like David slept with their clothes on so that he could quickly respond to the buzzer's call. For people who cherish their sleep there was a switch that would disconnect the buzzer in your room. Jeanie spent the entire evening wrapped in a blanket in the viewing area. Some people spent the whole night in their room with the bell disconnected. For the convenience of the animal watchers, the bar was open all evening and coffee and tea were always available. Early in the morning a leopard walked by the dining room on his way back to where he would spend the day. Only a few of the hearty souls saw the leopard pass that way in the middle of the night. After a great breakfast, we cleaned up and boarded the bus for our ride back to the Country Club. We got on the first bus because we had an airplane flight scheduled later that morning.

As soon as the vans were packed, we hurried away toward the airport. The drivers drove much faster than they had on any other portion of our ride. The airport was about one hour ride a little east and mostly north of the Aberdare Country Club. The signs on the road pointed to the airport, but as we drove up, all we saw was a windscoop fluttering above the tall grass. Our last flight was on a Boeing 747 and from the looks of our narrow short dirt runway, we were going to fly in something much smaller. We pulled up to the edge of the hangar area except there was no hangar, no waiting room or any other facilities. We got out of the vans, and gathered up all of our luggage and stood in the vacant field. Shortly a twin engine turbo proper came into view and landed on the dirt strip. There were probably

fifty people and their luggage scattered around the airfield in three distinct groups. From the size of the plane no more than one-third of us would fit on this plane. The other two-thirds or more had to wait because there was our plane. We said good-bye to both of our drivers, Abdul and Peter and said we would probably meet them again when we arrived in Nairobi four days from now.

When we found out it was our plane, we each picked up our luggage and carried it to the plane. We think it was the copilot who took our larger pieces of luggage and stored them in the tail of the plane. We then carried our camera and other hand luggage and climbed into the plane. This would be our first flight on Air Kenya. As soon as we were all seated, a ninth person joined us on the plane. He was going to be dropped off at a camp near our destination. The pilot turned around in his seat and told us to fasten our seatbelts and recommended that we leave them engaged for the entire trip. He handed a bowl of hard candy to Cathy and asked her to pass the bowl around. That was as close as we came to having flight attendant service. There were no formalities as the pilot started the engines and taxied to the end of the runway. When he and the copilot-pilot were satisfied that no other plane was landing, they pushed the throttle forward and we started bouncing toward the end of the runway. After a few bounces, we were airborne.

There were no fancy maneuvers. We had taken off heading north and the pilot did a lazy climb as we headed west. Within a few moments we were flying over the Aberdare where we had spent the night at the Ark. The plane climbed to around 11,000 feet but since the altitude at ground level was so high we had a good view of the ground. In

fact, it appeared that we almost touched the last ridge as we left the mountains and headed out over the great plains. From the air we were able to see numerous Masai villages. However, we saw no other buildings and no roads. We could see numerous game trails. One of the major selling points of the trip for David was that we were going to be able to fly over much of the country at a relatively low altitude. We did see quite a few giraffes and many other animals as we flew due west.

After about forty five minutes the engine slowed and we descended onto another airstrip somewhat smaller and less well kept than the one we had taken off from. The pilot made a very smooth landing considering the roughness of the dirt runway. It took just a minute for the other passenger to disembark and soon we were on our way again. We were barely airborne, less than ten minutes, when the pilot started the descent into the Mara Airfield. As we approached the runway we saw what appeared to be animals on the runway. The pilot flew low along the runway making as much noise as possible to scatter the zebras and gazelles off the runway. He made a sharp turn and made another smooth landing on the vacant runway. Air service at most of these fields was limited to daylight hours. However, most of them could outline the runway with lights. We think we would prefer Air Kenya during the day. The scenery is worth watching.

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Holding Congress Accountable

For decades, Congress deliberately avoided any first-hand experience with the consequences of its own rulemaking. Congress carefully exempted itself from a long list of government requirements that every other workplace in the country was expected to meet. Laws and regulations that applied to American businesses and individuals were kept at arm's length by those who set the rules.

Not surprisingly, the American people gradually came to feel that those who governed were distanced from their needs — and from reality. So last year one of the first acts of the new 104th Congress was to change the ground rules. It passed the Congressional Accountability Act, a measure requiring the Senate and the House of Representatives to comply with the same mandates they have imposed on the rest of the country.

This legislation went into effect January 23, 1996. Congress no longer grants itself special treatment — and has ceased to set itself above the law. This, I believe, is the first act in an ongoing drama: Congress meets the real

world. From now on, legislation that regulates the workplace — the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, to name a few — will apply to congressional offices without exception.

One of the reasons I feel so strongly about this long-overdue sea change in government is that I, too, have owned my own small business. I, too, have felt the smothering effect of too many federal regulations. It is high time Congress experience the consequences of the laws it passes. From January 23 forward, congressional staff will work under the same set of rules that applies to the private workplace.

Given the irregular and long working hours involved in committee work and floor debate, this isn't going to be easy. But it hasn't been easy for private employers. That's the whole point of the exercise. Whether rules are good or bad, tough to implement or not, they should be applied across-the-board. If a law or regulation is good for the country as a whole, surely it should apply to government as well as the private sector. Hands-on experience with rules and regulations can be expected to make the rulemakers think twice.

Many of our laws and regulations have cut into this country's productivity, distorting the free market and eroding our competitiveness. Over-regulation has made it more difficult for American manufacturers to export their products, and flooded our court system with lawsuits in the process.

I am optimistic that the long-term impact of the Congressional Accountability Act will be to reduce, drastically, the number of unnecessary and unworkable laws we pass in the future.

Above all, it should bring common sense to the rulemaking process.

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Farmers said the companies would comply with Bomer's order. Bomer has acknowledged that the insurance companies were misinformed by state regulators about how to calculate premiums.

In other news, Bomer adopted a fraud-prevention policy that requires new insurance agents to be fingerprinted and submit to criminal background checks.

Bomer said that every year consumers are defrauded by a few agents who would not have been issued a license if they had disclosed their criminal records to the Texas Department of Insurance. The policy will go into effect this summer.

Statesman.
Greg Welner, an aide to U.S. Sen. Bob Kerry, D-Neb., and Morales' new campaign coordinator, said Morales' desire to remain the decision-maker is not a problem. "Victor has got a winning strategy. There is no need to change a single thing about that."

Morales said he could no longer do all the work that running a statewide campaign requires and will turn over the day-to-day logistics to Welner.

Other Capital Highlights
■ Austin had the biggest increase in violent crime in the nation

from 1994 to 1995 among the 73 cities with a population of at least 200,000, according to the FBI and U.S. census. Violent crimes reported during the period, including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, increased from 3,249 to 4,050, or 24.65 percent.

■ Austin could become the first major city in the United States to require all bicyclists to wear protective helmets under a proposed mandatory helmet law. Thirteen states and many counties and cities have bike helmet laws, but most of those laws only require children to wear helmets, according to the Bicycle Federation of America.

Morales Gets Party Help

Victor Morales, the Democratic nominee for the seat now occupied by Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, said last week he would accept help from party headquarters in Washington, D.C., but he would not take orders from a campaign coordinator.

"The bottom line is that I will still be my own man. No one is going to tell me what to do," Morales told the *Austin American-*

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