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These students will be participating in the Hoop Challenge USA competition Saturday in Waco. Taking part will be from left to right, Kindi Cloer, Jamie Ellerbe, Jeffery Hale and Buffy Martin.

Photo By Carol Herring

Hoopin' It Up In State Competition

Four Santa Anna students have qualified for the Hoop Challenge USA state finals.

Advancing will be Jeffrey Hale, Kindi Cloer, Jamie Ellerbe and Buffy Martin.

The group advanced following regional level competition last Saturday in Brownwood. To advance it was necessary to score at least 60% in shooting baskets. The highest score possible for each shooter is 26.

The local students scored as follows:

Jeffery Hale, 3rd grade, 18 points;
Kindi Cloer, 4th grade, 22 points;

Jamie Ellerbe, 5th grade, 22 points;
Buffy Martin, 7th grade, 21 points.

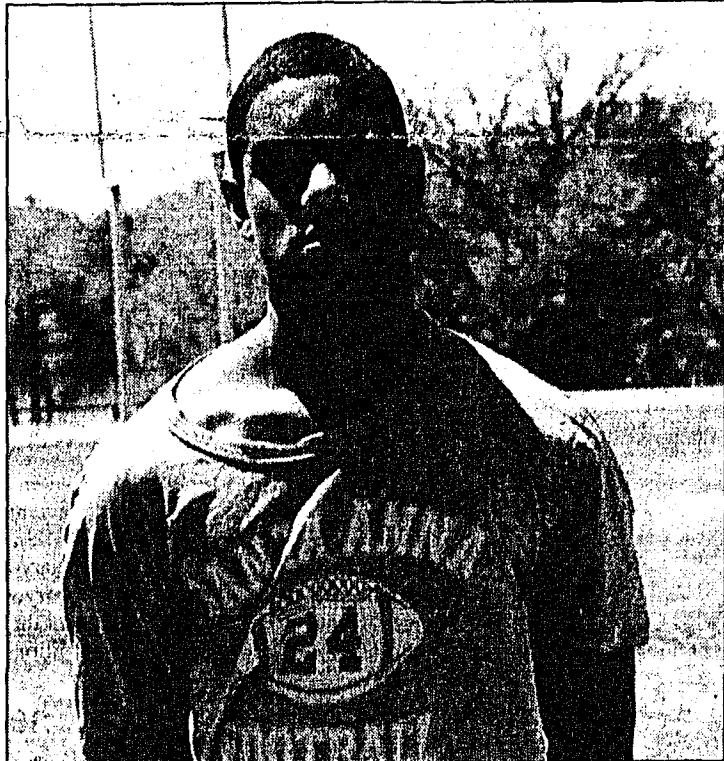
Thanks
For The
Rain!!



Santa Anna received 57/100 of an inch of rain early Monday morning. The rainfall Monday brings the local moisture to date to 4.83 inches. Through March of 1995 rainfall totaled 7-1/2"

These students will be shooting in Waco Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. They have represented their school well and are our athletes of the future.

The first round of competition was held locally on March 30. From the local competition there were 29 students who advanced to semi-regional in Early on April 13.



Otis Woods Advances To Regional Track In Three Events

SAHS senior Otis Woods will be in Abilene on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27 to compete in the regional track meet at the Elmer

Graves Stadium located on the Abilene Christian University campus. Woods advanced from the District 10A meet held in

EVERYTHING SHAPING UP FOR FUNTIER

But Still Needing More Local Participation

The carnival is coming to Santa Anna.

Tri-State Attractions will be coming to Santa Anna's *Funtier Days* celebration May 1-5. The carnival will set up and running for your enjoyment.

On Friday, May 3, from 2 to 6 p.m., the Wellness Center will sponsor a Community Health Fair in the downtown area. Included will be free blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar checks. There will also be a blood mobile so you can donate blood.

While the Health Fair is going on, downtown stores will be having sidewalk sales. Bargains and free health checks.....can't beat a deal like that!

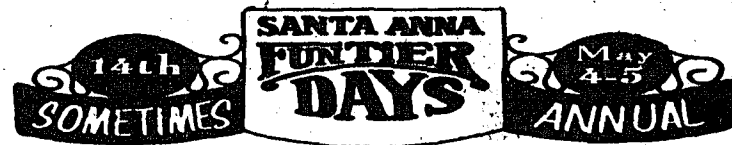
Funtier Saturday, May 4, is shaping up to be full of all sorts of fun. New Funtier activities announced this week include a car show by the Bondo Buddies; a drug dog whose owner will help the dog put on demonstrations of searching out drugs throughout the park area, the Flutter Wheel square dancers and Calico Cloggers; a home health service offering blood pressure checks; an ambulance display, and country bands playing now and then throughout the day.

Saturday morning the parade will kick off at 10 a.m. leaving from Fourth Street and Wallis and traveling along the route to Funtier Square to start the big celebration of fun and games.

During the parade you will see Santa Anna's "Most Wanted", caged up like "common criminals", on a float. They are hoping you will want to see them out of jail badly enough to anti up a little cash to bail them out. (All bail money going to the Chamber of Commerce).

Stephenville recently with a first in the 100m with a time of 11.2; second in the 200m with a time of 23.3; and second in the long jump with a jump of 19 feet 1-1/4 inches. Last weekend he participated in the Regional Qualifiers Meet in Wall and received a fifth in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet 4 inches.

Others placing in district but not advancing were Josh Lewis with a 5th in the long jump, 18' 7" and 5th in the triple jump, 40' 3-1/2". David Almgren placed fifth in the JV 400m.



IRA Pump and Supply, with help from several individuals, has furnished materials for the jail and Kendall Craig has done the welding construction work.

Parade entries are still being sought. Contact Tex Wright at the Chamber office, 348-3535.

Vendors confirmed at this time will include a gun collection, grist mill, antiques and collectables, Avon bottles, all kinds of crafts (including Indian crafts), jewelry, picture tee shirts, sun glasses, ceramics, a book sale by the elementary library, and a variety of food booths.

A miniature train will take the youngsters for a ride through Funtier Square.

Fun and games planned by various local groups will include a dunkin' booth, water polo, seed spitting contest, jalapeno eating contest, hog calling, plant walk, a

homemade ice cream freeze-off and a pie baking contest.

Contact Mary Ann Hartman for entering the ice cream freeze-off and Barbara Kingsbery for the pie baking contest.

Although Funtier Day plans are really shaping up, more local participation is needed. Local groups are encouraged to take part by sponsoring an activity. Some suggestions for activities for groups to sponsor are dominoes, ring toss, cake walk, tug of war, horse shoes, washer throw, car bashing, bingo, petting zoo, arm wrestling. Call Tex Wright at 348-3535 for information on getting involved.

On Sunday there will be a community-wide worship service at Funtier Square. Lunch will be available following the service.

You will want to join in the community-wide gospel singing at the park bandstand during Sunday afternoon.

Prayer In The Park!

Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 12:20 p.m. the Santa Anna Ministerial Alliance will celebrate the National Day of Prayer in Memorial Park.

This is open to everyone who wishes to join together to pray for our town, county, state and nation.

Every Christian knows that prayer is their duty in bringing God's Blessings to the nation and it's leaders. This is the time to come together in asking God's

direction and guidance for ourselves and our leaders.

Jesus himself said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am also."

Please come and be a part of the solution to the problems that face us each and every day. PRAYER IS THE ANSWER!

See you on Thursday, May 2 at 12:20 p.m. in Memorial Park in Santa Anna.

Cleveland Cemetery Association Meets Saturday

The 34th annual meeting of the Cleveland Cemetery Association will be Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10 a.m. in the former Cleveland Methodist Church building.

Current officers are S. D. Cupps,

president; Joe L. Wallace, 1st vice president; James Ford, 2nd vice president; and Juanita Naron, secretary-treasurer.

Everyone is invited and urged to attend this meeting for business and visitation.

Get Ready To Start The Cranks, Freeze-Off Time Is Nearly Here

Does it take an unusual or exotic ice cream to win the Ice Cream Freeze Off? No, just ask Dennis Absher of Santa Anna. He won the Freeze-Off last year with his delicious homemade peach ice cream. Your recipe might be just the one

to catch the judge's attention.

The Ice Cream Freeze-Off will be held in the Armory next to the kitchen. Participants may bring their freezers, etc. in through the kitchen door on the south side of

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— THANKSGIVING IN APRIL — YES, BUT ONLY IN TEXAS —

EL PASO — "If Thanksgiving Day is a Sunday in April, then this must be Texas. (Wall Street Journal, April 28, 1989) If you're now thoroughly confused about where the 1st Thanksgiving really took place, the following story should explain;

The Story of the First Thanksgiving

Pilgrims, Plymouth Rock, Indians, turkey & well, yes, there were Indians, but the first Thanksgiving was held almost a quarter century before the pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock...and it happened in El Paso, Texas.

Don Juan de Oñate, the son of a noble Spanish family and whose wife was the granddaughter of Cortez and the great-granddaughter of Montezuma, led the first major colonization effort into what is now the United States. He began this momentous journey in January, 1598, nearly a quarter of a century before the Mayflower sailed from England.

Over 400 brave and courageous men, 130 of whom had their families with them, made up the expedition. Several Franciscan monks also traveled with the colonizers. All of their possessions were packed into 85 ox-drawn, wooden-wheeled wagons and carts. Over 7,000 horses, oxen, sheep, goats, and cattle joined the group to form a four-mile long procession through the desert!

These colonists began their journey from Santa Barbara, south of Chihuahua, Mexico, and carved a new and shorter trail through the desert north to El Paso. (previous explorers had followed the Rio Concho to its junction with the Rio Grande, thence followed the Rio Grande toward present day El Paso.)

After plodding through the tortuous desert for more than four months, often forced to eat roots and berries, drink water from the occasional water holes or from cactus and other plants, these weary and ragged pathfinders arrived at the banks of the Rio Grande on April 20, 1598.

What a sight it was! A beautiful river, replete with fish below and ducks and geese above. "They drank and drank again, finally laying their waterlogged bodies beside the stream like foul wretches stretched upon some tavern floor. (Villagra, History of Mexico, written between 1598 & 1610, published in 1611) For ten days they swam in the deep cool waters of the Rio Grande, rested in the shade of the giant cottonwoods, hunted, fished and ate as they had not eaten in months. Then, on April 20, Don Juan ordered all to put on their best clothing and to gather for a feast of thanksgiving. He memorialized the occasion with a proclamation (La Toma) that claimed the land for the King of Spain. This "La Toma is one of the great

historical events of North American history, comparable to the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth. A play, the first in America, was written and presented and everyone ate and drank and gave thanks for the welcome bounty.

The day after the feast the colonizers began their journey toward a new life. It took them four days to arrive at the Rio Grande crossing, near what is now downtown El Paso, and another four months to reach their final destination north of present-day Santa Fe.

Eight years ago, the El Paso Mission Trail Association, Inc., began a tradition of celebrating the memory of that historic day. This tradition has turned into a three-day event that now includes festivals, parades, armed cavalry battalions, entertainment and much, much more in Socorro, San Elizario and Ysleta as well as El Paso. The culmination of this event is the re-enactment of the colonists' arrival on the banks of the Rio Grande. Set against the grassy slopes of the Chamizal National Memorial, this re-enactment comes to life before the eyes of hundreds as the conquistadors, peasants, monks and fancy ladies appear in full period costume. Horses, sheep, wooden carts, chickens and doves lend the finishing touch to this historical re-creation.

In 1989, the El Paso Mission Trail Association produced the 1st annual *First Thanksgiving Festival*.

As part of the festivities, a re-enactment of the Oñate's arrival at the banks of the Rio Grande was presented. Over seventy volunteers dressed as conquistadors, soldiers, Franciscans, ladies and children of that age, along with wooden carts, horses, sheep, and chickens participated in this unique event. This re-enactment, and its proven claim to be the 1st Thanksgiving in America, won wide international news coverage.

The following year, as part of the First Thanksgiving event, the conquistadors traveled to Plymouth where they were "arrested and charged with blasphemy and spreading malicious lies and rumors".

In 1991, Plymouth sent a delegation of Pilgrims to El Paso. Their sheriff later came with a Writ of Extradition from then Governor Weld of Massachusetts to force the conquistadors back to Plymouth to complete their trial. For the 400th anniversary of the event in 1998, The Mission Trail Association is trying to arrange for Governor Bush of Texas, along with an escort of mounted conquistadors, to ride up to the steps of the State House in Boston to confront the Governor and demand restitution for the harassment of the El Paso conquistadors when they were put on trial in Massachusetts.

The 1996 three-day event in El Paso celebrating the *First Thanksgiving* is slated for Friday through Sunday, April 26-28.

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People Including Pauline Eubank

Library Book Sale To Be Held During Funtier Weekend

The Santa Anna Library located in downtown Santa Anna will be holding a book sale during Funtier Weekend. The sale will begin Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the day until 5:30 p.m. Saturday morning the sale will open at 9 a.m., close for the parade and reopen until 5 p.m.

Money raised will be used to meet on-going expenses of the library. Upcoming expenses include the repair of the copy machine, cost of supplies and prizes for the summer reading program.

Books to be sold are older books removed from the shelves to make room for new books and books donated to the library which were not needed. There are a number of almost new current books that library has several copies of. Books will be available on all subjects including paper back westerns and some children's books.

Prices will be very reasonable with ten cents for paperbacks, a quarter for older hardbacks and half-dollar for almost new hardbacks.

Everything will be half price after noon on Saturday.

Everyone is encouraged to come Friday or Saturday to get some good reading material.



Five Generations Of McDonald Family Gather

Bessie McDonald is pictured above with five generations of her family who recently visited here with the newest addition to the family. Pictured with Mrs. McDonald are top row, Oma Dean Horner, great-grandmother; Linda Simmons, grandmother; and front row, Mrs. McDonald, great-great-grandmother; James McDonald, son who is holding his newborn son Dalton James Simmons.

Self Culture Club Elects Officers For 1996-97 Year

Contributed
The Self Culture Club met Wednesday, April 10 at 3 p.m. in the home of Suzie Bass. Long-time members remember meeting in this historic home many times with Mrs. Bruce as hostess. Everyone enjoyed the beautifully decorated home and the beautiful antiques.

The business meeting was opened with the reading of the club collect lead by president Cam Slagle. Cathy Ellis called roll, read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. New officers were elected. Officers for the next two years will be Gale Brock, president; Cathy Ellis, vice president; and Konjana Weaver, secretary-treasurer. Officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Plans were made for the annual luncheon honoring elementary UIL winners. This year's luncheon which will celebrate Texas—its past and its future—will be held on Wednesday, May 8.

The program was presented by Gary Absher and the exchange students. Absher talked about the exchange student program. Exchange students Juliette van der Velde of The Netherlands, Kate White of England, Lina Persson and Johanna Svensson of Sweden talked about their homes and schools and their impressions of Santa Anna. They also answered questions from club members and guests.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Suzie Bass, Cathy Ellis and Bobbie Benton. This was a very enjoyable meeting with club members and guests reluctant to leave.

Attending the meeting were club members Gladis Barnes, Bobbie Benton, Novelle Boylston, Gale Brock, Cathy Ellis, Billie Gatlin, Bettie Henderson, Betty Key, Cam Slagle, Alice Anna Spillman, Konjana Weaver, Carmilla Baugh and Suzie Bass. Guests were Rose Bass, Addie Bell Sigler, Gary Absher, Juliette van der Velde, Lina Persson, Kate White and Johanna Svensson.



Betty Rolfe's Granddaughter Participates In Twirling Contest

Adriana Hill, granddaughter of Betty Rolfe of Santa Anna, recently participated in the NBTA Twirling Contest at Ropes High School in Ropesville, Texas. A sophomore at Ropes High School and daughter of Ben and Cynthia Hill, she placed 1st in Costume Modeling; 4th in Mini Pageant; 1st in Intermediate Solo; 1st in Intermediate Cross Strut; 2nd in Presentation; and 3rd in Intermediate Pageant. Betty Rolfe and Carmen Rendón, both of Santa Anna attended the contest.

Funtier Day Freeze-Off Continued From Page 1

the Armory. Watch for the exact time of the contest in next week's Santa Anna News.

Tables and electricity will be furnished. The ice cream must be prepared "from scratch" on site. No junkets or pre-mixes may be used. The contestants may have the ingredients already measured up in various containers, ready to be combined to make the ice cream. The ice cream will be judged on taste and texture.

Again this year, Gandy's Dairy is awarding the prizes for the contest; \$50.00 for first place; \$25.00 for second place; and \$10.00 for third place.

There is no entry fee to enter the

Dear Editor

I would like to commend the Girl Scouts for their service to our community. They have aided our Sorority with the March of Dimes drive, Easter baskets for Ranger Park Inn and the Trash pick-up.

Our thanks to them and their leaders for their help to others.
Coyita Bowker
Delta Omicron

Rockwood Community Supper A Success

Contributed
I guess you don't like good food and fellowship, or you would have been at the Rockwood family supper last Saturday night. The nineteen that came had a lot of good eats, visiting and fun. Everyone who comes brings their favorite dish and they are all very good cooks. The desserts are always the best.

We always have out of town guests and they were Joyce Hamby of Arizona; Dana Kay Peixa of New Mexico; Viva Bolton of Odessa; Mrs. Stoney Mueller, Monica and Christopher of San Antonio; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford of Whon.

Homefolks were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Brusenhan, Minnie Bray, Vivian Steward, Vera Faye Wise, Blake Williams and Rose Cooper.

We are always happy to have guests so don't hesitate to come. We play bingo and give a gift to the winners but we can play dominos, 42 or Spinner, if enough people want to.

Just put on your calendar that the third Saturday in each month is Rockwood Family Night.
Hope to see you there.

freeze-off. Contestants are required to donate their freezer of cream to be sold after the contest, with the proceeds going to the Chamber of Commerce.

If you are planning to enter the freeze-off, please contact Mary Ann Hartman at 348-3712 after 4:30 p.m. to insure adequate space.

Come on!!! Dig out that favorite recipe you have had for years...The one that everyone raves about every time you make it...Enjoy the fun and fellowship too!!!

Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

We all in our area are in need of a good rain. So far no moisture on the seed that has been sown.

I really did enjoy a nice visit Sunday afternoon from Maureen Davidson who had moved to Talpa from New Hampshire and is living near her mother at Talpa. I really do appreciate Mrs. Davidson coming to visit with me a short time. A lovely lady.

This Sunday, April 28 the Rutherford Reunion will be held in the Rockwood Community Center. They would really love for all who could to attend. Tea, drinks and bread will be furnished. Bring food and have a nice day visiting together.

Mr. Floyd Morris will be going to Killeen Monday to see his doctor there. We all hope Floyd gets a good report and soon will be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Radle and daughter of Hamilton, Texas visited with Mrs. Ethel Radle in Santa Anna Tuesday afternoon of the past week. Mr. Radle is a cousin of the late Mr. Phillip Radle.

Mrs. Ethel Radle had her daughter Mrs. Ruth Poldrack of Coleman with her on Tuesday and Saturday. Mr. Joe Alvin Wynn of Coleman visited with Mrs. Radle on Wednesday. He has purchased a home in Coleman and we all wish him well.

Monday morning. We are thankful for the nice rain we received in the early morning. My gauge has 1 inch of rain and it has showered a little since I checked the gauge but not much.

We are in hopes all have received a good rain at this time. The looks of the weather hopefully will be more to come.

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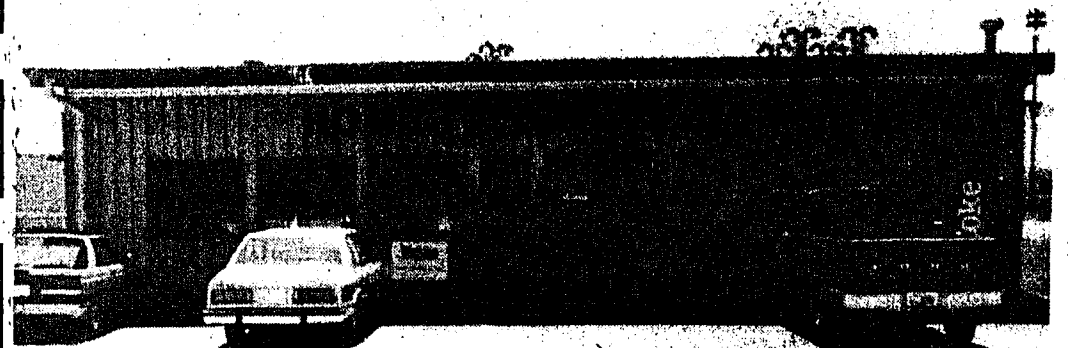


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Down Periscope (PG-13)
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Sat-Sun 1:00 3:10 5:20 7:30 9:40

A Family Thing (PG13)
Fri, Mon-Thurs 4:35 7:05 9:25
Sat & Sun 2:15 4:35 7:05 9:25

James and the Giant Peach (PG)
Fri, Mon-Thurs 5:15 7:15 9:15
Sat/Sun 1:15 3:15 5:15 7:15 9:15



School Menu

Choice of dry cereal, graham crackers, fruit or fruit juice, whole white, lowfat white and lowfat chocolate milk offered daily

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Breakfast: Donuts, fruit and milk
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, seasoned baked potato, english peas, chilled fruit, hot rolls, milk, gravy, catsup and honey

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, fruit, milk and syrup
Lunch: Frito pie w/cheese, toss salad, chilled fruit, apple or orange juice, cornbread, milk, picante sauce, peppers and ranch or french dressing

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Breakfast: Biscuits, fruit, milk, sausage gravy and jelly
Lunch: Bar b que pork patty, pinto beans, potato salad, chilled fruit, apple or orange juice, hot rolls, milk and bar b que sauce or catsup

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Breakfast: Cherry muffins, fruit and milk
Lunch: Taco bowl w/meat and cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, chilled fruit, apple or orange juice, milk, jello, picante sauce and peppers

Oops!!!

The following students were omitted from the list of elementary students who placed recently during the UIL Writing Events held in Lometa:

- Sarah Powell, 3rd, ready writing;
- Nathan Nicholas, 4th, ready writing; and
- Claire Gibson, 6th ready writing.

Nominations Being Accepted For Gifted And Talented Program

Santa Anna Elementary will be taking nominations from parents, teachers and other interested persons for the Gifted and Talented program. Nominations will be accepted beginning April 22 and will end on May 3. Nomination forms may be picked up in the school office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Breakfast: Creamy rice, toast, fruit, milk and jelly
Lunch: Flamebroil burgers, burger salad w/pickles, oven fries, apple or orange juice, milk, cookie, catsup and mustard or mayo

NO CHARGING FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER MAY 1, 1996.



Fishing Lake Ivie

By Durwood Strickland

The lake record for bass was broken again, this time by Greg Dennison of Brownwood, when he hauled in a 12.03 pound fish during the San Angelo Bass Busters Tournament held this past Saturday.

Dennison's catch was worth \$14,000 in cash, which included the bonus for big fish of the hour and other prize monies.

His wasn't the only big bass caught Saturday. Another angler, don't know his name as he wasn't entered in the tournament, officially weighed in a 11.91-pound largemouth.

Other tournament catches included three bass over 10 pounds and five over 8 pounds.

Imagine showing up at a weighing in at a bass tournament in west Texas and finding out your 10-pound bass placed out of the money.

The Big Country Bass Club will host its 11th Annual Open Tournament on May 12 with headquarters here at Concho Park.

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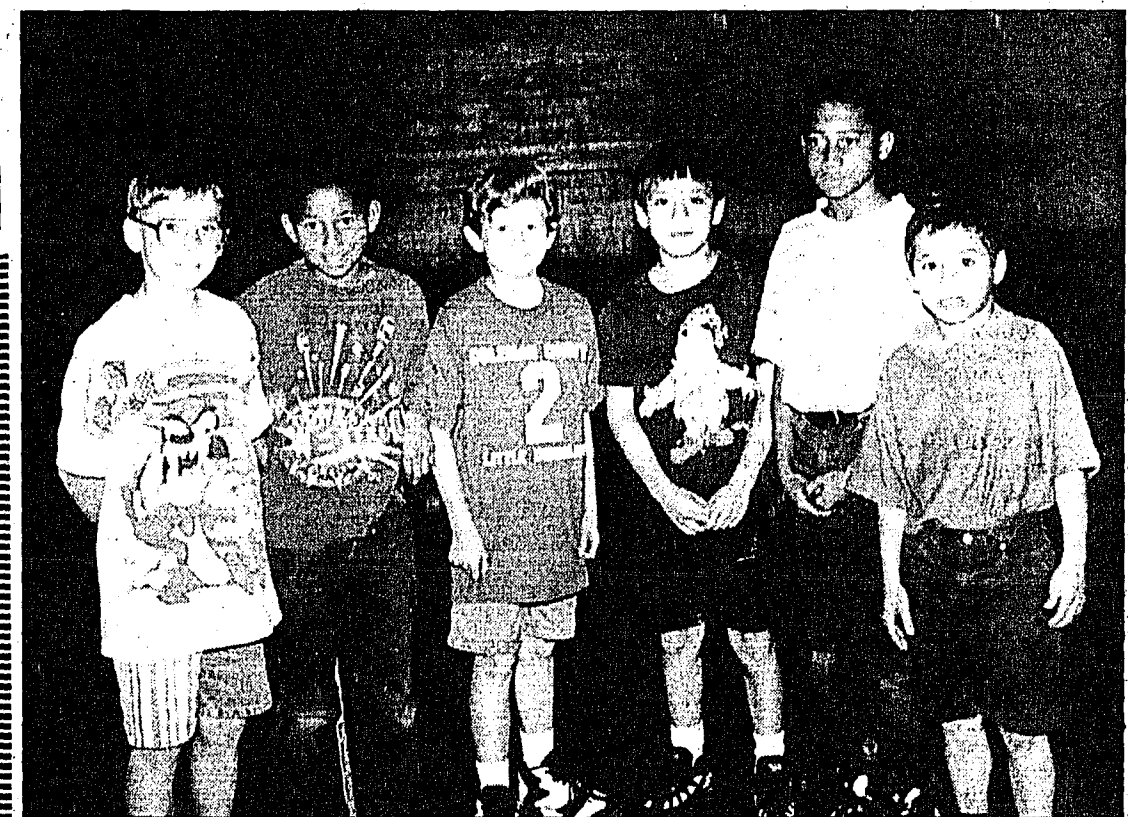
The girls turquoise team was coached by Yvonne Kuykendall with team members Mandy Boyet, Kayla Cloer, Kindi Cloer, Hannah Collins, Lexie DeLeon, Rosemary Gonzales and Montana Salazar.



Members of the girls maroon team were Micah Pritchard, Stacie Rankin, LaShawn McDowell, Angel DeLeon, Christina Enriquez, Crystal Wetsel, Michelle Noriega and Kathy Simmons. The coach was Mike Simmons.



The boys yellow team was coached by Mike Salazar. Team members were Tyler Morgan, Zackery Carter, Julio Bernal, Peyton Johnson, Jeremy McGee and Jaryd Salazar.



Members of the boys blue Little Dribblers team were Jeffery Hale, Laron McCloud, Richard Rankin, John Frausto, Michael Way and Ramiro Guerrero. The team was coached by Laura Frausto.

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West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation Announces Low Rate Mortgage Program

ABILENE--The nonprofit West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation has announced its 1996 mortgage bond program for low and moderate income first time home buyers in the 18-county area of the HFC (the counties of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton). Nearly 200 families in communities throughout West Central Texas will have access to below market interest rates through a bond purchase agreement between the West Central Texas Regional HFC and Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of home mortgage funds. Under the program, eligible home buyers will receive 30-year fixed rate mortgage loans (FHA, VA, RECD or Conventional) at the below market rate of 6.94%.

"We are very pleased about this program to assist first-time home buyer families in our region. This program will enhance low and moderate income housing and economic development in West Central Texas," said James Campbell, president of the Housing Finance Corporation and Director of Economic Development for the City of Brownwood.

"The mortgage bond program includes income limits and residence purchase price limits. Home buyer annual family income cannot exceed \$38,700 for families of one or two persons, and \$44,505 for families of three or more. Maximum home cost under the program of \$59,877 for an existing home, and \$94,716 for a newly constructed home. Higher income and purchase price limits are available in certain targeted areas," Campbell added. "Eligible home buyers cannot have owned a home in the last three years (except for homes in the targeted areas)".

"The agreement between the West Central Texas Regional HFC and

Fannie Mae has produced an attractive mortgage interest rate," said Jack Gallagher, Fannie Mae's vice president for Public Finance. "As an example, this low interest rate would result in approximately a \$45 per month savings in mortgage payments on a \$50,000 loan and a savings of \$54 per month on a \$60,000 mortgage as compared to

current market mortgage rates." The 30-year fixed rate 6.94% mortgage loan interest will be available immediately on a first-come first-served basis until all \$11,250,000 of available funds have been used for mortgage loans. Interested potential home buyers may contact area banks for participating mortgage lenders under the program.

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Heredity is nothing but stored environment. —Luther Burbank
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SCHOOL PICK-UP
Q: What safeguards can I take to make sure that only family members pick up my children from school?
J.H., Temple
A: You should instruct your children to never get in a car with a stranger. Some people believe the schools teach the children this, but this is your responsibility. Make sure your child knows your vehicle, where to meet you, and what to do if someone else is going to pick him or her up; code word is always good to use in these cases. Most schools have monitors that watch children being picked up from school, but they can't watch every child at once. It's always good to have a list filed with your child's school as to who has permission to pick up the child.

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On An African Safari

By David and Margaret Kanthaus

As we approached Nairobi, the sun had already gone down. Since Nairobi is south of the equator, we were arriving here at the early part of their winter season. Being so near the equator, it meant the temperature was only a few degrees cooler than their summer.

Nairobi is a fairly modern, worldly city complete with tall buildings, microwave dishes and lots of traffic. In that Kenya was once a part of the British Empire, English driving rules prevailed.

Before and during breakfast, David go the camcorder working and took some shots of the hotel including the breakfast area and the swimming pool. The outside of the hotel was absolutely beautiful.

After breakfast we went back to our room, finished packing and took our luggage down to the lobby. The porters had already carried our larger bags and packed them in the vans.

The Texas Access and Equity Plan, approved and monitored by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, already had awarded more than \$1.5 million to 1,300 minority students for the 1995-96 school year.

After a brief stay we headed north again and within an hour we came to a large sign which said that we were at the equator!

selling their wares. The most interesting thing about the equator was the demonstration of the Coriolis effect. There was a young African man here who described this phenomena. The young man with a pitcher of water and a funnel walked us about 50' north of the equator.

What happens to the water if it is within 50' of the equator? Does it go clockwise or counter clockwise? It drains straight down without any rotation whatsoever even if you start rotating the water by stirring.



AUSTIN — Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Kenneth Ashworth has decided to scrap the state's minority scholarship program, following the spirit of a March federal court ruling ending the affirmative action enrollment policy at the University of Texas.

"We have to abide by the law, but I don't like it. If the ruling holds and we don't find some way to work around it, Texas will be badly damaged, given the role our program plays in enrolling minorities who will go on to make up so much of the state's 21st century work force," Ashworth said.

The 5th Circuit ruling resulted from a 1992 lawsuit filed by four white students who claimed they were victims of reverse discrimination when the university rejected their law school applications while accepting minorities with lower scores.

Ashworth said his decision does not require approval of the Coordinating Board, and that he will reinstate the minority scholarship program only if the state is granted a

though we had left the last shop less than an hour ago, Margaret was in full force bartering away. David still had his non-descript T-shirt. Margaret had not found any buyers for such a plain T-shirt yet.

As we drove north away from Nairobi the road got rougher and rougher. About an hour north of the equator at the edge of the last little town that we were to go through, the road was unimproved!

stay while the case is under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A stay has been filed with the 5th Circuit by Attorney General Dan Morales.

Former Prison Chief Opens Up
An interview with James A. "Andy" Collins, former executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, will appear on newstands April 25 in the May edition of Texas Monthly magazine, the Austin American Statesman reported.

In the interview, Collins admits he had hoped to go to work for companies that received contracts from the Texas prison system while he was chief. And he criticizes the five-year prison-building program he helped design, saying much of the \$1.5 billion the state invested in new prisons should have been spent on juvenile offender programs.

Under way are state and federal investigations regarding a \$33.7 million contract with VitaPro Foods Inc. that was approved on Collins' watch without competitive bids.

After resigning from the TDCJ in December, Collins took a \$1,000 a day consulting job with VitaPro, triggering conflict of interest accusations against him.

Meanwhile, Collins is off the VitaPro payroll and VitaPro is off the prison menu, but 100 tons of the stuff are sitting in prison warehouses.

Can't Read? Don't Pass 'Em
Texans — 93 percent of us, that is — are against promoting students from third to fourth grade without being able to read, according to a poll conducted by the Texas Federation of Teachers.

John Cole, president of the state's second-largest professional educators' group, said 23 percent of third-graders can't pass third grade reading requirements.

The poll also shows 66 percent of Texans believe students should not be advanced to a higher grade unless they develop the learning skills required at the lower level.

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Snake Oil? No, Emu Oil

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The day began with dismal doubt. A stubborn thing to put to rout; But all my worries flew away When someone smiled at me today.

To Be Continued

Report Signals Insurance Hike
Insurance companies have asked Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer for an 11.3 percent increase in automobile insurance for Texans, but a report written by administrative law judges recommends a 6.3 or 6.4 percent increase.

Drug Laws to Be Examined
It's a puzzle: U.S. Customs allows the importation of certain prescription narcotics, stimulants and sedatives, but in Texas, law enforcement officials arrest people for possessing the same drugs or "controlled substances."

For the last few years, we have been seeing a bird called an Emu raised in our area. Such people as Emmett and Sherrel Matthews who live south of Bangs and own M and M Emu Farm, would like to inform the people of this area what products come from this valuable bird which was imported to Texas from Australia more than a decade ago.

The oil that is taken from the fat of the Emu is being used in a number of ways. The Matthews' stated that the oil has major beneficial properties and has proven its therapeutic value. And no, it's not a snake oil. Laboratory experiments have confirmed that Emu oil is high in LINOLENIC acid, a substance known to ease arthritic pain and that the Polyunsaturated fatty acids or oleic acid found in the oil were responsible for its anti-inflammatory effect on dermal issues.

The Matthews' said that the fact that Emu oil is natural and has the ability to provide relief without any known side effects provides a tremendous advantage over compounded products. The natural oil is non-toxic, anti-bacterial, antimicrobial, and anti-inflammatory. Because of this it is an excellent moisturizer and emollient.

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Currently, approximately 95% of NBA teams, professional football and baseball teams are using Emu oil for sports injuries. The athletes recover more rapidly from muscle strains and bruises. According to information received by the Matthews', when Dallas Cowboy Quarterback Troy Aikman injured his leg in the San Francisco game, he used Emu oil on his leg and played the next Sunday.

Sherrel said, "We are not trying to sell a miracle drug or a snake oil, we just know it works. We believe this may be a way God is helping people get back to nature."

Veterinarians, too, are beginning to realize the therapeutic value of Emu oil in treating wounds, sutures, and muscular strains in animals. They often compound the oil with other medications to promote healing of the tissue, prevent scarring and relieve muscle strain. Dermatological problems and ringworm on small animals seem to respond effectively to treatment with Emu oil.

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