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# Outdoor adventures strengthen baseball star's family ties

When Will Clark goes onto a baseball diamond and steps between the foul lines he takes on the appearance of being an ornery player.

You've probably seen it on television or if you've been to SkyDome to watch him face the Toronto Blue Jays, that icy stare when he's in the batter's box awaiting an offering from a pitcher.

But when the recently acquired 36-year-old St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman exits the ball park for a fishing or hunting expedition, he's like a youngster in a candy store.

That's the side of Clark I got to know

first hand two years ago during his final season with the Texas Rangers. Sharing an opportunity one morning to wet a line at my favorite secluded smallmouth bass haven, Clark was attempting to match wits with a fish he had never had on the end of his line before.

The outing turned out to be a big hit as Clark caught his first smallmouth bass and numerous others. And whenever he returns to Toronto it's something we reminisce about along with other outdoor-related issues.

"I've had a lot of unbelievable times being in the outdoors," acknowledged



Mike Hayakawa

Clark, who, prior to being dealt to the Cardinals, was in Toronto recently as a member of the Baltimore Orioles.

What intrigues Clark foremost about venturing in the outdoors is that no two days are alike. Even if the 14-year major league veteran were to come home without catching a fish or bagging some wild game, he believes that a bad day in the outdoors is better than a good day at the office.

"Everytime you go out the memories differ. Something new happens every day. But my best times being in the outdoors are at dawn, when the animals are just waking up, and at dusk, when everything's going to bed.

"I've never had a bad day being in the outdoors. That's why I like it."

Growing up in New Orleans, Clark picked up the value of what the outdoors had to offer through his father, Will. In fact, Clark revealed the relationship he developed with his father while growing up was reinforced by their time spent in the outdoors.

"I started being my dad's bird boy when I was five years old and I fished with him," he recalled. "I wasn't taught to fire a firearm until I was eight and then it was just a b.b. gun and it just grew from there.

"As I've gotten older I've done a lot of freshwater fishing with my dad and I've gotten into deer hunting with a gun and bow.

"I enjoy spending time with my dad a lot. I just love being in the outdoors."

Since entering the major leagues, Clark acknowledges more of his leisure time is spent hunting. And over the last five years, some of his exploits were viewed on the U.S. cable network ESPN as he co-hosted a weekly outdoors show, Suzuki Outdoors, along with former National Football League stars Bert Jones and Larry Csonka.

In part through the television show, Clark has taken a more active role in outdoor-related issues.

Of most concern to Clark is the pressure the U.S. government has placed on gun manufacturers and those who legally own firearms in an effort to curb violent acts. Like a lot of other avid outdoorsmen, Clark feels the decisionmakers are not in tune with the crux of the matter. Who really gets hurt, he says, are the law-abiding citizens who legitimately own firearms.

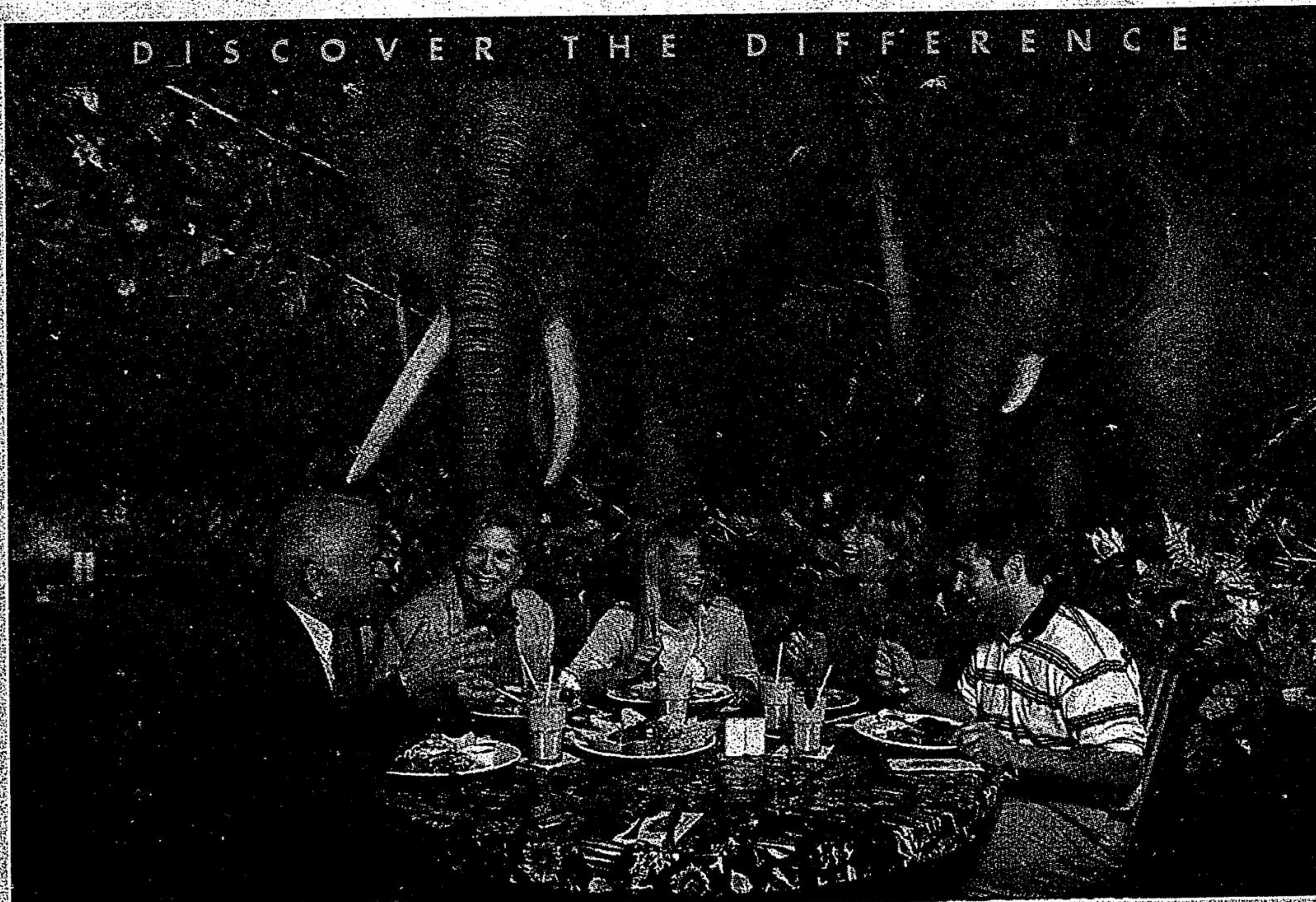
"Guns don't kill people. People kill people," he insists. "For the gun manufacturers to be blamed is wrong. I'm definitely an advocate of the right to bear arms."

Clark also has an interest in youngsters and hopes they will be guaranteed the same opportunities that he had while growing up to have the same privileges to fish or hunt.

Like his father, Clark intends to pass on the values he was taught about the outdoors to his son, Trey, when he is ready to make his debut.

"My son is four and when he's old enough to get out I'll be taking him out."

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