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## Police chief warns of scam Tells public to beware late-night money borrowers

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Dimmitt citizens have big hearts and generous natures - as evidenced by the overwhelming response when a fire destroyed an 18-unit apartment house.

Police Chief Ray Aleman said that's commendable - but now some individuals are preying on that generosity.

"We've been having here in the last two or three weeks, people going around asking for

money," Aleman said.

"Their excuse is they have family members in the hospital and they need gas money or food money.

"None of this is true. They're just scamming to get money from our citizens here."

But here's the problem. Since those people are asking to BORROW the money, there's nothing the district attorney can do. It would be a different matter if contributions were

being sought.

"It's not against the law to let people borrow money," Aleman said.

"The only way the D.A. can take charge is if there's a threat made."

However, there is something the police department can and will do, he said.

"If a citizen is confronted, please call the police department at 647-4545," Aleman said.

"We can verify whether someone is ill or in

need. We welcome those calls from citizens."

The incidents are happening late - usually between midnight and 4 a.m. Don't open your door, he said.

"What we recommend is if you have someone come to your house, knock on your door and if you don't know them, call us," Aleman said.

"We'll answer the call and see if everything is on the up and up."

## No arguing over who's 'Top Dog'

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

You don't have to look far to find the top dog at the Castro County Sheriff's Department.

His name is Robbie and yes, he's canine. But he recently won the "Top Dog" title at the Region 23 U.S. Police Canine Association's seminar and certification, held at Bowie.

Robbie competed against 28 other canines to take the honors. And he won it going away, scoring 198.5 out of a possible 200 points.

The tests require the dogs to perform searches and find specific items.

Robbie, who is a sworn deputy, has a partner - Glen Snitker (someone has to drive the car). And he lives with Snitker. But Robbie is no pet, although if Snitker gives him the word, he's quite gentle.

"He's a working dog," Snitker said. "When we're at home at night, he doesn't get to run and play with the other dogs."

Robbie has been with the department more than seven years and was bought with contributions - and he didn't come cheap. When he was purchased in November of 1996, it cost \$5,500 just to get the Belgian Malinois and have him shipped here from Holland.

Then he was trained at a special school in Louisiana.

"Once he completed his training, I went through a handlers course," Snitker said. "He's a dual purpose dog - he can search for narcotics and he can patrol and protect his handler. We'll send him into a building if we're not sure whether the suspect has fled or not."

Snitker said just the threat of releasing the dog has sometimes caused a suspect to come out of hiding. His bite is so strong that he's broken all his canine teeth during bite training. As a result, his lower two canine teeth are capped with stainless steel. It could be a scary sight for anyone on the wrong side of the law.

The only reward Robbie gets when he obeys Snitker is his "toy" - a 12-inch piece of CVP pipe.

The best part is no one can steal Snitker's signals to Robbie. "I give him all his commands in Dutch," Snitker said.

When Snitker gives a command and Robbie obeys, you can see the dog just quiver with delight because he knows that toys and Snitker's praise await him.



Above, Robbie and his handler Glen Snitker with the trophy for "Top Dog." At right, it may be hard to see, but those canine teeth are stainless steel caps. Robbie broke them off during bite training.



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## Plague reports in Panhandle not uncommon, shouldn't worry CC residents

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Although the bacterium that causes plague has been found in rodents in the Panhandle, there's no reason to panic - just take some simple precautions.

Dr. Zach Smith, who works with Dr. W.J. Hill at the Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic, said it's not uncommon to find this bacterium in the area.

"People need to make sure there are no rats and mice around," he said. "They need to make sure there's no place for them to live. It's the fleas that get on them that carry the disease."

"So if they use an insect repellent that has DEET in it, that should be effective."

Precautions include removing food and shelter sources for rodents around homes, work sites and recreational areas; using safe insecticides to kill fleas around property; and treating pets with long-acting flea control products.

Plague - or as it is more commonly known - bubonic plague can be transferred to humans, where, if not treated, is deadly.

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## RES students receive books from DARSPA

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association distributed 325 books to students at Richardson Elementary on May 10.

Conducting the distribution were Joanne Snider, president of DARSPA, and Mary Jo Brown, second vice president. Those receiving books were students in the Early Childhood, Head Start and Kindergarten classrooms of Kim Hays, Karen Roberson, Katrina Howell, Julia Turner, Rebecca Rodriguez, Jackie Byrnes, Diane Sanders and Pam

Norman. Books were also left with counselor Jennifer Howell to be given to children in other grades at the school. The Children's Book Project began in 1999, sponsored by the Texas Retired Teachers Association. The local unit, DARSPA, is one of many across the state participating. The focus of the project is to provide books to young children and in turn to foster a love for reading which will promote success in school and make better educated

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Mary Jo Brown, in blue, and to her right, Joanne Snider, members of Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association, distribute some of the 325 books that were handed out to students at Richardson Elementary on Monday. These were students in Jackie Byrnes' kindergarten who got the first batch of books on Monday. Books were also given out in Head Start and Early Childhood classrooms.

## Hoelting brings home gold from state UIL

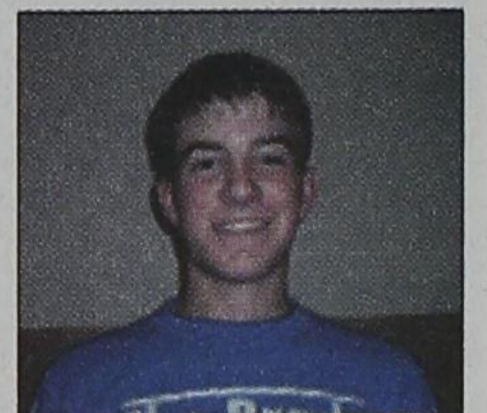
By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Brett Hoelting has a way with words. Last week his proficiency earned him the gold medal at the state UIL contest in headline writing.

"This year was different because I'd never been to state," Hoelting said. "I just took my time and wrote the headlines the way I'd been practicing."

This was his third year to compete.

Each contestant is given six scenarios and asked to write headlines for each.



BRETT HOELTING

One scenario had a school laying off custodians. Hoelting wrote: "School sweeps away custodians."

Not bad by any standards.

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**WEATHER**

	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	84	43	
Wednesday	88	46	
Thursday	91	47	
Friday	89	51	
Saturday	85	55	
Sunday	88	55	40
Monday	87	54	

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## YOUR EYES

METAL FRAMES OFFER DIVERSITY OF BENEFITS

Manufacturers are continually producing eyeglass frames that are made from new forms of metal and have a range of features. For example, titanium eyeglasses have become very popular in recent years, because of their strength and flexibility. Current types of titanium offer even greater durability. Beryllium, a steel-gray metal, provides a lower-cost option. Because it resists corrosion, it is recommended for wearers who have high skin acidity or spend a great deal of time in or around salt water. Beryllium is also very light, strong, and flexible and comes in a wide variety of colors.

Stainless steel frames offer another excellent choice. They are reasonably priced, lightweight and strong. Most of these glasses contain from 10 to 30 percent chromium, which offers an excellent resistance to corrosion, abrasion and heat. Many stainless steel frames are also nickel-free and thus hypoallergenic. Another metal called monel is a mixture of a broad range of metals that makes glasses highly malleable and also corrosion-resistant.

Aluminum frames are lightweight and highly corrosion-resistant. High-end designers most often use this metal, because of the very unique look that is created. One of the newest additions to eye-wear materials is tical, made of titanium, copper and chrome and also nickel-free. This metal may be somewhat thicker than titanium, providing its own special look.



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### BY BOBBY EBERLE

This past week was the week of apologies. Since the pictures were first aired showing abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, Arab nations have been expressing outrage, and those in the media have been clamoring for anyone in the Bush administration to wear sack cloth and beg forgiveness.

Despite the fact that Middle East experts, time and time again, have gone on radio and television programs and explained that citizens of the Arab states, and especially individuals of radical, Islamic terrorist groups, see these apologies as signs of weakness, the media elite continue to demand apologies whenever situations go awry. These apologies do little to ease feelings in the Middle East and lead to anger back home, especially when the words "I'm sorry" seem drawn out by a forced hand.

During the May 5 press briefing at the White House, reporters hammered press secretary Scott McClellan about the prisoner abuse story.

One reporter even asked how President Bush felt about having to make the "moral distinction" between the United States and Saddam Hussein.

That's right - according to some on the left, apparently abuse of some of the prisoners at a prison in Iraq is the equivalent of decades of abuse, torture, rape, mutilation, and murder that Iraqis endured under the

sadistic regime of Saddam Hussein. Because of the "similarities" between these offenses, American leaders must now beg forgiveness from the Arab world so that our "image" may be restored. During Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week, Democratic Sen. Jack Reed said that the image of America in the Arab world will be one of an American dragging an Iraqi prisoner by a leash. "This is a disaster," Reed said. My question to Sen. Reed is this: What do you think the image of America in the Arab world was before this? Uncle Sam eating apple pie? The fact of that matter is that to a large extent, America is hated in the Arab world. For a large part, this is due to our support of Israel. In addition, among the radical Islamic factions, the very way of life of America leads to hatred and resentment.

We could have given every Iraqi prisoner a gold-plated cell, and we'd still be hated.

The fact of the matter is that war is hell, and in that hell, mistakes will be made. Yes, there will likely be mistakes made for which America is sorry, and if apologies are given, they should be given freely by those in leadership as the hearts of those individuals are guided to do so or not. This past week, I received countless e-mails from readers expressing outrage,

dismay, and disappointment at the apologies issued by Sec. Rumsfeld and President Bush about the abuse of prisoners in Iraq. Why the sense of anger? Are these people simply cold-hearted conservatives? Quite the contrary. In fact, from reading the daily feedback, it is obvious to see that these people care deeply about America and are passionate about defending America in the war on terror.

In actuality, their disappointment is two-fold. In one sense, they are enraged that liberals and media elite are clamoring for an apology from President Bush when no one has apologized for the killing of 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001.

When the Middle East expresses "shock" at the treatment of prisoners, their complaints ring hollow when compared to the silence coming from the region following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Second, the apologies conveyed by Bush and Rumsfeld anger those on the right because they feel the apologies were forced - that the left "made them do it."

They do not feel that Bush or Rumsfeld should have apologized.

To a certain extent, the conservative community is right.

By reacting to pressure, the apologies came across as politically motivated.

Worse, by first making public statements, and then issuing apologies later, undue emphasis is placed upon the apologies, and they take on the weight of being apologies for America rather than heartfelt, personal reflections. To differ slightly with the feedback I've been receiving, had I been president of the United States, I too would have apologized. The difference is that my apology would have come during my first public statements about the incident. Prisoners were abused in Iraq.

Does that reflect American values? Of course it doesn't. Am I sorry that it occurred? Of course I am.

And that's what I would have said.

"The pictures of abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison are abhorrent and do not reflect the traditions of America's men and women in uniform, and most certainly do not reflect the values and ideals that all Americans hold dear. I personally am truly sorry these abuses occurred, and the American people can take as fact that I will do everything in my power to see that justice is done." But, I would not stop there, because to do that leaves a wound exposed for enemies to exploit.

"Americans are not perfect. Yet, each day men and women of this great country strive for something better - something better in themselves, and something better out of others.

The American spirit prods us to be the best we can be. Sometimes we fall short, but let the world know that even during times of tribulation, American democracy allows us to solve our problems by respecting individual rights and giving everyone their day in court."

"Let the world also know that we are at war. The hatred in the hearts of terrorists will not subside regardless of what we say. From the first World Trade Center bombing in 1993, to the embassy bombing in 1998, to the attack on the U.S. Cole in 2000, to the horrors of Sept. 11, these terrorists have shown that they do not respect the spoken word but only the drawn sword.

They will continue their acts until freedom-loving countries either relent or join together for the sake of future generations.

America will never relent. America will fight, and America will win the war on terror."

I believe that America is blessed by God for greatness in society.

If America owes anyone an apology, it is to Him for falling short of what we can do.

To those still clamoring for more apologies, I'll send mine when bin Laden sends his.

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Bobby Eberle is President and CEO of GOPUSA.

## WORD SALSA

by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. *Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.*

### EMPLOYMENT

**ENGLISH**  
ACCOUNTANT  
ARTIST  
ATTORNEY  
BAKER  
BANKER  
BUTCHER  
DESIGNER  
FARMER  
PHOTOGRAPHER  
PHYSICIAN  
TEACHER  
WRITER

**SPANISH**  
CONTADOR  
ARTISTA  
ABOGADO  
PANADERO  
BANQUERO  
CARNICERO  
DISEÑADOR  
AGRICULTOR  
FOTÓGRAFO  
MÉDICO  
MAESTRO  
ESCRITOR

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I R Z N S T P C R V R H N S R  
D I B J I E N O K A I O G C N  
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S P H O T O G R A P H E R W O  
I Z A B U T C H E R E K N A B  
D Y E N R O T T A T S I T R A

### ACROSS

- TXism: "get to brass tacks"
- song: "Texas When \_\_\_"
- TX Roddenberry
- Texan or Cowboy objective (abbr.)
- Dallas city hall architect: I.M. \_\_\_
- purse held while sitting? (2 wds.)
- flowerless plant
- SMU's Raymond Berry played for \_\_\_ Colts
- roped
- flax plant thread
- TX Charley Pride's "Where Do \_\_\_ Memory"
- TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_ the Lonely"
- first-born
- Conway Twitty's "After the \_\_\_ Gone"
- this Field was once Fort Worth airport
- this "Teddy" trained his "Rough Riders" in TX (init.)
- TXism: "more than you \_\_\_ stick at"
- TXism: "useless as panty \_\_\_ to a pig"
- TX bullriding champ Don
- TXism: "thing \_\_\_ (gadget)"
- TXism: "gentle as a horse on \_\_\_ -round"
- TXism: "couldn't find an egg under a sitting \_\_\_"

### DOWN

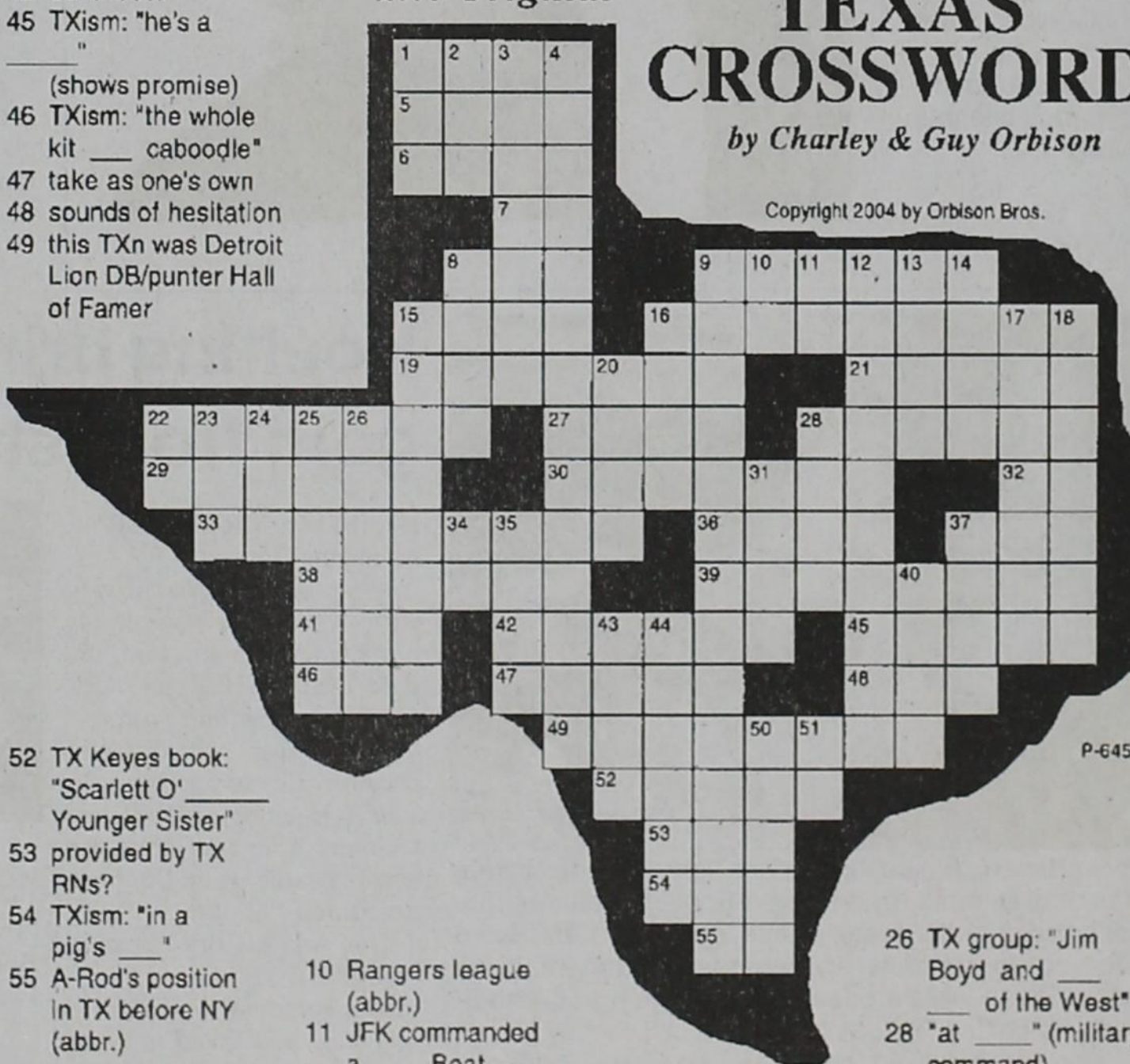
- contribute
- TXism: "he's a \_\_\_" (shows promise)
- TXism: "the whole kit \_\_\_ caboodle"
- take as one's own
- sounds of hesitation
- this TXn was Detroit Lion DB/punter Hall of Famer
- TX Keyes book: "Scarlett O' \_\_\_ Younger Sister"
- provided by TX RNs?
- TXism: "in a pig's \_\_\_"
- A-Rod's position in TX before NY (abbr.)
- TXism: "don't \_\_\_ your own grave"
- TX Roy film: "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- in Runnels Co. on hwy. 83
- Conway Twitty's "Somebody's \_\_\_"
- TX fruit tree
- UT has original of "\_\_\_ Lover"

### The Original

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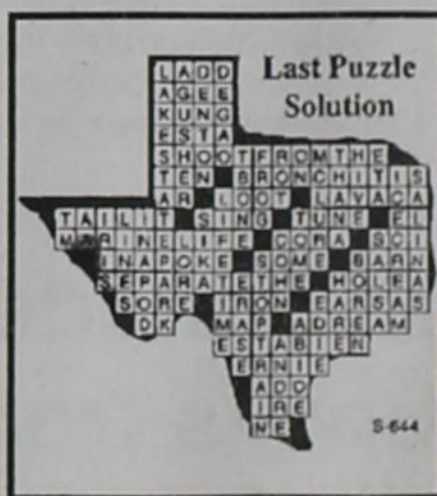
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Answer to 5/17 Word Salsa:

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D I B J I E N O K A I O G C N  
É C F S G L M U H P T R I R I  
M U T Ó B F C N D Ñ E T S I C  
R L G K H L I T F J R S E T E  
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S P H O T O G R A P H E R W O  
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# On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The "Merry Merry Month of May" is not only merry, but very busy. There are school trips, proms, awards and the high school choir had a Talent Competition Night. Five-year-old Camri Knippa, daughter of Kris and Sharla Knippa, sang an old Gene Autry song, "Back in the Saddle, Again." Dressed in cowgirl regalia, she wowed the audience and won the Best Performance Award.

The high school choir director is Elaine Hazel. She is the mother of three talented children. Sam Plays the guitar and John, the drums; Stephanie Hazel is an award winning clarinet player in the DHS band.

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The Women's Ministry Team of the First Baptist Church held its semi-annual ladies meeting recently. This year's program theme was "You Are a Letter From Christ." Missy Schultz of Sudan and Penni Cox of Littlefield led in worship songs and sang duets and solos for entertainment.

The speaker for the night was Eva Hance of Lubbock. Eva is a World War II Holocaust survivor. She is a Christian Jew and her story is very moving. It helps us to remember how blessed we are.

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In the midst of all of the events scheduled for Dimmitt High School Seniors 2004, Jared Griffitt celebrate a

## The Idle American

By Dr. DON NEWBURY

I felt faint! Did I show up at the right time? Was I at the right place?

Speaking to lots of groups over the years, I've given little thought to printed programs. Recently, though, I quickly opened one and confirmed that I was indeed the scheduled keynote speaker. O. A. (Bum) Phillips, longtime coaching icon remembered for his "Luv Ya Blue" years with the Houston Oilers, was already seated on the platform. The Texas Retired Teachers Association's opening annual session in Corpus Christi was about to begin...

My seat was next to his.

There were pleasantries exchanged, and I mustered the courage to ask him why he was there. "I heard retired teachers were having a meeting, and I wanted to come bring them a 'thank-you' for all their hard work," the coaching legend and former educator answered. "They told me to come on, and here I am."

TRTA President Tom Pritchard introduced Coach Phillips. Bum ambled to the lectern, and in about 90 seconds, held the audience spellbound. He offered heartfelt thanks for teaching

"OUR children, MY children..."

"I've been around people that I really, really respect," he continued. "Astronauts, professional football people, owners—really big-time people—but there is no one I respect more than y'all. All I want to do is speak for all the parents and other people in the State of Texas that don't have the opportunity to tell you how much we enjoyed you and appreciate you. Thank y'all."

With a wave of his hat, he found wife Debbie in the crowd, and they drove back to the ranch. They'd been gone from home for just six hours, and they knew before they left that work undone would still be there when they got back. And being past 80 years of age is no excuse...

During those few minutes, it was clear to me how he inspired two teams all the way to the Super Bowl. He's the best at making folks feel good about themselves. The retirees, with worries about health costs and other issues, perked right up.

Bum greased the skids for me! The teachers were so revved up from applauding him, they would have felt

entertained if I had read from the phone book.

Phillips, who finished high school in 1941, has stood for what's right for a spell. After one year in college, he enlisted in the Marines. Wounded in the Pacific, he came home after the war to pursue an education degree at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he lettered two years in football. Then came 13 years of high school coaching, six in the college ranks and 17 in the pros (the last five with the New Orleans Saints)...

Integrity, humility, optimism and encouragement continue to mark a man who hasn't coached in 20 years, but still has "champion" written all over him. He's not bad at passing out compliments, either. Remember what he said about Miami Coach Don Shula? "He can take his's en and beat your'n, and he can take your'n and beat his's en."

John McClain, Houston Chronicle sportswriter, said that at the recent induction of Elvin Bethea into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Bum and Debbie drove up to Waco for the party. "When he walked in, you'd have thought it was the Pope the

way people reacted," McClain said. Bum apologized for not being at Bethea's induction to the Pro Hall in Canton, OH, adding, "I don't fly much any more because my feet get swole up, and I can't get my boots off..."

When I e-mailed Bum, Debbie responded. He doesn't touch a computer. I offered to let them proof my column, but the answer was, "Nah, it'll be fine. We'll be on the road this weekend working with Mike Barber (a former Oiler) and his prison ministry." Bum helps out regularly, talking to the prisoners, often sitting down with them to play dominoes. ("I'm proudest of him for the prison ministry work," Debbie said.) Looks like Barber has himself TWO "free agents" in his circle of volunteers...

The road to Phillips' ranch is hot with traffic. Former See IDLE, Page 11

Everyone is invited to Sunnyside every first Thursday for a meal and worship service. Dress casually and expect a great time.

I hope your Mothers Day was as special as mine. It is always heart-warming to see families together in the worship services and relatives cars parked in front of our neighbors' homes. Then we know the mothers inside are having a special day. The Layne Myatts were hosting Sue Rita's mom and dad, the Gene Kings of Lubbock. The Wesley Smiths were special guests of John and Kelly Smith and children, Kynzee, Courtney and Grayson Robert of Amarillo.

Donna and Bryan Reinart and their children Lana and Adam had a quiet day at home on Mothers Day. Donna's parents, the Donald Schillings went with Dick and Shirley Schacher to Albuquerque to see family members. Bryant's parents - the Leander Reinarts, went to Chicago to visit their daughters, who live there.

Sara Hill and her mother-in-law, Evelyn Hill of Amarillo celebrated throughout the week. On Tuesday, they attended a mother-daughter, sit-down tea at the Park Central Retirement Home in Amarillo. They were entertained by an orchestra and style show.

Friday, they went to Evelyn's church, San Jacinto Methodist to a mother-daughter banquet. On Sunday, W.J. and Sara drove to Amarillo after attending church here and enjoyed a late lunch at the Amarillo Country Club, with Evelyn as their honored guest.

For those of you who didn't have an opportunity to read the Sunday, May 9, 2004, edition of the Amarillo Globe-News, let me share the story of a very special mother who lives right here in Dimmitt.

On the front page, there is a small picture inset of two women and three children. The caption reads, "An Amarillo woman is happy to be like her mother/ID." The headline above the photo reads, "Daughter Mom Foster Kids." One page one of section D, there was a six-inch by nine-inch picture of no other than Rose Woolbright of Dimmitt with her sons, Robert, 7, and Tohme, 9. The explanation under the picture was, "Mom Again. Rose Woolbright of Dimmitt reared two girls, later fostered children and eventually adopted these two boys who came into her home through foster care, Robert and Tohme love playing games at the Buffalo Nickel in Amarillo."

Tangi Woolbright is the daughter of Rose and her husband Robert. Tangi, 24, and single, is already following in her mom's footsteps. She took a 10-week foster parent training course when she was in her early 20s, eager to give needy children a loving home if only for a little while.

A quote from Rose: "We're the lucky ones to get to love someone else's kids other than our own. I think that is what the Lord wants us to do."

A correction from last week's "On The Go." Zach Smith is NOW a veterinarian and works with Dr. W.J. Hill.

## Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, que hicieron esta semana? Hi, what did everyone do this week? I guess everyone has been busy with Cinco De Mayo and Mothers Day. I was kind of disappointed because I didn't get much information, but the little bit I got was great. The only bit of information this week came from Amos Quintero. I hope everyone enjoys it and feels as honored as I did when he brought it to me. He delivered it to my house personally, laminated and labeled with a Purple Heart stamp and an American Flag stamp. Thanks Amos. Here is a bit of what he would like to share with everyone.

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The heart of a soldier came home from Iraq for Easter weekend. Virginia Caballero, a U.S. Army Sergeant, spent a few days at the home of her grandmother Nadine Quintero and her uncle Amos Quintero. She was greeted with a house festively decorated in red, white and blue. Even the cake was decorated in red, white and blue. While the Quinteros visited with Virginia, she shared many stories about what she and other soldiers had experienced while in Iraq. Virginia worked for the Coalition Provisional Authority, which is the new government being established in Iraq. Virginia brought home more than stories to share with her family and friends. She brought back a Purple Heart medal, which she earned when she was shot on June 29, 2003. Virginia was shot in the hip while she and a U.S. Army major were traveling to an airfield in Mosul. A truck filled with men came up behind them and started shooting. Virginia managed to get in the back of the truck they were driving and began to exchange fire. Both Virginia and the major were wounded. Virginia's wound was not too serious, but she was in a lot of pain and still suffers in cold weather. During a past trip to her hometown of Abernathy, Virginia was honored at a Veterans Day ceremony with the declaration of Virginia Caballero Day.

Virginia shared many other stories with her family and showed them different types of currency she had collected. Amos said it was a great honor to have Virginia visit his family. The Quinteros have other family members in the service and would like to remind everyone to keep all service men and women in their prayers.

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Don't forget that a group of students called Youth in Mission from the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church will be in the Castro County area July 11-16. They will be offering their services to individuals in the community who need help with home repair and improvements. If anyone would like more information or wishes to volunteer, please contact the Panhandle Community Service office at 647-3244.

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Please keep the following people in your prayers: Priscilla Rodriguez, Marylou Lumbrera, Diedre Perez, Pedro Gonzalez, Mikayla Nicole Diaz, the Senior class of 2004 and all the troops. Please, if anyone needs prayers, let me know. The power of prayer is greater than any other power in the world.

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Que esta pasando en Dimmitt? What's going on in Dimmitt? I didn't get much this week, but I am sure things are bound to get better. The weather is beautiful, so get out there and make the most of it and then tell me about it.

I hope everyone has a great week. Keep the info coming to [angie79027@hotmail.com](mailto:angie79027@hotmail.com), or 647-0106 or drop it off at Dr. Vandiver's office. Oh yeah, pray for me so I can learn everything at the office before Sara retires in June. I REALLY need prayers! No se queden en el sol mucho porque se vuelven chicharones (don't stay in the sun too long, or you'll burn to a crisp)!

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# People



## Black, Waggoner named U.S. National Award winners

Corrie Black, 17, the daughter of Glen and Kyle Black of Dimmitt and a junior at Dimmitt High School, has been named a United States National Award Winner in English by The United States Achievement Academy.

Her grandparents are Jim and Elsie Black of Hart; Ted and Zetha Collins; and Cheere Collins, all of Dimmitt.

She was nominated for this national award by Cynthia Byers, a teacher at DHS.

Black's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is



**CORRIE BLACK**

published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, counselors, coaches and other qualified sponsors.

Tucker Waggoner, 15, the son of Quint and Patti Waggoner of Dimmitt, has been named a United States National Award Winner in football by The United States Achievement Academy.

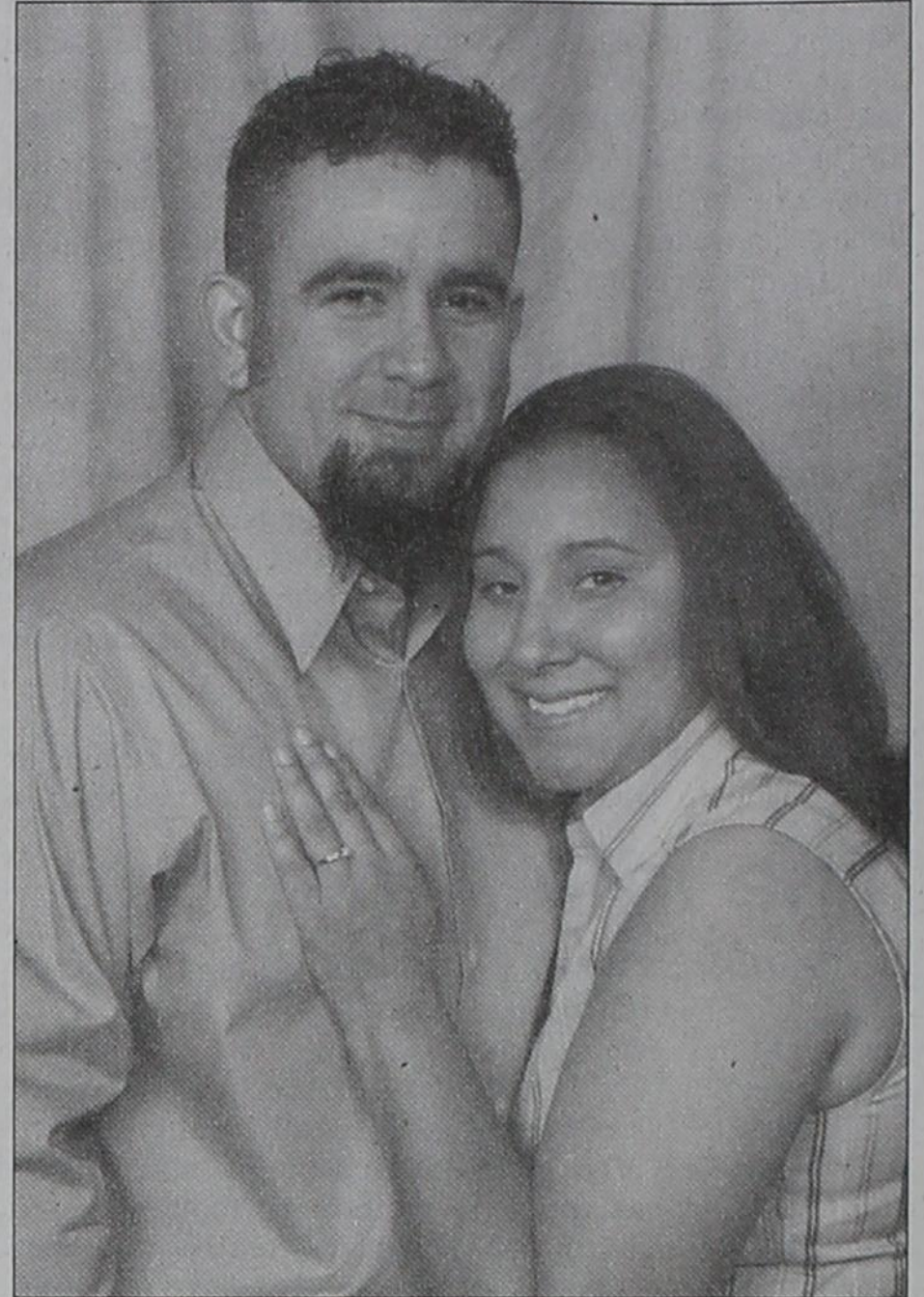
Her grandparents are Buddie and Joy McVey of Sugarland and Winston and Judy Waggoner of Dimmitt. Waggoner, a freshman, was nominated for this national award by his football coach at Nazareth High School, Ricky Peacock.

Waggoner's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.



**TUCKER WAGGONER**

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, counselors, coaches and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.



**Juan Romero and Ruby Ann Rodriguez**

## Rodriguez-Romero

Mary Ann Rodriguez of Hart has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Ruby Ann Rodriguez to Juan Romero, son of Juan and Juana Marin, also of Hart.

The bride-elect is a student at Texas Tech University, majoring in physical therapy.

The prospective groom is employed at Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Plainview.

The wedding is set for 2 p.m., July 17, 2004, at Sacred Heart in Plainview.

## College News

Sally Stahl and Lori Schulte, both former DHS students, were recognized at the awards presentation for the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Texas State University in San Marcos on April 22, 2004.

Stahl received recognition for scholarship in pre-physical therapy with a GPA of 3.25-3.74. She is the daughter of Sue and Richard Stahl.

Schulte was recognized for academic excellence in exercise and sports medicine with a GPA of 3.75 and above. She was recognized as a Mitte Foundation Scholarship recipient. She is the daughter of Beth and Gerald Harder and the late Lester Schulte.

Jessica McGilvray, the daughter of Virgil and Carolyn Wilhelm of Nazareth, graduated from West Texas A&M University on May 8, 2004, with a bachelor of arts degree in general studies. She is a charter member of Students Achieving Great Endeavors, working with Evelyn Rivers Christmas Project, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and other volunteer organizations. McGilvray also served on the WT Student/Alumni Board and was recognized in 2003 with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Pollart/Griese Memorial Scholarship and Alumni Association. She is a 1999 graduate of Nazareth High School.

PLAINVIEW — Cassie Leah Birkenfeld, daughter

of Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth earned a diploma from Wayland Baptist University in commencement ceremonies held May 1.

Birkenfeld received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications and business administration. A former member of the Flying Queens basketball team, Birkenfeld received the Outstanding Student in Telecommunications award at the spring honors chapel. She was also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Amarillo College will award degrees and certificates to more than 1,000 students at commencement ceremonies May 14 at Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum.

Graduates from Dimmitt include the following with the degrees or certificates earned: Associate in science, spring 2004 - **Tonya Arce, Victoria Jimenez and Eric Martinez**; associate in applied science degree, spring 2004 - **Gerald Santiago Barrios, Dora Chavez and Lizabeth Cisneros**; associate in applied science, summer 2004 - **Jose Velo**; and certificate of completion, summer 2004 - **Abel Espinosa, Margarita Machado and Crystal Angelina**.

## Who's New

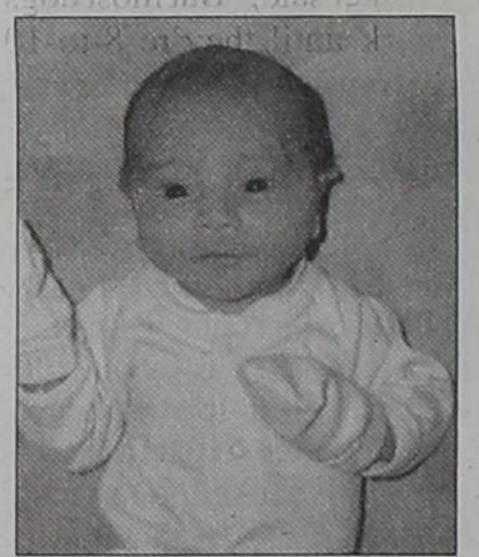
### Ryan Javier Nino

Luis and Crystal Nino of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Ryan Javier Nino, born at 5:15 p.m., April 17, 2004, at BSA in Amarillo. He weighed 6-pounds and was 19-inches long. He has two siblings: Haydin Nino, 5, and Haylie Nino 1½.

Paternal grandparents are John and Felis Nino of Memphis.

Maternal grandparents are Jesse and Elsa Garcia of Dimmitt.

Great-grandparents are Tijerina and Estefana Garcia, Teodoro and Herminia all of Dimmitt.



**RYAN JAVIER NINO**

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# CHURCH NEWS



## For a Good Cause

Members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church sold barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks on the Square on Saturday to raise money for the senior banquet the church has planned for graduating seniors. Left to right are Ruben Olvera, Johnny Leal and Eva Abrego. More than \$600 was raised for the banquets, thanks those who dropped by to buy a meal or just contribute to a good cause.

## ROBBIE

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And when Snitker tells Robbie - in Dutch - that a person is OK, Robbie will lean up against that person and sigh with pleasure if he gets petted.

Now that Robbie is getting a little grey around the edges, Snitker is wondering when he'll have to put him out to pasture. Although that won't be a bad thing for Robbie.

"I couldn't see giving him to someone in his retirement," Snitker said. "But most dogs work until they're 8-to-10 years old. Robbie just turned 11, so he's past due.

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said Robbie's presence gives the bad guys pause when they see him straining on his leash.

"I'm very proud of both of them," Fitzgearld said. "They've both put in a lot of hours training.

"This has been my first experience with canines and it's pretty difficult to understand just how good a canine officer handler and dog is until you see them in

action."

Indeed.

For winning the "Top Dog" trophy, Snitker got a number of gift certificates for canine products. He's thinking of getting an alarm unit that will let him know if the temperature in the patrol car exceeds 91 degrees.

"It's surprising how many police dogs are lost that way," Fitzgearld said, noting that last year, a dog was lost in a neighboring county because the air-conditioning went out in the squad car, although the officer was only inside the building 30 minutes.

It's obvious that Snitker is going to do his best to make sure Robbie makes it to retirement. By the way, Robbie does his building searches, often looking for suspects, sans a flak jacket.

"That was one of the door prizes, but we didn't get it," Snitker said.

But he's grateful for the awards and gift certificates he did get since Robbie eats about 40 pounds of dog food a month.

Another prize was 2,000 free police trading cards. So it won't be long before you'll have Robbie among your other all-stars - like Michael (Jordan), Willie (Mays), Nolan (Ryan).

## God's Grace

It's easy to be like the fellow visiting Las Vegas who called the preacher, wanting to know the hours of the Sunday service. The preacher was impressed. "Most people who come to Las Vegas don't do so to go to church." "Oh, I'm not coming for the church. I'm coming for the gambling and parties and wild women. If I have half as much fun as I intend to, I'll need a church come Sunday morning."

Is that the intent of grace? Is God's goal to promote disobedience? Hardly! "Grace ... teaches us not to live against God, nor to do the evil things the world wants us to do. Instead, that grace teaches us to live now in a wise and right way and in a way that shows we serve God."

We hear all the time about people being "faithful Christians," or "good Christians." The word Christian carries with it the intent of no need for adjectives. The very word Christian implies, by its nature, faith, hope, love, kindness, perseverance and godliness. When we become "new creatures" we become the creature that now serves the Creator. We no longer live for ourselves but it is Christ who lives in us. The



Brett Page

scary thing is: where have you brought Christ today? If Jesus lives in us then what places do we bring Him. "It is by grace you are saved and not by any work, lest any man should boast." Grace is unmerited favor and mercy is not getting what we deserve. But, too many of us abuse this grace and continue doing what we want to do. We forsake the assembling of ourselves together, we do not live the

resurrected life or we have lost our joy and our crown. The Hebrew writer puts it this way, "It is IMPOSSIBLE for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss, they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace." He later will say, "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

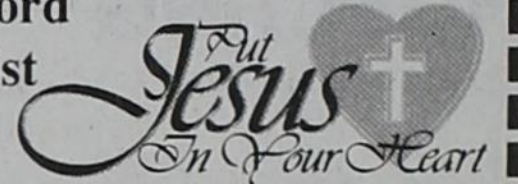
God's grace has released us from selfishness. Why return?

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Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Dimmitt.

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roll, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, french fries, lettuce, macaroni salad, fruit, cookies. Monday: Breakfast - Muffins, cereal. Lunch - Nachos, corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, fruit, dessert. Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage link on a bun, cereal. Lunch - Chalupas, burger and fries, lettuce, corn, fruit, dessert. Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, bread, salad, beans, fruit, dessert. Thursday: French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Beef tacos, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert.

**HART**  
 Friday: Breakfast - Sausage biscuits, cereal. Lunch - Pizza with cheese topping, hot dog on a bun, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, sliced pickles, peaches. Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Corn dogs, burrito, steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced pickles, green beans, peaches, salad, white cake with strawberries. Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, cereal, graham crackers. Lunch - Burrito, corn dogs, pizza, macaroni and cheese, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad. Wednesday: Breakfast - Sausage biscuits, cereal. Lunch - Burritos, ham sandwiches with fries, chicken fajita, fresh fruit, refried beans, salad, Longhorn cookies, strawberries. Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles, cereal, toast. Lunch - Barbecued chicken, corn dogs, baked potato, salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake with glaze.

**NAZARETH**  
 Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on

## HOELTING

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He credits sponsor Brenda Schulte with helping him grab the gold. "She was real good about giving us time to write and practice," he said.

Hoelting isn't just a star in academics.

This spring he had to spend time with baseball practice. He pitches and plays first base.

And last fall, he played varsity basketball, all the

while maintaining a 3.82 GPA.

But he doesn't seem to mind the time it takes. "It was worth it," Hoelting said.

Hoelting, 18, is a senior at and will graduate as Salutatorian of his class on May 21.

He is the son of Keith and Karlene Hoelting. He plans to major in computer engineering at Texas A&M in the fall.

## Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association meets

The 2004 Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention was held April 18-21 in Corpus Christi. Attending from Dimmitt were Barbara Bain and Mary Jo Brown. Mrs. Bain, second vice president of District XVI, and Mrs. Brown, second vice president and president-elect of the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association served as delegates to the Convention. Hosted by TRTA District II, theme for the meeting was "Making Waves by the Sea." A record attendance of 663 delegates and 350 guests was reported. During the business sessions, two proposed bylaws amendments were adopted

and state officers were elected. Leadership training sessions and informational seminars were presented. Keynote speaker was Dr. Don Newbury, a noted author, columnist, speaker and educator. O. A. "Bum" Phillips, former head coach of the Houston Oilers, was also a featured speaker. TRTA membership is now at near 56,000. The local unit, DARSPA, presently has 56 members. Joanne Snider is president and all retired school employees are invited and urged to join the group which meets seven times a year September through May. The organization is a strong voice for the interests of the school retirees of Texas.

## PLAGUE

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"Rodents carrying the fleas also include prairie dogs," Smith said. "We'll see some cats that get it. In dry, arid places, cats can get it. Cases found this time have been in Dallam county and in Midland. Cats in New Mexico have been found with it."

Also, anyone handling an animal that could have plague should wear Because some rodents also carry hantavirus, rodent nests in closed-in areas should be aired out before removal, and any rodent nests and droppings should be wetted-down with a 10 percent bleach-90 percent water solution before removing.

In the middle ages, it killed the populations of whole towns, especially after some officials thought the disease was carried by dogs and had them killed. That's when the deadly fleas look for a new host. Plague in humans can be

effectively treated with antibiotics if detected early. Infection also can occur by breathing in respiratory droplets from a live animal that has the pneumonic form of the illness.

The last recorded human case of plague in Texas was in 1993 in a Kent County resident. An average of 13 human cases a year occur in the United States, according to the Texas Department of Health.

TDH has issued a plague advisory to veterinarians and physicians in the West Texas, Panhandle and South Plains areas of the state and reminds the public to take routine precautions to reduce the chances of being bitten by an infected flea. The public is asked to report large die-offs of rodents to public health officials.

Smith said that West Nile Virus will still be around and urged citizens to clean up the areas that had weeds, as well as old tires that collect water.

That kind of habitat allows those the mosquitos which carry the disease to flourish.

## TSA

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**Jesus Sanchez:** second, recycle grill.

**Jake Ebeling:** firsts in leather bible cover, leather spur.

### SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS Photography

**Kaden Griffitt:** firsts, action/motion B&W, action/motion - digital; seconds, still life - black and white, landscape B&W; landscape - digital, portraits - color (commercially printed); third, marine - color (commercially printed); fourth, special effects - digital.

**Eric Odom:** Best in division for the following: landscape - B&W, marine B&W, marine digital; firsts in still life - B&W, still life - digital, action/motion - B&W; action/motion - commercially printed; landscape - digital, portraits B&W; second, special effects; fourth, portraits - digital.

**Michael Rasor:** Best in division, landscape - digital; firsts, still life - digital, landscape B&W; seconds, still life B&W; portraits - B&W, photo essay; thirds, portraits - digital, special effects - B&W.

**Kalan Steinle:** first, still life - commercially printed; thirds, action/motion - B&W, portraits - B&W; fourth, portraits - commercially printed

**Curtis Thomas:** firsts, action/motion - digital, landscape - digital; thirds, still life - commercially printed, still life - digital.

**Toby Ward:** first, action/motion; second, still life; third, portrait.

**Ross Myatt:** Best in division, action/motion - digital; firsts, still life - digital, landscape - digital.

**Dennis Underwood:** first, still life - digital. **Houston Sutton:** Best in division, action/motion - commercially printed; firsts, marine color - comm., action/motion - digital, special effects B&W, photo essay; seconds, marine B&W, action/motion B&W, portraits - B&W, portraits - digital, special effects commercial print; fourth, portraits - B&W.

**Landon Porsch:** first, portraits - digital, portraits - color (commercially printed); seconds, landscape - commercially printed, marine - color (commercially printed); thirds, marine digital, photo essay.

**Computer graphics:** **Curtis Thomas:** Best in division: computer design multi-color; first, computer design transfer - one color. **Ross Myatt:** firsts, multi-media academic, database, word documents no graphics, word documents with graphics, combined doc., brochure 3-4 fold; seconds, spreadsheet, newsletter; thirds, form, brochure 5-6 fold; fourths, business cards, certificate.

**Eric Odom:** firsts, brochure 1-2 fold, certificate; second, database; thirds, business cards, spreadsheet. **Landon Porsch:** seconds, business cards, student original - black and white, brochure 1-2 fold; fourths, database, spreadsheet. **Dennis Underwood:** firsts, business cards, student original - black and white,

student enhanced - color:

**Michael Rasor:** firsts, brochure 5-6 fold, multi-media academic; seconds, word document no graphics, word documents with graphics, form; third, certificate.

**Houston Sutton:** Best in division, spreadsheet; firsts, student enhanced B&W, form, multi-media technology, newsletter, video capture color, thematic portfolio; seconds, word document with graphics, combined doc., student enhanced color, brochure 3-4 fold, student original - black & white, brochure 5-6 fold; thirds, brochure - 1-2 fold; fourth, word document no graphics.

**Amanda Castaneda:** fourths, greeting card, menu.

**Kaden Griffitt:** first, brochure 1-2 fold; third database.

**Klay Clearman:** first, multi-media technology.

### Wood projects:

**Curtis Thomas:** Best in division, camera; firsts, eagle-scroll, bird feeders - mass.; second, bird feeders.

**Kaden Griffitt:** Best in division, scroll saw - cow skull; second, scroll saw - Indian on horse - mass pro.

**Marcus Herrera:** first, Christ picture.

**Ross Myatt:** Best in division: crosses mass production; seconds, scroll saw horse, night stand.

**Landon Porsch:** Best in division, curio cabinet; firsts, wood car, serving tray, crosses - mass production; second, Bobcat head; third, door handles mass production.

**Jose Silva:** first, clock; second, scroll saw shelf.

**Houston Sutton:** second, coyote; third, TV entertainment center.

**Eric Odom:** first, wood model; second, clipboard; third, desk.

**Jair Marquez:** second, kitchen island.

**Jesus Ortiz:** second, TV stand.

**Dennis Underwood:** first, bed.

### Other projects:

**Amanda Castaneda:** Best in division, smoker; firsts, heart, 2-piece heart, plant holder - 4-hook, plant holder 2-hook; third, yard hook.

**Toby Ward:** seconds, hat rack, coat rack, stand.

**Brad Lane:** Best in division, grill; second, coat rack.

**Roger Hernandez:** first, disk cooker.

**Rocky Navarro:** second, grill.

**Curtis Thomas:** Best in division, go cart; firsts, plastic set pen, wood - flashlight, car model; seconds, pen and pencil set, plastic set letter opener, plastic set keychain; thirds, bone pen, plastic set pencil, wood set pen, wood set letter opener, wood set keychain, lawn bench; fourth, wood set pencil.

**Anthony Lopez:** first, redwood table.

**Jerry Martinez:** second, redwood table.

**Colton Bradley:** Best in division, chest.

**Kalan Steinle:** second, plane model; third, lawn bench.

**Kaden Griffitt:** first, car model.

**Ross Myatt:** first, car model.

**Eric Odom:** second, model car.

**Landon Porsch:** second, truck - Lego.

**Houston Sutton:** firsts; model car, plane model

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## DMS girls compete at district

The Dimmitt seventh- and eighth-grade girls competed at the district track meet recently in Muleshoe.

### Seventh-grade girls:

Viviana Quiroz, 800-meter run, third; 1600-meter run, second.

Brooke Parker, long jump, second; 100-meter hurdles, fourth; 300-meter hurdles, fourth.

Devonee Ortiz, 400-meter dash, sixth.

### Eighth-grade girls

Brittany Allen, discus, sixth.

Whitney Houchin, Lana Reinart, Molly Bradford, Ana Olmos, 400-meter relay, fifth place.

Whitney Houchin, Lana Reinart, Erin Black and Molly Bradford, 800-meter relay, sixth place.

Erin Black, 1600-meter run, sixth.

Molly Bradford, high jump, third; 200-meter run, third.

### DISD Calendar Events

Thursday, May 13

High School - Student Council Meeting - Noon

High School Prom Promise Assembly.

High School - TSA Banquet

Jr. High Boys Tennis @ Muleshoe - 4 p.m.

DMS Talent Show - 2:15 p.m.

Second Grade Field Trip

Head Start & ECE - Palo Duro Canyon

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

DMS Spanish Class Cinco de Mayo Lunch

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Contest

4<sup>th</sup> grade Pride Certified Trip - Wonderland

Friday, May 14

FFA Area Convention

DMS - KATZ - TV Field Trip to Channel 10

Saturday, May 15

FFA Area Convention

Jr./Sr. Prom - Expo. Building

Monday, May 17

Catholic Sr. Banquet - 7 p.m.

DISD Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

First Grade Track Meet - 9 a.m.

Second Grade Track Meet - 1p.m.

Tuesday, May 18

High School - NHS Steak Supper

Third Grade Track Meet - 9 a.m.

Kindergarten Track Meet - 1 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pride Certified Trip - Amarillo

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Elections

Wednesday, May 19

High School - Student Council Meeting - Noon

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Band Concert - 11 a.m. - DMS

Auditorium

RES - Doughnuts for Dads - 7 to 10 a.m.

## DMS TSA students bring home honors

Dimmitt Middle School students recently attended the 2003-04 Texas TSA Regional meet in Lubbock. The students came away with 24 BIDs (best in division); 191 first place awards; 110 second place finishes; 50 third places; and 16 fourths.

### FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

#### Photography:

**Colton Bradley:** firsts in the following: still life, black and white digital; action, black and white digital; motion digital; landscape, black and white digital; landscape, digital; portrait, black and white; special effects black and white; and seconds in special effects, digital; still life digital; portraits, digital;

**Devonee Ortiz:** firsts in the following: still life color, commercial print; and special effects digital; thirds in the following: action/motion; first, marine color, commercial; portraits color commercial print;

**Brooke Parker:** first, portraits color commercial print; seconds in the following - still life color, commercial print; marine color - commercial; special effects.

**Keshia Smith:** firsts in the following: still life color - commercial print; action/motion color commercial print; landscape - color commercial print; landscape - digital; marine color - commercial; portraits color

commercial print; portraits digital; special effects digital; photo essay; second in special effects black/white; and third in still life digital.

**Chase Hatla:** BID, landscape - color commercial print; firsts in the following: still life digital; portrait - black and white; special effects digital; and second in marine color - commercial.

**Molly Bradford:** Best in division - motion digital; firsts in the following: landscape - color commercial; landscape - digital; marine black/white; marine digital; and portrait digital.

#### Computer graphics:

**Devonee Ortiz:** firsts in business cards, multi-media academic, multi-media technology; seconds in screen print - one color, screen print - multi-color; and third in form.

**Keshia Smith:** Best in division, computer design, multi-color; firsts in computer design transfer one color, business cards, certificate, brochure 5-6 fold, multi-media academic, multi-media technology, word procession document - no graphics, word

processing - with graphics, newsletter; seconds in screen print - one color, screen print - multi color, form.

**Molly Bradford:** firsts in business cards, certificate, brochure 1-2 fold, brochure 3-4 fold, database.

**Colton Bradley:** firsts in business cards, brochure 1-2 fold, brochure 5-6 fold, multi-media academic, spreadsheet; seconds in certificate, newsletter.

**Brooke Parker:** firsts in multi-media technology, multi-media academic; second in brochure 3-4 fold; and thirds in certificate, form.

**Jose Silva:** second, greeting card.

**Liz Hill:** first, multi-media technology.

#### Wood projects:

**Colton Bradley:** Best in division, gun rack, bowl; first in scroll saw fish; second in cutting board/helmet TT.

**Molly Bradford:** Best in division, Texas Tech bench; second, cutting board/cat.

**Jake Ebeling:** fourth, cutting board/ helmet seven.

**Keshia Smith:** first, table; third, cutting board/ cross.

**Frankie Castro:** second, coat rack, cutting board/chicken.

**Armando Prieto:** first, two scroll saw horse.

**Talia Vasquez:** first, Christ and Mary.

**Julian Chavez:** Best in division, dominoes.

**Brooke Parker:** second, cutting board/ Texas Tech; third, night stand.

**Ildefonso Ramirez:** first, Venice clock.

**Javier Sanchez:** first, clock

**Roger Hernandez:** first, stool.

**Chance Schilling:** second, gun rack;

**Fernando Fernandez:** first, potato bin.

**John David Gonzales:** first, night stand.

**Alex Lopez:** second, CD cabinet.

**PJ Perez:** third, CD cabinet.

**Erik Porras:** second, CD cabinet.

**Paul Acker:** second, coffee table.

**Michael Cline:** second, TV cabinet.

**Chase Hatla:** second, chest.

**Liz Hill:** second, chest.

**Devonee Ortiz:** first, armoire.

**Jonathan Garza:** first, model car shelf.

**Andrew Larra:** first, model car shelf.

**Victor Silva:** first, model car shelf.

**Michael Luse:** third, Shelf Mass. Pro.

**Carlos Munoz:** first, TV stand.

**Jacob Rodriguez:** second, night stand.

**Javier Ibarra:** first, book case.

**Isac Lopez:** first, TV stand.

**Sam Hazel:** second, TV Entertainment center.

**Thomas Howell:** first, TV cabinet.

**Danny Lopez:** second, storage chest.

**Dustin Venhaus:** second, gun cabinet.

#### Other projects:

**Damian Garcia:** third, grill.

**Anthony Lopez:** second, grill.

**Andrew Larra:** second, grill.

**Isaac Lopez:** third, grill.

**Max Sandoval:** fourth, shelving rack.

**Jose Silva:** Best in district, grill.

**Molly Bradford:** firsts in other- manual perfume pen, other - ornament.

**Curtis Thomas:** second, candle holder - recycle.

**Keshia Smith:** second, recycle box.

**Eric Odom:** seconds in little bird house, big bird house.

**Houston Sutton:** first, Coyotes Mass. Pro.

**Kaden Griffitt:** first, recycled CO2 rocket.

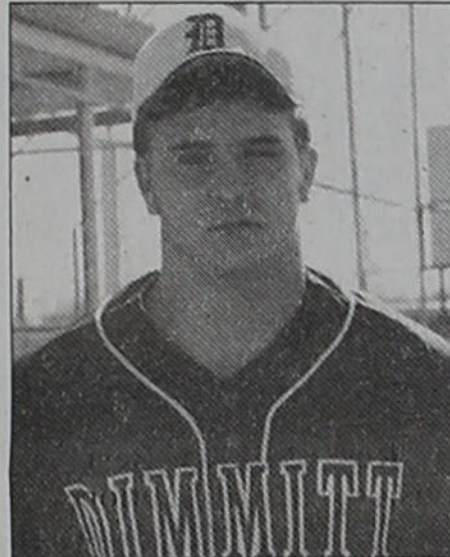
**Colton Bradley:** first, leather; second, recycled deer.

**Jose Ortega:** first, recycle grill.

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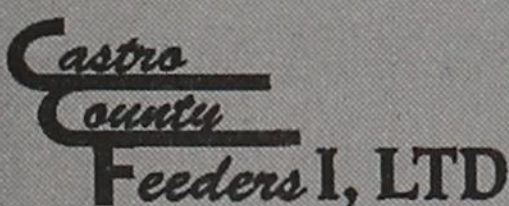
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# Nazareth falls to Ralls

By DAVIE BROWDER  
Managing Editor

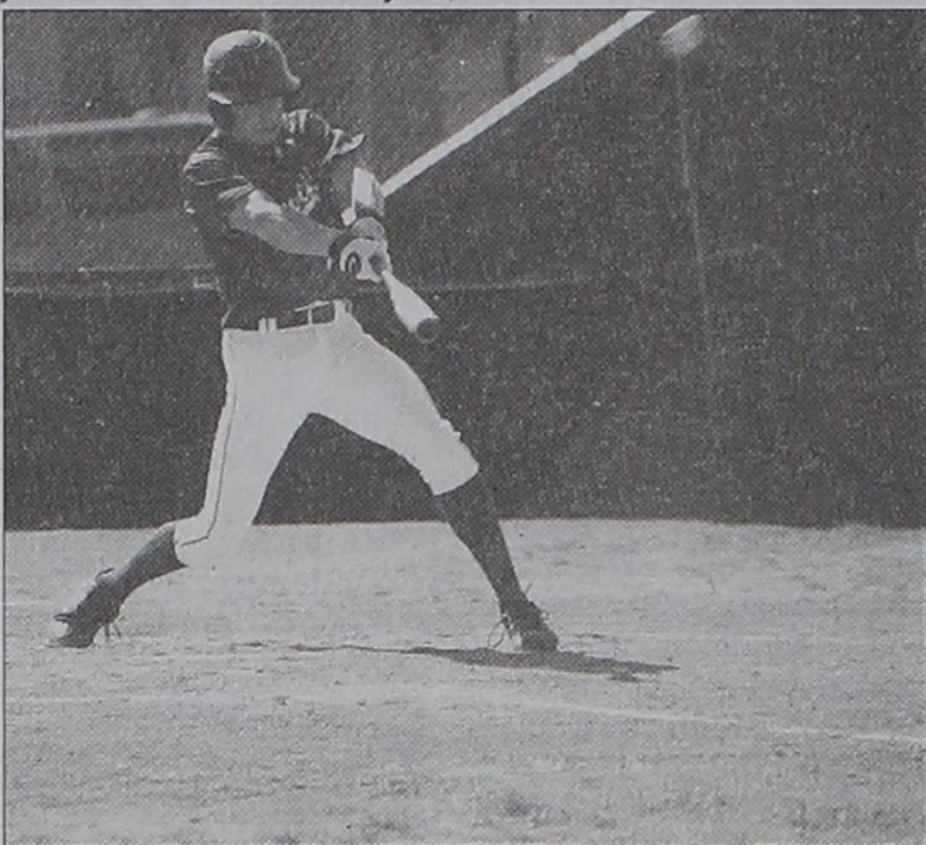
FLOYDADA - For the first two innings, the Swifts played a close game with Ralls, with Ralls leading 2-1. But in the third inning, with two out, and the score 3-1, a grounder that should have been an easy out wasn't. Ralls went on to score seven more runs, putting them up 10-1.

Clifford Gerber scored the first Nazareth run in the scoring inning with a homer.

The Swifts came back in the fourth starting with a double by Garrett Kleman, followed by a double from Jordy Rowland. Both scored, leaving it 10-3. The Swifts scored two more runs from Orin Schulte and Dustin Schulte in the fifth inning, making it 10-5. However, Ralls put the game out of reach in the sixth inning with four more runs, making it 14-5, giving Ralls the district title and leaving Nazareth in second for the first round of playoffs.

"The third inning, we had two outs," said coach Ralph Albracht. "I don't know what happened, but the roof fell in after that."

"Overall, I think we hit good enough. We just made some mental errors."

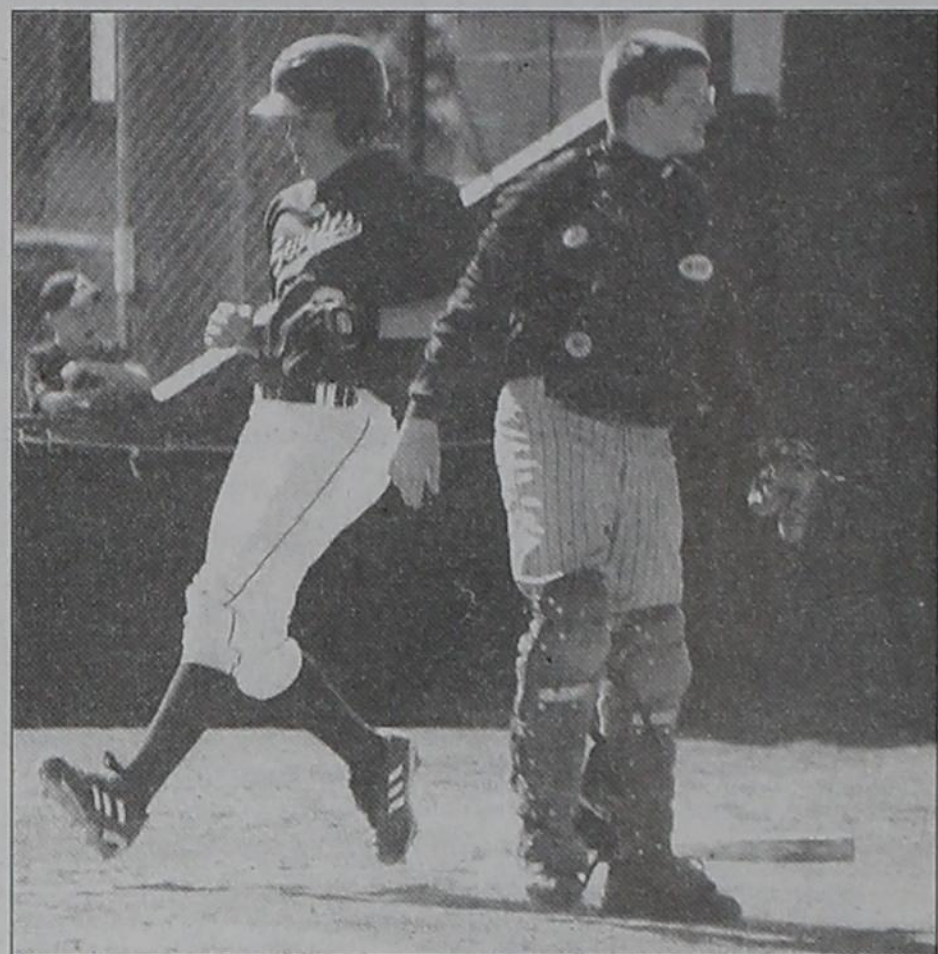


JORDY ROWLAND, top left, hits a double during the fourth inning against Ralls at Floydada. Above, Rowland slides into home, scoring his second RBI of the game.



NAZARETH PITCHER BRETT HOELTING gets the signal from catcher Garrett Kleman during the Swifts' game against Ralls, Friday, May 7.

GARRETT KLEMAN, right, scores a run during the fourth inning against Ralls. Kleman had doubled to get on base and came home on a double by Jordy Rowland.



**The Swifts played Plains on Tuesday, May 11. If they win, they advance in the playoffs and may have a Thursday, May 20. Call the school for more information.**

ORIN SCHULTE, right, scores during the fifth inning against Ralls on Friday.



BRADY SCHULE



BRADLEY GERBER

## Nazareth junior high netters win district

Nazareth's junior high girls won the team championship and Taylor Schulte and Nicky Rowland won the boys' doubles title May 3 in the District 3-A South Zone tennis tournament held at Hart.

Nazareth girls won first, second and third in both singles and doubles.

Kami Rundell defeated teammate Darcy Schulte in girls singles championship match. Danielle Venable won a third-place medal.

In girls doubles, Caitlyn Huseman and Alyssa Braddock won with an 8-3 decision over teammates Brittany Birkenfeld and Tessie Huseman. Two Nazareth teams also battled for third place. Amanda Acker and Kelsey Albracht defeated Kelby Myrick and Bailey Nutt.

Taylor Schulte and Nicky Rowland won the boys doubles championship with an 8-2 decision over Happy's Spradling and Moudy.

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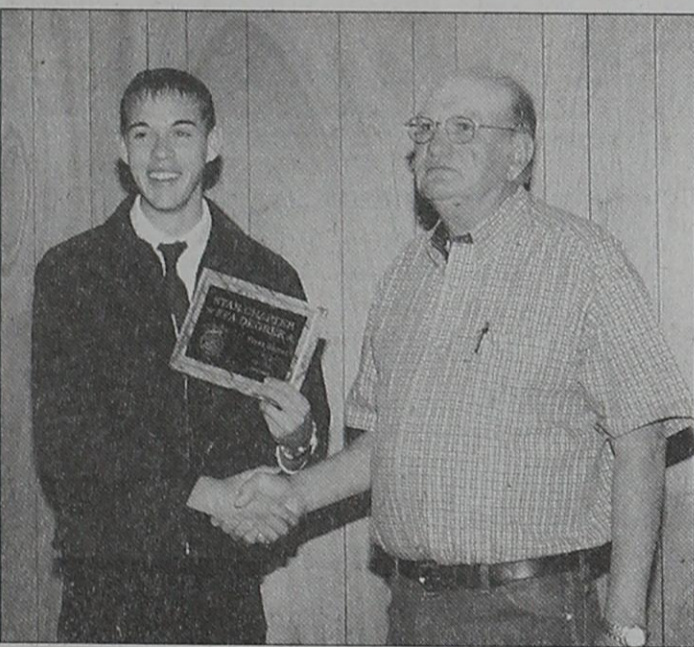


Left to right: Allen Montemayor received the Star Greenhand and outstanding freshman award; Orrin McLain was Outstanding Sophomore; Adrienne Hart was Outstanding Junior; and Eran Castello was Outstanding Senior.



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Front row, left to right: Isaias Ponce, student advisor; Adrienne Hart, secretary; Eran Castillo, sentinel. Back row: Trent Barnes, president; Orrin McLain, treasurer, Jeff Corbitt, vice-president; and D'neise Smith, reporter.



**Star Chapter Award**

FFA advisor Jerry Mathis gives Trent Barnes the Star Chapter Award at the Hart FFA dinner.

**HART FFA BANQUET**

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**Real Estate**



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## JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

### Girls Singles

#### First Round

April Pena def. Gonzales, 8-3; Nichols def. Alisha Womack, 8-3.

#### Quarterfinals

Kami Rundell def. Sanchez, 8-0; Danielle Venable def. Pena, 8-5; Darcy Schulte def. Davis, 8-1.

#### Semifinals

Rundell def. Venable, 8-0; Schulte def. Shackelford, 8-2.

#### Third Place

Venable def. Shackelford, 8-6.  
Finals: Rundell def. Schulte, 8-0.

### Girls Doubles

#### Quarterfinals

Brittany Birkenfeld/Tessie Huseman def. Birchfeld/Swan, 8-1; Amanda Acker/Kelcy Albracht def. Shadden/Voyles, 8-0; Kelby Myrick/Bailey Nutt def. Riley/Estrada, 8-0; Caitlyn Huseman/Alyssa Braddock def. Bradshaw/Shaw/8-0.

#### Semifinals

Birkenfeld/Huseman/def. Acker/Albracht, 8-3; Braddock/Huseman def. Myrick/Nutt, 8-4.

#### Third Place

Acker/Albracht def. Myrick/Nutt, 8-5.

#### Finals

Braddock/Huseman def. Birkenfeld/Huseman, 8-3

### Boys Doubles

#### Quarterfinals

Taylor Schulte/Nicky Rowland def. Eudey/Castellon, 8-0.

#### Semifinals

Schulte-Rowland def. Cleveland/Granados, 8-1; Saenz/Hix def. Kyle Hoelting/Kyle Birkenfeld, 8-3.

#### Finals

Schulte/Rowland def. Moudy/Spradling, 8-2.

# IDLE

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players and others visit often, sometimes riding around the spread in Bum's old '95 ranch truck before bibbing up for a big barbecue. On life's pathway, this icon never crossed a bridge he didn't save. He treats friendships the same way...

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Yep, down deep, he's a teacher. He's glad he was, and so are some 60,000 retired teachers who either heard him "say thanks," or will hear about it second-hand.

Bum was busy signing his name on whatever was put in front of him. I handed him an autographed copy of my book, and out of habit, he started to sign it. Laughing, I told him the book was a gift, warning that if he ever put it down, he wouldn't pick it up... His life is his autograph and those gripping 90-seconds in Corpus Christi provided the exclamation point.

His quote still brings smiles. "If Earl Campbell ain't at the head of the class, it don't take long to call the roll." And that's the way I feel about a class guy nicknamed "Bum" by a little sister who couldn't pronounce "Oail Andrew."

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We said the Pledge of Allegiance twice, including "under God" both times...

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# Empty 'deleted items' folder

It's not just a good idea: it oughta be the law. If you're like most people you delete old e-mails but never empty the 'Deleted Items' folder. When you delete an e-mail it doesn't vanish into thin air, it gets moved to the 'Deleted Items' folder where it sits and collects dust until you empty that folder. So why empty it?

Many viruses will systematically sift through all e-mail messages found in your computer and collect any addresses they find. They then use these addresses to forward themselves. Some viruses even use one of these



Frank Mendoza Jr.  
Computer Solutions

addresses at random to fake the "from" address, that way the person receiving the message can't trace it back to the actual sender thus make it hard to tell who actually sent you a virus. Pretty crafty, huh?

If you frequently receive forwarded e-mails then

you know how many addresses some of these have in the header. Every one of these is a potential address that a virus could pick up. And if you don't have a current anti-virus program on your computer then you could potentially be sending out hundreds of infected e-mails without even knowing it - even if you don't open your e-mail program. Most viruses and worms today have their own e-mail engine that runs silently in the background and can send messages every time you connect to the Internet.

So in order to help prevent the spread of

viruses I urge you to empty out all those old e-mails. If you use Outlook Express just click on *Edit* in the menu and then go down to *Empty 'Deleted Items' Folder* and say goodbye to all that junk. If you would like to have this done automatically you can click on *Tools, Options, Maintenance* and then on *Empty messages from the 'Deleted Items' folder on exit*. So wake the kids and phone the neighbors cause this tip is one that's definitely worth sharing. And don't forget to read my old articles at [www.csdimmitt.com/articles](http://www.csdimmitt.com/articles).

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# Community Calendar

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Hamburgers, chips, a canned drink and a brownie or rice krispie treat will cost \$3 per person. The benefit will be from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m., Thursday, May 20, at VoAg Building at Dimmitt High School.

## Nazareth Yearbook Sale is May 18

The Nazareth Yearbook staff will hold a special ONE DAY yearbook sale on May 18. Yearbooks will cost \$25 per person; checks should be made payable to the Nazareth Yearbook Staff. Students can bring their yearbook forms to school on the morning of May 14, 17 or 18 and a yearbook staff member will pick them up. Parents are asked to put their checks in the attached envelopes and indicate which child they would like the yearbook(s) to be delivered to when

they arrive in August. Parents are also asked to PLEASE date the checks May 18, 2004.

## Benefit for Ethridge set

A benefit supper and dance to help defray the costs for Jennifer Ethridge will be from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m., Saturday, May 15, at VFW Post 8056 in Dimmitt.

All proceeds will go to help defray medical expenses. Jennifer is the wife of Michael Ethridge.

Take outs will be available. Tickets bought in advance are \$8; at the door, \$10. Donations are appreciated. There is also a fund set up for her at First United Bank.

## DHS Band Banquet is May 21

The Dimmitt High School Band will have its annual Band Banquet honoring the graduating seniors on Friday, May 21, at First Baptist Church, Dimmitt. The evening will begin with a free concert at 6:30 p.m., featuring eighth-grade through graduating band students. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. There will also be a dance at the high school band hall from 9 p.m. until midnight. Tickets for both the dinner and the dance are \$10. Tickets for the dance only at \$2. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Contact any of the band officers of call Mr. Morris at 647-3108 for tickets.

## Donuts for Dads at RES

In appreciation of the support of parents this school year, the staff of Richardson Elementary are hosting two breakfasts for moms and dads.

Wednesday, May 12, was "Muffins for Moms" Day. All mothers of RES students are invited to come by the school library between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 19, will be "Donuts for Dad" Day. All fathers of RES students are invited to come by the school library between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. for a special treat.

## Clays to speak at New Beginnings Church

Don and Phyllis Clay of "The Martha Ministry" of Amarillo will speak at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 19, at New Beginnings Church (formerly the Presbyterian Church of Dimmitt), which is across the street from Dimmitt High

School at 1510 Western Circle Drive.  
For more information, call 364-6078.

## Castro Memorial Garden Service

The Castro Memorial Garden Memorial Day Service will be at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 31, at the cemetery. At 10 a.m., two new members will be elected. The public is invited and reminded to bring hoes or whatever is needed to work.

In addition, members will be painting the fence. Donations will be appreciated.

## New eyes for the needy

If you have a pair of glasses that haven't been used, donate them to someone who can use them. Drop them off for Vicki Buckley at Richardson Elementary.

## Rotary Club selling memorial flag contracts

The memorial flag contracts for 2004 are \$30 and are flown at the Castro County Courthouse square on eight occasions during the year. A list of memorials are published in the Castro County News on Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. Funds made from this project are used to provide college scholarships for Dimmitt High School graduates.

Anyone wishing to purchase a flag contract in honor or memory of someone should contact Trish Elliott at 647-4624. Leave a message if there's no answer.

## 'Hidden Treasure' on exhibit in Nazareth

NAZARETH- "Hidden Treasure", is an exhibit of local artwork on display at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. The exhibit features more than 30 artworks in different mediums: oil, acrylic, goldleaf, and watercolor painting, plus metal work, quilts, photography, stained glass, birdhouses, and poetry. Pieces from the following artists are included in the exhibit: Darryl Ball, Irene Wilhelm, Tanya Wethington, Darlene Fetsch, Elaine Kern, Trey Robb, Weldon & Joann Jones, Rose Birkenfeld, Patsy Huseman, Joe Gillis, Peggy Birkenfeld, Marcy Hoelting, Kay Stephens, Terri Birkenfeld, Bridget Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber, and Neal Kleman, Margaret Braddock, Beverly Hill. Special honor is being accorded to artwork from three deceased artists of the Nazareth community: Rosemary Wilhelm, Lucille Drerup, and Father Stanley Crocchiola.

"Hidden Treasures is a monument to the amazing amount of artwork that has been and is being done in any community...mostly hidden from the public eye, in workrooms, homes, and shops," notes Home Mercantile Director, Darryl Birkenfeld. "It is inspiring to think how many hours people have sacrificed, in the midst of busy lives and full-time jobs, to leave a legacy of beauty for many generations. This exhibit is an attempt to bring a small amount of local art into a venue where many people can enjoy it."

Scheduled viewing times for this exhibit will be Thursdays (May 13, 20) from 5 to 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to arrange a visit at another time may do so by calling Beverly Schulte, Home Mercantile Board President, at 945-2580. "Hidden Treasures" will be available for viewing until May 23.

The Home Mercantile is a community incubator for education, service, and creative arts, located at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Leo Streets in Nazareth.

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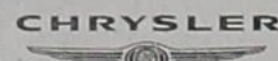
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# Don't forget to vote on Saturday

Early voting in municipal and school elections ended Tuesday, May 11. In Dimmitt and Nazareth, citizens go to the polls Friday, May 15, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The only election in Dimmitt is between District 1 incumbent Roy Garza and challenger Amos Quintero for a spot on the City Council. Voting in Dimmitt will be at City Hall.

There are two elections in Nazareth.

For the Nazareth ISD Board of Trustees, there are three candidates for two seats on the boards.

Running for those three seats are two incumbents: Patty Kern and Keith Hoelting; and one challenger: Keith Birkenfeld.

In the city elections in Nazareth, Mayor Ralph Brockman has drawn an opponent - Marlin Durbin.



**Generous Citizens**

CITIZENS IN CASTRO COUNTY gave 1,389 pounds of food during the food drive sponsored by U.S. Postal workers in Hart, Dimmitt and Nazareth. Food was left in barrels in the three Post Offices and on Saturday, May 8, carriers picked up food that was boxed and set beside mailboxes all over the county. Also contributed was about \$50 in cash. All the food and money go to the Panhandle Community Services, which runs the Ministerial Alliance Food Bank. Many of the donations to the food bank go to help out the elderly in Castro County, who find it hard to have enough money to buy food and medicine. Pictured above, left to right are: Art Cano, Tyler Martin, Karen Martin, Twila Williams and Raymond Fuentes. The Food Bank is always happy to receive money or food items, since they service almost 100 people a month.

## Black honored with shower

Heather Black of Dimmitt, bride-elect of Sam White of Canadian, was honored with a shower on Saturday, May 1, at the home of Beth Schulte-Harder.

The table was covered with a white linen tablecloth and featured crystal appointments. The napkins of apple red reflected the colors of the floral topiary. Green ivy was entwined with twinkle lights along the center of the table. Miniature blueberry and poppy seed muffins, mixed fresh fruit and raspberry tea were served to the guests.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a kitchen island.

Special guests attending the shower were Kylee Black, mother of the bride; Davaughn White of Canadian, mother of the groom; Cheere Collins of Dimmitt and Elsie Black of Hart, grandmothers of the bride; Zetha Collins, step-grandmother and Katy Collins, great-grandmother of the bride.

Out-of-town guests who attended were Kerrie, Kelyn and Kaili Wardlaw, Kristen Keith, all of Amarillo; Donna Warrick of Hereford; Ana Hernandez of Canadian; and Rubeth and Sarah Griffing of Tahoka. Guests present from Hart included Freddie Sue Myrick, Gayla Myrick, Anessa and Holly Myrick, Joy Barham, Louise Jones and Wanda Black.

## Ground water quality

# What you need to know

If your drinking water comes from a well, some basic information can help you ensure quality drinking water for your household, according to the National Ground Water Association.

Water quality is affected not only by human activities but also by a combination of natural processes.

Following are some of the

more common ones.

### Hard Water

The most common problem associated with ground water may be hardness, caused by an abundance of calcium or magnesium.

Hard water causes no health problems, but it can be a nuisance as it may cause soap curds to form on pipes and other plumbing fixtures. Calcium and magnesium in ground water come from dissolved limestone.

The installation of a water softener will usually solve this problem.

### Iron

A "rusty" taste in water is the result of iron in ground water. It not only gives a noticeable taste, but it also can stain pipes and clothing.

Iron occurs naturally, so most ground water has some in it.

Iron comes from minerals contained in the earth such as limestone, shale and coal.

There are several treatment methods including the installation of a water softener. Aeration - the addition of oxygen to the water - also can remove iron from the water.

### Nitrogen

Most nitrogen in ground water comes from the atmosphere.

Some plants can "attach" nitrogen from the atmosphere onto their roots.

The nitrogen not used by the plants is then released into the soil.

Nitrogen compounds also can work their way into ground water through fertilizers, manure and urine from farm animals, sewage and landfills.

The most common forms in ground water are ammonia, nitrate and nitrite. Nitrates can be especially toxic to children under six months of age.

There are a variety of treatment methods to correct this problem including reverse osmosis

systems with water softeners.

### Silica

Silica comes from the weathering of silicate minerals in the ground.

It causes no harmful effects to humans, but large amounts can cause scaling in pipes that restricts water flow.

### Sulfur

A "rotten egg" smell is often associated with sulfur. Along with creating an unpleasant odor and taste, sulfides cause corrosion to plumbing and darken water.

There are two varieties of sulfur: sulfides and sulfates. Sulfides usually are found in marshes and manure pits, while sulfates often come from the dissolving of minerals such as gypsum and anhydrite.

There are several methods of treating sulfur.

Aeration is effective against hydrogen sulfide gas. Chlorination, a reverse osmosis system, or a negative ion-exchanger also can be effective in combating sulfur.

### Total Dissolved Solids

TDS, as they commonly are known, are the concentration of all dissolved minerals in water. TDS levels above 1,000 milligrams per liter usually will yield poor tasting water. Levels above 2,000 milligrams per liter are defined as undrinkable.

Water softeners with a reverse osmosis system are effective in lowering the TDS to satisfactory levels.

### To Find Out More

The National Ground Water Association recommends that water well owners have their wells checked and tested by a professional contractor every year. For more information on ground water quality, contact your local ground water contractor or find one using the "Contractor Look-up" feature at our web site, [www.wellowner.org](http://www.wellowner.org).

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