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SECOND TIME WINNER....Bobby Johnson stepped to the football contest winner's circle for the second time in three weeks as he accepts his first place money from Amy Venable of AGP Grain Cooperative, a contest sponsor. See story below.

## Johnson Wins First Place **Money For Second Time**

third place money. When the

tie-breaker was applied, Jan

Smith of Sudan won the

dough with a tie-breaker that

their points off were Jess

Dearing 6, Jeremy Dearing

10, Francisco Torres 15, Lilly

Michel 15, and Frank Gon-

the \$150 grand prize

tightened up some with the

good scores in Week 7. Blake

Sudderth held the lead with

73 points. Jeremy Dearing

moved into second at 72 and

Lilly Michel is lurking back

at 71. Point total listings are

printed elsewhere in this

Thanks for playing the contests. Good luck and good

pickin'. Go Mustangs!

Others at 11 correct and

The point total race for

was only 5 points off.

zalez, Jr. 17.

Yes, Olton beat Hale Center, Muleshoe beat Littlefield, Oklahoma beat Texas, Jacksonville got edged by Tennessee, and Oakland lost to St. Louis and a 3rd string quarterback.

Just a typical week in the life of a football contest player. In our Week 7 contest, only two contestants managed to pick 12 games, the high for the week.

Using the Dallas 14, Carolina 13 tie-breaker, Bobby Johnson won first place (again) with a tiebreaker that was 8 points off. Virginia Steele also had 12 correct and came in second at 14 points off.

This was Bobby Johnson's second win of the year. He also won the Week 5 contest. The contestants with 11

correct all wrestled for the \$5

SOMEONE ONCE SAID that "truth is often stranger than Bull TOWN

fiction."

I believe this is true, and that also, actual statements not made in an attempt to be funny, often times get more laughs than the people who were trying to tickle your funny bone to begin with.

I came across a collection of just this type of actual quotes, most coming from some of the highest-paid individuals in the country. Not industry leaders, or even politicians, but athletes.

Bill Ellis

A few years ago, New Orleans Saint running back George Rogers, after being quizzed about his hopes for the upcoming season, replied "I want to rush for 1,000 yards or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

Hearing Joe Jacobi of the Washington Redskins say "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

Torrin Polk, who was a receiver for the University of Houston, talking about his coach, John Jenkins, said "He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, was quoted in 1996 as saying "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

A senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh told an interviewer "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (He's probably still trying.)

Former Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson, questioned about being a role model: "I wan' all them kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I wan' all the kids to copulate me."

Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height," and "Also, pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."

Boxing promoter Dan Duva, on Mike Tyson, just out of prison, getting back with promoter Don King: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton." Another boxing official, this one a trainer, was talking

about what a strict regime his guy followed, and remarked "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is." Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks wing, explaining why he

keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Chuck Nevitt, who played basketball at North Carolina State, explaining to his coach why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt."

Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, about a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said 'Coach, I don't know, and I don't care!" (you might need to read this one again).

Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he once told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, it looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject." (Could that have been Jim Dixon, or did he play

Then there was Yogi Berra, the prize of all writers, while receiving the key to New York City on a hot and humid day. Mayor Lindsay's wife Mary commented on how cool Yogi looked, to which he replied "You don't look so hot yourself!"

## Council Asks Attorney **About Closed Meetings**

8, 2002, at 7 p.m. Mayor meeting. Galen Hromas opened the The

Scaff, public works superintendent Andy Garza, police chief Leon Saddler, city attorney Kathryn Gurley, and a visitor, Honey Gist.

After approval of previous minutes, Honey Gist addressed her concerns regarding the city budget approval process to the council. No action was taken.

City manager Terry noted that Bovina had received a thank you note from Happy for the assistance after their tornado.

Terry then told the council that Classic Cable wanted to renew the lease on the cable tower. The council discussed procedures to follow, then tabled the item to get further information.

Terry presented a process to evaluate the city manager performance to the council.

The Board of Aldermen further discussion would be met in regular session October held at the November

The council addressed meeting with a prayer.

Attending were Mayor Attorney Kathryn Gurley Hromas, Aldermen Stan Miller, Mike McCallum, Jessie Act and closed sessions. The Stone, and Kevin Hughes. council discussed what items Also city manager Ernest could be considered in closed Terry, city secretary Bonnie sessions and those that could not. No action was taken.

> The complaint procedure in Personnel Policy was discussed and tabled for 60 days. At 9:10 p.m. the council went into closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code. Council came out of closed session at 9:49 p.m. and returned to open session.

The city manager then reported on fund balances and gave police and municipal court reports. The police recorded 51 new cases for the month of September.

The city secretary informed the council that Mr. Rodriguez, who resides on Brock Street, had called the city office to thank the Bovina Police Department for patrolling his street on a regular basis.

The next meeting of the and make suggestions and 7 p.m.

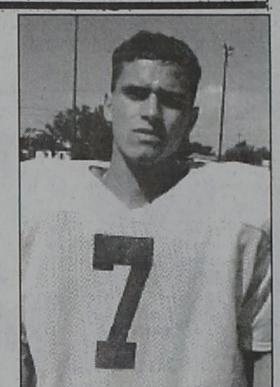


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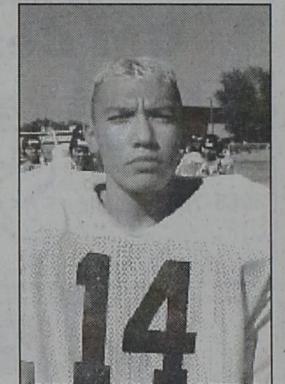
of the Week

**Defensive Player** 

JOSE VELA Special Teams Player of the Week



JEFF STEELMAN Offensive Player of the Week



CLAUDE TAMEZ **Practice Player** of the Week

## Hart Hands Mustangs A 23-13 District Loss

The Hart Longhorns brought out a stubborn defense to stymie the Mustangs as District 4-1A play got underway last Friday night. Hart won the

district opener 23-13. Bovina's running back tandem of Nemecio Rodriguez and Jonathan Chisom who are usually good for 200+ yards rushing, were held to

just 87 yards on 19 carries. The good news is that the only two passes attempted by quarterback Jeff Casas each went for 46-yard touchdowns, both to senior receiver Jake

Steelman. It didn't help the cause

when the Mustangs fumbled four times, had to punt four times, and were penalized four times. The Longhorns rolled up 252 yards of offense on their way to a 23-13 Mustang defeat.

On the year, Rodriguez has 101 carries for a total of 751 yards, a 7.43 per carry average. Steelman now has three receptions for 114 yards and two touchdowns. Rodriguez also leads the team in scoring with 30 points.

The Mustangs host Springlake-Earth tonight, then travel to Nazareth next

## From The Desk Of The City Manager

BY ERNEST TERRY I just wanted to remind everyone that our utility bill

changes this month. The water rate increased from \$12 for 4,000 gallons to \$14 for 4,000 gallons. Also the additional gallon usage increased from \$1.15 per each additional 1,000 gallons to \$1.20 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Increases are effective October 1,

2002. The sewer rate remains the same, \$10 per customer. The trash rate increases from \$13 to \$15 per residential customer. Under the old rate, a utility bill for 5,000 gallons of water used would have been: water \$13.15, sewer \$10, trash \$13,

and service charge \$1, totaling \$37.15. Under the new rates, the utility bill for 5,000 gallons used will be: water \$15.20, sewer \$10, trash \$15, and service

charge \$1, totaling \$41.20. The increase is \$4.05. I want to remind every-one of the Parent's Night and the tailgate party on November 1 at the Bovina football game against Kress. This is sponsored through the cooperation of the Bovina ISD, Bovina Fire Department and the Bovina EMS. Excel, Lowe's Supermarket, and others are helping by donating to the party. Excel is donating the hamburger meat, Lowe's the buns and fixin's and the city is donating the grill and char-coal. Drinks will be available for purchase from the

What we need is a whole bunch of folks to come out to the football game and to enjoy the tailgate party. See you there!

## Early Voting Starts Monday at Courthouse

Early voting in Parmer county clerk's office in the

Parmer County Courthouse from Oct. 21 through Nov. 1.

allowed at the bank in Bovina on Oct. 23 and 30; and at Friona State Bank on Oct. 22, 24, 29 and 31. The election locations will

be for the Nov. 5 election: Pct. 101 -- Calvary Baptist Church, Friona. Pct. 201 -- Bovina EMS

Pct. 202 -- Friona Community Center.

Pct. 203 -- Rhea Community Center. Pct. 301 -- Farwell

Community Center. Pct. 302 -- Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. Pct. 303 -- Bovina Ridgelea School.

Pct. 401 -- Lazbuddie School. Pct. 402 -- Friona Fire Station.

## BCN Bldg. Open For Business

The Bovina Community Network training lab building at Boyce and Highway 86 opened this week. The newly remodeled

building and the 13 computers installed was made possible by a \$525,000 TIF grant received in 2001

The building formerly housed the Women's Study Club, a daycare center and a training facility for the Bovina fire department.

The next session of training classes to be held there is being organized to familiarize residents with the BCN and the Internet. Classes will be scheduled beginning October 28. For information on the classes and to register, go by the BCN Building during business hours or call 251-1333.

The Friona County will be held at the department has asked that another election site be found, and this year will be the last time for the election to be Also, early voting will be held there, said county clerk Colleen Stover.

## JO BLACKWELL WRITES

# Ballooning Insurance Prairie Acres Threat

(Editor's note: Blackwell, administrator of Prairie Acres Nursing Home, wrote us the following letter about a serious problem which is a threat to not only the local facility, but the nursing home industry overall) Dear Bill.

the serious problems facing TV. the nursing home industry this year and in the future if insurance is not addressed by our legislature.

Now is the time we should all be writing to our state representative (Pete Laney) and Senator Teel Bivins about insurance costs.

All of the public is well aware of the insurance cost increase in our homeowners, aware of the problems facing Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates.

Malpractice and liability

Jo insurance costs have risen 160% since last year and have risen over 750% since 1999. We are fortunate to have excellent facilities and good staff.

This year we faced an increase of \$44,000 in our insurance. This is due to the unfair legal environment driven by many personal I am writing you today to injury lawyers. I'm sure that let you and the Communities all have seen the

I would like to ask that each person take time to write to our legislators and let them know how this is affecting the City of Friona, Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates. Senior consumers must

have an opportunity to file legitimate lawsuits. However, personal injury lawyers should not prey on senior but I doubt that very few are consumers as a means for their own personal jackpot.

I have the privilege of serving Friona, Bovina and our area seniors and have seen the unfair legal environment drive many dedicated professionals from long term care.

We must have legal fairness that will control the skyrocketing costs for senior access to quality healthcare.

I urge each of you to support the following reasonable solutions for protecting senior consumers' rights to access quality healthcare and a fair legal environment.

1. Set a \$250,00 noneconomic damage cap in jury

2. Require felonies against of Friona and Bovina know of advertisements appearing on the elderly to be proven in a criminal court of law before personal injury lawyers may describe the conduct as a

3. Limit contingency fees that personal injury lawyers may collect so that consumers and their families receive compensation for their

injuries. Currently many nursing homes in Texas are going bare which means that they have no malpractice or

liability insurance. We continue to serve this community, but instead of being able to raise the salaries of our hard and dedicated workers, we will be raising the cost of staying in

> Thank you very much Jo Blackwell

business.

Josh Quintana

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Bill Ellis......Publisher

Oct 25 Margie Guest
Oct 26 Melba Moore,
Bermea, William

Happy Birthday Bovina Birthdays for the week of

Gromowsky, Michael Ortiz, Kenneth Johnson To add friends or relatives October 20-26, 2002.
Oct 20 Wayne Smith,
Eddie Villarreal, Jr. to our permanent birthday list, please call 251-1523. If names appear that should be deleted or changed Oct 21 Lou Ann Walling,

Oct 22 Darla Sealey
Oct 23 Odis White, Pam
Clark, Dolly Villarreal, Ross due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

## **Colts Beat Hart 30-0**

Bovina middle school's Colts beat Marshall junior high of Clovis 14-0 on Tuesday, October 1. Coach Tony Epps said the boys played a good game against a much bigger Marshall

On Thursday, October 10, the middle school Colts beat Hart 30-0. David Carrillo scored three touchdowns, one on a 60-yard run and one on a 12-yard run. He also caught a 25-yard TD pass from quarterback Alfie Espinoza.

Carrillo also added two 2point conversion runs. Full-back Frank Martinez scored on a 2-yard run and then

converted the two-points.

Coach Epps highlighted the following players for their performances: the offensive line of James Lara, Jessie Reyna, Mario Rodriguez, Martin Ramos, David Rojas, Jacob Torbert, Henry Hiebert and Omar Salas.
On defense Coach Epps

praised Jessie Reyna, Frank Martinez, Jacob Torbert, and Alfie Espinoza for making big

## Eleven Make 'All A" List

· The honor rolls for Bovina High School were released this week. Eleven students were named to the "All A"

Those maintaing "All A's"

Freshmen--Elizabeth Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Karla Rivera and Laura Rocha.

Sophomores--Giselle Alva-rado, Hugo Martinez, Rogelio Martinez and Eliseo Salazar. Juniors--Christopher Ortiz.

Seniors--Matthew Downes and Juan Vara. Students named to the

"A/B" list included: Freshmen--Marco Castaneda, Diana Delarosa, Vanessa Garcia, Zachary Graves, Christopher Heinz-Cody Jamerson, Dorothy Martinez, Saul Martinez, Luis Munoz, Juana Roldan and Bacilio Viernes.

Sophomores--Jessica Amparan, Christopher Bachicha, Victoria Carrillo, Jeffrey Casas, Yuridia Lucero, Zaide Marinelarena, Edgar Ortiz

and Daniela Quintero.
Juniors--Mayra Banuelos, Teresa Brito, Crystal Galvan, Maribel Ortiz, Maria Perez, Gonzalo Quintero, Jose Vela, Yuriela Vela and Matthew Villarreal.

Seniors--Sergio Antillon, Juan Contreras, Randa Englant, Maria Guevara, Xochitl Guevara, Courtney Jamerson, Josh Kerby, Richard Lamas, Annabel Loe, Joaquin Marin, Carlos Moreno, Jonathan Olvera, Agustin Ruiz, Bennie Shepherd and Travis Steelman.

## **Football** Contest **Standings**

Here are the point total standings after 7 weeks of the football contest.

73 Blake Sudderth 72 Jeremy Dearing 71 Lilly Michel

70 Frank Gonzalez Jr., Frances Johnson, Roy Lee

69 Jo Blackwell, D'Lynn Jamerson, Christen Stowers, Luke Steelman. Glenden Sudderth

68 Cody Jamerson, Tyson Kerby, Jason Kerby, Janie Sudderth, Linda Sudderth 67 Jess Dearing, Bobby Johnson, Doug Johnson, Scott Sudderth

66 Denise Anderson, Dorothy Harris, Josh Kerby 65 Daniel Hernandez,

Peggy Hargrove, Danny Harris, Del Ray Sudderth 64 Sally Gonzalez, Rick Jamerson, Susan Kerby, Virginia Steele. A. M. Wilson 63 E.A. Hawkins

61 Tomas Fuentes, Jr., Courtney Jamerson, Al Kerby Jr., Jerry Roach 60 Taryn Jamerson,

Dorothy Stowers
59 Candy Highsmith
58 Brett Anderson, Lisa

57 Ty Grimsley, Bryan

56 B. J. Shepherd 53 Francisco Torres 52 Zane Anderson, Jimmy Harris

51 Bruce Scroggins 50 Eufemia Torres

The Bovina Junior Riding Association will be meeting for a meal and awards ceremony on October 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Bovina EMS Building at 3rd and Avenue B.

We appreciate all our sponsors for the summer activities.

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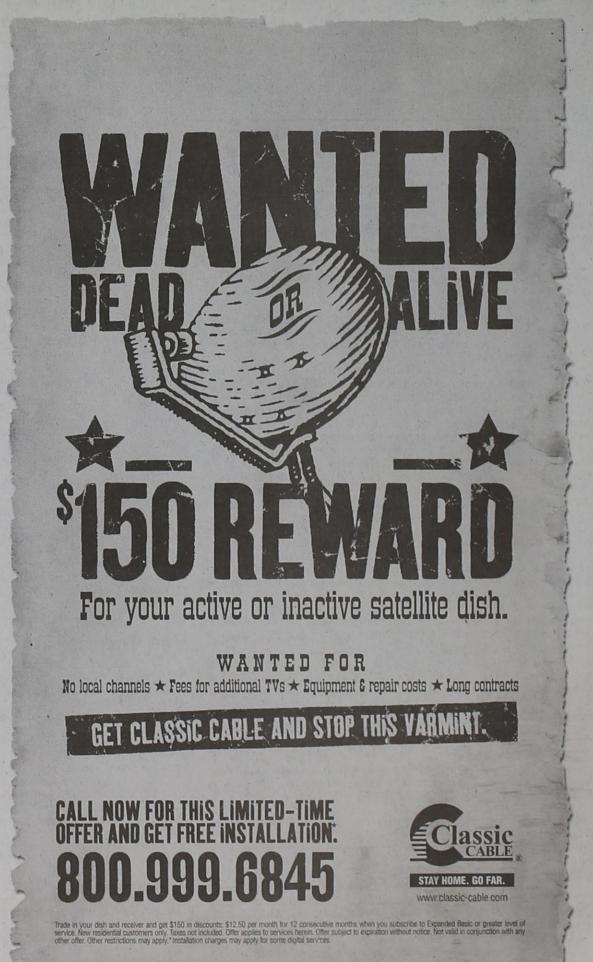
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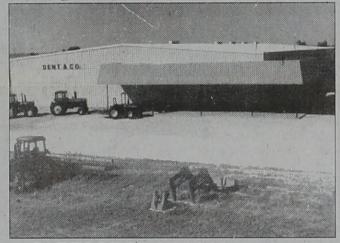


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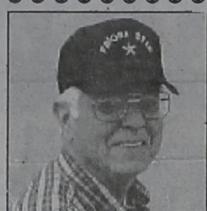
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# Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Alligator Steaks & Other Stuff"

I'm not gonna' write much the other half won't care. this week.

Some weeks a syndicated About ten percent of you columnist (two papers) like will be irritated by that and me just can't get it together.

THANK YOU

The family of Bob Owen acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of love shown by the community. For the known and unknown gifts of food, flowers, service and prayers, we thank you.

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new balance 1405 W. American Blvd. · Muleshoe · 272-6853 Or just doesn't want too.

Besides nobody wants to hear another opinion about Iraq. Dubya is gonna' bomb Saddam whether you like it or not and dedicate the battlefield to his daddy. It's a lot of money to spend and a lot of lives to risk just for some Texas revenge.

It is evident from recent bombings in the Philippines, Yemen, and Indonesia that

55 Alive Driving Program

The AARP 55 Alive driving program classes have been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 21-22.

It is an 8-hour course. Class times will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m. each day at the Friona State Bank Board Room. Cost is \$10. Anyone 50 or older may attend.

The instructor will be Joann Mills. To enroll in the program contact Joann at 247-3526.

Completion of the course qualifies for a reduction in your insurance premium for three years.

America is not prepared or equipped to win the war on terror. How can you win a war when you don't know who they are or where they are going to shoot next?

Oh well, let's talk about Wal Mart. Let me ask you something. If those nice, mostly older, people at the entrance to Wal Mart are called "greeters", what do you call those nice, mostly older, people who are standing there when you leave?

My mother says they are probably called "so-longers" or "come-backers." Seems cruel to expect a nice, mostly older, worker to remember whether they are supposed to be greeting or saying goodbye.

Personally I don't feel the

obligation to chat with the folks standing there when I leave. Nothing personal. A body can be over-greeted if you know what I mean.

Oh, and I love to do this too. If you managed to get a closeup parking space, and you are pushing your overloaded basket to the car, another shopper looking for a closeup space will follow you slowly, then sit there blocking the lane, until you load your stuff and leave.

Ever had that happen to you? I like to taunt those people. A minute seems like an hour when you are waiting for them to back out.

So, I load my stuff, get in the car, start it and put it in reverse so they can see my backup lights, then I just sit there for a while. Put on my sunglasses, fiddle with the console, adjust the radio. When I do back up, it is a few inches at a time, taking care to watch for pedestrians.

The person waiting could have been inside the store already by the time I finally drive off. I'm just born to

agitate.

Last week I discovered that you can buy alligator steaks at Wal Mart. I'm not making it up. I was looking for shrimp cocktail and there in the seafood freezer were packages of alligator steaks. No, I didn't try 'em.

But I did meet a nice fellow named Dee who works in the seafood department. If you need some help figuring out whether to buy squid or cod or catfish, Dee is your

He told mother and me that the only seafood they get that is not frozen is the salmon. And he told us how

to cook it. Put some olive oil in the skillet, not a lot though. Put the salmon steak in, take a half an orange and squeeze it on the salmon. After a couple of minutes, turn the salmon over, squeeze the other half of the orange on it, then cook

for a couple of more minutes. Dee says he has shared this salmon cooking secret with countless friends and customers and they all rave about it. He seemed like he wanted to share more fish skills with us, but my Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey ice cream was melting so I grabbed a round of shrimp cocktails and we headed for the checkout line.

I'm saving my experiences in the check out lines for another column when I don't have much to say.

Next time you are over there, you might go by and see Dee. He will give you a short course in the fine art of cooking fish besides dropping it in a deep fryer.

As we were leaving, the nice, mostly older, person at the exit told me to have a nice day and come back.

"Shuddup" I thought. And headed to the parking lot to annoy yet another shopper.

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Darla Sealy Named Co. Spelling Bee Director

Acros the area county spelling bee directors are being named to coordinate the 2003 National Spelling Bee, an educational program A&M University.

County is Darla Sealy, principal, Bovina Elementary School.

The 2003 regional event to be held on the WTAMU campus will be April 5 and the deadline for reporting all county champions to Heather senior winner at a luncheon Sadler, spelling bee preceding the regional coordinator of the Amarillo Globe-News, will be March

The national sponsors, the Scripps Howard Newspapers, permit students from public, parochial, charter, private and home schools to participate. Students normally begin in classroom competition, school competition and advance to the county level. There must be at least five finalists in a home school elimination. Scripps Howard rules state that a contestant cannot be in a grade higher than the eighth before February 1, 2003, and a speller cannot be older than 16 by the date of the national finals, May 28, 2003.

The AGN-WTAMU bee offers two levels of competition. The junior bee is for students in grades five and below. The senior bee is 79166-0001. for grades eight and below. Any director has the option of Amy Gibbons Andersen, combining the two levels if instructor, division of

However, each county in the AGN-WTAMU assigned area can have only one representative in the regional bee, to be held on April 5, sponsored by the Amarillo 2003 regional contest. Each Globe-News and West Texas county may select a junior winner in addition to the The director for Parmer senior champion, but the elementary grade student will not compete in the area's final spelldown unless he/she wins the county's senior title.

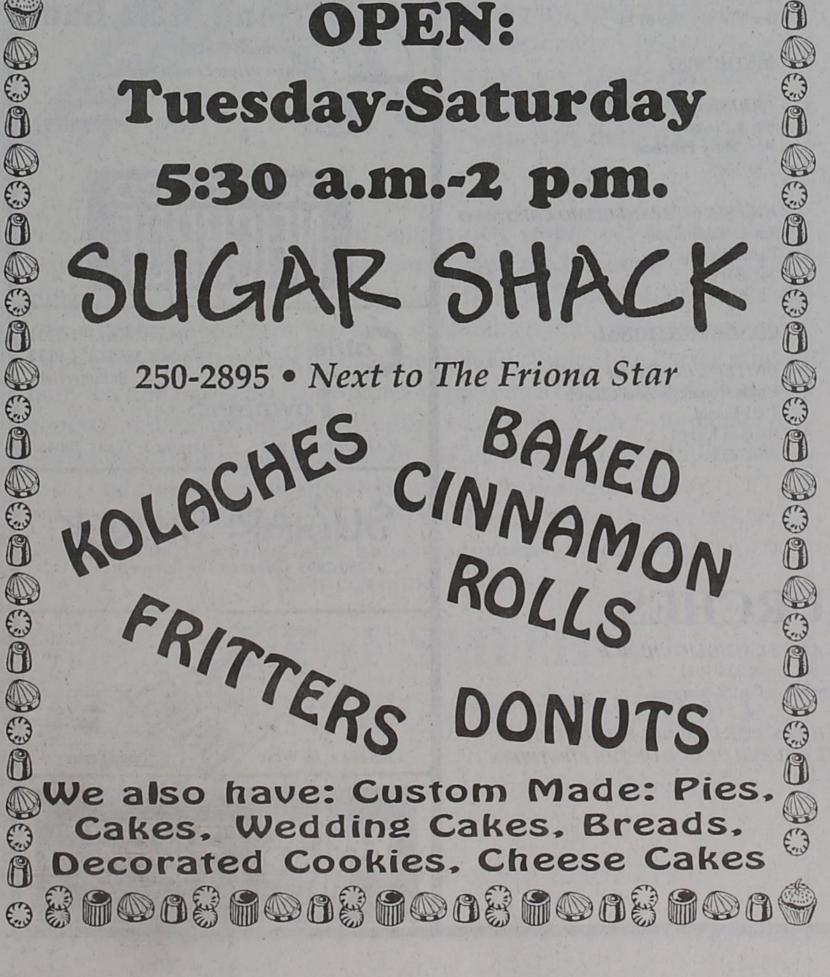
The sponsors will recognize each county junior winner and each county competition on April 5.

The Amarillo Globe-News will provide an expense paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., where the 2003 area champion will represent the area sponsors in the National Spelling Bee, beginning May 26. The top prize at the national level will be \$10,000.

Most schools and students: in the area study from the Scripps Howard booklet, "Paddies," which contains a: collection of over 3,500 words grouped in 29 categories at three difficulty levels-beginning, intermediate and advanced. The booklet is available from the Amarillo Globe-News at a price of \$1.00 per copy. To order the booklet contact Heather Sadler, Spelling Bee editor at the Amarillo Globe-News, 900 Harrison, Amarillo, TX

Bee coordinator is Dr.





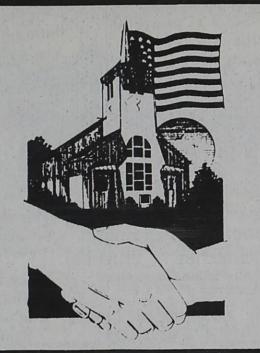




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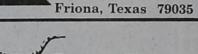
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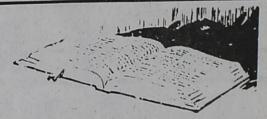
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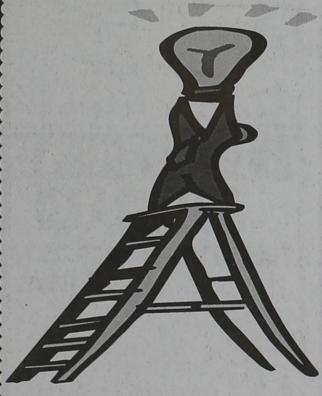
## JV Mustangs Score Win **Over Hart**

The JV Mustangs defeated Hart last week 14-6.

Alex Espinoza ran for a 60-yard touchdown and scored on the two-point conversion.

Espinoza also threw a 15yard touchdown pass to Chris Bachicha. According to Coach Hector Guevara, defensive standouts were Eliseo Salazar, Cody Jamerson, Daniel Cencenas and Alex Espinoza.

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It was a modest shop that stocked household staples like butter, sugar, flour, tea and oatmeal. Its proudest achievement was a reputation for honesty and for selling pure goods at a time when most shopkeepers stretched their meager profits by selling watered down milk and

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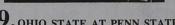
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