

City Raises Rates, Taxes And Hires New Officer

The Bovina City Board of Aldermen met in regular session on September 9, 1997 at 7 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Alderman Charles Wilkins, Kevin Hughes, Radford Venable, Linda Marshall and Kenneth Waters.

Notice of tax hearing began at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. with Waters opening with a prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved and bills were paid.

Jarrett Atkinson from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission of Amarillo approached the council to discuss the resolution for the City's new water well and the grant from the State of Texas. The board voted to accept the resolution.

The tax hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Andy Stormes approached the council about starting a police reserve program. After discussion Venable made a motion to table the matter for six months. Hughes seconded and it passed.

Don Bandy approached the council to discuss the City's landfill agreement. The board voted to table the issue until the October meeting.

Marshall made a motion

to appoint the following people to serve as commissioners for building committee: Frances Johnson, Bob Owens, J.E. Sherrill Jr., George Cervantez and Al Kerby Jr. Billy Smith was named building inspector, Andres Garza was named as fire marshal and Stan Miller will be an alternate. Venable seconded and the motion passed.

The board passed a motion to increase all water rates effective October 1. The water rate inside the city limits went from \$9 to \$12 on base rate and from \$1.05 to \$1.15 on water rate per thousand. Water rates outside city limits went from \$11.60 to \$14.60 on base rate and \$1.40 to \$1.50 on water rate per thousand.

Trash rates were also increased by \$1. Aldermen Venable, Waters and Marshall voted for and Hughes and Wilkins voted against the increase.

The board then passed a motion for the city to put \$3,000 monthly into a savings account for the payment of the new water well.

On September 16 the board of aldermen met in special session at 7 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Hromas, Aldermen Wilkins, Venable, Marshall and

Waters.

Danny Fiel with SPS came to discuss and explain the SPS Grain Elevator Service resolution with the council. The council voted and the motion passed to accept the rates.

The council and Police Chief Leon Saddler began interviewing candidates for police officer at 8 p.m.

After interviewing four candidates, Marshall made a motion to offer the position to Joe Lopez of Odessa. Venable seconded and the motion passed.

Wilkins made a motion for the City to raise the tax rate to .4904. Venable seconded and it passed.

The board voted to accept the amended budget and they declared the meeting adjourned.

Bovina Native Wins Teacher of Year Award

After 34 years in the classroom, two generations of students, and lots and lots of homework, a Bovina graduate has been recognized as the best in her field.

Helen Estlack, a 1957 graduate of Bovina High School and the daughter of Bernice Hartzog and the late Arlin Hartzog of Farwell, was named the 1997 Teacher of the Year by Region XVI Education Service Center and Southwestern Bell Foundation in a reception on September 4, 1997, in Amarillo.

Estlack, who now lives in Clarendon, Texas, received the award for secondary teachers. The elementary teacher award went to Julie Harris of Sleepy Hollow Elementary in Amarillo.

Estlack and Harris will represent some 7,000 teachers in 65 school districts and 26 Panhandle counties as they vie with winners from each of state's 20 education service centers for the Texas Teacher of Year Award.

The top three finalists in each division will be announced September 22, and the state winners will be announced on October 13. The state and regional winners will all be honored by the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, and Southwestern Bell at an awards luncheon on November 22 in Austin. One state winner will represent Texas in the National Teacher of the Year Program.

Estlack's teaching career began in 1961 when she started teaching English and Language Arts at Clarendon Junior High after graduating from Texas Technological College. After a brief time in

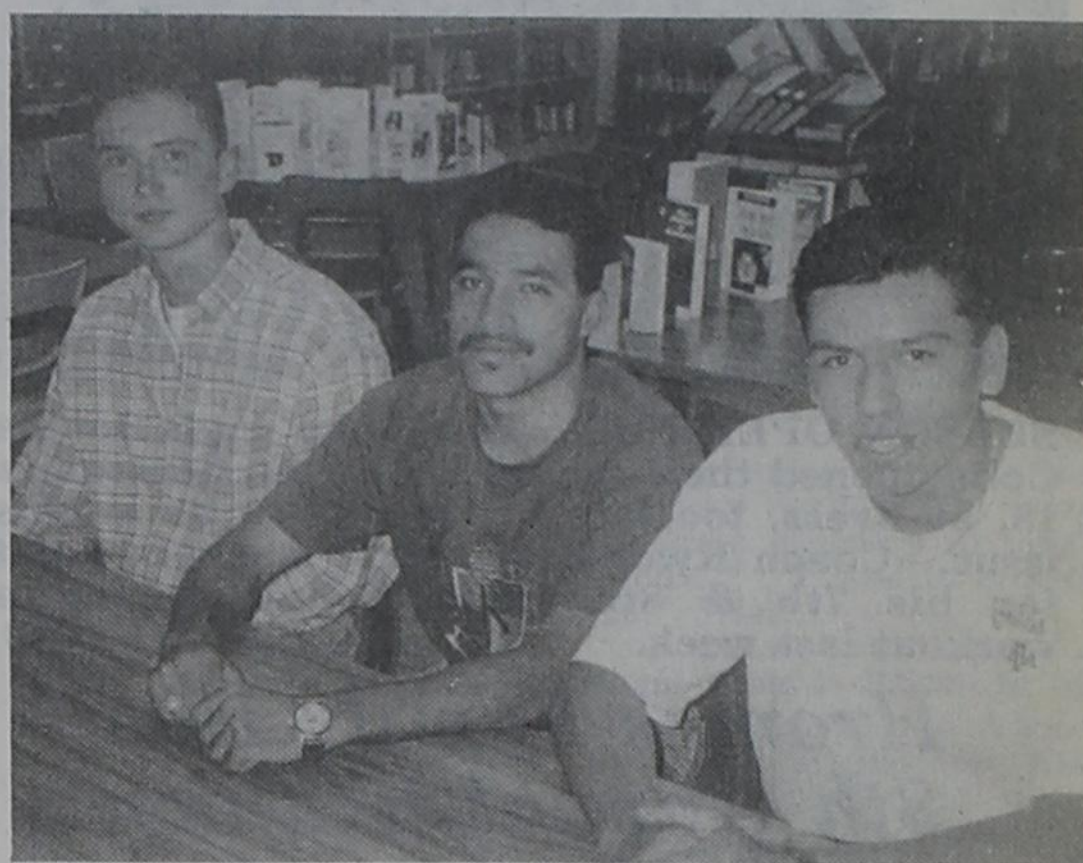
Ex-Bovina Girl Gets 2nd At State

Skyla Cockerham, formerly of Bovina, recently earned a second place ribbon at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico with her heavy spot pig.

Of over six hundred pigs, only thirty-six, including Skyla's, were sold.

Skyla is a fourth grader at Texico Elementary in Texico, New Mexico. Her parents are Wes and Charolette Cockerham. Her grandparents are Jimmie and Barbara Cockerham of Bovina and Ronnie and Glenna Fouts of Melrose, New Mexico.

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KING CANDIDATES.....Tony Beauchamp, Martin Reyna, and Luke Steelman, all BHS seniors, are the nominees for homecoming king during tonight's homecoming activities which begin at 7:30 p.m.

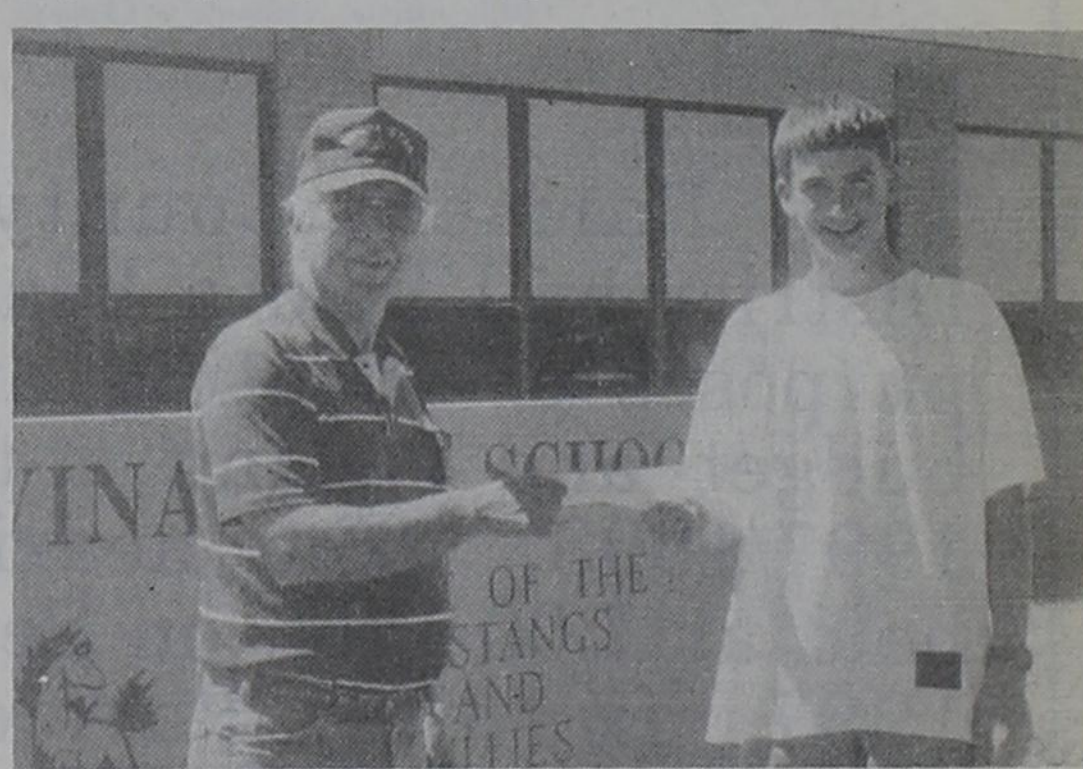


QUILTER ANGELS.....These Church of Christ ladies have been busy making quilts for the Lighthouse Mission in Clovis for their new dorms to house the homeless and needy citizens of the area. L-r, standing, Amy Byrd and son, Landry, Libby Holman and son Bailey, La Trelle Miehler, Virginia Rhodes, Dorothy Ellison, Ernesteen Marshall and Monica Procter. Seated, Monte Howell, Leverne Black, Imogene Calaway, and Betty McClaran.

Blood Drive On Tuesday

Come give the "Gift of Life" at the Bovina Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 23rd, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bovina Ambulance Center.

Blood donors may give blood every 56 days. Contact the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo if you are unsure of your eligibility to donate; phone 806-358-4563.



WINNING IS GOOD.....Bovina Blade editor Ron Carr found Cameron Charles amidst the homecoming activities long enough to present him with his \$20 check for winning the Bovina Blade football contest. Thanks to Amy Venable for snapping the picture.

Charles Charges Into Second Week With Win

A large number of *Blade* readers competed for the prize money in week two of the Bovina business football contest. Three contestants picked fourteen of sixteen games, three picked thirteen games and twelve picked twelve games correctly.

The Dallas-Philadelphia score of 21-20 was the deciding factor for the top winners. Cameron Charles was only six points off the score. He received \$20.

Jerry Sherbon was twenty-four points off and earned \$10. Jessica Stowers forgot to list a tie-breaker score but still received \$5.

Martin Gonzales, Walter Kessler and David Miles correctly picked thirteen games. Will Bell, Jo Blackwell, Greg Elliott, Leonor Espinosa,

Tomas Fuentes, Matt Hromas, Tyson Kerby, Travis Lockmiller, Carmen Porras, Mike Raymond, Kay Roach and Christen Stowers picked thirteen of the sixteen games correctly.

The most missed games were UCLA-Texas, Notre Dame-Purdue and Detroit-Chicago. Contestants did not have much trouble with the high school games.

Travis Lockmiller and Jessica Stowers are leading with twenty-six points in the total scores for the first two weeks. Cameron Charles follows with twenty-five.

Tyson Kerby, David Miles, Adam Mejia and Carmen Porras are not far behind with twenty-four total points.

A complete listing of contestants' total scores can be found elsewhere in this issue.



MARTIN REYNA MELISSA CANO Students Of The Week

Bovina teachers selected two students for the student-of-the-week honors this week. Principal Jerry Birdsong said the teachers had a difficult time deciding in a close vote, so they just selected both.

Margaret Durben, Bobby Ortiz, and Linda Lewis nominated senior Martin Reyna for his leadership qualities. He is a student who does his very best in class, is a gentleman, fun to work with, and is a standout athlete.

Mike Newman nominated sophomore Melissa Cano for her 101 average in history and as a cheerleader who won first place in the Plainview cross country meet. She has a "great attitude" too.

Mustangs Surprise Again Walloping Whiteface 33-6

The score after two games is Bovina-81, Opponents-6.

The Mustangs had a shutout going for the first seven quarters of the year, until the once-tough Whiteface Antelopes managed to score 6 points in the final minutes of last Friday's contest.

"Boy, we wanted that shutout!", assistant coach Ted Maple said before practice on Monday.

"We could have had a shutout easily", echoed coach Bobby Ortiz. "Our kids played an excellent game."

When reminded that a few previous Mustang teams failed to score 81 points in an entire season, Ortiz gave a nod of confidence and prepared for next week's surprise.

Against Whiteface, the Mustangs rolled up 244 yards rushing and 112 yards passing, 356 total yards offense. The effort netted 15 first downs.

Ortiz once again confounded his opponent's game plan by utilizing a number of players in different roles.

Talented quarterback Tony Beauchamp lined up a couple of times at wide receiver and tailback while backup Derrick Vanegas ran at quarterback.

Beauchamp caught a pass for a touchdown, ran for one touchdown, and threw a pass for a third score.

Senior running back Albert Larrea peeled off a 66-yard TD run and ended the evening with 100 yards total rushing.

Sophomore Lucas Ramos scored on a 23-yard run and Adan Perez was on the receiving end of a 29-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

Five touchdowns in the game scored by five different Mustangs is a testimonial to the "surprises" being created by the Mustang coaching staff in their run to the playoffs.

Against Whiteface, the Mustangs were forced to punt 6 times and averaged 31 yards per kick. They were assessed 9 penalties for 75 yards and had no fumbles in the game.

The homecoming game tonight will be Mustangs vs. Mustangs as the 1A Claude Mustangs come to town.

The Claude Mustangs managed a 4-5 record last year and Bovina's Mustangs are favored to keep the win-streak alive.

Coach Ortiz and staff no doubt are at the drawing board for this week's "surprise", and aiming at yet another shutout.



JOB WELL DONE.....1957 Bovina High School graduate, Helen Hartzog Estlack, receives the 1997 Region XVI Teacher Of The Year Award from Cameron Monroe of Southwestern Bell Telephone.



SEASON OPENING.....The junior high Bovina Colts opened their season last night, September 18, at Kress, too late for results to be in this issue. Coach Ryan Bridenstine makes a point for his 7th & 8th grade squad during a workout last week. (Ron Carr Photo)

Hromas Family Has 8th Annual Reunion

The eighth consecutive Hromas family reunion was held in Bowie, Texas August 15-17, 1997 with sixty-one people signing the register.

Coordinating the reunion was Ken and Joyce Tinsley of Hico, Texas. Their family, Brian and Jana Tinsley of McKenney, Texas and

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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 18, 1957

News of the first loads of milo was popping like firecrackers around Bovina Monday afternoon as four loads were brought to town within 120 minutes of each other.

The resignation of C.R. Elliott, first president of First National Bank of Bovina, was accepted by the bank's board of directors at their regular September session Wednesday.

The Bovina Bulls went to Nazareth Sunday afternoon to begin final Central Plains League playoffs.

A disagreement as to who would do the umpiring behind the plate caused no game to be played.

Bovina Lions agreed to sell season football tickets at their regular meeting Thursday night in Bovina Restaurant. Superintendent Warren Morton suggested the club members make the tickets available to the public

Bovina ISD Lunch Menu Sept. 22-26

MONDAY-Bean burrito, chili con carne and beans, spanish rice, or hamburger veggie basket, ketchup, mustard, assorted fresh fruit variety.

TUESDAY- Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, or hamburger veggie basket, ketchup, mustard, assorted fresh fruit variety.

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, cole slaw, crackers, or hamburger veggie basket, ketchup, mustard, assorted fresh fruit variety.

THURSDAY- Tacos, tossed salad, corn, or hamburger veggie basket, ketchup, mustard, assorted fresh fruit variety.

FRIDAY-Chicken fried steak pattie, cream potatoes, green beans, rolls, or hamburger veggie basket, ketchup, mustard, assorted fresh fruit variety.

on a four-game basis.

35 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 21, 1962

Burglars, who seem to strike Bovina on a periodic basis, were at work again last week. Bill Moore's Deep Rock Service Station on Highway 60 was broken into Wednesday night of last week.

Parmer County's first 1962 cotton was ginned in Bovina Thursday. Tom Ware delivered the season's first bale to Bovina Gin Co., where it was ginned shortly before noon Thursday.

30 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 20, 1967

The first three-day fiesta held in Bovina in observance of the Independence of Mexico was a success, according to committee members who arranged the event. City of Bovina is presently without the service of a city marshal. Bill Denney who served as marshal here for five years, resigned effective Friday of last week to accept a position with the Friona Police Department.

Alfred Moody was one of thirteen entrants to pick seven winners in the Bovina Blade Football Contest but edged the others by coming closest to the tie-breaking score.

Two people were killed and three others critically injured in a head-on collision five miles southwest of Bovina on Highway 60 about 7:30 Tuesday morning.

25 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 20, 1972

Radford Venable turned in the best entry in the Bovina Businesses Football Contest last week. Venable was the only contestant to correctly predict the outcome of all ten games.

Mrs. Pearl Cervantez, director of Bovina Neighborhood Center, was guest speaker Tuesday of last week at the meeting of Women's Society of Christian Service at Bovina United Methodist Church.

A three-week-long wet

spell had one last flurry Tuesday night of last week. Since then, clearing skies and ground drying sunshine have prevailed.

The new city well house is nearing completion between the railroad and Highway 60. The concrete block structure replaces a wooden house which has been in use for the past several years.

20 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 21, 1977

Minnie and Howard Kelso announce the selling of their Mustang Drive-In business to Jerry and Patsy Zachary of Friona.

Thousands of dollars of radio equipment missing in the county recently was recovered last week with the arrest of two 17-year-old Muleshoe men.

Bovina Housing Authority chairman, Billy Whitecotton told The Blade Monday morning that the Authority is moving forward, but is still gathering much-needed information.

15 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 15, 1982

Ted Stallings made an emergency landing with his cropduster after the gear was sheared off when his craft hit a sprinkler. He was not injured.

Bubby Marshall delivered the first load of corn to Sherley Grain last week and the moisture content was 16.30.

Lawrence and Erra Jamerson returned home after vacationing and had driven 3,000 miles on their trip and had traveled to parts of seven states.

A.G. White has been named Parade Marshal of the 1982 Maize Days Parade in Friona this week.

10 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 16, 1987

Fifteen youngsters met at the Bovina City Park on Saturday morning to participate in the "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon. Almost \$1,000 was raised from donations the children received and the money will

go to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Lori Bales was first place winner of the second week of the Bovina Blade Football Contest.

Brownie Troop 202 kicked off the new year with a hot dog cookout as the girls camped out at Pam Bell's house.

5 Yrs. Ago--Sept. 19, 1992

The Bovina Church of Christ held their annual end-of-Summer fish fry on September 8, with the fish being donated by B.L. and Teen Marshall. They served about 60 people and had enough left to feed 60 more.

Cancer Clinic Set October 15

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on October 15, 1997.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parmer County Hospital District will hold a hearing for the purposes of adopting an operating budget and setting a tax rate for 1997/1998. The hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on September 23, 1997 in the Parmer County Community Hospital Sun Room.

Any resident of the district is entitled to be present and participate at the hearing. The board may make any changes in the proposed budget that, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the taxpayers. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board shall adopt a budget and set a tax rate.

Notice

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Parmer County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 7.9 percent on September 15, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

The Parmer County Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at Parmer County Commissioners Courtroom



PRAIRIE ACRES NOSTALGIA.....Prairie Acres employee Patti Martinez looks over the antique car display during last Sunday's Prairie Acres Appreciation Day.

Friona Principal To Head Spelling Bee

The 50th annual National Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas State University, has been scheduled for April 5 on the university campus in Canyon. The area assigned the sponsors includes more than 40 counties in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas. All across the area, directors are being named to direct their respective spelldowns. The director for Parmer County is Kevin Wiseman, principal of Friona Junior High School.

A junior bee for students in grades five and below is promoted to acquaint the elementary grade students with the program. A senior bee is for students in grades eight and below. A director has the option of combining the two levels if he/she so chooses. Each county can have only one representative in the April 4 competition, regardless of grade or age. Each county senior and junior finalist will be guests of the sponsors at a luncheon preceding the April competition. Special awards will go to all. The top award for the district competition will be an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in late May as the area's representative in the 1998 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

Booths now available! 23rd Annual Clovis Jr. Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair. October 4th & 5th North Plains Mall Clovis, N.M. To reserve your booth, call: Windy 505/683-5106

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Out Here By RON CARR



"My name's Tammy. I'm a single mom. I get up every morning at 6:30. Get the girls up. I work hard." (TV Commercial) These heart-tugging words make up one segment in a series of commercials for a supermarket chain. The spots are running on Amarillo TV stations. In addition to single moms, the commercials feature a large Hispanic family, an older black family, and a senior citizen white couple. Each of these categories of people supposedly need to save money because they are poor.

The Hispanic man in the supermarket commercials says he likes to cook at every opportunity. "We work hard and we like to eat good", he says as smoke from his grill swirls around his face. You can tell this gentleman likes to eat. He is not exactly suffering from malnourishment, if you know what I mean. "If it's got a yellow tag on it, buy it", he says while the camera pans around to his extended family, all of whom like to eat too. The inference is that Hispanic families are large and it takes a lot of outdoor cooking to feed them all so saving money is important.

Single momhood is overrated. It doesn't seem to matter what the circumstances are that caused a woman to become a single mom. Once they pass over into the land of single moms they surpass all criticism and can enjoy our respect and sympathy for taking on the challenge of making it on their own. To me, single moms are a lot like that one kid on the playground who was always in the game of tag, but just when you were about to tag him, he would yell "king's X". "You were late to work again Tammy." "Well, I'm a single mom."

Don't you know what causes kids? "Well, I couldn't help it. I was lonely and I was under a lot of stress and...well..." Ever notice how "well" is one of a woman's favorite words. Comes in handy in many situations when no other explanation will work. "What do you mean you wrecked the car?" "Well, it wasn't really my fault."

The supermarket has the solution. Come shop and just look for the yellow price tags. Suddenly your welfare and social security checks will go further and life will be better. If I lived in Amarillo, I would not shop there. Not that they are not nice stores. They are very nice. However, I can only imagine what it would be like trying to navigate the aisles if these are their main customers. First of all, it wouldn't do me any good to borrow my mother's car again with the handicapped license plate. No doubt, the old black and white citizens would have those parking spaces all taken up. Have you noticed that older folks don't ever seem to be in a hurry. To them, going to the grocery store is an outing to be enjoyed. Very slowly.

Now imagine after finally finding a place to park and grabbing a basket, you run head-long into gridlock in the first aisle. The large Hispanic family spreads out to try and get around the old white guy with the walker, but they are blocked by single mom Tammy whose three kids are screaming and whining while she searches for another yellow tag. I am surprised that some "community group" has not crawled out from under a rock to protest these TV ads. After all, it is just not accepted these days to depict segments of society as segments. There are no cultures any longer. We are all alike.

"Tammy always looks so tired and worn out." "Well, she is a single mom, bless her heart." The TV Tammy is an attractive if somewhat rough looking woman. She appears in cutoff jeans and a t-shirt. I'd say she is on the up side of forty but maybe she just had a hard life. In one shot, she is coming down the sidewalk toward the camera with her three girls. Two of them are as tall as Tammy. Probably 16-18 years-old. The other daughter is in the stroller that Tammy is pushing. Less than a year-old it seems. I've got a few questions about the family there, Tammy. You have two older daughters, almost grown, that probably work part time to help out. So where did that little one come from? Did one of your boyfriends stop by once too often while the girls were at work?

Sometimes they just use "well" by itself. "Why were you gone shopping so long?" "Well...." "I need to talk to you." "Well..." I know that being a single parent is difficult in the best of times. I know at least three guys around here who are single dads and do a pretty good job of being a parent. More dads should get the opportunity. It just bugs me that women who turn into single moms can demonstrate a serious lack of responsibility, have all the kids they want with as many men as they like, and about all society says is "you need some help and counseling."

Let's go spend the afternoon looking at all the different kinds of preserves, Henry. "Least it's cool in the grocery store and maybe they've got some new colors of marmalade."

Where are AARP, NAACP, and LULAC when you need them. But I really wanted to discuss single mom Tammy whom I mentioned at the first of this piece. I have a personal problem with all the adulation and respect which is generally accorded to single moms.

If life as a single mom is so difficult, Tammy, what the heck are you doing having another kid at your age when you aren't even married?

I'm not through with the topic of single moms and there are a few things I have to say about deadbeat dads too in the weeks ahead, but my time and space is used up for this week. In the meantime, maybe I will go shopping at that supermarket in Amarillo. Should be a great place to pickup a nice lonely little single mom. Or maybe I'll get an invite to an outdoor Hispanic cookout and bring along a widow from the jams and jellies section. "What'd he say?" "He says he thinks he knows you."

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation." PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented." PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution." PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia." PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment. The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water supply, water quality, flood control, or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead." PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property." PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT: Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, money from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service (the amount needed each year to make payments) would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available over the last three fiscal years, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt. The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund." PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 180 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

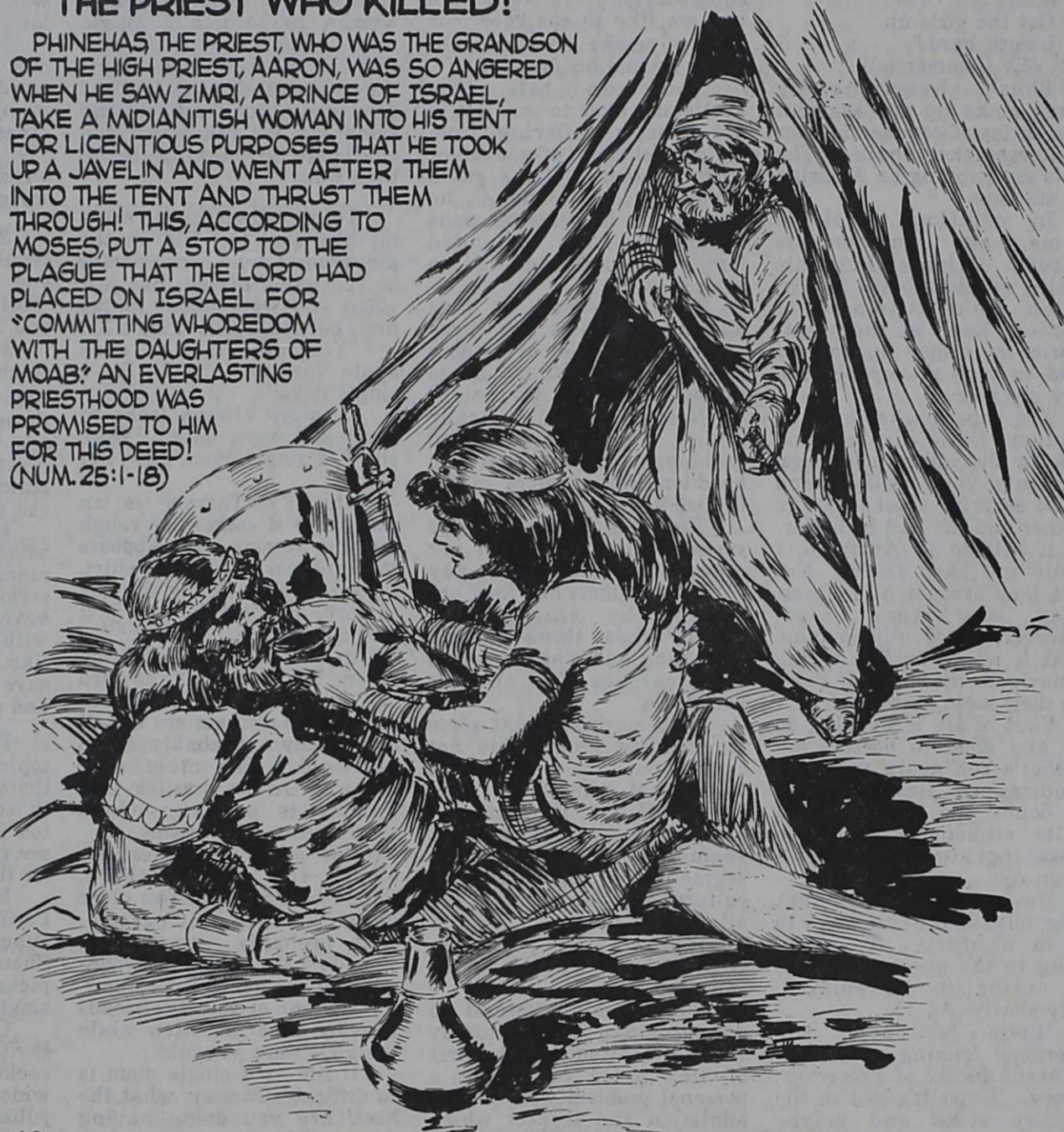
PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT: House Joint Resolution 83 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables." Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711. Published by Secretary of State Tony Garza

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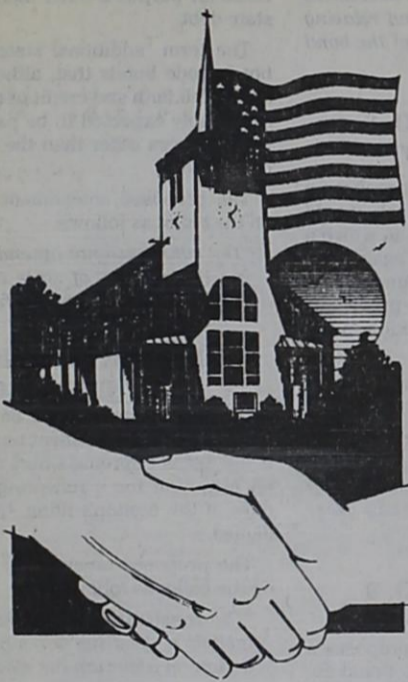
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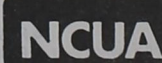


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