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City decides not to up next year's tax rate

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission won't increase next year's tax rate, but city officials expect more tax revenue to come into city coffers.

The increase in tax revenues, he said, will be due to new businesses opening up in town and increased property values. "We're proposing to keep the same tax rate we've had since 2002," Horst said.

69.5 cent tax rate during a special meeting Monday afternoon. Since higher property values will increase taxes, however, the city is required by state law to hold two public hearings on the effective tax increase.

held in the commission chambers at City Hall. Horst said city tax revenues will increase although the tax rate will remain the same.

Kentucky between Hobart and Coffee. Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, told the commission that the city would retain an easement on the property for trash trucks and emergency vehicles.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Kneeling down outside the StoryCorps Airstream trailer, Ryan Murdock talks with an older couple before recording their stories in Garden City, Kan.

Living history project coming to the region

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Ryan Murdock, Elaine Davenport and Eliza Bettinger saw their first rodeo in Garden City, Kan., this month. Davenport and Bettinger were quite taken with the Mutton Bustin'.

Murdock and Davenport will man the silver Air Stream trailer that contains the sound proof recording studio. "We have two permanent booths," Bettinger says. "They're both in New York."

Economy: Inflation up by small amount on wholesale level

InfWASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation at the wholesale level edged up by the smallest amount in five months in July as falling food prices helped offset another rise in energy costs.

slight 0.1 percent in July, far below the 0.5 percent jump in June. The improvement reflected a retreat in food prices, which fell by 0.3 percent in July, after having surged by 1.4 percent in June, which had been the biggest increase in nearly two years.

Federal Reserve policy-makers broke a two-year string of interest rate increases last week, saying they believed that a slowing economy would help restrain inflation pressures. But some private economists are worried that the relentless rise in energy costs could force the

Fed to resume rate increases in coming months. The 0.1 percent rise in the government's Producer Price Index represented the smallest amount of inflation since wholesale prices actually fell by 1.2 percent in February.

PRESERVING OUR RESOURCES

Local work group to accept public comments at meeting

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Program Development Group meeting will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic. All interested individuals and agencies may attend the meeting, sponsored by Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of the meeting is to invite participation and comments on natural resource conditions and needs.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The Local Work Group will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county-based funding. EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. It awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices that provide significant environmental benefits.

View from the loop



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS A view of Pampa from the top of an overpass on Loop 171 includes dark blue rain clouds moving over the city to block the sun's rays.

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# Stabbing sends one to hospital

Pampa Police Department is investigating a stabbing that occurred at approximately 11 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of East Kentucky.

Jacob Michael Albus, 21, of Pampa was transported by private conveyance to Pampa

Regional Medical Center. The police department was called to the hospital at 11 p.m.

A spokesperson with the police department said the weapon was a knife, and that the incident occurred during some type of altercation.

## Obituaries

### Ida Laverne Freeman Collis, 91

WHITE DEER, Texas — Ida Laverne Freeman Collis, 91, died Aug. 14, 2006, at Panhandle, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Collis was born April 6, 1915, in Wingo, Ky. She had been a resident of White Deer since 1934. She married Loyd Collis on Sept. 9, 1935, in White Deer. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1996.

She was a Baptist. She was a member of the Home Demonstration and Council in Carson County for many years. She was a member of the White Deer Art Club, the Daughters of the Pioneers, and a founding member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Amber Walker of Pampa; one grandson, Bo Dempsey and wife Lynn of Pampa; one

great-granddaughter, Cami Culpepper and husband Matt of Irving; and one great-great-granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth Culpepper of Irving.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Collis; and a daughter, Louise Collis.

The family requests memorials be to St. Ann's Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1179, Panhandle, TX 79068; the White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 319 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097; or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Emergency Services

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

#### Saturday, Aug. 12

11:46 a.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Z-71, driven by Kendra Jo Owens, 15, of 2233 N. Russell, and a 1990 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Jonie L. Bridwell, 23, of Skellytown collided at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets. Justin W. Bridwell, 21, a passenger in Bridwell's vehicle, reported possible injuries but was not transported to the hospital by ambulance, according to the accident report. Owens was cited for failure to yield right of way during a left turn.

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, Aug. 14

Officers served, or attempted to serve, three warrants; responded to one alarm and one open door; and conducted two traffic stops.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 200 block of East Kentucky.

Aggravated assault on a public servant/resisting arrest was reported in the 800 block of North Bradley Drive. Two arrests were made in connection with the incident.

Harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Holly Lane.

Traffic complaints were received at Hobart and Francis, and at an undisclosed location.

Criminal mischief was reported at Granny's, 328 E. Frederic, where a window was allegedly busted out by a piece of concrete. The estimated value of the damage is \$400.

Theft was reported at Harvester and Hamilton.

An animal complaint was received from the 600 block of North Magnolia.

Fraud was reported at the PD. Disorderly conduct was reported at the PD.

Disorderly conduct-language was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road. A disturbance was reported at Bradley and Harvester.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of North West.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

Attempted burglary was reported in the 100 block of West Foster, where a door

was allegedly pried open. The estimated value of loss is \$20.

Retaliation was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the 2600 block of Cherokee Dr.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 200 block of Canadian.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 15

Officers conducted two traffic stops and responded to one alarm.

A prowler call came in from the 600 block of North West.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

#### Monday, Aug. 14

Angela Brown, 35, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for harassment.

Bonnie Spencer, 33, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on Wheeler County warrants for theft by check and two counts of issuing a bad check.

Riley Wade Archibald, 52, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

James Howard, 44, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for assault by threat.

Standley Erle Nash, 50, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for aggravated assault of a public servant and resisting arrest.

Dawna Miller Mauldin, 49, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO to serve a 30-day sentence for theft of trade.

Joey Nash, 29, of Seattle, Wash. was arrested by PPD for resisting arrest and interfering with public duty.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 15

Jeremy Wade Brooks, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Astin Franklin Yearwood, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Nathan Paul Percy, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, Aug. 14

10:22 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of East Kentucky on a police assist.

5:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Bradley on a police assist.

5:56 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

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## Twenty-eight states reporting decline in home sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — The slowdown in the once-sizzling housing market is spreading, with 28 states and the District of Columbia reporting spring sales declines, led by big drops in former boom areas of Arizona, Florida and California. Nationally, sales were down 7 percent in the April-June quarter this year compared with the same period in 2005, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday in its latest state-by-state look at housing conditions around the coun-


try. The Realtors survey showed that the biggest declines occurred in states that had been enjoying red-hot sales during the five-year housing boom. The five biggest declines this spring compared to the April-June period of 2005 were Arizona, down 26.9 percent; Florida, down 26.7 percent; California, down 25.3 percent; Virginia, down 23.9 percent, and Nevada, down 23.5 percent. The Realtors report depicted a tale of two housing markets, with former

boom areas experiencing declines and other areas of moderate sales gains during the boom years experiencing strong growth. In all, 20 states had sales gains in the spring, led by Alaska, which enjoyed a 48.6 percent jump in sales; followed by Arkansas, up 17.9 percent; Texas, up 11.3 percent; North Carolina, up 11 percent, and Vermont, up 9.1 percent compared to the spring of 2005. "States with moderately priced areas that have experienced healthy job creation are seeing sales gains," said David Lereah, chief economist for the Realtors. "The economic backdrop remains favorable for the housing market, which is helping home sales level out." In a separate survey of price changes in 151 metropolitan areas, the Realtors reported that 26 metro areas experienced outright price declines while 37 areas were still enjoying double-digit price increases. The biggest price drops in percentage terms were in Danville, Ill., where home prices fell by 11.2 percent in the spring compared with the spring of 2005, and the Detroit area, where home prices were down 8 percent.



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## Bush administration holds optimistic view of cease-fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — The big guns have barely fallen silent in Lebanon but already President Bush and the State Department are finding cause for cheer in the outcome of the 34-day war between Israel and Hezbollah militia.

It is an optimistic view echoing in Israel, too, where Prime Minister Ehud Olmert says the "state within a state" that Hezbollah had in place in southern Lebanon has been blown away, its arsenal shattered.

In their upbeat assessment, both the United States and Israel are placing their blue chips on the emergence of a strengthened and democratic Lebanon via the cease-fire resolution approved unanimously last week by the U.N. Security Council.

With 15,000 Lebanese troops and another 15,000 foreign troops perhaps only weeks away from deployment near the border with Israel, Bush said Hezbollah no longer can keep Lebanon from becoming a democracy.

While the way forward is going to be difficult and require more sacrifice, the president said, "We can be confident of the outcome because we know and understand the unstoppable power of freedom."

"Forces of terror see the changes that are taking place in their midst," he said Monday. "They understand that the advance of liberty, the freedom to worship, the freedom to dissent, the protec-

tion of human rights, would be a defeat for their hateful ideology."

The cease-fire does not propose the eradication of Hezbollah, but it revived a two-year old Security Council demand for the militia's disarmament, a tough job that the Lebanese government did not attempt on its own.

Even now, the Bush administration is not calling for the uprooting of the group designated by the State Department as a terrorist organization.

But spokesman Sean McCormack said it had to make a choice between being a political or a terrorist organization.

"Hopefully, we won't have to live with such a term, Hezbollah guerrilla, for much longer," he said.

"Hezbollah suffered a defeat in this crisis," Bush said at the State

Department Monday after conferring with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and national security officials.

"The reason why is, this is because there is going to be a new power in the south of Lebanon, and that's going to be a Lebanese force with a robust international force to help them seize control of the country," Bush said.

Sounding the same positive note, McCormack declared, "You will not have Hezbollah roaming freely in the south of Lebanon."

*'Forces of terror see the changes that are taking place in their midst. They understand that the advance of liberty, the freedom to worship, the freedom to dissent, the protection of human rights, would be a defeat for their hateful ideology.'*

— President Bush

## Project

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reflect the hope, the dreams, the joys and the sorrows of America's citizens.

Having been at it a little over a year now, Bettinger said they have recorded some 7,500 interviews.

For the first two weeks of August, the Story Corps crew was in Garden City working with High Plains Public Radio. Thursday, the crew will move to the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce parking lot at 10th and Polk.

Stacy Yates with High Plains Public Radio said that they have already set up 31 interviews in Amarillo and are trying to arrange more.

Yates said they hope to record at least 50 interviews with Panhandle residents. One White Deer resident will be interviewed by her son.

Each person interviewed will get a CD of the hour-long interview. The original recording will go on file in the Library of Congress.

Every Friday, National Public Radio's Morning Edition airs a clip from one of the Story Corps interviews from somewhere in the country.

"It's played by all the public radio stations across the country," Bettinger said.

Yates said that the local recordings will be played on High Plains Public Radio, the National Public Radio affiliate in western Kansas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and Texas Panhandle.

"Right now our plan is to produce as many of those as possible," Yates said, "and air one once a week."

Yates said that tentatively, High Plains Public Radio plans to air the local recordings on Monday mornings near the time of the national Story Corps stories.

"They'll be on the Web, too," Yates said. "We hope that we'll still be airing stories from this visit this time next year. We hope we get about 50 or more good stories."

High Plains Public Radio can be heard in Pampa on KTOT 89.5 AM.

## Dell to issue replacement batteries for 4.1 million notebooks

DALLAS (AP) — In the largest electronics-related recall involving the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Dell Inc. agreed to replace 4.1 million notebook computer batteries made by Sony Corp. because they can burst into flames.

A Dell spokesman said Monday that the Sony batteries were placed in notebooks that were shipped between April 1, 2004, and July 18 of this year.

"In rare cases, a short-circuit could cause the battery to overheat, causing a risk of smoke and/or fire," said the spokesman, Ira Williams. "It happens in rare cases, but we opted to take this broad action immediately."

The battery packs were included in some models of Round Rock, Texas-

based Dell's Latitude, Inspiron, XPS and precision mobile workstation notebooks. Dell launched a Web site, [www.dellbatteryprogram.com](http://www.dellbatteryprogram.com), that described the affected models. Williams said the Web site would tell consumers how to get free replacement batteries from Dell.

Rick Clancy, a Sony spokesman, said the companies have studied problems with the battery packs intensely for more than a month, after getting reports of about a half-dozen fires or smoking laptops in the United States.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.92 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2006 at 4:00 PM at Pampa City Hall, 200 West Foster, City Commission Chambers, Pampa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be August 29, 2006 at 4:00 PM at Pampa City Hall, 200 W. Foster, City Commission Chambers.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** Brad Pingel, Lana Miller, Lonny Robbins

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:** Neil Fulton, Bill Allison

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

Maintenance & Operations	4.38% increase
Debt Service	5.98% increase
Total Expenditures	4.50% increase

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value of all property	\$507,165,262	\$536,331,527
Total appraised value of new property	\$11,441,708	\$8,458,255
Total taxable value of all property	\$417,122,915	\$444,671,468
Total taxable value of new property	\$11,441,708	\$8,458,255

### BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$880,368.

### TAX RATES

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	0.695000
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	0.695000
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.000000
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	0.00% increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$33,697	\$36,182
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$18,697	\$21,182

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on the residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$129.94. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$147.21. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be 209,660.00 of \$17.27 in taxes.



# Viewpoints

## Does Pluto qualify as the ninth planet or not?

We grew up being taught that there are nine planets in the solar system — Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

Now scientists are questioning that knowledge. Some say Pluto shouldn't be classified as a planet. Others say another, larger, celestial body, discovered farther out from the sun than Pluto, should be designated as a 10th planet in our system.

Why the big debate over Pluto's status and that of its newly discovered neighbor?

It seems that no one has ever bothered to come up with the definition of a planet. That's right. None of the

world's astronomers, present and past, have ever decided exactly what should be considered a planet.

That has left the door open to debate, not only concerning Pluto and its newly discovered neighbor, but even on the gaseous planets like Jupiter.

The basic definition of a planet, as most of us have understood it, is a non-luminous celestial body larger than an asteroid or comet that revolves around a star which illuminates it.

Pluto meets that loose definition, but the problem is that it does not behave like our other planets. It is part of a disc-shaped zone beyond

Neptune that is called the Kuiper Belt, which is made up of thousands of comets and other objects, including Pluto's newly-discovered neighbor, which has for now been dubbed "Xena."

**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer



Pluto has an elongated orbit and unusual orbital plane, and is also very small for a planet. It is smaller than Earth's moon.

The problem is, if Pluto is allowed to keep its status as a planet, and Xena is designated as a tenth planet, the door will be opened to count all

the other celestial bodies in the Kuiper Belt that are not clearly asteroids or comets as planets, too.

Astronomers from 75 countries who are currently meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, are working

to hammer out a precise definition of a planet, and to debate what to do about Pluto and all the other Kuiper Belt bodies.

Some say to exclude everything farther out than Neptune. Others seek a compromise by dividing planets

and potential planets into groups, such as gaseous planets, ice dwarf planets, etc. Another group is considering opening the door to allow all the other planet possibilities to be included, which could expand the solar system to as many as 53 planets.

If we add 44 planets to the roster, I know one thing — I'm not going to memorize all of them and their order in the system.

One other item of concern in the world of space is that our government has misplaced the original recording of the first moon landing, including astronaut Neil Armstrong's famous words, "one small step for man, one

giant leap for mankind."

Armstrong said those words as he became the first human to step onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969.

NASA admitted Monday that it has been searching for over a year for about 700 boxes filled with transmissions from that historic Apollo mission, but so far has been unable to locate them.

NASA has copies of the television broadcasts, but those images are of lower quality than the originals which were stored on the missing magnetic tapes.

Things like that don't do much for our confidence in the competence of government agencies, do they?

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2006. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed V-J Day by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date:

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1961, East German workers began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the

Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York. In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: Bob Dole claimed the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in San Diego, offering himself as the "bridge to a time of tranquility." Frederick Martin Davidson, a graduate student at San Diego State University, shot and killed three engineering professors (Davidson was later sentenced to three life terms in prison).

Five years ago: A Texas appeals court halted the execution of Napoleon Beazley just hours before he was scheduled to die for a murder he'd committed as a teenager. (Beazley was executed in May 2002.) The Air Force gave the go-ahead to build its new F-22 fighter. Robert R. Courtney, a Kansas City, Mo., pharmacist accused of diluting chemotherapy drugs, surrendered to the FBI. (He was later sentenced to 30 years in prison.) Astronomers announced the discovery of the first solar system outside our own.

One year ago: Iraqi leaders failed to meet a key deadline for finishing a new constitution. Gang members rioted in seven Guatemalan prisons, leaving 35 inmates dead. Phil Mickelson claimed a one-shot victory in the PGA Championship in Springfield, N.J.

James Dougherty, the retired Los Angeles detective who was the first husband of Marilyn Monroe, died in San Rafael, Calif., at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 83. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 82. Actor Mike Connors is 81.

*'Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.'*

— Hannah Arendt  
American author  
and philosopher  
(1906-1975)

## Correct minimum wage vision

There are decent people, without a selfish hidden agenda, who support increases in minimum wages as a means to help low-skilled workers, and there are other decent people, with the identical goal, who strongly oppose increases in the minimum wage. So the question is: How can people who share the same goals, helping low-skilled workers, come up with polar opposite means that produce polar opposite results?

It all depends on one's initial premise. It would do us some good to make our initial premises explicit and check them against reality. One initial premise is that an employer needs a certain number of workers to accomplish a given task. That being the case, increasing the minimum wage simply means that all low-skilled workers will enjoy a higher salary and employers will have lower profits and/or customers will pay higher prices. With this vision of how the world operates, the logic of increasing the minimum wage as a means of helping low-skilled workers is impeccable.

Another initial premise is that there is no fixed number of workers necessary to accomplish a given task. Employers might be able to substitute capital for labor such as using dishwashing machines instead of dishwashers, automatic elevators instead of elevator operators, self-service gasoline stations rather than full-service gasoline stations, online

reservations rather than reservation clerks or relocating their operation overseas. People who

**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



share this initial premise can still have concern for the welfare of low-skilled workers but argue that increasing minimum wages will cause unemployment for some of them and deny job opportunities for others. Given their initial premise, the logic of their argument is also impeccable.

Thus, the question to decide is which initial premise best describes how the world operates. Is it the one that says there's a fixed number of workers necessary to perform a given task, or the one that says employers have flexibility in the mix of workers and capital they use and where in the world they can choose to manufacture? I think the latter description more properly describes how the world operates.

Place yourself in the position of an employer and ask: If a worker costs me, say, \$7 in wages, plus mandated fringes such as Social Security, unemployment compensation, sick and vacation leave, making the true hourly cost of hiring a worker \$9

an hour, does it pay me to hire a worker who's so unfortunate to have skills that enable him to produce only \$5 or \$6 worth of value per hour? Most employers would conclude that doing so would be a losing economic proposition.

There are a couple other villains in the piece that force employers to respond to increases in wages that exceed a worker's productivity. If he did hire such workers, he would earn lower profits. Soon, investors would abandon him and put their money where returns are higher.

There's another villain — the customer. If the employer retained workers whose wages exceeded their productivity, to cover his costs he would have to charge you and me higher product or service prices. I don't know about you, but I prefer lower prices to higher prices, and I'd switch my patronage to those firms who adjusted to the higher labor cost.

Congress can easily mandate higher wages, but they cannot mandate higher worker productivity or that employers hire a particular worker in the first place. Those of us who truly care about the welfare of low-skilled workers should focus our energies on helping them to become more productive, and a good start would be to do something about the rotten education that many receive.

—Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 7

Austin American-Statesman on Texas' advantage in later primaries:

On Tuesday, voters in the Connecticut Democratic primary, after a hotly contested campaign, will decide whether to renominate U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, who was the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 2000, or nominate challenger Ned Lamont.

We don't have an endorsement for Connecticut Democrats. But we note that their party primary is in early August just three months before the November election and a long five months after Texas held its own party primaries in March. Ten other states also hold party primaries this month.

There's a big advantage to selecting candidates so much closer to the November election than Texas do. In Lieberman's case, for example, voters have had five more months to see how world, national and state events unfold and how he and other candidates

respond to them. Whether the controversy is the war in Iraq or Lebanon, domestic surveillance, taxes, minimum wage, pension legislation, gasoline prices or stem cells, a lot has happened in the past five months, and Connecticut voters are better off for not having had to choose their nominees until now.

Furthermore, once the Connecticut primary is held Tuesday, there will be an intense but relatively short three months for voters to consider the campaigns of party nominees and independents leading up to the November election. Texans, in contrast, selected their nominees back in March and still have three months to go.

Texas held its primaries in early July until the Legislature in 1959 moved it to May to accommodate the ambitions of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, who planned to run for president the next year. The Legislature moved the primary date back again, to March, along with several other states in a vain effort to create a large Southern presidential primary known as "Super Tuesday," which has never worked as intended.

That change, which took effect in 1988, is still the law.

This year, Gov. Rick Perry called the Legislature into a critical special session for public education in April after party primaries on March 7. If the primaries were held in July or August, the Legislature probably would have met already and primary voters would know just what the incumbents had done about taxes and schools.

Today in Texas, the hottest races are likely to be in the Republican primary; fewer than a dozen of this November's general election for 181 state senator and representative seats are expected to offer much of a race, thanks to legislative redistricting that makes most districts safe for one party or the other.

Moving the primary date closer to the election at least to May, but perhaps even later in the summer would give voters more timely information and demand less of their time to hear out the candidates.

When it convenes in January, the Legislature should move the primary date to later in the year.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding the letter from "In a Quidary in Georgia" (6/3), whose fiance wants her children to continue calling him "Mr. Earl" after the wedding, this could be a red-flag warning for problems in the future. Child experts and studies state that successful parenting relies on the biological parent setting and enforcing the rules and discipline for his or her kids. "Mr. Earl" is asking for control, not respect. They need to get some stepfamily counseling before attempting to unite. I know! — **BEEN THERE, LOS ALTOS, CALIF.**

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** I also thought it was a matter of the fiance having control issues. But you know what? I may have been wrong, and you may be wrong, too. For families who live south of the Mason-Dixon line, addressing an older person as "Mister" or "Miss" is considered plain old-fashioned good manners. So drag out the old wet noodle and read on:

**DEAR MISS ABBY:** I address you this way as, to me, it is an endearment and out of respect. Down here in New Orleans, should someone address an older person by his or her first name without a Ms. or Mr. in front of it, it's considered disrespectful. This is most certainly a Southern thing, as one would address Dolly Parton as "Miss Dolly," and "Miss Scarlett," bless her heart, were the poor girl alive today, would still be addressed in this manner. I do not like being addressed by a younger person by my first name. It is terribly harsh, and I'd cringe at hearing a younger person disrespect me in that fashion. This custom is not an anachronism. Address a physician by his or her first name and see what the reaction is. You will be informed that the title

of doctor was earned, and it is expected that you will use it. And as an older, middle-aged person, I have also earned the title of ... "MISS MAGNOLIA," KENNER, LA.

**DEAR ABBY:** This custom is not unique to the southern U.S. In Spain and in Latin America, adults are called Don (insert first name) or Dona (insert first name), and in France, one seldom hears a child say "oui," or "non" without it being followed by a "madame" (ma'am) or "monsieur" (sir). I would suggest those kids come up with a nickname for Earl as a compromise. — **SOUTHERN BOY IN ARIZONA**

**DEAR ABBY:** Growing up in Hawaii, we always referred to adults as "Uncle" or "Aunty." They are not only used as terms of endearment, but also as a way to show our respect. My mother passed away recently. Kids who grew up in our neighborhood attended her services and left cards for her addressed "Aunty Carol." — **PUA, HONOLULU**

**DEAR ABBY:** As a new stepfather, Mr. Earl has the right to be called by whichever name he feels comfortable with. I was married for nine years with two wonderful stepchildren. When the younger one asked me once if he could call me "Mom," I was flattered, but explained to him that he already had a "Mom," and I am "Ms. Amber." I was raised not to call adults by their first names, but to use Mr. or Mrs. in front of their name instead. It may seem like an old-fashioned custom, but in my opinion, it is a good one. — **MS. AMBER IN NORMAN, OKLA.**

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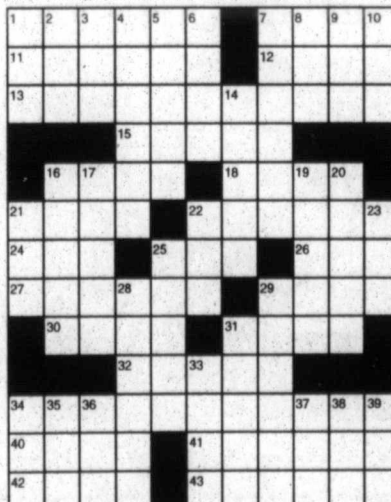
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 11 Lady of Spain
  - 12 Kilauea output
  - 13 Hall of Fame pitcher
  - 15 Debate topic
  - 16 Close
  - 18 Even, as a score
  - 21 Ceiling support
  - 22 Decathlete Bruce
  - 24 Rowboat need
  - 25 Saloon part
  - 26 Week part
  - 27 Would-be attorney's major
  - 29 Single
  - 30 Urban problem
  - 31 Uses a needle
  - 32 Heartburn
  - 34 Star of TV's "Funny Face"
  - 40 Lotion additive
  - 41 Concert bonus
  - 42 Zephyr
  - 43 Blotto
- DOWN**
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  - 2 "Traffic" org.
  - 3 One of the Brontës
  - 4 Lectern
  - 5 Secret meeting
  - 6 "The Odd Couple" director
  - 7 Give useful info to
  - 8 Bumbler
  - 9 Gardner of "Mogambo"
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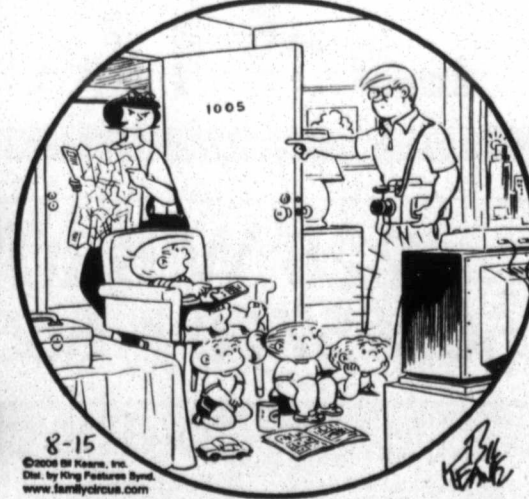


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By Bil Keane



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"eFactor allows our clients to bring our 'back-

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"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that."

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# Sports Day

## Nevin homer helps Cubs defeat Astros

**Cubs 3, Astros 0**  
HOUSTON (AP) — Despite pitching out of jams most of the game, Carlos Zambrano still handled the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Zambrano dominated Houston for the third time this season and Phil Nevin homered and drove in all three runs to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 3-0 victory over the Astros.

Zambrano (13-5) allowed four hits and struck out five in eight innings to improve to 6-1 at Minute Maid Park.

"I felt strong the whole game," said Zambrano, who threw 121 pitches.

Astros starter Roy Oswalt was hit in the right wrist by Ronny Cedeno's line drive in the seventh.

Oswalt retired two batters to finish the inning, then left the game and was listed as day-to-day.

"He's going to be a little sore," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "But right now, we're thinking he's going to be able to make his next start."

Zambrano, who had a one-hit shutout in Houston on June 5, spent most of this night avoiding trouble. His outing also included seven walks, a wild pitch and a hit batter. However, the flustered Astros — with an NL-worst .258 batting average — stranded nine runners and dropped their third straight game.

"If you walk somebody, you just have to get the next hitter out," Zambrano said. "You can't be frustrated

about walks or who is on base. If you've got good stuff that night, you're good enough to get the next hitter out."

Cubs manager Dusty Baker didn't hesitate to send Zambrano out for the eighth. After walking Aubrey Huff, Zambrano retired the next three in order.

"He was still dealing, he was still throwing the ball good," Baker said. "It's hard to take a guy out when he's throwing like that."

Ryan Dempster pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th consecutive save, and 24th in 29 chances.

Zambrano didn't retire the Astros in order until the seventh, but still outpitched Oswalt (9-8) who had won three of his last four decisions.

Oswalt struck out four, but allowed seven hits, including Nevin's homer in the fourth.

The Astros threatened for the first time in the third inning. Willy Taveras beat

out a bunt with one out, extending his career-best hitting streak to 17 games. He went to second on a wild pitch and reached third when Craig Biggio grounded out.

Zambrano walked Lance Berkman, then hit Huff with a fastball in the middle of his back to load the bases. But Zambrano escaped by striking out Morgan Ensberg.

In the fourth, Luke Scott doubled to right-center and Brad Ausmus drew a one-out walk. Oswalt bunted them ahead, but Taveras grounded out.

"We had him on the ropes," Garner said, "but we were never able to get him."

Scott, batting .429 since he was called up from Triple-A Round Rock on July 14, led off the sixth with another double. Zambrano walked Adam Everett, but Ausmus grounded into a double play for the second time and Oswalt grounded out on Zambrano's 98th pitch.

## Pampa one of five teams in line for Dateline special

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### Meet the Harvesters

Meet the Harvesters night is set for Friday at Harvester Field. This is a great opportunity for all Pampa Harvester fans to meet the players that will don the green and gold during the upcoming football season. It also provides fans the chance to meet the coaching staffs.

The concession stand will open around 6 p.m. offering the usual fare with one unique addition — Jambalaya. An assortment of hot and cold drinks will be available as well.

Player and coach introductions will begin with the seventh grade at 7 p.m., concluding with varsity players and coaches.

### Game On

The season has yet to begin and already Pampa is in a battle. The Harvesters are one of five teams NBC's Dateline is scouting for a special based on high school football. The network, which has added a series titled "Friday Night Lights" to its lineup this season, will have a crew in Pampa sometime Thursday. Booster club members hope to encourage them to stay for Friday's Meet the Harvesters event.

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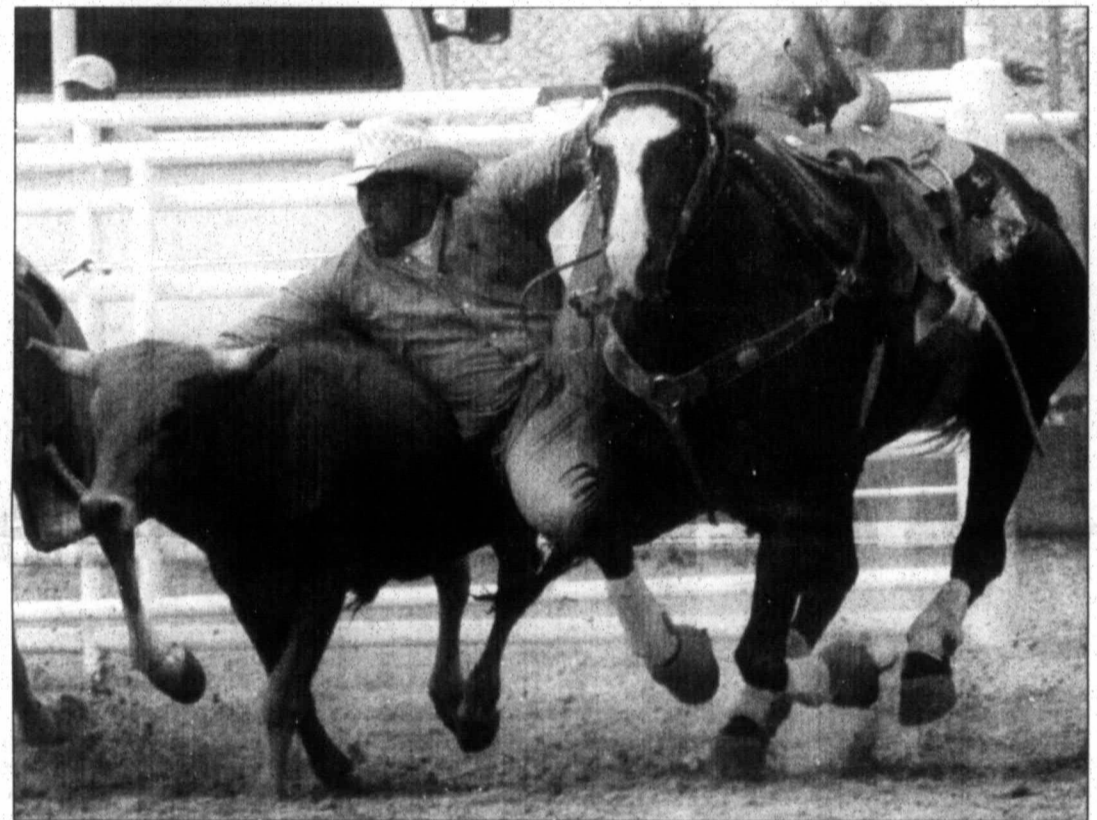
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### 21 Help Wanted

**CUSTODIAN WANTED**  
White Deer ISD is now accepting applications for a full time Custodian until filled. Contact Danny Ferrell, Superintendent, P.O. Box 517, White Deer TX, 79097 or e-mail danny.ferrell@region16.net High School diploma or GED preferred. Applications may be obtained from the Administration Bldg., 601 Omohundro St., White Deer, Texas or by calling 806-883-2311 ext. 100 or 102. EOE

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Call the Pampa News  
669-2525

**NEED**  
rock layers  
general laborers  
brick layers with  
landscaping  
experience preferred  
**Apply in person,  
West Texas  
Landscape,  
120 S. Hobart  
No Phone Calls  
Please!!!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006:  
You have a special manner and personality that serve as a magnet. Your inner light seems to radiate more than ever this year, drawing in many people. You will enjoy many more new friendships, and you will expand your horizons. You might see life from a different perspective as you become so upbeat and positive. Still, you might experience a period in which you are unusually stern or touchy. Stay even while accepting your responsibilities. If you are single, you will remember 2007, as a dynamic romance blows into your life. If you are attached, work on the friendship as well as the love tie. Both of you will become much happier and closer. GEMINI makes a great playmate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:  
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You can ring bells in other people's lives. Although often people might not get your message, communication is simply not a problem right now. Whether single or attached, the time has come to romance a special person. Tonight: A warm dinner with open conversation in which caring flows.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You feel indulgent, and you will indulge yourself. Sometimes you need that sense of luxury; it is a quality your sign appreciates and flourishes with. Buy some flowers or a special treat for your roommate or live-in. Tonight: Your treat.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You are all smiles. What you say allows others to express their feelings. Being sensitive draws a positive

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HELP WANTED in manufacturing shop. Apply in person at SCARAB Manufacturing, 2 miles West of White Deer and 1 1/2 mil south off Hwy. 60 on County Rd. W.

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**A&T Yard Service**  
needs worker w/ some exp. in landscaping, sprinkler systems, lawn maintenance & tree trim. Apply in person, 1305 S. Hobart, Pampa. NO PHONE CALLS

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NEED a Driver w/ Class A CDL license, Hazmat endorsement & good driving record. No exp. nec., will train. Also need a Mechanic. Uniforms, health ins., 40 hr. guarantee, paid vacations after 1yr. DOT drug testing and physical req. We pay top wages! Apply in Person Only, Triangle Well Service 129 S. Price Rd., Pampa. No phone calls please!

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Others delight in your company and do whatever they can to draw you into their plans. News from a distance might make you smile. Travel and education are highlighted. Be open to different styles. Tonight: Sort through your options, then decide.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Get into a project and enlist others in your plans. A partner or special associate not only supports you but also delights in your ideas. Work together, as you make a very strong team. Be sensitive to an overture. Tonight: Choose your favorite exercise to let go of stress.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You cannot help but see the humorous and light side of what is happening. Someone quite clearly cares a lot about you. Let your lightness invigorate your creativity. Your special touch makes a big difference. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ If you can work from home, do so. You are happiest and most mellow in that particular environment. Otherwise, put your best foot forward and embrace the idea that your work spot could be made homier. Tonight: Head home as soon as you can.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Angela Bassett (1958), singer Madonna (1958), director James Cameron (1954) \*\*\*

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Work with others on an individual level. You get way ahead because of your insight and people skills. Someone lets you know how much he or she admires you. You have a radiant warmth that draws many. Tonight: Quality time with a quality friend.

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**21 Help Wanted**

EXCEL Production is accepting resumes and/or applications for an experienced Field Pumper. Individual must have knowledge and experience in the operations of oil & gas wells, compressors & tank batteries. No Phone Calls will be accepted. Please bring resume or pickup application at 1050 N. Price Road or mail resume to:  
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**21 Help Wanted**

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TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

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**104 Lots**

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REBATES \$3000



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**SELL PRICE**  
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C/S DISC \$2790  
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