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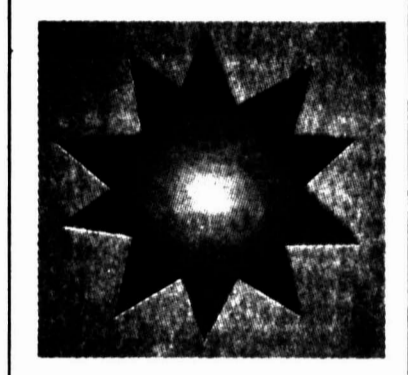
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**Chief deputy resigns post**  
 PAMPA — Chief Deputy David Russell has resigned from the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Don Copeland has confirmed. Sheriff Copeland confirmed that he accepted the chief deputy's resignation last week. He declined to comment further. The sheriff said he does not plan to fill the chief deputy position in the near future. Russell joined the Gray County Sheriff's Office in November 1999 after 14 years with the Houston Police Department. He was named chief deputy in May.

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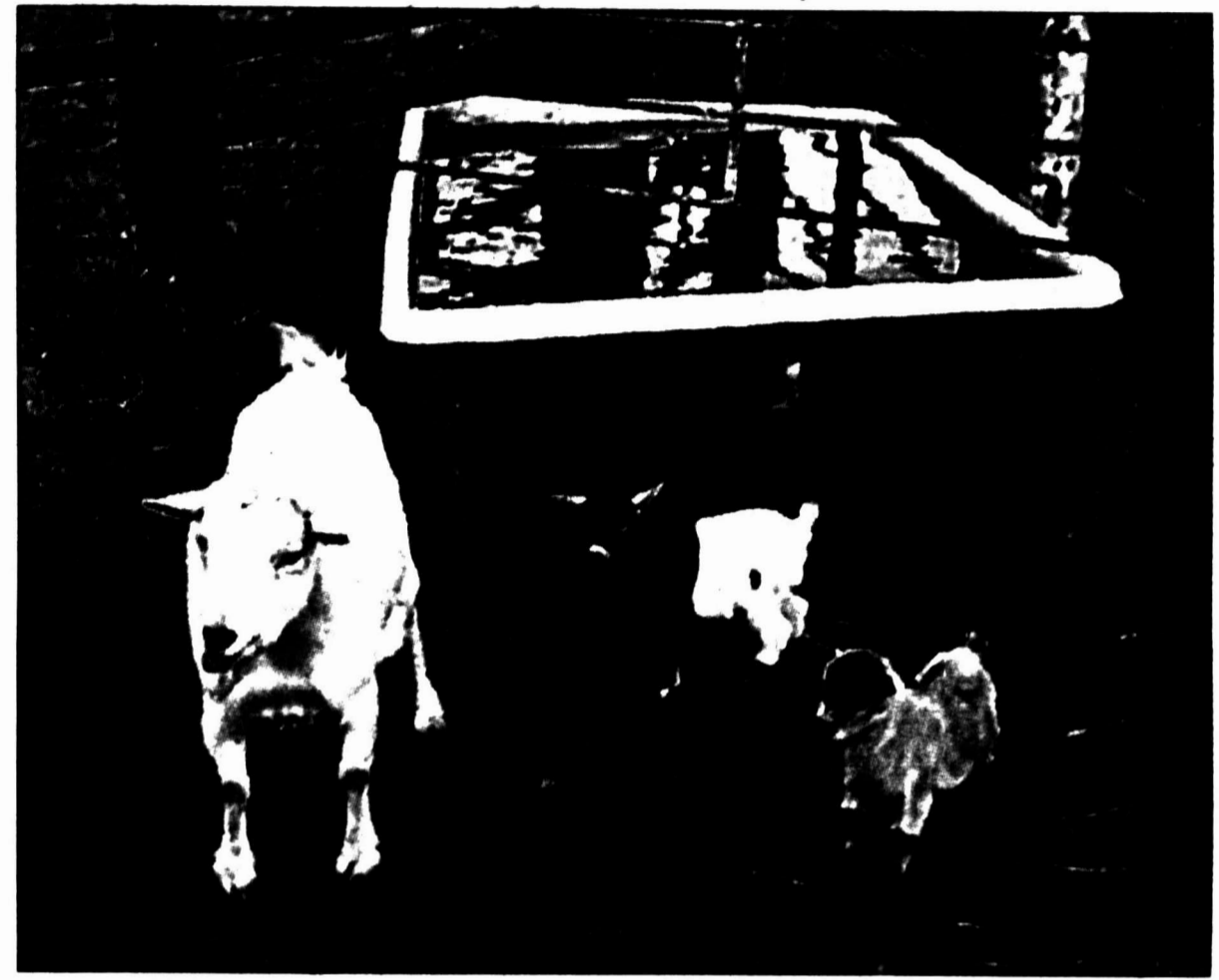
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## Full-time DA bill introduced in legislature

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

It takes an act of Congress to make a change in the district attorney's office. Perhaps that's a bit drastic, but, in reality, it does take an act of the state legislature to change the Texas Government Code so that the 31st District Attorney can be a full-time professional prosecutor instead of part-time as outlined in the Texas Constitution. A bill changing the 31st District Attorney from a part-time position to full-time has been introduced by State Rep. Warren Chisum. Approved 6-0 by the House Judicial Affairs committee, HB 497 has now been sent to the Consent Calendar committee. "This is not a highly debated issue," Chisum commented. "There's virtually no opposition to it. When a DA works full-time, there's no question who they're working for." The proposed legislation amends the Professional Prosecutor's Law, Sec. 46.002 of the Government Code, and includes the 31st District with 64 other state judicial districts with full-time district attorneys. By passing the legislation, newly-elected District Attorney Rick Roach as a full-time prosecutor will receive an additional \$21,855 in compensation from the state each year. Roach pledged to devote his time solely to the DA's office during his campaign last year. A part-time district attorney in Texas is paid \$95,404 annually, while a full-time DA is paid \$117,259, according to fiscal notes from John Keel, director of the Legislative Budget Board. Keel said the bill as proposed does not change any office expense or travel allowance (See BILL, Page 8)

## New kids on the block ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)  
 You know "spring has sprung" when all the new animal babies begin arriving. A miniature nanny goat shows off twin kids born recently at the N.L. Newman place, east of Pampa. The tiny goats stand approximately six inches high and are about the size of a small terrier.

## Storm spotter class tonight

WHITE DEER — A storm spotter training class, taught by the National Weather Service, is set for 7 p.m., Monday, March 12, at the White Deer Volunteer Fire Department, 210 S. Omohundro. Rob Slattery, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo, said he will present the free class to the public in the fire department building located next to U.S. 60 between the two grain elevators. Slattery recommends the class to everyone interested in knowing more about tornadoes and severe weather. "It's time to gear up now for the spring season," he said. "It looks like we're going to have an active season." The meteorologist said April, May and June are typically the months when tornadoes and severe storms tumble across the Panhandle. "We've been so quiet the last couple of years, we're probably due," he said, adding that last year only eight small tornadoes were reported in the area, compared to the average of 25 to 30 reported tornadoes. "May 15 through June 15 is usually when we have the big ones," he said. Slattery said local residents might also be interested in attending a day-long training session scheduled for April 7 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The event will feature a nationally-known lightning expert and severe weather experts from The Weather Channel, he said. "We usually have 400 to 500 attend," he said.

## Courthouse offices relocation on agenda Thursday morning

Larry Irsik, preservationist architect, will address the Gray County Commissioners Court at 9 a.m. at the courthouse Thursday regarding the final building utilization plan in connection with the \$5.3 million courthouse restoration project. The commissioners will also consider seeking proposals for moving county staff and office equipment out of the courthouse during the restoration. Sheriff Don Copeland will discuss hiring a Green Thumb Title V worker. Paul Lloyd will address the court regarding siting an Automatic Weather Observation System at Perry Letors Airport. Other items to be considered are naming additional Salary Grievance Committee members, treasurers report, deleting position of Records Manager for Commissioners Precinct 1, 2, 3, and 4, intrabudget transfer requests and budget amendments. Bank requests for proposals are to be opened at 10 a.m. Bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor are also scheduled for approval by the county commission.

## Busy court week working backlog of criminal cases

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

District court action spilled into both court rooms last week as officials continued to work through a back log of criminal cases in both 223rd and 31st district courts. Gray County Courthouse buzzed with activity throughout the week as judges, defendants, defense and prosecuting attorneys, witnesses, law enforcement officers and all the necessary support personnel gathered to dispense of numerous felony cases on both the 223rd and 31st District Court dockets. At times both the third and second floor courtrooms were in use as judges heard motions to revoke and plea bargain arrangements. Judge Lee Waters, 223rd District Court, revoked probation and sentenced Charles Edward Broadbent, 43, 323 Baer, to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) institutional division after finding that Broadbent had failed to meet the requirements of his probation. Broadbent had originally been placed on probation in June 1997 after being convicted of aggravated assault of a peace officer. Danny Duane Vincent, 41, pled guilty to an enhanced charge of forgery by making and was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined \$5,000. According to court records, the charge stemmed from a \$300 check Vincent had forged on the account of a Pampa woman. Judge Waters also revoked probation for Jeremy Joe Hernandez, 22, of Amarillo and ordered he be confined in TDCJ for 30 months. Hernandez was convicted of engaging in organized criminal activity / burglary. (See BACKLOG, Page 8)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)  
 Dr. Joe Lowry, right, a well known Pampa physician, received the first-ever Trail Blazer Award from Mike Easley, left, director of Center for Rural Health Initiatives. Lowry received the state honor for his contributions to rural medicine.

## Dr. Lowry first recipient of Texas rural health award

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

More than 50 Pampa residents crowded into State Representative Warren Chisum's office Friday morning to see a Pampa doctor become the first recipient of an award honoring rural healthcare providers. Dr. Joe L. Lowry, pathologist at Pampa Regional Medical Center, was named as the receiver of the Texas State Rural Health Trail Blazer Award. He was recognized for his outstanding efforts to help rural health providers address the medical needs of rural Texans. Mike Easley, executive director for the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, traveled from Austin to present the award to the Pampa doctor. He told the group Lowry has made significant contributions to rural medicine. Easley said Lowry served as chairman of the Rural Health Association for three years. He has served on numerous committees for the advancement of rural healthcare, including the Rural Health. Dr. Lowry was recognized for his outstanding efforts to help rural health providers address the medical needs of rural Texans. Lowry was announced as recipient of the award at the Third Annual Rural Health Summit in Austin on March 1 by State Representative Judy Hawley. She praised Dr. Lowry for leading rural health efforts in the Texas Panhandle during the past twelve years. State Representative Warren Chisum nominated Dr. Lowry for the state award, and accepted it on behalf of Dr. Lowry at the Rural Health Summit. Chisum praised Lowry for his outstanding contributions to Pampa's medical community including his strong contributions to civic affairs. Lowry has been on staff at the Pampa medical facility for 17 years. He is currently serving on the Pampa Regional Medical Center Board of Directors and is very involved in the recruitment of physicians to the local community.

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# MEDICAL

## Transplant network reports rising number patients on list

By LAURA MECKLER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of patients awaiting organ transplants rose more than five times as fast as the number of transplant operations in the 1990s, the nation's transplant network reported recently, documenting an increasingly acute need for livers, hearts and other organs.

The annual report by the United Network for Organ Sharing found slow growth in the number of organs from deceased donors, while the number of living organ donors more than doubled between 1990 and 1999. There was a continued rise in living donors who were unrelated to the recipient.

But the number of people on the transplant waiting list grew even more quickly, as medical techniques continue to improve and more hospitals offer transplantation.

The report also found that kidneys from living donors are more likely to survive than those from deceased donors. That's partly because living donors are more carefully screened and the surgeries are performed under more controlled circumstances, a network spokesman, Joel Newman, explained.

In 1999, there were a total of 21,715 transplants performed in the United States, up 44 percent from 1990.

But there were 72,110 people on the national transplant waiting list at the end of 1999, more than three times as many as in 1990. As of Wednesday, it had climbed even higher, to 74,073.

The number of deaths on the waiting list has also more than tripled — from 1,958 in 1990 to 6,125 in 1999.

The data comes just a few weeks after Tommy Thompson, the newly installed secretary of Health and Human Services, promised to launch a national campaign to increase organ donation. Department officials are working to pull together options for Thompson, who vowed action by May.

Most efforts to date have revolved around public education, encouraging families to discuss donation before the situation arises. Others have worked to improve the relationship between hospitals and organ banks so that more potential donors are identified. Research is

### Don't be victim of 'silent killer'

DALLAS — Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is called the "silent killer" because it is almost always symptomless.

It's the leading cause of coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke and renal disease, and black Americans are at a higher risk of developing hypertension than the rest of the population, says Dr. Norman Kaplan, clinical professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"African-Americans are at higher risk because they may be more sodium-sensitive and more susceptible to diet than other ethnic groups," he says.

Hypertension afflicts some 50 million people in the United States. It is 50 percent more common, develops earlier and tends to be more severe among blacks than in whites.

If detected early, which can easily be done with yearly blood-pressure screenings, hypertension can be managed. Various drug therapies and lifestyle modifications, including regular exercise and following a low-fat, low-sodium diet, can be effective in controlling high blood pressure.

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ongoing about the best ways to approach a grieving family about donation.

"If we knew exactly what motivated organ donors, obviously we would apply that to greater effect," Newman said.

An estimated two in three Americans have not indicated their wishes about donation, he said. "If the family does not know what the wishes were, they seem to often say no, just because they don't want to make the wrong decision."

He also blamed myths surrounding donation. Among them: That doctors don't try as hard to save people who are potential donors, and that celebrities and rich people have a better chance at getting organs than other patients.

The network's report provides a wealth of statistics about organ transplants in 1999. Among the findings:

—There were 5,849 cadaveric, or dead, donors in 1999, up just 3 percent from 1998 and up 30 percent from 1990. Each donor produced an average of 3.6 organs.

—There were 4,712 living donors in 1999, more than double the number in 1990. The number of living liver donors more than doubled in just one year, from 85 in 1998 to 218 in 1999. In 1999, 5 percent of living donors gave a piece of their liver, with the rest giving one of their two kidneys.

—Of living donors, 35 percent were siblings, 18 percent were parents and 20 percent came from people who were not related.

—The portion of minority cadaveric donors increased from 18 percent in 1990 to 24 percent in 1999.

—Among cadaveric donors, 85 percent died due to head trauma or stroke.

The report also provided detailed information about survival rates for those receiving various organs. Among those who received transplants in 1997-98, the report found:

—89 percent of kidneys taken from a cadaver and 95 percent of the patients who received them survived at least one year after transplant. Among those who got kidneys from living donors, 95 percent of kidneys and 98 percent of patients were alive a year later.

—81 percent of livers and 88 percent of liver transplant patients survived at least a year.

—85 percent of hearts and 86 percent of heart transplant patients survived at least a year.

### Vitamin supplementation — who needs it?

DALLAS — Does eating a balanced diet ensure that you are getting all of the nutrients you need?

It should for most individuals, says Bernadette Latson, assistant clinical nutrition professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Generally, people who are eating from all the food groups and eating a reasonable amount of food (about 2,000 calories per day) can meet their nutrient needs from diet," says Latson, who is also a registered dietitian.

For those who don't meet the daily requirements she says, a supplement with about 100 percent of the daily requirements for most nutrients is essential. People most likely to need supplements include: dieters who have cut out whole categories of foods or those on a very low-calorie diet, people with chronic illnesses or who are recuperating from illness or injury, aging adults, people with food intolerance or allergies, strict vegetarians, toddlers and pregnant women.

### Clean your ears without using elbow grease

DALLAS — When your mother told you to never clean your ears with anything smaller than your elbow she had the right idea, if a somewhat impractical one. Although many of us have stuck with the use of cotton swabs, doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas suggest a simpler solution.

"Cotton swabs are quite traumatic to the external ear canal," says Dr. J.R. Williams II, assistant professor of otolaryngology — head and neck surgery. "More often than not the cotton swab merely forces old skin, wax and debris toward the eardrum. Hairpins, ink pens and screwdrivers are also disallowed."

Williams recommends a combination of half-and-half white vinegar and rubbing alcohol as the tried and true method. The vinegar-alcohol solution purges the old skin, excess wax and debris, and controls residual moisture.

Apply the vinegar-alcohol solution while showering or bathing. Tilt your head to either side and apply two to three drops in each ear. After about two to three seconds, tilt your head in the opposite direction to empty the excess

waste. Residual moisture will evaporate.

Williams cautions to not use the solution if there is a known hole in the eardrum.

### Early detection key to glaucoma treatment

DALLAS — Recent medical advances make treatment of glaucoma easier and more effective than ever before — but only with early detection. These medical advances can't help the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have the eye disease and don't even know it.

"When glaucoma is detected early, we can slow it and delay serious vision loss," says Dr. Jess Whitson, associate professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "But it has no early symptoms, so you could easily have it and not know."

A leading cause of irreversible vision loss, glaucoma occurs when fluid that normally is found in the eye drains too slowly, causing pressure that damages the optic nerve.

Whitson cautions that people in high-risk groups should have dilated eye exam every two years. Those at high risk include anyone older than 60, blacks older than 40 and anyone with a family history of glaucoma.

### Danger lurks in wild mushrooms

DALLAS — With heavy rains come small mushrooms in your yard. But toxicologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas warn those pretty mushrooms may not be good for you.

"Consider all wild mushrooms toxic," says Dr. Brett Roth, assistant professor of emergency medicine, "Appreciate their natural beauty, but do not eat them."

Determining which wild

mushrooms are toxic and which are safe is difficult, and Roth says myths about mushrooms don't help. "People say if you see an animal eating a mushroom, it must be safe," he says. "In fact, some animals can eat mushrooms that make people quite ill."

Cooking a mushroom will not destroy its toxins, books can be incorrect and, if eaten, a misidentified mushroom can be deadly. While most toxic varieties of mushrooms cause an upset stomach, some can cause hallucinations, kidney damage or bizarre neurological symptoms.

For questions, call the Texas Poison Center Network at 1-800-POISON-1 (764-7661).

### Food, fitness is focus of National Nutrition Month

DALLAS — Blending food and fitness to build a healthy lifestyle is the theme of this year's National Nutrition Month during March.

Lona Sandon, a registered

dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, says you can enjoy the foods that you love and remain physically fit. The key is moderation and variety.

"Eat in moderation and choose a variety of foods from the lower half of the food-guide pyramid," says Sandon, an instructor of clinical nutrition. "Including healthy, foods that you are not currently eating is a more positive change than trying to restrict yourself from foods you enjoy."

Fruits, vegetables, whole-grain bread, cereal, rice and pasta are some of the foods included in the lower half of the food-guide pyramid.

Exercise, Sandon says, is equally important to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

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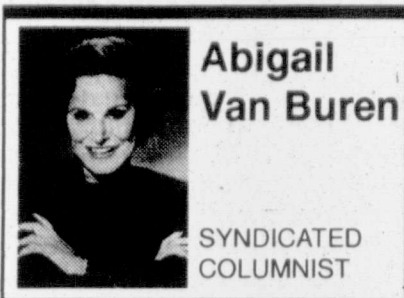
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# Ex-Wife's Poor Parenting Raises Godfather's Concern

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I divorced 11 years ago. We had no children together. However, for the past eight years — since the birth of her son — we have lived together. I love the boy with all my heart and soul. Although I am not his biological father, I am his Catholic godfather, and most definitely his "dad."

His mother and I do not have a good relationship. If it were not for this little boy, I would not want to be around her. She sleeps with him in his bed each and every night — and often bathes with him. She is sometimes nude; other times, she wears a bikini.

Abby, my concern is for my "son." I am turning to you for help. The counseling my ex-wife and I received from a doctor of psychology didn't help, because she rejected the advice. Things around here have become so volatile, I am desperate for any suggestion you can offer.



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other sleeping arrangements. P.S. All three of you could benefit from family counseling.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago, you received a letter from Prisoner No. 711895. Today, you are reading a letter from "Mark," a proud and productive member of society. I am not proud of my past, but I have made positive changes in my life.

I have worked at the same job since I was released from prison six years ago. I am now one of the top managers in the company. My children see a father who is not perfect, but willing to talk about mistakes and learn from them. My parents see a son who has finally grown up. They tell me they are very proud of me.

Abby, I want you and others to know I am not letting the fact I carry the stigma of being a felon define me. I am a man who works hard, takes care of his family and has learned from his mistakes. I am proud of who I am today.

MARK IN SEATTLE

P.S. Last month I had coffee with the officer who arrested me eight years ago. I thanked him for saving my life.

**DEAR MARK:** I salute you. You are living proof that with hard work and determination, rehabilitation is an attainable goal after release from prison. I hope that people who are currently incarcerated will see your letter and realize that one day, they, too, can become productive members of society.

**DEAR ABBY:** A few months ago you published a letter from "Proud Mom," who had a child out of wedlock. The father supports the child financially, but does not see him. She wondered if she should tell the parents of the child's father they had a grandson. You opened the advice up to readers, but I haven't seen the results of this important question. Did I miss a column?

ANOTHER PROUD MOM IN FLORIDA

**DEAR ANOTHER PROUD MOM:** No, you didn't — and thank you for the reminder. The response I received from readers was a virtual tie. Half of those who wrote felt "Proud Mom" should keep her mouth shut. The other half believed she should inform the grandparents that they have a grandson, and let them choose whether or not to have a relationship with him. Belated thanks to the hundreds of you who responded.

## BEYOND WORRY

**DEAR BEYOND WORRY:** Most experts in child development think that as boys and girls reach the age when they become curious about sex, sleeping and bathing nude with a parent of the opposite sex is unhealthfully stimulating.

However, if your former wife won't listen to you, and ignores a Ph.D. in psychology, she's not likely to accept advice from me. Perhaps the problem will resolve itself when the boy is old enough to tell his mother to find

## Horoscope

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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) \*\*\*\*\* Your self-expression becomes an issue when you least expect it. Unexpected developments pop up from out of the blue. Realize what is wrong with a particular situation, especially as it might affect you financially. Don't get depressed. Talk. Tonight: Defer to a friend or loved one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Others test your limits. You could be frustrated and upset. You might be tired or overwhelmed by what you must do. Bosses and those in charge are most unpredictable. Discuss your feelings with a trusted friend or associate. Try another perspective. Tonight: Work with the unexpected.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You could be stressed out by certain events and demands. News from a distance could confuse a situation or make it even more difficult. You do the unexpected when others least expect a twist in the road. Stay even-keeled and know that you can handle everything. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your creativity proves to be an answer. You could be tossed various difficult problems. Relate on a one-on-one

level. Review a financial matter that could have long-term implications. A friend pushes the limit with you. Tonight: Do something joyful.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Deal with fundamentals and handle someone directly. You need to confirm that another is hearing you loud and clear. Confirm your message and understand what is going on with someone. Deal with basics. Don't let incongruities throw you. Tonight: Say yes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations going, even if you want to shut down. No one can blame you, as another could be quite insensitive or difficult. Try to get down to the real problem, even if this process takes time. Make calls and reach out for others. Tonight: Out and about.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Another's opinions mean a lot to you. Give up your rosy point of view when dealing with others. Be realistic. Be direct. A partner could be unusually touchy or remote. Get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: Slow down some.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You do mean a lot to another, but right now it could be hard to tell. Your sunny disposition and personality seem to meet with indifference. Recognize a problem within your immediate family. Start up talks, with an eye to solutions. Allow others to vent. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Assume little and verify all information and news. You might not be totally happy with what you hear. Unexpected surprises could mar your thinking and your decision-making process. You

know what is possible. Do not compromise. Tonight: Be your own person.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You know what you want, but achieving that might be difficult. You might not understand what is happening to you financially. Stop, review your budget and store some money away for the inevitable rough times. Discuss your problems with an expert. Tonight: Be easygoing.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* You might think that you are on target, but events during the day prove otherwise. Listen to a superior or to someone who simply understands the problem better than you do. Don't let a family member rain on your parade unnecessarily. Be direct. Tonight: In the limelight.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Events force you to take an overview. Understand that you don't have all the answers now. Carefully review a decision. What is important is for you to not make yourself insecure. Stay confident as you explore options and possibilities. Make calls. Tonight: Take in a movie.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## The Family Circus



"Do you think President Bush's daughters have twin beds?"

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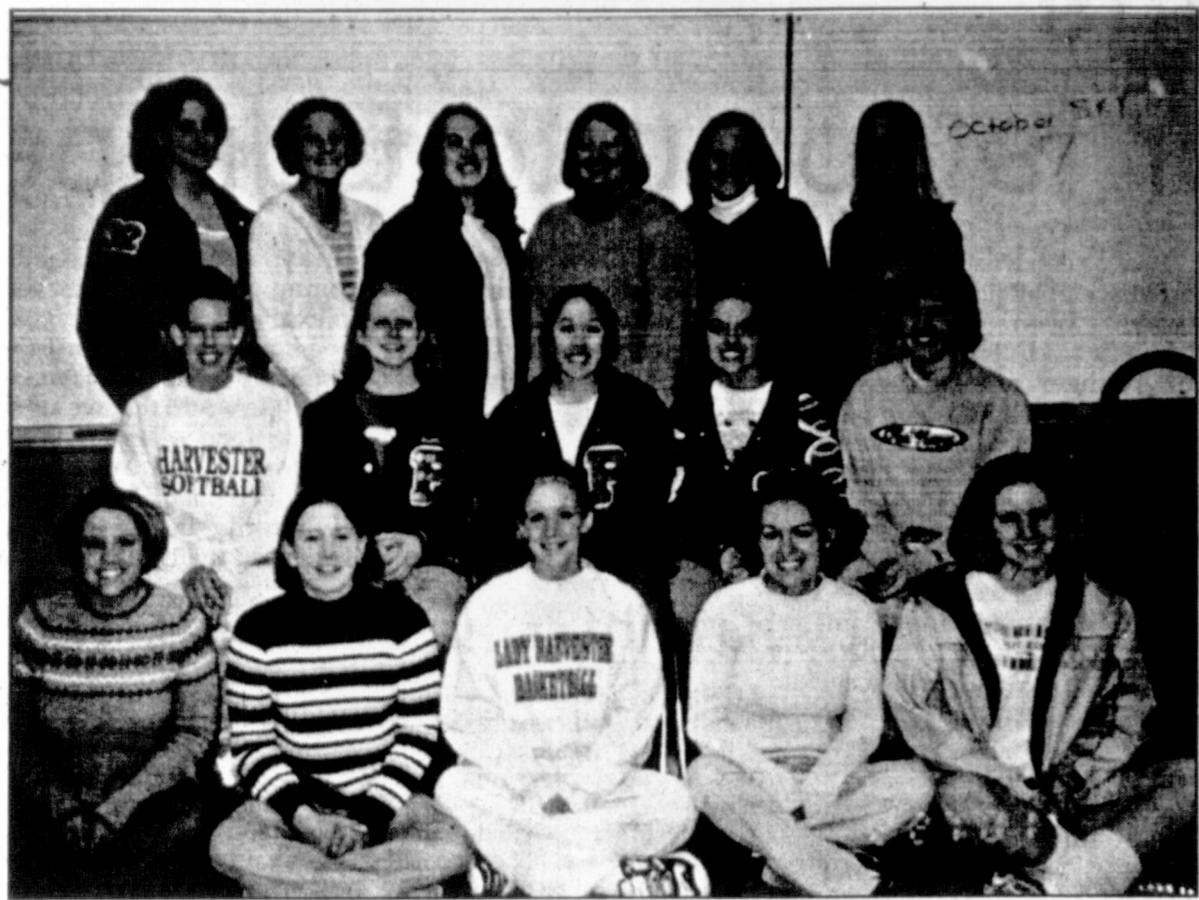
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## Girls' softball team



The Pampa girls' softball team were runners-up in the championship round of the Prairie Dog Classic in Lubbock.

Team members are (front row, from left) Stephanie Clark, Shauna Broadus, Ashley Derington, Abbey Parker and Stacey Johnson; (middle row, from left) Morgan White, Stephanie Cameron, Alexis Amador, Cali Covalt and Chelsey Davis; (back row, from left) Lindsey Narron, Chasity Nachtigall, Meredith Rollins, Tess Kingcade, Charity Nachtigall and Karissa Intemann. Cameron, Clark and Covalt were all named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Harvesters were scheduled to open District 3-4A play last Friday against Palo Duro, but the game was postponed because of wet fields.

The game was re-scheduled for March 19, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Optimist Park.

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## Jones in Vega

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys owner-general manager Jerry Jones is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. April 3 at the Vega Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Tickets, which are \$25, are very limited.

For ticket information, contact the Vega Chamber of Commerce at 267-2828.

# Scoreboard

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### NCAA Basketball Tournament

#### At A Glance

#### By The Associated Press

#### All Times EST

#### OPENING ROUND

#### Tuesday, March 13

#### At University of Dayton Arena

#### Dayton, Ohio

#### Northwestern State (18-12) vs. Winthrop (18-12), 8 p.m.

#### EAST REGIONAL

#### First Round

#### Thursday, March 15

#### At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

#### Uniondale, N.Y.

#### Kentucky (22-9) vs. Holy Cross (22-7), 12:20 p.m.

#### 22-11) vs. Creighton (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Boston College (26-4) vs. Southern Utah (25-5), 7:40 p.m.

#### Southern California (21-9) vs. Oklahoma State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

#### At Greensboro Coliseum

#### Greensboro, N.C.

#### Ohio State (20-10) vs. Utah State (27-5), 12:25 p.m.

#### UCLA (21-9) vs. Hofstra (26-4), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Duke (29-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (21-9), 7:40 p.m.

#### Georgia (16-14) vs. Missouri (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Second Round

#### Saturday, March 17

#### At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum

#### Uniondale, N.Y.

#### Boston College-Southern Utah winner vs. Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 5:30 p.m.

#### Kentucky-Holy Cross winner vs. Iowa-Creighton winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At Greensboro Coliseum

#### Greensboro, N.C.

#### Duke-Monmouth, N.J. winner vs. Georgia-Missouri winner, 1:10 p.m.

#### UCLA-Hofstra winner vs. Ohio State-Utah State winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At First Union Center

#### Philadelphia

#### Regional Semifinals

#### Thursday, March 22

#### Kentucky-Holy Cross-Iowa-Creighton winner vs. Boston College-Southern Utah-Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 5:30 p.m.

#### Duke-Monmouth, N.J.-Georgia-Missouri winner vs. UCLA-Hofstra-Ohio State-Utah State winner

#### Regional Championship

#### Sunday, March 25

#### Semifinal winners

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

#### First Round

#### Friday, March 16

#### At The Pyramid

#### Memphis, Tenn.

#### Virginia (20-8) vs. Gonzaga (24-6), 12:25 p.m.

#### Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Indiana State (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Michigan State (24-4) vs. Alabama State (22-8), 7:40 p.m.

#### California (20-10) vs. Fresno State (25-6), 30 minutes after previous game

#### At The Louisiana Superdome

#### New Orleans

#### Texas (25-8) vs. Temple (21-12), 12:30 p.m.

#### Florida (23-6) vs. Western Kentucky (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Penn State (19-11) vs. Providence (21-9), 7:50 p.m.

#### North Carolina (25-6) vs. Princeton (16-10), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Second Round

#### Sunday, March 18

#### At The Pyramid

#### Memphis, Tenn.

#### Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner, 2:15 p.m.

#### Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At The Louisiana Superdome

#### New Orleans

#### Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-Temple winner, 2:20 p.m.

#### North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At The Georgia Dome

#### Atlanta

#### Regional Semifinals

#### Friday, March 23

#### Michigan State-Alabama State-California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State-Virginia-Gonzaga winner

#### North Carolina-Princeton-Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky-Texas-Temple winner

#### Regional Championship

#### Sunday, March 25

#### Semifinal winners

#### MIDWEST REGIONAL

#### First Round

#### Friday, March 16

#### At University of Dayton Arena

#### Dayton, Ohio

#### Illinois (24-7) vs. Northwestern State-Winthrop winner, 12:15 p.m.

#### Tennessee (22-10) vs. Charlotte (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Kansas (24-6) vs. Cal State Northridge (22-9), 7:40 p.m.

## Scoreboard

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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#### OPENING ROUND

#### Tuesday, March 13

#### At Kemper Arena

#### Kansas City, Mo.

#### Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Butler (23-7), 12:30 p.m.

#### Arizona (23-7) vs. Eastern Illinois (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Mississippi (25-7) vs. Iowa (22-10), 7:55 p.m.

#### Noire Dame (19-9) vs. Xavier (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Second Round

#### Sunday, March 18

#### At University of Dayton Arena

#### Dayton, Ohio

#### Kansas-Cal State Northridge winner vs. Syracuse-Hawaii winner, 12:10 p.m.

#### Illinois-Northwestern State-Winthrop winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At Kemper Arena

#### Kansas City, Mo.

#### Arizona-Eastern Illinois winner vs. Wake Forest-Butler winner, 2:30 p.m.

#### Mississippi-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At The Alamodome

#### San Antonio

#### Regional Semifinals

#### Friday, March 23

#### Illinois-Northwestern State-Winthrop winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner vs. Kansas-Cal State Northridge-Syracuse-Hawaii winner

#### Regional Championship

#### Sunday, March 25

#### Semifinal winners

#### WEST REGIONAL

#### First Round

#### Thursday, March 15

#### At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl

#### San Diego

#### Georgia Tech (17-12) vs. St. Joseph's (25-6), 2:42 p.m.

#### Stanford (28-2) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Indiana (21-12) vs. Kent State (23-9), 7:55 p.m.

#### Cincinnati (23-9) vs. Brigham Young (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

#### At BSU Pavilion

#### Boise, Idaho

#### Georgia State (28-4), 12:40 p.m.

#### Maryland (21-10) vs. George Mason (18-11), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Arkansas (20-10) vs. Georgetown (23-7), 7:50 p.m.

#### Iowa State (25-5) vs. Hampton (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game

#### Second Round

#### Saturday, March 17

#### At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl

#### San Diego

#### Indiana-Kent State winner vs. Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner, 5:38 p.m.

#### Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro winner vs. Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At BSU Pavilion

#### Boise, Idaho

#### Maryland-George Mason winner vs. Wisconsin-Georgia State winner, 3:20 p.m.

#### Iowa State-Hampton winner vs. Arkansas-Georgetown winner, 30 minutes after previous game

#### At Arrowhead Pond

#### Anaheim, Calif.

#### Regional Semifinals

#### Thursday, March 22

#### Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner vs. Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro-Iowa State winner

#### Indiana-Kent State-Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner

#### Iowa State-Hampton-Arkansas-Georgetown winner vs. Maryland-George Mason-Wisconsin-Georgia State winner

#### Regional Championship

#### Saturday, March 24

#### Semifinal winners

#### THE FINAL FOUR

#### At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome

#### Minneapolis

#### National Semifinals

#### Saturday, March 31

#### East champion vs. West champion

#### South champion vs. Midwest champion

#### National Championship

#### Monday, April 2

#### Semifinal winners

#### HOCKEY

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#### Eastern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Austin	39	19	5	83	223	157
B-Shreveport	39	20	5	83	231	157
Tupelo	39	20	5	83	252	185
Corpus Christi	34	26	3	71	203	221
Monroe	32	24	7	71	200	220
Lake Charles	26	32	4	56	199	238
Fort Worth	19	40	4	42	181	251
x-Central Texas	14	18	5	33	104	128

#### Western Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
New Mexico	40	19	4	84	246	220
Odesa	35	18	9	79	220	176
Lubbock	36	22	6	78	244	206
San Angelo	26	31	7	59	201	264

#### Monday's Games

#### Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

#### Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

#### L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

#### Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday's Games

#### Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.

#### Vancouver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

#### Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.

#### New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.

#### Sacramento at Orlando, 8 p.m.

#### Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

#### Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

#### Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

#### x-cinched playoff spot

#### Saturday's Games

#### Washington 107, New Jersey 101

#### Atlanta 83, Chicago 90

#### Charlotte 100, Milwaukee 90

#### Orlando 105, Minnesota 93

#### Houston 86, Golden State 81

#### Sunday's Games

#### New York 86, Miami 83

#### Philadelphia 97, Boston 91

#### Toronto 101, Vancouver 84

#### Sacramento 105, Utah 90

#### Detroit 95, Indiana 78

#### Cleveland 124, Milwaukee 110

#### Phoenix 94, Houston 92

#### Dallas 111, L.A. Clippers 93

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## BILL

costs and there is no fiscal implication to local government should the bill be passed.

"A district attorney prosecutes criminal violations of the state, so it stands to reason that the state should pay for the salary," Chisum said.

Once the bill passes the House, it will pass on to the Senate, the state representative explained. If passed by the Senate, he said, HB 497 will become law effective Sept. 1.

Sen. Teel Bivins said Friday he had not seen the

bill.

"I certainly don't have a problem with it," Bivins said. "We have a great delegation to the House and Senate from the Panhandle. We like to work together," he said.

"This is (Rep. Chisum's) home town," he added. "Warren is much closer to it than I am. If he says it's the thing to do, then I'm for it."

"We have a strange constitution in Texas," Bivins commented. "With 350 amendments, it's more a list of statutes than a constitution. But every time someone tries to change it, it fails miserably."

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## BACKLOG

glary of a building and placed on five years probation in September 1999.

Allen Lee Baumgardner, 39, 620 Red Deer, received a two year prison sentence after his probation was revoked on a June 2000 conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

In 31st District Court, Judge Steven Emmert continued deferred adjudication for David Edward Heuston, 43, 1824 N. Banks, but ruled that Heuston successfully complete an intensive treatment program in Lubbock. Heuston had been placed on probation in September 2000 in connection with a charge of possession of a controlled substance in October 1999.

Judge Emmert also continued probation for Michael Farris Young, 24, 506 N. Nelson, who had been placed on 10 years probation for failure to stop and render aid in March 1998.

Blanche Ann Carey, 34, 1160 Prairie Dr., was sentenced to four years in TDCJ for violating probation requirements. Carey had been placed on seven years probation in October 1995 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Andrea Ann Rodriguez, 22, 422 Yeager, pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance and was assessed 10 years deferred adjudication and a \$1,000 fine. Rodriguez had been arrested in November 1997 and charged with delivering cocaine, greater than one gram but under four grams, to an undercover officer. Rodriguez was not indicted on the offense until two years later, according to District Attorney Rick Roach.

Stacy Earl Lamm, 33, of Richardson, also pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance in court proceedings last week. Judge Emmert placed Lamm on 10 years probation and fined him \$2,500 for selling more than one gram but less than four grams of cocaine to an undercover officer on Sept. 25, 1996.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Four of Judge Bob Muns' grandchildren, from left, Matt and Mitch Kelley, and Cooper Wolken, line up for refreshments at a reception Friday honoring the retiring justice of the peace. A fourth grandson, Kolton Dyson waits in the background. Not pictured is Muns' granddaughter, Shelby Wolken, who also attended the event. Justices of the peace from throughout the Panhandle, as well as county and city personnel and law enforcement officers, were also among those showing their appreciation to Muns Friday during his retirement reception.

## Locals attend Panhandle Day

Local representatives from the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Pampa, Gray County and others joined about 190 Texas Panhandle community leaders for Panhandle Day in Austin.

Last week's event drew participants from the upper 26 Panhandle counties as it does every two years to highlight issues that are vitally important to the area.

Issues were discussed with members of the Legislature, Gov.

Rick Perry and regulatory agencies. These included higher education, agriculture, ground water resources and economic development.

The local delegation's first stop was in the House Chambers where State Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) read a resolution proclaiming Panhandle Day.

The group lunched at the Omni Austin Hotel-Downtown, where they heard speeches by Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), State Rep. David Swinford (R-Dumas) and

State Rep. John Smithee (R-Amarillo).

Preassigned team then made calls on their designated representatives and a reception, which included a group photo with Gov. Perry, concluded the day.

Attending from Pampa were Mayor Bob Neslage, City Manager Bob Eskridge, Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware, County Commissioner Joe Wheeley, Clarendon College Dean of Pampa Center Joe Kyle Reeve, Chamber Chairman Chuck White and Chamber Executive Director Clay Rice.

## GOP has different takes on Bush, Reagan tax cuts

By JIM ABRAMS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty years ago a new president, Ronald Reagan, pushed through a giant tax cut that changed the course of the U.S. economy. Today, Republican supporters of President Bush's tax cuts view the earlier version as a model to emulate; most Democrats see it as a mistake that must not be repeated.

Both sides say a comparison between the 1981 tax cut and Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion plan go only so far. The economy was weaker when Reagan took over, the government was running budget deficits and the Cold War was still in full force.

That's why Republicans say a tax cut makes even more sense today in the new age of government surpluses and Democrats counter that, with baby boomers approaching retirement, the consequences could be even more dire.

Reagan's plan, passed with considerable Democratic support, provided \$750 billion in tax cuts for individuals and businesses over six years. The top income tax rate for the wealthy was cut, over six years, from 70 percent to 28 percent.

Combined with a surge in spending for defense and other federal programs, the tax cut contributed to the federal deficit jumping from \$58 billion in 1981 to \$220 billion in 1986, and the long-term debt rising from \$1 trillion at the start of Reagan's presidency to some \$2.6 trillion at the end of it.

"It pains me to think that we may have learned nothing from our mistakes," Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, who voted for the 1981 package but opposed the Bush plan, said in a speech on the House floor.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said in an interview that Bush's plan is more dangerous because this time the nation won't have time to recover before baby boomers retire and start consuming the Social Security and Medicare surpluses.

Medicare is now projected to go broke in 2009, "just at the end of (Bush's) second term. Some of us don't intend to leave that as our legacy," Conrad said.

Such doomsayers are out of line, said William Beach of the conservative Heritage Foundation. "The world is just entirely different."

Beach said the deficits of the '80s resulted from the need to rebuild the military and end the Cold War, very costly efforts to reform the U.S. banking system and, only thirdly, a lack of fiscal discipline by Congress.

"We were coming out of a real and definite recession and we were looking at rising deficits, not rising surpluses," said Scott Hodge of the conservative Tax Foundation. The federal surplus, if Social Security and Medicare trust funds are included, is projected to be \$5.6 trillion over the next 10 years.

Supporters of Bush's plan also argue that, as measured against the gross domestic product —

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the total value of goods and services produced in the United States — it is far smaller than the Reagan tax cut or even President Kennedy's reduction in 1963. The National Taxpayers Union estimates Reagan's cut was 3.3 percent of a smaller economy, compared with 1.2 percent for Bush's plan.

The liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities figures the two plans to be much closer. It reports that Bush's is 1.5 percent of GDP and Reagan's was 2.1 percent if adjustments for inflation in the Reagan plan and a 1982 tax increase that scaled back part of the 1981 act are considered.

They are also similar, said Peter Orszag, the report's author, in that "the Reagan tax cuts resulted in a fiscal mess and the Bush tax cut," while it may not result in the same deficits, "is just as fiscally irresponsible."

Orszag and others see trouble ahead because they say the estimated \$1.6 trillion cost of the Bush plan could go well above \$2 trillion when added interest costs and pressures to increase tax relief are factored in.

Reagan had to deal in 1981 with a Democratic Congress that presumably was less willing to cut spending than today's GOP-led Congress. Bush supporters acknowledge that the impulse to spend tax dollars crosses party lines.

It's long overdue for lawmakers to rein in spending on agriculture, energy, housing and other programs, the Tax Foundation's Hodge said. "But we are already seeing some grousing" about Bush's attempts to keep spending down, he noted.

Reagan's plan was "linked to a set of promises regarding future budget policy that were not honored," said Henry Aaron, an economist with the liberal Brookings Institution. This time too, he said, there are a whole range of spending programs that have bipartisan support and — if the Bush plan is enacted as proposed — the possibility there won't be enough money to go around.

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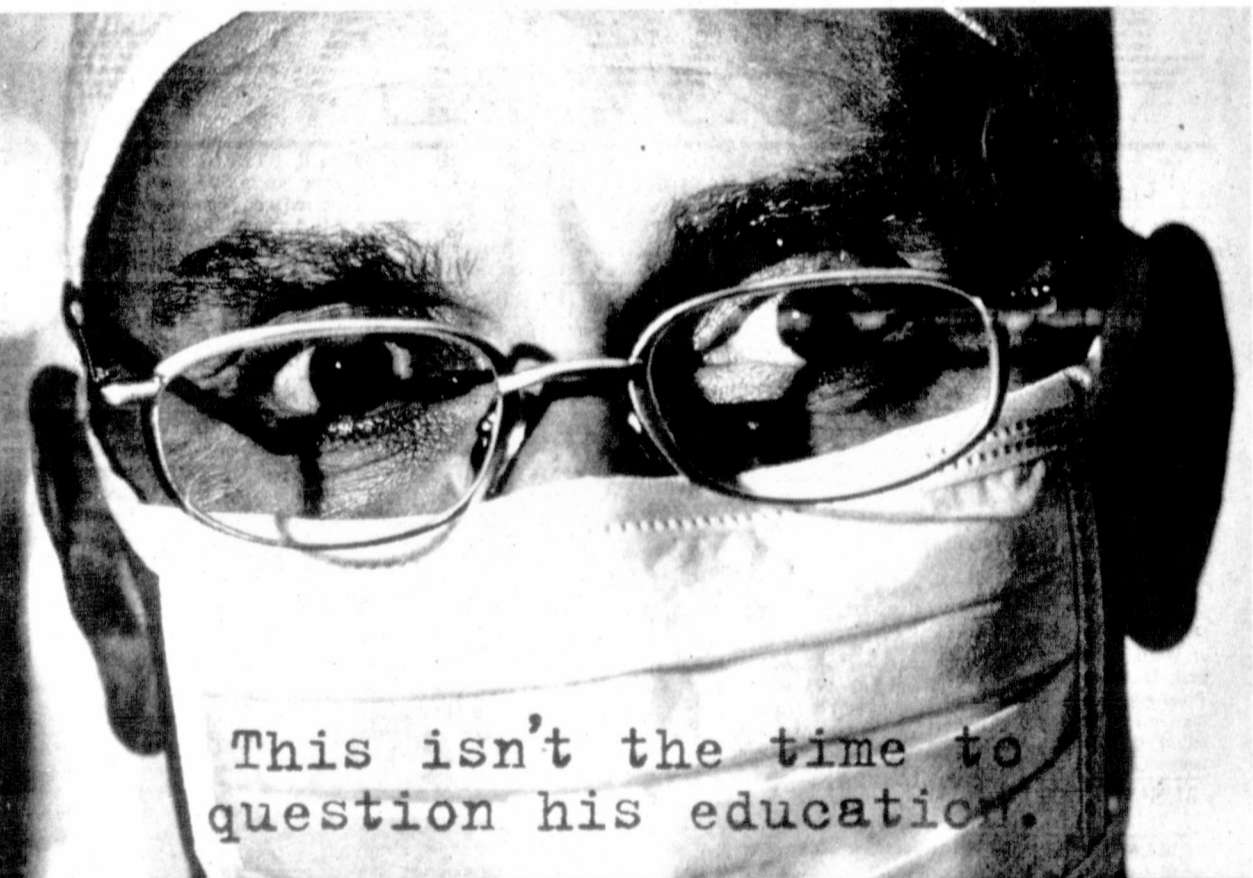
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### Minors cited for drinking

Some Pampa students apparently began celebrating Spring Break Friday night.

Pampa police officers were called to one residence concerning a party and issued tickets for drinking on Perryton Parkway.

Officer Colby Brown was called to a home in the 500 block of Doucette a few minutes before 10 p.m. Friday. Neighbors reported a party with minors drinking, but no report was made nor any tickets issued, police said.

Pampa Police Officer Andy Alaniz issued four tickets for minors in possession of alcoholic beverages about 10:45 p.m. Friday at 2601 Perryton Parkway. Municipal Court officials said today.