

Bush says Republicans will further Reaganomics

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DALLAS — Vice President George Bush says Reaganomics has cut taxes, inflation and the federal budget, but noted only the election of fiscally conservative Republicans will keep the system on track.

"The question the electorate must now decide is whether the gains will be perfected," Bush told a partisan crowd late Sunday at a Dallas-Fort Worth airport fund-raiser.

He said the average American family paid \$2,000 less today in taxes than it did during the Carter administration and that interest rates and inflation were headed down.

He ticked off a list of GOP achievements

made in the economy during the last two years, proof Republican policy was superior to its Democratic alternative.

"In the last two years our administration has cut the rate of growth of federal spending in half," he said.

He said Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, a fund-raiser guest, was an example of how the election of conservatives had produced changes in defense policy.

"Because he (Tower) is there, we're able to move forward on sound defense policies for America. But in the same committee (Armed Services) in the House, it's like pulling teeth."

The speech, part of a campaign swing through Texas, was on behalf of Republican congressional candidate Jim Bradshaw. Guests paid \$150 per plate. The reception was attended by such conservative luminaries as Texas Rangers baseball team owner Eddie Chiles and Fort Worth millionaire T. Cullen Davis.

A campaign aide for Bradshaw called the November congressional elections a public judgment on Reaganomics.

"It's a referendum on President Reagan, his program and his administration," he said. "It's close. We don't have any trouble admitting that."

Classic photos displayed

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FORT WORTH — A recently discovered 1849 daguerrotype of President James Knox Polk is featured in "Masterworks of American Photography: The

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Ex-cop arraigned in oil man shooting

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AMARILLO — A private investigator and former policeman accused in the "planned assassination" of a west Texas oilman was to have been returned from Houston Monday following arraignment proceedings, police said.

L.R. Wynn was arrested at a Houston hotel early Saturday in the fatal shooting of Earle Winston Mathis.

Wynn, who has worked as a private investigator since leaving the Amarillo police department,

was to have been arraigned Monday on charges of shooting Mathis, 62, at a busy Amarillo intersection Friday, Houston Detective Ken Williamson said.

Amarillo investigators described the shooting as "a planned assassination."

Police said Wynn would be escorted to Amarillo Monday by Amarillo police officers.

Wynn, who was attending a convention of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners when he was arrested, had been named in a warrant after witnesses

positively identified him as the gunman who shot Mathis, said Lt. Jimmy Boydston of Amarillo.

The shooting apparently stemmed from a "bad business deal" between Wynn and Mathis, an independent oilman and retired vice president of Pioneer Production Co., Boydston said.

Mathis was in his pickup Friday when a gunman jumped out of his car, strode past a line of vehicles in noon-hour traffic and fired as many as six shots, police said.

Church suit over tax money for war put off

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NEWTON, Kansas — The General Conference of the Mennonite Church has tentatively decided to hold off on a lawsuit planned against the Internal Revenue Service to protest the collection of tax dollars for war.

Vern Treheim, speaking for the church, said the denomination's general board decided earlier this month to hold off on

the lawsuit. However, the final decision is to be made in August at the church's triennial session in Bethlehem, Pa.

Since Mennonites oppose war, the church wanted legal permission for employers to honor the requests of employees who did not want federal taxes withheld from their paychecks to be used for war.

"The main reason (for the delay) was that we were told by our legal counsel that our chances of accomplishing what we had hoped were very slim," Treheim said.

He added that the church lawyer, William Ball of Harrisburg, Pa., doubted the Mennonites' case would be successful because of a recent Supreme Court ruling on religion and tax.

Town broke, but two-man police force vows support

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RISING STAR — The city's coffers have only \$14.86, but the chief of police — whose two-man force has a higher annual budget than the entire town's revenues — says he'll stay on the job as long as he can.

"I'm going to hang on as long as I can even without pay," said Chief Curtis McGlothlin, who mans the department along with officer Dennis Hill. "We will continue to support the citizens of

Rising Star as long as we can." Mayor H.L. Killion said only \$14.86 was left in the general fund that pays police, fire department and administration salaries in the community of 1,000.

"We're broke," he flatly said. No paychecks were distributed Friday.

The proposed budget for fiscal 1982-83 allots \$53,000 to the police department. But, Killion

said, tax revenues will total only about \$44,000.

"We need a police department, but we also need a budget we can live with," Killion said.

Robin Reed, a cafe owner, has formed a committee to try to secure funds to pay the two officers until the town meeting next Monday.

Reed attributes the town's problem to the unwillingness of present and past councils to increase taxes and utility rates.

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