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## Clinton: 'no gimmicks' in compromise tax plan

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton made an aggressive public appeal Tuesday for a compromise budget plan designed to cut \$496 billion from the federal deficit with a modest hit on the middle class. Democratic leaders cautiously predicted it would pass.

"It won't be easy and it won't be quick — but it is necessary," Clinton said in a nationally televised address. He said his plan was fair and would place the burden of higher taxes on the wealthy, keep interest rates down and create at least 8 million jobs.

"Tonight we are on the verge of breaking out of the old false choice between tax and spend and trickle down, between abandonment and entitlement," Clinton said.

Speaking from the Oval Office, Clinton said his plan had "no

more games or gimmicks." He showcased a chart that he said showed how his plan would tame the deficit with a combination of tax hikes and spending cuts.

Clinton said he would sign two executive orders on Wednesday that would serve to ensure that spending cuts in his program would go toward genuine deficit reduction.

Clinton repeatedly stressed that his plan would shield the middle class and the elderly from any undue burden of deficit reduction. The average family would pay less than a dime a day in new taxes — all of it from a 4.3 cents a gallon increase in the federal gas tax, Clinton said.

Trying to counter Republican criticism, Clinton used a second chart to press his contention that half of his deficit reduction would come from spending cuts. And he said the package had a series of business incentives to help spur

job growth.

At the top of the critical speech, Clinton returned to a favorite theme of his campaign: that the nation's problems were the result of years of liberal Democratic "entitlement" policies followed by the "abandonment" of responsibility for the deficit in the Reagan-Bush years.

"The results: fewer jobs, stagnant incomes, a massive debt for ourselves and our children," the president said. "Every element of this plan is a departure from business as usual."

Clinton said he would sign two executive orders on Wednesday, one creating a trust fund he said would mandate that all new taxes contained in the package go to deficit reduction. The second would put controls on annual spending in federal entitlement programs, something demanded

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## President's speech draws mixed reactions

By GENEEN PIPHER

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Texas A&M professors had a mixed reaction to Tuesday's speech by President Bill Clinton.

The President addressed Americans from the Oval Office via four major television networks in hopes of rallying public support for his deficit-reduction package.

The House and Senate agreed upon the \$496 billion deficit-reduction plan Monday. Included in the plan is a gasoline tax, higher taxes on the rich, large corporations and wealthy Social Security recipients.

In his speech, Clinton called the plan "the largest deficit-reduction program in history" with more cuts than increases, but Dr. Jared Hazelton, A&M visiting professor and dean of business administration, said there are many people who believe larger cuts should have been made.

"I don't think congress has come to grips with real spending cuts — entitlement cuts," he said. "Medicare and Medicaid expenditures are still rising and the Senate just passed another entitlement,

the National Service Initiative. The defense cuts are real, but overall the spending cuts are very minimal. Nothing has been done to affect spending in the long run."

Hazelton said the American people are ready to give Clinton the benefit of the doubt and support his budget plan.

"I think the plan will be received fairly well," he said. "It is not necessarily what I would have wanted, but the American people seem to want to give him the benefit and let him do what he wants to do now, but in 1996 they might not."

A key component in Clinton's deficit-reduction package is the additional 4.3 cent tax on gasoline. Dr. Bryan Jones, head of the department of political science said the effects of the extra tax on the middle class will not be that great.

"I do not think the tax increase will do devastating things to the economy," Jones said. "The tax increase is big, but it is heavily concentrated on two things — the income tax on the wealthy and the

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## Afternoon in the park



NICOLE ROHRMAN/The Battalion

Newlyweds Anne and Tyler Tamplin spend the afternoon picnicking at Research Park. Anne is a junior special education major from Houston and Tyler is a senior agriculture management major from Monahan.

## Richards has edge in 1994, profs say

### July poll reveals governor's popularity

By GENEEN PIPHER

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Some Texas A&M political science professors say that the Gov. Ann Richards will be extremely difficult to unseat in next year's gubernatorial election.

Dr. Kim Hill, professor of political science said, "I do not think that she (Richards) would get a serious challenge from the Democratic Party," he said. "In the Republican party, it would have to be someone with high name recognition in the state of Texas and a lot of money to spend."

According to the latest Texas Poll, conducted July 9-18 by Texas A&M's Public Policy Research Institute for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc., 33 percent of those surveyed would be likely to vote for Richards if the elections were held today.

The poll indicates that George W. Bush Jr., managing general partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and eldest son of the former president, is the best known and most widely recognized of the five leading GOP hopefuls.

Bush has a 44 percent favorable rating and a relatively low 28 percent unfavorable rating according to the poll.

Although the poll found that 23 percent of those surveyed would be unlikely to vote for Governor Richards if the election were held today, Dr. Charles Wiggins, professor of political science, said incumbents are at an advantage.

"Generally speaking, incumbents are not all that vulnerable," Wiggins said. "Incumbents definitely have an advantage as long as things are operating somewhat smoothly and the economy is in reasonable shape."

"People tend to think, 'Well why make a change? Things have been going smoothly so let's re-elect her,'" he said. "Why risk a downfall by

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## Ceremony set for Sept. 4 University's Cain Park to open soon

By MICHELE BRINKMANN

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Texas A&M University's Cain Park will probably be completed the week before fall classes begin, and a dedication ceremony is set for Sept. 4.

The park will have walkways, bushes, flower beds and a water fountain with a victory eagle sculpture mounted in the middle of the park. The eagle has a 14 foot wing span.

The sculpture, which was a gift from the Class of '91, will be formally unveiled at the dedication.

"We wanted the unveiling of the victory eagle to be the night of the A&M-LSU football game, since it's the first game of the season," Robert Smith, vice president of finance and administration, said.

"We wanted to forever protect some green space on this campus from being built on," Smith said.

The \$300,000 Cain Park was a joint project between the Cain Foundation and the University.

"A lot of opportunities came together at one time that allowed us to build the park," Physical Plant Director Joe Sugg said. "It's a nice place for the University community to enjoy themselves."

Smith said landscape architecture associate professor, Dr. John L. Motloch, was contacted when the idea for Cain Park originated. Motloch assigned a semester project to his advanced landscape architecture class to design the park, Smith said. "We tried to use as many of the best ideas from the class within our budget," Smith said.

## Graduate returns to work in administration position

By JAMES BERNSEN

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A former Texas A&M student leader has returned to the University as a member of the administration.

Robert T. Bisor III, Class of '87, was named special assistant to vice president for finance and administration Robert Smith, and began work Monday.

"This is a unique and exciting opportunity for me," Bisor said. "Texas A&M means a great deal to me, and I am truly pleased to be returning to campus to serve the institution in this new position."

Bisor will work on long term projects



Bisor

to the office.

"I look forward to his assistance on a variety of programs and projects that will benefit the University as a whole,"

within the division of finance and administration as part of the division's strategic plans, as well as special initiatives.

Smith said he is extremely pleased to have Bisor working in the division and said Bisor's talent and considerable skills will bring much

Smith said.

Bisor has worked in a variety of positions in state government since graduating, including assistant to the director of audit/energy resources in the Texas Land Office and assistant to the secretary in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Most recently, Bisor worked as an auditor and aide to Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

Bisor graduated from Bryan High School where he served as student body president before coming to A&M.

"I'm thrilled to be back at A&M," he said. "I've got a vested interest in it by being a student and having worked my

way through the school."

As a student, Bisor served as president of the Memorial Student Center, vice chair of the MSC's Black Awareness Committee, executive vice president of marketing and personnel for the MSC Council and served on the university's Commission on Visual and Performing Arts.

Since graduating, Bisor has served as co-chair of A&M President Mobley's Former Student Advisory Committee on Black Issues and been active in the Association of Former Students.

Bisor has also been recognized as an Outstanding Young Man of America.

## Senate confirms Ginsburg

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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 96-3 Tuesday to confirm Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a pioneering advocate of women's rights, as the 107th justice and second woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

Ginsburg, a federal appellate judge, will become the first justice named by a Democratic president since 1967.

The Senate vote completed one of the smoothest confirmations in recent years. Many senators said President Clinton's choice of a moderate avoided the pitched battles that engulfed the nominations of Clarence Thomas, who was confirmed, and Robert Bork, who was rejected.

Ginsburg is to be sworn in next Tuesday at the White House and the Supreme Court, White House spokeswoman Lorraine Voles said.

"The Senate was obviously moved by her intellect, integrity and heart, as was the president. Judge Ginsburg will be an outstanding addition to the court," Voles said.

Ginsburg, 60, will replace retired Justice Byron R. White. She will sit down the bench from the high court's first female member, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was named by President Reagan in 1981.

The most dramatic difference between Ginsburg and White is over abortion. She says the constitution guarantees a woman's right to an abortion; he was never able to read the document that way.

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A&M student earns second-degree black belt in Tae-KwanDo

### Lollapalooza.

A picture page and review of Sunday's concert in Dallas



Lance Staley is the lead singer of "Alice in Chains," who play in Lollapalooza '93.