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Contra supporters can raise funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department says private supporters of the Nicaraguan Contras can legally raise funds for the rebels.

The Contras' backers will have to step gingerly, though, if they want to avoid past mistakes that have led to criminal charges or made them — both wittingly and unwittingly — part of the Iran-Contra affair.

For instance, U.S. law would prohibit the private backers from shipping arms now in the United States to the Contras without State Department approval.

And the department would

have to agree before U.S. arms could be sent from other countries to the rebels.

Other laws prohibit the landing of private military operations from U.S. soil and require registration of anyone operating as an agent of a foreign entity.

Internal Revenue Service says that tax-exempt charitable organizations must raise money for food, clothing and shelter — for weapons.

Private Contra backers say they will try anew to raise money for the rebels because of the House rejection of \$36.2 million in aid.

Israelis kill 3 Palestinians in attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed three Palestinians on Sunday and hospital officials said at least 25 others were wounded. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek declared that "co-existence between Jews and Arabs has collapsed."

Widespread demonstrations rocked the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in one of the worst days of bloodshed since the protests began Dec. 8. Jerusalem also suffered as Arab activists cut a water main,

leaving several neighborhoods dry.

Two other Arabs — a 15-year-old boy hit in the head by a car on Saturday and a 10-year-old boy struck by a bullet last week — died of injuries suffered earlier and dozens more were hospitalized after they were beaten or teargassed by Israeli troops.

The United Nations said fatalities brought to 48 the number of Palestinians killed in more than two months of demonstrations against the Israeli occupation, which began in 1967.

Convicted child molester arrested

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — A convicted child molester ordered to post signs identifying himself as a "dangerous sex offender" was arrested here Saturday, three weeks after he disappeared from his home in Portland.

Richard J. Bateman, 47, was arrested as he tried to flee from a condominium construction site where he apparently had been working as a laborer, Mark Hyde, a spokesman for the Beaverton police, said.

An anonymous phone call led police to Bateman, Hyde said.

A warrant was issued for Bateman's arrest in January after Multnomah County District Judge Dorothy Baker ruled he had violated a condition of probation by attempting to obliterate the sign, reading "Dangerous Sex Offender, No Children Allowed."

Baker ordered Bateman to post the sign last year after he pleaded no contest to two counts of first-degree sexual abuse involving a 5-year-old girl and a 5-year-old girl.

Bush offers to apologize to Mrs. Dole for comment

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President George Bush distanced himself Sunday from charges his campaign has been leveling at chief GOP presidential rival Bob Dole as candidates of both parties began cooling their rhetoric on the eve of Iowa's crucial precinct caucuses.

The Democrats, with a tightly bunched group of front-runners, focused on attacking U.S. policy in Central America, with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis suggesting he would be willing to tolerate a Soviet client state in the region as long as it wasn't "a platform for offensive military operations or the subversion of neighboring governments."

Bush, appearing on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," offered to "totally apologize" to Dole's wife, Elizabeth, if a Bush campaign statement offended her, but declined to extend an apology to Dole.

"I don't think he's mean-spirited," Bush said. "But I don't think the charges that that campaign has leveled against me over and over are true at all."

Bush was questioned about a statement issued by Iowa campaign manager George Wittgraf which attacked Dole for "mean-spiritedness" and raised questions about management of his wife's finances.

"I looked at that and saw nothing that I felt was a criticism of Elizabeth, but if so, I would totally apologize to her," Bush said. "She's a friend."

Dole, interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press," said of the feud with Bush "as far as I'm concerned it's over."

Dole couldn't resist, however, a shot at Bush on the Iran-Contra arms deal.

"I do think there's a feeling out there that somehow, obviously, Bush is more closely tied to that than any of the rest of us," Dole said.

The campaign flurry came as 11 of the 13 Republican and Democratic presidential candidates stumped across Iowa, with only Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig staying away.

It comes on the heels of a survey showing Dole with a double-digit lead over Bush in a poll published by the *Des Moines Register*, while indicating Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt led Illinois Sen. Paul Simon and Dukakis among Democrats.

The candidates planned an exhausting series of speeches as they tried to fire up backers to turn out in each of Iowa's 2,487 precincts on Monday. It's the first test for Democrats, and an important early battle for the GOP.

Appearing at a Cedar Rapids breakfast, Gephardt bragged about Wednesday's House vote rejecting aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

"For six long years, we've had this senseless policy of sending our tax dollars to soldiers in Nicaragua," Gephardt said. "Last Wednesday night we decided in the House of Representatives that we couldn't wait until November to change America."

Dukakis, questioned on the NBC program, went a step further, citing treaties banning interference in the internal affairs of other nations in the region.

Gunman kills three, wounds self at family gathering in Arkansas

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — A gunman opened fire at a family party Saturday, killing his father, older brother and girlfriend before critically wounding himself, authorities said.

The gunman, Thomas Schrader, 33, was transported to AMI Hospital in Hot Springs, Hot Springs Police Officer Michael McCormick said.

A hospital spokesman said late Saturday that Schrader's condition was critical.

Two of the dead were identified

as William Schrader, 66, and Steven Schrader, 38.

Police did not immediately identify the female victim pending notification of her family members, but said she was Schrader's girlfriend.

"We haven't determined if it was a random shooting or one of selected victims," police Lt. Gary Miller said.

About 12 family members had gathered at the one-story frame house to celebrate the 39th anniversary of William Schrader and his wife, Betty.

They were also celebrating the 14th birthday of Thomas Schrader's daughter, Amy, authorities said.

"We had had dinner and birthday cake and I was clearing off the table," Betty Schrader said. "When I heard what sounded like firecrackers."

Miller said authorities believe a woman wrestled with the gunman, enabling others to escape from the house.

"I put my finger on the trigger so he couldn't shoot anymore," Thomas Schrader's ex-wife, Kathy, said.

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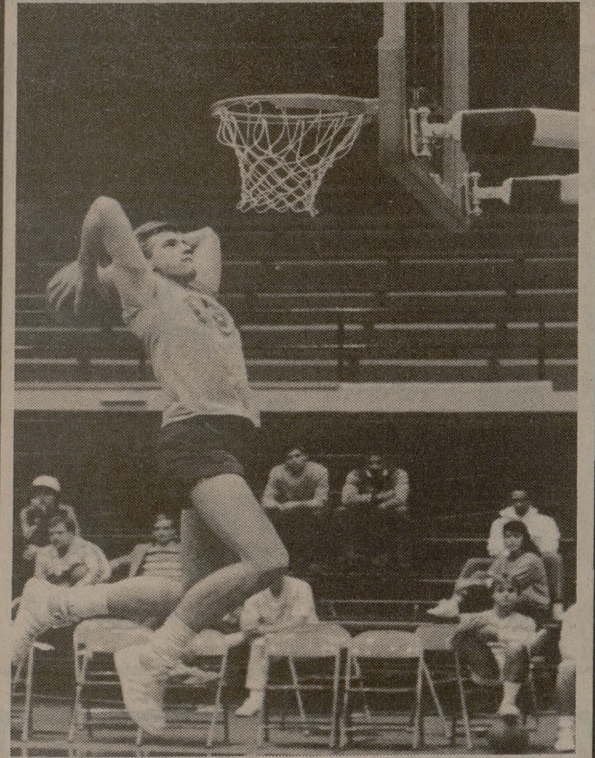
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IM GAMEPLAN

ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, FEB 9

WALLYBALL: ENTRIES OPEN: Mon, Feb 1. ENTRIES CLOSE: Tues, Feb 9. ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per team. PLAY BEGINS: Mon, Feb 15. TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING: Thurs, Feb 11 at 5:00 PM in 164 Read Bldg. COMPETITION: Classes A, B, & C will be offered in Men's, Women's, & CoRec. **SLAM DUNK:** ENTRIES OPEN: Mon, Feb 1. ENTRIES CLOSE: Tues, Feb 9. PRELIMINARIES: Wed, Feb 10 at 7:30 PM, Main Floor, G. Rollie White. FINALS: Sat, Feb 13 at halftime of the A&M-Baylor Men's basketball game. RULES: Available at the IM-REC Office, 159 Read.

ENTRIES OPEN: MON, FEB 8
ENTRIES CLOSE: TUE, FEB 16

FREE THROW: CONTEST DATE: Wed, Feb 17, 6-10 PM, G. Rollie White Coliseum. FINALS: Wed, Feb 24 at the halftime of the A&M vs. Houston Women's Basketball game. ENTRY FEE: Free!!! RULES: Each individual will shoot 20 free throws. The top two individuals will go to the finals Complete rules are available in the IM-Rec Sports Office. **HORSESHOE DOUBLES:** PLAY BEGINS: Tues, Feb 23. SCHEDULES: Will be posted on Thu, Feb 18 after 3 PM outside the IM-Rec Sports Office. ENTRY FEE: Free. COMPETITION: Classes A, B and C will all play single elimination tournaments. EQUIPMENT: Horseshoes will be provided.

LiftAmerica and Special Olympics

LiftAmerica is a program in which individuals solicit pledges for their performances in the LiftAmerica event. The event consists of a bench press competition in which men will press 135 lbs and women will press 55 lbs. Pledges are based on the number of repetitions at these weights. LiftAmerica collects all the money through the mail. Participants are not responsible for collecting any money. The event is to be held on March 1 in room 268 G. Rollie White beginning at 6 PM. Interested individuals should come by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office to enter and receive their pledge packets. For more info on the program, contact James Welford in the IM-Rec Sports Office or call him at 845-7826. In addition to benefiting Special Olympics, individuals will receive incentive awards based on the actual dollar amount collected by LiftAmerica from their pledges.

COMING EVENTS:

ENTRIES OPEN: Tennis Doubles, Softball, & Pre-season Softball on Feb 15.

TAMU OUTDOORS

BACKPACKING SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST FEBRUARY 19-21

Registration for this trip is from Feb 1-15 in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read. The fee is \$35 with A&M ID and \$40 without ID. This includes rental of camping gear and backpacks, food, maps, experienced guides. This trip is geared toward the beginner to intermediate backpacker. For more information, please call Paula 845-7826.

ROCK CLIMBING & RAPPELLING CLINIC AT SUGAR LOAF SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 8:30 AM-4 PM.

This one day rock climbing/rappelling clinic is to introduce beginners to this exciting sport. Experienced guides will teach basic knots, rope handling techniques, protection and belaying systems, and variety of climbing techniques at Sugar Loaf (located near Hearne, TX). The \$10 fee (\$13 for Non A&M) includes climbing equipment and experienced instruction. The trip is limited to 10 participants. Sign-ups begin Feb 8 and will continue through Feb 22 in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read. For more info, call Patsy at 845-7826.

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WOMEN'S- HAPPY FEET

OFFICIALS MEETING:

Anyone interested in officiating softball attend an orientation meeting Feb 15, at 6 PM, in 164 Read. For more information contact Chris Koperniak at 845-7826.

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FOOTNOTES:

- The Men's Volleyball Club will be holding a Valentine Classic USVBA Volleyball Tournament on Sat, Feb 13 from 9 AM-10 PM in the Read Bldg.
- Slam Dunk Prelims will be held on Feb 10 at 7:30 PM. Come on out and see the action.
- Soccer Playoffs will be posted on Mon, Feb 8 after 3 PM on the bulletin board across from Racquetball Court #2. Play begins on Tue, Feb 9.
- Team Bowling began last night Feb 7. Teams that have not picked up their schedules may do so in the IM-Rec Sports Office, 159 Read Bldg.
- Racquetball Singles schedules have been posted on the bulletin boards outside the IM-Rec Sports Office. Play begins tomorrow night, Feb 9.
- There are still openings in the Exercise Classes being offered by IM-Rec Sports. For more info please contact Paula Opal at 845-7826.