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Weather Friday will be partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening showers, highs will be in the 90s with lows in the 70s - National Weather Service TTALION

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NEWS **B**RIEFS

federal judge rules on Brady Law

SAN ANTONIO - The backound checks required under the andy Law don't constitute an undue ardship on authorities enforcing the un-control law, a federal judge ruled

"The Brady Act confers great disretion on each chief law enforceent officer to determine what is a easonable background search under he circumstances," U.S. District udge Ed Prado said in denying Val arde County Sheriff J.R. Koog's allenge.

Koog argued the law is unfair to mall departments that do not have he personnel to make the backound checks

The law, which went into effect Feb. 28, has been challenged in six

White House aide to pay \$13,000

WASHINGTON - David Watkins, he White House aide who lost his job after going golfing on a presidential helicopter relented Tuesday and said e will reimburse the Treasury more han \$13,000. He said, "I'm not adnitting I did anything wrong.

t Septem-said, Ros-White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers released an outline of an internal review into helicopter use and declared, "There were no other instances of misuse.

anything And the White House issued lptures of had en tougher rules for using military air-craft, requiring even Chief of Staff Mack McLarty to get permission beat Ros individu fore hopping on a flight.

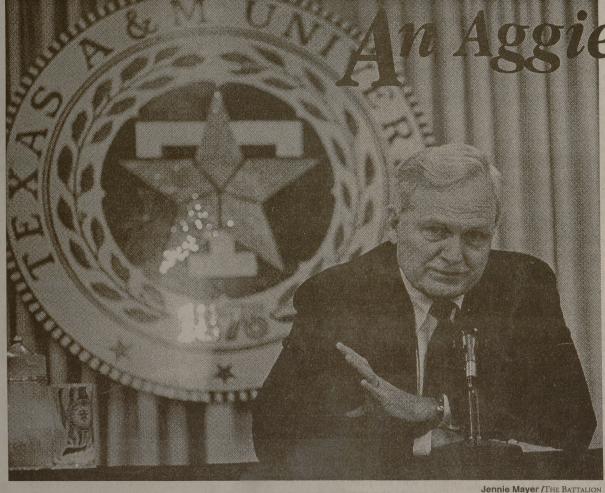
A Republican critic, Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, said releasing an outline is not enough. He wants access to all military flight manifests. ore than

"The inconsistencies in the information released by the White House renders their efforts unreliable," said Bartlett, whose Maryland district con-tains the golf course Watkins visited.

Study shows prison inmate increase

WASHINGTON — The number of state and federal prison inmates climbed to a record 948,881 last year - almost triple the 1980 figure and Congress is poised to stiffen

penalties for dozens of crimes. In a report Wednesday on inmate populations at the end of 1993, the Justice Department said the incarcer-



Ray Bowen, the new Texas A&M president, held his first press conference yesterday in 701 Rudder.

ie comes home **Bowen strives to become** 'Academic president'

By Shellie D. Jenkins THE BATTALION

A she took office Wednesday, Dr. Ray Bowen said he wanted to be known as Texas A&M's "academic president." Bowen said the first items on his agenda are to meet people

and to develop an open relationship with students, faculty and administration.

"I come to A&M with a strong academic agenda," he said. "My primary concern is for students and their academics.

I want to be known as the academic president of A&M," he said. Bowen became the University's 21st president after the Board of Regents confirmed his appointment last Friday.

Bowen said he sees areas reflective of his academic concerns and would like to do

what he can to address them.

One of those concerns is the lack of resources in the Sterling C. **Evans Library**

He said it is important for students to prepare themselves for the world. He would also like to stress the importance of classroom instruction.

Bowen also said he supports a multiculturalism requirement because of the changing economic environment and its importance in the academic curriculum.

"We need to open up better lines of communication to enhance the academic experience," he said. "I would like to work on this internally as a family.

Bowen said he is still shocked that he was chosen for the job. "Right now it's all still very emotional. I'm recalling my days here as a student, now I'm president," he said.

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ROSTENKOWSKI **Prosecutors paint bleak picture of greed**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The loses his chairmanship of the 17-count indictment against Rep. Dan Rostenkowski portrays a powerful House chairman who persistently pursued opportunities to reward himself, his friends and political associates at taxpayers' expense.

In obtaining the 49-page indictment from a federal grand jury, prosecutors served notice Tuesday they intended to paint a devastating picture of greed and corruption run amok over 20 years.

Ways and Means Committee.

It removes him as a key player in President Clinton's campaign to win passage of healthcare reform legislation this year.

There were reports that Rostenkowski was considering replacing his defense attorney, Robert Bennett. Chicago attorney Dan Webb, mentioned in some reports as a possible replacement, said through a secretary that he had not talked with Rostenkowski and did not repre-

West becomes first female Board of Regents chair Philosophy embraces honesty, integrity

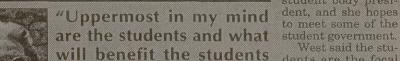
By Sara Israwi

Mary Nan West made history May 12 when she was elected as the first woman to chair the Texas A&M Board of Regents. West, who did not initially

want the job, replaces former board chairman Ross D. Margraves Jr. Margraves resigned April 27 because he

comes to mind. "One thing I believe so firmly in is integrity - that also encom-passes honesty," she said. "I was reared to believe a handshake is like a contract.

To be a regent, Mobley said,



education is important today. West is chairwoman of the board of the San Antonio Livestock Expedition, which has raised thousands of dollars for college educations. She is planning to work with

Brooke Leslie, A&M student body presito meet some of the

West said the stu-

tstanding ation rate for prisoners sentenced to more than a year also set a record and assoc 351 per 100,000 residents. ommittee,

For several years, the United position States has been locking up a larger portion of its people than any other nation. In 1992, 455 out of every rim dean ity within rship," he 100,000 Americans were in prison or with conail; South Africa under its old governnent was next, at 311 per 100,000.

n in May Other findings from the report: academic -The federal prison system is 36 ne College percent over capacity and state sysms operate at between 18 percent Dr. Daniel and 29 percent over capacity

-The highest incarceration rates Jniversity were for black males, 2,678 per 100,000, compared to 372 for white ales, 143 for black females and 20 for white females. in Kiga und Gad

Elders approves of lesbian Girl Scouts

aking on WASHINGTON — Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders says lesbians should be allowed to join the Girl scouts, and politicians shouldn't wor-, said the the intercut off the "about anyone's bedroom but their f retreat

"I feel that sexuality is up to the in-dividual," Elders said in an interview with USA Weekend magazine.

rebel fire Elders defended an interview she gave The Advocate, a gay newspaper, in which she said sex was for pleasure, not just procreation, and urged the Boy Scouts to admit homosexuals.

"I also think girls who are lesbians should be allowed to join the Girl Scouts," she said. "None of us is good enough, or knows enough, to make decisions about other people's exual preferences.

"What goes on in someone's bedroom is really none of my business," she said. "I don't feel that policy makers and decision makers should worry about anyone's bedroom but their

The interview, conducted April 22, will run this weekend.

- By the Associated Press

The Chicago Democrat, who turned down a possible plea bargain after lengthy negotiations, was accused of using elaborate schemes to plunder the U.S.

Treasury of nearly \$640,000. Rostenkowski is expected to be arraigned over the next 10 days, although defense motions could delay trial for months, if not years. In theory, conviction on all the charges could mean a 110-year jail term and \$365,000 in fines, but it is impossible to say what the sentence would really be. The indictment means that

Rostenkowski, one of the most powerful and influential members of the House, automatically

sent him.

Neither Rostenkowski nor Bennett had any comment on the indictment. Rostenkowski's spokesman, James Jaffe, left a taped message on his office answering machine that said: "We have no statements to issue, we have no schedule, we have no bananas.

The indictment charged that in return for being placed on Rostenkowski's office payroll, friends or relatives took pictures at his daughter's wedding, mowed lawns, remodeled his home or performed other tasks that directly benefited the con-

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thought it was in the best interest of

West was reluctant to take the position, primarily because of the time it will take.

She said it is im-

portant to give 100 percent when involved in something. Texas A&M Chancellor William Mobley was pleased with the Board's decision to elect West. He described her as honest and a candid listener.

West said when she describes her philosophy of life, integrity is the first word that

it takes clear vision, the ability to work with a wide variety of constituents and high expecta-

West described what being a regent meant to her.

"It takes a great deal of patience, common sense, and forthrightousness," she said. Although West is not a col-

lege graduate, she feels a college

because that is what the regents are there for." ---Mary Nan West, Board of Regents Chair kes clear vision, the ability are there for."

are there for. At a meeting with members of the A&M Mother's Club in May, West assured them there were no plans in the works to privatize food services

"As far as I know, it was only talk," she said.

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Roller tag

Cody chases his sister Kayce in the Academic Plaza Tuesday while their mother Shelly Eversole, a senior accounting major from Bryan, studies.

Judge orders Guard to reinstate lesbian colonel

SEATTLE (AP) — The military ban on homosex-uals serving openly suffered at least a symbolic set-back Wednesday when a federal judge ordered rein-statement of a National Guard colonel dismissed after she acknowledged she is a lesbian.

The case involved an unusually high-ranking and well-regarded officer, Margarethe Cammermeyer, chief nurse for the Washington State National Guard from 1986 until her involuntary discharge in

July 1992. "The government has discriminated against Colonel Cammermeyer solely on the basis of her status as a homosexual and has failed to demonstrate a rational basis for doing so," U.S. District Judge Thomas.Zilly said.

Cammermeyer's Fifth Amendment rights to due process and equal protection were violated by her 1992 discharge, he said. Zilly was not the first judge to make such a ruling, and the issue is certain to be considered by higher courts.

Cammermeyer works at the Veterans Administration hospital at American Lake near Tacoma, Washington.

"I am absolutely ecstatic. I feel like a kid ... The first thing I did was holler so everybody at the hospital knew what was going on," she said.

"It seems like a vindication of all the struggles so many of us have had. I can't say that I'm speechless. It's just very exciting.

Asked if she looks forward to being back in uniform, Cammermeyer said, "If I can still

Both sides indicated previously that a challenge to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco was likely whatever Zilly's finding.

Justice Department spokesman Joe Krovisky de-clined comment from Washington, D.C., saying agency attorneys had not read the decision. A review of the evidence showed "the rationales

offered by the government to justify its exclusion of homosexual service members are grounded solely in prejudice," Zilly said.

He noted that military experts who testified at an April hearing "conceded that their justifications for the policy are based on fear and dislike of homosexuals.

"Mere negative attitudes, or fear, are constitu-

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