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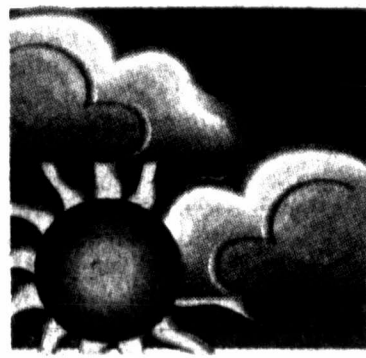
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CLARENDON — Clarendon College will celebrate its annual Spring Break beginning Monday, March 9, until Friday, March 13. College offices, including the CC Library, will be closed during this time.

PAMPA — Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for March.

Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

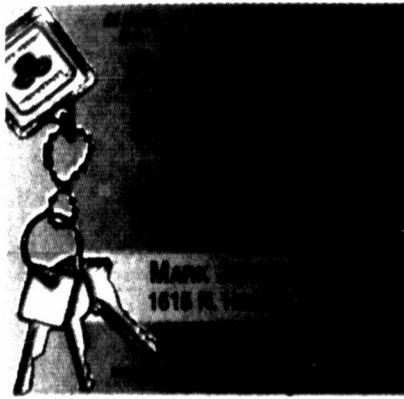
Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines will be available.

CLINIC DATES:

Wednesday, March 18
Columbia Family Health Center
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- James Carl Bayless, 62, Canadian building and painting contractor.
- Mamie Mae Bullock, 86, Shamrock Eleventh Street Baptist Church member.
- Ruth B. Greene, 85, services pending.
- Melba Seim Lemmons, 80, former banking employee.
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Flames-a-flyin' ...

Firefighters Stephen Anderson (left and below), and Gary Winton were among eight fire department personnel who responded to a garage fire at 201 N. Nelson. The fire which had smoke drifting as far as Hobart Tuesday afternoon was apparently started by children playing with matches. Officials estimated the value of the structure at approximately \$5,000.

(Pampa News photos by Jeff West)



Panhandle Services program to pay utility bills for selected Gray County applicants

Panhandle Community Services yesterday announced that they are taking applications for CHEAP (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program).

This program provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly and handicapped/disabled persons.

CHEAP assistance is of automatic. An application doesn't mean assistance, according to the program's overseer, Misty Perez.

Assistance will be given only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix system as most in need, she said.

To apply, applicants must bring social security cards for everyone

in the household, proof of income, current bill, and a one year history of electric and gas bills. Applicants must be Gray County residents.

Apply March 5-6 and Monday, the 9th at Panhandle Community Services between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 2-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Misty Perez at 665-0081.

Fifth grader's fashion design gets 'dolled up'

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Austin Elementary fifth grader Jacey Planteen last week discovered the thrill of winning.

Planteen was chosen as the winner of a "design-a-doll" contest for a toy company in Germany. Her doll-fashion design will be marketed for one of the company's dolls this spring.

The contest, open to youth all over world, was narrowed down to ten in the U.S., said Planteen's mom, Denise. The designs were sent to Gotz toy company officials and Jacey's design was chosen, she said.

Jacey received the contest form at a toy store in South Dakota while visiting relatives last summer. As the winner, she will receive a free trip to the South Dakota toy store to sign dolls. A fashion show of doll designs and a reception for the event will be held in her honor.

This was the first time the store ever had a winner, Jacey said. Her doll design is of a "gardening" outfit. The doll's outfit includes a strawberry t-shirt, a water can and a straw hat with flowers, she said.

Mom, Denise, said Jacey is always dabbling in some art form or another.

"She likes to draw. She likes to make things — whatever she can find," Mrs. Planteen said.

Jacey, while interested in drawing, art and crafts and playing the trombone, said fashion designing for dolls is, "pretty much a one-shot deal."

Her real dream is to be an accountant someday. "I like math alot," she said.

But the big news in the Planteen household is, "such an excitement," Denise Planteen said.

After Jacey turned the form in, we forgot about it, she said.

"And we even sent it in the day before it was due!" Jacey recalled.

Loans up to \$10,000 good for business

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Sometimes a small business has trouble securing a loan either because they don't have the resources necessary for conventional lenders or they need a smaller amount of money than lenders like to loan.

Low Mollenkamp, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, said those businesses in Gray County now have another source of potential help thanks to the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The foundation has started a program called the Beanstalk Growth Fund.

That fund can make micro loans of up to \$10,000 for small businesses in the 26 counties of the Texas panhandle. The funds are administered by the West Texas A&M University Small

Business Development Center in Amarillo. Interest rates will be below bank rates, according to Mollenkamp.

Having the Development Center administer the funds for the micro loans is a good idea, he said.

"It's good for small business because this Center also provides counseling and advice for small businesses," Mollenkamp said. "It's also good for businesses that have trouble getting other kinds of loans."

Any kind of business can apply for a loan which can be used for starting, expanding or any kind of business related program, according to Mollenkamp.

If any area businesses would like to apply for a Beanstalk Growth Fund loan they can contact the PEDC who will put them in touch with the appropriate people.

American Field Service honors Host families with recognition week

Pampa host parents, Ronnie and Betty Parsley and Mike and Shari Sublett are among the host parents to be honored this weekend for American Field Service (AFS) Host Family Recognition Week.

The week was established to recognize the families who have opened their homes to AFS high school exchange students to share our American traditions and culture while learning about another culture, according to Dan and Julie Long, the Pampa chapter chairmen.

"We thank the teachers, administrators and other individuals and organizations, including the Pampa Noon Kiwanis members, for participating in our effort to encourage more understanding among the people of the world," the Longs' said.

For more information about hosting students for the variety of study programs or regarding scholarship offerings to students who wish to go abroad for six weeks, a semester, or a year — call local AFS volunteers at 665-2913 or 665-6025.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Austin Elementary fifth grade student Jacey Planteen is the winner of a "design-a-doll" contest for the German based Gotz toy company.

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Clarendon College to host county health fair

CLARENDON — Area residents will be able to receive free health screenings at from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 20 at the 1998 Donley County Health Fair at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center. Admission is free of charge and open to the public.

Sponsored by Clarendon College, Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Donley County and the Donley Co. Board of the American Cancer Society, the health fair is focused on a theme of "Be A Champion of Your Health".

According to Sue Church, Health Fair chairwoman, the following screenings will be provided: Glucose, anemia, glaucoma, blood drawn prostate exam, blood pressure, height/weight, cholesterol, blood oxygen level, HIV, exterior oral cancer examination, birth to age 3 developmental screening and a personalized computer cancer risk assessment.

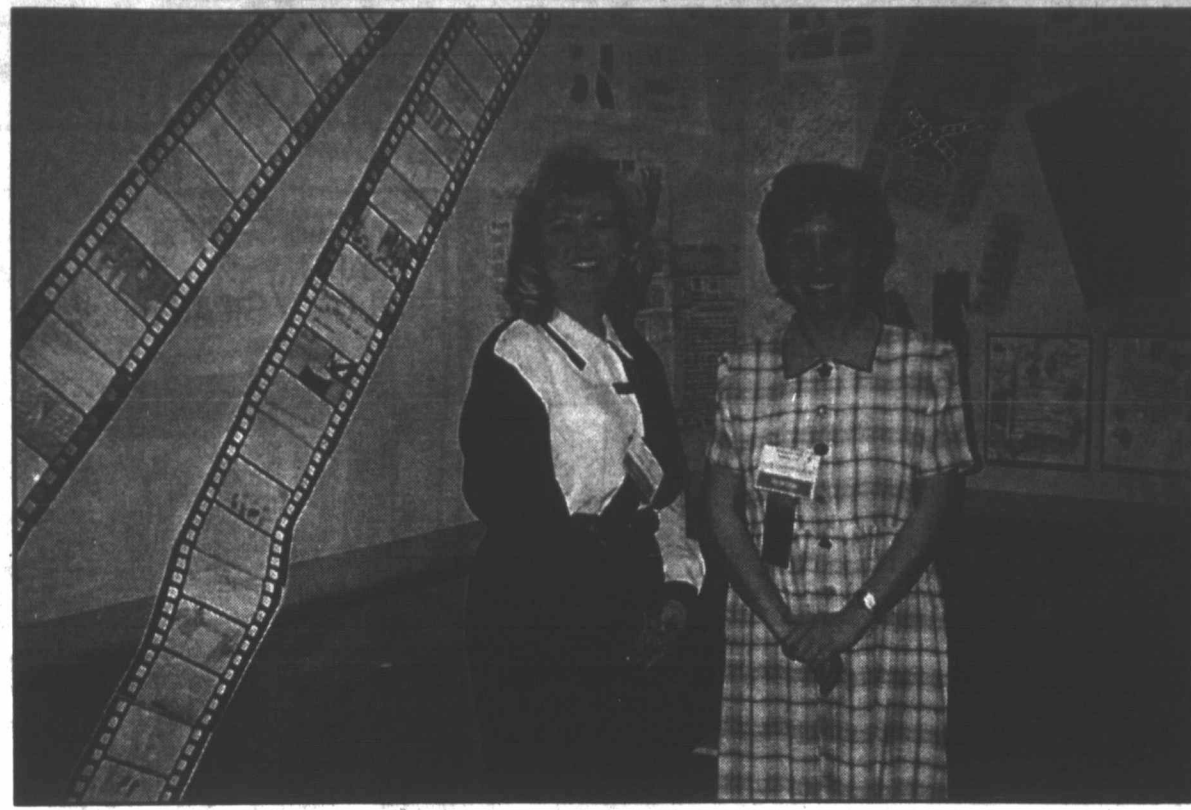
Mammograms will also be provided courtesy of the Women's Center at The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. To be eligible for a mammogram, you must be at least 40 years of age. The mammograms are conducted by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (806) 356-1905. Individual billing to insurance providers is available, as is financial assistance for individuals who are 50 years of age and meet specified requirements. Medicare and Medicaid patients are welcome, too. Cost of the mammogram is \$75 (all inclusive).

Other features of the Donley County Health Fair '98 are a health book fair at the CC Library, a bicycle safety seminar, complete with fatal vision goggles, by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and concessions provided by Early Birds Family and Community Education Club.

Free transportation to the Donley County Health Fair '98 is available. Panhandle Community Services will provide transportation for the homebound.

The health fair will also showcase exhibitors in a trade-show atmosphere.

Literacy workshop



(Special photo) Pampa Middle School teachers, Ranae McKinney and Wanda Cotter, recently presented a workshop on literacy at the Texas Council of Teachers of English Convention in San Antonio. The focus of the workshop was alternative teaching strategies to lead students to literacy.

Business leaders help charter schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Business leaders are offering management expertise to independent charter schools and have raised millions of dollars to help them with loans for startup costs, which aren't covered by the public funds they receive.

"An educational entrepreneur who has a great idea of how to educate children does not necessarily have the expertise to run the business management side of the endeavor," Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, said Tuesday of the effort.

Bush has backed charter schools, which are free of many state regulations, as a way to provide educational innovation.

Some of the initial 20 charter schools have encountered financial difficulties, including one that surrendered its charter after taking more than \$240,000 from the state without opening.

With more stringent financial rules now in place, the State Board of Education this week is poised to consider 83 more charter applications.

In support of the effort, more than \$3 million has been raised so far for the Financial Foundation for Texas Charter Schools, Norma Dunn of El Paso Energy Corp. in Houston told The Associated Press.

El Paso Energy's William A. Wise, who is on the governor's business council, is chairman of the Houston-based Financial Foundation.

"Basically what we are going to do is provide working capital funds for new or existing charter schools... in the form of loans for these schools to start up and get on their feet," Ms. Dunn said.

The funds may be used, for example, to start hiring teachers, buying books and paying for other services that must be in place when the school opens, she said. The money has been raised from businesses and banks around the state, she said.

Houston businessman Charles Miller, who is on the foundation's board and the governor's business council, said the loans are needed because charter schools

must begin running before getting state funding, which is based on enrollment.

"Almost any startup operation needs some kind of working capital for the kind of things that help you open the doors," he said. Miller said loan terms would be "reasonable" and that the money would be available not only to start a school but for an existing campus to expand or renovate.

"We want to make sure it works," he said of the charter school effort.

An evaluation of charter schools commissioned by the state board has cited the absence of public start-up funding as "the most significant problem facing charter school entrepreneurs" and said there is a need for business and technical assistance.

The Charter School Resource Center of Texas in San Antonio, of which Miller is founding chairman, already is available to provide help to charter schools.

Southern Baptists stresses abstinence, deplores homosexuality

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — It is a seminar basically about the joy of not having sex.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission is meeting here this week, asking its members to go into their communities and preach the values of abstinence and the sins of homosexuality.

As a sermon, the seminar hits all the bases. There is the hopeful message of the divinity of family. There is horror of disease and eternal damnation for those who pervert God's design. And there is drama.

"We live in a wicked, wicked society," Michael Johnston, who ministers to people "struggling with homosexuality" told the group Monday. His proof: He is a former homosexual, and has HIV.

Perhaps as dramatic as the message is the underlying struggle of a fiercely conservative religious group trying to get out its anti-gay message while fighting an image of intolerance and extremism.

"We want to be compassionate people," said Dwayne Hastings, communications director for the commission. "While the Bible speaks very strongly against homosexuality, we're not saying we don't like people. It's a hate the sin, love the sinner sort of thing. We don't want it to come out in a homophobic way."

But walk into this seminar at the wrong second and its purpose could be, well, misconstrued. On Monday, for instance, there was: — A "former homosexual" talking about attending services at a church where the pastor was a "well-known homophobic bigot."

— A magazine distributed by the commission featured a back page advertisement with two Mickey Mouses holding hands and hawking a video on the evils of Disney and its "homosexual agenda."

— A slide show about sexually transmitted diseases that included graphic photographs of genitalia. One woman walked into the conference room at the exact moment a particularly revealing image was on the screen.

The seminar's organizers admit this is not the easiest subject to talk about. That's why they're putting it on. Hastings says it's not the sort of thing people are accustomed to hearing about on Sunday morning.

"It is the church's responsibility to reassert God's design for human sexuality," Hastings says. "We are trying to give them the tools they need to take back to their churches to be effective... It's not an easy thing to bring up."

While the seminar, which runs through Wednesday, will address pornography, premarital sex and sexually transmitted diseases, the main topic has been homosexuality. Johnston, who now is host and producer of a radio show that monitors homosexual activity, said that instead of condemning the practitioners, introduce them to Jesus.

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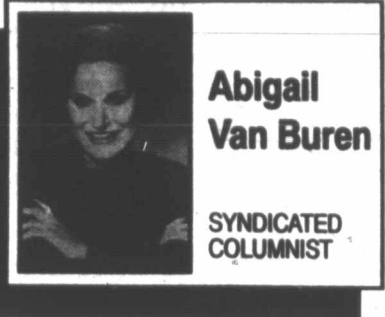
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Woman's Facial Wrinkles Cause Her Spirits To Sag

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years old may not seem too old to attract someone of the opposite sex, but I'm not your average-looking 45-year-old. I have terrible wrinkles under my eyes that add years to my appearance. In the last couple of years, I have developed deep lines that run from each side of my nose down to my lips. I've tried every conceivable moisturizer and concealer, but nothing helps.



Abigail Van Buren
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I know this is a natural part of aging, but I cannot accept that at age 45 I look so old a man won't even give me a second look, much less open a door for me or try to strike up a conversation. Wherever I go, men look only at nice-looking, younger women — something I no longer am. I have become lonely and despondent at the realization that I will probably be alone for the rest of my life.

I've tried joining groups, doing volunteer work and even taking night classes to meet someone who might look beyond the wrinkles, but no one shows the slightest interest in me anymore. I'm friendly, courteous and approachable, and the proper weight for my height. But I guess you can't make file mignon out of chopped liver.

If I could do something about these terrible wrinkles, my confidence would soar, and I wouldn't have to spend the rest of my life alone. However, because I can barely make ends meet and cannot afford cosmetic surgery, I see no

hope. Any advice, Abby?
HURTING IN WHITTIER, CALIF.

DEAR HURTING: How we perceive ourselves is invariably telegraphed to others. An intelligent, personable, self-confident person is not chopped liver — or any cut of meat, for that matter. Forty-five isn't too old to attract someone of the opposite sex. Women do it every day without the aid of plastic surgery. Although your collagen may be waning, what's really sagging is your self-esteem, and as long as you think of yourself as "over the hill," that's what you'll project. Your local library has books on improving self-esteem. I urge you to borrow some of them.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago you listed the duties of the best man in your column, and you also have the information in your wedding book-

let. However, there is a point that wasn't mentioned that I would like to bring out: The minister should be paid when he or she arrives to perform the ceremony. After the ceremony, the minister is a forgotten person.

If I am not paid prior to the ceremony, I usually have to wait for some time — and then have to ask for the fee. The best man must give the minister the marriage license before the ceremony, and I suggest the fee be placed in the envelope with the license. Then the minister doesn't have to ask for it and may leave immediately if another appointment is scheduled.

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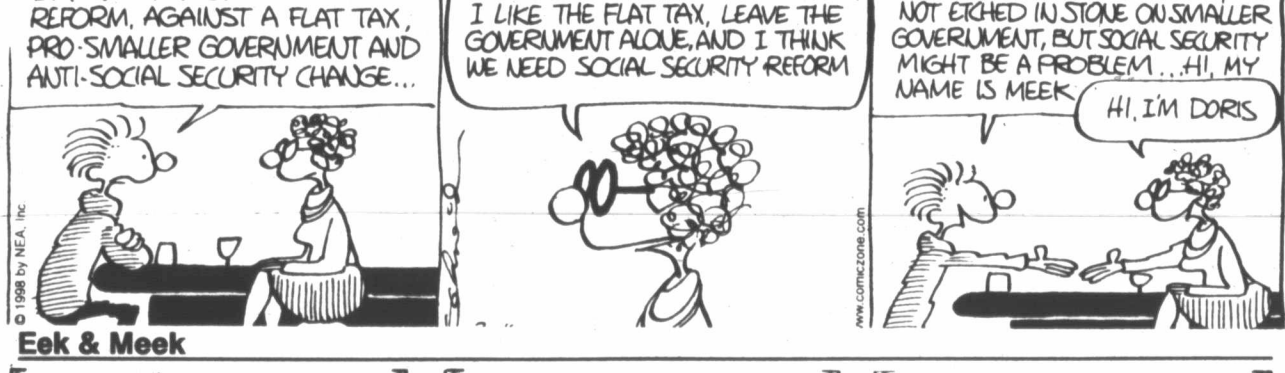
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Ambitious flames will burn more brightly within you for the year ahead and you'll be motivated to conquer new horizons. This compelling optimism and focus will be great assets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Members of your household might find you extremely difficult to interpret today, because you'll tell them one thing while expecting something else. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though

you may find a perfect audience, don't repeat to them what was told to you in confidence today. Others can't keep secrets either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stick to your budget today pertaining to funds earmarked for something essential and specific. If spent, they'll be hard to replace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your image is a tad fragile in this cycle, so be more aware than usual of your behavior in public. It is important to strive for favorable impressions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is a particular group you feel hasn't accepted you yet, don't waste anymore time trying to fit in. Beginning today seek more friendly responders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who knows you socially might try to impose upon your good nature today. He or she is the type who doesn't have any qualms about manipulating others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might be more receptive than usual to the counsel of others. To be safe, do not separate the advice from the giver, so you'll understand the source of the comments better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This might not be the right day for you to do a complicated assignment with which you're unfamiliar. You could get your thumb in the way of the hammer.

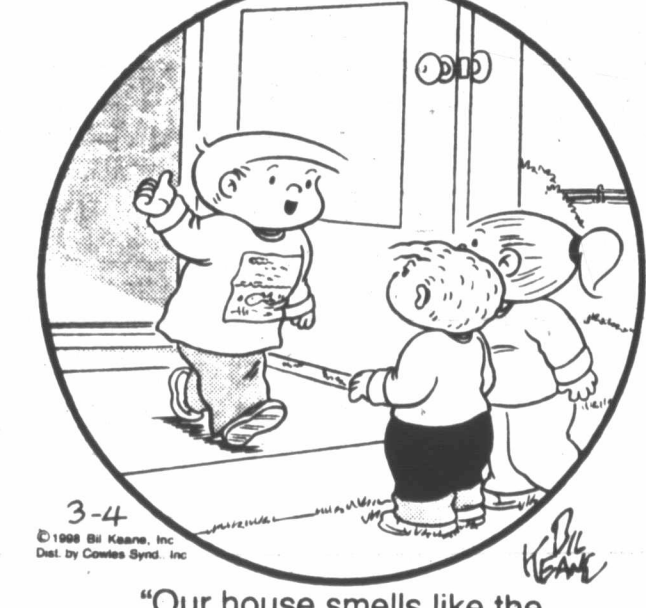
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be careful today you're not overly generous without thinking and lend something that isn't yours to another before first consulting the owner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is best today you make certain your mate has a voice in all decisions affecting the family. If he or she is denied input and something goes askew, it may open a lingering sore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Several tasks you do not relish doing could stare you in the face today. The lesser ones you might give a few licks, while the major ones may not even be attempted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not yield to temptations to take financial risks today. Leave your checkbook at home if you're headed for the lottery counter.

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Panel's final draft details fund-raising abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A final report from the Senate panel investigating campaign finance expected to be approved Thursday calls for an overhaul of the independent counsel law and offers "strong circumstantial evidence" of Chinese government efforts to fund U.S. elections.

The report from the Senate Government Affairs Committee also found "a substantial body of evidence" that the AFL-CIO illegally coordinated its 1996 election activities with Democrats and the White House, an allegation a labor official dismissed as "ludicrous."

The three-volume report declined to refer any witness to the Justice Department for allegedly lying to committee investigators, but recommended that Justice review its contents to determine whether perjury charges were warranted against anyone who testified.

The committee said it had learned "in sobering detail" of a wide range of covert efforts by the Chinese to influence U.S. elections, including plans to find candidates among Chinese-Americans who were sympathetic

to China's policies and to fund campaigns.

The committee said President Jiang Zemin allegedly approved the creation of the Central Leading Group for U.S. Congressional

the Democrats' fund-raising efforts in 1996 and the department's own investigation of the matter.

"Documents have been left unexamined, including public

section on the AFL-CIO's \$35 million political campaign.

"There is a substantial body of evidence suggesting that the AFL-CIO violated FEC regulations. ... There is also evidence that the AFL-CIO coordinated expenditures for its Labor '96 issues advocacy campaign with officials from the White House, DNC and Clinton-Gore '96," according to the report. "If so, the AFL-CIO may have provided illegal in-kind contributions to Democratic candidates for federal office."

A major component of the AFL-CIO's campaign was "issues-advocacy" television ads that presented the records of some three dozen Republican congressional candidates in an unfavorable light. By not directly calling for any candidate's defeat or election, the campaign avoided federal limits on donations.

But the committee said AFL-CIO officials previewed their political plans for 1996 for Clinton-Gore '96 officials, and that Harold Ickes, the former White House

deputy chief of staff, testified that labor's goal was "to make a very strong effort to try to take back the House ... make it Democratic." Labor also shared polling data with the White House.

Former Clinton strategist Dick Morris told the committee that labor officials at one meeting "suggested that there be coordination of the advertising," an assertion contradicted by testimony from Ickes and White House political strategist Doug Sosnick.

"The idea that we coordinated with the White House is pretty ludicrous," AFL-CIO spokeswoman Denise Mitchell said.

"While there seems to have been some exchange of political information between the Democratic Party and representatives of organized labor, the conversations appear to have been entirely above board," said Jim Jordan, spokesman for the Democrats on the panel. "Allegations of more direct coordination were explicitly rebutted in numerous sworn depositions."

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Affairs to coordinate China's lobbying efforts in the United States.

And the report repeated allegations that key figures in the Justice Department's campaign fundraising investigation had acted as agents of the Chinese government.

"While the committee cannot determine conclusively whether the Peoples Republic of China government funded, directed or encouraged certain illegal contributions," the report said, "there is strong circumstantial evidence that the PRC was involved."

The report's Republican authors criticized Attorney General Janet Reno's decision against seeking an independent counsel to examine

record documents and classified materials of great relevance. Stones have been left unturned," the report said.

It said the committee would hold hearings this year to see whether the statute governing the appointment of independent counsels should be revamped.

Much of the report detailing the White House coffees and alleged violations of campaign finance law by Democrats had surfaced previously. But a revised draft released Tuesday included a new

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