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Furlough program revised to include violent offenders

The Battalion

other violent offenders will be considered for weeklong passes from prison under a revised furlough polcy adopted Monday by the Texas

Board of Corrections The policy deals with less restricted furloughs to those convicted of capital murder, sexual offenses or repeat drug offenses, habitual criminals and those with outstanding fel-ony charges. Exceptions may be made for medical emergencies or

Furloughs will be considered for some charged with murder, man-slaughter and homicides involving a

crime of passion.

The nine-member panel also said inmates must be within six months of parole eligibility before being considered for a furlough. In the case of murder offenses, the inmate must already be eligible for parole. Board Chairman Charles Terrell

of Dallas said, "The furlough policy, correctly administered, is a reasonable risk for rehabilitation and re-integration purposes. The staff has done a very good job. The board is tightening it as far as eligibility."

On Oct. 27, amid a political up-roar over the furlough program, Tyrrell led a three-member board subcommittee in voting to freeze furloughs for Texas prison inmates convicted as violent or habitual of-

But on Monday, he said that plan needed to be revised. Terrell said there was a lot of going back and forth on the different effects of what they did, and how they could tighten it without throwing the entire program and the legislative intent aside.

Terrell said he believed the new rules would reduce the number of furloughs granted by the Texas Department of Corrections by about 20 leaving his apartment complex Sunday morning for a walk when a man came up behind him and threw him percent. There were 2,300 fur- to the ground. loughs granted last year

Carl Jeffries, assistant director for inmate classification at the TDC, said that since Texas began issuing furloughs in 1979, 43,366 had been two weeks earlier. granted and 362 inmates had escaped while on furlough.

Board member Allan Polunsky of San Antonio said many people have contacted him condemning the furhesaid.

AUSTIN (AP) — Murderers and lough program. But he said prison officials consider it an effective tool in managing the prison population and rehabilitating criminals

The furlough system initially allowed inmates to leave prison temporarily for medical emergencies or funerals. The program was expanded in 1979, allowing the TDC also to grant passes for inmates to attend fan ly functions or look for

"I fee the staff has run a good furlough program," Polunsky said. But he added, "Some people should

not be eligible. The furlough program became a political issue during the recent presidential campaign. Presidentlect George Bush criticized his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, for a prison furlough program in his

Elderly man shoots thief during attack

AUSTIN (AP) — An 83-year-old man who said thieves had made it "open season" on elderly people in his neighborhood shot and wounded a man who attacked and robbed him, police said.

The wounded man, who limped away and remained at large today, may be responsible for as many as 17 robberies committed against elderly people in North Austin since Jan-

Dan Collins told police he was

Collins, a retired insurance salesman, said the man may have been the same one who mugged him

The attacker grabbed Collins' wallet and while the two struggled, Collins shot him with a .22-caliber pistol he was carrying for self-protection,

What's Up

Tuesday

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN: will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg. AGGIE TOASTERS: will meet at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 131

NUTRITION CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 123 Kleberg.
PRSSA: will meet at 8 p.m. in 003 Reed McDonald.
MSC COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARENESS OF MEXICAN AMERICAN CUL-TURE: will have a cultural awakening program at 7 p.m. in 226 MSC.

TAMU ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY: Monica Castro, an A&M graduate, will speak about the Gallapagos Islands at 7 p.m. in 125 Academic.

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: will meet at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

ALL NIGHT FAIR: will have a general committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 502

TAMU SAILING TEAM: will meet at 8 p.m. in 109 Military Sciences.

TAMU FLYING CLUB: will have elections at 7 p.m. at the airport clubhouse.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 305 Rudder.

ORTHODOX STUDENT ORGANIZATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 704 Rudder. INTRAMURALS: entries close for badminton doubles and sport trivia bowl at

COCAINE ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Educational

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the center at 845-0280 for details on today's

HILLEL JEWISH CENTER: Students can meet the rabbi for lunch at noon at the

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have an informational meeting about summer 1989 programs from 10-11:30 a.m. in 026 MSC.

Wednesday

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY/HUMANITIES: Professor Marcia Citron from Rice University will speak about "Gender, Professionalism and the Musical Canon" at 7:30 p.m. in 402 Academic.

PRE-LAW SOCIETY: will have a personal statement workshop for graduating seniors applying to law school for the 1989-90 school year at 7 p.m. in 131 Blocker.

WOMEN'S STUDIES: will show a free film, "Working Girls," at 7 p.m. in 200 Har-

rington.

STUDENT SENATE: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

RIO BRAZOS AUDUBON SOCIETY: Dr. Doug Slack will discuss "Snow geese migration" at 7:30 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Museum.

AGGIE TOASTERS: will take its Aggieland pictures at 6:15 p.m. in the MSC UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at A&M

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have its third annual district interclub at p.m. in the MSC. Check the screen for the room number.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER: will have a Hebrew class from 7-8 p.m.

at the Hillel Building.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting.

MSC VISUAL ARTS: will have a committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.

UPSILON PI EPSILON: will take its Aggieland picture at 8 p.m. in the MSC flag-

MSC CAMAC: will have a general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in 510 Rudder. CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION: will have a Eucharist followed by a supperat 6:15 p.m. at the Canterbury House (Episcopal student center.)

TAMU AMATEUR RADIO CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 226 MSC.

CATHOLICS ON THE QUAD: will discuss creationism and evolution at 9 p.m. in

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