

University flowers A&M has only test garden in Texas

By Ursula Simms The Battalion

Since 1967, Texas A&M University has been researching the growth and adaptation of hybridized plants in the Floral Testing Gardens located near the Clayton William's Alumni Center.

display garden as well as a test garden, said Tom Dew, assistant director of grounds maintenance. "We're doing this for the All-American Selections Association.

Groups sue Racing Commission over dog racing license dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — Two groups that failed to win a coveted pari-mutuel license for a dog racing track in Galveston County accused the Texas Racing Commission in court Monday of breaking the law.

The facility is expected to be one of the most lucrative dog tracks in the nation. It is about 70 percent complete. Lone Star Greyhound Park Inc. and Galveston Bay Greyhound Racing Association are challenging the Racing Commission's selection of Gulf Greyhound, a group led by Paul Bryant Jr., the son of late football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

without hearing further evidence, emerging from a closed-door meeting and decided to open the contest for a license. Under questioning from Herman, Racing Commission general counsel Paula Carter said a taped recording of that closed session could never be found.

Green cards receive different look

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is issuing resident aliens a new style of "green card" that officials say will be harder to counterfeit and easier to identify.

"Many people who enter the country illegally now come with counterfeit green cards, knowing they must have something to show employers," Dudley said.

Workers prepare Astrodome for Republican convention

HOUSTON (AP) — What does it take to transform the Astrodome from a sports arena into the Republican Party's convention hall? For starters, an acre of plywood, nearly five miles of 2-by-4s, 100,000 square feet of carpet and 150,000 bolts and screws to hold it all together.

Convention spokesman Joe Fleming said work was proceeding a bit ahead of schedule. "We're confident everything will be complete in time," he said Monday.

Workers have been assembling the podium in a warehouse west of Houston and will transport it to the Astrodome in sections probably Tuesday, Fleming said.

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Health Board authorizes AIDS drug

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Health has authorized immediate distribution of a new AIDS drug by a program that serves uninsured people with the disease, or the virus that causes it, who meet income guidelines.

On Monday, crews primarily toiled on a lighting grid that ultimately will suspend 2,000 lights 64 feet above the Dome floor. They also lowered an overhead gondola inside the stadium and continued working on the sound system.

Workers on Sunday pulled up the AstroTurf, rearranged the Astrodome's seats and began dropping cables from 200-foot-high rafters.

blue banners spangled with elephants and stars. Convention spokesman Joe Fleming said work was proceeding a bit ahead of schedule.

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Health Board authorizes AIDS drug. The drug, zalcitabine, is approved for use only in combination with another drug known as AZT, to treat certain adult patients who are showing signs of deteriorating on AZT alone.

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