

In the bag



J.R. Crochet, a junior genetics major, confines genetically engineered tobacco plants with paper bags Monday at the Crop Technology Building on West Campus. The bags are placed over the plants so that they will not pollinate among themselves.

ANTHONY DISALVO/The Battalion

NEWS IN BRIEF

Graves appointed as new chancellor

During a Board of Regents telephone meeting Monday, Howard D. Graves was officially appointed as the new chancellor for the Texas A&M University System. His responsibilities will include overseeing the nine universities in the System, eight agencies and health sciences centers which serve over 88,000 students and reach more than 3.5 million others through outreach and continuing education programs.



GRAVES

At the May 27 Board of Regents Meeting at Prairie View A&M University, Graves was named the single finalist out of 80 candidates to succeed Barry Thompson as the chancellor of the System.

Among his many leadership positions, Graves was the superintendent at the U.S. Military Academy. In a recent *Battalion* article, Graves said he would like to develop and maintain close personal relationships so that he and others could work together for a shared vision.

"It's important for me to get a lot of insights and ask a lot of questions of the people who are leading and working the A&M System," he said.

Graves will officially assume the title of chancellor on Aug. 1 but will work with Thompson until Thompson's retirement on Aug. 31.

PARKING

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the rate to 50 cents during the day, but there are conflicts with the [planned] parking garage."

Richard Benning, owner of Dudley's Draw, said having to pay for parking is a fair trade-off for the improvements made during recent construction around Northgate.

Monica Wofford, a junior English and history major, said she sees the parking lot as a major inconvenience.

She said many times she will end up going and paying for a couple of hours, but then she and her friends will decide to stay longer. They usually have to go back and wait in line for another half-hour to pay for additional parking time.

"Another problem is that I drive by myself up to Northgate to

meet my friends," she said. "Women are always going to be subject to cat calling, but there's all kinds of guys going in and out of those bars, and there is no security posted there."

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— Monica Wofford
Northgate patron

Tom Brymer, assistant city manager, said that although the proposal to lower the day rates was reviewed by an advisory committee and brought forward to council last November, it was

turned down because of concerns that it might not work in concert with the planned parking garage.

"Although right now only one of the facilities exists, both facilities have to work together as a system," Brymer said.

He said the main concern with lowering the rate of the Promenade lot was that it would create competition between the two parking facilities.

Brymer said the proposal was brought up again at the last Northgate Revitalization Board meeting.

"The thrust of their argument, that the lot is underused during the day, actually follows the trend our parking forecast predicted, he said.

"The shortage during the day is because right now we have quite a bit of on-street parking that will eventually be removed for the parking garage."

Schools debate displaying religious tenets

BY SUZANNE BRABECK
The Battalion

Bryan and College Station school administrators said they are awaiting the U.S. Senate's decision on a bill that would allow the Ten Commandments to be posted in public schools before making a comprehensive decision on whether or not to display them.

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The Juvenile Justice Reform Act, which would allow the Commandments to be posted without compromising the principle of the separation of church and state, has passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting approval in the U.S. Senate.

Sarah Ashburn, superintendent of the Bryan Independent School District (B.I.S.D.), said B.I.S.D. will wait until the legislation has passed through all of the hurdles and committees until it takes any action.

The school districts' action will also depend on how the bill is written. She said it would depend on how much control would be given to teachers because the legislation could potentially make posting the Commandments mandatory, but that is doubtful.

"This is an emotionally charged issue that may take many different forms," Ashburn said.

Tina Cooper, president of the

Parent Teacher (P.T.O.) of Branch School in Bryan, Christian, so I am. They [the Commandments] are a good moral code for live by.

"From one religious perspective, most of the religious are similar in their basic behavior."

Cooper said if the bill is proposing this to reduce violence, it is in the wrong direction.

"Parents need to be responsible for behavior with their children."

She said it is difficult for parents of the 700 schools involved in their schools. She said teaching is pushed too far and educate children about communicate with and even how to walk hallway properly.

"Our teachers are to be the main source for children," she said.

Cully Lipsey, a member of the Bryan Student Organization at Bryan High School, P.T.S.O. will not take the matter.

"We wouldn't touch anyone," he said. "This matter to the if it passes."

The UPD can also through the District office. Carrying a handgun without a concealed carry permit is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Carrying a handgun on a university campus is a felony punishable by one year in jail and a fine.

Lemay said that students bring guns they do not know they are carrying such a serious offense.

"We try to get as much information out as possible on a felony on a college campus. Students need to know said.

GUNS

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take," Baron said. "If we can see a hunting rifle in someone's truck then we usually leave a certified memorandum that states the offense of having a firearm on campus."

Baron said that, technically, UPD could file charges, but it is not likely that the District Attorney would prosecute because of the circumstances.

If a student is found to have a concealed weapon, then different action is taken.

"The situation is first addressed through the Conflict Resolution Center of Student Affairs," Baron said.

Killer escapes from Huntsville

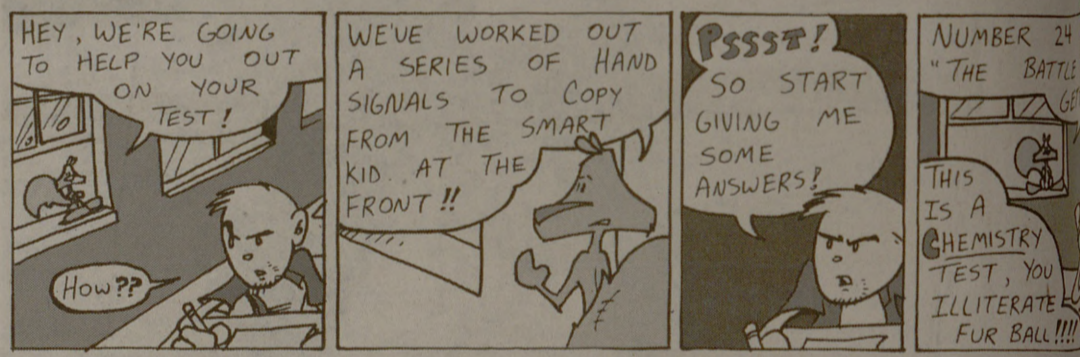
HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Hundreds of law enforcement officers fanned out across the swampy mosquito- and snake-infested terrain along the Trinity River northeast of Huntsville to hunt for a convicted killer who escaped from what is supposed to be the state's most secure prison.

Clifford Jones, 33, whose convictions include a murder in Dallas and attempted murder for firing a shotgun at a Dallas police officer,

fled Sunday from the high security section of the Estelle Unit about 12 miles northeast of Huntsville.

The prison shares state property with the Ellis Unit, where last Thanksgiving seven condemned killers broke out of death row. One of them, Martin Gurule, managed to climb over two fences and flee, prompting a similar search. Gurule was found a week later, dead in a creek near the river. An autopsy showed he had drowned shortly after the escape.

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