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Former CIA director takes position at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Bobby R. Inman, former director of naval intelligence and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has taken a permanent position at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the University of Texas-Austin said Tuesday.

Inman will assume the Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy in August. He will teach a core course on public policy and conduct research. Inman, a 1950 graduate of UT, spent 31 years in the Navy and was the first naval intelligence officer to achieve a four-star rank. He served as director of naval intelligence from 1974 to 1982.

In 1983, Inman moved to Austin to become chief executive and chairman of Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. From 1987 to 1990, he was chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Police plan to press charges against parents of toddler

DALLAS (AP) — Police said Tuesday they will file a criminal charge against the parents of a toddler who died last month after being left in a hot vehicle.

Michel Borg Jr., who was 23 months old, was left in his family's sport utility vehicle June 3 after an afternoon swim party. The child had Down syndrome and a heart condition.

The Dallas County medical examiner has ruled the death an accident.

Police said they will seek an injury to a child (reckless) charge against the parents. Conviction can result in two to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Teenager charged for June school fire

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — An 18-year-old North Texas man has been arrested and charged with arson for setting fire to a Grand Prairie middle school last month, police said.

Accompanied by his mother, David Franklin Smith turned himself in to police on Sunday.

Smith was being held on the Grand Prairie Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail on the arson charge. He also was being held on a \$2,500 bond for an unrelated assault charge.

The June 27 fire to Lee Middle School caused about \$6 million in damage. There were no injuries.

Smith faces from 5 to 99 years or life in prison, as well as a maximum \$10,000 fine on the charges.

Grand Prairie is about 15 miles west of Dallas.

Search committee selected to find Bowen's successor

Stuart Hutson
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Chancellor Howard D. Graves announced Tuesday the members of the advisory committee that will conduct a national search for the most qualified candidates for the next president of Texas A&M.

The committee is composed of distinguished professors, alumni and one student who will file the number of potential candidates down to the few from whom the Board of Regents will select the next president.

"We're looking for an eminently qualified individual who will be effective in promoting Texas A&M's interests, leading the academic community, working with the state legislature, interacting with the national research community, drawing outstanding students representative of the state's population and maintaining the Texas A&M University traditions," Graves said.

Graves said he hopes a new president will be prepared to take office by next June — a deadline that he said means

the committee will have to work fast.

The members have not yet received directions or a timeline of committee meetings, but Dr. Jane Conoley, a member of the committee and dean of the College of Education, said that, judging from past experiences with similar advisory committees, the group probably will need to have a list of viable candidates by early spring.

"We will really have to hit the ground running and start to contact potentials before winter break," she said. "You have to provide the serious candidates as much time as possible to respond because they are the ones that will take their time and do their homework before they finally decide whether or not they would consider the job."

Conoley, who is also working with the committee in search of candidates for a new vice president of research, said she has no doubts that the committee's job will be a difficult one. She said candidates with the qualifications to run

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Presidential Search Advisory Committee

- Dr. John Junkins- professor of engineering, chair of the committee
- Dr. Perry Adkisson- chancellor emeritus of The Texas A&M University System
- Dr. Richard Carlson- professor of geology and geophysics at Texas A&M and speaker of the Faculty Senate
- Dr. Jane Conoley- dean of the College of Education at Texas A&M
- Dr. F. Albert Cotton- professor of chemistry at Texas A&M, member of the Executive Committee of Distinguished Professors at Texas A&M
- Jerry Cox- president and chairman of Cox & Perkins Exploration Inc., member of the Texas A&M University Mays College Development Council
- Dr. Jerry Gaston- deputy chancellor of the Texas A&M System
- Bobbie Gross- president of the Texas A&M University Association of Professional Support Staff
- Schuyler Houser- A&M student body president and an industrial engineering major
- Dr. Kevin Jackson- director of student activities at Texas A&M
- Dr. Howard B. Kaplan- distinguished professor of sociology at Texas A&M
- Dr. Jack Little- retired president and CEO of Shell Oil Company and distinguished alumnus of the College of Engineering and Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M
- Bookman Peters- member of Texas A&M President's Council
- Carroll Phillips- A&M Foundation Board of Trustees
- Dr. Herbert Richardson- director of the Texas Transportation Institute
- Dr. Edgar Sanchez-Sinencio- professor of electrical engineering at Texas A&M
- Dr. Marlon Scully- distinguished professor of physics at Texas A&M
- Dr. Mardel M. Shepley- associate professor of architecture at Texas A&M
- Charles Sippal- vice president for administration at Texas A&M
- Dr. Robert Strawser- professor of accounting at Texas A&M
- Dr. Max Summers- professor of entomology at Texas A&M
- Bob Surovik- president of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students
- Dr. Arnold Vedlitz- professor of political science and health policy at Texas A&M
- Dr. James E. Womack- distinguished professor of veterinary pathobiology, medical biochemistry, medical genetics, toxicology and genetics at Texas A&M

RUBEN DELUNA/The Battalion

Monkey roll



Joe Shine, an A&M Soccer Camp instructor and a senior speech communications major, and 16-year-old Brock Bonheim leap over each other Tuesday

while performing a monkey roll drill. Hundreds of soccer players came from across the country this week to attend the camp.

STUART VILLANUEVA/The Battalion

Jimmy Carter critical of Bush

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — In a rare instance of one former president criticizing a current one, Jimmy Carter is taking issue with just about everything George W. Bush has done in office.



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Carter criticizes Bush for not pressuring Israel to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, for threatening to abandon the anti-ballistic missile treaty and for not supporting human rights more strongly.

He says Bush has ignored moderates in both parties and calls Bush's proposed missile defense shield a "technologically ridiculous" idea that will "re-escalate the nuclear arms race."

"I have been disappointed in almost everything he has done," Carter told the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* in an interview last week from his home in Plains.

Carter also was critical of President Clinton during the fellow Democrat's administration, calling the Monica Lewinsky scandal an embarrassment and disparaging Clinton's policy in North Korea and Haiti.

Carter is "a guy with strong views, and I think that's always been the case," said presidential scholar Charles Jones of the University of Wisconsin. "What surprises me is a kind of a sweeping critical analysis, at what has to be said is an early stage."

Carter noted that he had volunteered to be one of the few Democrats at Bush's inauguration because he was optimistic about the administration.

"I hoped that coming out of an uncertain election he would reach out to people of diverse views, not just Democrats and Republicans but others who had different points of view," Carter said.

House Judiciary Committee passes human-cloning ban

(AP) — The House Judiciary Committee advanced a bill Tuesday that would prohibit human cloning, following a lengthy debate that also delved into stem cell research.

In passing the bill 18-11, lawmakers said they wanted to keep scientists from applying the same technique on humans that was used to clone Dolly the sheep in 1997. The measure now goes before the full House.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson praised the committee, saying its action puts Congress on the right track toward prohibiting the cloning of human beings.

"Supporting medical research to combat human dis-

ease and infirmity is immensely important to this administration," he said. "However, science does not and cannot proceed in a moral vacuum. The ethical issues posed by human cloning and the implications for the child are particularly troubling."

But as the cloning bill has moved through the House, a debate has arisen over stem cell research.

President Bush will soon decide whether to permit federal funds for medical research on stem cells pulled from human embryos. Just Monday, Pope John Paul II urged Bush to reject the idea.

As the president has grappled

with his decision, so have lawmakers, including many staunch anti-abortion Republicans. In recent weeks, some — like Sen.

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Orrin Hatch of Utah — have announced their support for stem cell research.

Tuesday in the House, many Democrats voiced con-

cern that an outright ban on human cloning would also prohibit stem cell and other types of research.

"This may be known as the point in the meeting this morning when we try to play doctor and that's bad for American patients," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the leading Democrat on the committee. "This would stop ongoing studies designed to help people (that are) suffering."

Republican members said action is needed before science advances to the point where humans are cloned. They said the bill only affects human cloning

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