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Mark O'Neil, using a sprinkler attachment on a hose, waters a flower bed near the Rudder Complex. More watering and the replanting of some flower beds has been necessary due to the

lack of rain, said O'Neil, a member of the grounds maintenance crew. The lack of rain has affected the area with Easterwood Airport having .38 inches of rain for July.

## TAMU paramedic allowed to start IV

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Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Emergency Medical Services marked an important milestone Tuesday when paramedic Louis Gonzales was ordered by St. Joseph Hospital to perform an advanced technique on a patient at Texas A&M.

Terry Dunlop, a 49-year-old fire school participant from Sinton, Texas, collapsed Tuesday morning in 224 Memorial Student Center.

David Phillips, Texas A&M EMS chief and driver-on-duty at the time, said Dunlop's heart was struggling, and after a few minutes St. Joseph's

emergency room radioed orders for an intravenous fluid line.

"Before now it was an act of Congress to get advanced orders from St. Joe's," Phillips said.

"We were afraid his veins were going to collapse because of the low blood pressure and the weak heart output," he said. "This guy (Dunlop) was an emergency patient who definitely needed advanced care, but he was not going to die the next minute. That's what's so significant. He was not that bad and we still got orders (for the IV)."

Intravenous fluid lines are considered to be an advanced life support

measure in emergency medicine. The Texas A&M EMS department has not received orders for an IV in over a year, and before that it had been nearly two years. Yet the program has had the state-required equipment and personnel for advanced life support since its inception in 1979.

Phillips said that in other cities where advanced life support is used routinely, a patient in a situation similar to Dunlop's would have automatically received an IV. Bryan's Fire department is not equipped or staffed for advanced life support, but College Station's is, and the city

council recently approved the initiation of a paramedic (advanced life support) program.

Phillips said he feels Bryan-College Station is slowly but definitely moving toward full acceptance of emergency medical advanced life support, and Dunlop's IV may be the beginning of a trend toward St. Joseph's acceptance of this advanced level.

He said St. Joseph's past attitude about advanced life support resembled reluctance, whereas this time the emergency room people were very cooperative and supportive.

## Texas official resigns to White

United Press International

AUSTIN — Secretary of State John Fainter Tuesday submitted his resignation to Gov. Mark White, saying he intends to return to a private law practice.

Fainter's resignation, which has been rumored for months, was confirmed by Dwayne Holman, who is in charge of White's appointments.

Holman said Fainter informed White of his decision Tuesday afternoon but told the governor several months ago of his intentions. White did not indicate whom he will appoint to replace Fainter, although Sarah Weddington has been mentioned as the most likely prospect.

Weddington, who is currently in

charge of Texas' Office of State and Federal Relations in Washington, D.C., has served as an advisor to President Jimmy Carter and a Texas legislator.

She also was lead counsel in the historic Roe vs. Wade case, which resulted in the legalization of abortion.

Holman indicated Weddington is being considered for the job, although he said White has not made a final decision, and there are also several other candidates being considered.

Fainter was not dissatisfied with his job, Holman said, but wanted to take advantage of several business opportunities.

## Commandos kill plane hijackers

United Press International

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — Venezuelan commandos coached by a crack U.S. anti-terrorist team sent in by President Reagan stormed a hijacked jet before dawn Tuesday, killed two air pirates at point-blank range and rescued 79 hostages.

Terrified hostages, including four Americans, fled through a rear door of the Venezuelan Aeropostal DC-9 and hurled themselves onto the tarmac after the hijackers set fire to gasoline-soaked newspapers inside the plane.

As the hostages were escaping, marksmen outside the plane fired and wounded both hijackers, Marlene Pardo, 42, one of seven hostages left inside the plane, told United Press International.

She said two Venezuelan commandos then rushed into the plane and finished off the two wounded air pirates — shooting one at point-blank range as he lay bleeding in the aisle, and the other as he was slumped in the galley.

None of the 74 passengers or five crew members aboard the airliner was wounded in the 2:10 a.m. EDT assault that ended a 37-hour odyssey to four Caribbean islands off the northern coast of South America — the Venezuelan island of Margarita, Trinidad, Aruba and Curacao.

The hijackers, identified as Do-

minique Hilertant and Segundo Felix Castillo, had threatened to blow up the plane unless they were given \$5 million and a helicopter.

Hilertant, a former Haitian captain sentenced to death for a coup attempt against the late President-for-life Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier in the 1960s, was armed with a pistol. Castillo, a Dominican, had a starter's pistol. Authorities said there was no indication they had a bomb.

Panic broke out on the Venezuelan DC-9 after sharpshooters shot out the tires of the jetliner to prevent it from taking off for an undisclosed destination.

Pardo told UPI that Castillo poured gasoline on a stack of newspapers in the aisle and set fire to it, setting off a stampede for the rear door and two emergency exits in the middle of the plane.

"We grabbed our children and ran for the back door," said Nancy Perret-Gentil of Manhattan, Kan., one of four Americans aboard.

"Everyone was panicky. We didn't see the part where the men were shot. We were running from the airplane to get away from the bomb they were going to explode. We lay down in the middle of the airstrip and waited there."

Castillo began walking back to the rear of the plane when he was hit by a marksman's bullet.

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