

Execution held off by judge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge granted a stay of execution Tuesday for a man twice condemned for the slaying of a warehouse manager.

John R. Thompson, who turned 32 Tuesday, was scheduled to die today for the fatal shooting of Mary Kneupper, 70, on May 21, 1977. U.S. District Judge D.W. Suttle granted the stay to give him time to review an appeal, a court clerk said.

Kneupper, the manager of a storage warehouse, was shot once in the neck with a .45-caliber pistol. Thompson has insisted the death was accidental.

Thompson's attorney, Mark Stevens, said the appeal included allegations that Bexar County prosecutors reneged on an offer of a life sentence if Thompson would agree to plead guilty.

The execution date was the second for Thompson, who had been out of prison just three months after serving two years of a six-year term for robbery. The former laborer also has a record of arrests for auto theft, robbery, weapons possession and burglary.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals threw out Thompson's first conviction. He was convicted again in 1982 and sentenced to death.

Thompson would have been the 21st Texas inmate to be put to death since the state resumed executions in 1982.

Regents grant contract for work at Easterwood

By Amy Couvillon
Staff Writer

The Texas A&M Board of Regents awarded a \$869,464 contract Monday for the construction of a taxiway and an aircraft parking apron for the proposed north terminal at Easterwood Airport.

Bandas Industries Inc., of Temple, received the contract, which includes construction of lighting for the taxiway and parking apron, as well as an access road connection, Bandas spokesman Jeanie Johnson said.

Bandas will attend a pre-construction conference at A&M Feb. 6, Johnson said.

H.E. Raisor, A&M manager of aviation services, said A&M received \$750,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration early this month for this part of the improvements at Easterwood.

Phase I of the north terminal project has two parts, Raisor explained.

The first part, which is nearly

completed, was contracted to Young Brothers Inc., and includes utilities and an entrance road from F.M. 60, at the former location of the Quonset Huts.

"We're working toward a final inspection on that (phase I, part 1) now," Raisor said.

The contract awarded Monday to Bandas was for phase I, part 2, Raisor said.

The January FAA funds will be used for this part — the apron, taxiway and access road connection.

Funds also will come from Bryan, College Station, Brazos County and A&M.

project should be completed in the spring of 1989.

"The new terminal will bring added growth to the Brazos Valley," Raisor said.

He said the north area terminal will be much larger than Easterwood's existing terminal, and it will be used for commercial flights.

"The first one is very much too small," he said. "It's overcrowded; it doesn't handle even the current air traffic."

James Lawson, a taxi driver at Easterwood, says the terminal tends to get crowded on busy days, and he can see a need for a larger facility.

"I've seen it so packed you can hardly get through," said Lawson, who has operated an airport taxi service at Easterwood since the early 1970s.

When the new terminal is completed, Raisor said, the old terminal will be converted to a fixed-base operation for general aviation, which includes military, business and private air traffic.

3 resign, 1 fired in Dallas jail sex scandal

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas County detention center officers resigned and a fourth was fired after all admitted to giving cigarettes to female inmates in exchange for sexual favors, officials said.

Jim Ewell, a spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, said an investigation into the alleged activities began Jan. 17 after jail officials heard rumors among inmates about the sexual activity.

Ewell said Lt. John Slovak, a watch commander, saw a jailer and a female prisoner enter an elevator and was curious because the officer was not assigned to escort prisoners.

Slovak told investigators he took another elevator to the second floor and waited for about 12 minutes for the jailer and his prisoner to arrive.

Ewell said the prisoner told internal affairs officers she had intercourse with the jailer in exchange

for cigarettes. She also told investigators she had sex with another officer on March 3.

The incidents took place at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, the center of the county jail system, and involved 24 different women on 25 separate occasions, officials said.

No charges have been filed against the officers who resigned Sunday and Monday, officials said.

Fraternity becomes 'adoptive parent'

A&M organization does part in Adopt-A-Highway program

By Debbie Monroe
Reporter

Members of Alpha Gamma Rho, an agriculture fraternity at Texas A&M, have become adoptive parents, of sorts, to a stretch of Wellborn Road south of College Station.

Through the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program, the fraternity pledged to keep a two-mile section of F.M. 2154 litter-free, starting south of the College Station city limits.

Brad Goodbread, Alpha Gamma Rho public relations co-chairman, said the group is committed to community service and wants to be more than a stereotypical fraternity.

"I think fraternities ought to do things that aren't expected of them, like adopting a highway," Goodbread said.

Twenty-five Alpha Gamma Rho

members and pledges spent the first Saturday in December collecting trash along their section of Wellborn Road and will repeat the cleanup twice each semester.

Public relations co-chairman Johnny Wilson said the stretch of

Department of Highways and Public Transportation office.

Maintenance construction foreman Delmar Smith works closely with groups that volunteer for the program.

Crews that are paid to pick up

As of Dec. 31, 850 groups statewide were a part of the campaign and more than 1,500 miles of roadway were being kept clean by volunteers.

John Cagle, a Highway Department public information officer, said the purpose of the program is to get people involved with the litter problem.

"It's a snowball effect," Cagle said.

Volunteers talk about their cleanup efforts to friends and family, and soon everyone in a community gets to know about the problem with roadside litter, he said.

Goodbread said getting up close and personal with trash certainly changed a few attitudes among members of Alpha Gamma Rho.

"I talked with some of the pledges when we got done and they said they weren't going to litter anymore," he said.


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road was a long two miles for the pledges.

"They thought two miles was a lot shorter than that," Wilson said. "They thought they went 20 miles."

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