Execution held off by judge

ANTONIO (AP) — A ederal judge granted a stay of xecution Tuesday for a man vice condemned for the slaying a warehouse manager.

John R. Thompson, who irned 32 Tuesday, was sched-ed to die today for the fatal nooting of Mary Kneupper, 70, n May 21, 1977. U.S. District udge D.W. Suttle granted the ay to give him time to review an peal, a court clerk said.

Kneupper, the manager of a orage warehouse, was shot once the neck with a .45-caliber pis-Thompson has insisted the ath was accidental.

Thompson's attorney, Mark evens, said the appeal included legations that Bexar County osecutors reneged on an offer a life sentence if Thompson ould agree to plead guilty.

execution date was the cond for Thompson, who had een out of prison just three onths after serving two years of six-year term for robbery. The ormer laborer also has a record arrests for auto theft, robbery, eapons possession and burglary The Texas Court of Criminal ppeals threw out Thompson's rst conviction. He was convicted

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

rain in 1982 and sentenced to

Regents grant contract for work at Easterwood

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-construc-tion 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 Eas-

Phase I of the north terminal project has two parts, Raisor explained. The first part, which is nearly

Brothers Inc., and includes utilities and an entrance road from F.M. 60, at the former location of the Quon-

"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.

used for this part — the apron, taxiway and access road connection. Funds also will come from Bryan, College Station, Brazos County and

The January FAA funds will be

The new terminal building itself — still in the planning stage — is part of phase H, Raisor said.

This final phase also includes an east road and the automobile park-A contract should be awarded for phase II sometime next year, he 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 James Lawson, a taxi driver at

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

Easterwood, says the terminal tends

to get crowded on busy days, and he

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 prisaid, and the entire north terminal

3 resign, 1 fired in Dallas jail sex scandal

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

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 all admitted to giving cigarettes to and was curious because the officer was not assigned to escort prisoners.

Slovak told investigators he took Jim Ewell, a spokesman for the another elevator to the second floor allas County Sheriff's Department, and waited for about 12 minutes for the jailer and his prisoner to arrive.

Ewell said the prisoner told intercourse with the jailer in exchange

for cigarettes. She also told investigators she had sex with another offi-

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 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, agriculture fraternity at Texas have become adoptive parnts, of sorts, to a stretch of Well-orn Road south of College Station. Through the Texas Department

Highways and Public Transporta-Adopt-A-Highway program, fraternity pledged to keep a two-le section of F.M. 2154 litter-free, rting south of the College Station

Brad Goodbread, Alpha Gamma o public relations co-chairman, d the group is committed to comunity service and wants to be more an a stereotypical fraternity. "I think fraternities ought to do

ings that aren't expected of them,

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Saturday in December collecting Transportation office. trash along their section of Wellborn Maintenance const Road and will repeat the cleanup twice each semester

Public relations co-chairman program. Johnny Wilson said the stretch of

members and pledges spent the first Department of Highways and Public

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

Crews that are paid to pick up

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

- Brad Goodbread, Alpha Gamma Rho public relations co-chairman

road was a long two miles for the

'They thought two miles was a lot shorter than that," Wilson said.

trash can cover more ground because they can skip sections of road maintained by volunteers, Smith

As of Dec. 31, 850 groups statewide were a part of the cam-paign 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.

The Adopt-A-Highway program
Twenty-five Alpha Gamma Rho is administered by the local Texas

Tive organizations in Brazos
County have joined the program and Smith said two more plan to enlist soon.

"I talked with some of the pledges when we got done and they said they weren't going to litter anymore." have said two more plan to enlist soon.



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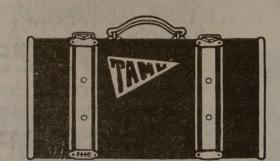
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