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# STATE & LOCAL

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Wednesday, December 2, 19

## FAA gives \$536,890 to Easterwood

By WILL HEALY

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) allocated \$536,890 to Easterwood Airport, which will be used to resolve the state of the Administration be used to pay for airport improvements, said Harry Raisor, director of aviation at Texas A&M University's Easterwood Airport.

Raisor said the funds Easterwood will receive are "nothing new."

Raisor said the airport receives funds from the FAA if the number of passengers at Easterwood is at least one-tenth of one percent of total commercial airline passengers nationwide. "In my 16 years (at Easterwood), there was only one

year that we did not receive funding," Raisor said.

Raisor said the airport has

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received funds ranging from \$180,000 to this year's \$536,890. toward Phase Two of a program to set up pilot directory signs along the runway as instructed by the FAA, and to upgrade the storm drain system which, Raisor said, has not been upgraded since the airport was built

'The Easterwood Field Airport is important to the economic growth of Brazos County, and I am pleased that these funds will be used to enhance the safety and use of the airport," U.S. Senator Phil Gramm said.

Larry Neal, an official at Senator Gramm's office, said the FAA administers grant programs to insure public safety at publicuse airports and to aid in development of airports to meet current and future public



A single engine Cessna airplane flies in for a landing Easterwood Airport Tuesday afternoon. The airport is to receive \$536,890 from the FAA for improvements such as directory signs and an upgrade in the storm drain system.

#### Woman sues 'bad parent'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - A 48-year-old Austin man being sued by his daughter said he is not perfect and has not seen a copy of the lawsuit that charges he was a bad

"I have no idea what it's about," Earl McMannis Jr. said Monday. Asked if he had any response to the accusation in the lawsuit that he was a bad parent, he replied, "Let's put it this way:

I'm not perfect."

The lawsuit, brought by

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#### Taking a Ri break in the sun

Enjoying the warm December afternoon, Cory Caugn, a senior applied science mathematics major from Austin studies along the steps of the Academic Building. The unseasonably warm weather is expected to continue through the end of the week.



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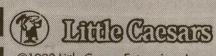
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