



## International Programs coordinator dies

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Council of Taiwan.

Mallett was visiting her parents, who are missionary counselors at Jung Shan Baptist Church in Taichung, Taiwan, and met them in Kenting, Taiwan.

As Mallett and her father were swimming off the coast, they encountered a strong undercurrent, Ashworth said.

Jonathan Ballesteros, a senior industrial engineering major who is participating in an internship in Taiwan this summer, was with Mallett and her father and pulled both of them to shore.

Ballesteros' brave actions saved Mallett's father, Ashworth said.

"Jonathan pulled both her father and Susan to the shore," Ashworth said. "Susan was taken to Kaohshung hospital in Taiwan where she died."

Debra Blakely, assistant professor of communication at University of Houston Clear Lake, said she worked with Mallett while working on a study abroad program.

"I was really impressed with her commitment to her work. She was young, but you won't find anyone who wouldn't describe her as professional."

Blakely said Mallett was a real asset to the academy program.

"What potential she had!" Blakely said. "She would have really taken her program far."

Ashworth echoed those sentiments.

"(Mallett) was a fantastic person, full of life and who wanted to really work with students," Ashworth said. "She was really looking forward to organizing the program, so this is really a blow."

A memorial service for Mallett will be held in College Station, but the date is undetermined.

A Texas A&M employee, Susan Mallett, drowned Saturday in a swimming accident in Taiwan.

Mallett was a program coordinator for Texas A&M's Academy of Future International Leaders in the International Programs Office, said Emily Ashworth, assistant provost for International Programs. Mallett was helping to establish a new program sponsored by the National Science

### Green thumb



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Lindsey Rakowitz, a sophomore horticulture major, trims the greenery in front of the Texas A&M Horticulture Gardens. This is Rakowitz's first summer to work at the garden which houses over 1,000 specimens of plants that can be observed throughout the one-eighth mile-long trail within the property.

## Bryan City Council: bird problem solved

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an airgun, the BB or pellet cannot leave your property."

Matt Friemel, a senior accounting major, has to wash his truck almost every day because of the mess that hundreds of grackles leave behind. Friemel said he was fed up with the bird problem in his neighborhood, but he's now able to do something about it.

The Bryan City Council struck down an existing city ordinance on June 8 that made it illegal for Bryan residents to kill wild birds. The City Council approved a new amendment allowing property owners to deal with nuisance conditions on their property by removing unwanted wild birds.

"Several citizens expressed the need for this change," said Ernie Wentreck, mayor of Bryan. "Under the old laws they were not able to take care of their bird problems."

Mary Lynne Stratta, Bryan City secretary, said citizens can use BB guns, pellet rifles or bows and arrows to protect their property from birds, but firearms are still illegal within city limits.

"(Residents) must still comply with state laws concerning firearms," Stratta said. "If you use

these grackles can lead to potential health problems from the birds' feces. The new ordinance will help Bryan residents deal with these problems.

Ronnie Jackson of the Bryan Neighborhood Association Partnership Program said residents appreciate this new ordinance, but that it still has limitations.

"This does not mean that it's open season on all wild birds," Jackson said. "If the bird is protected by state or national law, citizens can get in serious trouble for shooting it."

Michael Cosentino, city attorney for Bryan, said there was not an overwhelming amount of people calling for this change.

"The city basically just wanted to get out of the business of regulating the killing of wild birds," Cosentino said. "Aggies are now able to deal with grackles because they are not protected by law."

Friemel said being able to shoot the birds and destroy their nests will be a big help to him and his

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## Kjerfve named new geosciences dean

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director of the Marine Science Program at the University of South Carolina.

"There is no way to really say it. You can't ask for a better boss though," said Shannon Gilbert, office manager of the Marine Science Program at the University of South Carolina. "He listens to everything anyone says whether it's about work or not. He bends over backwards to help you and make things work out for students and employees."

In addition to serving as the director of Marine Science, Kjerfve has been teaching at the University of South Carolina since 1973. He is responsible for more than 211 publications, including eight books.

"If you wanted to list his accomplishments, you would really have to

write a book on it," Gilbert said. "He's been here 31 years, published books and taught many classes. He has done so much."

Kjerfve speaks Swedish, English and Portuguese and reads German and Spanish. He is a permanent resident of Brazil and the United States. He is currently conducting research in Brazil, South Carolina and along the Belize Barrier Reef.

"(Kjerfve) brings a wealth of experience in research, teaching and administration, and is a recognized leader in coastal oceanography research," said Texas A&M Executive Vice President

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When Bjorn Kjerfve first came to the United States from Sweden 31 years ago, everyone, including his boss, had trouble pronouncing his name. The name was affectionately shortened so that he's now known as B.J. to everyone, except his wife.

On Aug. 15 Kjerfve will move to College Station where he will become the dean of the College of Geosciences. For the past four years he has been



KJERFVE

## Stark Gallery showcases photographer

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### FRENCH LIFE

Photographer Robert Doisneau's black and white photographs will be on display at A&M.



Doisneau's work depicting French life will be shown at the J. Wayne Stark Gallery in the MSC June 17 to August 1

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is free

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The streets of Paris, France, in the 1950s street vendors and entertainers lined the roads as young couples sat on benches and children played on the sidewalks.

Texas A&M students will get to experience this period of French life at an exhibition of Robert Doisneau's photographs on display at the J. Wayne Stark Gallery June 17 to August 1.

Taken mostly in Paris, Doisneau's black and white photographs capture a glamorous time that people associate with Hollywood, said Katherine Hastedt, director of the Stark Gallery.

"It's neat to see the similarities between people then and now," Hastedt said.

Doisneau began his photography career in the early 1930s at an advertising department and then worked as a photojournalist for a French newspaper, Hastedt said.

Doisneau was then part of the French Resistance during the Nazi Occupation during World War II, doing coverage for

French periodicals after the war, Hastedt said. He became a prominent fashion photographer, and his work was shown in "Life" and "Vogue." Doisneau's popularity sprung from his realistic photographs taken of everyday people and things while wandering the streets of Paris, Hastedt said.

This form of photography is known

as "humanistic reportage." Doisneau is said to have described himself as a "fisher" of pictures who had to "get wet" and immerse himself in the lives of the people whom he was photographing. Doisneau talked with his subjects and

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## Former student donates \$500,000 to physics research

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George Mitchell, Texas A&M graduate of the Class of 1940, donated \$500,000 to A&M in April to contribute to research in physics.

"I have a lot of admiration for Texas A&M and I am happy to do what I can to help," Mitchell said.

The donation was matched by the Heep Foundation, providing \$1 million to create the Mitchell/Heep Chair in Experimental High Energy Physics.

The A&M Development Foundation will invest the \$1 million. The dividends and interest will then be used by the chairholder for research in the specific field of study the chair is designated for.

"A million-dollar chair typically gives \$50,000 per year in research funds, so this is important," said Ed Fry, physics department head.

Peter McIntyre, A&M physics professor, will be the first one to hold the chair.

Mitchell has given close to \$6 million to the physics department, which has been a tremendous help, Fry said.

"There are fantastic things happening in the physics department right

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