

Mayor, county attorney debate executive session

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City begins search for replacement

Council accepts Wardlaw's resignation as city secretary

The Brackettville City Council accepted the resignation of Bonnie Wardlaw Tuesday night and agreed to begin its search for a new city secretary.

"We've been without a city secretary going on the second week," said Mayor Joe Garza Jr. "The budget process is quickly approaching. I think that comes around in July. We're certainly going to need some people out there that have some experience in finance, accounting and record-keeping.

otic is an understatement. We cific job description. definitely need some help. We're not blaming anybody. We're going to correct what needs to be corrected, we're going to go forward and we're going to make decisions for the citizens."

Garza presented a written proposal for the hiring process, and it was adopted with changes suggested by Alderman Tully Welch. He voted for the proposal, along with council members Matt Bland, Francisca Garza, Tomas Gomez Jr. and Lydia Tipps.

The mayor's proposal had a 60-day hiring process, but Welch suggested reducing it to 45 days. The city will accept applications for a 20-day period and then spend 15 days to interview applicants and hire a new city secretary.

'Mayor, I like your proposal," Welch said. "Personally, I would like to expedite this. I think we can get somebody hired

the council would be responsible See COUNCIL/Page 5

"To say that things are chaotic is an understatement. We definitely need some help."

Joe Garza Jr.

for determining "the qualifications and specific criteria that it will employ in the selection of the city secretary," and would "To say that things are cha- be charged with creating a spe-

> The proposal also dictates that the city will advertise the vacancy in the Del Rio News-Herald, Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News.

Tipps asked why the job would not be advertised locally in The Brackett News and Uvalde Leader-News.

"It's just a proposal — it's subject to modification like anything else," the mayor said.

Bland asked how much the council was going to budget for the position, and the mayor explained that the budget already included a salary of \$22,500.

"We simply could not go beyond what is already budgeted unless we were to proceed with hiring somebody who would go beyond that salary range, at which time we would have to amend the budget. That would have to have council approval," Garza explained.

The mayor suggested that the A packed house council could employ an interim Under the mayor's proposal, city secretary to run the day-to-



It was standing-room only Tuesday night as over 50 citizens crammed into the Brackettville City Annex for the first meeting of the recently elected mayor and aldermen. The council accepted the resignation of Bonnie Wardlaw during the meeting and will now begin its search for a new city secretary.

Brackett hosts Juneteenth celebration

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

Brackettville will celebrate Emancipation Day this weekend as the Seminole Indian Scouts

teenth celebration. The event kicks off with a Brackett Alternative School on N. Ann Street and conclude at the Carver School grounds.

Parade awards and a special program will begin at 11 a.m. and a barbecue is planned for noon. Barbecue plates and a ans due to the minimal number drink will be sold for \$6, while of Union troops to enforce the a sandwich, salad and drink will be sold for \$3.

There will be a Little Mr. and day afternoon at 2.

known celebration commemo- overcome the resistance. rating the ending of slavery in the United States.

Granger, landed at Galveston with news that the war had ended parade Saturday morning at 10. and that the enslaved were now years after President Lincoln's which had become official Jan.

The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texnew executive order. However, with the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee in April of 1865 and regiment, the forces were finally Texas," a legal state holiday in

Juneteenth is the oldest strong enough to influence and

One of Granger's first orders of business was to read to the Dating back to 1865, it was people of Texas General Order on June 19 that the Union sol- Number 3, which began most Association host its annual June- diers, led by Maj. Gen. Gordon significantly with: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United The parade will begin at the free. This was two and a half States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of Emancipation Proclamation, rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free

The celebration of June 19 was coined "Juneteenth" and has 1980. become a significant holiday in Texas. State officials declared Miss Juneteenth contest Satur- the arrival of Gen. Granger's June 19, "Emancipation Day in



Gordon Granger

For more information about the parade and celebration, call Augusta Pines at 563-9779 or Beverly Wright at 275-2395.

Shahan expected to resign from water board today

By J.J. GUIDRY

Darlene Shahan is expected to resign today from the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors.

The district is holding its regular monthly meeting this af- resignation." ternoon at 4 in the district courtroom at the Courthouse.

Water board officials said Shahan would resign from the board when she was hired as general manager in April. She had previously served as the interim general manager while serving as a director.

All seven positions on the board are up for election in No- mittee.

County Judge Herb Senne said the Commissioners Court may appoint a replacement for Shahan "if the groundwater board wants to fill it between now and the election.'

The agenda for today's meeting simply says "board member

The agenda for today's meeting also includes:

Public comment. Approve minutes.

Presentation by Water

Review and possible action on proposal from Randolph

Company. ■ Report from Election Com-

General manager's report.

Trustees consider changing the name of alternative school

By J.J. GUIDRY

Brackett ISD officials are considering changing the name of the district's alternative school.

The Board of Trustees gave Superintendent Bobby Templeton preliminary approval last title and assume, sometimes inweek to move forward with plans to change the name of the

"I think it would be a good idea," school board member Sondra Meil said.

would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

do not call their alternative school "alternative school." He presented the board a list of al-

thing," he said. "Many students who graduate from alternative school are not college-bound and rely on their high school diploma to get a job. The name 'alternative school' places students at a disadvantage.

"Employers may look at that correctly, that the student is a severe discipline problem or is the product of a lesser or 'watered-down' learning environment. This is not the case. Alternative school is a differenti-An official name change ated education, but is still a viable training environment."

Templeton said most districts school for academic, discipline and other reasons.

"A good portion of the kids out there are not discipline probternative schools around the lems, they just need something state that carry different names, a little bit different," Templeton such as "academy" or "learning said. "I've even seen kids that have been in auto accidents, and "This is something that's go- in order to graduate with their school and that's not the case," ing on throughout the state of class, they had to go to an alter- he said. "It has kept a lot of stu- have to go through to get the have a specific name in mind for Texas and I think it's a good native school. There is no dis-dents from dropping out of name changed at the state," he the alternative school.



The Brackett Alternative School may soon have a new name.

they need to know that."

Jones Elementary School, said there was still a stigma associ- name change would be a local

associate discipline problems ternative School" by the Texas with students in the alternative Education Agency.

Stoney Burks, principal of change would be very positive."

The superintendent said the ated with the alternative school. change, and the facility would "Many people automatically still be known as "Brackett Al-

"There's a lot of hoops you

Students attend alternative honor or no shame in it - and school, but there's still a nega- said. "We wouldn't have to do tive stigma. I think a name that. It would just be a local decision. It would be called something different. And most impor-

tantly, it would be different on their diplomas. It's a real simple thing to do. I've already checked with the state legal services, and all it takes is your decision."

Templeton said he did not

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Our forefathers could have domesticated other animals

I read somewhere once that most anthropologists think that the dog was probably the second animal that man domesticated. Surprised? I was too. I would have guessed the dog to have been the first. You know, "man's best friend" and all that.

A dog is good for lots of things. He's a great companion. His loyalty is beyond question. He comes when you call him. He retrieves what you throw. He barks at intruders. He heals your hurts. He licks your wounds. He basically adores ya.

The question that immediately comes to my mind is: Why did mankind ever domesticate the cat?

What did our ancestors know that I don't know? A cat? What were they thinking? What could they possibly have seen as a use for a cat around the cave? It did nothing for them. It does nothing for us. Nothing!

Oh, before I forget, the studiers of ages gone by usually agree that the goat was the first animal to be domesticated. Makes sense, doesn't it? A goat provided milk, meat, skin for clothing and an offering to de-

Or, should the occasion arise, an offering to a large, hungry, over-fanged predator in search of carnage to satisfy his immediate craving for food. Here you go, try this tasty caprine. Yep, just give the goat to the sabertoothed tiger and maybe he'll leave you alone. For one more



But I Could Be Wrong

> Chuck Hall

To my way of thinking, the goat was a very useful domesti-

But I'm wondering if there were some creatures that our forefathers overlooked. Tell me you didn't see this one coming.

What other living things would have been useful to the cave man? What about the ant? No, think about it. They are

the most industrious of all of the living beings on earth. They could have crawled out of the cave, totally undetected, searched for food, brought it

back, and, if one or two somehow met with their demise, they would not have been missed. They reproduce in great numbers. They are very hearty and can go long distances without An ant may have been hard

to train, but once in our power, the list of their uses is endless. You have your watchdog, and a good one he may be, but when my attack ants bite him, he'll howl and run for cover.

Ants don't bark, but they do protect their territory. I see a whole new wave of domestication in the development. I say, let's domesticate the ant.

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American media is biased

I sometimes think that there is nothing that can surprise me anymore. Anytime there is a scandal or incident or news story, you can bet that the liberal elements of the press and media will get it wrong, ignore it altogether, or overplay it until I want to puke.

The story of the poor mistreated Iraqis in the prison who were so tortured by having women's underwear put on their heads and pictures taken of them naked is a good example.

These people were not tortured! True, they were humiliated, and I certainly don't condone anyone doing such things ment. I do know that such treat- personnel? ment is often part and parcel with interrogation techniques thousands of lives.

or mentally damaged, I see no problem with this. War is not pleasant and people don't give up valuable information simply because the interrogators asked them politely!

murdered — beheaded. Did you our media about the senseless, savage, animalistic murder of cycle. this young noncombatant American, or about the poor Iraqi soldiers with underwear on their

That's right, the story about



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

soldiers who "mistreated" the much more than the murdering sons of pigs Moslems who killed other than he was American.

American media so hate-filled wouldn't mean a blessed thing rather condone the brutal mur- dance, and give the Moslems known. to prisoners for no reason other der of an American than the em- some more ammo. But let's get than their own twisted entertain- barrassment of foreign military rid of all those evil guns in the tory. It won America's indepen-

And let me fill you in on conservatives! something: If you agree with As long as the person being as the evil, nasty stuff happens "interrogated" is not physically to conservative Americans or to Christians, it's OK with them! a Christian, or both, be prepared

see on TV or in the papers.

Sulawesi Island, Indonesia, a our faith in Jesus the Christ and Now here is what really makes and her 4-year-old daughter, through. They can kill our bodme boil. During this same time Selah, were walking to church ies, but they can't take our souls! House of Representatives named period, a young American was to practice for the Easter service So, pray hard and stand up for the following morning. Deviani what is right. hear a larger hue and cry from had to carry Selah because she had hurt her foot riding her bi- O Lord, that a man's life is not

the front pew, the group began but only with justice - not in to sing the hymn, "If That Isn't your anger, lest you reduce me Love." Then suddenly, as the to nothing. Pour out your wrath Christians sang of Christ's love on the nations that do not acthe underwear got 10 times the and sacrifice, two men, their knowledge you, on the peoples air time as the beheading of an faces covered, entered the back who do not call on your name." American citizen. The American of the church and opened fire NIV

on the congregation and choir with automatic weapons. Among the dead were Deviani and Selah. The killers were Moslems. They killed six people for no reason, but that they were Christians.

If the American media did for in. some reason decide to run this story, it wouldn't be because of the unspeakable evil of the act Iraqis were demonized much, of two hate-filled men attacking a group of love-filled Christians. Oh, no! It would be to espouse the young man for no reason the need for stricter gun control.

The senseless murder of six Why, I need to know, is the totally innocent Christians hands of those nasty, dangerous

All I can say is, if the liberals breaking down a person's resis- what I have just said, the Ameri- hate us for who we are and what tance so as to learn important can media hates you just as much we stand for, and if the Moslems information that might save as it does me, or the U.S. mili- hate us for who we are and what tary, or President Bush. As long we stand for, then we must be doing something right.

So if you are a conservative, Here is a story that you won't to be hated by the rest of the world. I don't understand it, but On April 10, 2004, on I know it to be true. And only young woman named Deviani Jehovah God will see us

Jeremiah 10:23-25, "I know, his won: it is not for man to di-As Deviani and Selah sat in rect his steps. Correct me, Lord,



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Hurrah to the Army!

In 1962, Gen. Douglas MacArthur made his farewell address to the cadets of the United States Military Academy.

He told the future Army officers: "Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory and that if we fail, the Nation will be destroyed."

This week Congress joined America in wishing the United States Army a happy 229th birthday. I was proud to vote for a resolution that commemorates the Army's courage, valor and commitment to the protection of our great nation and its citizens.

The Army was born on June 14, 1775, a year before the Declaration of Independence was

Why is it older than America? Because before our Founding Fathers could agree on the Declaration of Independence, it knew that a professional army was needed to defend our rights.

Since 1775 our Army has been the protector of our independence. The men and women of the U.S. Army have fought bravely in every war America has ever found herself engaged

For over two centuries, the U.S. Army has seen the recruitment of over 30 million men and women. Sadly, it has also had to bear the loss of almost 1 million soldiers who died protecting our freedom.

The United States Army is not the largest army in the world, but without a doubt, it is and biased that they would to the liberal press. Good rid- the best army this world has ever

Our Army has a proud hisdence in an eight-year struggle with Great Britain. It then preserved our Union through a four-year battle that saw brother fight brother. It has repeatedly defended the United States against enemies abroad. Our Army defeated Nazi totalitarianism, Japanese imperialism and world communism - and it did not stop there.

The United States Army can draw great satisfaction from knowing that when the nation was in need, it answered the call.

Recently, the United States the American soldier Person of the Century. This is an honor that is unequivocally deserved. Had it not been for the courageous brave souls who fought and died, we may not enjoy the freedom and independence so many take for granted.

I join you all in thanking those brave men and women for their service and commitment to our freedom. Happy Birthday to our United States Army!

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President Reagan changed the world

OPINION

legend, President Ronald Rea- America.

Like all Americans, I was sadaccomplishment comforted me.

our nation, Ronald Reagan came reaucracy. into office and restored hope. He was an unequaled champion of and market-oriented principles.

But beyond his optimism, his backyard bunkers. confidence and his graceful charm, was a man of action who United States of America.

nation sowed seeds of prosperity and reduced regulatory burtaxes for all Americans, includ-

This week Americans said fering new incentives to create their goodbyes to an American wealth and jobs, and to rebuild

He encouraged Americans to embrace their own destiny and dened to learn of his passing, but realize that government was not even in a moment of great loss, the answer to social ills — people the memories of his good humor, were. Good people working in contagious optimism and historic concert to better their communities and their fellow man could At a time of great despair in accomplish far more than bu-

Perhaps most importantly, President Reagan took the steps freedom, smaller government to ultimately win the Cold War. He pursued peace through His philosophies guided our strength and achieved an overnation to become the economic whelming victory that was inand military superpower it is conceivable to a generation raised with fallout drills and

Who can forget the famous challenge he laid down when he implemented great change in the cried, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" They were in-Under his leadership, our deed dramatic words, but more importantly, words of action.

Two and a half years later, dens on business. He lowered what once seemed a permanent divider through the heart of Bering reducing the top marginal lin was torn down piece by An enemy with no borders, no who touched people with his rate from an oppressive 70 per- piece, section by section until it uniforms, no respect for the tra- words, inspired them with his cent to a low of 28 percent, of- was reduced to a pile of rubble. ditional rules of war, and more actions and led by his example.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Visitors to the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington, D.C. can lieve the strength, perseverance view a section of the wall, donated by the people of Berlin in honor of the president and in recognition of his leadership. It stands as a stark reminder of the pursue democracy.

selves in a fight for freedom. and freedom in the world." This generation, like their World War II grandparents and Cold War parents, has been called to stand and fight for free-

Today we're grappling with a new threat: global terrorism.

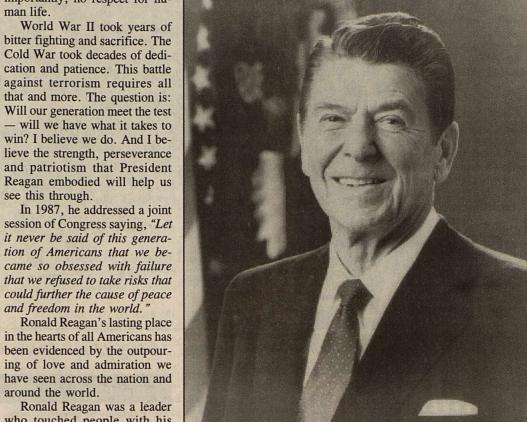
importantly, no respect for human life.

World War II took years of bitter fighting and sacrifice. The Cold War took decades of dedication and patience. This battle against terrorism requires all that and more. The question is: Will our generation meet the test - will we have what it takes to Building and International Trade win? I believe we do. And I be-

see this through. In 1987, he addressed a joint session of Congress saying, "Let great shift in global politics that it never be said of this generaspread freedom in Europe, and tion of Americans that we beencouraged new generations to came so obsessed with failure that we refused to take risks that Today, we again find our- could further the cause of peace

> Ronald Reagan's lasting place in the hearts of all Americans has been evidenced by the outpouring of love and admiration we have seen across the nation and around the world.

Ronald Reagan was a leader



President Ronald Reagan

Stem cell research: A great promise and a fitting tribute for President Ronald Reagan

The death of former President Ronald W. Reagan this past week has given the country a moment to reflect on his presidency, his personal life, and his slow and lengthy bout with Alzheimer's disease.

As president, Mr. Reagan moved to change the face of the adopting controversial economic terrible disease. and military strategies.

citing his steadfast opposition to stem cell research could play in and scientists have questioned the Soviet Union, helping end finding a cure for a wide range the usefulness of some of those. the Cold War peacefully. Oth- of illnesses such as diabetes,

backs his policies caused.

disagreed. most endearing personal qualities about the Reagan Presidency was the evident love he and a second chance for a better qualformer First Lady Nancy Rea- ity of life — one free from hosgan had for one another. Throughout their 52 years of ing, or even premature death. marriage, eight of which were spent in the White House, their relationship seemed to transcend

More than 10 years ago, when tions. it was confirmed that President Reagan was suffering from Alzheimer's, a brain disorder that seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities, it came as no surprise when the former First Lady became an 200 of my colleagues in a letter time in hope of a cure.

Washington Report

Ciro D. Rodriguez

federal government, often advocate in the fight against this

Some believe he was one of worldwide attention to Alz- reality, only 19 lines have been America's greatest presidents, heimer's and the importance that available for the past two years,

admired by those who supported in the body, could provide treatand disabling illnesses that af-Americans.

These individuals could have pitals and pills, pain and suffer-

For the first time, many families would have hope that their loved ones could recover from the most debilitating of condi-

It would be fitting to honor the legacy of President Ronald Reagan by opening the door to innovative and promising em- way for discovery and probryonic stem cell research.

to President Bush urging him to expand current federal policy concerning embryonic stem cell research. In August 2001, President Bush issued an executive Del Rio, Texas 78840 order that limits federal funding (830) 774-6547 only to embryonic stem cells or that were already in existence as of Aug. 9, 2001.

While it was originally thought scientists would have Nancy Reagan brought access to 78 stem cell lines, in

Embryonic stem cells come (202) 224-2934 ers disagree, citing the budget Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and from excess in vitro fertilized deficits and social service cut- other nervous system disorders. (IVF) embryos that infertile Scientists believe that stem couples use to have children. Either way, Mr. Reagan was cells, which have the ability to The IVF process produces far a man of strong convictions, develop into just about any cell more embryos than a couple will him and respected by those who ment for a wide range of deadly up to 400,000 IVF embryos and some couples have expressed Without doubt one of the fect more than 100 million interest in donating their excess embryos for research rather than

destroying them. President Reagan's death has brought renewed attention to stem cell research and the great promises it can bring to millions of Americans. By expanding the ability to perform research, we expand our opportunity for scientific discovery and the potential to find a cure for many dis-

It is up to this generation of leaders, however, to pave the foundly change the lives of in-In April of this year, I joined dividuals and families battling

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Parade on Spring Street, circa. 1940s (Zack Davis Collection)

Committee plans July 4th parade

By BILL HAENN Contributing Writer

Sign-up sheets to compete for awards in six different categories in the Fourth of July parade are now available at the Kinney County Library and in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office at the Courthouse.

"If you wish to enter yourself or your organization in the competition for parade awards, sign-up now," said Martha Padron, a member of the Fourth of July Parade Committee.

the best large float, small float, marching group, individual marcher, golf cart and bicycle. The parade down Ann Street

will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 3.

The theme for this year's pa- the night of July 3.

rade is to honor all fellow citizens who are "in harms way everyday." This includes law enforcement, firemen, Border Patrol, EMS, and other personnel who daily place themselves in harms way and risk their lives so all of us can be safe.

Tickets are now on sale for the barbecue, which will be held at the Fort Clark Springs swim park immediately following the parade awards ceremony. Tickets are \$5 and are available from any committee member.

Proceeds from barbecue plate Awards will be presented for sales will be used to defray expenses from this year's parade with any surplus to be earmarked for next year's parade.

> The committee is also seeking donations to help pay for the fireworks display planned for

Kenning to perform at KidsFest June 26

Airastar recording artist Kelly Kenning is set to perform at KidFest on Saturday, June 26, at the Warhorse Stadium in Devine from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Kenning, who was a Labor Day favorite at Alamo Village, will take the stage from 7 to 11

The event is sponsored by the Devine "Friends of Kids" and the Natalia Stock Show Booster Club to raise money for 4-H and FFA kids in order to buy show animals at the 2005 Medina County Junior Livestock Show. There will be kids games,

Jolly Trolley train rides, appearances by Twiddles the Clown, face painting, arts and crafts booths and Water Polo game sponsored by the Devine Fire Department.

There will be a barbecue being sponsored by Eddie Stuart (brisket), Richard Collins play (pinto beans) and Dusty Moore (potato salad).

can mag, and victoria verney, a Anthem.

At 1 p.m., Medina Valley Cheer and Tumbling will per- at (830) 663-2168. form. At 5 p.m., American Liborio Garcia, will perform

Karate demonstrations. Austin artifact collector Bob dian artifacts to show off at the at www.devtex.net/kids.



Kelly Kenning

Mark Roddenberry, New starting at 10 a.m. Plates are York photographer, will have his remarkable 9/11 photos on dis-

Raffle tickets will be drawn during breaks at the concert. At 11 a.m., Junior Girl Scout Barbecue plate tickets for \$5 and Troop No. 157, led by Nancy raffle tickets for \$2 can be pur-Saathoff, will open the ceremony chased in advance at Sherry's with the raising of the Ameri- Chateau of Beauty, located at 501 Howell in Devine, Janie's recent graduate of Devine High Washeteria, located on Highway School, will sing the National 132 in Devine, or by contacting Joy Moore at (830) 665-2244 or Jeanine Lassere Mello

Admission fees are \$5 for Hapkido of Devine, led by adults and \$3 for children. Kids 2 and under will be admitted

More information can be ob-Wishoff will bring his many In- tained from the KidFest website

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The following is Brackett Inde- Liliana Hernandez, Tanya pendent School District's Honor Roll for the sixth six-weeks grading period:

High School **All-A Honor Roll**

Seniors: Elizabeth Ballew. Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Christopher Lehnert, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith.

Juniors: Tillman Davis, Whitney Hobbs, Danielle Moore, Cody Robinette and Oscar Sierra.

Sophomores: Dana Bonner, Alanna Conoly, Rachel Swinson and Brand Wylie.

Freshmen: Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart, Natasha Smith, Nadine Terrazas and Kara Yeager.

A-B Honor Roll Seniors: Chestin Clark-Hatley, Stephanie Coronado, Hector Febres, Ryan Frerich, Emily Petrosky, Anthony Rosetti, Star Smith, Blanca Talamantes, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins and Elijah Woolsey.

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Sophomores: Valentin Barrutieta, John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Kimberly Glass, Gose and Katie Yeager.

Molinar, Yasmin Pena and Leon Woolsey.

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Freshmen: Dolores Cano, Alison Carroll, Allison Del-Bosque, Diana Hernandez, John Moore, Ivan Pinales, Alma Reyes, Danika Schmidt, Micheal Stephenson, Marisela Talamantes and Emily Valenzuela.

Middle School All-A Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis, Daphne Hunt, Conrad Moore and Anolda Wat-

Seventh grade: Amanda Braesicke, Samantha Moore and Laura Swinson.

A-B Honor Roll

■ Eighth grade: Heather Baggett, Kaden Berg, Travis Bonner, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Capri Creech, Doolie Fernandez, Maria Juarez, Lane Nowlin and Bianca Stewart.

Seventh grade: Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Veronica Garza, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, Veronica Talamantes and Amory Thourot.

Elementary School All-A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Sarah Davis, Haley Hale, Janine Rex and Erica Vil-

Payne, Joel Talamantes and Daulton Woodson.

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■ Second grade: Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Hannah Johnson, Steven Maldonado, Leona Packard, Shelby Schuster, August Stephenson and Holt Tuck.

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A-B Honor Roll Proulx, Raul Rivas and Michael Villarreal.

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Fourth grade: Keith Castillo, Francisca Flores, Brittany Hale, Salvador Pacheco, David Salinas, and Ashley Wardlaw.

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Local tennis clinic set for next week

Uvalde tennis coach Terry strategy. Rambie will host a tennis camp June 21-24, Monday through at the Brackett High School tennis courts.

will feature drills, games and (830) 486-8090.

The camp costs \$50 per person and is open to students from Thursday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., 5 years of age to high school athletes, including beginners, intermediate and advanced play-The camp will focus on cor- ers. For more information, call rect fundamentals of tennis and Rambie at (830) 278-1451 or

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Monday, June 7

8 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man called in reference to an owl. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

a woman on the corner on Highway 90 and Ann Street, talking to a tree. Constable Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The woman stated that she was going to catch a bus to San Antonio or walk there.

10:22 a.m., A woman reported a fire behind the Head Start Center. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

1:30 p.m., A Del Rio DPS official reported a reckless driver on Highway 90, close to Amanda's Crossing west of Brackettville.

6:21 p.m., A man reported a small child riding a bike on the street at First and Ann Street. Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the location, but was unable to find anyone on a bike.

6:36 p.m., A-woman reported len while he was at the school

9:32 p.m., A woman reported that her husband was arguing with her at their residence on W. El Paso Street. The woman called back at 10:21 p.m. and said she was staying at a residence on Spring Street and that she did not want to be bothered by her husband.

10:25 p.m., A woman said someone kept opening the door and the front gate at her residence, letting her dogs out.

10:30 p.m., A man asked a deputy to watch his residence while he was out of town.

Tuesday, June 8 8:55 p.m., A man reported a tree on fire at the corner of Henderson and Gove Street. He said the fire was caused by an electrical spark from a wire. The

were notified of the situation.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

9:37 p.m., A man reported that some electrical tools were missing from his boss' truck at his residence on W. El Paso 8:52 a.m., A woman reported

sounding at the Bader Ranch. Deputy Donald Page was dispatched to the scene. Page stated that he had found an open door

small black car almost ran into cash bond.

Wednesday, June 9

1:30 p.m., Anna Fernandez Galicia, 27, of San Antonio was arrested by Constable Guidry for failure to appear and driving with an invalid license. She was transported to the Wackenhut Correctional Facility in Del Rio time served.

1:31 p.m., A Fort Clark goat was notified. that her son's bike had been sto- Springs employee reported a hit and run at the swimming pool.

his white 1994 Bonneville.

Highway 90. Del Rio DPS officials were notified. 6:18 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee re-

quested assistance at a residence

in Unit 14. 6:51 p.m., A man reported Rio. that his girlfriend was missing and wanted to know if she was in jail. The man said he did not know her name, but gave a description. He said he would

bring in a picture of the girl. 7:30 p.m., A 911 caller reported sheep on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. The owner of the livestock was notified.

8:56 p.m., A woman reported Brackettville Volunteer Fire that she had found some ATM

Verde Sheriff's Office to notify the owner of the cards.

9:59 p.m., A 911 caller reported that his 18-wheeler had lost two tires on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. The man 10:15 p.m., A Sentry Secu- said he wanted to make sure no rity employee reported an alarm one ran into them on the highway. Border Patrol officials were notified of the situation.

Thursday, June 10

11 a.m., Jose Louis Talamanand requested backup from Bor- tes, 42, of Brackettville was arder Patrol agents to check out rested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for failure to pay child 11:30 p.m., A man said he support due. He was released the was taking her trash out when was driving to Del Rio when a next day after posting a \$5,140

> 1:45 p.m., Jesus Amaya, 37, of Terrel was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch on a fugitive arrest warrant for driving released the next day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

7:11 p.m., A man reported a loose goat next to the weather and released four days later for ball on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. The owner of the

10 p.m., A man reported loose livestock on Highway 90 East by Fritter Park. The owner Cline checkpoint were asked to 2:45 p.m., A man reported that his girlfriend was driving of the livestock was informed.

11:16 p.m., A woman re-3:45 p.m., A 911 caller re- ported three vehicles driving ported a reckless driver on fast on W. Thorn Street. Friday, June 11

11 a.m., A woman reported

that her son had run off to Rocksprings without permission. At 11:40 she said her husband found him headed towards Del 4:05 p.m., Colbert Blakely

Drayoo, 38, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Marcos Department officials reported Hernandez for theft by check \$,1500 bail bond.

9:45 p.m., A woman requested a deputies assistance with unlocking her vehicle.

Saturday, June 12

camouflage clothes, carrying a

rifle, headed towards the motel. 4:40 a.m., The Uvalde Police Department reported that a vehicle had hit a deer. No injuries were reported. DPS Trooper Marcos Hernandez was notified

of the accident. 8:44 a.m., A man requested assistance at his residence on N. Beaumont Street. He said he had bought a vehicle from his brother, but his brother would

not give him the keys to the car. 9:17 a.m., A woman said she she noticed a man walking around with his pants down on W. Spring Street.

10:58 a.m., A woman reported that she had paid a man

to work on her air conditioner with a suspended license. He was at her residence on James Street and that he did not finish the job. 12:38 p.m., A woman reported that a white and blue

GMC pickup almost hit her vehicle on Ross Street. 6:18 p.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 90 East. Border Patrol agents at the

stop the vehicle. 9:14 p.m., Deputy Pena stated that he came upon two boys who had been in a bike accident on Ann Street. He said both boys were crying and had hurt their legs and ankles. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene and transported both boys to the Val Verde Regional Medi-

cal Center for treatment. Sunday, June 13

7:13 p.m., Uvalde Police two suspicious-looking vehicles warrant. He was released later had just left a store and were the same day after posting a headed towards Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was notified of the situation.

7:32 p.m., A woman requested assistance in helping her husband into their vehicle so she 12:12 a.m., A Fort Clark could take him to the hospital. Department was dispatched to cards in her purse that were not Springs security employee re- Deputy Page was dispatched to the scene and CP&L officials hers. Officials asked the Val ported a man walking around in the residence on E. Third Street.

Discussions tabled after legality of executive session questioned

han that a closed meeting would be illegal.

The agenda for the monthly to the Board of Commissioners San Antonio. of the Brackettville Housing Authority.

Shahan, who said he was representing the Brackettville Housemployees of the city.

"I don't see any legal correct- to know that." ness to have a closed session for the appointments of the Board of Commissioners," Shahan told forum at the beginning of the meeting.

"We all know the Brackett- ing Authority. ville Housing Authority is an ina political subdivision," he con-

City Council tabled action to be ments when they're due. I think ing. discussed in executive session it's worthy to discuss those with Tuesday night after being told the council. But to be able to not here to try to hurt. I want ceeding into a meeting that by County Attorney Tully Sha- discuss that in closed session, I you to know that," Shahan said. really don't think you can do

meeting included executive ses- agenda was approved by the Shahan asked that the item be governmental body commits an sion to discuss the appointments city's attorney, Ralph Brown of tabled.

ing Authority, said the council that city officials could be last thing that anyone would ing." could not discuss the appoint- charged with a Class B misde- want to try to do is to get started ments in closed session as a per- meanor, "if you enter into a off on the wrong foot." sonnel issue because the com- closed meeting that you've been missioners were not officers or advised that you're not to have agenda had been approved by terrupted. a closed meeting. I just want you the city's legal counsel.

Shahan," the mayor replied.

Shahan invited the mayor and the council during the public the council to discuss the issue the opportunity to review the lerector of the Brackettville Hous-

city. It's an independent entity, appointment of members that ahead on this issue," the mayor you don't employ and they're said. "Council willing, we will not officers of your governmen- proceed." "The mayor does have the au- tal agency. And you can't do it.

Members of the Brackettville thority to make those appoint- It's illegal. That's what I'm say- you proceed, let me tell you that

"I'm here to try to help. I'm Later in the meeting, after

Garza announced that the coun-Mayor Joe Garza Jr. said the cil would go into closed session, which states: "A member of a

"This is not an item that has 'The wording and every- to be done, in my opinion, imthing you see on this agenda is mediately," Shahan said. "As aids in calling or organizing the under his advice," Garza said. county attorney, I can see there closed meeting, whether it is a Shahan advised the mayor may be an illegality here. The

"I understand the law, Mr. stating that it was perfectly legal to do this," Garza said.

and Garza.

"I sincerely respect your the issue. "You're going to go into opinion Mr. Shahan. However,

Shahan responded: "Well, if mayor pro-tem.

each one of you can be charged with a criminal offense for proyou're not authorized to close."

Shahan cited Section 551.144 of the Local Government Code, offense if a closed meeting is not permitted under this chapter and the member knowingly calls or special or called closed meet-

Garza continued to proceed to go into executive session un-The mayor reiterated that the til Alderwoman Lydia Tipps in-

"I think in view of what Mr. "I received a letter from him Shahan just said that we should table this matter. We can get this ironed out, and perhaps our at-Shahan asked that he have torney can be present," she said.

Tipps, Matt Bland, Francisfurther with June Kaminski, di- gality of the issue with Brown ca Garza, Tomas Gomez and Tully Welch all voted to table

Tuesday night was the first dependent organization of the closed session and talk about the our attorney has given us the go-meeting of the new administration. In its first action as a City Council, the aldermen voted to re-appoint Francisca Garza as

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Whitney Massingill, a senior at Brackett High School, was the recipient of the Ironman Award last week during the Texas State football camp in San Marcos.



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The new City Council of Tomas Gomez Jr. (from left), Lydia Tipps, Mayor Joe Garza Jr., Francisca Garza, Tully Welch and Matt Bland met Tuesday for the first time.

Council tables discussion of payment to Wardlaw for unused vacation time

■ Continued from Page 1

the next 45 days. Neil Simmons, who applied for the job when Wardlaw was, we're going to gain a whole lot hired last October, offered to by hiring an interim city secreserve in an interim capacity.

"I applied for this job when Bonnie Wardlaw was selected. I think I was at least considered body full-time that's going to for this job," he told the countackle the problems, that's willcil. "I was willing to take on this ing to take it as a full-time job. I job then, and I am now.

I have a pretty extensive resume somebody for one or two for this kind of work, and I'm months. definitely interested in seeing the city of Brackett grow. Evsidering where we are and where secretary. we're coming from. I'd be willit if you want to hire me today."

an interim city secretary.

"I personally don't think tary," Welch said. "I think we could probably do without for a month and half, and get somejust don't see that we're going "My application is at the city. to gain a whole lot by hiring

The mayor said he would help run the day-to-day operations of erything is in order here, con- the city in the absence of a city

ing to take this on, on an interim secretary on Oct. 14. She was able to attend Tuesday's meet-(basis), or I'd be willing to take elected to the City Council in ing, so the council tabled the May of last year and served four issue.

The mayor asked if the coun- months before resigning to apday operations of the city over cil had any recommendations for ply for the city secretary's posi-

In her letter of resignation, Wardlaw said she had accumulated 120 hours of vacation and 40 hours of sick leave.

Since the city employee policy does not allow compensation for sick leave, Wardlaw decided to take her sick leave last week.

Wardlaw was paid for her unused vacation time, which has been questioned by the new administration.

The council was set to discuss the issue in executive session. Wardlaw, who now resides in Laredo, asked to be present Wardlaw was hired as city for the discussion. She was un-



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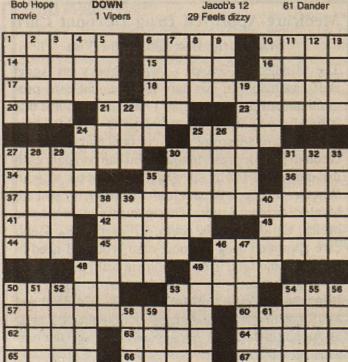






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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-You're apt to meet some very ber 22) It's not like you to be interesting new people this week. judgmental. However, this week, In fact, someone you encounter you have a tendency to do just is completely different from any- that. Tap into your understandone you've ever known. Enjoy this ing side instead. new, fun relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) vember 21) Try not to pay too Steer clear of bigwigs who are much attention to a cranky loved obviously in a bad mood this week. one. This person will have a ten-It's nothing you've done, so you dency to dredge up old hurts. It's needn't worry. Later in the week, not worth your time and effort watch out for people who break to rehash it. promises.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) to December 21) Avoid making Don't be afraid to try something any hasty decisions this week. new this week. In fact, a novel Jumping into something without approach to a work problem is thinking first will cause you to rue just what's needed. As the saying the day. This weekend, domestic goes, think outside the box.

complish it.

week. Don't waste it. Be sure to AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febin handy in the near future.

isn't the week to be extravagant. PISCES (February 19 to March

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) CAPRICORN (December 22 to You're not in a very motivated January 19) For the most part, mood as the week begins. Try to this is a positive week for business conquer this. There's much to be and financial interests. However, done, and you're the one to ac- that doesn't mean you get everything done you'd set out to do. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You later isn't a bad thing, though. Leaving some unfinished tasks for

interests are accented.

SCORPIO (October 23 to No-

SAGITTARIUS (November 22

write it down or flesh it out on ruary 18) Once again, travel is your computer, since it will come on your agenda. Be sure, though, to safeguard your valuables. The latter part of the week is best for VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While you feel secure for the most part about finances, this

In fact, look for ways to save 20) Things are looking up for you money in the household budget. on the job. Bigwigs are smiling at Later in the week, you reach a your ingenious approaches to new agreement with a co-worker. problems. This weekend, avoid a tendency to overspend.

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Lamar Medal recipients

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Brackett High School seniors Eli Woolsey and Ashley Thourot were recently presented the Lamar Medals and accompanying scholarships by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge. The Lamar Medal, named after Mirabeau B. Lamar, a Mason who was the second president of the Republic of Texas, is awarded annually for outstanding achievements. Pictured at the ceremony are Wes Robinson (from left), Woolsey, Thourot, Chuck Hall and Tully Welch.

Country newcomer Julie Roberts goes from label secretary to label darling

Roberts is great at keeping se-

The country singer, whose think you do.' debut single, "Break Down Here," is rising on the charts, kept her musical aspirations quiet for more than a year -Nashville.

By day, she answered tele-tion. phones. By night, she sang in clubs and recorded demos with and new and of taking risks. In producer Brent Rowan.

ternship, someone said that if whim for the Gulf Coast, she you're a singer and you intern sings, "I bet you could get a gig at a label, you're not supposed sellin' hot dogs on the boardto tell because it's a conflict of walk. And I could make a buck interest," Roberts told The As- or two playin' Buffett tunes." sociated Press.

added Roberts, who broke into Rowan handles the electric guithe business as an intern at Mer- tar work. cury Records.

until Rowan, a veteran session and by junior high was performguitarist, played Lewis some ing at festivals in the Carolinas demo tapes featuring Roberts and Georgia. and two other singers.

songs by each artist, and Julie scrambled egg whites, the 25was last. I was in the middle of year-old blonde told The Assois that?"' Rowan recalled.

ing on the desk saying, 'You've got to tell me who that is."

When Rowan told him, Lewis was stunned.

"I thought he was kidding,"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Julie feel foolish when you're the boss and you don't know as much about your employees as you

Roberts' self-titled album, released earlier this month, is a collection of blues-tinged country with hints of Bonnie Raitt and even while she worked as a sec- Dolly Parton. The sound is polretary for Luke Lewis, the chair- ished but uncluttered, with Robman of Universal Music Group erts' sultry vocals carrying the songs rather than glitzy produc-

She sings of relationships old "Just 'Cause We Can," a song 'When I went through an in- about longing to take off on a

Vince Gill and Delbert "I was scared. I had bills to McClinton make guest appear-

A native of Lancaster, S.C., This dual existence went on Roberts began singing as a child

One recent morning at a Nash-"I played him a couple of ville diner, over oatmeal and her soulful style while singing Mercury. By the end he was pound- with a group of older men at nursing homes.

real bluesy sound and every Lewis said. "It kind of makes you I would leave the nursing home country star.



pay, and I needed the money," ances as backup singers, and On her way to the top

Photo by Kelly Kenning

Mercury Records artist Julie Roberts (right) visits with Wild ridE bass player J.J. Guidry at the recent 31st Annual Windfest Celebration in Portland. Roberts' debut single, "Break Down Here," is currently climbing the charts.

and try to sing just like him," Roberts said. "That's really the the story reveals a lot about Robfirst time I heard that sound."

She moved to Nashville in her first song and he said, 'Who ciated Press that she developed University and got the job at

> Roberts' Cinderella story was the subject of a Country Music classy. 'One guy in the band, his Television special, in which camname was Oscar, he sang with a eras followed her around for months as she made the transtime he sang I would study it and formation from secretary to

Lewis, the label chief, says

"It's refreshing because a per-1999, graduated from Belmont son in my position can get hit on by everyone," Lewis said. 'She was really respectful about it, and I thought that was

And what happened after Roberts landed her big record deal? "She stayed on two or three more months," Lewis said, "and helped train her replacement."

Columnist shares latest discoveries

If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm a talker. When I discover something new, I can't wait to share. My latest discoveries I feel will be worth your time to read and remember. Well, maybe one or two.

First let me get this out of the way. I had some barbecue chicken left over. It was not enough to save, but too much to trash. This recipe worked well.

Put the leftovers, plus the bones and juices, in a small amount of water (about 5 or 6 cups) with chopped onion, celery seed or chopped celery, and one bay leaf.

Boil slowly for one hour. Debone the chicken and chop it the crust or tops with 1 to 2 into small pieces. Add a half cup of rice and cook until it's done. milk, honey or maple syrup, or You can add salt and pepper as needed.

The broth had a slight spicy flavor, but I added picante for a more robust taste.

Now more about cooking with Splenda. When baking with sugar substitutes, we get less fresh for 24 hours in an airtight

fat dry milk powder and a half freeze.

Goodies From G.G.

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teaspoon of baking soda for every one cup of Splenda to maintain volume.

To achieve that golden brown color when baking, try one of the following:

1. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons of molasses to your recipe.

2. Remove your baked goods four to five minutes before the end of the baking time and brush tablespoons of beaten egg white, you can spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Return to the oven for four to five minutes, or until the top browns lightly.

Remember, when baking with Splenda, baked goods will stay container at room temperature. Try adding a half cup of non- To keep longer, refrigerator or

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Real-life pet project: 56-year-old student seeks DVM degree COLLEGE STATION - Fu- Miss of Connecticut, a theatri-

ture veterinarian Pat Ryan looks cal producer, a public relations at it this way: If she were a dog,

she'd be 392 years old. her third year of studies at Texas Houston Society for the Preven-A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, a highly rigorous academic program for of 32 years and mother of two 20-somethings, much less a senior adult. When she graduates next year, she'll be the oldest person ever to receive a DVM degree at the school, Texas' only veterinary college.

While it's not uncommon for lege to earn their bachelor's degree, it's extremely rare for professional schools, such as law, medicine or dentistry, to have someone begin his or her practice at age 57.

Ryan thinks it's great. ing here and that's the truth," the Houston resident laughs. "I wanted to be a veterinarian 25 years ago, but a thing called 'life' had different plans for me."

Ryan has had a life of almost Forrest Gump-like scale.

At various times, she's been a highly paid fashion model who walked runways from New York to Houston, a writer and editor for Mademoiselle magazine, a flight attendant for Pan American Airways, a former Junior

specialist for Neiman Marcus, an award-winning charity organizer The 56-year-old Ryan is in who raised \$200,000 for the tion of Cruelty to Animals, and her most important role — a wife grown daughters.

battled cervical cancer and was hospitalized for weeks following surgery, which rid her of the disease that struck in her mid-30s.

Like one of the felines she older adults to go back to col- will probably be treating in a nine lives — or at least lived nine different ones.

All students seeking admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine are required to fill out tional reputation and the long a "personal statement" form, "I'm living a dream just be- which is more or less an essay on why they should be selected. Ryan's began, "I've waited 25 years to write this essay. Like that of the tortoise in Aesop's fable, the path leading to this moment has been slow but rented a house in College Stasteady, deliberate and determined. I bring a half-century of life experience to the table, a background as varied as a patch- difficult for me," Ryan admits. work quilt and a resume described by a friend as a 'Renais-

sance woman gone mad.""



Ryan gradu- calls. In between all of that, she ated in 1970 from all-women's Smith College in Massachusetts, but her degree was in theater, which is a tad different than doing emergency canine surgery.

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She enrolled at Houston Baptist University and the Univeryear, Ryan has seemingly had sity of St. Thomas to get the required courses behind her, then three years ago headed for Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, which has an internahours of hard study that go with it. While her architect husband Jeff, who has degrees from Rice and Harvard and whose firm designed the Owls' state-of-the-art baseball stadium Reckling Park, stayed home in Houston, Ryan tion and settled in with three

dogs she adopted - sort of. 'The first year was very, very "Besides the course work, which Admissions counselors were that these 22-year-olds have. I new tricks.

hooked - she found myself stressing a lot, but got in, but not I was determined to get through before taking it.'

One big adjustment: computworth of prereq- ers. "These kids grew up work-

ing and doing research on computers. I didn't, and I had a lot of catching up to do," she re-

Fellow veterinary medical students, she admits, have been highly supportive of her.

'At first, I had a few 'hey grandma' jokes thrown at me, but overall, the students and faculty have been wonderful," Ryan says. "I've come here to learn. I'm certainly not shy about asking questions.'

When she graduates next year, she hopes to work in a small

animal practice for a long time. "I'm not about to go through all of this and practice just a few years and retire," Ryan says. "I'm living a dream I've had for decades. When I get that diploma, it's the start of my new career. To be a veterinarian is the deepest desire of my heart, so early retirement for me is just not an option."

Ryan, who proudly says that her silver-colored hair goes well with her white lab coat, is proof is very demanding, I found out that you can teach an old - betthat I just didn't have the stamina ter make that middle-aged - dog

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