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Wardlaw resigns as city secretary

City Council set to discuss filling vacancy next week

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Bonnie Wardlaw has resigned as Brackettville's city secretary. The City Council will formally approve the resignation during its regular meeting next Tuesday night at 6.

"I have enjoyed my time with the city," Wardlaw said in the resignation letter, dated last Tuesday. "It has been an awesome experience for me. I only hope the best for the new mayor and council. I know I have done my best for the city."

She could not be reached for further comment.

According to the letter, 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 said she would take her sick leave this week.

Wardlaw was hired as city secretary on Oct. 14. She was elected to the City Council in



Bonnie Wardlaw

May of last year and served four months before resigning to apply for the city secretary's position.

The City Council will "discuss accepting applications for city secretary," according to the

posted agenda for next week's meeting. The agenda, which was posted last Friday, says to be certified by Wardlaw, but does not include her signature.

Other agenda items include:

- Nomination of mayor pro-tem.
- Discussion of city pool policies, opening date, fees and hours of operation.
- Joe Escamilla, chief of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, sponsor volunteer for school at Texas A&M.
- Discussion and possible action on trash pick-up services.
- Closed session to discuss public housing.
- Consider establishing an advisory committee comprised of citizens from the city to be appointed by the council members and the mayor.

According to the agenda, each council member will appoint two members and the mayor will appoint three.

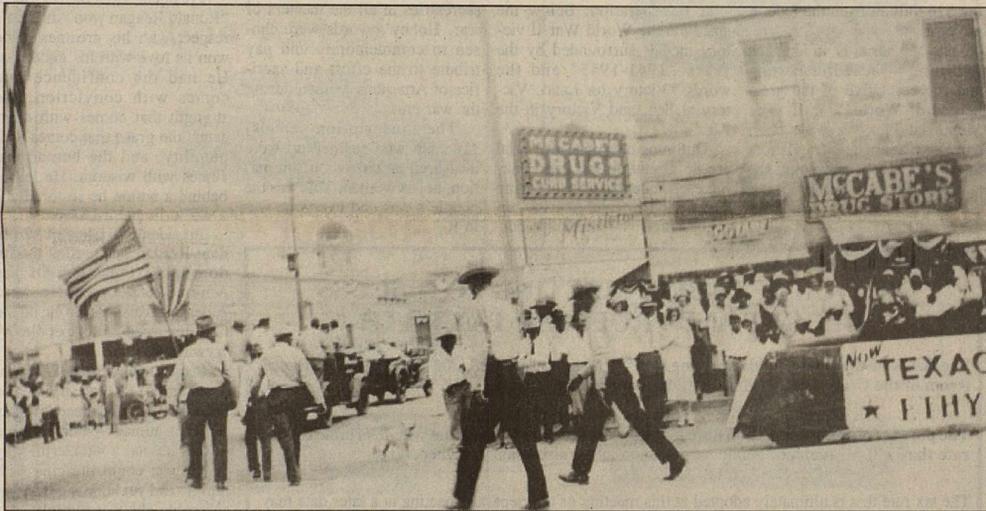
■ Announcements from the mayor, council and citizens.



A new administration

Bonnie Wardlaw (center), shown with former City Council members Mary Flores (left) and Johnny Samaniego during last year's budget workshops, has resigned as Brackettville's city secretary. She held the post for eight months and previously served four months as an alderwoman after being elected in last May's election.

File Photo



Parade at the corner of Spring and Ann Street, circa 1930s. (Zack Davis Collection)

Committee meets today to plan parade

The Fourth of July Parade Committee will meet this afternoon in the county courtroom of the Courthouse at 4:30 to step-up planning for this year's community event. The meeting is open to anyone wanting to help with parade preparations.

The committee will soon be distributing a sign-up sheet for

those organizations and individuals who wish to enter the competition for parade awards. Awards will be presented for the best large float, small float, marching group, individual marcher, golf cart and bicycle.

Tickets go on sale next week 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 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 the night of July 3.

"Don't miss your chance to be part of this celebration of our nation's birthday and to recognize the sacrifices of those who keep us safe by putting themselves 'in harm's way everyday!'" said committee member Martha Padron.

Former local resident kills wife, self outside Pensacola nightclub

By BRETT NORMAN
Pensacola News Journal

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A young husband and his wife are dead — and their 3-year-old daughter is orphaned — in an apparent murder-suicide early Saturday outside a neighborhood lounge here, authorities said.

Witnesses said Ornette Hunter's hand was shaking as he aimed a handgun at his wife, Loretta, and fired twice about 2 a.m. outside of Ray's Lounge, a windowless nightclub. Ornette Hunter, 33, then walked around the corner of the building and fatally shot himself in the head.

Loretta Hunter, 29, who was a realtor, died in the parking lot, Escambia County sheriff's investigators said. Minutes earlier, she had been passing out her Beach Ball Realty business cards at the club.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ted Roy said the Hunters' daughter, Mahogani-Ornette, has been taken to Mississippi to be with relatives. Roy said neither Loretta nor

Ornette Hunter had a criminal record nor any history of domestic violence complaints.

"They were nice people, working people — a loving couple," said Raymond House, 74, the owner of the club. "These things happen between a man and a woman. It could have been anything."

Deputies determined that before going to Ray's, the couple had met at Coconut's, a bar at the University Mall Holiday Inn. The two argued there, and Loretta Hunter left for Ray's.

Ornette Hunter, who works offshore, showed up later, according to witnesses.

Roy said the club manager twice had to break up the feuding couple before Loretta Hunter walked out, followed by her husband. The shooting took place about 15 yards from the front door, near a pay telephone on the building's corner.

House said the Hunters were frequent weekend patrons.

"They would come by, have a few drinks, then go to dinner and do a little dancing," he said.

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Economic development workshop set

The Rio Grande-Nueces Resource Conservation and Development Council, along with the American Electric Poser (AEP), the City of Uvalde and the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, will host an economic development workshop next Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Willie De Leon Civic Center in Uvalde.

The workshop is aimed at spurring economic development and providing a better job market for local communities.

"Community Economic Development 101" will be presented by Pat Lawrence, an economic development specialist with the AEP.

Bryan Daniel, state director of USDA/Texas Rural Development, will speak during lunch, which will be hosted by AEP.

The afternoon session will consist of a panel of speakers from various state and federal agencies.

For more information, call the Rio Grande-Nueces RC&D at (830) 279-0164.



Summer fun

Local children were busy sewing and making necklaces with beads Wednesday as a part of the Kinney County Library's Summer Fun at the Library Program. The "fun and stimulating summer experience" began Monday and continues through July 1. The program is daily, Monday through Friday, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks are provided daily. For more information, contact Sara Terrazas, librarian, at 563-2884, or register at the library.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

We are what we eat

Back when the kids were involved in rodeo, we ate on the road a lot. Usually fried chicken. It was quick, tasty, predictable and inexpensive.

We ate lots of it. They ate so much that they are just now beginning to be able to eat it again.

Occasionally, we ate at a "restaurant." Some had good food and some ... well, not so good. But I have learned many things about eating-places just by reading their names.

Avoid places that have a double business calling. For example: "Joe's Bar and Grill," "Pool Hall and Hamburger Palace," "Harry's Hotdogs and Haircuts," and "Bait and Barbeque" are not signs of good food. Would you entrust your palate to any place that was called "Freda's Fine Food and Faith Healing?" Not me.

I would never stop at a joint that advertised "fine dining." What exactly does that mean? Fine dining. The tables and chairs may be great, but how's the food taste?

I don't even slow down if all I see is a sign that says "cafe." That's all, just "cafe." No name. No real clue as to what to expect from inside. Just "cafe."



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

I learned the hard way to stay out of spots that have names that don't match. You know the ones. "Juanita's Chinese Food" or "Goldstein Italian Restaurant."

I stay away from anywhere I see the word "delicious" anywhere close to the name. "Last chance" makes me keep on trucking.

What about awards listings? They're a sure signal of trouble. I have seen proud notices promoting such things as "Winner of the 1956 best steak award."

Whoa, 1956? Who gave that award? Who was in the running for the award?

When I see "best restaurant in town," I drive to the next town.

One last thing to always remember. Never, ever eat in a dining hall next to a hospital or doctor's office. Bad sign.

But I could be wrong.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Reagan changed the world

This week our nation mourns the loss of an amazing man.

President Ronald Reagan will be remembered for many accomplishments. Some will remember him for ushering in economic growth with his popular 1981 tax cuts. Others will remember his commitment to our men and women in uniform.

His commitment brought down communism all around the world and spawned the idea for a missile defense system. And even some others, like myself, will remember him as "The Great Communicator."

I'll remember how his vision and convictions brought all Americans together, raised our morale and once again made us the proudest citizens in the world. It is my belief that this was President Reagan's greatest gift to America.

It's not often that politicians have the opportunity to read positive stories about themselves in the newspapers. The fantastic articles written over the last week are a testament to what an outstanding life Ronald Reagan led. I wish he were here today to enjoy his accolades.

I'd like to share some of these accolades with each of you:

President George W. Bush: "Ronald Reagan won America's respect with his greatness, and won its love with his goodness. He had the confidence that comes with conviction, the strength that comes with character, the grace that comes with humility, and the humor that comes with wisdom. He leaves behind a nation he restored and a world he helped save."

President Bill Clinton: "President Reagan personified the indomitable optimism of the American people. He kept America in the forefront of the fight for freedom for people everywhere."

President George H.W. Bush: "What made Reagan special was his kindness, his decency, his sense of humor — unbelievable — and he had a wonderful way where you could disagree with him ... and yet he was never disagreeable about it himself."

President Mikhail Gorbachev: "Ronald traveled his life journey with dignity ... I shall always remember the years of working together with President Reagan, putting an end to the confrontation between our two countries... He has earned a place in history and in people's hearts."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.: "We often disagreed on issues of the day, but I had immense respect and admiration for his leadership and his extraordinary ability to inspire the nation to live up to its high ideals."

Former Sen. Bob Dole: "Not only did he use his grace, charm, wit and indomitable optimism, he used his strength of character to convey the greatness of America."

And a handwritten note among the tokens of remembrance at Reagan's funeral home read: "Thank you for changing the world."

Ronald Reagan made a difference. He made the nation stronger, he made the nation freer, and he left her in good hands. All in all, not bad, not bad at all.

Honoring the Greatest Generation

This Memorial Day weekend, thousands of Americans descended upon the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to pay tribute to the Greatest Generation and celebrate the dedication of the World War II Memorial.

It has been nearly 59 years since the end of the Second World War, and at long last our nation has a place that honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort here at home.

Following 11 years of fundraising, public hearings and construction the memorial finally stands stoic and respectful of its historic surroundings, nestled between the Lincoln and Washington monuments on the Mall.

Representative of the importance the American people placed on this memorial is the fact that it was primarily funded through private donations — \$195 million to be exact, including \$16 million from the federal government.

The Memorial is an amazing structure — beautiful, strong and representative of the great heroes of World War II. The Memorial Plaza, a wide open expanse that encourages visitors to wander freely and enjoy the site, and the Rainbow Pool are the principal design features of the memorial.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

The bases of granite and bronze are adorned with the military service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. A series of bronze panels along the entrance depict America's war years, at home and overseas.

Visitors can reflect upon the memorial while sitting on the benches that align the outside structure.

Adorning the north and south ends of the plaza are two 43-foot arches representing battles won in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres. Here four bronze American eagles hold a suspended victory laurel to memorialize the triumph of the World War II generation. Below the arches is the World War II victory medal, surrounded by the years "1941-1945" and the words "Victory on Land, Victory at Sea, and Victory in the Air."

Outlining the entire memorial are 56 granite pillars representing each state and territory from that period to celebrate the unprecedented national unity dur-

ing the Second World War. To show the power of this extraordinary bond, a bronze sculpted rope connects every pillar. These pillars are strategically placed so that the center of the memorial is open, allowing ample space for viewing into and across the site.

Within a commemorative area at the western side of the memorial lies a field of 4,000 sculpted gold stars called the Freedom Wall, representing the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives. During the war era, the gold star was the symbol of family sacrifice.

One of my favorite aspects of the exhibit is a quote engraved upon the memorial's wall from Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, a native Texan who served as director of the Women's Army Corps (WAC).

The WAC was created to enlist women as auxiliaries for non-combatant duty in the U.S. army, where they served in roles such as medical technicians and secretaries in all the theaters of war. Hobby's words were chosen to commemorate and pay tribute to the effort and sacrifice of American women during the war era.

The inscription reads, "Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women. This was the people's war and everyone was in it."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The B.I.S.D. will hold a public meeting a 6 PM, Monday, June 28, 2004 in the Trustee Board Room of the Central Office Building, 400 Ann st., Brackettville, TX 78832.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2369	\$0.6006 *	\$1.2975	\$2,535	\$4,228
Rate to Maintain Same Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service**	\$1.2975		\$1.2975	\$2,372	\$4,273
Proposed Rate	\$1.2975		\$1.2975	\$2,626	\$4,273

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$44,260	\$43,105
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$30,439	\$29,279
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2975	\$1.2975
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$395	\$ 380
Decrease in Taxes		\$ 15

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Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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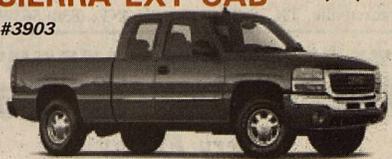
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The camp costs \$50 per person and is open to students from 5 years of age to high school athletes, including beginners, intermediate and advanced players. For more information, call Rambie at (830) 278-1451 or (830) 486-8090.

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A memorable season

Seniors from the 2003 Tiger football team presented David Yeager, Brackett's head football coach and athletic director, a photo during the recent Athletic Awards Banquet. The 2003 Tigers won the school's first district title in football in 26 years and went undefeated in the regular season for the first time in 31 years. Pictured are seniors Arnold Pinales (from left), Eli Woolsey, Glenn Morgan, Star Smith, Yeager, Tony Jamail, Dietrich Davis and Tony Rosetti.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Robert Garza sues, alleging Del Rio mayor used coercion to obtain votes

By JOE HYDE
Del Rio LIVE!

Former councilman Robert Garza, who lost the Del Rio mayoral contest May 15 by almost 1,000 votes to Mayor Dora Alcalá, filed a petition Friday afternoon with the 83rd District Court accusing Alcalá of coercion in obtaining votes.

Garza is a native of Brackettville. His brother, Joe, won the Brackettville mayoral election last month.

Specifically, in his lawsuit Garza alleges that Alcalá coerced elderly voters, forged signatures of elderly voters, and marked the ballots of elderly people against their wishes. Garza's complaint details how the mayor utilized a group of individuals who systematically solicit mail-in ballot applications from elderly citizens and then arrange for the voting of those resulting ballots accordingly, despite true voter intentions.

There were 487 mail-in ballots out of 4,224 votes cast in the May 15 mayoral election for the City of Del Rio.

"We continue to investigate and hope to present testimony to the court from a large group of mail-in voters who were coerced or assisted in voting," said Baldemar García, Garza's attorney.

Facilitated votes have been a

recurring issue in Del Rio. In the May 2001 school board election, approximately 400 facilitated mail-in ballot requests and their proceeding ballots were facilitated by two ladies.

In that election, as a result of the facilitated ballots, school board member James Fernandez, who was a write-in candidate, was able to defeat Roger Blanks whose name was actually printed on the ballot. Gloria Aquilino also won that election in a separate seat on the board as an actual candidate on the ballot. Both school board candidates were endorsed by the United Civic Organization (UCO).

UCO supported Alcalá in this year's city election.

Garza's petition also alleges that "election officers or other persons officially involved in the administration of the election prevented eligible voters from voting, failed to count legal votes and/or engaged in other fraud or illegal conduct or msfr mistakes."

The petition claims that "illegal votes were not counted and illegal votes were counted including, but not limited to, ballots that should have been treated as provisional ballots and then not counted and provisional ballots that were incorrectly not counted."

According to City Secretary Juanita Douglas, there were

only seven provisional ballots. Garza says there were more. He says more ballots should have been identified as provisional and possibly thrown out. A provisional ballot is used when the status of the voter is not known.

Also cited in Garza's petition are resolution ballots. A resolution ballot is a ballot on which the voter did not clearly indicate for whom they were voting. For example, a ballot can be a resolution ballot if there are extraneous marks next to the check boxes of more than two candidates. Garza also alleges there were ballots identified as resolution ballots that should have been counted.

Garza's requested remedy is for a judicial recount of the ballots where he pins his hope that at least 37 votes for Alcalá will be thrown out. Without those critical 37 votes for the mayor, she no longer enjoys a 50 percent plus one majority of the votes and a runoff election will be called between Garza and the mayor.

"If the true outcome was that the mayor didn't receive 51 percent of the vote, then the people are entitled to a runoff. It is the will of the people that everyone's vote is counted and the judge will be called upon to decide whether there should be a new election. We will present those problems in court. We have to

show proof that irregularities affected the outcome," said attorney Baldemar García.

Garza's petition says, "If the legal votes are added and/or the illegal votes are subtracted, Contestee's (the mayor's) majority will cease to exist. Alternatively, if the number of illegal votes is greater than the number of votes necessary to change the outcome of the election and the Court cannot determine the true outcome of the election, the Court must declare the election void."

The lawsuit is headed for a speedy trial, and the judge residing over the case will not be a Del Rio resident, according to García.

"The mayor will be served and has five days to answer. Five days after she responds, there will be a trial unless someone from either side asks for a continuance and the judge allows it. The trial judge will be someone outside of Del Rio," García said.

García concluded that, "A request for recount of 4,224 votes — not very many — we think we can go in and look at ballots."

Mayor Dora Alcalá was sworn in to her third term as mayor on May 25. She could not be reached for comment.

Repeated efforts to contact Garza at work and his home proved futile.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, May 31

2:30 p.m., A woman requested to speak with a deputy.

4:17 p.m., A 911 caller reported a reckless motorcycle passing cars on the right side of the road. The motorcycle was headed south on Highway 277. Del Rio DPS officials were dispatched.

9:49 p.m., A woman reported a fight at the Kickapoo Trailer Park.

Tuesday, June 1

10:42 p.m., A woman said she was staying at a friend's house on W. Fulton Street and needed assistance in removing her belongings from the residence because they had an argument.

Wednesday, June 2

5:13 p.m., A man reported that his vehicle was stuck under a bridge and needed a wrecker. The man later called back and said he had already gotten some help.

7:58 p.m., A man reported a possible fire at the city's brush area. City officials were notified.

9:26 p.m., A woman reported a white truck driving recklessly, and on the wrong side of the road on F.M. 2804.

11:15 p.m., DPS Trooper Tully Welch requested that U.S. Border Patrol agents pick up il-

legal aliens that were in his custody.

Thursday, June 3

9:25 a.m., A man reported a loose horse near the Frerich Ranch.

9:40 p.m., A man requested assistance at the Circle H Ranch.

10:07 p.m., A woman reported a brown car, without a back window, driving fast on E. Second Street.

11:38 p.m., A man reported a grey Ford Taurus driving fast and not observing stop signs on Fulton and Brown Street.

Friday, June 4

12 a.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music on Fulton Street.

12:17 a.m., An anonymous caller reported under age drinkers at a residence on W. Fulton Street.

12:49 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a silver Dodge truck driving fast and peeling out.

10:40 a.m., A man reported a loose cow on Highway 674 by the Pinon Ranch.

12:02 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee requested assistance in regards to a sign that had been hit.

10:20 p.m., Guadalupe Ruiz, 51 of Carrizo Springs was ar-

rested by DPS Trooper Trevino for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

11:12 p.m., A woman reported a teenager trying to break into her residence on W. Thomas Street.

Saturday, June 5

2:45 p.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys inside his vehicle at the motel just west of Brackettville.

3:02 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported that a truck had spilled onions on Highway 90, just west of the Cline check point.

4:11 p.m., A 911 caller reported a car on fire about 18 miles north of Uvalde. Uvalde Police Department officials were notified of the situation.

8:58 p.m., A man requested assistance at Barbara's Table. Deputy Page was dispatched to the location, but reported no one was there.

9:20 p.m., A man requested assistance after getting his wheel chair stuck in a ditch in the backyard of his residence on W. Veltman Street.

9:40 p.m., Deputy Donald Page reported that the bus had

left a passenger behind at Pico. The Del Rio DPS reported that they had stopped the bus at the intersection of Highway 90 and 3008.

9:41 p.m., A man requested assistance at a residence on W. El Paso Street.

Sunday, June 6

8:30 a.m., A man reported that he had trapped a baby fox or coyote.

9:40 a.m., Trooper Welch reported four to six illegal aliens sitting under a tree next to Shorty's on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. U.S. Border Patrol officials were informed of the situation.

10:01 a.m., A man reported that someone in a red Dodge Caravan on Highway 277 South, close to the county line, needing assistance. Del Rio DPS officials were notified.

12 p.m., A woman reported two illegal aliens at the intersection of Highway 90 and FM 2804. U.S. Border Patrol officials were notified.

9:22 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee said that a woman left some kids at the gate with their mopeds. He later called back and said someone was coming to pick them up.

Whiskers needs a wash? Study pet bathing

Most pets need a bath every now and then, and it's a good way to bond with the animal. Be prepared to spend some time with the pet, and be prepared to get wet, says Dr. Dawn Boothe, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

One frequently asked question is how often a pet should be bathed.

"It depends on the reason," Boothe says.

"Sometimes, bathing is directed by a veterinarian for a medical reason or as part of therapy. But in most cases, once weekly to once monthly is adequate, and in hotter weather you may want to increase bathing, especially if it's a dog that is kept outdoors."

Boothe recommends starting at a young age so the animal becomes accustomed to bathing.

"The more traumatic the first

bath is, the more difficult subsequent baths could become," she says. She advises pet owners to talk to the animal while bathing to help it feel somewhat calm, to bathe slowly, using warm water and either a sponge or your hand. Water depth should not be deep enough to scare the pet, she says.

The shampoo used is important.

"It's not a good idea to use people shampoo because it tends to be irritating to the pet," Boothe explains.

"Some baby shampoos might work. Mild dishwashing detergents are usually okay, but never use regular bar soap. There are plenty of pet shampoos available at pet stores or from your veterinarian, and these are usually the preferred choices because they are mild and non-allergenic."

As to pet bathing location,

there are several choices.

The kitchen sink is fine for small animals, while bathtubs are better for larger dogs. For very large dogs, Boothe recommends a pet bath in the shower "because the animal will almost always try to 'shake' itself dry when the bath is finished," she says. "You're going to get wet, and so will the walls nearest to you."

Large dogs can be bathed outside with a garden hose, Boothe says.

When bathing a pet, make sure such areas as the ears, armpits and skin between the toes also are washed and rinsed, says Boothe.

"It's important to clean the ears well, and use of an ear bulb syringe as you might use with a young child is a good idea," she adds.

"It's critical that you thoroughly remove all soap or

cleansing agents from the ears."

It's common for soap to get into your pet's eyes, and the results can be mild to severe stinging as with humans. Breeds of dogs such as pugs or Boston terriers, which have large protruding eyes, are especially prone to get soap into their eyes, Boothe notes.

When the bath is finished, drying with a towel is recommended until the animal is completely dry.

"A hair dryer may be used, but only if it's on the lowest setting and the air flow is not too close to the animal," Boothe says.

Boothe says pet owners should use common sense about when to bathe their animals.

"If the animal is obviously dirty, it needs a bath," she says.

"But if it has a persistent odor, it may indicate a serious health problem."

Spice up sandwiches with a new dressing

Summer time calls for picnics, lazy days and sandwiches. Why not spice up those everyday sandwiches with a new dressing? Try one or all of these with your favorite sandwich.

Chipotle Mayonnaise
Serve this with chicken, turkey, pork or egg salad sandwiches.

½ cup mayonnaise
½ teaspoon ground chipotle chili powder
½ teaspoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon minced red onion

Dash of salt and ground pepper

Stir all of the ingredients together in small bowl, and then store in the refrigerator.

Honey Mustard Mayonnaise
Use this with smoky meats, such as ham, smoked chicken, bacon or smoked turkey. It is also good with aged cheese.

1 tablespoon honey
½ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar



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dash of salt.
Place the honey in a small bowl, and gradually stir in the mayonnaise. Add the remaining ingredients. Store in the fridge.

Lemon Garlic Mayonnaise with Parsley
This is excellent for fish, chicken and most vegetarian-based sandwiches. It can also be used as a sauce on grilled flaky fish, such as halibut or cod.

½ cup mayonnaise
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
1/8 teaspoon paprika
dash of salt and pepper.

Stir all of the ingredients together in a small bowl and store in the refrigerator.

Wedding Announcement



April Crumley & Michael Caldwell

April Susannah Crumley, daughter of Karen and James Crumley from Brackettville, Texas, and Michael Len Caldwell, son of Mike and Charlotte Caldwell from Lohn, Texas, announce their marriage ceremony to be held August 7, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Brackettville, Texas. April is a graduate of Brackett High School and is currently a senior in the BSN Nursing Program at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Michael received his MBA from San Angelo University and is currently employed with the Internal Revenue Service as a special agent criminal investigator.

Engagement Announcement



Brotherton - Carr

Dusty and Bonnie Brotherton of Brackettville and Robert and Julie Carr of Adrian, Missouri announce the engagement of their children Brandy Leigh and Robert Nathaniel. Brandy is the granddaughter of Johnnie and Louise Oswald of San Saba and Richard and Dotty Brotherton of Del Rio. Nathan is the grandson of Bill and Beverly Hefner of Mountain Grove, Missouri and Robert and Martha Carr of Mansfield, Missouri. Brandy is a 1996 graduate of Comstock High School and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Animal Science from Texas A&M University in 2000 and 2002. She is currently employed by Texas Farm Bureau in Waco. Nathan is a 1996 graduate of Mansfield (MO) High School. He attended Ft. Scott Community College and graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 2001 with a degree in Animal Science. He is employed with Texas Cooperative Extension in Robstown. The couple plans to be married on July 24, 2004 at First United Methodist Church in Brackettville.

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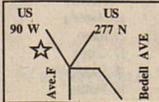
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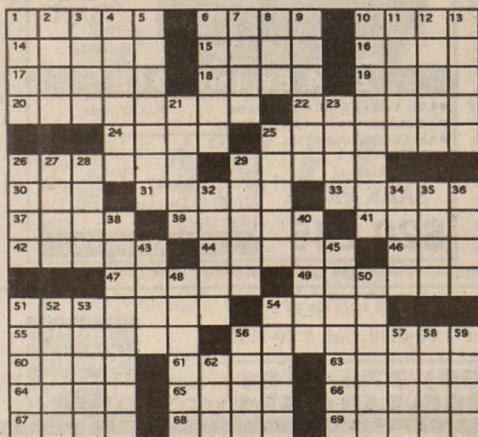
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24 Half of a funny pair
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29 Annapolis student
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31 Waste time
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51 Florida Beach
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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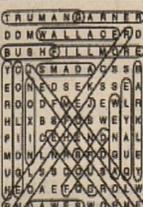
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| 9. Ford | 19. Truman |
| 10. Garner | 20. Wallace |



HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's best to stick close to home this week. Domestic concerns are uppermost on your list of priorities. Later in the week, steer clear of a moody friend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You need to be aware of a family member's sensitivity on certain issues. Being more understanding will go a long way. This weekend, a financial decision has to be faced.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's no need to dread that upcoming social engagement. It'll be much more enjoyable than you'd anticipated. Romance could be the happy result.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a productive week for you at work. However, the opposite is true of domestic chores. If need be, hire some extra help to get things done.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You accomplish much when you're part of the team. One co-worker in particular has valuable ideas. Over the weekend, catch up on some needed rest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You know how to keep a secret this week. That certain friend appreciates this fact. Later in the week, your mate craves some one-on-one attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You take the lead on the job this week. This enhances your status with bigwigs. A financial opportunity is possible if you're open to it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Too much is happening at work. If you're unable to sort it all out, take things one at a time. By week's end, you're able to see more clearly.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid any risk-taking when it comes to your finances. Things are too shaky right now to seek out new investments. This weekend, be sensitive to family members' feelings.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your self-confidence inspires others this week. However, avoid being overly cocky. This weekend, your mate's needs are most important.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's hard for you to concentrate this week. Put forth every effort to eliminate those distractions. Later, an inconsiderate family member has you fuming.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A bigwig on the job is in quite a mood and will have a tendency to nit-pick with you. Try not to lose your temper. This soon passes.

We're never truly alone

Lost and alone — it's a feeling we've all had. It sometimes visits us unexpectedly.

For teens, the last day of school might start with elation, but a lonely emptiness can follow as boredom and absence from friends begins to set in.

For those who have lost loved ones, especially a spouse, the familiar routine can suddenly be destroyed when a partner has died.

For those who used to serve in uniform, the warm familiarity of comrades and routine can suddenly give way into a loss of purpose when returning to civilian life.

Lost and alone is a very real feeling. But even when we're feeling lost and when we seem to be truly alone, we still live in a community.

There is something positive and good about being here in Kinney County or we'd be somewhere else.

Maybe it's the rugged landscape and the animals. Maybe

it's a sense of history and family. Maybe it's the sunshine and the low cost of living. But we all share this affinity for our West Texas home under the shadow of Las Moras Mountain.

Those of us who have faith in Jesus Christ share a larger community called the church.

I love the sign Pastor Ned Sitzes put up last week: "Attend a church, they belong to you."

Do we remember that we share a home in common with other Christians?

In our loneliness, we can "reconnect" with other believers, not only in the solemn or joyful rites of worship, but also in the practical acts of faith and love that mark us as a church.

We can feed the hungry (by donating food to the community food pantry at St. John's Missionary Baptist) or even feed ourselves (like at the First Baptist Church steak dinner fund raiser this Sunday).

We can assist the bereaved (like through the Guadalupanas



First United Methodist Church

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at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) or we can gather together to pray and study and learn (like the Wednesday night Bible study at the Church of Christ).

And this doesn't even begin to touch the dozens of quiet prayer groups, private study and accountability groups, and individual acts of selfless love that take place every day. We can be the church.

As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit during this season of Pentecost, Christians should remember that we're never truly alone.

We have the presence of Christ as we gather together. (Matthew 18:20)

We have the influence and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 16:19)

We may feel alone — but we're not really alone. We may feel lost — but we have been searched for found by the good Shepherd. (Luke 15:4-6, John 10:14)

God is with us. (Romans 8:31) At First United Methodist Church, we welcome those who are waiting to feeling "found" again. We meet for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45.

Tuesday mornings we have a Bible study at 10 and the Las Moras Club of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Youth movie nights are each Thursday at 7. Tonight's movie with a message is "Cast Away" starring Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt.

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Thrive for peace and harmony

Different English translations from the original language in which the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Church of Philippi was written, may use slightly different wording, but the underlying message is the same.

The 1966 English version of the Jerusalem Bible states it this way (Philippians 2:2-4): "... be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and common mind ... There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interest first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead ..."

The 1990 English New Revised Standard version translates the Apostle Paul's message in this way (Philippians 2:2-4): "... be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let



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each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

A searching analysis of the statement could possibly lead us to the conclusion that this portion of the New Testament is probably not very popular in our modern U.S. culture.

Do we not see, in some quarters, a kind of competition that borders on a cut-throat approach, not only in the sports world, but also in the business world? And what about the interconnection between orientations toward interests and behavior?

Selfish interests eventually lead to conceit and arrogance. Instead of, "I regard you better, I regard myself better." Instead of, "Your interests are more important to me, your interests must give way to my interests." And so it goes.

Muslims believe in spreading their message by jihad

"Dad, What's a jihad?" Brenda asked. "I hear that word on TV."

"Well Brenda," Jeff began. "Jihad is an important part of Islamic belief. In fact, it is so important that if a Muslim doesn't participate in jihad, he is in danger of losing out on Paradise."

"But what does the word really mean?" Brenda asked.

"The word itself means to struggle, to strive very hard and to fight," Jeff said. "But in Muslim theology, jihad can mean two different kinds of fight or struggle."

"One of the meanings is to struggle against sin," Brenda said proudly. "Kind of an inter-



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nal struggle to resist temptation."

"That is correct — the same way that Christians are to live lives of holiness and strive to resist the temptations that lead to sin," Jeff answered. "On the other hand, Muslims also believe in jihad in a larger context."

"Do you remember when Jesus told his followers to go

into all the world and teach the gospel message of salvation and make disciples of all nations?" Jeff asked.

"Sure," Brenda responded. "And Jesus also said that he would not return on the final day until his salvation was preached to all nations of the world."

"You're right, sweetheart," Jeff responded. "Jesus wanted his message to be spread by preaching and by love."

"Muslims also believe in spreading their message to the world, but they do it by jihad or conquest."

"Many verses in the Koran command Muslims to take up arms against the infidels, meaning Christians and Jews."

"You know what's interesting, Brenda? The last great military jihad occurred in the siege of Vienna when Muslim armies were finally turned away from Europe. That day was Sept. 11, 1683. In the centuries that followed, cultural and military inferiority destined Islam to obscurity in a world dominated by Europe."

"It's interesting that on Sept. 11, 318 years later, Islam emerged from obscurity violently launching a new jihad."

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a short series on Islam. Material for this article is from "Inside Islam, A guide for Catholics," by Daniel Ali and Robert Spencer.

Ask in the name of Jesus

Praise God! Hallelujah!

"And whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

"Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none, but, such as I have, give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

"And, He took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. "And he, leaping up, stood



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and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

And all the people saw him walking and praising God." (John 14: 13-14, Acts 3:6-9)

Hallelujah! Look at God! Trust in the Lord!

HEALTH

Health officials offer suggestions for staying healthy in hot weather

The sun is shining and skies are clear. Summer in Texas invites outdoor activities. But the intense heat that marks the season also can signal the need to take health precautions.

Preliminary numbers from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) show that there were 40 heat-related deaths of Texas residents last year. A total of 38 deaths were recorded in 2002 and 26 deaths in 2001. In 2000, 64 people died of exposure to excessive natural heat in Texas.

The elderly, the very young, those who are sick or without access to air conditioning are most severely affected by heat. Children left in closed vehicles, even for a short period of time, are at great risk.

Perspiration normally cools people, but high temperatures and high humidity can overwork the body. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace fluids lost during perspiration.

Symptoms of heat illness in-

clude heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can result, potentially leading to brain damage or death. Get immediate medical attention for anyone with extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion and loss of consciousness.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to fight heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

A cool shower or bath also is an effective way to cool off. Limit use of stoves and ovens to keep home temperatures lower. Children can quickly become

dehydrated in hot weather. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures. TDH offers these heat precautions:

■ Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather, even for a short time.

■ Drink plenty of fluids but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.

■ Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or late evening when the temperature is lower. Use a repellent containing DEET to avoid insect bites.

■ Take frequent breaks when working outside.

■ Wear sun block, hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

■ Stay indoors in air condi-

tioning as much as possible.

■ Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced and light.

■ Don't dress infants in heavy clothing or wrap them in blankets.

■ Check frequently on the elderly and those who are ill or may need help.

■ Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

■ At first signs of heat illness — dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps — move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

Prevention is the best defense against heat-related illness and death. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and pacing outdoor activities are keys to staying healthy in hot weather.

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