

The Brackett News

"If a man had half as much hindsight, as he has insight, he would have twice as much foresight"

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Remember When... A Year In Review

February 9, 1989

The first issue of The Brackett News was printed. Freezing cold temperatures hit Kinney County causing near emergency situations for area residents. The city was out of gas for a few hours, and B.I.S.D. shut down in order to conserve fuel.

A two car accident occurred on Ann St. involving a 1976 Ford Sedan driven by Betty Sanchez and a 1977 Chevrolet pick-up driven by Susano Falcon. No one was injured. The pick-up driven by Falcon slid sideways, hit the curb and flipped on its top, it rested 20 ft. from the point of impact.

A group of concerned citizens met in the Kinney Co. court house to discuss the proposed attempt to form an underground water district. Citizens were concerned about the Cynid Krier bill that could jeopardize land owners water rights.

County Librarian Frances Hernandez resigned as librarian after 6 years of service.

February 16, 1989

Water rates increased .10 per 1000 gallons used.

Tammy Frerich, Stephanie Ahrens, Sheri White, Walt Esser, Richard Esser, Wil Shahan and Kimberly Ahrens all placed at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

County Commissioners voted to join the Edwards Real Water district.

February 23, 1989

New information on joining the Edwards/Real water district caused concern at the court house as the water delima was studied further.

A brush fire was brought under control by the V.F.W. on the east side of town called "the hill".

Two local men were arrested after a fight broke out at a dance.

March 2, 1989

Fort Clark Springs motel renovation was announced.

The Bullis Swords made the headlines as local citizen wanted the swords displayed rather than boxed up at the Witte museum in San Antonio.

March 23, 1989

State Senator Judith Zaffirine announced that she opposed the locating of a N.O.R.M. natural waste site near Spofford.

Sheriff Hooten and Deputy Luna recovered stolen merchandise valued at \$600.

After 35 years the Lions included the first Lioness Anne L. Owen.

March 30, 1989

Former Governor Dolph Briscoe was announced as a guest speaker for Fort Clark Springs.

Twenty-two D.W.I. cases were tried at the Kinney County Court House.

April 6, 1989

Ramon Falcon saved a young boy's life as the child was about to fall headfirst beneath the wheels of a run away van.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet was canceled due to a conflict between the Chamber and members of C.A.R.E.

April 13, 1989

Jim Runion Border Patrol Agent in charge, was elected as Chamber of Commerce President after the resignation of Wanda Schwander former President of the chamber.

Officers for little league and the Old Quarry Society were elected.

Pre-registration for 4 and 5 year olds attending Jones Elementary began.

April 20, 1989

April was hailed as child abuse prevention month.

The county jail passed state inspection with remarks of excellence being made by state inspector Maurice Woods.

Chief of Police, Johnny Fritter received a certificate in honor of appreciation for his many contributions to the progress of this community.

April 27, 1989

A senseless crime of violence left a hunting camp in shambles, a \$500 reward was posted for the apprehension of the vandals.

Local C.A.R.E. members addressed a press conference on the State Capital during the "Don't Mess up Texas" day.

The famous Bullis Swords were brought back to Fort Clark for a one day showing, Former Governor Dolph Briscoe and his wife Janey

Briscoe were present to view the swords.

May 4, 1989

Methodist Rev. Phillip Bell was named citizen of the year.

Three young anglo teens were apprehended by the Sheriff's department for the crime of vandalism on a hunting camp belonging to Leon Gentry.

An Industrial Seminar with over fifty persons from nearby cities and counties met with local citizens and officials at Fort Clark Springs to discuss "Hope for a brighter future."

A home was completely destroyed by fire on W. Thorn St. The home belonged to Juanita Morin.

The performance of "The Curious Savage" was well received with over 200 persons in attendance. Proceeds went to the V.F.W. of Brackettville.

May 11, 1989

Leonard Mahefky reported well contamination by petroleum hydrocarbons.

Allen McWilliams was hired as the new County Agent.

Louis Dimery and Dave Brodrick were sworn in as new City councilmen.

Zach Davis, Beth Ann Smith, and Jewel Robinson were elected to the Kinney Co. School Board.

May 18, 1989

A tornado that was measured 7 on a tornado scale of 1 to 6 and called a maxi-tornado by officials left a path of destruction as it traveled through Kinney County. Miraculously no one was injured.

Chief Deputy David Luna recovered a stolen 1988 Chevrolet Blazer.

The annual Spofford reunion was held with over 100 persons in attendance.

June 1, 1989

Legislators passed a resolution to include a 2 year study of N.O.R.M. materials. Author in this resolution was State Senator Judith Zaffirine. Graduation exercises were held. Miss Kelly Hall was named Valedictorian and Miss Hope Kelly was named Salutatorian.

Judge Tommy Seargeant received an honorary award from the Nutrition center.

June 8, 1989

Raymond Talamantez was sworn in as Municipal Judge.

Rotarians donated a fire truck to the city of Acuna.

Irma Perez was appointed Library Director.

Gary W. Brackett claimed kinship to Oscar Brackett founder of Brackettville.

Brackett students won medals at State Competition.

June 15, 1989

Lightning struck the home of H.C. and Estha Barker. A fire resulted and pieces of the struck Chimney could be found as far as 150 ft. away.

City officials denied the rate increase requested by C.P.L.

City officials explored the possibility of forming an enterprize zone.

June 29, 1989

City Council approved the adoption of an Enterprize Zone in Brackettville.

A Spofford resident was arrested for crimes committed in Spofford.

A Brackettville, native, Vince Garcia made the All-star team at the Cleveland Indians Baseball Camp.

July 6, 1989

A second set of twin calves from the same heifer were born on the Don Nance Ranch.

News team 4-KMOL visited Alamo Village. Segements of this shooting was aired Tuesday August 8.

Brackettville students performed at S.W.T.J.C. in the play "Choices and Crisis."

Volksmarch Organizers arrived at Fort Clark Springs and began setting up for the "Super Six" events.

July 13, 1989

Commissioners split the vote to hire Bill Lindeman as a deputy constable.

Danny Samenigo was highlighted for his many trophies won while playing softball.

A fire destroyed a mobile home located in the 200 block of Spring Street.

July 27, 1989

Texcor filed for a permit to dump uranium mill tailings near Spofford, Texas.

Local photographer, Penny Nixon's photo of "The Final Assault", hit the market in San Antonio and is being sold out at Alamo Village.

Affordable housing applications were made available to low income families.

August 3, 1989

Penny Nixon resigned as Public Relations director at Fort Clark Springs.

Lashawn Wardlaw was appointed as the new Fort Clark P.R. person.

The performance of "The Ransom of Red Chief" received great reviews.

The Tiger tank was refurbished and football tickets went on sale.

August 17, 1989

English bikers traveled through Brackettville which marked 5,000 miles for the team.

Patrick Crocker was noted for his many achievements while in the Cub Scouts. One of his awards was the National Court of Honor Heroism Award.

Del Rio citizens were warned not to drink the water due to the possibility of water contamination.

August 24, 1989

Don Parks and Gloria Benacci received Cum Laude Honors upon college graduation.

A heated debate on the County pool grant made the headlines as the result could have stopped the pool grant.

Members of the B.I.S.D. Staff were replaced.

Case involving North American town of Texas, Inc. and 11 plaintiffs from Fort Clark Springs was settled out of court.

August 31, 1989

The Labor Day celebration at Alamo Village attracted celebrities; C & W variety publisher Max Harrison and Miss Durango Boots, Risa Riley.

City Council passed a resolution to apply for a \$93,000 grant to fix the county pool.

It was Rodeo time in Kinney County, and the Rodeo was quoted as "The Biggest Rodeo ever."

September 7, 1989

Jim Bader, Norman Hooten and Paul Davis all placed in the open car show.

David Seargent Jr. met Oliver North during his stay at "Challenger." Warren and Ruth Robinson celebrated 50 years of marriage.

An AIDS symposium warned local residents that AIDS is on the rise.

September 14, 1989

The Margarita Fashion Show was held and attracted a crowd of 150.

The 1989-90 tax rate for the Co. was set at .5817 for the General Fund.

City Council set the 1989-90 tax rate at a 2.99 percent increase.

"C.A.R.E. for the future," was the name of a program presented by C.A.R.E. This program aired in San Antonio on Roger's Cable.

The Athletic BBQ was held by the Athletic Booster Club and named "A success."

September 21, 1989

The Brackett Tiger Band won 1st place in the Seminole Indian Parade.

Celebrity Blondie Calderon was well received at a dance on Fort Clark Springs.

Robert O'Donnell donated souvenirs to the Fort Clark Museum.

Attorney General Jim Mattox announced that Government officials could discuss events that occur in their closed-door executive sessions.

September 28, 1989

Texcor's application was ruled insufficient.

Members of CARE testified against the N.O.R.M. dump in Spofford before the State Senate Committee.

City Council responded to a list of deficiencies presented from the Texas Water Commission.

October 1 was declared Else Sauer Day.

B.I.S.D. voted to keep the 1988-89 tax rate.

October 5, 1989

The Tiger Band traveled to Houston to perform at the Astrodome.

Mary Lee Trollinger, Chick Cruse, Jan Chism and Helen Miller won the Blue Heron Tournament at Tapaio Springs in Boerne, Tx.

October 12, 1989

The 3.4 million dollar landing strip located 5 miles south of Spofford was estimated at using 60,000 gallons of water per day for the 150 X 8,000 sq. ft. run-way.

The annual Homecoming parade and bon-fire was held.

B.I.S.D. announced that they were considering the addition of a J.V. Baseball team.

Delinquent accounts from the past 10 years were removed from the books at City Hall.

Commissioners Court was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and reconvened that Friday.

October 19, 1989

Yvonne Luna and Mitch Frerich were named Homecoming Queen and King.

Local exchange teacher Eberhard Kunze from Germany was featured in the German Magazine "Stern."

Kasey Hall won All-Around cowgirl in the Carrizo Springs Rodeo.

Ryan Garcia and Stephanie Samaniego were named King and Queen of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church-together they raised more than \$1,000 for the church.

October 26, 1989

A good deer hunting season was predicted for Kinney Co.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Border Patrol Station was attended by local officials.

Local resident Nakai Breen traveled to New Port Beach, California to meet the Noble Peace Prize winner, Dalai Lama.

Rosemary Rubino was awarded a superior rating during the U.I.L. regional twirling contest.

The B.I.S.D. carnival was held and student "Trick or Treated" October 28, instead of the traditional Oct. 31. Stephanie Ahrens and Mary Jean Duran were named as the 4-H Gold Star Winners.

November 2, 1989

A Microburst caused the total destruction of a mobile home east of town.

An unlicensed driver destroyed property on Fort Clark Springs.

Missing funds at the Kinney Co. court house were (and are) under investigation.

The Brackettville Tigerettes were named District Champs.

Blair Reeves, present Justice of the Peace visited local citizens seeking support of his candidacy for Chief Justice.

November 9, 1989

Election results revealed Kinney Co. voted in favor of 15 proposed constitutional Amendments.

Irene De Leon was honored for 7 years of service to Super S.

Art Dimery was noted for his donation of a BBQ area located behind the Brackettville Headstart area.

Elmer & Jackie Truesdell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

November 16, 1989

During a City Council meeting the Spofford Water grant was voided until further negotiations between the Brackettville and Spofford City Council.

Casting call for the "background artists" in the movie "Gunsmoke II" registered 144 hopefuls.

A group of concerned parents attended the school board meeting requesting more practice time for Junior High Football players.

November 22, 1989

Maria D. Cruz celebrated her 92 Birthday.

A trophy 10 point Buck was taken at the Cherokee Crownover ranch. Smoke caused minimal damage at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

November 30, 1989

Drug dogs visited B.I.S.D. and found the premises drug free.

Melinda Luke was the winner of the 30.06 rifle raffled by the Chamber of Commerce.

It was announced that the Fort Clark Springs Asso. would assume management of the golf course.

New businesses that opened were "Sweets -n- Things" and "Billie Joe's".

December 7, 1989

Miss Texas visited Alamo Village while being photographed by a professional team from Texas Monthly magazine.

Manuel and Yolanda Flores celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary.

Robert W. Nelson was introduced as the new asst. Manager of Fort Clark Springs.

Josefine Castillo was noted as the first G.E.D. graduate from M.R.-G.D.C. in Brackettville.

December 14, 1989

Local Fort Clark Springs Public Relations director, La Shawn Wardlaw caught the eye of the Texas

home, which caught on fire. The house suffered severe smoke damage.



Pictured above are Adrian Reyes and Richard Wills entering the Corey

Fire Destroys Home

The home of Bob and Charlotte Corey, located on 3rd street, was completely destroyed by fire and smoke Friday afternoon.

The fire resulted from a short on a heating coil attached to the hot water heater.

No one was injured as all family members were away from the residence when the fire ignited.

Monthly team and they back tracked to photograph her instead of the scheduled Homecoming queen.

County and City Audit reports were accepted by local officials.

New members were announced from B.I.S.D. to the National Honor Society.

A Christmas Hayride was planned by students from the Wed. night C.C.D. classes.

Dec. 21, 1989

A local business was named in an Attorney General Suit.

Alamo Village was busy as the shooting of "Gunsmoke II" came to an end.

Raymond Custer was appointed temporary game warden in Kinney County.

Pictured above are the items which were donated to numerous citizens of the community.

Baskets Delivered to Needy

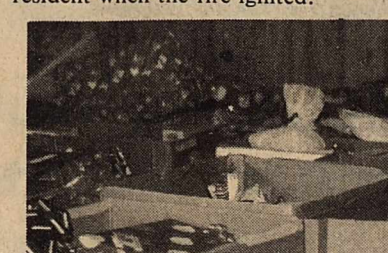
Fifty eight baskets full of food and toys were delivered to needy families in Kinney County by local organizations and citizens.

Organizations participating in this charitable cause were; The Brackettville Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, The Brackettville Rotary Club, Fort Clark Historical Society, Las Moras Mas-

onic Lodge, Fort Clark Springs V.F.W. Post and Ladies Auxillary, Fort Clark Art Club, Woman's Golf Club, The Brackettville Lions Club, Brackettville Border Patrol Woman's Club, Student Council and Seniors of Brackettville.

Because of citizens like these many needy families enjoyed a Merry Christmas.

Church. Proceeds from the concert helped defray the cost of the new organ Cathy is playing.



Cathy Conroy shows off her talents during the "Cathy & Friends" Christmas concert at the Methodist

Weather Report

Kinney County suffered one of the coldest three days recorded as temperatures dipped down to 10 and possibly below.

The wind chill factor recorded on December 22 blew between 15 to 20 degrees below zero.

Area residents suffered broken pipes as the freezing weather blanketed the area.

Recorded low temperatures in February 2, 1951 were 11 degrees in Del Rio.

SHERIFF'S CORNER
by Sheriff Norman Hooten

As 1989 draws to a close so does the decade of the eighties and as we look ahead to the new year and the new decade of the nineties I am reminded of the poem entitled "The Bridge Builder".
We, as adults, and as citizens, parents, and as in my case, public servants, owe a pledge of responsibility to the young people who will follow in our footsteps in the years to come. In that theme I have included the poem "The Bridge Builder" in this last "Sheriff's Corner" for 1989 and the eighties. Read it carefully and think about what it means!

"THE BRIDGE BUILDER"

"An old man, going a long way, came at the evening, cold and gray, to a chasm vast and deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim, the sullen stream had no fear for him:

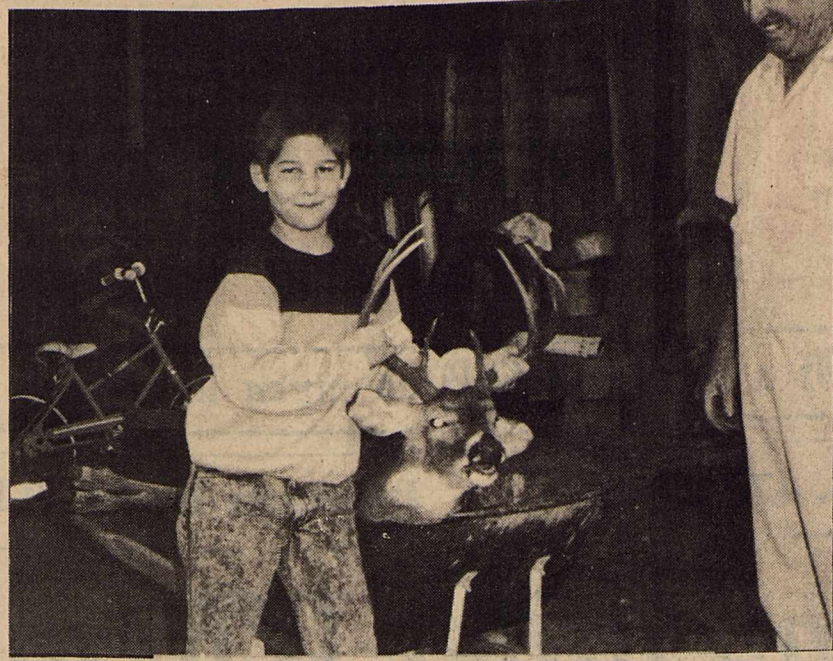
But he turned, when safe on the other side, and built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near. "You are wasting your strength by building here; your journey will end with the ending day, you never again will pass this way:

"You've crossed the chasm deep and wide, why build a bridge to span the tide?" The builder lifted his old gray head-- "Good friend, in the path I have come", he said, "There followeth after me today a youth whose feet must pass this way."

This chasm that has been nought to me, to the fair-haired youth may a pitfall be; He too must cross in the twilight dim; good friend, "I am building this bridge for him."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
That's All!



Nine year old Robert Schaffer bagged this 9 point Buck on his grandfather's (Richard Schaffer) ranch. Robert is a Brackett student and resides with his father Les Schaffer.

Christmas Decorating Contest

by Lashawn Wardlaw

Don and Linda Wilson who live in Unit 32 won first place and \$50.00 in this year's Christmas Home Decorating contest at Fort Clark Springs which was judged Thursday, December 21.

Larry Tucker in Unit 24 took second, as well as \$30.00 and Charlie and Wanda Smith in Unit 14 placed third and received \$20.00.

Honorable Mention was awarded to B.E. Sweet in Historic No. 37. The Sweets won first place last year and

the judges awarded them Honorable Mention because their personal tradition of the Holidays is highly respected and they obviously demonstrate the effort of making their home an example to all in the community.



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by Warren Outlaw

Louis Starzel from Brownwood Texas is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Starzel. Louis is enjoying visiting with his many old friends in Brackettville.

Jo and Clyf Wilkerson came up from Parr, Texas where they are spending the winter to spend Christmas with her sister Ann and brother-in-law Guy Hibler.

Jim and Dorothy Haga had a full house over the Christmas weekend. Son Jim and wife Lisa from Dallas, son John, wife Mary, and Grandson Vette from San Antonio. Grandsons Buddy Haga and Josh Haga from Fort Worth and great Grandson Gary Haga from Fort Worth

Tom and Dot Burrow are spending the Christmas Holidays with their children and grandson in Dallas.

Be and Charlotte Sweet's son Bernie wife Rickie and grandchildren Matthew and Stephanie spent Christmas with them. Bernie has just graduated from the University of Texas San Antonio with a degree in Banking and Finance.

Real Estate News
by Molly Ardrey

Some do-it-yourselfers do an almost professional job. They're handy enough to follow a complicated diagram and turn it into a finished project. Their tile floors line up; their wallpaper stays up.

Most people, though, get less-than-perfect results. Their home improvement projects don't really add to the value of their property. The paneling doesn't fit right in the corners or the countertop is a little crooked. The dollars spent to buy quality materials are wasted if the end result doesn't come out as it should. For most of us, it's wiser course to call in an expert and get a more professional job.

Your home is probably your most valuable asset, too important to jeopardize. Should you decide to sell, the extra money you have spent for a professional job will more than pay for itself.

Unsung Hero

There is a young man in Brackettville who was born here and has been here all his life. He grew up in a one parent home with a mother who worked very hard to make a living for the two of them. He finished school and shortly went to work in the Sheriff's department. He then moved up to work for D.P.S. He has always been a quiet, amiable fellow. He has served in the Fire Department and has helped in many community activities. He has always been devoted and helpful to his mother and is liked by all who know him. Surely Justin Barry is an "Unsung Hero."

BETWEEN US



BY JOE TOWNSEND

I like Brackettville. When I moved to Brackettville nearly 25 years ago I came to stay until the Lord calls me home and that is still my intent. Brackettville is my kind of town. I've lived in some of the largest cities of the world, some large cities some small cities and still like the life of a small town.

As in any town there are a few misfits but think of the misfits in San Antonio. There are those in Brackettville who enjoy living on government giveaways but think how many are of this ilk in Del Rio. There are a few dissidents who oppose anything new or different but think how many of this ilk are to be found in other towns. In Brackettville the only reason a person doesn't go to church is because he doesn't want to. There is a church to accommodate almost every shade of Christian concepts.

I'm convinced there are few if any school systems better than the Brackett schools. There are service clubs to meet the desires of those interested. There is the Beta for a cultural avenue for women. There is a fine center for the "aging".

It's hard to imagine a better police coverage than Brackettville has in Sheriff Hooten and Police chief Johnny Fritter. Few towns have as capable and progressive mayor as

Brackettville. There are grocery stores handling almost anything one could want. Fort Clark Springs and some of the finest people in the world who live here certainly are a plus for living here. As an overview I can only say, "To me Brackettville is an ideal place to live." The basic factor in the

quality of any town is the character and quality of her people. There are no finer people anywhere than are to be found in Brackettville, Ft. Clark Springs and Kinney County.

It is the joy of fellowship with these people that truly makes Brackett a wonderful place in which to live.

THE GRAPEVINE
BY GUS GARCIA

Here's hoping you had a Very Merry Christmas!

Santa knows I did! What did you get for Christmas?
"Everything I wanted "Heh, Heh, Heh," Anonymous.

The New Year is only days away. Its funny how you imagine 1990 as being years away and suddenly, -boom- it's here! Amazing how time sneaks up on you. 1990, a new year, a new decade. When I was younger, oh, about the 7th grade I dreamed about the year 1990 and the day my friends and I would graduate from High

School, and thinking It is years away! Now, it's a matter of months before the class of 1990 is just another piece of history. Knowing that I along with my classmates are going to be a part of that is both sad and joyous. Sad because all I'll have left of High School will be memories and memorabilia but, I'll be joyful because of those memories and because of the adventures that life will have in store for me and my classmates. After all is said and done, everything will be a memory, happy or otherwise, it will all be a memory. And I have only one thing to say: Thanks for the memories!

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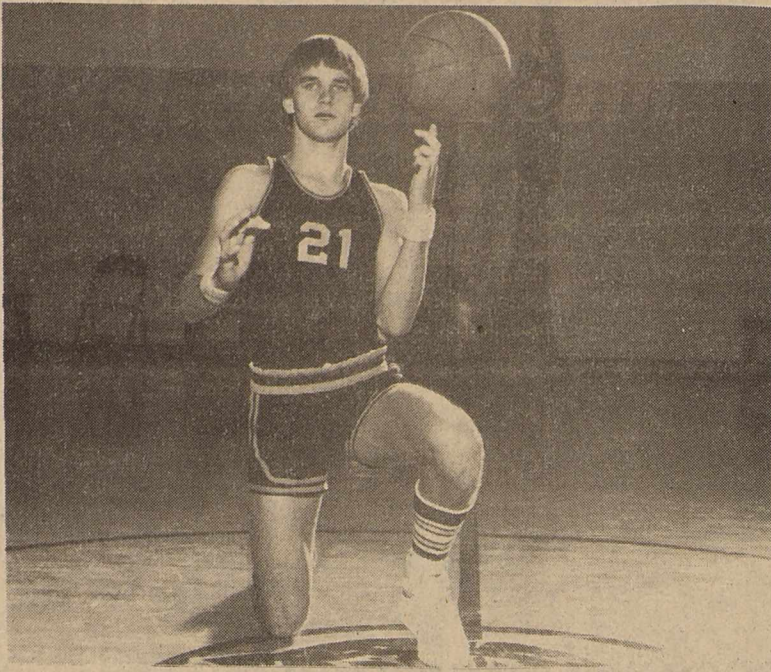
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Sports...

Tigers on a Roll



Walter "The Wizard" Dyer
Male player of the decade
1981-1985



Sheri White
Female player of the decade
1985-1989

by J.J. Guidry

The Brackett Tigers had a nice Christmas vacation, but will go back to work as they resume their basketball schedule on Friday against Carrizo Springs. The Tigers haven't begun district action, but look very impressive with

a 13-3 record.

This will be the first time that Brackett and Carrizo Springs have met this year.

The Junior Varsities will play at 5 p.m. while the Varsities start at 6:30. The games will be played in Brackettville.

Tigerettes to Host Leakey

by J.J. Guidry

Gregg Nowlin's Tigerettes will host the Lady Eagles of Leakey on Friday afternoon in a non-district basketball matchup. The teams have faced each other twice this year with Leakey coming out on top both times.

The first confrontation was in November. The Lady Eagles edged Brackett by 5 points. The final score was 60-55.

The two teams later went head-to-head in the women's championship game at the Southwest Texas Jr. College tournament. This time the deficit was larger as Leakey won 57-37.

The Lady Eagles had three players score in double figures: Ruby Rubio had 15 points, Julie Brooks and Linda Reagon had 14 points.

Brooks (a 6'0 junior) and Reagon (a 5'9 senior) also lead the team in rebounding.

The Tigerettes are 2-0 in district and 11-6 on the season. They are lead by seniors Yvonne Luna and Stephanie Ahrens.

Ahrens is 6'0 post and is currently leading the Greater San Antonio Area in rebounding with a total of 258 boards. Luna leads the Tigerettes in the scoring department. She is averaging 20.2 points a game this year.

When asked about Friday's game, Coach Nowlin said, "I'm looking forward to a good game. They (Leakey) won the first two times we played and this will be our last chance to beat them this year."

Since the game is being played in the jungle, Brackett does have the home-court advantage. The Brackettville fan's support has helped the Tigerettes as they are 3-1 this year playing at home.

This game will prove to be exciting. The action will start at 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

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All Decade Basketball Team

by J.J. Guidry

In celebration of a new decade, the Brackett News selected Miscellaneous basketball fans to vote on an all-decade Tiger and Tigerette team along with two players of the decade for the 1980's

Walter Dyer and Sheri White were elected players of the decade. Runners up included Carlos Guajardo, Yvonne Luna, and Leisha Wardlaw. Here are the 1980 all-decade basketball teams:

MEN			
Player	Position	height	Graduation
Arkie Goodloe	Guard	5'10"	1982
Carlos Guajardo	Guard	5'9"	1984
Walter Dyer	Forward	6'0"	1985
Mich Frerich	Forward	5'11"	1990
Roger Brown	Post	6'3"	1985
Frank Morgan	Post	6'3"	1989

Others Receiving votes: Steve Clementz, Jeff Burgess, Roman Saenz, Mark Frerich, Dutch law, Armondo Talamantez, Walter Goodloe, Lee Floyd, Sonny Garcia, and Charlie Baker.

WOMEN			
Player	Position	Graduation	
Lisa Slaughter	Guard	1983	
Sheri White	Guard	1989	
La Shawn Wardlaw	Forward	1983	
Yvonne Luna	Forward	1990	
Leisha Wardlaw	Forward	1985	
Barb Forbes	Post	1984	
Stephanie Ahrens	Post	1990	

Others Receiving Votes: Martha Estrada, Shawn Ralston, Tia Ralston, Rhea Slaughter, Elida Samaniego, Pilar Lazono, and Dorothy Ward.

Basketball Preview

by J.J. Guidry

The 1989-90 District 31-AA basketball preview will appear in next weeks paper.

Teams from Brackettville, Cotulla, Dilley, Lackland, LaPryor, Lytle, Natalia, and Sabinal will be featured.

Along with an in-depth look at each team both men and women. We will have the coaches predictions and the "players to watch."

District 31-AA Boys Standings		
TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Brackettville	0-0	13-3
Cotulla	0-0	7-5
LaPryor	0-0	5-4
Lackland	0-0	7-7
Lytle	0-0	2-4
Dilley	0-0	2-3
Natalia	0-0	2-6
Sabinal	0-0	1-7

District 31-AA Girls Standings		
TEAM	DISTRICT	OVERALL
Brackett	2-0	11-6
Lytle	1-0	4-3
La Pryor	1-1	8-3
Sabinal	1-1	7-8
Natalia	0-1	1-11
Cotulla	0-1	5-8
Dilley	0-1	0-7

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Well, we'll tuck Christmas away now and start making plans for another clean, unblemished New Year. Lets try to keep the spirit alive, and the year coming up will be fantastic. I promised myself I'd start the New Year off by writing about things people have been most interested in. Well I won't last long unless you let me know what you want to hear more about, so get with it kids and let Grandma hear from you. I have some requests, but it's still December, and I'll bet you're as sick of turkey or chicken as I am. I know how hard it is to come home tired and worn out from eight hours on the job and have to fall in and start preparing a full meal with children

whinning and hubby grouching cause everybody is hungry right now. First thing to make up your mind to this year is by planning ahead you can accomplish most anything.

So now lets get on to some recipes. Nobody is ever very hungry at suppertime after that big Christmas dinner. Why not have a salad plate with fruit served on lettuce leaves? You can have peach halves with a little cottage cheese, pineapple slices, with a sprinkling of grated cheddar cheese, pear halves with a maraschino cherry in each, hard boiled or deviled eggs and a dab of this tuna spread to be used as a sandwich filling or eaten as is accompanied by crisp crackers. This one makes four cups.

Holiday Tuna Spread

3-6 1/2 oz. cans water-packed tuna, flaked.
2-8 oz. packages softened cream cheese
1 Tbs lemon juice
1/4 cups quartered stuffed olives
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
Salt and pepper
1 1/2 tea dry mustard
1/2 tea thyme, (optional)

Combine cream cheese and tuna, blend in remaining ingredients and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Now if you feel the salad plate needs something hot, why not mix up a batch of these bran muffins and have them ready to bake? The recipe makes loads and the batter will keep in the refrigerator for several weeks. They're especially attractive if you have miniature muffin tins, the kind that make 24 muffins.

Bran Muffins
3 cups all-bran
1 cup boiling water
2 1/2 tea soda
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup raisins
1 tea salt
2 1/2 cups plain flour
2 eggs
2 cups buttermilk
1/2 cup salad oil

Mix boiling water and bran and let stand while you beat the eggs and add buttermilk and oil in large bowl. Mix all dry ingredients and raisins together and add to the egg mixture. Stir in bran and water mixture. Grease muffin tins and fill 2/3 full. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until nicely browned.

One more recipe using hamburger. This is a moist and really good casserole that is filling. It only needs a tossed salad to go along with it to have a satisfying meal. But fix green peas or lima beans to be sure you have all the necessary nutrients! Those bran muffins would go great with this, too.

Cheese-Beef Casserole
1 package thin noodles, cooked and drained
1 lb. ground beef
2 oz. cans tomato sauce
1 cup cottage cheese
1/4 cup cream
1-3 oz. package cream cheese
1/2 cup chopped onions
1 Tbs chopped green pepper.
Brown beef and drain excess fat. Add tomato sauce and remove from heat. Combine cottage cheese, sour cream, and cream cheese, soften to

room temperature, add onion and green pepper, mix well. In a greased casserole, layer ingredients as follows 1) thin layer ground beef. 2) 1/2 the noodles. 3) cheese mixture. 4) remaining noodles. 5) rest of beef. Bake 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Serves 6 generously.

The thought this week is by Helen S. Rice.

I Love Her

Life without purpose is barren indeed. There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed; there can't be attainment unless there's a goal, and man's but a robot unless there's a soul. If we send no ships out, no ships will come in. And unless there's a contest, nobody can miss-- For games can't be won unless they are played, and prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed-- So whatever is wrong with your life today, you'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray. Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health, Not just for honors and prestige and wealth; But pray for a purpose to make life worth living And pray for the joy of unselfish giving. For great is your gladness and rich your reward When you make your lives purpose the choice of the Lord.

A Happy, Happy Birthday J.J. Big Hugs and Special love.

Grandma

BEYOND THE HORIZON



by Dorothy Payne

Texas "Curanderos" have their own folk medicine. The Indian "Shamons were already using folk medicine when the settlers came. Some medicines were obtained in trade with other tribes.

The Germans and other immigrants brought cures to Texas when they came. In fact all the early immigrants brought their home remedies with them when they came to Texas. They brought rosemary, rue, and sage and others and mixed them with the herbs they found in their new home.

Some of their herbs and plants would heal boils, coughs, headaches, stomach aches, and even snakebite. The Indians mixed cressote with badger oil to use on burns, it is still used today as a patent medicine.

The mesquite and the Texas Cedar was used with honey for weak stomachs and stirred in with chicken feed.

The black jack oak was chewed for dysentery. The pine was used for it's turpentine. It became a favorite remedie for everything from cough syrups to a linament.

Perhaps kerosene was used the most. I myself was given kerosene and honey for croup and it worked, so did those hated mustard plasters.

At least home remedies didn't cost an arm and a leg. There will also be medicinal herbs and plants in the southwest if you know what to look for.

Every settlers house had a herb garden at the back step. At least it beat traveling to the doctor in town a days wagon trip away.

When home remedies failed the settlers followed the old Spanish proverb; "Mal Que no tiene remedio, hay que aquantareo," which translated means "An illness that can't be cured must be endured."

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Obituary

Hector Pena Jr. passed away December 21 at 5 p.m. at the M.D.A. Cancer Center in Houston, Texas at the age of 21.

He was born in Del Rio, Texas December 3, 1968.

Hector was a graduate of Brackettville High School and a student of the University of Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held December 24.

A 2 p.m. Requiem Mass was held at St. Mary Magdalene Church with Rev. David Zumaya officiating. Burial was at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville. Survivors are: Parents, Hector and Tencha Pena; brother, Adrian Pena and sister, Regina Pena.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Ortega of Brackettville. Paternal grandparents were Lupe and Antonia Pena of Brackettville.

Other survivors are numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held by Don's Funeral of Del Rio.

Creative Decorating

Roland and Rosalie Boysen used all recycled materials to decorate their Fort Clark home for Christmas this year. One Gallon milk jugs became snoopy dolls. Dish scrubbers were Christmas tree ornaments and an old

life saver made a beautiful Christmas wreath. Even the Christmas tree was two years old. If doing all this wasn't enough Rosalie had baked and given away one hundred and thirty seven dozens of Christmas cookies.

Brackett I S D School Menu



LINE A	LINE B	BREAKFAST
Wednesday 3 Veg Soup Chick Salad Sand Veg Stix Fruit Cup	Wednesday 3 Chef Salad Fruit Crackers Thursday 4 Baked Potato Cheese Fruit Bread Friday 5 Deli Bar Let & Tom Bread Fruit	Wednesday 3 Cereal Juice Toast Peanuts Thursday 4 1/2 egg Hash Browns Toast Friday 5 Ham & Cheese Muffin Fruit
Thursday 4 BBQ Sand Pinto Beans Potato Salad Pickle & Onion Friday 5 Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrot Fruit Cup Cornbread		

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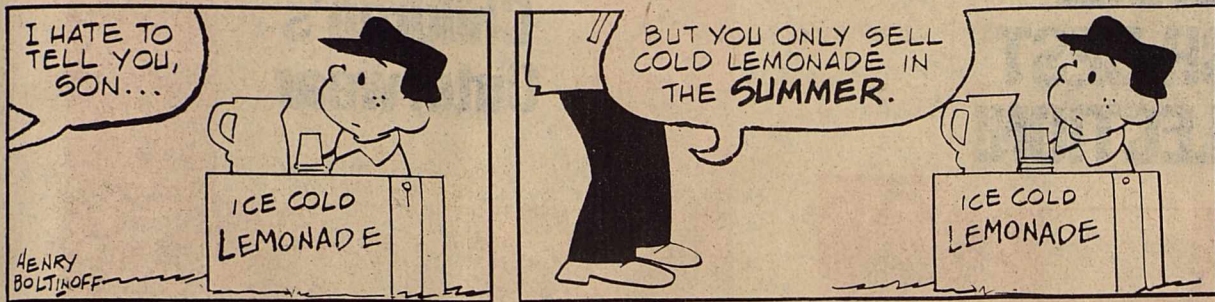
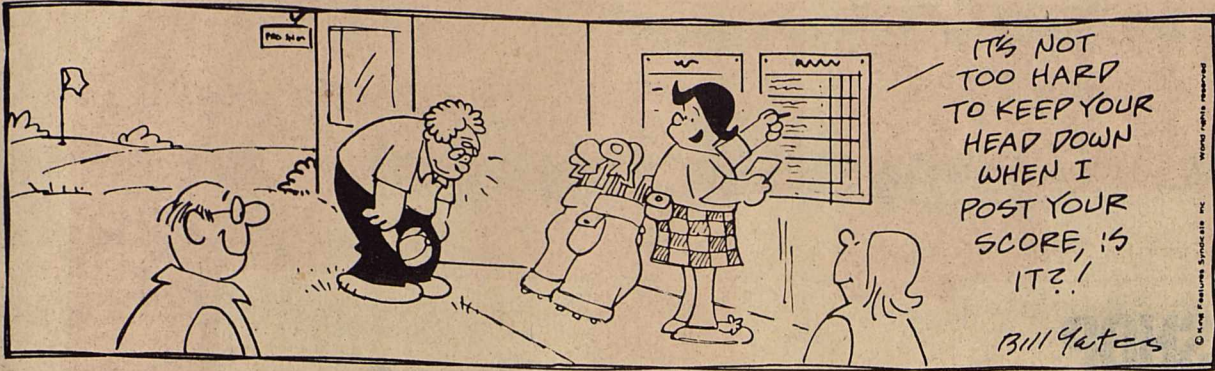
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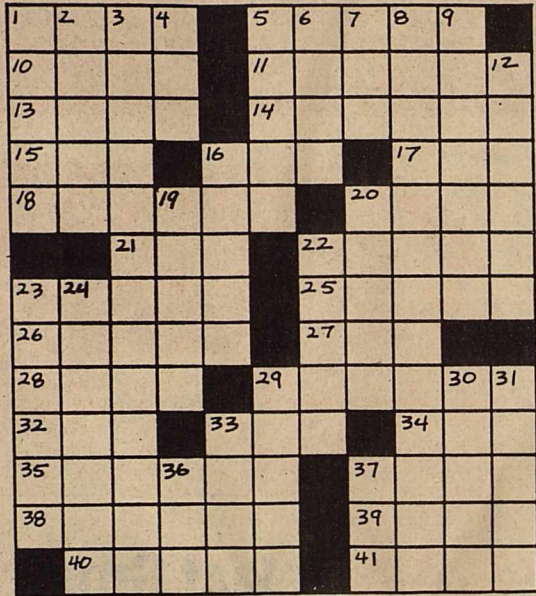
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5. Backbone
10. Golf club
11. Niche
13. Small salamander
14. Threatener's warning
15. — Arbor
16. Digit
17. Mount, as a gem
18. Sun-dried grape
20. Holy water basin
21. Man's nickname
22. Subsequently
23. Molten rock
25. Goose genus
26. Welles
27. Fond du — Wis.
28. Girl's name
29. Strauss opera
32. Chalice veil
33. New man role
34. Negligent
35. Accelerate
37. Adjust, as a piano
38. English essayist
39. Arab chieftain



40. Rose-extract
41. Insect

DOWN

1. Indian tower
2. Gladiatorial milieu
3. P.M.'s address
4. Within (comb. form)
5. Sing
6. Present
7. Its capital
8. Trafalgar Square landmark
9. Essential part
12. Bird dog
16. Giant
19. Pacific island group
20. Ultimate
22. Dieter's lunch
23. Swamp
24. Operatic song
29. Apartment house employee
30. Craze
31. Bring to bear
33. Wahine's dance
36. Favorite game
37. Kid's game

Top 10 Singles

1. Janet Jackson "Rhythm Nation," (A&M) Last Week: No. 4
2. Bon Jovi "Living In Sin," (Mercury/Polygram) No. 5
3. Cher "Just Like Jesse James," (Geffen) No. 7
4. New Kids On The Block "This One's For The Children," (Columbia) No. 9
5. Jive Bunny & The Mastermixers "Swing The Mood," (Music Factory/Atco) No. 8
6. Michael Bolton "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You," (Columbia) No. 10
7. Lou Gramm "Just Between You And Me," (Atlantic) No. 11
8. Madonna "Oh Father," (Sire/Warner) No. 13
9. Jody Watley "Everything," (MCA) No. 14
10. Tom Petty "Free Fallin'," (MCA) No. 16

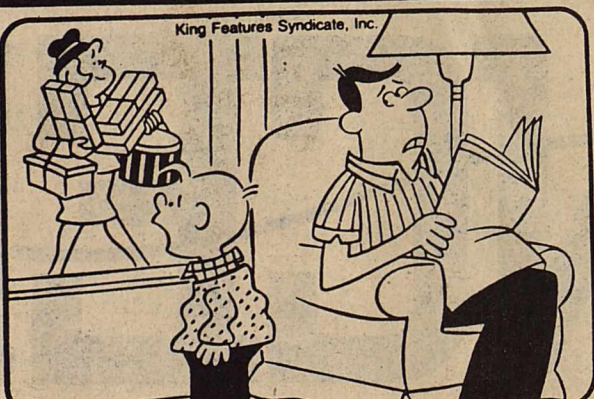
This Week In History

On Dec. 25, 1776, Washington recrossed the Delaware from Pennsylvania and defeated 1,400 Hessians at Trenton, N.J. ... Dec. 29, 1845, the United States Congress admitted Texas to the Union ... Dec. 31, 1890, Ellis Island opened as New York's immigration depot and would remain open for the next 64 years ... Dec. 27, 1927, "Show Boat" opened in New York City ... Dec. 26, 1933, the United States foreswore armed intervention in Western Hemisphere nations ... Dec. 26, 1970, was the beginning of five consecutive days of intensive bombing by the United States against North Vietnam. The bombings were ordered due to Vietnamese violations of agreements reached prior to the 1968 bombing halt ... Dec. 29, 1972, an Eastern Airlines L-1011 crashed on approach to Miami International Airport, killing 101 people ... Dec. 27, 1985, Palestinian terrorists killed 20 people at airports in Rome and Vienna. Two days later, the Libyan government praised these murderous acts as "heroic."

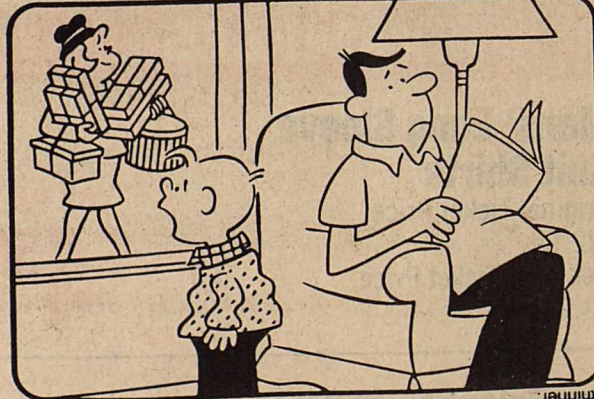
Top 10 Movies

1. Back To The Future II starring Michael J. Fox
2. Steel Magnolias Dolly Parton
3. Christmas Vacation Chevy Chase
4. Harlem Nights Eddie Murphy
5. Look Who's Talking John Travolta
6. All Dogs Go To Heaven
7. The Little Mermaid
8. Prancer Sam Elliott
9. Dad Jack Lemmon
10. She-Devil Meryl Streep

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



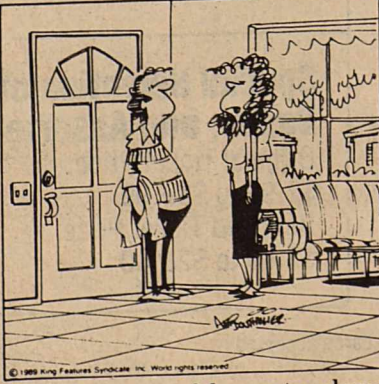
Differences: 1. Lady has more packages. 2. Shirt is changed. 3. Hat box is different. 4. Man's expression is changed. 5. Sign is different. 6. Paper is different.

LAFF-A-DAY



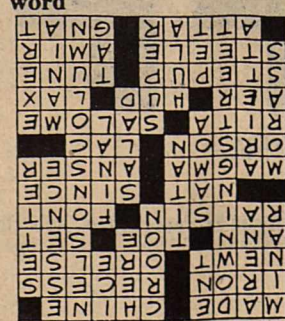
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"The doctor told you to slow down? From what?"

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Trivia Test by Linda Luckhurst

1. **Capitals:** What is the state capital of West Virginia?
2. **States:** Name four states that border Minnesota.
3. **Nations:** What is the capital of Laos?
4. **Airlines:** What is the official airline of the Soviet Union?
5. **Airlines:** What is the official airline of Ireland?
6. **Broadway:** Name the shows that Lauren Bacall starred in during 1970 and 1980.
7. **Movies:** Name the wife of Ringo Starr who starred along with Roger Moore in "The Spy Who Loved Me."
8. **Geography:** How many islands make up the country of The Bahamas?
9. **Birds:** Name three major league baseball teams with "bird" nicknames.
10. **Music:** Name the singer who recorded the hit number one single, "Maniac," in September of 1983.

Trivia Test Answers

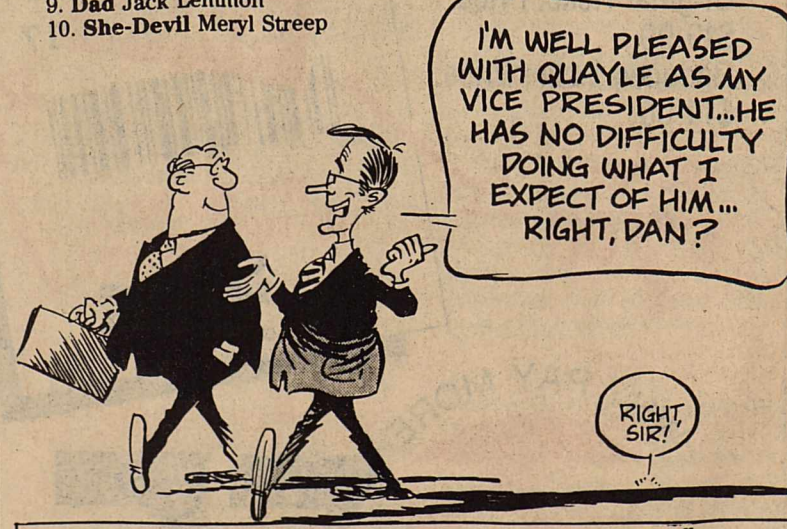
1. Charleston
2. North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin
3. Vientiane
4. Aeroflot
5. Aer Lingus
6. "Appause" in 1970 and "The Rose" in 1980
7. Barbara Bach, 8, 700; 9, Blue Jays
8. 7
9. Cardinals and Orioles
10. Michael Sembello

Top Video Rentals

1. "Batman" starring Michael Keaton (Warner) New Entry
2. "Working Girl" Melanie Griffith (CBS-Fox) Last Week: No. 1
3. "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" Bob Hoskins (Touchstone) No. 2
4. "Say Anything" John Cusack (CBS-Fox) No. 3
5. "Rain Man" Tom Cruise (MGM/UA) No. 5
6. "Major League" Tom Berenger (Paramount) No. 6
7. "Scrooged" Bill Murray (Paramount) No. 4
8. "Three Fugitives" Martin Short (Touchstone) No. 12
9. "K-9" James Belushi (MCA) New Entry
10. "Leviathan" Peter Weller (MGM/UA) No. 10
11. "Pet Sematary" Fred Gwynne (Paramount) No. 7
12. "Scandal" John Hurt (HBO) No. 21
13. "Chances Are" Robert Downey, Jr. (RCA/Columbia) No. 17
14. "Beaches" Bette Midler (Touchstone) No. 8
15. "The Naked Gun" Leslie Nielsen (Paramount) No. 11
16. "Dead Bang" Don Johnson (Warner) No. 15
17. "Troop Beverly Hills" Shelley Long (RCA/Columbia) No. 18
18. "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" Alex Winter (Nelson Home Ent.) No. 16
19. "Tequila Sunrise" Mel Gibson (Warner) No. 14
20. "She's Out Of Control" Tony Danza (RCA/Columbia) New Entry

This month in history

The month of January was named for the ancient Roman god of two faces, "Janus." Janus was believed to be able to look backward and forward at the same time. The Romans were first to celebrate New Year's Day in January and also to exchange gifts at that time. They carried this custom to England at the time of their invasion and it is said that most of Queen Elizabeth the First's jewels and garments were gifts for New Year's Day. In 1752, England adopted the Gregorian calendar and January first became New Year's Day permanently.



YOUR HOROSCOPE by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) While your holiday spirit is unequalled, try not to overdo this week while you're entertaining. It's important for you to get enough rest and to have enough time to perform your everyday tasks. Family members are cooperative.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A promise made to you will go unfulfilled, but don't let this upset you. The issue is a minor one at best anyway. Although 'tis the season for giving, keep a tight rein on your use of credit to avoid trouble.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) For some reason, you're in a bit of a bombastic mood this week. Don't get carried away with this since grandiose statements made now will set you up for a fall in others' eyes. Discretion is the key word right now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 21 to July 22) It's a good week to examine your methods of accomplishing things this week. There are some areas which could be simplified and cause you less trouble. While you're enjoying this holiday time, avoid overindulging in food and drink.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your zealous socializing is really your way of escaping what's going on in your life. Face these things head-on, since they are really not earth-shattering and can be cleared up in no time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If you want to enjoy the holiday celebrations to their fullest, you will have to put aside your tendency to be critical. Be careful when you're having parties in your home as one could get out of hand.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While your ambition is good,

some plans you have at work may be a bit too extravagant and unattainable. It would be wise to be more down to earth and practical about this. You can still get where you're going by taking smaller steps.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Those of you who are on the road this week may have a tendency to spend too much money. Be aware of this if you're traveling. In general, it's wise for all you Scorpions to keep a close watch on your purses.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your enthusiasm sweep you into impulsive acts. Others will think you're pushing your luck too far and may react negatively. The watchword for you this week is moderation.

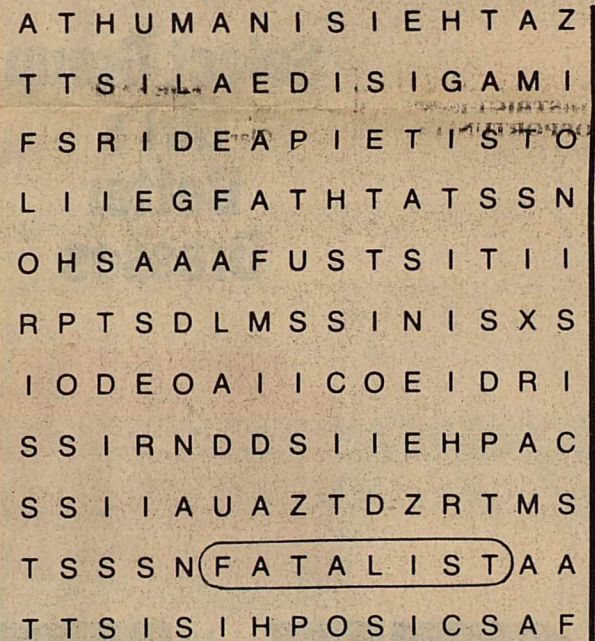
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A loved one is feeling neglected and unappreciated this week, so take time to reassure this person and strengthen bonds. This may be difficult as you may have a tendency now to do what you want without thinking of others.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are very much in the party mood this week which suits your gregarious personality. However, do be sure you don't overdo in your celebrating. This isn't good for you either physically or socially. Take some quiet time to be alone and relax.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be swayed into mixing business with pleasure this week. The two won't mix well at all. Your usually fine intuition isn't in high gear, so avoid making important decisions until this passes.

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Ending in "ist"



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Humanist | Marxist | Sadist | Idealist |
| Atheist | Imagist | Sophist | Fatalist |
| Dadaist | Pietist | Deist | Zionist |
| Fascist | Realist | Fierist | |

Home hints

WARNING — Our resident food expert, Philomena Corradeno, wanted us to tell you about a recent Home Hint which is potentially harmful. A reader had written in that she recycles the trays her meat comes in, using them for breeding things she might have to fry. Ms. Corradeno points out that meat trays could retain bacteria from the raw meat, even after washing the recycled tray. Thus, they should not be recycled. Our thanks to her for catching that.

EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION — When I am getting ready to go somewhere, I get a small address label and write my daughter's name, address and phone number on it. Then I paste it to myself under my bra strap.

If I have some sort of accident, who knows what might happen to my purse. If I am brought into the emergency room, the technician or doctor would see this label and my daughter would be contacted. How often do we read in the paper about not being able to identify a road-accident victim? This is my way of solving this dilemma. Valerie G., Florence, Ala.

SAW BLADES — My husband came up with a great idea for his workshop. He works a lot with a table saw and has lots of blades. At first, he kept them one on top of the other on a work bench, but it was a pain when he wanted one that happened to be at the bottom of the pile.

We had an old record rack, so he took that to the garage and put all his blades in it. It's so handy and he doesn't worry about ruining the blades. He even has his very best stored in a record album. It fits in the album as if it were made for it. Elaine P., Tulsa, Okla.

PIERCED EARRINGS — I've had pierced ears for almost 10 years and was forever getting infections. I have started dipping the back of each steel post in an antibacterial ointment before wearing, and now I don't get any infections and my ears don't get sore. Janet R., Dallas, Texas

STRAWBERRIES — Our family enjoys fresh strawberries more than any other fruit. However, the stemming and preparation took so long that I was never able to freeze enough to satisfy their wants.

This is my method: Sack the strawberries in plastic bags directly from the crate; do not wash them. Pick out any bad berries, seal and freeze. When you are ready for the berries, take out only the desired amount and place them in a colander and wash them under cold water. Stem them while they are still partially frozen. Cover with sugar if desired and thaw at room temperature.

We usually crush ours to use on shortcake or over ice cream. The flavor of the berries is excellent and the time spent is only that of preparing a small amount of berries at a time. Joanne G., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Sleepwear
and Robes

SHOP
EARLY
FOR BEST
SELECTION!

Select Group
Children's
Outerwear

FRAGE

Select Group
Girl's
Better
Dresses

Select Group
Ladies'
& Mens'
Outerwear

Select Group
Ladies'
Shirts
& Blouses

CLEARANCE!

EXAMPLES

Childrens' Sweaters

Original Ticket Price:
\$9.99 to \$23.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$7.00 to \$16.00

\$3⁵⁰ TO \$8
YOU PAY

Ladies' Better Handbags Select Group including Clock Bags

Original Ticket Price:
\$15.99 to \$36.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$11.00 to \$26.00

\$5⁵⁰ TO \$13
YOU PAY

Ladies' Long Sleeve Pullover Sweaters

Original Ticket Price:
\$18.99 to \$43.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$14.00 to \$30.00

\$7⁰⁰ TO \$15
YOU PAY

EXAMPLE

Original Ticket Price:
\$19.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$14.00

YOU PAY:
\$7⁰⁰



WHY PAY MORE

50 OFF

STORE

EXAMPLES

Mens' Long Sleeve Knit Shirts

Original Ticket Price:
\$12.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$9.00

YOU PAY
\$4⁵⁰

Entire Selection of Brass Figurines, Vases, and Candleholders*

Original Ticket Price:
\$2.99 to \$529.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$2.00 to \$370.00

\$1⁰⁰ TO \$185
YOU PAY

Special Selection of Figurines, Vases, and Assorted Gift Items

Original Ticket Price:
\$2.99 to \$39.99
Reduced Ticket Price:
\$2.00 to \$28.00

\$1⁰⁰ TO \$14
YOU PAY

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