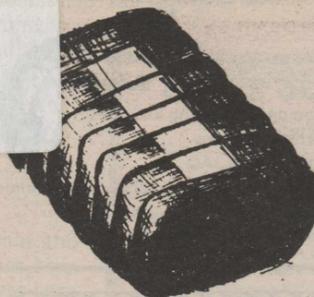


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Silverton Receives Emergency Grant

Christmas Story To Be Presented

Have you wondered what the animals saw and how they must have felt the night that Jesus was born?

Come and experience this wonder at the Silverton United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 18, as the children, youth and choir present "Stranger in the Straw."

Everyone is invited to attend this Christmas Pageant and stay for fellowship and refreshments following the presentation.

Music Program Time Changed

Silverton School's music program has had a time change, according to an announcement made Monday.

Originally scheduled for the morning of Friday, December 16, the program will begin at 1:25 p.m.

Please note this change on your calendar.

Time to Send Letters to Santa

Through special arrangements between the Post Office, *Briscoe County News* and the North Pole, children can again mail their letters to Santa. Just write your letter to Santa, take it to the Post Office and mail it in the "special" mailbox inside the lobby.

Your letter will be printed in the *Briscoe County News* and forwarded on to Santa. Don't be late! The mailbox is ready for YOUR letter.

Health Clinic Dec. 16 At Silverton City Hall

Another community health clinic will be held at the Silverton City Hall Friday, December 16. There will be blood pressure and blood sugar tests and flu shots will be given to those needing them.

Contact Margie Pinkerton, R. N., School Nurse, 823-2476, for an appointment. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Live Nativity To Be Presented at Memphis

A live nativity will be available for viewing at the historic Memphis Hotel Bed and Breakfast facility. The tabloid will be presented on Thursday evenings, December 15 and 22. From 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. windows for viewing are at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets in Memphis. Participants depicting the birth of Jesus will be provided by local churches.

All Around
 The Town



BY MARY ANN SARCHET

Be sure to keep the family of Cindy Walker—her son, her parents, Roy Mack and Lois, and her brothers and their families—in your prayers as the Christmas season approaches. The word from Colorado is that she is not doing well, and the doctors don't offer much hope for the family to hold onto.

Cindy has been moved to St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, and the family can be reached at 303-866-8541.

It is thought that they might try to move Cindy next week to a Dallas hospital to be closer to family and home.

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 Tomorrow is the end of the first semester of the school year, and it is almost impossible to believe. School will be dismissed for the holidays Friday, and students will enjoy their vacation from school until January 3.

Christmas Eve Communion Set

United Methodist Church in Silverton invites everyone to a very special Christmas Eve communion observance Saturday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Ed Norris, interim pastor, will lead the service.

WEATHER

FOR 24-HOUR PERIODS IN DECEMBER

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Total Precip. Year to Date			16.32
Normal Precip. for Year			21.22

BCAA To Meet Tonight at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting tonight (Thursday, December 15) at 7:00 at the Showbarn in Silverton. The meeting is being held a week early due to the holidays.

The aluminum cans in the trailer south of the City Hall have been sold. There were 1010 pounds of cans and 3800 pounds of junk batteries.

L. O. A. Study Club to Sponsor Greeting Page

Announcement has been made that the L. O. A. Study Club once again will sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page. Proceeds of the project will be divided equally between the Wood-Strange Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Silverton Senior Citizens.

The club members ask that, in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, you donate to the local projects and your name will be placed on a special page in the Christmas edition of the *Briscoe County News*. The page will include the explanation that you wish everyone a happy holiday season and that you have donated instead of mailing local cards.

Deadline for getting your name on the special page will be December 16. Contact a L. O. A. member if you would like to be included on the Christmas Greeting Page.

LREP Report to Be Given Today

A report on the 1995-99 Long Range Extension Program will be given by the Briscoe County Extension Service on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Silverton.

The program for the evening will include a Mexican Stack Dinner; a report on the LREP Issues Identified; Distribution of the 1995-99 LREP's, and a program on "Parental Influences on Children," given by Dr. Martha Couch.

To RSVP or for more information, please call the Briscoe County Extension Service.

The City of Silverton has received notification from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of the awarding of an Urgent Need grant in the amount of \$350,000 to drill a well or wells needed due to the loss of Lake Mackenzie as a water source.

The award was made available through the Community Development Block Grant program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City will have to match the grant in the amount of \$40,000.

Plans are to drill test holes outside the city limits into the Santa Rosa and Ogallala formations.

Complete development of a well in the Ogallala formation will cost approximately \$75,000, with the deep wells costing more. An effort will be made to locate a well or wells as near the City as possible due to the very high cost of a pipeline to bring the water into the City water system. It is estimated that the pipeline could cost \$12.50 per foot.

Councilmen hope that the new well or wells can be located and on line before the Mackenzie water allotment is reduced further. There could be a period from early spring to mid-summer when water availability is seriously limited, but there is always a chance that spring rains will raise the lake level.

It will be necessary for Silverton residents to use the available water supply carefully until such time as Lake Mackenzie receives an ample supply of new water and the full allotment to the four towns is restored.

Commodities To Be Given Dec. 15

Commodities will be given to those who are eligible to receive them between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 15, at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Please bring a box or bag to carry the commodities home.

If you want someone else to pick up your commodities for you, you need to make arrangements for this in advance with the County Judge's Office.

Senior Citizens To Have Luncheon Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center.

The luncheon will be hosted by members of the Church of Christ.

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OBITUARIES

SYLVIA BURSON ALLEN

Graveside services for Sylvia Burson Allen, 80, of Costa Mesa, California, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday in the Silverton Cemetery. Myers-Long Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Allen died Saturday, December 10, in Coastal Community Hospital in Santa Ana, California.

She was born in Briscoe County on November 26, 1914 and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burson. She married Glenn Edgar Allen April 7, 1932. He preceded her in death March 3, 1990. She also was preceded by a sister, Gladys Arnold, and an infant brother.

She is survived by two daughters, Jo Ann Paige of Costa Mesa and Marsha Woodside of Orange, California; a brother, Johnnie Burson of Silverton; two sisters, Luree Burson of Silverton and Jessie Davis of Amarillo; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A member of the Church of Christ, Mrs. Allen maintained a home on her ranch and spent part of each year here. She had been here for several weeks during November.

A Voice From the Country



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The Christmas Spirit Part II

"That grows more interesting. I'd like to know more about those songs and that story. Do you know anyone who could tell me more?" . . . "No I don't, Stranger. I never went for that stuff myself. I'll stick with the real kind of Christmas. Boy! There's real meaning and excitement in Christmas! But you might find someone in that church around the corner who could tell you something" . . . "Oh I hope so. I think I'll go see. Thank you for telling me all about Christmas. I'm so sorry to seem so dumb, but this is all so new to me" . . . "That's perfectly all right, Stranger. Glad to oblige. Anything to pass along

the spirit of Christmas. By the way, what did you say your name was?" . . . "Oh, I'm sorry. Didn't I tell you? I go by several names, but those who know me best just call me Jesus . . . J—E—S—U—S."

(The promised explanation.) At this season I am troubled when I ponder the "goings on" about the birth of the blessed savior of souls.

My Prayer: Forgive us, Lord, our Christmases when your birthday we have spent . . . Upon our own desires . . . And selfish pleasures bent . . . Forgive us the times we've pondered long on what we would receive . . . Heading not your gift of love . . . For all who would believe . . . And when we pray . . . "Forgive us Lord our trespasses" . . . Add too . . . When we've forgotten you.

Is the Christ at the top of your gift list? Have you given Him your life?

Leaving the shadowed hills . . . The shepherds follow the pathway down . . . Seeking an infant as angels bid . . . Seeking a child in Bethlehem town . . .

They find the infant, manger-laid . . . To be our shepherd He is come . . . To keep His watch upon His flock . . . To lead the lost ones gently home . . .

Three kings cross the desert waste . . . Their guide a star made known of old . . . For they are wise in mysteries . . . That all the prophets had foretold . . .

Three kings kneeled before a child . . . Acknowledging the King of Kings . . . Ah, they are wise . . . Yet wiser is He . . . It is a rule of love He brings . . .

If we can keep Christmas for a day . . . Why not keep it always? . . . Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people . . . For unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, and good will to men . . . The voice of the angels (Luke 2)

God so loved the world . . . That He gave His Son . . . His only Son (John 3:16).

Blessed are they that keep his commandments . . . That they may have a right to the Tree of Life (Revelation 22:14).



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Looking Back

through the files of the
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December 13, 1984—Burn victims have reunion in Doyle Stephens home . . . Emmett Tomlin, who is employed by Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, has completed a 326-hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Amarillo College. Upon completion of the Academy, Officer Tomlin graduated third highest in the class with a 93.6% average . . . Owlettes win second in home tournament . . . The 1984 State Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest held at Texas Woman's University in Denton on December 1, included a new

category—the professional division, won by Lynda Fogerson . . . Maebelle Francis and Lois Nance attended the Ombudsman Certification Training held in Arlington last week . . . Coach and Mrs. Randy Clay are parents of a son, Daniel Maddin . . .

December 12, 1974—Funeral services conducted for Jose Maciel, jr., 41, who died at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia after having been taken there earlier in the day by the Silverton ambulance . . . Silverton Young Homemakers June Herrington, Shirley Henderson, Fay Perkins and Tommie Blackerby put up the Christmas decorations on the Courthouse square . . . Sheryl Worrall, bride-elect of Max Weaver, honored at shower here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters are parents of a daughter,

Christi . . . Airman David L. Self has been assigned to K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan as a pavement maintenance specialist after completing Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB . . .

December 10, 1964—The Owls and Owlettes took twin wins from the Nazareth teams at the local gym Tuesday night. Mert Mills led the scoring for the Owlettes with 19 points, closely followed by Tena Williams with 18. Greg Towe led the scoring for the Owls with 16 points while Fred Stafford had 15 points to his credit . . . The Silverton Owls and Owlettes won the third-place trophies in the Kress Tournament last weekend. Each team defeated Kress in the finals. Fred Stafford, Greg Towe, Mert Mills and Tena Williams were named to the All-Tournament teams and received

individual awards . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison have been recent visitors with Mrs. Gerald Arnold, Susie, Doug and Lydia in Phoenix, Arizona . . . LaNelle Montague and Louise Vaughan were among artists of this area who displayed their work in the Texas Fine Arts Show held in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louie Strange are parents of a son, Louis Dwayne . . . Mrs. Pete Chitty spent Saturday in Idalou with her son, Troy, who is an athletic coach there . . . Mmes. H. P. Rampley and J. K. Bean were in Plainview Saturday . . .

December 19, 1964—John Burson named Mr. Clarendon College . . . Owls break into win column at McLean . . . Keyth Tiffin recently underwent tests at the hospital in Floydada . . . Buck Payne was in the cardiac care unit at St. Anthony's Hospital last week, but has been moved into a room . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller are parents of a daughter, April Dawn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self to observe golden wedding anniversary . . .

December 17, 1964—Mrs. Donald Perkins, Faye Lynn and Roy Don spent the weekend in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vardell visited his father, J. J. Vardell, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and Rhonda Sunday afternoon . . . Montague reunion held at Sterley . . . Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a pool table. I have always wanted one for as long as I can remember. Every time I go past the pool building I see how much fun they have just hitting those little balls. Please bring me a pool table, for I have been a good high school student. Thank you very much. Love, Mike Long . . .

December 30, 1954—Mr. and Mrs. George Folley and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vaughan and sons last Friday . . . Mrs. Mary Tunnell spent the Christmas holidays here with the Clyde Tunnells . . . Misses Pat Patton and Ruby Underwood, who work in Plainview, spent the weekend here with relatives and friends . . . Mrs. W. H. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman went to Wellington last Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Devenport on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell had all their children at home for Christmas dinner Sunday . . . Thomas Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive, Stevie and Larry came Christmas morning and took Mrs. T. G. Olive and Betty to Turkey where all were guests for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Drew Holcomb and Rebecca . . . Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and children included her father, Walter Watters, and sister, Bonnie Watters, and Mrs. Maxine Morris, Freddie and Walter Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett and family . . . Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes were Messrs. and Mmes. C. L. Whitehead, James Patton and family, and Wilton Whitehead and Kathy . . .

December 30, 1954—The Christmas program for the 1925 Study Club was given at the clubroom Wednesday with Mrs. Alton Steele and Mrs. Grady Wimberly as hostesses. Mrs. Ben O. King related Henry Van Dyke's famous story, "The Other Wise Man" . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard had all their children, grandchildren and in-laws home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, Martina and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigham and Rickey . . . Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore, Walter, Perry and C. L. were Messrs. and Mmes. W. Allard, Dean Allard, Joe Lynn Allard and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Stevenson and Shot Allard . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jasper and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillard and family at Siloam

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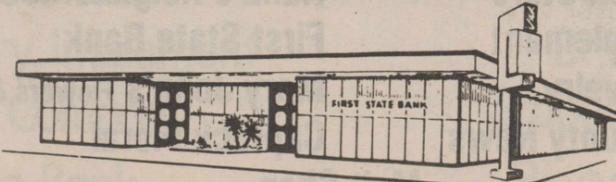


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EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
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Home Economics

**WATER CONSERVATION:
Continuing In The Bathroom**

The more efficient use of our water resources through water conservation and reuse holds a real potential to both preserve and extend limited water supplies. Money can also be saved directly through energy and water conservation.

Last week, we explored ways to conserve water through the use of low-flow showerheads and displacement devices in the toilet. Today, we will continue in the bathroom. The next few suggestions on conserving water are mainly through changes in our personal habits.

One suggestion which will save both energy and water is not to use hot water when cold will do. Wash your hands with soap and cold water. Hot water should only be added when hands are really dirty. Also remember not to let the water run when washing hands. A cut-off valve can be installed on the faucet for easier use. When brushing teeth, turn the water off until it is time to rinse, or use a cup for mouth rinsing. When shaving, fill the lavatory basin with hot water instead of letting the water run continuously. Never use the toilet to dispose of tissues, cigarette butts or trash. This wastes a great deal of water and also places an unnecessary load on the sewage treatment plant or septic tank.

Some final ways you can conserve water in the bathroom are by checking for leaks, fixing the leaks and installing faucet aerators. Leaky faucets can usually be fixed by replacing washers or "O" rings. Toilets sometimes have the "silent leak," which is difficult to detect. To check for this, place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank.

Check after 10 minutes to see if any of the coloring has leaked into the toilet bowl. If there is color in it, then you have a leak. Common causes are worn flush valve balls, improperly adjusted water levels, worn valve seats and leaking fill valves. Check each item and replace worn parts as necessary. Retest occasionally to make sure leaks have been fixed.

Next week we will explore ways to conserve water in the kitchen and laundry room.

Family Carries Out Thanksgiving Holiday Traditions Here

Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe, with the aid of their three daughters and Donald, hosted their 57th Thanksgiving dinner. Bettie and Johnny Emmitt, who have never missed a year being present, were here from Tulia. Others present were Carlye and Donald Fleming and Michael Hill, Silverton; Marsha and David Miller, Roscoe; Mary and Louie Strange, Kress; Darrell Strange, Austin.

Others were Jeff and Iwana Rademaekers and Anastasia of Columbia, South Carolina; Tom and Audrey Simpson, Trinidad, Colorado; Keith and LaDoris Simpson, LaFaula, Oklahoma; Charles and Mildred Simpson, Ruidoso, New Mexico; John and Regina Emmitt and Erin, Tulia.

Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey
December 21—Thurman May,
D'Anna Kellum, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

Happy Anniversary To . . .

December 16—Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield
December 17—Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney
December 18—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison
December 19—Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill
December 20—Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Garcia
December 21—Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

All DPS Troopers Working This Holiday

All available Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be working this Christmas holiday season and they will be especially watchful for those drivers who are in excess of the speed limit and those that drink while driving.

The troopers want you to have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season, so please slow down a little, live a lot. If you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink.

Christmas is one of the most travelled holiday periods we have. The Texas Department of Public Safety wants to urge everyone traveling the streets and highways to use extreme care, so that they will arrive at their destination safely.

The best thing we can do is to adjust our attitudes, as we sit down behind the wheel of vehicles and as we fasten seat belts. Without a good attitude, you cannot be a defensive driver. Defensive driving is the key to arriving at the destination accident free.

Be a good defensive driver; take care of yourself and the other driver as well. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Happy Birthday To . . .

December 15—Heather Kitchens, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger
December 16—Anna Donahoo, Sarah Donahoo, Jim Ellis, Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble
December 17—Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch
December 18—Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorothe Fulbright
December 19—Paul Donahoo, Cassidy Ann Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin,

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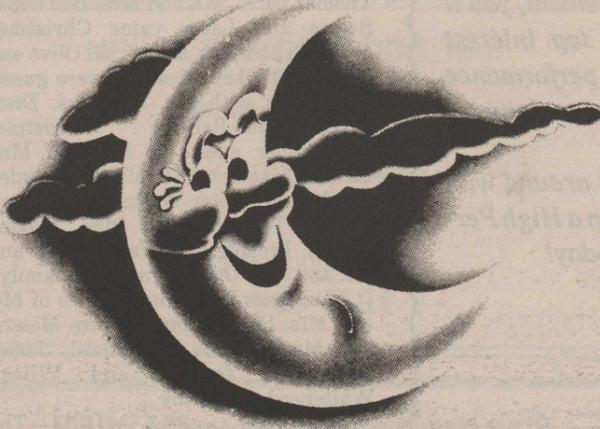

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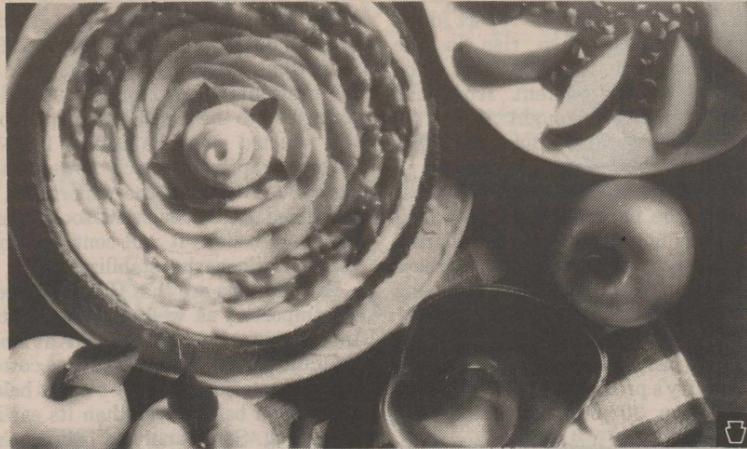
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(DM)—Caramel lovers beware! A new Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip from T. Marzetti adds a "sweet touch" to a midnight snack, a light lunch, or a meal's final course. With half the fat and calories, Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip is great news for those concerned about dietary fat intake. This new dip joins the popular line of caramel apple dips which includes Old Fashioned Caramel and Peanut Butter Caramel. Although originally developed as a dip for fresh apple slices, the dips are proving to be popular as a recipe ingredient in cakes, cookies, and pies. Warmed caramel topping makes this Caramel Apple Cheese Pie scrumptious to eat, and attractive to serve for family meals or a company dessert.

CARAMEL APPLE CHEESE PIE

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| 2 (3-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened | 2 tablespoons butter or margarine |
| ¼ cup confectioners' sugar | ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 1 (6-oz.) graham cracker pie crust | ⅓ to ½ cup T. Marzetti's Old Fashioned or Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip, heated |
| 2 small Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, and sliced | |

In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy and well-blended. Spread on bottom of pie crust. In skillet, over medium heat, melt butter and cook and stir apples until tender-crisp, about five minutes. Drain well on paper towels. Arrange apple slices on top of cheese mixture, overlapping slices to fit. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover; chill thoroughly. To serve, cut pie into slices and drizzle with warm T. Marzetti's Old Fashioned or Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: About 294 calories, 16 mg. fat, 32 mg. cholesterol, 270 mg. sodium.



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Springs, Arkansas from Wednesday until Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Seaney at Erick, Oklahoma . . . People of Silverton and the surrounding area who are friends of Mrs. Gertrude Braidfoot Arnold will be listening over station KFLD Sunday. Her topic for this broadcast will be "New Year Meditation" . . .

December 21, 1944—Pvt. Gordon L. Durham is with the Army Engineers. He entered service in April 1944 and is now in England. He is married to Florene Grimland and they have three sons, Gordon, jr., William Lee and Bobby . . . Pfc. Billy Roy Grimland is with the Army and is now in New Guinea. He entered service in May 1944 . . . Pvt. Walter Grimland is in the Army. He entered service in May 1942 and is now in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. He works in the replacement center and has been overseas 14 months . . . Pvt. R. L. Grimland entered the Army in April 1944. He is at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He is married and his wife and two daughters are in Mississippi with him. He is in the Medical Corps training in a hospital . . . John Louis Francis, son of J. W. and Nancy Francis, was born November 8, 1863 at Bells in Grayson County, and passed away December 14, 1944 at the age of 81 in Hot Springs, New Mexico . . . Willie Wesley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wesley, was accidentally shot Sunday while hunting—or rather while getting ready to hunt. He was driving the car and the .22 rifle was accidentally discharged from the back seat. The bullet entered the fleshy part of his back . . .

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For The Week Ending December 8

Large numbers of export registrations reinforce the belief that there is strong long-term demand for cotton into the 1995 calendar year. Consequently, U. S. cotton prices remain high amid tightening world supplies. This week's government reports supported these encouraging notions.

USDA announced export sales of 1994-95 U. S. cotton increased a net 1,460,600 bales in the week ended December 1, almost equaling the

previous week's figure of 1,558,200 bales. Many market watchers anticipated this latest export figure.

The Step 2 marketing certificate is no longer available since the AWP has risen above the 65 cent cutoff and the U. S. is now considered competitive in the world market. With many foreign crops in short supply, some in the trade believe that this could mean the certificate will not be available until after next season's cotton is harvested.

In anticipation of the certificate's disappearance, many exporters scrambled to register for export sales as exhibited by the past two week's USDA reports. Midway into the season, export commitments which include pima cotton, have soared to more than 8.8 million bales, 1.6 million bales above

the current USDA estimate for the entire year.

The New York Cotton Exchange commitment of traders report drew attention to a sharp rise in the speculative net long position. The increase of 10 percent from the previous number brought it to the largest figure since June of 1988. Normally, this would throw up a caution flag. However, under closer analysis, the impressive net spec long position is not all it seems considering that a large extent of the spec increase was option-related activity involving the trade.

The U. S. agricultural attache' in Pakistan has reduced his estimate of the country's production to 6.5 million bales, down 300,000 bales from last

month. As a result, he increased Pakistan's import estimate 200,000 bales, bringing the total to 250,000 bales. At the same time, the attache' lowered his forecast of Pakistan's 1994-95 cotton exports to zero, compared to his previous forecast of 50,000 bales. According to the attache', an export ban was enacted when Pakistan's 1993-94 cotton crop was much lower than expected. Although the export ban is scheduled to be reviewed soon, many observers believe it will continue until the domestic market stabilizes.

Expectations are that China will be a net importer, as well. Last week, the International Cotton Advisory Committee trimmed China's cotton crop expectations to 19.3 million bales, 1.7 million bales lower than its earlier prediction. Some analysts believe that China soon will be in desperate need for cotton since the current crop is reported to be infested with insects, and farmers are refusing to sell their readily-available cotton to the government. Joint venture mills, left to fend for themselves amid drastic shortages, have imported up to 400,000 bales of U. S. cotton since August.

Meanwhile, private forecasters in India are predicting a 9.8 million bale production figure for that country which is 600,000 bales below last month's USDA figure. According to one cotton official, in response to cotton crop estimate scale downs, prices in India have zoomed up recently due to "excessive speculation" by some government officials. In fact, some ginners in northern India are said to be dishonoring cotton sale contracts after domestic cotton prices shot up in the past month.

Tightening world supplies of cotton, particularly with reductions in overseas crops, has fueled a bull run that took New York December and March futures more than 15 cents per pound higher since the beginning of October. One cotton specialist stated that there have been only five times in the last 21 years where cotton futures have gone above 80 cents in December.

Spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 8 totaled 114,926 bales, down from the previous week's 212,038 bales. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 73.47 to 75.95 cents per pound.



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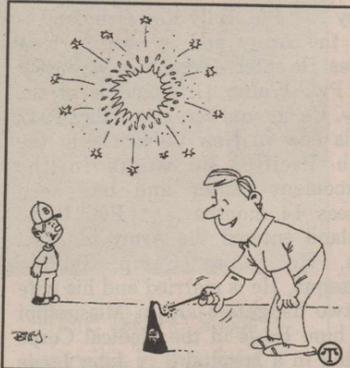
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Hints On Handling Fireworks

(NAPS)—The experts at the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer these do's and don'ts on the safe and proper way to celebrate with fireworks.



Fireworks can add delight to many occasions when used properly.

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Don't give fireworks to young children.

DO keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy.



Seasonal upswings in the volume of cotton marketed pushed October marketings up from September's 825,000 bales to 2,518,000 bales. The average price received by growers for October was 65.7 cents per pound.

Through October preliminary marketing and price figures indicate a total 1994 upland cotton deficiency payment of 7.71 cents per pound. Subtracting the 6.45-cent advance payment most growers received at program sign-up leaves a projected final payment rate of only 1.26 cents per pound.

Marketings historically increase during October, November and December and October's increase is not out of line for this time of year. Plains Cotton Growers officials note, however, that recent upturns in the prices received for cotton could affect 1994 deficiency payments before the year's end.

"The potential is there for producers to receive no final deficiency payment or for them to receive a minimal payment at best," explains Donald Johnson, PCG's Executive Vice President. "What we do not have a good handle on is whether or not producers may have to pay back part of their advance payment."

Nobody knows for sure what will happen; however, increased cotton prices across the board make the possibility of paying back part of the 1994 advance payment something producers need to be thinking about.

Deficiency payments are calculated as the lesser of the difference between the

target price and either the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Loan Rate or the average price received by growers weighed by total marketings for the preceding calendar year.

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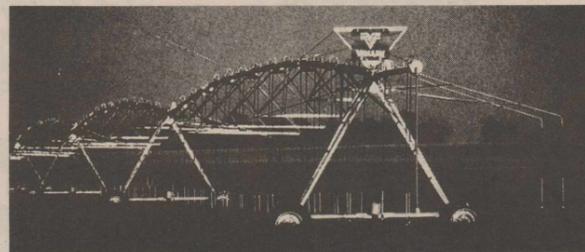
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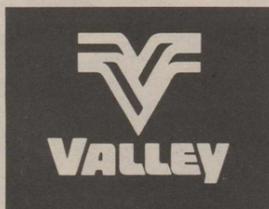
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Lady Owls Win Third at Valley

Silverton's Lady Owls played to a 63-55 decision over the Memphis Lady Cyclones last Saturday in the Valley Tournament, earning third-place honors. Molly Bomar burned the baskets with a huge 26-point effort to lead the team. Dedra Johnston dropped in 13 points. Also scoring were Michelle Warren, nine; Brandi Brunson, six; Shauna Kingery, four; Leslee Weaks, three, and Lacy Brunson, two points.

The Lady Owls held a narrow 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, and were ahead by the same two points, 27-25, at the midway stop. The score was knotted at 42-42 at the end of three quarters, and they put it away 63-55 in the fourth period.

In the first round of the tournament, the Lady Owls had defeated the Clarendon Lady Bronchos 45-31. Molly Bomar led the scoring in this game with 12 points. Dedra Johnston also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the balanced score were Lori Brannon, nine; Brandi Brunson, eight; Shannon Weaver, Michelle Warren and Lacy Brunson, two points each.

The Lady Owls led at the end of each quarter: 9-5, 20-13, 25-23 and 45-31.

The Lady Owls lost their second-round game, 32-53, to a good Groom team. The Tiger ladies go into the playoffs just about every year, and they seem headed in that direction again. Brandi Brunson led the offense for the

Lady Owls by scoring 12 points. Dedra Johnston caged seven; Molly Bomar, five; Lori Brannon and Shannon Weaver, three points each, and Lacy Brunson, two points.

Silverton's girls trailed at the end of each quarter: 9-18, 15-31, 23-40 and 32-53.

The Owls lost both of their games in the tournament, the first by a 34-78 margin to the highly-ranked Clarendon Bronchos. Jack Cherry led the scoring with 14 points and Arnold Garza racked up 10 points. Also scoring were Zeb Holt, six; Trey Wyatt and Jon Ivory, two points each.

Silverton trailed 9-26, 13-45, 21-64 and 34-78.

They suffered a 52-67 defeat at the hands of the Groom Tigers, who like their female counterparts, make it to the playoffs just about every year. Jack Cherry burned the baskets with 22 points, followed by Trey Wyatt, 11, and Arnold Garza, 10. Adding to the score were Brandon Sarchet, four; Zeb Holt and Jon Ivory, two points each, and Cy Comer, one point from the line.



Dedra Johnston puts up a three-point shot as other Lady Owls move in for a rebound--if there is one. Also in the picture are (left to right) Shannon Weaver, Brandi Brunson and Molly Bomar, along with several of their opponent players.

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The ladies won and the gents lost their games to Motley County here on Tuesday, December 6.

The action began with a 32-15 victory by the junior varsity Lady Owls who led 10-2, 19-5, 27-11 and 32-15.

Lacy Brunson led the offense by caging a big 18 points. Also scoring were Kenzie Burson, seven; Shauna Kingery, five; Molly Brooks, two points.

The varsity Lady Owls defeated Motley 56-48 behind the 16-point effort of Brandi Brunson. Molly Bomar, Shannon Weaver and Michelle Warren scored eight points each; Dedra Johnston got seven; Lori Brannon put up five, and Leslee Weaks added four points.

The Silverton girls led 16-11, 34-27, 47-42 and finished ahead 56-48.

The junior varsity Owls dropped their game 28-35, trailing 6-11 at the end of the first quarter, 16-20 at halftime and 18-30 at the end of three quarters.

Andy Bullock led the offense by scoring 16 points. Also putting points on the board were Leland Wood and Hector Martinez, four points each; Jared Francis and Will Hester, two



"You are not getting this rebound" seems to be what Molly Bomar is thinking as she battles for the ball. Dedra Johnston and Leslee Weaks are also in the photo.

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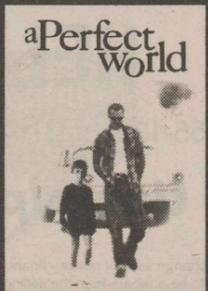
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CAPITOL COMMENT

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Welfare: From a Helping Hand to a Way of Life

This country's welfare system is no longer what it was supposed to be: temporary assistance to help families in need get back on their feet. Welfare has gone from being a helping hand to a way of life.

Created in 1935 to sustain the most desperate victims of the Great Depression, indigent widows and their children, the welfare system was vastly expanded beginning in 1965 as part of the War on Poverty. But despite the noble intentions, welfare in late 20th century America has spawned and continues to sustain some of the most distressing ills a society can encounter: illegitimacy, the disintegration of family life, disappearance of the work ethic. Indirectly, it encourages ever-rising levels of violence and juvenile crime.

This is not to say that all welfare recipients are examples of the above, but they are all victims of a faulty system. Their neighborhoods have witnessed a breakdown of civil society, one that threatens not only those in the immediate vicinity, but the rest of our country as well.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, this nation has spent \$5 trillion (in 1992 dollars) fighting the War on Poverty over the past 30 years. Yet the poverty rate as a percentage of the total population is higher today than when the war was declared.

Today, we spend \$350 billion a year on 79 means-tested welfare programs — more than our country spends on defense. If the money spent on welfare were simply divided evenly and sent to those who live below the poverty level, each person would get \$8,900, or slightly less than \$35,000 a year for a family of four. This is more than the median household income in the United States.

So why are there apparently more people living in poverty than ever before? A partial explanation involves two disparate elements: accounting and bureaucratic self-interest: Only cash income is considered in measuring poverty. Thus the official number of poor people continues to climb even though spending on non-cash benefits such as medical care, food stamps and public housing multiplies.

At the same time, according to the center, "It is in the self-interest of the welfare-poverty industry to make sure that more money is spent on poverty programs without reducing the number of poor people."

The system is self-perpetuating. Those who administer it have no incentive to encourage welfare beneficiaries to move forward with their lives;

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dependency is presented to them as acceptable and inevitable. Individual responsibility is discounted.

This is neither beneficial nor benign. Our good intentions have led us — and those in need of help — down a dead-end street. The way out will involve more than reforming the system. We have to identify ways to help the poor to help themselves.

A Blueprint for Genuine Reform

The sheer volume of legislation which Congress has imposed on the country over the past 40 years has reached critical mass, threatening American freedom and prosperity. That burden must be lifted.

I have suggested to incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole that he immediately appoint a panel made up of members of Congress to consider regulatory reform and suggest constructive changes in current laws. Ideally, a near-term list should be put together before the 104th Congress convenes.

The panel should use a "common-sense" test as a basis for recommending change, asking the question, "Does the need for a law outweigh its costs?"

For instance, most Americans are appalled to learn that drug abuse is now classified as a disability, and that addicts and alcoholics are given Supplemental Security Income payments which they often use to supply their addictions rather than obtain food, shelter and treatment.

This doesn't pass the "common-sense" test. It wastes resources and does actual harm to those it purports to help. There are countless other examples of counterproductive federal expenditures which should be identified and then eliminated.

Pending reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act also deserve immediate attention. I favor the addition of "common-sense" amendments which would protect private property rights and address cost/benefit considerations. Government should be required to pay the costs of aggressive environmental regulation if it substantially reduces the market value of private real estate or causes other tangible harm.

Some reform issues can be addressed promptly. But we must go beyond dealing with the most acute of our immediate problems. We must also review the massive amount of government regulation that has accumulated over the past 10 years. The identification of areas in need of long-term reform could be accomplished by either a panel of senators or by a regulatory relief commission composed of members from both Houses of Congress and the business community.

The long-term review process ought to encompass changes to various laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, OSHA, the Clean Air Act and others with the goal of removing or modifying provisions which place undue burdens on business, inhibit job growth or injure private property rights.

I envision this review being conducted during the first session of the 104th Congress, with remedial legislative action following in the second session.

There are other measures on which we should move quickly, such as genuine reform of health insurance, lobbying and gift disclosure and campaign finance reform (not public financing). We also need to enact tort reform, pass a real crime bill with mandatory minimum sentences and bring about habeas corpus reform.



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Our National Sin Debt

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For more than a decade now, the National Debt has been a major topic of discussion. Our National Debt, as I write, is approaching four trillion dollars. We have gone from a country that was a blessing to much of the world, to being a debtor nation. Politicians and would-be leaders, both conservative and liberal, have given us reports that the problem is "the other political party." The problem is/was "Reaganomics," "Trickle-down economy," or the Democratic Congress with its "Tax and Spend" programs.

May I say that the problem and solution does not lie in the Democratic or Republican Parties, or any other for that matter, but the problem is America's sin. In reality, our National Debt is our National SIN Debt. If you add up the sum total of all that sin and its consequences costs us, I believe, with all my heart, it would equal our monumental National Debt. Sin has a large price tag. God's Word speaks of "the wages of sin." Let me cite some examples:

(1) In the early 1980's, a man murdered his wife by putting poison in some Tylenol capsules. There were a couple of copycat attempts at the same method of murder shortly thereafter. Since then, multitudes of products now have seals on them. Add up the cost of all the seals, plus the cost of design and manufacture of machinery to apply the seals, and on and on. No doubt, many millions—maybe billions—of dollars are taken out of our economy every year because of the price of murder.

(2) Think of the cost of employee theft. Add to that the loss because of shoplifting. Add to that the cost of security guards and security systems all over America. Add the cost of every automobile anti-theft device (alarms, "The Club," etc.) When you add it up, you'll get billions of dollars a year because of the sin of stealing.

(3) Think of the cost of sexual sin to our nation. We support multitudes of babies born out of wedlock through Welfare and Day Care, etc. Add to that the cost of fighting the diseases spread through fornication. What is AIDS costing the U. S. A.? I'm speaking of

medical research, the cost of "educating our citizens how to sin safely (safe sex)," and, of course, the multi-billions of dollars to care for AIDS patients, which is crushing our Healthcare System and will increase. Healthcare Insurance is priced almost out of reach. Because of the sin of fornication.

(4) Think of the cost of drunkenness to our nation. Think of what alcohol and drug abuse costs us every year. I'm speaking of car wrecks, broken homes, liver disease, sanitariums and drug wards and treatment centers. Add to that the cost of missed time off of the job, disability payments to thousands of able-bodied men because they say they have the "disease of alcoholism," etc. Add to that the cost of keeping people in prisons. (80% of men and women in prison were either under the influence of drugs/alcohol when they committed acts, which caused them to be incarcerated, or were doing wrong to get money for alcohol and other drugs.) Again, the skyrocketing cost of health care is multiplied by the sin of drunkenness. And to add to that the cost of taking care of families whose bread winner is sick, dead or in prison because of this sin. More could be said, but, no doubt, billions and billions are added to our "National Sin Debt" by this sin.

(5) Laziness on the job adds a great percentage of cost to our manufactured items. I worked in a Union Printing Shop for twelve years (1968-1980.) I was taught how to look busy while I was "bumming" on the job. If a man worked more than four out of eight hours, he was a "Company man" and was "stealing our overtime pay." No doubt, we could have produced the same products for at least 1/3 less cost. The Union protected laziness, lack of ability and those who missed much time. The Company went out of business in 1980 because production costs were too high. Look at the prices we pay for automobiles today and steel and other manufactured products. This sin of laziness on the job and greed of the workers (not all, but some) translates into billions and billions of added cost to consumers and adds to our National Sin Debt.

(6) Think of the cost of greedy people with lawsuit-happy lawyers that adds

to our debt. This multiplies the cost of Malpractice insurance for doctors, causes doctors to do sometimes unnecessary tests to "cover their backs" from lawsuits. This debt is passed down to you and me by increased health cost. Frivolous lawsuits, and the lawyers getting rich from them, suck billions out of our economy and cripples our Criminal Justice System by tying up our courts. Who pays for the million dollar settlements we hear about? You and I! You say, "No, it's General Motors or some other company." Yes, but the cost trickles down to the consumers. Nothing is done to remedy this problem because the people who could change "The System" are getting rich off of the same. Think for a minute: Each lawsuit employs at minimum one lawyer for the plaintiff, one defense attorney, plus a judge (also part of the lawyer fraternity) to try the case. Appeals to State and U. S. Supreme Courts made of lawyers. Who is going to change the system? Not the lawyers, but the cost of this sin of greed is mounting up as part of our National Sin Debt.

(7) Think of the cost of cigarette smoking to our Health Care System. The cost to taxpayers paying for the greed and thievery of those involved in the "S. and I. Scandals." Add the cost of Washington "Pork Barrel Projects," or \$600 toilet seats in our Defense Budgets, the House Banking and Post Office Scandals. The interest from credit cards that causes many Americans to pay 18-20% more for a product because of their covetousness and impatience to buy now and pay later. Add the extra cost of more police to protect us. We sow murder and violence into our young people through the TV and Movie Industry.

We could go on and on, but I'm convinced that, if you add up the cost of the sin of our nation, it would add up to our almost four trillion dollars of debt (NOTE: It would far surpass it!—Editor) Our National Debt is our National Sin Debt! In the book of Haggai, God's Word speaks of a nation with economic problems. "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earnest wages earnest wages to put it into a bag with

holes" (Hag. 1:6). This sounds like our economy!

Bracketing this verse in both verses 5 and 7, God says to His people, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, CONSIDER YOUR WAYS." As a nation, we must consider our ways! We, as a nation, have forgotten God. We set aside the Bible and prayer a generation ago or so. Like a "cut flower," we still looked good for awhile, but we are reaping an evil harvest today. The flower is wilting! We have cut ourselves off from the source of blessing. "One nation under God." Our National Sin Debt is one part of the manifestation of the consequences of our sin. There are many others which time and space do not permit us to mention. No family or individual can keep spending and spending and going deeper and deeper into debt without terrible trouble coming. As a nation, if we do not consider our ways, our "pay day" is coming!

The Republicans and Democrats and Mr. Perot will not fix our National Debt as long as we keep the sin spigots open. The trend this year with proclaiming what God calls crooked to be straight (homosexuals in the military; using more tax money for abortions) will only worsen the problem and hasten our ruin. We need a miracle of God in America. Never has a nation risen so gloriously and faded so quickly! God says revival starts with His people (2 Chron. 7:14). Do you care? Would you seek God's face and turn from your wicked ways? He said, "... then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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This is not to say that all welfare recipients are examples of the above, but they are all victims of a faulty system. Their neighborhoods have witnessed a breakdown of civil society, one that threatens not only those in the immediate vicinity, but the rest of our country as well.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas, this nation has spent \$5 trillion (in 1992 dollars) fighting the War on Poverty over the past 30 years. Yet the poverty rate as a percentage of the total population is higher today than when the war was declared.

Today, we spend \$350 billion a year on 79 means-tested welfare programs — more than our country spends on defense. If the money spent on welfare were simply divided evenly and sent to those who live below the poverty level, each person would get \$8,900, or slightly less than \$35,000 a year for a family of four. This is more than the median household income in the United States.

So why are there apparently more people living in poverty than ever before? A partial explanation involves two disparate elements: accounting and bureaucratic self-interest: Only cash income is considered in measuring poverty. Thus the official number of poor people continues to climb even though spending on non-cash benefits such as medical care, food stamps and public housing multiplies.

At the same time, according to the center, "It is in the self-interest of the welfare-poverty industry to make sure that more money is spent on poverty programs without reducing the number of poor people."

The system is self-perpetuating. Those who administer it have no incentive to encourage welfare beneficiaries to move forward with their lives;

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dependency is presented to them as acceptable and inevitable. Individual responsibility is discounted.

This is neither beneficial nor benign. Our good intentions have led us — and those in need of help — down a dead-end street. The way out will involve more than reforming the system. We have to identify ways to help the poor to help themselves.

A Blueprint for Genuine Reform

The sheer volume of legislation which Congress has imposed on the country over the past 40 years has reached critical mass, threatening American freedom and prosperity. That burden must be lifted.

I have suggested to incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole that he immediately appoint a panel made up of members of Congress to consider regulatory reform and suggest constructive changes in current laws. Ideally, a near-term list should be put together before the 104th Congress convenes.

The panel should use a "common-sense" test as a basis for recommending change, asking the question, "Does the need for a law outweigh its costs?"

For instance, most Americans are appalled to learn that drug abuse is now classified as a disability, and that addicts and alcoholics are given Supplemental Security Income payments which they often use to supply their addictions rather than obtain food, shelter and treatment.

This doesn't pass the "common-sense" test. It wastes resources and does actual harm to those it purports to help. There are countless other examples of counterproductive federal expenditures which should be identified and then eliminated.

Pending reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act also deserve immediate attention. I favor the addition of "common-sense" amendments which would protect private property rights and address cost/benefit considerations. Government should be required to pay the costs of aggressive environmental regulation if it substantially reduces the market value of private real estate or causes other tangible harm.

Some reform issues can be addressed promptly. But we must go beyond dealing with the most acute of our immediate problems. We must also review the massive amount of government regulation that has accumulated over the past 10 years. The identification of areas in need of long-term reform could be accomplished by either a panel of senators or by a regulatory relief commission composed of members from both Houses of Congress and the business community.

The long-term review process ought to encompass changes to various laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, OSHA, the Clean Air Act and others with the goal of removing or modifying provisions which place undue burdens on business, inhibit job growth or injure private property rights.

I envision this review being conducted during the first session of the 104th Congress, with remedial legislative action following in the second session.

There are other measures on which we should move quickly, such as genuine reform of health insurance, lobbying and gift disclosure and campaign finance reform (not public financing). We also need to enact tort reform, pass a real crime bill with mandatory minimum sentences and bring about habeas corpus reform.

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Workers' Comp May Affect Social Security

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

A young man who's getting both workers' compensation and Social Security disability benefits called our

office to ask why his Social Security benefits are being reduced. We told him that ordinarily disability payments from other sources don't affect Social Security disability benefits but that there are exceptions.

Social Security disability benefits are not affected by disability payments from a private source. Examples of such payments are private pensions or private insurance benefits, Department

of Veterans Affairs benefits, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. In some cases, a disability payment from a Federal, State, or local government won't affect your Social Security benefits—only if the payment is from an agency where you worked and at least 85 percent of the work was during a period when the agency was paying Social Security taxes. (Many government agencies do not pay into Social Security.)

Examples of public disability payments that may affect your Social Security disability benefit are federal civil service disability benefits, military disability benefits, and State or local government retirement benefits that are based on disability. These benefits may cause the worker's Social Security family benefits to be reduced.

We told the caller that his Social Security benefits were reduced so the combined amount of the benefit he and his family receive, plus his workers' compensation payment and any other public disability payment, won't exceed 80 percent of his average current earnings. If this sum exceeds 80 percent of those earnings, the excess amount is deducted from his Social Security benefit. The combined benefits will never be less than the amount of his and his family's total Social Security benefits before they were reduced.

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The benefit reduction will last until the month he reaches age 65 or the month his workers' compensation or other public disability payment stops, whichever comes first. That's why it's important for him to let us know if his workers' compensation or public disability payment stops.

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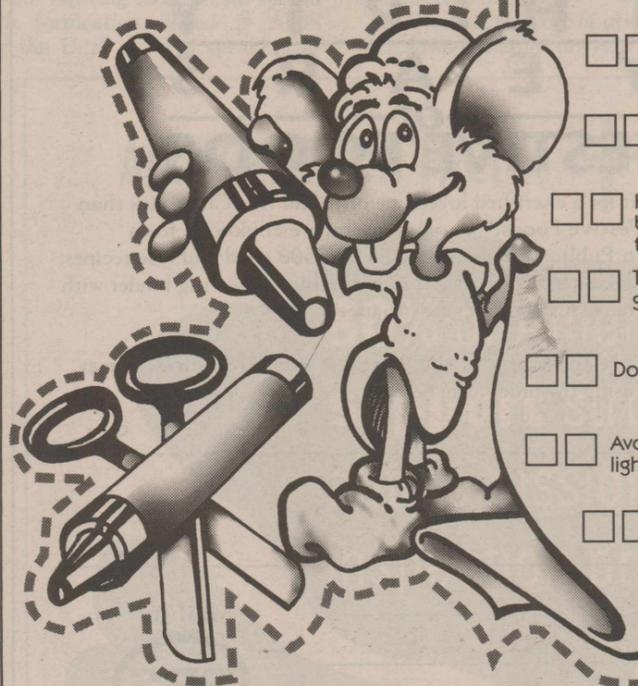
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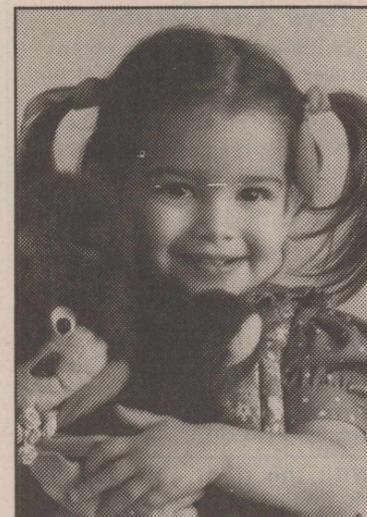


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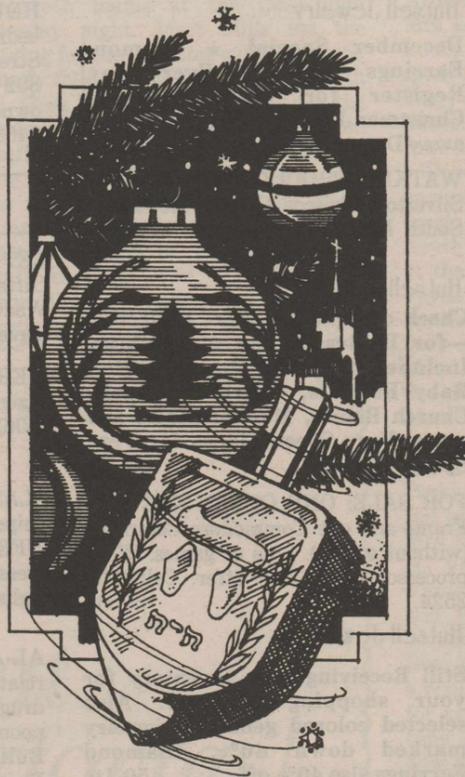
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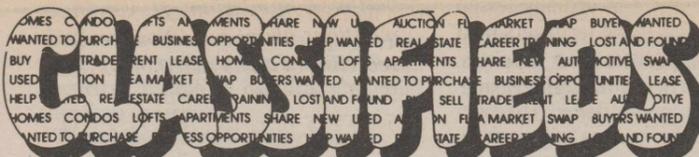
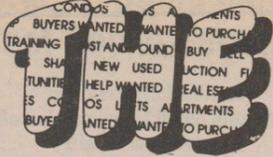
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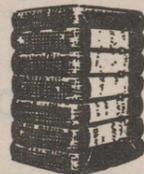
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vide nitrogen and can actually lessen your need for chemical fertilizers next summer. If you collect your clippings, you can add them to your compost pile, giving it a nitrogen boost that isn't usually available in the winter. Rye grass shouldn't hold back your warm-season grass, either turf grass or grass grown from seeds. As the rye dies back in the heat, it will provide a natural fertilizer for your other grass. Consider planting a cover crop in your garden, too; you'll get the same soil stimulation and fertilization benefits as in the yard.

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vation Commission. If you have questions about reduction, reuse or recycling of waste, call the CLEAN TEXAS 2000 Information Center at 1-800-64-TEXAS, or write CLEAN TEXAS 2000, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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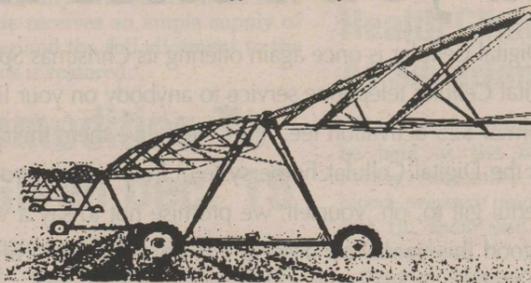


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Medicare Provides Help For Terminally Ill At Their Home

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

One of the less known Medicare provisions is providing relief to many terminally ill patients, particularly those who prefer to spend their final days in the comfort of their home. Medicare's hospice care eases the stress for both the patient and the family through special services and care.

The hospice benefit provides coverage for a variety of services not usually covered under Medicare. There are no deductibles and Medicare pays for services provided every day by a hospice. This program also permits a hospice to provide appropriate personal care, including homemaker services and counseling. In other words, it's the special type of care that a terminally ill

person needs.

A hospice may be a public agency or a private organization that provides care for terminally ill patients. It is not a hospital. The terminally ill patient can be cared for at home or as an inpatient at the hospice. The hospice also provides respite care so the home caregiver, usually a spouse or relative, can have a few days off. Respite care is limited to no more than five days in a row. There is no limit to the number of times respite care can be used during an illness.

A terminally ill patient can qualify for the hospice benefit and Medicare Part A will pay for hospice care if all three of the following conditions are met.

1. A doctor certifies that the patient is terminally ill.
2. The patient chooses to receive care from a hospice instead of a hospital.
3. Care is provided by a Medicare-participating hospice program.

In addition to doctor and nursing services, the hospice provides other Medicare covered services including medications, home health aide and

homemaker visits, medical social services, medical equipment, short-term inpatient care (including respite care), and counseling for the patient and the caregivers.

The hospice benefit covers a seven-month period. This time can be continuous or, if the patient chooses, may be used in two 90-day periods, and then a 30-day period. If necessary, this time can be extended. The patient may stop the hospice benefit period, return to regular Medicare coverage, and then start the hospice benefit again if another benefit period is available.

The patient pays \$5.00 toward each prescription, and five percent of the Medicare-allowed rate for respite care, approximately \$5.00. If a patient needs treatment for a condition not related to the terminal illness, Medicare continues to help pay for all necessary covered services under the standard Medicare benefit program.

If you are caring for a terminally ill person and have any questions about Medicare and the hospice benefit, visit or write your local Social Security office. You may also call our toll-free

number, 1-800-772-1213. Our busiest times are early in the week and early in the month. If possible, it is best to call at other times.

Law Makes It Easier To Pay Household Social Security Taxes

by Terry Richardson
Social Security Office Manager
Plainview, Texas

If you hire someone to work in your home, a new law makes it easier for you to pay Social Security taxes on their earnings. You'll have fewer forms to complete and, depending on how much you employ outside help, you may pay less tax.

Workers covered by this change in the law are maids, child care providers, gardeners, and others who provide household services. If they are under age 18, they're exempt from coverage unless household employment is their main occupation.

Instead of filing a report each calendar quarter and paying tax on the earnings of workers who are paid \$50 or more during the quarter, no tax will be due unless the earnings are at least \$1,000 for the full year. The tax rate is unchanged, with you and your employee each paying 7.65 percent of the gross earnings.

The new tax threshold is effective with 1994 earnings. In those cases where a household worker was paid less than \$1,000, the employer and employee will receive refunds for their share of the taxes; however, the employee won't lose his or her Social Security credits.

For 1994, you should file the quarterly form 942 to report Social Security and Federal unemployment tax obligations. Beginning in 1995, you will be required to report those taxes on your own Federal tax return (Form 1040). During 1995-97, you can pay the employment taxes in a lump sum when you file your tax return, without incurring a late penalty. Beginning in 1998, you will need to satisfy the tax obligation by increasing your quarterly tax payments or increasing the tax withholding on your own wages.

If you have questions about the changes in reporting household employment and paying the Social Security taxes on household employment, contact your local Social Security office, or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Our busiest times are early in the week and early in the month. So, if your questions can wait, it's best to call at other times.

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