



City to continue tax, cites future options

By JOHN BROOKS
Managing Editor

The Hereford City Commission approved an ordinance Monday night to continue taxing "freeport" goods in 1990, but the commission doesn't want industry to think the city is against growth.

If the exemption had been granted, goods in transit to another state that stay in the county for less than 175 days would have been exempt from local taxes. Texas is the only state that taxes such goods, but a constitutional amendment passed in November calls for the tax to be repealed unless local entities decide to tax the goods.

"I'm real anxious that businesses understand that it's very likely we're going to give this exemption in the future if it has the effect we think it will have on economic development," said commissioner R.W. "Bud" Eades. "I hope this is not interpreted as against economic development."

Mayor Wes Fisher said it would not have been prudent for the city to grant the exemption without knowing its full effect. Because the freeport goods have not been specified in inventories in the past, the Deaf Smith County Tax Appraisal District doesn't have exact figures on what the exemption would cost the city or other governments.

Fisher also pointed out that governments have the right to abate

taxes in the interim if a company meets the criteria. The city, by voting to continue the tax, has the right to repeal the exemption at any point in the future.

"This was so vague to all of us that we don't know everything about," said Commissioner Irene Cantu.

Commissioners also approved the sale of 30 acres of land adjacent to the

city airport to Elmo Hall, who owns Western Feedyard which also abuts the property. Hall bought the land for \$105 an acre.

The city also approved the second reading of the renewal of the Energas franchise and approved a resolution that will allow the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority to borrow \$50 million.

Assistant county agent named here

Wade Shackelford, 22, of Cisco, has been named as the new assistant county Extension agent for Deaf Smith County.

Shackelford was hired Monday by the Deaf Smith County commissioners' court. Shackelford, a graduate of Tarleton State University at Stephenville, will officially begin his duties on Jan. 1.

Shackelford is a graduate of Cisco High School, where he was very active in FFA, serving as Greenhand chapter president and as chapter president. He exhibited the grand champion steer at his local show for three years and the county show two years, the grand champion heifer at the local show three years and the county show two years, and exhibited steers, heifers and hogs at Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Waco and Abilene shows.

He was active in other areas of FFA in high school and in college.

Also active in athletics, Shackelford was all-district quarterback two years and an all-district defensive back, helping guide Cisco to the quarterfinals. He was also all-district in basketball two years.

His work in Deaf Smith County will focus on working with 4-H'ers while



SHACKELFORD

assisting in other areas of Extension services in the county.

Commissioners also paid bills, approved various reports, and appointed Ruben Flores to a two-year term on the Child Welfare Board.

Commissioners met on Monday because their next regular meeting would have been on Christmas Day. The commission's next meeting will be on Jan. 8, 1990.

Sale of failed S&L's assets is ordered

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration is telling regulators to begin selling real estate and other assets from failed savings and loans even before the government officially closes the institutions.

Regulators "should... immediately begin shrinking such institutions' balance sheets in a coordinated and orderly manner," instructs a document obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The administration, in a 91-page strategic plan, also is telling regulators to discourage influence-peddling by keeping a public log of all attempts by "senior public officials" or their staffs to influence their decisions.

The plan, scheduled for release by the end of the year, was prepared by the Resolution Trust Corp. Oversight Board, an administration panel headed by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady. The board sets policy for the

Resolution Trust Corp., a new entity run by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., an independent regulatory agency.

Under pressure from critics to increase the pace of its savings and loan bailout, the administration plan outlines its approach to the huge task of selling more than \$300 billion in S&L assets.

As of Dec. 8, the RTC had control of 280 failed S&Ls, having disposed of 33 since its creation Aug. 9. It expects to get jurisdiction of at least another 220 insolvent thrifts in the next 21 years.

Most of the 33 S&L resolutions so far have involved transferring the deposits of the failed institution to a healthy bank or S&L, leaving the government with the thrifts' bad loans and repossessed real estate.

Critics say unless the RTC starts (See S&L's, Page 2)



More snow!

Matthew Baird, left, and Anne Weaver were among the happy kids in Hereford Saturday as snow fell throughout the day, creating a white playground. Light snow fell all day, dumping about an inch of the white stuff on the city. The snow accompanied a cold front that dropped temperatures Saturday. Another cold front breezed through the region Monday, but there was little moisture with it. No precipitation is expected with yet another cold blast on Thursday.

CSF effort shifts into high gear

A meager pension poses slim comfort for many needy senior citizens in the community this Christmas.

A grandmother and a disabled grandfather try to get by on his disability check of just over \$400 a month—their sole source of income. Yet, when this couple asked for help from the Christmas Stocking Fund, their request wasn't for themselves—they asked for food and toys to make Christmas merrier for their grandchildren.

Senior citizens in need come in for special attention from the anonymous volunteer CSF committee administering the community's holiday charity. The committee is well aware of the limited means available to many senior citizens, and they target assistance based on community-wide donations to a number of seniors down on their luck.

People from all walks get help from CSF, thanks to the donations

of caring residents of Hereford and Deaf Smith County, and a broad cross-section of the community is represented by the CSF committee.

CSF is an all-volunteer effort, and is a shining example of the community at its best. This year's drive is no exception as local schools, civic clubs, churches and businesses press forward with what may well prove the greatest CSF campaign ever.

Local schools are showing their customary overwhelming response to canned-food drives on local campuses. Thousands of cans of food will be collected from schools this week by the Hereford Key Club and turned over to CSF. That food will allow CSF to provide food baskets to a large number of applicants who have requested that help.

Local utilities have a food and paper-goods drive underway. Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, South-

western Public Service Co., Energas Co., and West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op are in a friendly competition that will net CSF still more material. Food from this football season's "Can the Bulldogs" night at Whiteface Stadium will also benefit CSF.

The CSF effort shifts into high gear this week as volunteers take delivery of food drive items, as well as the large bill of groceries and toiletries the campaign purchases locally each year. Food baskets will be prepared later this week for delivery Dec. 22. Workers from the City of Hereford and Energas will be assisting with the deliveries. CSF volunteers will also be preparing vouchers to help with utility and medical bills.

Contributions for this year's campaign totalled \$13,792 Monday. Last year's record amount was approximately \$16,000. Friday will be the deadline for donations, as The Brand offices will be closed over the weekend.

There's still time to do your part to push CSF over the top to its greatest success yet this holiday season. Make your contributions in person at The Hereford Brand or mail them to the CSF, in care of The Brand, Box 673, Hereford.

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M/M R.A. Crist	100.00
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Anonymous	25.00
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Wesley United Methodist Church	50.00
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Hereford

Bull

By Speedy Nieman



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says it's amazing how a little soap and water can turn a complete stranger into your own child.

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Doug Manning loves to see it snow—it's the only time his yard looks as good as all the neighbors.

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Hereford's Christmas Stocking Fund appears headed for another record-breaking year in donations. The total today was \$13,792, about \$2,000 ahead of the amount at this date last year. This newspaper's list of contributions totalled \$15,441 last year, and the CSF committee reported that late donations made the final count about \$16,000.

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Former Hereford resident Buel Monroe is recovering from serious surgery in Tucumcari. For friends who would like to send a card, the address is P.O. Box 1943, Tucumcari, N.M. 88701.

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During this holiday season, with all the parties to enjoy, it's difficult for those on diets to remain on same. But Roy McQueen, down at The Snyder Daily News, has pointed out that there are some "Calories That Don't Count." These include:

Food on foot: All food eaten while standing has no calories. Exactly why is not clear, but the current theory relates to gravity.

The calories apparently by-pass the stomach flowing directly down the legs and through the soles of the feet into the floor, like electricity.

TV food: Anything eaten in front of the tv has no calories. This may have something to do with radiation leakage, which negates not only the calories but all recollections of having eaten it.

Uneven edges: Pies and cakes should be cut neatly, in even wedges or slices. If not, the responsibility falls on the person putting them away to straighten up the edges by slicing away the offending irregularities, which have no calories when eaten.

Food on toothpicks: Sausage, cocktail franks, cheese, and crackers are all fattening unless impaled on frilled toothpicks. The insertion of a sharp object allows the calories to leak out.

Charitable foods: Girl Scout cookies, bake sale items, ice cream and church dinners all have a religious dispensation from calories.

Custom-made foods: Anything somebody makes just for you must be eaten regardless of calories, because to do otherwise would be uncaring and insensitive. It is believed that your kind-hearted intentions will not go unrewarded.

So, if you want to believe these theories, go ahead and enjoy yourself this holiday season!



1989 Christmas Stocking Fund

Cleavinger urges producers to join fight to save sugar program

SCOTTSDLUFF, Neb. (AP) - Sugar beet producers need to join the fight to maintain the sugar program or see it die, Bill Cleavinger told the 400 members of the Nebraska Non-Stock Sugar Beet Growers Association on Friday.

Cleavinger, of Wildorado, president of the national group, said battling the negative image of the sugar program will be a difficult task.

During the meeting, David Haun of the state association's public relations committee showed growers a recent editorial in a national newspaper claiming that the sugar program is costly to Americans and harms the economies of Central and Latin American countries.

"It's part of the never-ending bashing of the American sugar industry. We need to rid these writers of these falsities," Haun said.

Cleavinger said industrial sugar users want to pay less for sugar and they spend millions to attack the industry.

"This sort of thing comes about because the sugar users have about \$4 million dollars to spend and they crank these things out," he said.

That is why it is so important to tell the "sugar side of the story," he said. For example, while there may only be 13,000 sugar beet growers in America, more than 300,000 jobs are created by the industry, he said.

John Maser, president of the Nebraska Sugar Beet Growers Association, said there's a need to educate Nebraskans about the sugar industry in their state.

"People from eastern Nebraska, who lived in this state all their lives, had never known that there was a sugar industry here," Maser said.

The industry also must fight U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter's stand on eliminating the sugar quota in international trade agreements, Cleavinger said.

Yeutter has been advocating the elimination of sugar quota's in the international General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade if other nations follow suit.

Sugar beet producers must be able to tell their industry's case to the nation's leaders, and that involves contributions to political action committees, Cleavinger said.

He said contributions do not buy votes but the chance to present the sugar industry's case to the nation's leaders.

"Given the opportunity, I can sell sugar," he said. Cleavinger said he represented the industry in a recent meeting with President George Bush.

"I told him many of your counterparts over this earth would like to have your problem," he said, noting that Americans don't have to wait in line for food and pay a fraction of the cost that consumers in other nations do.

"The Europeans feel it's very important to keep their people farming. They remember what it's like to be hungry," Cleavinger said.

DECEMBER 1989

Lifestyles

Amarillo College schedules spring telecourse classes

Amarillo College telecourses for the spring semester will include fundamentals of mathematics II, concepts of healthful living, child psychology and social principles and institutions.

The fundamentals of mathematics course, "For All Practical Purposes," is an introductory-level, college math course for the liberal arts student that is fun, efficient and practical. The program incorporates interviews, dramatizations and computer graphics to demonstrate math as a dynamic discipline, responding to real world issues and problems. It will air from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. each Mondays.

Through interviews, dramatizations and animation sequences, "Here's to Your Health," the concepts of healthful living course challenges students to examine their value systems in light of the many controversies in medical science today and to expand their knowledge of areas of health that were virtually unknown 20 years ago. It will air from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. each Mondays.

Child psychology, "The Growing

Years," is a comprehensive introductory course on child development. Some of the topics are heredity and environment, prenatal development, the newborn, the infant, language, individual differences, preschool development, social stereotyping, play, intelligence, moral development, children in families and adolescence. It will air from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each Wednesdays.

Social principles and institutions provides the framework for understanding the numerous complex social phenomena of our time. "Focus on Society" will be offered from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each Fridays.

Telecourses combine televised lessons on KACV-TV, related reading and study assignments, and a few meetings on the AC campus for orientation, discussions and exams.

KACV-TV airs on Hereford TV Cable Channel 5 in Hereford.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at Amarillo College. For more information, call Neil Sapper at 371-5416.



ANDY LUCERO

Lucero awarded scholarship

Andy Lucero, son of Rinaldo and Corelia Lucero of Hereford, has been awarded an Ethnic Missions Scholarship by the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

Lucero is attending Wayland Baptist University this fall.

More than 1,339 ethnic students have been helped to attend eight Texas Baptist Universities and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, through the program.

The scholarships are funded through the annual Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions observed each fall in Texas Baptist churches.

Use costume jewelry to brighten holiday

NEW YORK (AP) - Like most traditional holiday decorations, ropes of gold and pearls - not to mention pins - can add an element of festive fashion.

Raid your jewelry box or buy a piece or two, and you can create a spirited style on ready-to-wear as well as decorate gift boxes or trim the tree. All you need is a little time and imagination.

Linda Borella, fashion director at Monet, offers some novel ways to use costume jewelry to brighten your holiday and celebrate the season in style:

- Forget ropes of popcorn and cranberries when trimming the tree. Try ropes of pearls and gold for a change.

- If you can't find the perfect belt for your holiday chemise, don't fret. Opt for a wrap belt tied in back and accent it with a pin to draw the fashion focus up front.

- If a country Christmas is your style, dress up an evergreen wreath with red gingham bows intertwined with ropes of pearls.

- Set off your holiday scarf with a pin that reflects the spirit of the season.

- To dress up the table for a small dinner party, slip holiday napkins through classic circle pins and let your guests take the pins as party favors.

- Jumpsuits are the dress for the

holiday party circuit, and nothing sets them off better than layers of gold chains at the waist paired with gold and pearl button earrings.

- If you're short of traditional tree ornaments, add ropes and pins and bangle bracelets tied with ribbon.

- To dress up a basic black evening bag for office party or New Year's Eve gala, buy a pin that suits your fancy.

- Accent a favorite hair style or special holiday 'do with a headband of pearls and chains, a pin alone or at the center of a festive velvetreen bow.

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WHERE TO RUN

NEW YORK (AP) - People who run in the city should avoid tree-lined streets, says the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

It says researchers at the University of Texas School of Public Health say auto exhaust gets trapped under the leaves and raises carbon monoxide levels.

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BY BOB WEAR
The Highs and Lows

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A life is not all success, or all failure, but is a blend of the two: We should seek a constancy for our living that is not disrupted to any great degree by the fluctuations of the "highs" and "lows." The key to our personal accomplishment is in "how we respond." We must not permit the "high" times to upset our balance. Of course, we enjoy them, but our enjoyment should be within the constancy we are trying to maintain. The "low" times must be dealt with in the same manner. Of course, we do not enjoy them, but we can handle them within the constancy we are trying to keep up.

"He who can heroically endure adversity will bear prosperity with equal greatness of soul for the mind that cannot be dejected by the former is not likely to be transported with the latter." -Fielding

Neither the "highs" nor the "lows" will be permanent, if we are giving our honest best to the living experience. Life goes on, regardless of how we deal with the "highs" and the "lows." We have the power and the capability to decide how life goes on. We can embrace the "highs" with gratitude and humility, and the "lows" can be accepted in the spirit of understand-

ing and good courage. This will be an effective life; a life in tune with reality; and a life worth the living.

A wisely formed mind-set, and the good character of one's life must not be permitted to fluctuate with the "highs" and the "lows" of living.

Sorority plans party

The Beta Sigma Phi Chapter of Alpha Iota Mu Sorority met Dec. 7 in the home of Gay Maclasley when plans were made for the Christmas party on Dec. 21.

Everyone was to dress in formal attire and bring a favorite traditional goodie to eat and a wrapped Christmas tree ornament to exchange among members and secret sisters.

Beverly Harder, the Deaf Smith County extension agent, gave an informative talk on "Presents From Your Kitchen" giving the club ideas for traditional gifts of creative foods to make and give to friends and family.

The service and ways and means committee held a brief meeting and decided to donate \$100 to Pam and Holly King to help defray the expense of the wheel chair.

Members present were Mary Jane Anvik, Janice Betzen, Wanda Huseman, Marrie Leverett, Gay Maclasley, Dee Ann Matthews, and Donna Weaver.

President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation in 1980 which required young American men born in 1960 and 1961 to register with the Selective Service System.

A Thank You Note To All Our Friends In Deaf Smith County

On behalf of the management and employees of Hereford Bi-Products, Merrick Pet Foods and Nutri Feeds, we extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you who contributed money, merchandise and time that made the "Toys For Tots" run a success. The money donated by Deaf Smith businesses and residents was added to the proceeds from the concession stand operated at the Bull Barn on December 10, 1989 and donated to the Hereford Christmas Stocking Fund. It is our wish that this \$1176 donation will bring a Merry Christmas to many Deaf Smith County residents.

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Tournament winners

The Saint Anthony's School boys and girls basketball teams won their respective divisions of the recent Saint Anthony's Tournament. Members of the girls team (top) are (front, from left) Aimee Alley, Lupita Pesina, Paige Robbins, Katarina Malouf, Melissa Davis, (back, from left) Melissa Carrizales, Annie Cummins, Cady Auckerman, Monica Donjuan and Deanna McCracken. Members of the boys team (bottom) are (front, from left) Brent Mamell, Nathan Diller, Ronald Torres, David Farr, Stephen Wright, Tom Munoz, (back, from left) Joshua Bullard, Nicholas Tarr, Brian Betzen, Joshua Urbanczyk, Michael Kreigshauser and Todd Radford. Not pictured is Wade McPherson. The teams are coached by Becky Sanserson.



Saints pluck Eagles, 30-20

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Philadelphia Eagles lived by the turnover all season.

On Monday night, they died by their mistakes at the hands of the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints beat the Eagles 30-20, getting 21 of those points off turnovers. Gene Atkins had a fumble recovery and an interception, Brett Maxie recovered a fumble, and Dave Waymer had an interception.

The Saints turned the ball over once.

The Eagles went into the game with a plus-25 turnover ratio, 14 turnovers better than Pittsburgh, in second place.

The loss dropped the Eagles' record to 10-5, a game behind the New York Giants in the race for the championship of the NFC East. Philadelphia must beat Phoenix next week to be assured of a playoff berth, and must get a helping hand from the Los Angeles Raiders, who face the Giants, in order to win the division title.

The Saints (8-7) were knocked out of the postseason chase a week ago mathematically and two weeks ago

realistically.

"They made the turnovers and scored off them, and that's the name of the game," Eagles coach Buddy Ryan said.

John Fourcade threw three touchdown passes, two to Eric Martin and one to Dalton Hilliard.

Maxie's fumble recovery set up a five-play, 35-yard drive, capped by a 17-yard touchdown pass to Martin. Atkins' fumble recovery at the Philadelphia 38-yard line set up a two-play drive and a 35-yard touchdown pass to Hilliard.

The Saints drove 70 yards to their third touchdown, which came on a 20-yard pass to Martin, and Waymer's interception led to a clinching touchdown on a 1-yard plunge by Buford Jordan.

The Saints also scored on a safety when defensive end Frank Warren, who had a career-high three sacks, nailed Randall Cunningham in the end zone as he tried to pass from his 4-yard line.

The Eagles got Cunningham touchdown passes of 13 yards to Ron

Johnson and 1 yard to Dave Little, as well as field goals of 21 and 19 yards by Roger Ruzek.

Philadelphia went ahead 17-16 on the pass to Little and extended it to 20-16 on Ruzek's second field goal, which came with 16 seconds left in the third quarter.

Philadelphia had 408 yards of offense to 291 for New Orleans, but the turnovers killed the Eagles.

Cunningham passed for 306 yards and ran for 92 against the NFL's stingiest rushing defense. The Saints had given up an average of 78 rushing yards a game to previous 14 opponents, but the Eagles got 127.

Fourcade, making only his second start in a real NFL game, said he was knocked woozy in the third quarter and took two more blows to the head that aggravated his disorientation.

For a while, Jordan had to relay plays in the huddle, Fourcade said.

"He'd call the play and sort of confirm what I was mumbling," he said.

He came out of the game for two

plays after being clothelined by Andre Waters. Bobby Hebert, the regular starter, relieved him.

Fourcade played in the USFL, the CFL and Arena Football before catching on with the Saints during the players strike in 1987. He led the Saints to victory over Buffalo a week ago, and he passed for 236 yards and ran for 37 Monday night.

He said the Eagles made no secret of their plan to put an all-out rush on him.

"They told us they were coming. They laughed about coming. And they came. They came hard," he said.

Fourcade was sacked five times for 31 yards in losses, Cunningham four times for 36 yards.

"If there's one guy in their offense you had to control, it's Randall Cunningham," Saints coach Jim Mora said.

"But I really think the strength of their team is their defense. I thought our offense did a good job getting 30 points on them."

2nd Falcon dies in accident

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) - When Atlanta Falcons teammate Ralph Norwood died in an automobile accident Nov. 24, Mike Kenn said he didn't think anything could be worse.

"I'm never going to say that again," Kenn said Monday when he learned that another teammate, tight end Brad Beckman, had been killed in an accident on an icy interstate before dawn.

"I know they can't cancel a game, but I would have to say my enthusiasm for football right now is at an all-time low," Kenn said.

The Falcons end their season against the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

Interim coach Jim Hanifan said he often read of deaths in accidents and had empathy, "but when it happens to

one of your own, it really comes home."

Gwinnett County police spokesman Larry Walton said Beckman was a passenger in a car that bumped into the rear of another vehicle, skidded across the northbound lanes of Interstate 85 and was hit broadside by a truck.

The accident occurred about 4:30

a.m. nine miles south of the team's training complex and within three miles of the site where Norwood died when he apparently fell asleep, ran off a county road and struck a tree.

The driver of the car, former NFL tight end Jeff Modesitt, was in critical condition from unspecified injuries.

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To avoid despair, shop year-round. Buy that perfect present when you see it and tuck it away until the holidays. It saves last-minute shopping and eases the year-end budget crunch.

Browse through holiday catalogs

when they arrive in early autumn. Jot down gift ideas as they occur to you. You can be more relaxed - and creative - if you're not working against the clock.

Shop with your head, not over it. Before you begin your holiday shopping, make a firm budget of what you can afford to spend for each person on your list - and stick to it.

Keep a "gift profile." Begin your holiday shopping this year by setting up a page in a pocket-size notebook for each person on your gift list. Write down their birth date, clothing sizes, color preferences, profession, hobbies and special interests. Afterwards, record the gift you purchased so you won't repeat gifts.

Make sure the gift will fit. If you want to buy apparel but are unsure of the size, select a shawl, a scarf, a wrap bathrobe, stretch gloves, a tie.

Avoid crowds. Shop early in the day, when the stores open, or mid-afternoon or late evening. Map your route in advance so you don't zigzag across town or through the shopping mall.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing, and remember that many stores are overheated.

Shop alone. It's more efficient and you won't have to placate an impatient spouse, tired children or bored in-laws.

Crowded stores make you easy prey for pickpockets. If you have a credit card or bank card, plan to use it instead of cash. It's an easy way to keep track of your purchases. But remember your budget and don't abuse it.

Check the store's return policy before you buy.

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On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North and the retreat of Confederate troops. President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery on the battlefield the following November.

Keep home fires burning but don't neglect safety

No matter how you feel about winter, there are very few of us who don't enjoy the sight and sound of a fire crackling in the fireplace or woodburning stove. But too many people lose sight of the very real dangers that can accompany use of alternative heating sources.

"Fireplaces and solid fuel stoves were involved in almost 700 residential fires in Texas last year, causing 43 injuries and over \$5 million in damages," said Wayne Morrison, chairman of the Texas Insurance Advisory Association (TIAA).

"Sadly, most of these fires could have been avoided," Morrison said, "because the majority of them were due to improper use, maintenance or installation of equipment."

Before you use your fireplace, fireplace insert or wood burning stove this season, TIAA, an advisory association of property insurers, urges you to observe the following precautions.

Select and Installation

Before you make any purchase, check with local authorities regarding fire and building codes.

Select a stove or fireplace insert constructed of suitable material, such as cast iron or steel, which is recognized by a testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Used units should be free of cracks or other defects. Check legs, grates and draft louvers.

Allow enough clearance from floors, walls and ceilings. Place some type of fireproof material underneath the stove with a hearth extending on all sides.

Single wall stove pipes should never pass through an interior wall and should not be used in attics or other concealed places. Use the proper gauge steel pipes, spacers and connectors.

Wood stoves should not be connected to a fireplace chimney

unless the chimney has been properly sealed to prevent toxic gases from backing up into the room. If connected to the chimney, the stove pipe should enter the chimney at a higher level than it leaves the stove.

The cross section of the chimney flue should be 25 percent bigger than the stove pipe.

Be sure your chimney is in good condition and that it has a flue lining. Repair any missing flue tiles or cracked masonry. Install a chimney hood to prevent down drafts and keep birds and squirrels from making nests in your chimney.

Maintenance

Check your chimney monthly for deposits of creosote, soot, obstructions or damage. Have the chimney inspected and cleaned by a competent chimney sweep annually.

Creosote build-up in chimneys is the number one cause of ignition in home fires resulting from the use of fireplaces, fireplace inserts and wood or coal burning stoves.

Regularly check the operation of draft louvers, dampers, doors and screens. Also, inspect your fireplace or wood stove for cracks in the metal or masonry. If any part of your unit isn't working properly, get it repaired or replaced immediately.

Under the tremendous heat of a fire and the weight of logs, fireplace and wood stove grates can become misshapen. Should this occur, it will minimize the efficiency and could damage your unit or be a fire hazard, so replace it before building another fire.

Use

Never attempt to start a fire in a stove or fireplace by using gasoline, kerosene or other flammable liquid. Instead, start the fire by using small strips of paper or twigs.

Do not burn newspaper, gift wrapping or trash. Burning paper can be carried up the chimney,

possibly igniting any creosote deposits. Paper burns too quickly and hot, and could overheat and damage your fireplace or stove. Also, most ink on colored paper emits dangerous lead fumes when burned.

Only burn hardwoods such as oak, hickory, ash and maple. These burn slowly and safely with a minimum of smoke. Do not use softwoods such as pine, spruce or fir as the main fuel since they burn too hot. A small quantity of softwood may be used as kindling to get the fire started.

Do not burn treated lumber, plywood or charcoal briquettes in your fireplace or wood stove. These materials give off fumes when burned.

Use only dry wood. Burning wet or even damp wood not only causes excessive smoke of the fire but also leaves creosote deposits inside your chimney.

Do not overload your fireplace or stove. The weight and heat can cause irreparable damage to components.

In Case of Fire

If your wood stove has a chimney fire, call the fire department immediately. Close draft louvers and dampers. This will cut off the supply of air to the fire and help put it under control.

For a free brochure which contains National Fire Protection Association standards for wood stove installation and use, write: "Wood Stove Safety", Insurance Information Institute, 800 Brazos ST., Suite 4220, Austin, Texas 78701.

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TOMATO TIDBITS
NEW YORK (AP) - Tomatoes taste best when they are picked fresh from the vine but here are some tomato tidbits that aren't such common knowledge.
According to Family Circle magazine:

- For centuries, the French regarded tomatoes as aphrodisiacs and called them "love apples."
- The English believed they were poisonous and only grew them for ornamental purposes.
- If an unripe tomato is already off the vine, it will ripen fastest if placed in a paper bag with an apple.
- Even though a tomato is botanically a fruit, the U.S. Supreme Court legally declared it a vegetable in 1893, so it would be eligible for an import tax.
- The tomato is a good source of vitamins C and A and its skin is rich in fiber.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am 14 years old and in the 9th grade. Maybe because I am young, a lot of people will think I am not worth listening to, but please print my letter anyway.

I'm tired of hearing people complain about the "shape" America is in. I hate it when they bad-mouth our president or our vice president and knock our foreign relations and our trade agreements. They complain about the drug problem, crime and pollution, but what are they doing to help?

In history class, we studied the American Revolution and learned what our forefathers went through to free our country from English rule. They started a brand-new nation full of hope and promise. Our ancestors fought hard to secure

the freedoms that so many people take for granted. But now, we, the descendants of those courageous pioneers, complain about every little thing that goes wrong in our country.

I agree that the United States could use some improvement, but instead of criticizing, I plan to do something to make things better when I get older.

Ask your readers to think about how lucky they are to be able to go where they want and say what they want, whenever they please. That's what freedom is all about, and that's why I am proud to be an American. -- B.R., Danville, Calif.

DEAR B.R.: You've made some good points, especially about making things better instead of

complaining about how bad they are. And I really like your comments on freedom. It's nice to be able to go wherever we want and say whatever we please, and that includes criticizing the president, the vice president, foreign relations and trade agreements. This, too, is what freedom is all about, and don't ever forget it.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is for people who live in apartments where there is a resident manager.

Ninety-five percent of you are great. You pay your rent on time and respect office hours. It's the other 5 percent that tick me off.

Just because I happen to live in the building does not mean that I am on call 24 hours a day. I have a family and a life, same as you.

If your faucet is dripping, why didn't you let me know about it before 9 p.m.? What do you think I am going to do about it at 11 o'clock at night?

If you lock yourself out of your apartment of lose your keys, please understand why I am not in a terrific mood when you wake me up at 3 a.m. to let you in.

If you are going to be late with the rent, let me know instead of ducking around the corners. I would be glad to give you a few weeks of grace if you tell me you have a problem but your intentions are honorable.

When I take you to court you tell the judge you didn't pay the rent because I didn't fix something that I never knew was broken. Is that fair?

I have had it with you folks and wish you'd move somewhere else, preferably to a single dwelling so

you don't drive another manager nuts. -- Burned-Out Landlady (Mich.)

DEAR LANDLADY: Your letter is sure to be clipped by resident managers in many cities around the world. The problems you describe are universal. I also expect to hear from tenants eager to tell their side of the story. I'll print the best responses.

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Christmas decor tips for using evergreen

If you deck your home with evergreen boughs for Christmas, use fresh cuttings to reduce fire hazard. Because such decorations dry rapidly in the home, keep the cut ends in water, if possible.

Boughs will dry quickly in the warm temperatures and low humidity of the house, even if you cut them from your own back yard. And, those you buy may be dry when you get them.

Extension Service specialists note that some greens stay fresh longer indoors than others. For instance, pine generally does not dry as quickly as junipers, hollies and other broad-leaved evergreens, but the sticky pitch that oozes from cut stems can damage wood finishes and fabrics. Fir lasts fairly long and yew holds up well in water.

Indoors, spruce and hemlock tend to drop their needles quickly, so use spruce, hemlock, holly and other broad-leaved evergreens and branches of berry-bearing shrubs for outdoor decorations.

If you plan to use evergreen branches indoors but can't keep

their ends in water, keep them indoors for only a few days or replace them with fresh ones frequently.

Recommendations: To slow the drying process, use greens in cool places such as on outside doors and in breezeways. Indoors, keep greens out of direct sunlight and away from hot-air registers and heat-generating appliances such as TV sets. Keep greens far from candles, wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and other open flames. Don't let greens come into contact with indoor decorative lighting.

Garden shops and other dealers offer fire-retardant chemicals, but they will only slow the spread of fire, not prevent it. < Living Christmas Trees =

Have you considered having a living evergreen tree in your home for Christmas and planting it outdoors after the holidays? If so, special handling is necessary for it to survive.

The danger, explains a horticulture specialist at Michigan State University, is that warm temperatures in the home will cause the tree to break dormancy, making it susceptible to damage from freezing temperatures when it goes outdoors.

Recommendations: To keep the tree dormant, don't keep it indoors more than five to seven days. To reduce the shock of transition from outdoor conditions to an indoor environment, move it in stages - give it a day or two on an enclosed but unheated porch or in the garage or breezeway before you bring it in. Ease it back outdoors the same way.

When shopping for a living tree, look for a small Scotch pine, white or blue spruce, Douglas fir or white pine. A balled and burlapped tree should have 6 to 9 inches of burlap-covered root ball for every inch of trunk diameter. Remember, even a small living tree is heavy and will require effort to move it into and out of the house.

Indoors, place the root ball into a container with a drainage hole and a pan beneath it so you can water it easily. Keep the root ball moist and store the tree in the coolest room, away from sunlight, hot-air registers, radiators, fireplaces, and appliances that give off heat. Warm, dry air will dry out the foliage, and heat may cause the tree to lose dormancy. Mist the foliage occasionally to help it stay fresh.

After the holidays, plant the tree into a hole that had been prepared before the ground froze, and use soil that had been stored in a frost-free area for fill. The hole should be 1 1/2 times the width of the root ball and deep enough so that the root ball sits at the same depth at which it had been growing. Remove all wires and cords from the root ball and trunk before filling the hole with soil. Water thoroughly. Shield the tree against wind and too much sunlight.

GOING HOME
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - When a college freshman comes home for the holidays it can strain family relations, according to the University of Rochester's chief student affairs officer.

"Parents see a 17-year-old high school senior," says Paul Burgett. "But the freshman has begun carving out a new life. He or she may announce new political views or show, in other ways, a readiness to break from the past."

He advises parents: "Don't be alarmed by your student's thrusts toward greater independence and don't be too quick to criticize. Showing your student that you have confidence in his or her ability to handle college is the best thing to do."

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Christmas decorations

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Suggestions given for using nuts

Nuts are one of the ingredients that make holiday baking taste so good. They can do the same for everyday cooking as well. Here are some tips for buying and using nuts.

BUYING

- Whole nuts: 1 cup whole or chopped almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts (filberts), or shelled peanuts equals 5 ounces. One cup whole or chopped pecans or walnuts equals 4 ounces. So does 1 cup pistachio nuts in the shell.

BLANCHING AND SLIVERING ALMONDS

- When your recipe calls for blanched almonds, remove the brown skins by covering nuts with water. Bring to boiling; then drain. Press the nuts, one at a time, between your thumb and fingers and the skins will slip off easily.

- To blanch in the microwave oven, in a 2-cup measure cook 1 cup water, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 3 to 5 minutes or until boiling. Add 1 cup whole almonds. Cook, uncovered, on high for 1 1/2 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. When cool, slip off the almond skins.

- Sliver blanched almonds while they're still warm and moist. Split each nut in half with the tip of a knife; lay flat side down and slice into thin slivers.

TOASTING

Toast nuts to bring out the flavor and keep them from becoming soggy when added to recipes.

- To toast in the oven, spread in a thin layer in a shallow baking pan. Bake in a 350-degree F oven 5 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown, stirring once or twice.

- To toast in the microwave oven, in a 2-cup measure cook nuts, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) until toasted, stirring every minute for the first 3 minutes, then every 30 seconds. Allow 2 to 3 minutes for 1 cup pecans or almonds; 2 to 3 minutes for 1 cup almonds; 3 to 4 minutes for 1 cup raw peanuts or walnuts; 3 to 4 minutes for 1 cup pecans; 4 to 5 minutes for 1 cup raw peanuts or walnuts. At the first sign of toasting, spread nuts on paper towels to cool. Let them stand for at least 15 minutes. They will continue to toast as they stand.

NEW WAYS TO USE NUTS

- Add to stir-fried vegetables and main dishes and cook 1 minute.

- Stir into a rice or pasta salad just before serving.

- Sprinkle on top of a pizza; then sprinkle with cheese and bake.

- Add to meatless filling for lasagna and stuffed peppers to boost the protein.

- Use with chopped dates or prunes for stuffing baked apples or stuffed squash.

- Stir into filling for deviled eggs.

- Sprinkle over your favorite filling just before folding an omelet.

- Include some coarsely chopped nuts in popcorn balls.

ANCIENT ARCHERY

LONDON (AP) - Bows and arrows were used by prehistoric people for hunting animals as early as 30,000 B.C., researchers say.

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Here's advise on how to repair credit rating

More than five thousand purchases are charged to Visa alone each minute of every day during the holiday season. This dependence on credit creates problems for millions of American consumers.

One of the most frequent problems is a credit file tainted by negative, often inaccurate, information. This causes consumers to become prime targets for unscrupulous credit repair clinics.

These "clinics" rip people off to the tune of hundreds or even thousands of dollars, luring the desperate with promises that cannot be fulfilled.

San Francisco-based consumer advocate and credit expert Professor Daniel K. Berman advises consumers to do their own credit repair.

"Any kind of credit problem can be overcome if you learn how," says Berman, a nationally-recognized authority on consumer credit and author of *The Credit Power Handbook*.

The most common technique used by credit repair clinics exploits a legal loop-hole in the federal Fair

Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). Section 611a of the FCRA gives you the right to dispute the accuracy of any information in your credit file.

If you write your dispute letters according to certain specific guidelines, the credit bureau must either verify the accuracy of that information within approximately 30 days or it must delete the disputed information from your credit file. As a result, disputed items are often removed by default.

Cumpton receives award

Brent Cumpton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cumpton of 119 Cherokee in Hereford, was part of the freshman class's production of "Back to the Country" at the 1989 annual sing recently at Hardin-Simmons University.

The competition is held between organizations on campus to receive the most cumulative points for the best musical act. The freshman received the Mixed Division Award. Sing is sponsored annually by Phi Mu Alpha, the national professional male music fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Iota, the international professional fraternity for women in music.

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