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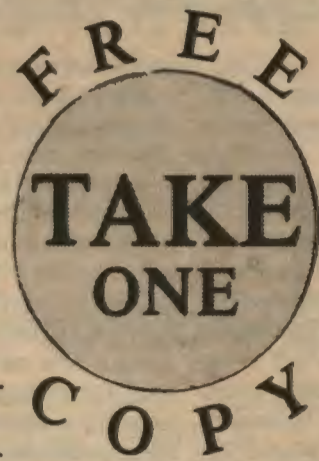
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UP-N-DOWN 290

By Marty

I guess that it's a sure sign that I'm getting old or something, but I find myself feeling frustrated more and more

often these days when I'm forced to throw away an item that cost me a lot of money, but that needs repairing. Trouble is, it would cost me more to have it repaired than it would cost to replace it. It seems as though high technology is forcing us to become a throwaway society.

Now this concept of replacing instead of repairing goes against the grain of everything I was taught as a youngster. How many times did I hear "waste not, want not", or "a penny saved is a penny earned", or that old standby "a stitch in time saves nine". I have always tried to keep my possessions in good repair so they would serve me well, but a new concept keeps getting in the way.

My first pocket calculator, supplied to me by a company for which I worked, cost them about \$175.00, and ran about 4 hours on two penlight batteries. I thought it was terrific! Now you can get a much better one for about \$4.95, and it runs forever on solar power. The problem? I've still got the old one, but it doesn't work. I'll bet that I could probably send it off and get it repaired for \$60.00 or \$80.00. The \$150.00 watch I received as a gift in the 1960's doesn't keep time nearly as well as the \$5.00 one I bought last year for my grandson. Why haven't I thrown it away? I simply can't bring myself to throw away a \$150.00 item.

Part of the problem here stems from the fact that it costs a company a lot of money to train a repair specialist, keep him or her fully stocked with parts, tools and analysis equipment for the hundreds of models being sold these days, and figuring out how it can be repaired cheaper than it can be replaced. The time expended just finding out why the component won't work often exceeds the cost of replacement parts, or replacing the whole unit.

We used to have lots of small appliance repair shops around. Remember? Now it's cheaper to

(See UP-N-DOWN, Pg. 2)

This Time The Snow Was Real!

By Sallie Planty

It seemed like only yesterday that we were all reveling in 70-plus temperatures and throwing machine-made snowballs at one another in Waller. We thought that was pretty hot stuff!! I thought it was so great, that I sent a picture and a copy of The Hotline, featuring the magic snow, back to friends and family in New York State.

Then, abruptly, the temperature dropped and the kids were listening excitedly to the news to find out if their school was among the ones planning to close on Thursday because of the threat of real snow. The kids in my family got their wish - Waller I.S.D. would close. To them, it meant they could stay up late and look out the windows, covering the panes with nose and hand prints as they awaited the first swirling flakes.

(See Snow, Pg. 3)



This glowering snowman looks like some of us felt on Jan. 1. Actually, he arrived after the holiday, constructed by Elaine & friends at the Mini Mall in Hempstead.



Charlie Sanders and sons battle it out with snowballs on the lawn of their Waller home.

TABS Workshop Will Be Held For H.I.S.D.

Hempstead I.S.D. will provide a workshop for parents on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Hempstead I.S.D. students are looking forward to the TABS test the state requires to be administered by February. The TABS program has been in the public schools since 1980. The areas tested include objectives in reading, math, and writing. The objectives are considered by the state to be the minimum skills necessary for students to successfully master at specific grade levels. The TABS program is currently administered to grades 3, 5 and 9. Beginning with students who were freshmen in September of 1982, high school

students must successfully master the TABS test to receive a diploma.

The skills tested are routinely taught in the classroom by all teachers. These skills must be reviewed by students for mastering of the tested objectives. A student must correctly answer 3 of 4 items to master an objective.

Parents are encouraged to assist their children at home with objectives addressed on the TABS test. There will be an orientation workshop on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library to provide parents with sample material to assist them at home. This meeting is for all parents in the Hempstead I.S.D. who have children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.



Two to three inches of "white stuff" covered these vehicles at Jeff Sparks Auto Sales in Hempstead, early Thursday morning.

UP-N-DOWN 290

(From Page 1)

just buy a new coffeemaker, radio, calculator or telephone & throw the old one in the trash. The system doesn't always change when you get up to big bucks items either. We have an electronic typesetter here at the print shop that costs about 12-15 thousand dollars to replace. When it goes on the fritz, the repair rate is \$100.00 per hour for the specialist to come out and fix it. Travel time from Houston to Hempstead is also charged at that rate, so we're out \$200.00 before he takes the cover off. Last trip, he determined, after an hour of work (now we're up to \$300.00) that "something is wrong in the keyboard assembly, I think." He was perfectly willing to take it in to the Houston shop and work on it for a few hours to try and find the trouble or he could slip in a new keyboard for \$275.00 right now. My choice? No choice! I had to have the typesetter running to put out the paper and the backlog of printing jobs stacked up. My keyboard assembly went in the trash basket. Total bill: \$475.00. Repair might have cost \$6-7 hundred or more. I guess that the smartest thing we can do when we purchase an item for our use is to try and buy one that

we hope will serve our needs for a while, but to plan on throwing it away if and when it malfunctions. With health costs skyrocketing, I hope our society doesn't get to the point where we apply these same economic rules to people. I'd hate to think that I would be "thrown in the trash" because it was cheaper to replace me than to repair me. Guess I'd better take better care of myself to make sure that it won't happen for a while yet. You take care of yourself, too. See you up-n-down the road.

Marty

Our Readers Write...

So Much to be Thankful for in Waller!

As an Antique Dealer, I wish to express appreciation to The Hotline newspaper for their efficient coverage of the "Spirit of Christmas" in Waller. Mrs. (Cheri) Cole deserves extra recognition for the pictures that showed some of the outstanding participants and winners in decoration of homes & businesses that entered the Chamber of Commerce contest. Congratulations to the winners, and much appreciation to the Hempstead Garden Club for judging the Waller participants.

Everyone is proud of the growth and "face lift" that Waller is getting. Seems that most all of the merchants are striving to make Waller a place to be known as not "just another little town in Texas". Buildings are being repaired, painted, etc. With each showing a character of its own.

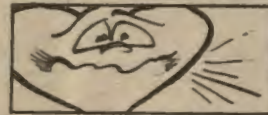
The law forces in our county need recognition for the many outstanding charity deeds, as well as for competent officers of the law. That sure helps to know they are here. The School System is excellent, and still growing. The many beautiful churches and the manner in which the members work together for the good of all is wonderful.

The Chamber of Commerce of Waller is to be congratulated on the beautiful success of the "Christmas Spirit" in which much effort was put forth.

The Chamber of Commerce is already working on a fantastic program for Waller in 1985.

Be PROUD of Waller and thank God for our beautiful little town. To know the people here, is to love them. Yes, thank God.

Happy New Year!
Kathleen



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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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This Time The Snow Was Real!

(From Page One)
I had just about fallen asleep when the shouting roused me.
"It's snowing! It's snowing!" This coming from children who were born and raised in the stuff. I didn't have any more sense than they did, running to the window like that to stare out at what might have been snow, but looked more like large winddrops.

Long after I tired of this, the kids could be heard opening and shutting the sliding glass door leading to the deck. This action was accompanied by icy blasts, which swept through the house until I began to shiver and called a halt to the whole thing.

In the morning, there it was! Every tree and bush lay under a thin glittering mantle of white. The deck held about two inches of snow and I slid open the door and made a good-sized ball and threw it at the neighbors' dog.

The kids woke up and made a miniature snowman and several balls, which they put in the freezer for future use.

The morning wore on and the snow receded under the onslaught of the sun, retreating to the deepest shadows, beneath porches and trees, until it was gone entirely.

There were amazingly few auto accidents attributed to the storm. I haven't heard of even one person falling and breaking an arm or leg. In retrospect, the snow that fell

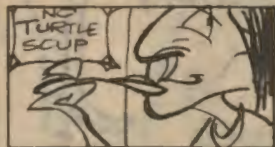
between Wednesday and Thursday last week seemed as magical as the snow that fell on Waller Dec. 8. It was here just long enough to enjoy, but not long enough to cause a lot of trouble.

Back where I come from, snow gets to be a terrible drag. You can ski just so much, build just so many snowmen, throw just so many

snowballs. Mostly, it's shovel, shovel, shovel; get wet and cold; push cars out of drifts; slip and slide on roads and sidewalks. If I had my druthers, I'd take the kind of snow we serve down here in Texas - short and to the point and gone before it gets to be a bore. Sort of like the kind of houseguest we invite back again and again.

Community Calendar

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Prairie View.....	2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Alpha Phi Alpha.....	1st Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
City Council - Hempstead.....	4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m.
City Council - Pine Island.....	1st Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
City Council - Prairie View.....	4th Mondays, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.
City Council - Waller.....	2nd Mondays, 8:00 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta (During School Year).....	1st Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Hempstead Volunteer Ambulance Corps.....	Last Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
North Waller County Republican Women's Club.....	1st Tuesdays
Order of Eastern Star - Waller.....	1st Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Prairie View Athletic Club.....	Every Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Prairie View Kiwanis Club.....	Every Thursday, Noon
Prairie View Retired Teachers Assn.....	3rd Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
Waller Chamber of Commerce.....	4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Pecan Tree
Waller I.S.D. School Board.....	2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Waller Lioness Club.....	2nd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Waller Lions' Club.....	1st & 3rd Mondays
Waller Masonic Lodge.....	2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Waller Quarterback Club.....	Every Monday, G.B.S. Bank, 7:00 p.m.
Waller Volunteer Fire Department.....	Every Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Waller Young Farmers' Assn.....	1st Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
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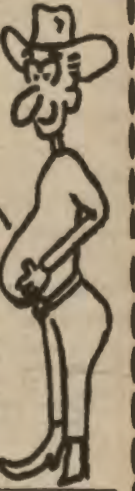
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Helpful Hints on How to Punctuate

By Russell Baker

Russell Baker is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Growing Up" and for his essays in "The New York Times." This article is part of a series prepared at the request of International Paper Company to help people read better, write better and communicate better.

When you write, you make a sound in the reader's head. It can be a dull mumble—that's why so much government prose makes you sleepy—or it can be a joyful noise, a sly whisper, a throb of passion.



Baker Listen to a voice trembling in a haunted room: "And the silken, sad, uncertain rustling of each purple curtain thrilled me—filled me with fantastic terrors never felt before."

That's Edgar Allen Poe, a master. Few of us can make paper speak as vividly as Poe could, but even beginners will write better once they start listening to the sound their writing makes.

One of the most important tools for making paper speak in your own voice is punctuation.

When speaking aloud, you punctuate constantly—with body language. Your listener hears commas, dashes, question marks, exclamation points, quotation marks as



"Punctuation puts body language on the printed page. Show bewilderment with a question mark, a whisper with parentheses, emphasis with an exclamation point."

you shout, whisper, pause, wave your arms, roll your eyes, wrinkle your brow.

In writing, punctuation plays the role of body language. It helps readers hear you the way you want to be heard.

"Gee Dad, have I got to learn all them rules?"

Don't let the rules scare you. For they aren't hard and fast. Think of them as guidelines.

Am I saying, "Go ahead and punctuate as you please"? Absolutely not. Use your own common sense, remembering that you can't expect readers to work to decipher what you're trying to say.

(See Hints, Pg. 6)

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Hints On How To Punctuate

(From Page 5)

There are two basic systems of punctuation:

1. The loose or open system, which tries to capture the way body language punctuates talk.

2. The tight, closed structural system, which hews closely to the sentence's grammatical structure.

Most writers use a little of both. In any case, we use much less punctuation than they used 200 or even 50 years ago. (Glance into Edward Gibbon's "Decline and

Fall of the Roman Empire," first published in 1776, for an example of the tight structural system at its most elegant.)

No matter which system you prefer, be warned: punctuation marks cannot save a sentence that is badly put together. If you have to struggle over commas, semicolons and dashes, you've probably built a sentence that's never going to fly, no matter how you tinker with it. Throw it away and build a new one to a simpler design. The better your sentence, the easier it is to punctuate.

Choosing the right word

There are 30 main punctuation marks, but you'll need fewer than a dozen for most writing.

I can't show you in this small space how they all work, so I'll stick to the ten most important—and even then can only hit highlights. For more details, check your dictionary or a good grammar.

Comma [,]

This is the most widely used mark of all. It's also the toughest and most controversial. I've seen aging editors almost come to blows over the comma. If you can handle it without sweating, the others will be easy. Here's my policy:

1. Use a comma after a long introductory phrase or clause: *After stealing the crown jewels from the Tower of London, I went home for tea.*

2. If the introductory material is short, forget the comma: *After the theft I went home for tea.*

3. But use it if the sentence would be confusing without it, like this: *The day before I'd robbed the Bank of England.*

4. Use a comma to separate elements in a series: *I robbed the Denver Mint, the Bank of England, the Tower of London and my piggy bank.*

Notice there is no comma before *and* in the series. This is common style nowadays, but some publishers use a comma there, too.

5. Use a comma to separate independent clauses that are joined by a conjunction like *and*, *but*, *for*, *or*, *nor*, *because* or *so*: *I shall return the crown jewels, for they are too heavy to wear.*

6. Use a comma to set off a mildly parenthetical word grouping that isn't essential to the sentence: *Girls, who have always interested me, usually differ from boys.*

Do not use commas if the word grouping is essential to the sentence's meaning: *Girls who interest me know how to tango.*

7. Use a comma in direct address: *Your majesty, please hand over the crown.*

8. And between proper names and titles: *Montague Sneed, Director of Scotland Yard, was assigned the case.*

9. And to separate elements of geographical address: *Director Sneed comes from Chicago, Illinois, and now lives in London, England.*

Generally speaking, use a comma where you'd pause briefly in speech. For a long pause or completion of thought, use a period.

If you confuse the comma with the period, you'll get a run-on sentence: *The Bank of England is located in London, I rushed right over to rob it.*

Semicolon [;]

A more sophisticated (See Hints, Pg. 10)



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The Eyesight Of Texas

By Dr. Richard Redfield

Dear Dr. Redfield,
I'm nearsighted and would rather wear contacts than glasses. But, a friend of mine told me that he can't wear them because his prescription isn't the right kind. Who can wear contacts and who can't?
Pete

Dear Pete,
Almost everyone can wear contact lenses in one form or another. The major restriction is astigmatism, which I discussed in an earlier column and often accompanies nearsightedness.

However, most people with astigmatism can wear *hard* lenses. Also, if you have certain types of astigmatism, there are certain soft contact lenses that can correct vision.

Once adjusted to contact lenses,

most people prefer them over wearing glasses. They are less expensive than glasses in the long run.

However, before anyone can be told whether or not his or her vision can be corrected with contact lenses, a professional eye examination is necessary to determine the health of the person's eyes, since that is also a factor in prescribing.

Dear Dr. Redfield,
I am presently wearing bifocals and wonder if there's such a thing as bifocal contact lenses? I would like to think these are available for those of us who are at the age of needing help to see both far and near.
MBC

Dear MBC,
As you no doubt realize, bifocals are lenses with two different powers, one for near vision, as in reading, and one for far vision, as in driving a car. In my opinion, the technology is not there for contact lenses incorporating both powers in a single lens.

However, there is an alternative, which works just as well, or better. This is called *mono-vision*. This means that the person wears two completely different contact lenses - one eye is corrected for near vision and the other eye is corrected for far vision.

If you're saying to yourself, "this must drive a person crazy," let me say that you adjust to it quickly. Also, this is the alternative to glasses that most celebrities choose.

Two who come immediately to mind are Johnny Carson and President Ronald Reagan. Although President Reagan sometimes wears glasses, you'll never see Carson in glasses - at least not on camera.

Mono-vision is the alternative chosen by most of my bifocal patients as well. Once again, a reminder to have your eyes checked first by a competent eye care professional and if you're a suitable candidate for contact lenses, you might give it a try.

Dr. Redfield invites questions from our readers on any subject pertaining to eye care. Send your questions to Dr. Richard Redfield, c/o The Hotline Press, 1132 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas 77445. Dr. Redfield's office is located in the Summerhill Point Center, Tomball.

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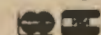
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The cost of living is always about the same—all a fellow has.

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Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches except the children.

An English neurologist says that a man who owns a car seldom walks in his sleep. If he has a family, he does it when he's awake.

They say that every bride who is married isn't happy—just triumphant.

To tell the temperature in summer you can count the number of times a tree cricket chirps in a second and add forty, or you can look at the thermometer.

Instruments have been invented that will throw a speaker's voice more than a mile. Now we need an instrument that will throw the speaker an equal distance.

They call it the sea of matrimony because husbands have such a hard job keeping their heads above water.

When a man begins to realize the truth about himself, it frequently retards his program for reforming his neighbors.

So much down usually means so much to keep up.

Some coeds said they intend to marry "men of brains, character, adequate incomes, and a nice sense of humor." It sounds like bigamy.

Thirty is a nice age for woman, especially if she happens to be forty.

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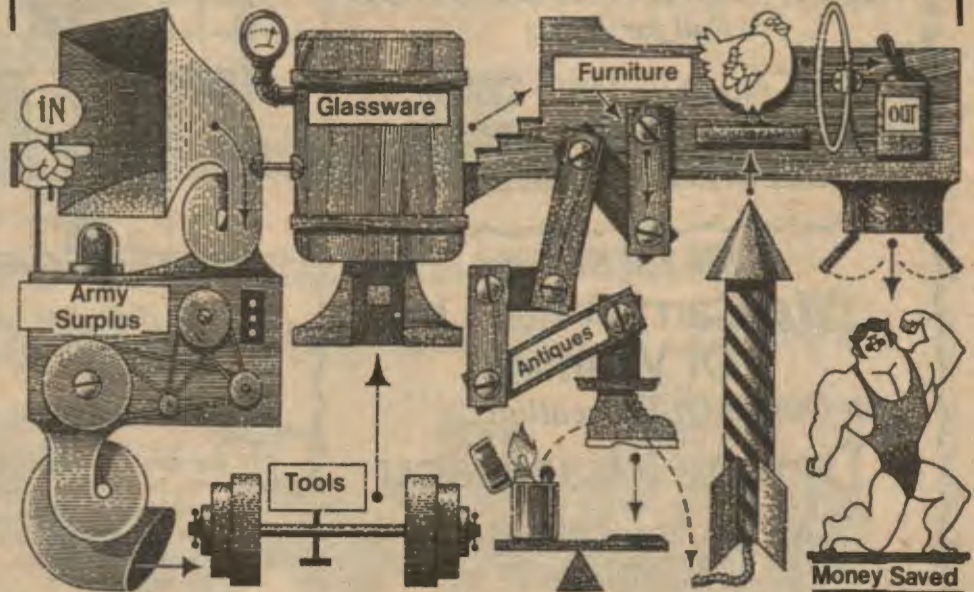
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Hints On How To Punctuate

(From Page 6)

mark than the comma, the semicolon separates two main clauses, but it keeps those two thoughts more tightly linked than a period can: *I steal crown jewels; she steals hearts.*

Dash [—] and Parentheses [()]

Warning! Use sparingly. The dash SHOUTS. Parentheses whisper. Shout too often, people stop listening; whisper too much, people become suspicious of you. The dash creates a dramatic pause to prepare for an expression needing strong emphasis: *I'll marry you—if you'll rob Topkapi with me.*

Parentheses help you pause quietly to drop in some chatty information not vital to your story: *Despite Betty's daring spirit ("I love robbing your piggy bank" she often said), she was a terrible dancer.*

Quotation marks [“ ”]

These tell the reader you're reciting the exact words someone said or wrote. *Betty said, "I can't tango."* Or: *"I can't tango," Betty said.*

Notice the comma comes before the quote marks in the first example, but comes inside them in the second. Not logical? Never mind. Do it that way anyhow.

Colon [:]

A colon is a tip-off to get ready for what's next: a list, a long quotation or an explanation. This article is riddled with colons. Too many, maybe, but the message is: "Stay on your toes: it's coming at you."

Apostrophe [']

The big headache is with possessive nouns. If the noun is singular, add *'s*. *I hated Betty's tango.*

If the noun is plural, simply add an apostrophe after the *s*: *Those are the girls' coats.*

The same applies for singular nouns ending in *x*, like Dickens: *This is Dickens's best book.*

And in plural: *This is the Dickenses' cottage.*

The possessive pronouns *hers* and *its* have no apostrophe.

If you write *it's*, you are saying *it is*.

Keep cool

You know about ending a sentence with a period (.) or a

question mark (?). Do it. Sure, you can also end with an exclamation point (!), but must you? Usually it just makes you sound breathless and silly. Make your writing generate its own excitement. Filling the paper with "!!! won't make up for what your writing has failed to do.

Too many exclamation points make me think the writer is talking about the panic in his own head.

Don't sound panicky. End with a period. I am serious.

A period. Understand?

Well... sometimes a question mark is okay.

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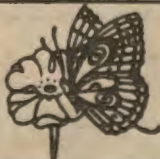


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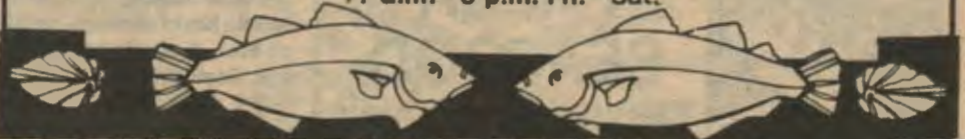
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DISCOUNT IN LIEU OF WAIVER

MODEL	During DEC	During JAN	During FEB
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