

# TELENET

BY Paul Montgomery

In TAP issue #61, A. Ben Dump set forth the basics of accessing timesharing computer facilities. In this issue I want to go into details, explaining how to login to various types of systems, and explaining what you can do one you are there. This and the other computer articles in this series are written in a style assuming you have read issue #51, or have a basic computer knowledge. If you don't have issue #61, BUY IT!

The best computer network to break around on is GTE TeleNet. They have local dial-ups in over 250 cities, and a million computers online. To obtain your local dial-up, call TeleNet Customer Assistance on their In-WATS at: (800) 336-0437, and ask them. They are happy to tell you.

When you get on TeleNet, as with any other computer network, you must give it the address of the computer you wish to access. The beauty of TeleNet is the fact that they arrange all the computers by Bell System Area Code! A sample address looks like this (the @ is the TeleNet prompt):  
@ C 212164

The C tells teleNet that the connection is collect (the computer company pays for your connection!). The 212 is the New York City Area Code, and 164 is the actual identifying number of the computer system.

If you were to go through and attempt a C 21201 through C212300 (they never go above 300) you could map out all of the computers online in the New York City area. When TeleNet connects you to a system, and you get sick of it, and want to dump it and get back to the TeleNet prompt, type @ C/R (where C/R is Carriage Return or Enter key) and you will be back at the familiar TeleNet @ prompt. Now type D C/R. D is for Disconnect.

If you get error messages while scanning, such as ILLEGAL ADDRESS, HOST NOT RESPONDING, REJECTING, etc. This means that there is no computer associated with that network address, or for some reason or another, the system does not want to accept any connections from TeleNet. Just ignore these addresses, and keep scanning. If TeleNet should hang, hit BREAK and you should be dropped back to the @ prompt. If all else fails, hang up and call back.

Some of the Companies which have computers on TeleNet are:

Dun & Bradstreet, TRW Credit, Wells Fargo Bank, Citibank, Source Telecomputing, Dialcom Inc, Republican National Party, Democratic Party Computer, and thousands of other large and small business and industrial firms, colleges and universities, commercial computing services, data banks, and government agencies.

For you techno freaks, TeleNet accepts any almost any parity/bit configuration you care to send. TeleNet dialups are for 110/300 baud. GTE TeleNet Customer Service can also give you a 1200 baud dialup if you need one. Because TeleNet uses the CCITT X.25 packet network protocol standard, all users appear the same to most computers, so no incompatibilities exist. TeleNet operates as a multi-level hierarchical network consisting of a high speed 56 Kbps backbone network, and local distribution networks. Everything is redundant, and each intelligent node is equipped with standby processor components ready to take over immediately if active components fail, etc, etc, etc. I'm Paul, your GTE representative.... If you have any specific questions, write me c/o TAP!

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Dial-a-jury

DETROIT — Three years ago Bruce Power owed Michigan Bell Telephone \$1,000. Now Bell owes him \$28,000.  
It started when Power's phone was disconnected for nonpayment. Power got mad enough to sue a year later when a phone company bill collector called the school where he worked as a custodian and said damaging things.  
Power has since paid his bill. It took a jury of probable telephone company customers less than an hour to find in Power's favor.



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The most certain way to  
succeed is always to try  
just one more time.  
— Thomas Edison

Howdy Tom;

Please announce to your group, and to whoever you can send the word to, that Centapp, the recently created association of Texas Phone Phreaks, is sponsoring a Spring conference. The name of the conference is TexComm 1982, with a theme to dwell on our latest research into penetration of telco and other corporate communications and computer systems. The date of the conference is Saturday March 20, and will be held here in Austin. If you aren't familiar with the Austin area, then hang on; more information on this conference will be reaching you shortly.

Austin is quite enviable in mid-March. The weather is warm, the sun is bright, the city is green, and the chicks are hornier than a Texas longhorn. We have quite a few hot night spots that will introduce you to the real Texas. It's going to be an interesting day, but moreover, it will be a memorable night!

Admission is \$3. Advance payment is encouraged. Address inquiries to Centapp, and info on hotels, etc. will be sent. It would be great for the whole TAP crew to make it down to Austin for the best time they'll have this year.

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*Mountain Bill*  
Mountain Bill  
Director, Centapp

### ANOTHER WAY TO "GET LOST"

**MA BELL GIVES BOXERS THE BLUES:** American Telephone and Telegraph recently announced that it has developed a foolproof device for catching users of illegal "blue boxes." These ingenious electronic gadgets for defeating the phone company's long distance tone codes and making free telephone calls have been around for 16 years and cost the Bell System \$5 million to \$10 million a year. AT&T's new electronic marvel detects blue box calls immediately and notes the phone numbers of both ends of the line. The caller is immediately warned that he has been discovered and will be billed for the call. How the device will work when both caller and receiver are pay phones was not explained.

**COMPUTER-PRODUCED LETTERS** (Ranking 4,000 Chicago area residents for staying at the Oxford House outraged hundreds of recipients. They never stayed at the downtown hotel and demanded that their spouses be told the letter was a mistake. The letters resulted from a mixup of computer tapes. Hotel Manager Jerry Belanger said, "Some men called and demanded a retraction while their wives remained in an extension phone." Another woman said she was sorry to learn the letter was a mistake because she had hoped to use it against her husband in divorce proceedings. Belanger signed, "It's things like this that make you wish you were selling aluminum siding."

Go to a post office, preferably one out of your regular habitat, and rent a box. ID, etc. will be required. Pay the box rent for a full year, or for the longest period they will let you.

Now, have all your bills and other undesirable mail addressed to you at this box number. Let the mail stay in the box. (It might be wise to empty the box now and then for the first week or so so the postmaster will have no cause to suspect your plan). Mail that accumulates in the post office box will stay there until the box rent next becomes due and until the grace period has ended; could be up to or more than a year. The postmaster will then mark all the letters "box closed, unable to forward" and send them back to the senders. By now you can be long gone and almost forgotten about. (Except by those poor suckers with red faces who just got all their bills back!)

Because mail addressed to PO boxes is handled in this manner it is wise to make official inquiry about any firm using a box and to whom you have sent money and heard nothing after a reasonable length of time. Most firms who use PO box addresses are legit. More and more firms are using boxes because mail is delivered a little quicker and it is more secure. However, don't feel a bit bad about making inquiry if PO box users tend to ignore you. Postal rules now permit you to get the name and home address of box holders upon verbal request. No special forms or written request is required any more.

- Nickola Testicle

## Secret devices sold in error

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Navy said it is trying to get back three claim-fraud anti-spy devices it mistakenly sold as surplus about 14 months ago.

It declined to discuss details, including reports that a man who bought the devices for about \$300 wants more than \$150,000 to sell them back to the navy.

The navy said it would be inappropriate to discuss details while lawyers for the navy seek discovery proceedings to "negotiate terms of the return of the items." Sasonglans owns a surplus business in San Valley, Calif.

## Blank IRS forms submitted

The Internal Revenue Service expects 300 to 350 Americans a year fill in their names and addresses on income tax forms and leave the computation lines blank. Some protestors will send the IRS a message, such as "I paid the FUTA Amendment," says IRS spokesman Larry Beldner. Most arguments are not applicable, he adds. The FUTA Amendment, for instance, says no one shall be compelled to testify against himself — but only in criminal cases. And an income tax return is not a criminal matter unless you cheat. Another popular claim is that the 1985 Amendment does not specifically authorize an income tax. True, but it does give Congress "the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes." The courts have repeatedly held the language means an income tax is legal.

## The naked truth

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif. — Police say they caught accused bank robber Daniel Sims with his pants down.

When Sims allegedly robbed a bank Tuesday of \$1,100, a teller included a packet of bills that contained an explosive eye packet with the money, police said.

Seconds after Sims ran out of the Security Pacific Bank, the packet exploded and his pants were covered with a bright red dye, investigators said.

Police said Sims ran into a nearby clothing store and began pulling off his pants, causing a startled woman to run out and wave down officers.

## Accessing PRIME

BY: PAUL MONTGOMERY

Computers manufactured by PRIME Computer Corp. have rather insecure operating systems. But first, how do you know when you have come across a PRIME on TeleNet? Simple. Let's take an example. Connect to address 21465. This is Howe-Baker Engineers in Texas. When TeleNet makes the connection, their computer responds (the way all PRIME computers do) like this:

PRIMENET 18.1.003 HBAKER

PRIMENET tells you the system is a PRIME running the PRIMOS operating system, revision 18.1.003. HBAKER is the system name. In this case, Howe-Baker Engineers.

**OPERATING SYSTEM:** For those who don't know what an operating system (O/S) is, let me give you the definition: An O/S is a collection of computer programs that provides for the preparation and execution of the user's jobs. The O/S runs the show, chaining to various sub programs.

**NO PASSWORDS:** To get on the system you must LOGIN. To do this you type LOGIN XXXXXX, where XXXXXX is a user name (called a UFD for User File Directory) on a PRIME) from 1 to 6 alpha-numeric characters. Many UFD's have no passwords, and this is the major security weakness of the PRIME. The system administrator for a particular system just doesn't bother to assign passwords to all of the UFD's. It is your job as a crack computer cruncer to figure out a UFD with no password. To assist you, here is a list of system UFD's which have to be on all PRIMES: SYSTEM, SYSCOM, SYSOUL, PRIRUN, PRIME, CHMDCO, CHMDC1.

**LOGIN:** Just connect to the system, and type LOGIN SYSCOM. A <CR> or <ENTER> must follow all commands on ALL computers. If SYSCOM is a valid UFD with a password, the system will respond: INSUFFICIENT ACCESS RIGHTS. (LOGIN). If SYSCOM does not exist on the system, the computer will respond: NOT FOUND. (LOGIN). If SYSCOM is valid, and has no password, you will be logged onto the system! If the system sits there and asks for additional passwords, or project ID's, the system has additional security installed by the owners; and you should try hitting <BREAK> or <CONTROL-P> at appropriate moments in hope of escaping from the security program.

**NAMES & INITIALS:** Other than attempting to log into the system accounts, you should try names, such as DAVE, DAVID, MARK, JOHN, JEFF, or initials, CUR, JON, FGA, RSE, FLT or whatever. If you hit on an existing account, but it has a password (system responds: INSUFFICIENT ACCESS RIGHTS. (LOGIN)) try the name or initials as the password. Lots of people use their names, or girlfriend's names, or whatever. For instance, UFD: JOHN password: JOHN. There are some really stupid people out there. Here is how to login when you think you know the password! LOGIN DAVE FARRAH where DAVE is the UFD, and FARRAH is the password.

**ALL THE PASSWORDS:** The first thing you want to do once you managed to login is print out a list of ALL the UFD accounts and passwords on the system. These are stored in a UFD called MFD: MFD (Master File Directory) has a stock password of XXXXXX. Many people never bother to change it. And they say programmers are smart! HA! Here is what to type to get it to print the list:

FUTIL  
A MFD XXXXXX 0 (Then do MFD 1 and MFD 2 etc.)  
L PMSMD

The computer will merrily print it all out. If it keeps saying things like ACCESS VIOLATION - NO RIGHT and not printing any passwords, the MFD password is not XXXXXX. If you can guess the correct one, you're in business!

**COMMANDS:** Some basic commands and their usage are:

LISTF - prints a list of all the files on that UFD

SLIST FILE - prints out the contents of that file  
RESUME FILE - if file is a program, this runs it  
A CHMDCO

LISTF - these two commands will cause the system to print out many of the available commands.

A UFD - where UFD is any UFD on system, attaches you there, and if you type LISTF you can find look at all the programs on that UFD.

Until next time, good luck, and take care. If you have any further questions about commands, etc. for the PRIME, please drop me a line C/O TAP!

## PRECURSOR PRECAUTIONS by Dr. Atomic

**FLUORESCENT:** A new DEA ploy worth mentioning is the "glow powder" trick. The DEA will coat the precursor containers with a substance that is not visible until exposed to ultra-violet light. Even if one isn't caught with the precursors or other "contraband", glowing hands can result in convictions for possession and conspiracy.

**WATCHED PRECURSOR LIST:** All precursors are watched. Any order that is at all suspicious to a chemical company "Customer Service Manager" or other sales person may send him scurrying to the phone to call in the report (and your license plate number) to the DEA. Rumor has it that the DEA pays them up to \$2,000 per lab busted. Some things which arouse suspicion are new accounts, over-the-counter cash purchases, out of town customers, and large purchases, even large purchases of solvents such as ether, acetone, or alcohol.

**STING:** Buckeye Scientific Company, a well know DEA sting operation that sells "watched precursors", was advertising in Mother Earth News Classified recently—still stinging the unwary, I presume. The former owner of Buckeye, the late Dick Hall, was also, in my opinion, a knowing member of the DEA sting team: Hall was furnishing chemists, who were really undercover DEA agents, to unsuspecting technologists who needed technical help; one would not have to ask for the assistance because Hall was only too glad to provide a DEA agent; he'd make the offer. For more details see U.S. v. Katz, vol 509 Federal Supplement at page 998 (1981).

**THE CONTROLLED BUY:** This is a situation where an informant is sent by the police to make a purchase of precursors, drugs, or other contraband. The informant is searched by the police before he goes to make the purchase; he goes alone and turns over the evidence upon his return. Believe-it-or-not, the uncorroborated testimony of the informant is enough for conviction (U.S. v. Hopkins, 354 F. Supp 634). The case cited isn't recent, but the practice of informant purchasing is continuing. This is a situation anyone can find himself in because informants hard pressed to provide an arrest for police may resort to providing the contraband themselves; they will leave a "package" with you only to come back later for it (with a cop outside).

And take it as gospel from Dr. Atomic that the government is selling piperidine, p-2-p, and other precursors on the Black (free) Market to uncover clandestine labs. Take care, and watch out for "radio beepers" hidden in your precursor purchases.

# LETTERS



DEAR TAP

- Here's a few tips from a fellow reader and activist:
- SMOKE BOMBS:** 4 parts of sugar to 6 parts potassium nitrate (saltpeter). Heat over low flame until it melts, stir well. Pour into its future container (empty milk cartons do very well). Before it solidifies, embed a few wooden matches as fuses into the mixture. One pound fills a block nicely with thick white smoke.
- CHEMICALS:** A guaranteed cool source to order any chemicals is CHEM-TX, Box 573, Hawkesbury, Ontario, Canada, K6A-1 2 They will fish around for anything and guarantee anonymous replies to any order.
- EXPLOSIVES:** Petroleum jelly and potassium chlorate 1 to 1 by weight, is totally safe when wet but is highly explosive and shock sensitive when dry. Stir 5 gm potassium iodide and 5 gm iodine in a beaker with 50 ml water. Add 20 ml ammonium hydroxide (ammonia water 10%). Filter and the resulting filtered solid is called nitrogen triiodide. When wet is very safe but upon drying becomes very explosive and shock sensitive, to the point of a feather setting it off.
- COUNTERFEITING:** Hexamethylenediamine completely bleaches any ink to a perfect white without harming the paper in any way.
- VANDALISM:** Ethyl mercaptan and butylseleno mercaptan are the most evil smelling substances on earth. Mixed with kerosene for long-lasting effect they can be so annoying as to render a building inhabitable.
- ALARMS:** The alarm companies use the phone lines to link the premises under protection with its protector, wether it be the police station or in bigger towns a security office. Sometimes the owner is included in the warning list. The machine works like this: when the alarm is tripped, a dialing circuit dials the police, a security office and the owner in most cases. One can cut the outgoing phone lines from the building, and incapacitate the outside bells and horns, and upon entry the bells and horns will sound the alarm silently while the electronic dialer will try unsuccessfully to dial the police, owner and security office to warn them of the illegal entry.
- GUNS:** Canadian Fire sells a handy starting pistol, revolver type, the barrel and revolving magazine of which can be easily drilled to 22 caliber size using a simple drill, bit and a table vise to hold the piece. This makes a cheap and easy to get saturday night special.

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THE MAD SCIENTIST

Those little "weather" radios offered at \$9.95 to about \$19.95 can be "tweaked" a bit to cover the DEA and FBI radio channels very well. Some will cover these frequencies without adjustment. Only problem is they have no squelch control and the hiss could drive you bananas. If you are in a fringe area you might have to improvise an outside or attic antenna to pull in the mobiles when they are not working through a repeater.

DEA is into CB pretty heavily along the coast. They monitor this service continually and on occasion switch to CB for 2-way work. A little listening on VHF (on your weather radio!) will teach you their lingo and pretty soon you'll be smarter than they are!

Nickolai Testicle



## Counterfeit

A pair of fake \$20 bills, above, were discovered after being passed at a South Plainfield tavern between Sunday night and early Monday morning. The counterfeiters, which are actually \$1 bills on which are taped the ends of \$20 bills, are usually passed with the counterfeiters hand placed over the picture of Washington, police said.

## Bogus \$20 bills passed at tavern

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD:** Borough police officials are warning local merchants, especially bar owners, to be on the lookout for phony \$20 bills.

A bartender at Norman's Bar and Grill, Oak Tree Avenue, accepted two bogus \$20 bills sometime between 8 p.m. Sunday and 1 a.m. Monday, according to police.

At first glance the bills look real, according to Lt. Thomas Delleck. But closer observation reveals the two ends of the \$20

bills have been taped to the ends of a \$1 bill. According to Delleck, a counterfeiter will attempt to pass the fake bill by covering the picture of Washington as he hands over the bill.

Bars are usually dimly lit so it is difficult to spot the irregularity, he said.

This is the time of year, he said, that there is an upsurge in passing phony money because people are rushed and there is a lot of cash around.

## Abbie Hoffman



The former Yippie leader has been a resident in 11 different jails during his years in "The Movement", but now he's working to help young people from finding lodging the same way.

Abbie Hoffman set down in a sparsely attended news conference yesterday in an unheated Manhattan townhouse to

plug what he said would be "the hottest party in town" — one that would benefit young people trying to kick drugs.

The event will be held Monday night at Studio 54 — the scene in the past of highly publicized drug arrests and investigations — from 8 a.m. to dawn, for the benefit of Veritas, a community treatment house for young adults on 16th Street.

Hoffman said 1,200 tickets at \$25 for have already been sold for the party, and the event should put Veritas over the top in the drive to raise and a million bucks to move into a residential facility across an 16th Street.

Many of the Veritas residents were sent there by the courts to be rehabilitated, said Hoffman, a comedian at the facility who is on a work-release program himself for conspiracy to sell cocaine nine years ago. Treatment at Veritas takes 12 to 18 months.

He sold programs such as that at Veritas have far better results than drug incarceration. In jail, "Prisoners all serve five years in a cage. You take the drugs away — big deal. You put them out on the streets, and five weeks later they're on drugs again."

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Ladder to success?

**RAJNISTAD, Sweden** — Anders Rånge, director of Halmstad Prison here, has admitted he is allowing his prisoners to make rope ladders in the prison shops, but only on one condition: "They have promised not to use them to escape," Rånge said.

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"I've been wanting to do this for years and years but someone would get to the mail before me and throw it out," she said. "They figured I was a little kooky but they let me go ahead."

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