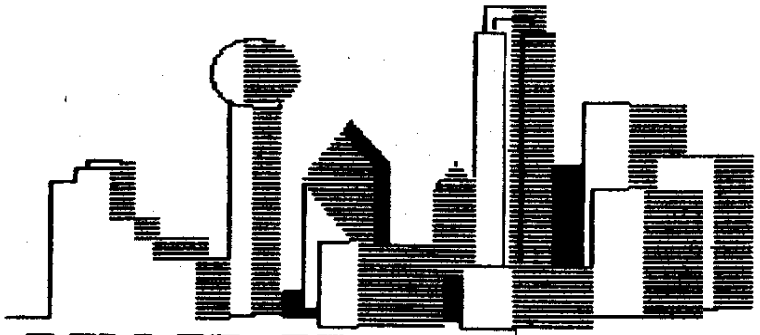

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NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, May 14, 1988
The Dallas INFOMART

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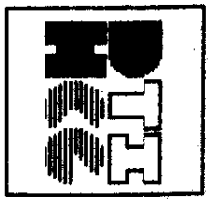

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FIRST CLASS

SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
5/14/88		INFOMART MEETINGS
	09:00	Software SIG: Introduction to telecommunication for the novice.
	10:00	Main Meeting: An original screen dump for TI-ARTIST.
	13:00	Hardware SIG: Disk management.
5/21/88		EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
	13:00	Officers
	14:30	Committee Chairmen
5/22/88	14:00	MiniSiG: A visit to the 99ER CONNECTION BBS.
5/24/88	18:00	MiniSiG: Hands-on introduction to telecommunications.
5/25/88	18:00	Newsletter deadline.
5/27/88	17:15	NextStep at Wyatt's, Beltline and Central.
6/11/88		INFOMART MEETINGS
	07:45	Set-up help.
	09:00	Hardware SIG: TI-to-VCR hookup.
	10:00	Main Meeting: Using the 4A with your VCR.
	13:00	Prog'ing SIG: Using terminal emulators.

NOTES:
$ = Attendance Fee
# = DTIHCG Membership Required
+ = Reservations Required
SIG = (S)pecial (I)nterest (G)roup

WHICH MEETING FOR ME?

The Dallas TI Home Computer Group features a wide variety of meetings, held throughout each month. One or more of these is bound to be just the one for which you're looking.

MAIN MEETING AT INFOMART

This meeting has a little bit of everything. We open with a short business meeting and announcements, follow with an audience participation "open forum," present an informative program on preannounced topics and wrap it up with merchandise sales and new member/visitor orientation.

SIG MEETINGS AT INFOMART

Topics of a little narrower range of interest are presented in these Special Interest Group Meetings. Two such meetings are held each month, one preceeding the main meeting at 9:00 am and the other following the lunch hour at 1:00 pm. Subjects include application software, hardware, programming and other fascinating topics.

MINISIG MEETINGS

For "hands-on" sessions and in depth looks at literally ANY subject, MiniSiG meetings are held at members homes or businesses throughout the Dallas area. Generally at least one of these meetings is planned and scheduled by the group during each month. Additional meetings may be held at any time by any member with adequate enthusiasm for the topic; the group stands ready to help you find and contact people with like interests.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOPS

Originally a MiniSiG, the NEXT STEP has taken on a life of its own. This is the informal meeting at which to get your questions answered, your hardware problems diagnosed (and probably fixed), to get to talk casually with the "experts" and, often, to eat! Many of

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the NEXT STEP meetings are held in cafeteria meeting rooms; bring your appetite and help us buy enough food to pay for the room.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Held the Saturday following the INFOMART meetings (generally at the presidents house), these are the meetings where the reall planning and execution of group business take place. DON'T miss 'em of you are a group officer or committee chairman; Rip almost always finds a new and exciting place for us to eat after the meeting...

SOCIAL MEETINGS

As if we didn't eat enough at the other meetings, several times a year the group sponsors social meetings combined with DINNER! Each has been different, each has been GREAT! Watch for anncuncement of the next one.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Jim Stewart

Our April 16th programs were exceptionally well presented, and had balanced appeal for everyone. David Axberg showed how it is possible to transfer files between our TI 99/4a and IBM. John Guion stepped in for John Creviston presenting a unique operating program he designed and hand wired, with the help of Bob Jones and John Creviston, using the John Wilforth PEB Prototype Card. Jon Hodges opened our eyes to several intriguing facets of TI Writer including financial support to Church Missionaries and printing Hymns with illustrated guitar chord fingering. Capping the day, Charlice Althar presented us a wonder named "HERE_IT_IS". This is a thoughtful family treasury of vital information you simply must have. Truly a great day!
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Beginning our May 14th meeting, Louis Guion will regale us with his special blend of technical humor telling us "everything we wanted to know but were afraid to ask" about Telecomunnications from the newcomers point of view. We have all looked forward to Ricky May's TI-Artist Screen Dump program, and after much effort he is ready to share it with us. Brian MacIntosh accepted the challenge of preparing a "Disk Management Tips" program for us. (Is there still hope for my unlabelled disks in old shoe boxes?)

If Thierry Weber is ready by our June 11th meeting, we can anticipate with fascination his Video Recording program, ably supported by Doug Garretson's techniques on hooking up our Computer to a Video Cassette Recorder. We have asked John Guion to present his new Sprite Editor and Screen Composer program to our full membership. When previewed at our Graphics SIG...you could have heard a pin drop. If you loved John's Super Disk---wait til you see this!

Be good to yourself and the DTIHCG. Don't miss any of these scheduled programs.

MINISIG MADNESS
Tom Hall

The April GRAPHICS MINISiG, was well attended, with 15 members present. It was so interesting that no one noticed we didn't take a break. John Guion wow'd us with graphics and graphic programs. There was quite an array of printers, from the latest EPSON 24 pin print head, to TI 855, to the ole and faithfull TI 99/4 Impact Printer. John led us thru the characteristics of the various printers and their settings. Programs were run and graphics were printed. The Club is greatful to John for his efforts. John is
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indeed, a KEY member of DTIHCG. This was a very successful SIG, it is apparent that the interest in graphics of the membership is so varied, that we may need a continuation of this Graphics Sig. At the conclusion of the SIG, there was a lot of exchanging of Graphics programs. If you have interest in a continuation of a Graphics MINISiG, let me know and one will be scheduled later in the year.

May is going to be a BIG month for MINISiGs with two scheduled ! The first is "A VISIT TO THE 99'ER CONNECTION". Dan Johnsen is Host and Sig Leader. This event will be held on May 22nd, 2:00pm til ? Get a map and a MINISiG circular at the INFOMART Meeting. The second MINISiG is a companion to the first one. The Great One - Louis Guion - is hosting and leading a BASIC COMMUNICATIONS MINISiG two days later, on May 24th. If you are not using a MODEM or you are not confortable with the MODEM you own - this is the meeting you need to attend!

For the intermedate and advanced communications user, the June 19th MINISIG is for you. This Communications MINISiG will get into advanced techniques and different Terminal Emulators. Remember TE-II and the Acoustic MODEM? As some folks had two and three different 300 baud MODEMS, with two and three different Terminal Emulator programs. There are those members, today, that are on their second 1200 (or 2400) baud MODEM. And some are leaving the sophisticated FAST TERM for TELCO.

Again, don't forget to pick up a calendar of DTIHCG events at the INFOMART

NEXT STEP WORKSHOPS
Tom Hall

I hope everyone picked up a NEXT-STEP announcement circular, the one with the life presever, at the INFOMART Meeting. With the circular and calendar as reminders, surely, no one will forget this important monthly meeting.

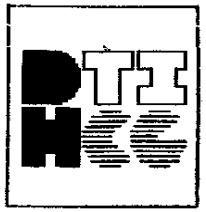
April 29th and Wyatts at Central Expressway and Beltline was the date and place of the April NEXT-STEP. This Wyatts will also be the place for the May 27th NEXT-STEP. It was thought that we had a more or less permenant place at the Wyatts on Josey, but something fell through when we went to St. Mark in February. Hopefully, a place for the next 6 meetings can be found. As you have been reminded in the past, we "pay" for these meeting rooms by buying a minimum amount of food. So - bring your appetite and mark "DTIHCG" on your ticket before you pay the cashier. No, Rip Dowling isn't going to foot the bill for the food. HOWEVER, if he misses an EC Meeting, we are going to change the by-laws where that is written in the Presidents duties.

The June NEXT-STEP will be on Friday, June 24th, 5:15pm. The meeting place will be announced at the May INFOMART Meeting. Don't forget to pick up a DTIHCG Calendar and a NEXT-STEP Circular.

REMEMBER! FRIDAY - MAY 27 - WYATT'S - CENTRAL AND BELTLINE - NEXT STEP WORKSHOP

MORE SOFTWARE ARRIVES
Tom Hall

There will be a limited number of copies of CALENDAR MAKER 99 by ASGARD, for distribution to Club Members in good standing (if your dues aren't paid, don't ask).



FATCAT'S TALE
Rip Dowling

I'M A BUSINESS MAN. I make my living in a sometimes exceedingly aggressive and competitive retail environment, and I enjoy it. In the ocean of that business I am a shark not a tuna. In that metaphor however, the tuna refers to my competition, not to my customers. While I may decimate competition with royal abandon, the customer is my prize, not my prey.

How then, am I to gain that prize and in doing so shred the competitors? By providing the best service, the finest product, and the best value in the market place. In this way I provide what pleases the consumer most and they return again and again to do business with my company. Most all businesses, worldwide, subscribe to this philosophy and the consumer is the winner, choosing the best from among the better.

The opposite of this case is the business man who comes to the market place with no intention of preserving any credibility. He comes once and strikes hard. He does not harm his competition at all, but rather sucks the life blood from the customer. He rends the bleeding entrails of the consumer's pockets and escapes, leaving behind a quivering corpse. He offers no value, shoddy or non-existent merchandise and little or no service. How then is this rogue to survive in the future? By finding new and unsuspecting prey.

The only defense from this predator is foreknowledge. Oh yes, there are some signs of his coming. There are things to look for in his approach. However, he is the master of disguise and deception. Even the most wary and cautious of shoppers can be misled by this

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ruthless maurauder. So, it is the duty of anyone who has witnessed his attack to notify others in the community of what has transpired in order to prevent a continued slaughter.

As many of you already know, several of our members, through the club, ordered an item called Grand Ram from a Mister Galen A. Read of Innovative Programming, acting as a dealer for DataBiotics, the manufacturer of the item. This purchase was made by check in the amount of $2873.30 on Sept. 30 of 1987. To date, no merchandise has been received. There has been no communication with Innovative Programming other than our members calling them and receiving various promises which were not kept. Unless DataBiotics steps in to protect the goodwill of the TI community toward their company, it appears that our members will receive neither the Grand Rams nor any substantial refund from any party concerned.

BE FOREWARNED.

HEARD ON THE BUS
Louis Guion

Jackie, John, and I all attended the April 30th running of the first Texas TI Faire put on by five area user groups headed by the Forest Lane TI User Group. This convention, conceived and nurtured by F.L.U.G.'s Richard Fleetwood, certainly ranks as one of my most enjoyable TI experiences. He and Faire Chairman Roy Willis are to be congratulated for this fine outing. I certainly enjoyed the hours I spent there and really had a ball ambling through the vendor area and attending seminars. There is no need of my boring you with a list of the sponsors, activities, and vendors as they were thoroughly outlined in the TI Faire

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advertisement carried in this newsletter last month.

Software vendors were plentiful as was hardware that ranged from museum stock like the 99/4, 99/2, and the 99/8 all the way to Bud Mill's new Horizon 1-meg RAM disk. Rave-99 was showing their newest Memory Enhancement System which retains memory for four or five days by using a 1-Farad capacitor! Myarc, Inc., continued their lack of support for Myarc products in the Dallas area by failing to show up due to personal emergency on the part of their representative. Myarc's only known previous Dallas efforts had been to send two half-baked prototype computers which either did not work or which were not supported with demonstration instructions. It would seem that they are trying to commit suicide in one of the nation's top-ten largest marketing areas, wouldn't it?

I found out how nice it is to be able to put faces with the names I have been reading about in Micropendium and in BBS files from coast to coast. I always thought it sort of corny that every review one reads mentions this fact, but it is really one of the nicest aspects of this international gathering. From Bob Boone (Canada) all the way through Dave Miller (Seattle), it was a pleasure to come face-to-face. And SURELY you can imagine the pleasure it gave all of them to finally meet ME. What? You can't imagine that?

There was one visitor that gave a good impression of being glad to see me, however! I was really pleased to find that Gary Taylor, now President of one of the three Pittsburg, PA, TI user groups, had managed to fly down for the Faire. Gary, an old DTIHCG member, carried down some of the Willforth Prototype
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Cards for the P-Box. Much to John Guion's satisfaction I was able to purchase another card. Having designed the P-Box GROM emulator card on one of the Willforth products, John is now looking for new fields to conquer. After the show Gary was able to slip off for a while and relax with a slice or two of pizza while telling me of his users group's progress within the last year or so.

I must say that the atmosphere at the Texas TI Faire was most certainly right in step with what is considered true Texas hospitality. The nicely carpeted and air conditioned vendor area had just the right amount of crowding for atmosphere and the correct amount of aisle space for traffic. Nicely covered white-draped tables held the wares. Two registration stations dispensed name tags and made for a no-wait ticket experience.

The seminars were conducted in an atrium-like setting close to the swimming pool area as well as in some smaller rooms up on the second floor of the hotel. The only time I dealt with the hotel staff they were courteous and helpful. The TV tapes were being made in the seminar rooms and in the vendor area, so I assume that a video experience can be re-lived at will in the future.

The volunteer support was in evidence everywhere one turned. From the many systems supporting the seminars and registration to the people operating the TV cameras to the design of name tags to the good printed material: the stamp of the volunteer worker was to be found everywhere. Of course the co-sponsor groups had tables manned by more of these hearty volunteers. There were even special extension cord sets that had been made by more of these volunteer folks. These extension cords were used to get power to all
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of the many running systems that dotted the vendor area.

What with this being my only experience at a TI Faire, I asked around to a couple of the more experienced people and from both I got affirmative assessments of the gathering. They, as I would, rated the Texas TI Faire as a enjoyable success. Congratulations go to the hard workers that presented this Faire for our enjoyment. Their efforts will indeed "help lengthen the life of the TI 99/4A Home Computer" as they said in their advertisements.

----- MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -----

99er CONNECTION BBS

Fire up your modem and call 214-272-2786. The group BBS answers both 300 and 1200 baud, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Be sure to let the SysOp know if you are a new DTIHCG member...

STUFF FOR SALE

Each month a new Disk-Of-the-Month, packed with a little something for everyone is available at group meetings for $3.00 each. A limited number of "back issues" may be available, be sure to check with the D-O-M chairman.

Blank diskettes are also available for purchase at most group functions. These high quality, generic diskettes may cost a nickel more than the "junk stuff," but they ALMOST NEVER give you any problems; if they do the Diskette Sales Chairman will ABSOLUTELY NEVER gives you any problem exchanging one!

Other "minor" hardware (GROM ports, keyboards, power supplies, cables, etc) are also SEE "SERVICES", page 13

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avail;able to members at most meestings. See the "Material Distribution" chairman to get the going rate on the things you need.

As opportunities arise, the group often sponsors "mass purchases" of major items of hardware. Watch this section of the newsletter and stay awake at the meetings to find out what the current "buy" is.

HARDWARE LOAN

A limited number of 99/4A consoles and acoustic modems (you thought they were all gone, didn't you?) are available for loan to members who experience equipment failures. The Hardware Custodian doesn't carry this stuff around with him though, so be sure to give him a call BEFORE the meeting to let him know your needs.

"PEOPLE SERVICES"

The Recruitment Committee is always on the lookout for new and better ways to let potential members know we exist. If you have a suggestion or (better yet) can lend a hand, give the chairman a call.

The Membership Committee handles enrollment of new members and distribution of information to guests and new members alike, as well as providing services to our existing members. If you're new, check with the Membership Chairman if you need a little assistance; if you've been around for a while, give him a hand in welcoming our guests and new members.

Our Volunteer Coordinator has a multitude of thankless tasks. Each meeting requires organization of who is bringing what, who will help with the set up and tear down, to say nothing of notification to the membership. If the chairman asks for your help, give it cheerfully; better yet, volunteer BEFORE she has to ask!

USER SUPPORT
Imogene Osborn

Volunteers: we need at least another person for the Telephone Committee, we need to relieve Mike Chapman a as soon as possible, since he has graciously accepted Membership Chairman.

Also, we need people to fill the slots at the InfoMart Booth: 8-10(break it up anyway you would like), and 12-1. We have had some good Volunteers, but we failed to sign up any for the May 14th. meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carr have helped in the 12-1 slot for the last two meetings. I would appreciate if you would give me a call, or leave a message on DTIHCG TIBBS, or Startext, MC203729. THANKS MUCH!

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5 YEARS AGO
Richard Roberts

MAY 1983 - The month of May marked the first meeting of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group at their new facilities, Northlake College, in Irving. If nothing else, the meeting room provided us with abundant seating, one of the detriments at the University of Dallas. Nonetheless, the special ambience at the U of D would be lost forever.

Doyle Kelly, the club Secretary (and past President) presented the main meeting, which was a demo of some new music software, complete with graphics, which had just been received from TI. The newsletter does not mention the names of the software demonstrated, but if my memory serves me correctly, it included WESTERN BOOGIE, ROCKIES ROBOT BOOGIE, PUPPY TOWN, and several others. It all seems tame compared to today's standards, but it was really something at the time. I'm sure the disk is still in our club

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library - if you're not familiar with it, why not look it up and request a copy from Charlice.

During the discussion period of the meeting, plans for some upcoming workshops were discussed. Topics receiving the most interest were BASIC programming, TMS-9900 Assembly, TI-WRITER, and File Use applications. Sounds pretty familiar, right?

The May newsletter had a review of ARTHROPOD, a really exciting arcade version of Atari's CENTIPEDE. At the time, it was considered the best game program for the 99/4A, and would still be exciting enough today, if it weren't for the fact that we have our own 99/4A version of the latter. One interesting quote from the review, in regards to the three levels of play (e.g. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced): "There are three different skill levels - we call them Hard, Impossible, and Ridiculous!". How true it is.

Next month: The TI store at Prestonwood Mall closes.

----- THE LIBRARY CORNER -----

SOFTWARE LIBRARY

A copy of the DTIHCG Software Library catalog may be obtained from the librarian in one of the following formats. Copies are free, but you must provide blank diskettes to replace those you are given:

6 SSSD diskettes
3 DSSD diskettes
Printed copy (by prior arrangement, only)

Programs are provided by COMPLETE disk only for a service charge of $2.00 per disk (you

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provide the diskette) or $3.00 per disk (we provide diskette, mailer and postage). Additionaly, the group schedules periodic meetings at which you may copy as many disks as you wish for one, "flat" fee.

At last count, there were over 235 diskettes in our library. Members are encouraged to donate copies of public domain or freeware programs at any time; please see the software librarian to do so.

Many programs are also available (or can be made available) on cassette. See the librarian for more information.

CARTRIDGE LIBRARY

Over 70 DIFFERENT software cartridges are available for a one month checkout from our cartridge librarian! This service is an excellent way to try out some of these titles that are not available in any other format, before you buy a copy of your own. See the cartridge librarian during normal group meetings to get an up-to-the-minute list and check out your personal favorite.

As with the other DTIHCG libraries, members are encouraged to contribute modules that they find are no longer being used. Especially appreciated are those with complete, intact, original documentation.

ADVENTURE LIBRARY

Like the cartridge library, our Adventure Library works on a one month checkout basis. Original, complete versions of these programs are available for you to try before you purchase your OWN copy. See the Adventure Librarian for a complete list of the games currently available. A limited number of adventures are also available in cassette form.

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NEWSLETTER LIBRARY

Our newsletter library is unique because Mike Stanfill, our librarian, has taken all the work out of it for you! His compilations of the "Best Of the Newsletters" are broken down by major topics of interest. See Mike to find out what is currently available and check out one of these fine collections on a monthly basis. Tell him you read about it in a newsletter...

CARTRIDGE CONNECTION
Doug Garretson

The Cartridge Library has hit sort of a "levelling off point" in the past couple of months. I guess the steadily increasing good weather has had something to do with the lack of check-outs, due to the fact that most people would rather be outside during such weather than learning a new program or playing a cartridge-based game. However, a few developments in the past two months need to be reported.

Last month, David Martin came forward with the generous donation of seventeen cartridges and a Cassette 'n' Game File to hold them. Among the donated carts is a new addition to the library, Q*bert. The other cartridges are already represented in the library, but are appreciated nonetheless. And two months ago, Kenneth Hansen brought several carts to the library that were donated by one of his friends outside the group. Thanks to both of these people for their kind donations.

In the past few months there has been a problem (although small at the moment) of members not returning cartridges or other materials by the prescribed deadline, that

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being one month from the check-out date or, roughly, at the following INFOMART meeting. I want people to know that I understand there are times when circumstances do not permit a member to attend a meeting. However, if you have checked out club-owned property, be it cartridges, an adventure game, or a piece of equipment, it is the member's responsibility to contact the custodian of the merchandise BEFORE the INFOMART meeting to let them know that the merchandise will not be returned on time. In the case of the Cartridge Library, such notification would allow me to replace the cartridge(s) with a suitable replacement before the meeting, in case someone else wants to check-out that package. Because I have limited room in my carrying cases (and I have no intention of going to three or four cases unless the actual title count warrants it), I am forced to carry only ONE copy of each software selection that is contained in the Cartridge Library. Because we have duplicates of so many cartridge titles, however, replacing the title, should a member not be able to return it on time, is not a problem in most cases. Therefore, I ask anyone who checks out club-owned merchandise to please contact the appropriate custodian should you be unable to meet the deadline for returning it. This will help the custodians out, as well as show consideration for your fellow members.

See you all on Saturday!

Got a spare RS232 "Y" cable? Send it to your newsletter editor!

Got a 15 pitch Diablo 620 print wheel? Yep, he could use one of them, too!

CEOTICS
Jim Lesher

9600 baud, have you noticed the strange way modems move or jump from baud rate to baud rate? Why did they go from 300 to 1200 and not 600? And why are they going from 1200 to 2400 and not 4800, and why are they going from 2400 to 9600? Before most of us have a 2400 baud, "they" are already talking 9600 and even 19200. "They" are refered to as companies like Hayes and U. S. Robotics. The article in "Computer Shopper" says that U. S. Robotics is offering large discounts to sysops on their 9600 bauds, in an attempt to seed the market. A hayes 9600 baud modem retails for only $1299 but the article said you may be able to pick up a U. S. Rrobotics for about $500. I wonder what Avatex is asking? The reason for the gaudy prices is that it takes a lot of electronic magic to be able to send info over noisey telephone lines at that rate, and these prices are not expected to come down much. Now there looms on the horizon an all new method of sending data over the phone lines, ISDN or "Integrated Services Digital Network." Actually it's not new, the TV people have been talking about sending digitized information over ordinary phone lines for a long time. But the writer of this article thinks that this system will blow the now used analog systems out the window, and baud rates will soar to unimagineable hights. So his advice is, don't buy a 9600 baud modem too soon, wait for the ISDN, about 3 years.

FUNNYWEB FARMS
Mike Stanfill

I've always been a big fan of Steve "Schmock-Schmock, 'How's yer fern?'" Allen, surely one of the most literate men ever to take the stage as a professional comedian. So it was with some delight, whilst scrounging around at Half-price books, that I came across a copy of his tome "CURSES! or 'How never to be foiled again.". It's a quick read with chapters titled "The Wrath of Allah","Black Words from the Emerald Isle","The Curse of the Frog" and several other categories each featuring a particular type of verbal assault. Several gems include the bizarre "May you be cursed by a gypsy who stutters!" and the terrifying "May your wife understand you!" to the slightly skewed "When you sleep...may you dream that you are awake!".

I loved them all but the one,final, coup de grace' curse that Mr. Allen ends the book with is not a curse at all... it is a curse-MAKER! A fill-in-the- blanks affair so rife with possibilities that I knew it would make the perfect Tinygram, but one which would require a little help.

The curse-maker originally looked like this:

> "May your (part of body) never (verb) but may it (unpleasant verb) for (period of time) until your (organ of elimination) (unpleasant verb)s at (embarrassing location)!"

Need I tell you what parts YOU need to add to make the curse complete!

I decided to expand on the theme by putting an expanded list of all of the necessary data into DATA statements which would then be read randomly by our li'l orphans and spewed out for our pleasure (such as it is.).

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So, to use the program correctly you must fill lines 8 through 13 with the words or phrases of your choice. As an example lets do line 8 which will hold the 'part of body' info:

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 8 DATA NOSE,NECK,EAR,X
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When the program RUNs it will randomly choose one of those three body parts and plug it in to the correct location. For each category you will be allowed to ENTER up to as many as 50 separate items just as long as you end the DATA catagory with an 'X' as this tells the program to go on to the next category. For instance, if you RESEQUENCE the program to add extra body parts, it might look like this:

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 8 DATA NOSE,NECK EAR
 9 DATA THROAT,TOE,FINGER
10 DATA EYE,FOOT,X
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NOW your Curse-Maker has 8 body parts to choose from. Remember, dont't leave the DATA descriptions (I.E. PART OF BODY) in your DATA statements as they are only there as reminders.

The rest is up to you and I urge you to be creative, especially when you get to the EMBARRASSING LOCATION and ORGAN OF ELIMINATION parts. Think of things like "The Pope's house" or "Your daughters wedding (She should be so lucky)" or "Trouser snake", you get the idea. If you think this program is a little less than sensible then "May your sex life be as good as your credit!"

Have fun, curse nicely, see you next time.

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*     ******A TINYGRAM********  *
*     ***BY MIKE STANFILL*****  *
*     **DALLAS TI USER GROUP**  *
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* 2 DIM V$(5Ø,5):: CALL CLEAR  *
*  :: FOR T=1 TO 6              *
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* 3 READ G$ :: IF G$<>"X" THEN *
* C=C+1 :: V$(C,T)=G$ :: B(T)  *
* =C :: GOTO 3 ELSE C=Ø        *
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* 4 NEXT T :: RANDOMIZE        *
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* 5 A$="MAY YOUR "&V$(INT(RND* *
* B(1)+1),1)&" NEVER "&V$(INT( *
* RND*B(2)+1),2)&" BUT MAY IT  *
* "&V$(INT(RND*B(3)+1),3)&" FO *
* R "&V$(INT(RND*B(4)+1),4)    *
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* 6 A$=A$&" UNTIL YOUR "&V$(IN *
* T(RND*B(5)+1),5)&" "&V$(INT( *
* RND*B(3)+1),3)&"S"&" AT "&V$ *
* (INT(RND*B(6)+1),6)&"!"      *
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* 7 PRINT A$                   *
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* 8 DATA PART OF BODY,X        *
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* 9 DATA VERB,X                *
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* 1Ø DATA UNPLEASANT VERB,X    *
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* 11 DATA PERIOD OF TIME,X     *
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* 12 DATA ORGAN OF ELIMINATION *
* ,X                           *
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* 13 DATA EMBARRASSING LOCATIO *
* N,X                          *
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