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At the Hurst Public Library  
2 pm

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### NEW POWER SUPPLY ON-A-CARD AVAILABLE!

A new peripheral card supplier for the 99/4A has announced their first product, which is aimed at the Myarc GENEVE, but may be used with the 99/4A as well. Referred to as the model OBY-1, this device, enclosed in a clam-shell case identical in shape to TI's cards, is a nuclear-reactor power supply, and will provide backup power for as long as 12 years.

The nuclear reactor supplies CPU power during power failure or other power emergencies. The reactor also glows in the dark (as will you), which makes it easy to find your computer.

When the card senses a power failure, explosive bolts eject moderator and control rods from the reactor's interior within 20 micro-seconds, bringing the reactor to it's fully rated output of 20 kW in less than a millisecond. Over it's 12-year active life, the reactor's power decreases by 25% to 15 kW.

Integral heat fins provide convection cooling of the reactor's 500W power dissipation while the reactor remains in the standby condition. If the fan on your PEB box can't furnish 400 cubic feet/second of forced air for cooling (some early model PEB boxes may SOUND like they achieve this velocity, but don't trust it), consider buying the manufacturer's heavy-water cooling jacket and stainless-steel pump module, which fits conveniently under a desk or workbench. Latches on each side of the reactor module let you quickly exchange the radioactive core, should you need to replace it. An optional circular viewing port of lead glass lets you check the reactor's internal mechanical assemblies.

To protect users from undue radiation, each reactor includes a shielding kit comprising four self-stick lead plates, and 20 radiation-monitoring

film badges. The lead plates mount inside the PEB box, two on each side of the card, and reduce the gamma rays that cause soft errors to floppy disk and RAM data. For further protection, consider buying the manufacturer's 200-ft extension cord (EC-200) for keyboards and monitors.

Because the reactor can supply more than enough power for your computer, you can sell excess power to your local utility company. An add-on phasing and metering kit (PMK-1) lets you connect your reactor to the local power grid. Each PMK-1 includes standard power-sale contracts and Rural Electrification Board rules and regulations.

Although not required in all localities, each reactor card package includes a standard 23-volume site-evacuation plan. The plan includes blank forms for you to fill in the name and address of your reactor site and then mail to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As an option, the manufacturer supplies the plan on 12 5SSD disks, in TI-WRITER format. User friendly templates let you type in information so that your word processor can create a complete, printed document.

Reactor prices start at \$2.3 million each. Delivery, seven years ARO.

### INQUIRE DIRECT:

Luminescent Electronic Products, Inc.  
Box U-235  
Trinity Site, NM 43210

The above April Fools Day parody is a "slightly" modified version of an article that has been circulating around for the IBM-PC. My source for the original came from a newsletter received from the Northwest Ohio 99'er News, October 1986.

Richard Roberts - MC8762

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### President's Memory Dump

I would like to start off by apologizing for the few frantic moments we experienced at the April meeting because the club system was unavailable. Our Chief Librarian, Bob Lindley, was out of town on an unexpected emergency and didn't have time to notify anyone so it could be picked up. We have made arrangements to see that this kind of situation will be avoided in the future. I would like to thank Curtis Fredeck Jr. for letting the group use his system which he had brought to do disk copies with. Thanks Curtis. Looks like we will finally get back on our regular first Saturday meeting dates starting in May, which makes the next meeting May 2, 9:00am at the Hurst Public Library. Personally, I was getting use to the Sunday afternoon schedule and after taking a poll at the April meeting to see if everyone wanted to make a permanent change to Sunday...no decision. It was about a 50/50 split on staying with the Saturday morning schedule or going to the Sunday afternoon one. I'll table that one for now, until it looks like a majority is ready to go one way or the other. We got over the minimum of ten that was required to get a discount for a bulk subscription to the 'Smart Programmer' and I will talk more about that at the next meeting. The 'Micropedium' magazines are coming in regularly now, so looks like the bulk subscription on that is going to work out also. These



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met once so far with Richard and another member of his group to discuss the preliminary's of undertaking such an event in this area. We will have more meetings with the FLUG as time goes on, the tentative month has been set for October, so much needs to be done between now and then. This event will take everyones help and suggestions, so if you have something to contribute, let us know. More information on this subject will be made available as decisions are made.

It has been suggested that a Disk of the Month, similar to what the DTIUG has been doing, might be a good idea for us too. I think something like this could be of benefit for the group and the membership, so stand by for more on this later. We can only gain by emulating things that have been successful for others, to do otherwise would be foolish. Lots of good things happening software wise..FunnelWriter is now up to version 3.5, the Menu program and related software for users of Horizin Ramdisks is up to version 6.0. I have heard that 'TurboPascal' will be coming out for the TI and doesn't even require the use of a P-Code card! This is definitely onc to watch for, if it lives up to its advanced billing, it will be a BIG extra for TI users. Have also heard that some version of FORTRAN is also now or soon will be available, so looks like we can add as yet another language to program in. Gee..I'm still working on learning...just kidding! There is now an assembly version of the popular 'Archiver' program out(ver. 2.1), Paul Charlton is rumored to be working on a new version of Fast-Term, so as you can see, with these and other hardware/software projects that are in the works, things are still cooking for the TI 99/4A. With the debut of the Myarc 9640 and the IBM add-on from Triton, I would say TI users have enough to keep them busy for quite awhile!

Memory Empty  
Gary  
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#### VP REVIEW

SAY WE MADE IT THROUGH THE APRIL MEETING AND GUESS WHAT, ITS TIME FOR THE MAY MEETING AND IT WILL FINALLY BE ON A SATURDAY.

I'M TIRED OF MY SOAP BOX AND YOU PEOPLE ARE TOO, SO LETS DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. ITS BEEN OVER A QUARTER YEAR SINCE THAT THE CURRENT OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF OUR GROUP. SO LETS TAKE A MINUTE TO REFLECT AND SEE WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT HASN'T AND WE CAN REFLECT A LITTLE TO SEE WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE AND EVEN TAKE A CRITICAL LOOK AT OURSELVES TO SEE WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE.

TO START WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GOING BACK UP INSTEAD OF DECLINGING SO RAPIDLY. WE PARTICIPATED IN A RECENT

T.C.J.C. COMPUTED FAIRE, AND EVEN SIGNED SOME NEW MEMBERS UP THERE.

WITH SO MANY NEW AND EXCITING THINGS COMING OUR WAY RECENTLY, ITS HARD FOR ME NOT TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE LITTLE, BUT POWERFUL ORPHAN. THE HORIZON RAM DISK HAS OPENED MANY CLOSED DOORS TO US AND PROVIDED SOME REMARKABLE RESULTS THAT EVEN CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF BIG BLUE AND SOME OF THE OTHER GUYS.

ON APRIL 14 WE HELD OUR FIRST BUSINESS S.I.G. WITH THE DISCOVERY SIG AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT WORTH LOCATED ON 820 LOOP AND A-10M RD. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME AND HOPE THAT IT WAS A USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE FOR ALL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JIM STEWART FOR DOING A DEMO ON HIS BUSINESS PROGRAM THAT HE WAS IN HIS AREA.

I SURE I HAD BETTER WRAP IT UP FOR NOW, SO I WILL SEE YA AT THE NEXT MEETING.

JAMES

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#### MINUTES

This was another Sunday meeting instead of the customary Saturday, which also happen to be the day the clocks were changed to Daylight Savings time. The one person not to show had the club system. President Higgs delay the meeting for awhile and then proceeded without our computer system.

The Minutes were read and excepted. Ken Dominic gave the treasury report detailing the cost of the rent, Newsletter, Post Office, Cassette Library, and high speed loader for cassette. The report was excepted with a grand total of \$723.67.

A skills survey questionnaire was given out to present members to be complete. The survey was a idea of Phillip Chappell. If enough useful information is gathered it will be presented to the club.

James Crosson briefly described the new cassette loader. James, alone with Doc Graves, gave a status of the Business Sig.

The date of the Discovery Sig was given along with the fact that it would be a Disk Swap party. It is essential for the Disk swap that both parties be club members.

Micropedium subscribers received their next months copy with absent members to receive their's at the next meeting. Roy Willis can get a reduce subscription rate for the Smart Programmer for \$.90 cents. The minimum of 10 people said they would sign up for it. A sample copy of the Smart Programmer was given out to present members.

Gary Higgs showed a manual on Compuserve which is available to club members.

He also gave out a new Brochure on the 9640 Geneve computer

**HARDWARE REPORT**

EVERYBODY OUT THERE NEEDING SOME HARDWARE FOR REPAIR OF THEIR T.I. 4A QT EXTERNAL COMPONENTS WE HAVE IN STOCK : KEYBOARDS, POWER SUPPLY TRANSFORMERS, 32 K UPGRADE FOR CONSOLE AND MANY OTHER THINGS. IF YOU NEED SOMETHING JUST GIVE ME A CALL AND IF WE DON'T HAVE IT WE WILL TRY TO GET IT FOR YOU. OH BY THE WAY OUR EPROMMER HAS COME IN AND I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE ONCE WE GET THE RIGHT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE IT. ALSO WE WILL TRY TO HAVE AVAILIBILE THE UPGRADE FOR YOU TO SEE ON THE ALPHA LOCK CONVERSION USED IN MICROPENDIUM. SEE YA AT THE MEETING.

JAMES

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**April 5, 1987 MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to welcome new members:

Charles T Long M4/88	L E (Lou) Stone M4/88
3201 Eastlandt	P.O. Box 127
Fort Worth Tx 76119	Covington Tx 76636
534-0890	854-2442

The following members renewed their membership:

Jim Leshar M4-88
Jon Tergerson M3/88
Ed Wolfgram M2/88

The following have had their membership reinstated:

Douglas Klingman M4/88
14 Kingston Ct
Bedford Tx 76022
282-7626

Unfortunately we had some members who did not renew their membership:

Franklin M Fest	Marc F Robinson
Bill Germany	John McCann
Larry M Hayes	E B (Ben) Hurdle

The following members will be dropped if dues are not paid at the next meeting:

Les Long	Robert L Wessler
Warren Femberton	Robert Scarborough

**A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS.** Look on your mailing label on your newsletter for the date that your membership is renewable, such as M1/86 is January 1986, M5/86 is May 1986, etc.. The club does not send out reminders on dues because the postage is prohibitive. If you know any of the members who did not renew, please give them a call and see if you can learn the reason. Let your officers know so they can look into the reasons. Your help on this will be greatly appreciated.

Jo and John Lambert  
Membership Committee

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**short notes**

If you are looking for an unusual item made of wood like a computer desk for a certain part of your house or a printer

stand or some other items. I have found the person to do it. Bob Davis of Davis woodcraft is the person you need to see. I drew Bob a picture of an idea I had. I told him that I was tired of my cartridges flopping around in the drawer and audio cassette holders just didn't make it. So I gave Bob the dimensions of my drawer and a sample cartridge and let him go to work. The next day Bob showed me something that looked like something you put on your wall to show off your prize thimble collection. When I went home and put in the drawer it fit with military precision and looked great. The cartridges no longer flop around the drawer but there is one draw back. I have to buy more cartridges because of organization it only fills one third of the drawer. Bob Davis can be reached at (817) 297-1733.

### TI-WRITER HELP: EDITOR

by Tom Kennedy  
CIS ID# 74176,774

Now I want to cover the Text Formatter, which prints out the document. Most importantly, the special symbols, called Format Commands, that the formatter uses to alter the print-out of the document, which are installed in the Text Editor.

In other words, you put these commands into the text when you write it and as the formatter comes across them it changes the text accordingly but doesn't actually print the symbols.

There are six groups of formatter commands that are all applied in a similar manner. All commands must be in caps and must be on a line that starts with a period.

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Text Dimension commands, as the name implies, move or shape the words in the document (margins, linespacing, right justify, etc.)

- NOTE .FI : FILL : PUTS AS MANY WORDS ON A LINE AS WILL FIT.
- NOTE .NF : NO FILL : CANCELS FILL.
- NOTE .ADJUST : ADJUST : ALIGNS THE TEXT TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT MARGINS. (PT. JUSTIFY
- NOTE .NA : NO ADJUST: CANCELS ADJUST.
- NOTE .LM n : LF MARGIN: SETS LEFT MARGIN TO "n".
- NOTE .RM n : RT MARGIN: SETS RIGHT MARGIN TO "n".
- NOTE .IN n : INDENT : CREATES AN AUTO-INDENT FROM LEFT MARGIN.
- NOTE .LS n : LINE SP : SETS LINE SPACING TO "n" LINES.
- NOTE .PL n : PG LENGTH: DEFINES NUMBER OF LINES TO A PAGE.
- NOTE .BP : BEGIN PG : DEFINES FIRST LINE OF NEW PAGE.

Internal Format commands control the spacing of characters on a line.

- NOTE .SP n : SPACE : SIMILAR TO THE TAB FUNCTION.
- NOTE .CE n : CENTER : CENTERS NEXT "n" LINES BETWEEN MARGINS.

Highlighting commands control functions such as underline or bold and allow you to redefine characters to use them to send CTRL codes to the printer. NOTE : REQUIRED : JOINS WORDS TOGETHER WHEN REQUIRED TO PREVENT SPLITTING IN

- : SPACE : REFORMATING, UNDERLINE, ETC.
- NOTE & : UNDERLINE: (UNDERSCORE) UNDEFINES ALL TEXT FOLLOWING UNTIL NEXT PAGE.
- NOTE @ : BOLD : (OVERSTRIKE) RETYPES FOLLOWING TEXT FOUR TIMES.
- NOTE .TL n: TRANS- : ALLOWS REASSIGNMENT OF ONE CHARACTER TO REPRESENT A NUMBER.
- : LITERATE : OF CHARACTER VALUES TO SEND CODES TO THE PRINTER.
- NOTE .CO t : COMMENT : SIMILAR TO REM IN BASIC--ALLOWS NOTES THAT DONT PRINT.

Page identification commands print notes in the upper or lower corner of each page, either headers or footers.

- NOTE .HE t : HEADER : PRINTS TEXT (t) AND PAGE NUMBER AT TOP OF EACH PAGE.
- NOTE .FO t : FOOTER : PRINTS TEXT (t) AND PAGE NUMBER AT BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE.
- NOTE .PA : PAGE # : RESETS PAGE NUMBER IN .HE AND .FO

File management commands

- NOTE .IF f : INCLUDE : MERGES A FILE TO PRINT A DOCUMENT TOO LARGE FOR ONE FILE.
- : FILE :

Mail Merge option commands are used to supply values to the variables in a letter that has been set up for the mail

merge option

NOTE .ML f :MAIL LIST: IDENTIFIES VALUE FILE (f) FOR MAIL LIST.  
NOTE \*n\* :VARIABLE : INSERTED IN TEXT AS VARIABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT FROM VALUE FILE

NOTE .DP n:t:DISPLAY : PROMPTS YOU USING TEXT "t" TO ASSIGN TO VARIABLE (\*n\*).  
: PROMPT :

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The use of these commands in your text is what separates the word processor from a typewriter. They allow you to get the most out of your printer.

So, now you've written your document, and inserted all the format commands, now how do you print it out? First, save the document and exit the Text Editor. At the title menu, select Text formatter, (make sure the program disk is in the drive) and the screen will blank with the prompt "ENTER INPUT FILENAME". Enter the name of the file you just saved, (ex. BSK1.MYFILE) and hit enter.

Next, the prompt "ENTER PRINT DEVICENAME" appears after the file is loaded. If you use a serial printer, the device name would be R3232.BA=xxx with xxx being the baud rate. If you're using a parallel printer, the device name is FIG. Also, you must add either .CR or .LF to the end of the device name. This tells TI-Writer whether your printer will handle the carriage return or the line feed. Check your printer manual and the TI-Writer manual in detail to find out which you use.

The next prompt is "USE MAILING LIST". If you aren't printing "form letters" just hit enter to accept the default of N (NO).

Next is "WHAT PAGE(S)? <ALL>". If you want to print the whole document, accept the default for all pages. Otherwise, you can print any of the pages or groups of pages.

The prompt "NUMBER OF COPIES: 1" tells how many copies of each page are to be printed.

The last prompt is "PAUSE AT END OF PAGE? N". The main purpose of this function is if you are using separate sheets of paper it will stop and wait for you to align the next sheet.

Now, about the Mailing List Option. Let's say you've written a form letter to send out to various individuals, maybe a resume'. You write the letter like normal, but when you come to a name or address or something that will change with each letter, you put in its place a variable in the form of \*n\*, where n is a number to identify the order. So instead of starting off with "Dear Mr. Smith" you would have "Dear Mr. 1\*" and so on. when you're all through with your letter, save it and purge the memory. Now you must create what is called a Value File, which is your mailing list where TI-Writer will draw the variables from. A value file consists of a list values to be inserted into the letter, listed one to a line, preceded by the number of the variable and ending with a carriage return symbol. Groups of values must be separated by a line with just an asterisk and a carriage return. For example:

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1 John Smith
1 103 STREET
3 Seattle, WA.
*
1 Jane Doe
1 456 STREET
3 Seattle, WA.
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At the top of your letter you insert the .ML f command where f equals the filename of your value file. After selecting the mailing list option the computer will use this command to fill in the variables. If there is no .ML command in the letter then when you are prompted for "MAILING LIST NAME:" you supply the filename. This allows you to call on a number of files for different groups.

Another way to insert values is to use the Define Prompt command. With this command you do not insert a .ML command calling a value file and instead you insert lines containing the format: .DP n:t - where n is the number of the variable and t is the prompt text. Now, when you come to the prompt "USE MAILING LIST?" you select "N" for NO and as the document is printed when a variable is encountered the printing stops and the text you chose appears on the screen asking you for the appropriate value. If you don't include a ".DP n:t" command in your text, the computer responds with "ENTER DATA FOR VARIABLE \*n\*" and it can get confusing trying to remember which item you're on. This method is handy for letters which you only want to print one copy at different times to different people.

Let me tell you, this is why I bought a computer. I'm sure we all went through that period of time before buying a computer when we would ask: "what am I going to use a computer for, anyway?". Well I decided there were two things I wanted to do: 1) Store files of data (recipes, albums, etc.) and 2) Use my computer as a typewriter. I didn't know about TI-WRITER when I bought the 99/4A, but now I know that I made the best choice possible. I hope you will all find TI-WRITER as easy to use and as powerful as I have.

(special thanks to Tom Hall for retyping this in for us)

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USER GROUP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE  
UPDATED 4/1/87

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"EIGHT by EIGHT"	Newsletter of the North Alabama TI 99 Computer Users Group Huntsville, Al., 35814
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Vol 2 #7	From The Editor From The President 99/4A at Buhl--UCSD Pascal
Vol 3 #5	From The Editor From The President From The Program Chairperson Product Review: Dataman by Easyware
Vol 2 #6	From The Editor Education Technical Committee Product Review: Gram Kracker Powerline Gremlins
Vol 3 #7	From The Editor Tidbit RS 232 Reversal Cables (null modem) Education Learning Logs The Forth Column Letter To The Editor Shareware Listing
BAYOU BYTE	Newsletter of The Bayou 99 User Group P.O. Box 921, Lake Charles, La., 70602
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Vol 2 #24	Editors Column Printer Commands Typing The Byte Freeware Isn't Really Free Lagniappe TI Writer Special Character Control Codes Tips from The TigerOut #26

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President's Letter

Program: Arrow, Insanity, Graph Sheet Maker

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FER SALE

I recieved a call from Helen Taylor who has a TI99/4A with two cartridges. 1) Home Finacial Aid 2)Home Buget Management. The computer is still in the box and has been used once. Helen is asking \$75.00. She can be reached at 266-0912 work or 277-5527 home.

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\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE:

The deadline for contributions for the May newsletter is Saturday May 16th

Comments or questions about anything? Contact your officers:

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V.PRESIDENT-: James Crosson, 817-281-4868 Startext MC167788

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TREASURER---: Ken Dominiec 817-656-1473 Startext MC151357

Got some intresting info to share? Articles, letters, paragraphs, & words of wisdom are yours to contribute. Contact Ken Dominiec, editor. 817-656-1473. Startext MC151357

THE END

TI-99/4A OWNERS SURVEY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE A DARK COLORED FELT PEN, THANK-YOU  
YOU MUST SELECT ONLY 1 ANSWER, NO EXCEPTIONS.

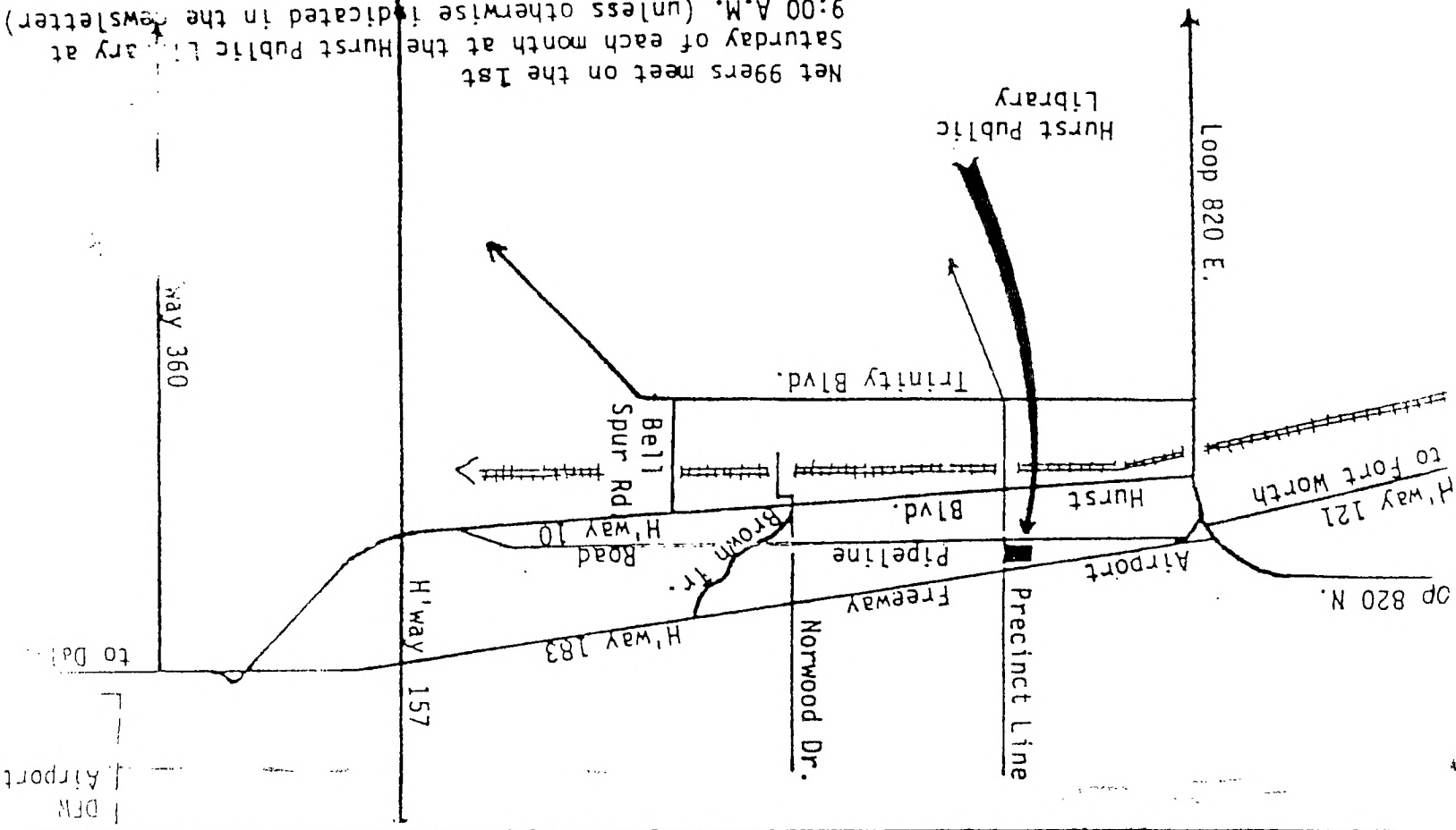
- A1(2) WHAT IS YOUR SEX? M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_  
 A2(5) WHAT IS YOUR AGE GROUP? 17 OR UNDER \_\_\_ 18-24 \_\_\_ 25-34 \_\_\_ 35-44 \_\_\_ 45 AND OVER \_\_\_  
 A3(5) HOW MANY YEARS OF EDUCATION? 11 OR LESS \_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ 13-15 \_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_ 17 AND OVER \_\_\_  
 A4(5) YOUR OCCUPATION? STUDENT \_\_\_ BLUE COLLAR \_\_\_ WHITE COLLAR \_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL \_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_  
 A5(2) DO YOU USE A COMPUTER AT WORK? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A6(8) WHICH BRAND? N/A \_\_\_ IBM \_\_\_ APPLE \_\_\_ DEC \_\_\_ SPERRY \_\_\_ NEC \_\_\_ DONT KNOW \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A7(3) HOW MANY TI-994 OR 4As DO YOU OWN? 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A8(4) HOW MANY PEsystems DO YOU OWN? 0 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A9(7) WHICH MEMORY EXPANSION DO YOU HAVE? NONE \_\_\_ TI \_\_\_ CORCOMP \_\_\_ FOUNDATION \_\_\_ MYARC \_\_\_ MECHATRONIC \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A10(6) WHAT SIZE? N/A \_\_\_ 32K \_\_\_ 128K \_\_\_ 256K \_\_\_ 512K \_\_\_ 1024 \_\_\_  
 A11(6) WHICH DISK CONTROLLER DO YOU OWN? NONE \_\_\_ TI \_\_\_ FOUNDATION \_\_\_ MYARC \_\_\_ CORCOMP \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A12(4) HOW MANY 5-1/4" DISK DRIVES DO YOU OWN? NONE \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A13(5) CONFIGURATION? N/A \_\_\_ SS/SD \_\_\_ DS/SD \_\_\_ DS/DD \_\_\_ DS/DD \_\_\_  
 A14(2) DO YOU OWN A HARD DISK SYSTEM? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A15(4) WHATS THE SIZE? N/A \_\_\_ 10 OR LESS MEG \_\_\_ 20 MEG \_\_\_ 30 OR MORE MEG \_\_\_  
 A16(2) DO YOU OWN A MODEM? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A17(4) WHATS THE FASTEST BAUD RATE? N/A \_\_\_ 300 \_\_\_ 1200 \_\_\_ 2400 \_\_\_  
 A18(10) WHICH PRINTER DO YOU OWN? NONE \_\_\_ TI \_\_\_ EPSON \_\_\_ PROMWRITER/NEC \_\_\_ OKIDATA/CITIZEN \_\_\_  
 STAR MICRONS \_\_\_ TOSHIBA \_\_\_ BROTHER/CANNON \_\_\_ JUKI/CITIZEN \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A19(2) DO YOU OWN A MONITOR? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A20(2) ARE YOU USING A TV? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A21(10) WHICH MONITOR BRAND? N/A \_\_\_ TI \_\_\_ AMDEK \_\_\_ SANYO/TAXAN \_\_\_ NEC \_\_\_ TATUNG/SAMSUNG \_\_\_  
 MAGNAVOX \_\_\_ EPSON/PRINCETON \_\_\_ HITACHI \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A22(4) IS YOUR MONITOR? N/A \_\_\_ RGB \_\_\_ RGB/COMPOSITE \_\_\_ MONOCHROME \_\_\_  
 A23(2) DO YOU HAVE THE GRAM CRACKER? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A24(3) HOW MANY SOFTWARE CARTRIDGES (MODULES) DO YOU OWN (INCLUDE CASSETTE)? 9 OR LESS \_\_\_ 10-24 \_\_\_ 25 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A25(3) HOW MANY SOFTWARE DISKS DO YOU OWN? 9 OR LESS \_\_\_ 10-24 \_\_\_ 25 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A26(4) HOW DO YOU USE YOUR TI? ENTERTAINMENT \_\_\_ BUSINESS \_\_\_ EDUCATION \_\_\_ PROGRAMMING \_\_\_  
 A27(7) PROGRAMMING, WHAT DO YOU PROGRAM IN? N/A \_\_\_ BASIC \_\_\_ XBASIC \_\_\_ ASSEMBLY \_\_\_ FORTH \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A28(2) EVER WRITE A COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FOR TI (INCLUDE FREEWARE)? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A29(7) IN WHAT LANGUAGE? N/A \_\_\_ BASIC \_\_\_ XBASIC \_\_\_ ASSEMBLY \_\_\_ FORTH \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A30(2) DO YOU USE BASIC FOR TI? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A31(4) HOW MANY OTHERS? N/A \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A32(2) DO YOU OWN ANY OTHER BRAND OF COMPUTER? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A33(6) IF SO WHICH BRAND? N/A \_\_\_ IBM \_\_\_ APPLE \_\_\_ COMMODORE \_\_\_ ATARI \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A34(4) APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DO YOU USE YOUR TI? 4 OR LESS \_\_\_ 5-9 \_\_\_ 10-14 \_\_\_ 15 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A35(2) ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A USERS GROUP? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A36(8) HOW MANY MEMBERS? N/A \_\_\_ UNDER 33 \_\_\_ 34-49 \_\_\_ 50-74 \_\_\_ 75-99 \_\_\_ 100-150 \_\_\_ 151-199 \_\_\_ OVER 200 \_\_\_  
 A37(2) ARE YOU MEMBER OF A COMMERCIAL NETWORK? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A38(5) WHICH ONE? N/A \_\_\_ COMPUERVE \_\_\_ SOURCE \_\_\_ GENIE \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_  
 A39(6) HOW MUCH IN DOLLARS DO YOU USE IT PER MONTH? N/A \_\_\_ \$29 OR LESS \_\_\_ 30-49 \_\_\_ 50-74 \_\_\_ 75-99 \_\_\_ 100 OR MORE \_\_\_  
 A40(2) DO YOU PLAN TO PURCHASE (OR HAVE) THE MYARC 9640? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A41(7) WHAT SOFTWARE AREA WOULD LIKE FOR THE 9640? N/A \_\_\_ CAD/GRAPHICS \_\_\_ DESK-TOP PUBL \_\_\_ DATABASE \_\_\_  
 WORD/PROC/MULTILAN \_\_\_ TRUE BASIC \_\_\_ ASSEMBLY \_\_\_ C-LANG \_\_\_ OTHER LANG \_\_\_  
 A42(8) WHAT ABOUT HARDWARE FOR THE 9640? N/A \_\_\_ APPLE COMPATIBILITY \_\_\_ IBM COMPATIBILITY \_\_\_ RGB MONITOR \_\_\_ 5.25" MICRO  
 DISKETTE \_\_\_ CD ROM \_\_\_ SPEECH RECOGNITION \_\_\_ INTELLIGENT MODEM \_\_\_  
 A43(2) DO YOU PLAN TO PURCHASE (OR HAVE) TRITONS TRIFLEX XT? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A44(8) HOW MANY EXTRAS WOULD YOU BUY WITH THE TURBO-XT? N/A \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_  
 A45(2) WOULD YOU LIKE AN AT UPDATE FOR THE 16500-XT? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A46(3) HAVE YOU PLANS TO PURCHASE CARDS BY OTHER VENDORS? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A47(2) DO YOU PLAN TO PURCHASE (OR HAVE) RAYES KEYPAD? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A48(2) DO YOU PLAN TO PURCHASE (OR HAVE) A MOUSE? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A49(2) DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO: MICROPENDIUM Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A50(2) DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO: SMART PROGRAMMER Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A51(2) DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO: COMPUTER SHOPPER Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A52(2) DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO: GENIAL TRAVELER Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A53(2) DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO: UG PUBLICATIONS Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
 A54(5) WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THIS SURVEY? VERY POOR \_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_ OK \_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_ VERY GOOD \_\_\_

A61(3) THE NEXT 2 QUESTIONS ARE DEMOGRAPHIC. IF YOU ARE IN USA OR CANADA WHAT IS YOUR TELEPHONE AREA CODE. ALL OTHERS ENTER CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

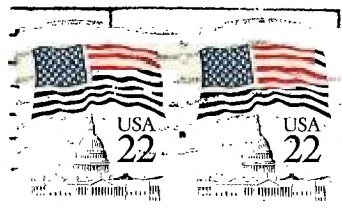
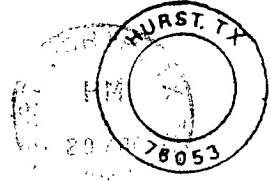
A62(3) IF YOU ARE IN USA OR CANADA PLEASE ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE. ALL OTHERS ENTER COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR COMMENTS, PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF LETTER & ENCLOSE IT WITH THE SURVEY.  
IF YOU WANT TO SEND YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM.

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