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Myarc＇s new TI－99／4A－compatible com－ puter，still unnamed and working out the last mechanical holdups，should be dem－ onstrated by company president Lou Phil－ lips at Illinois＇TI Faire in November．

Actual release date is still pending． Myarc＇s product will come with 256K，up－ gradable to 512K．An IBM compatability card will be a fiture offering．Se said Myarc administrative vice president Norm Freedman，addressing the Delaware Valley Users Group meeting in September．

Myarc＇s Extended Basic II，128K Oper－ ating System，cartridge was brought to the DVUG meeting，but a demonstration disk sent by mail had not arrived．After offering to show it at the next conveni－ ent DVUG meeting，speaker Freedman out－ lined structural contrasts with TI＇s Ex－ tended Basic（see page 5）．

Use of all－assembly language routines replaces TI＇s Graphic Programming Lan－ guage．（TI still is very much involved in production of the 9918 A chip，we were assured．）Detailed programming capacity and execution speed become significantly greater with the extra memory．

This was demonstrated with the Myarc RAM Disk card as approximately six dozen DUUG members watched on four monitors， chained by a series of $\$ 2.50 \quad Y-c a b l e s$ ． （Attendance was 1 imited due to Hurricane Gloria＇s imminent arrival．）

The initial 32 K is extra programmable RAM，similar to TI＇s 32 K card．The next 96k memory，via upgrade or built－in，de－ pending on one＇s purchase，may be used at owner discretion．（Cont＇d．on page 4）

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I have been receiving several requests to publicize fremure which is sometiess good but songtines of doubtful usefulness， quality，originality or even legality！And＂Freeware！ Send \＄10 and initialized disk＂is not freemare，it＇s sonebody trying to get a free ad！So－no more freeware mentions！I an also not going to ention conercial products－after all，I＇publishing this at ay onn expense to prosote ay own software！However，I do owe a ention to Larry Hughes of Buality 99 Softwars，because in Tips $\$ 22$ I recomended that disks with fractured files should
not be copied with a quick copier．Larry inforaed that his tradearked QuICk－COPYer is the only progran of its kind on the warket that does un－fracture files．He sent along a copy to prove it， and it does just that．$A$ very useful feature！

Now，here 15 the new， and final，version of the Tigercub Menu Loader．

100 ！by A．Kludge／h．Gordon／
T．Boisseau／J．Peterson／etc． Version $15,9 / 85$
110 CALL PEEK（8198，A）：：IF A （）170 THEN CALL INIT
120 OPTION BASE $1:$ ：DIH P6s （127），V（127，3）：：CALL LOAD1－ 31806，16）：：ON ERROR 130 ：： $60 T 0160$
130 DISPLAY AT（12，9）ERASE AL
L：＇l／O ERKOR＇：；RUN 100
140 E，$A E, A, A \$, B, C, D \$, F L A E, I$ ，
$J, K, K D, K K, M, H \leftrightarrows, N s, N N, P, P \leftrightarrows, P G$
\＄（1，PP，PP\＄， $8 \$, 5, S T, T \$(), I T, V$
$T, V(),, W S, X, X S, Y, K 2,52$
150 CALL LINK ：：CALL PEEK ：
：CALL KEY：CALL SCREEN ：：
CALL COLOR ：：CALL CLEAR ：：
CALL VCHAR ：：CALL SOUND ：： ！ 6 P－
160 CALL CLEAF ：：CALL LOAD
B196，63，248）：：CALL LOAD（163
$76,67,85,82,83,79,82,48,8)$
170 CALL LOAD（12288，129，195， $126,165,129,153,102,601$
180 CALL LOAD（12296，2， $0,3,24$
$0,2,1,48,1,2,2,4,8,4,32,32,3$ 6，4，91）：：CALL LINK（＂CURSDR＂ ）
190 CALL CLEAR ：：FOR 5＝1 TO
14：：CALL COLOR $15,7,16$ ）：：
NEXT $5::$ CALL COLOR $(6,2,16)$
$200 \mathrm{~T}(1)=\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{f}^{\mathrm{c}}: \mathrm{:}: \mathrm{T}(2)=\mathrm{d} \mathrm{d} /$ $v^{*}:$ ：$T \$(3)={ }^{n} i / f^{\prime \prime}:$ ：$T(4)="$ i／4＂：：T $\$(5)=" p r o ":: O N W A$
RNINE NEXT
210 IMAEE 新
220 IHAGE tit guit
230 IMAGE \＃\＃\＃Delete
240 IMAGE til Print
250 IHAbE \＃A Rescan
260 CALL SCREEN（5）：：CALL VC
HAF $(1,31,1,96):$ DISFLAY AT（
1，4）：＂TIGERCUB MENU LOADER＂
270 ！IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE DISK DRIVE，DELETE THE ！

IN LINE 200 AND THE FIRST $S$ tatement in 210
280！DISPLAY AT（12，6）：＂DISK ？（1－3）：＂：：ACCEPT AT（12，19 ISIZE（－1）VALIDATE（＂123＂）：Ds

290 D $\$=$＂DSK1．＂：：OPEN \＃1：D ，INPUT ，RELATIVE，INTERNAL：：
INPUT $1:$ Ms，$A, J, K::$ DISPLA Y AT（1，2）SILE（27）：SE6\＄（D\＄，1， 4） \＆＂$^{\text {－Disknane }=" t N s ; ~}$
300 DISPLAY AT（2，2）：＂Availab 1e＝＇；K；＂Used＝＂；J－Ki＂Frog Fi lenase Size Type：＂－－－－．－－ －－－－－－－－－－－－－－－－－－＊：：I，V $T=0:: T T=J-K$
310 FOR $x=1$ T0 127 ：：IF $x / 2$ OCINTIX／20ITHEN 346
32．DISPLAY AT124，！）：＂Choice
？Enter for more $0^{\prime}$ ：：ACCEP T AT（24，24）VALIDATE（DIGIT）SI ZE（－3）：K：：IF $K=0$ THEN 330
：：IF K＞AND K KNN +1 THEN 60 －ELSE 320
$330 x=1$
340 I＝1＋1 ：：IF I 127 THEN K $=x:: 6070510$
350 INPUT 1：PS，A，J，B：：NN＝ $\mathrm{NN}+1$
360 IF LEN $(P \$)=0$ THEN 430
370 DISFLAY AT $(X+4,1):$ USING
210：NN ：：DISPLAY AT $(X+4,5)$ ； P4：：P6（NN）$=$ F $:$ ：DISFLAY
AT $(x+4,16): U S I N G 210: J:: D I$
SFLAY AT $(X+4,20): T \leqslant(A B S(A))$
380 V（NN，1）$=A:: V(N H, 2)=A B S$
（B）：：$\cup(N N, 3)=J$
390 X $\$=$＂ $\mathrm{KSTR}(\mathrm{B}):$ ：DISPLA Y AT $(X+4,24): 5 E 6 \$(X \$, \operatorname{LEN}(X)$ $-2,3):: V T=V T+J$
AOO IF A）A THEN A！A ：：DISPL AY AT $(X+4,28)$ ：＂Y＂
410 CALL KEY（ $6, \mathrm{KK}, 5 \mathrm{ST}):$ ：IF 5 $T=0$ THEN $420:$ ：$F L A G=1:: 60$ 10430
420 NEXT X
430 DISPLAY AT $(X+4,1)$ ：USING
220：NN ：：DISPLAY AT $(X+5,1)$ ： USINE 230：NW＋1
440 IF VTTTT OR FLAG＝1 THEN
460 ：：DISPLAY AT $(2,25) S I Z E($ 4）：VT
450 FOR $\mathrm{e}=1$ TO $10:$ ：DISPLAY AT（ 2,25 ）SIZE（1）：CHR $\$(30)::$ DISPLAY AT（2，25）SIZE（1）：＂＂ ：CALL SOUND $(-99,110,0,-4,0$ 1：：NEXT E
460 IF FLAE $=1$ THEN $470:: D 1$
SFLAY AT $(X+4,13): U S I N 6$ 246：N $N+2:$ DISPLAY AT $(X+5,13): U S$

ING 250：NN＋3
470 DISPLAY AT $(x+6,1):$ © hoice？＊：：ACCEPT AT $(x+6,16)$ SIIE（－3）VALIDATE（DIGIT）：K
480 IF FLAE $=1$ THEN 500
490 IF $K=N N+2$ THEN 840 ELSE
IF $k=N N+3$ THEN CLOSE $1:: N$ $N=0:$ ： $6070 \quad 190$
500 IF $K<$ SNN AND $K(>N N+1$ THE N 590
510 IF $K=$ NN THEN CALL CLEAR
：：CLOSE \＃1：：END
520 DISPLAY AT $(X+5,12)$ SIZE（1
2）：＂\＃？＂：ACCEPT AT $(x+5,15$
1SIIE（2）VALIDATE（DIGIT）：KD ：
：IF KDC1 OR KD ${ }^{2}$ NN THEN 520
530 IF V（KD，1）$)$ D THEN 550
546 FOR $\mathrm{J}=1$ T0 $10:$ DISPLAY
AT（11， 1 ）：＂$:$ ：PROTECTED－
CANNOT DELETE＂：＂：：DISPL
AY AT（12，1）：＂－：：NEXT J： 6070570
550 DISFLAY AT（ $X+b, 1$ ）SI2E（27
1BEEP：＂Verify－Delete＇： PG
 28）SIZE（1）：＂Y＂：ACCEPT AT $X+6,28$ ）SILE（－1）VALIDATE（＇YN＇ 1：Q\＄：：IF 日Sく〉＇Y＇THEN 570 560 DELETE DS\＆F6（KD）
570 CLOSE $\$ 1$
580 CALL VCHAR（1，3，32，672）：：
$N N=0:: x=0:: \quad F L A G=0:: 60$
10260
590 IF K＜1 OR K＞127 OR LEW $(P$ $6 \$(K))=0$ THEN 430
606 IF ABS（V $(K, 1))=5$ OR ABS $V(K, 1)=4$ AND $V(K, 2)=254$ THE N 640
610 DISPLAY AT（12，1）ERASE AL L：＂Print to ？ $\mathrm{S}^{\prime \prime}$ ：：（P）rinte r？＂：＂（Sicreen？＂：ACCEFT AT （12，12）5IIE（－1）VALIDATE（＂PS＂
 $:: 6070630$
620 DISPLAY AT（12，1）ERASE AL L：＂PRINTER？P10＂：：ACCEPT A $T(12,10)$ SIIE $(-18): P 5::$ OPEN 13：P\＄：：PF＝3
630 CALL CLEAR ：：CALL SCREE N（16）：：ON ABS（V）$K, 1)$ ）60TD 6 80，690，750，760
640 CLOSE 11 ：：IF SE6 $\$$（P6\＄1 K），LEN（P6\＄（K）），1）＝＂¥＂THEN D ISPLAY AT（12，1）ERASE ALL：＂RE TURN TO BASIC AND LOAD BY＂：＂ TYPING OLD＂；DStPG（K）：：STO P
650 CALL PEEK $(-31952, A, B):$ ： CALL FEEK（A $\pm 256+B-65534, A, B)$ $:$ ：$C=A \pm 256+B-65534:$ ：$\$=D \$ 4$

FGs（k）：：CALL LOADC，LEN（As） 1 660 FOR $1=1$ TO LEN（A）：：CAL $L \operatorname{LOAD}(C+1, \operatorname{ASC}(S E 6 \$(A \$ 1,1))$ 1：：NEXT I ：：CALL LOAD（C＋I， 0）
670 CALL VCHAR $(1,3,32,672)::$ CALL SCREEN（8）：FOR S＝0 TO 14：：CALL COLOR（S，2，1）：：N EXT S ：：DISPLAY AT（12，2）：＂L OADINE＂；A\＄：： 6070900 680 OPEN 12 ：DStP6（K），IKPUT ，FIXED ：： 6050700
690 OPEN $12: D \$ t \mathrm{~F} 6$（ K ），IMFUT 700 LINPUT \＃2： HS ：：PRINT \＃P P：W\＄：：IF EOF（2）THEN 730
710 CALL KEY（D，K，S）：：IF $5=0$ THEN 700
720 CALL KEY $(D, K 2,52):$ IF 5 2 21 THEN 720 ELSE 700
730 CLOSE $11:$ CLOSE \＃2： FRINT＂＞＞＞press any keyc＜〈＂：If 日s＝＂F＂THEN CLDSE＊ 3

740 CALL KEY（0，K，5T）：：IF ST
〈1 THEN 740 ELSE 580
750 OFEN \＃2：DS\＆PES（k），INFUT
，INTERNAL，FIXED ：： $\mathrm{j}=0: 50$ 10770
760 OFEN 2：DS\＆F6（K），IMFUT
，INTEFNAL ：： $\mathrm{J}=\mathrm{D}$
770 IF EQF（2）$=1$ THEN 730 ：：
$\mathrm{j}=\mathrm{j}+1$ ：：IMPUT \＃2： $\mathrm{Hs}:$ ：IF L EN（H）$=8$ THEN 790
780 FRINT \＃PP： $\mathrm{H}_{1}:$ ： 6070820 790 FOR $Y=1$ TO $8:: \quad$ gáasC 15
 e） 127 THEN 810
800 NEXT Y ：： 6010780
810 RESTORE 2 ：：FOF $x=1$ TO J－1 ：：INPUT $2:$ W ：：NEXT
$X::$ INPUT $2: 1 /:$ PRINT \＃FF ： M
820 CALL KEY $(0, K, 5):$ ：IF $5=0$ THEN 770
830 CALL KEY（ $0, \mathrm{~K} 2,52$ ）：：IF 5 $2<1$ THEN 830 ELSE 770
840 DISPLAY AT（24，1）：＂PRINTE
R NAME？PIO＂：：ACCEPT AT 24 ，15）SIIE（－14）：PP ：：OPEN 12 ：PP\＄：PRINT 2：SE6\＄（D\＄，1，4 1女＂－Disknane＂\＆Ns
850 PRIKT 2：RPTs（＂£＂，28）：＂A vailable＝＂；358－VT；＂Used＝＂；VT ：RPT（3）${ }^{* \sim}$－28）
860 PRINT 2：＂FILENAME SIIE TYPE＂：RPT（＂＿＇，28）
870 FOR $P=1$ TO NN－1 ：：FRINT
2：PG\＄（P）；TAB（15）；V（P，J）；TA
B（20）：Ts（ABS（V）（P，1）））：TAB（25
）；V（F，2）：MEXT F：CLOSE 2
880 DISFLAY AT（12，3）ERASE AL L：＂（P）to prant again＂：＂（R ）to rescan＂：＂（8）to quit＂ 890 ACCEFT AT（15，4）VALIDATE ＊PGR＇ISIZE（－1）BEEF：QS：：IF日 $\$={ }^{\prime} \mathrm{F}$＇THEN $846::$ CLDSE 11
：：NN＝0：：IF 日 $=$＂F $^{\circ}$ THEN 19 －ELSE END
900 FUU＂DSKX． $1234567890^{*}$

This version turns off the Quit key，restarts itself rather than crashing on an $1 / 0$ error，and has pre－scan for faster start－up．It displays disk nate，sectors available and sectors presucably used－it also totals up actual sectors used and sounds a warning if any sectors are not accounted for．

It lists up to 127 prograns and files by number，filenase，number of sectors，prograt or file type，file record length， and write－protection．It will stop for enu selection on any keypress or at the end of each screen， continuing on Enter．It will load and run any progran that can run fros Extended Basic，displaying its filenae while loading． If the filename ends in an asterisk，it mill marn you to return to Basic．It will delete any unprotected progran or file，after first requiring verification by filenane，or will infor you if the file is protected． It will read any readable file，including internal nuneric，and list it to screen or printer．It will duap a catalog of the disk to your printer，and it will offer the option of quitting or rescanning the disk or another disk．And it＇s free，$I$ don＇t even want a freemare donation－but 1 would appreciate if you mould take a look at ay catalog and see if，
somewhere asong those 140 prograns，there aight be socething you would be willing to pay $\$ 3$ for？The Menu Loader is included as a bonus on every disk I sell！

100 CALL CLEAR ：：RANDOMIZE ：：DISFLAY AT（3，4）：TIGERCUB HATH PUZZLE＂
110 DISPLAY AT（6，1）：＂Insert t，－，玉（nultiply）0R／（div ide）between the digits to equal the total＂：：＂Type a to give up ${ }^{\text {a }}$
120 DISPLAY AT（12，1）：＂Level
1 or 2？＂：：ACCEPT AT $(12,15)$
VALIDATE（＂12＂）：L\＄
$130 \mathrm{~T}, \mathrm{X}=1 \mathrm{NT}(9 \geq \mathrm{RND}+1):$ ： $\mathrm{M} \$=5 \mathrm{~T}$

140 FOR $J=1$ TO $4:: Y(J)=[N T$ （ $9 \times$ RND +1 ）：：$I=\operatorname{INT}(4 \pm R N D+1):$ ：
ON $Z$ EOSUB 240，250，260，276
：：2s＝2s\＆STR（Y（J））\＆＂＊：N
EXT J
150 IF $L==^{\prime \prime} 1$ AND T $\rangle$ INT（T）T

160 DISPLAY AT（12，1）：1\％：：D
ISPLAY AT（1B，1）：＂＂：：DISPL
AY AT（20，1）：＂＂：DISPLAY A
T（22，1）：＂＂
$170 \mathrm{P}=2:$ ：$F O R \mathrm{~J}=1$ TO $4:: \mathrm{A}$
CCEPT AT（12，P）VALIDATE（＂$\theta+$－ l＇）SILE（1）：S\＄
180 IF $5 \$=$＂ 8 ＂THEN 200 ELSE IF $5 s={ }^{*}+{ }^{*}$ THEN $X=X+Y(J) E L S E$
IF $5 \$=-$－＂THEN $X=X-Y(J) E L S E$
IF S $\$=$＂き＂THEN $X=X \pm Y(J) E L S E$ $X=x / Y(J)$
$190 \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{P}+2$ ：：NEXT J ：：IF $\mathrm{X}=$ T THEN 230 ：：DISPLAY ATII8， 1）：＂MRON6！＂
200 DISPLAY AT（20，1！：＂ANSHER
IS＇；ns
210 DISPLAY AT（22，1）：＇PRESS
AMY KEY＂
220 CALL $\operatorname{KEY}(0, K, 5 T):$ ：IF ST
＜1 THEN 220 ：： $60 T 0130$
230 DISPLAY AT（18，1）：＂RIGHT！
＂：：60T0 210
240 Hs＝Ms\＆＂＋＂\＆STR $\$(Y(J)):$ ：T ＝T＋Y（J）：：RETURN
250 Ms＝Ms\＆＇－＂女STE（Y（J））：：T ＝T－Y（J）：：RETURN
 ＝TEY（J）：：RETURN
270 hs＝ns\＆＂／＂\＆STRs（Y（J））：：T
＝T／Y（J）：：RETURN
Enjoy！
Jia Peterson


Guy-Stefan Romano of the AHNION HELPLINE (page 6), who has been giving personal assistance to TI-99/4A users since 1981, advised us that he's received over 150 calls from around the country which he described as complaints about the National Assistance Group, referenced on page 6 of this DATA BUS issue.

Romano notes that their product items which you may purchase after procuring a "membership" have included public domain software under other names, such as the Apesoft demo disk NAG lists as "Super Colossal Graphics" and, according to Romano, our own Steve Lawless' MassCopy as a sale item called "Super Disk". (Prices for commercial products are generally above the major catalog sources, too, he says; where's the membership benefit?)

Romano makes other allegations, which generally amount to questioning the bona fides of the NAG.

The DATA BUS contacted Ed York, President of the Cin-Day User Group, who has run the notices about NG's CPM card in their UG newsletter which were the basis for our comments con p.b, and in July at p.9). He states that he was given that data by NAG's Dr. Richard Kurtz, over the phone. York has no written specs.

The NAG had sent Cin-Day two membership applications. In the three months since they were mailed back with the $\$ 18$ checks, only one newsletter has been received, and no other follow-up. While other publications, to be unnamed, have matched such slowness of response, mailing ~ or lack of it ~ regarding product orders with that delay may cause certain legitimate concern.

The DATA BUS has had no contact with the NAG, and the Delaware Valley Users Group has formed no opinion about it.

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MYFRC PROCUCTS ...
(Cont'd. from Page One)

Any amount of the extra memory above the initial 32 K can be allocated to the printer buffer, or "spooler", while the rest is available as additional program workspace. One use shown formatted the RAM Disk into an emulated DSK1., rapidly running TI-Writer and Multiplan files that had previously been loaded into the RAM Disk memory, and simultaneously letting one dozen pages print from the buffer left from another program.

Speedier operating execution was attributed to the solid state elements in the memory expansion card, as well as to the added memory. Freedman used the new 512 K card for a demo, but noted that the principle was the same for a 128 K card.

With suggestions from a few DVUG members who'd recently obtained Myarc's new Disk Controller Card, Freedman then used several routines from the disk-based "Disk Manager III". Included were CALL DIRectory functions loaded from TI Basic wi thout affecting programs in RAM, and a few assembly language functions, such as CALL LR (like "Call Load"), and CALL LLR (like "Call Link").

These presentations came after an engrossing account of Myarc's involvement with 99/44 products over the past three years. The New Jersey-based firm developed its interfacing Personality Card to run Winchester hard disks in 1983, for TI's international business market and small cost-conscious U.S. concerns. The Mini-Peripheral Expansion System was released in 1984 to meet upgrade needs, as TI's P-Box supply appeared exhausted.

Accordingly, Myarc's products were designed for compatibility with the MPES when an unexpected source of additional TI P-Boxes was found. Myarc then issued its components in separate card format, even redesigning the disk controller to read non-standard (i.e., CorComp) format which had developed popularity in the TI marketplace. Additional P-Box availability, and earlier 99/4A users seeking new capabilities, led to the current trends.
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I thought I would pospone another assembly language article and replace it with a new, exciting, FREE product from buehrer-hahn gofthare. This product is called HBMFRINT, and it does exactly what you think it cloes: it prints the results of your calculations from the Household Eudget Management cartridge (PHM\$007).

Ever since HBM was released by TI, there have been complaints about it not being atle to print the results. I per sonally have wished time-after-time that a utility wauld be cleveloped, so I could make a hardcopy of my expenses. It. would be great for tax purposes. Nothing had ever been written to perform such a task. Well, faithful HEM users, the miracle has happened. Written by Eob Lawson, HEMFFINT is now available. This nifty little utility iss writteni using TI-FORTH, and is a treasure the best part of all is that it is FFEE!
That's right . . . absolutely free.
This software is in the domain of FREEWARE: software produced by dedicated individuals, who ask very little in return. Mr. Lawson has kiridly agreed to allow this software to be copied freely and distributed to anyone desireing a copy. I am making a personal request: Anyone receiving a copy of this program, and using it please send a contribution of up to $\$ 10.00$ to Mr. Lawson, at the address listed at the end of this article. This software is worth much more that the: asking price, I assure you.

To describe the program is relatively simple. Dne needs a full Ti expansion system with a printer and ani Editor'/ Assembler cartridge. The program is loaded via option 3 (LOAD FUN) and is self-starting. A title grreen is displayed and then your output device is requested. Dnce the output is secured, the software is nice enough to ask if you have a one or two-drive Eystem. If you have only one, the software prompts you for the disk swapping. From this point, your HBM file is loaded into memory.

As with HBM, the header information is displayed showing the household name, year and last activity date. A very nice touch. There is a promnt asking you if this is the correct data. If not, you get another chance toi try a different disk. Drice the header is
verified, the saftware prompts you to adjust the top-of-paper. From there, it proceeds to the print option menu, which contains many entries. You may print your data in a variety of formatss (all chosen from the menu). For example, one category by month, all categoriess by month, all categories for year-to-date, all categories for the entire year, etc: There are also some options to laad different data from this menu.

A very nice feature of the program is the ability to divert the output of any device you want. For instance, if you are unhappy with the formats given, you may divert the output to the disk: (DISIVAR 80 format). Then you can edit the data, using the TI-WFITEF or E/A text editors. In my opinion, this is a very important feature.

All-in-all, this is a much needed, long overdue utility to help the users of HBM. I want to personally commend Mr. Lawson on his efforts to fill this gap. As mentioned before, if you are planning to use this software, please send Mr. Lawson whatever you feel the software is worth. You may send your contribution to:

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BOE LAWSON
16223 MILL POINT DRIVE
HOLSTON, TX 77059
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If you cannot locate a copy of the software, please contact. Mr. Lawson at the address listed above. Be sure to include a contritution which will cover his time, disk cost, and mailing costs.




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