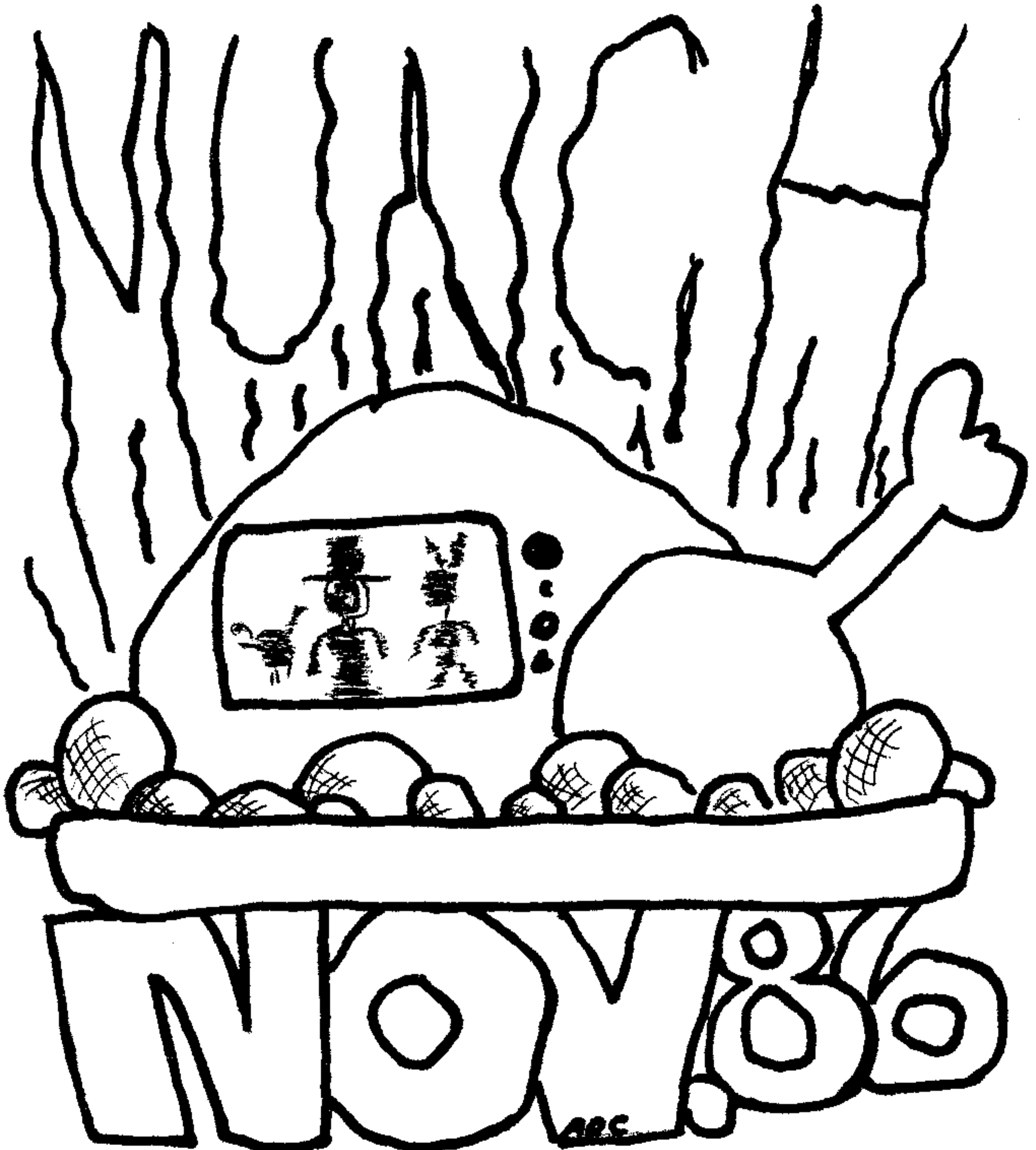```
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# Mass Users of the Ninety nine and Computer Hobbyists

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AGENDA for NOV. 18, 1986

7:00 - 8:00 Open Demonstrations
            New Member Registration
            Software Exchange (members only)
            Special Interest Group meetings
               Basic Programming -- as required
               Assembly Language -- by Dan Rogers
               Kids Corner -- with (to be announced)
               PR Base demo and tutorial by
               Bruce Willard

8:00 - 8:20 Raffle
            Business Meeting:
            Approval of Minutes
            Treasurers Report
            Committee Reports
            Old Business
            New Business
            Announcements

8:20 - 9:30 CONTINUATION of:
            Special Interest Group Meetings
            and Open Demonstrations and Discussion


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# RAMBLINGS
## by
### Jim Cox

The holidays will soon be here and now is the
time to start thinking of gifts for the computer
user.  The sale table set up at each month's
meeting is a great place to buy or sell used
cartridges, books, etc. at very good prices.

Some of the items scheduled for sale at the Nov-
ember meeting are: M.A.S.H., Star Trek, Super
Demon Attack, Jawbreaker II, Burgertime, Micro-
surgeon, Touch Typing Tutor, Par-Fore, Add-Sub 2,
Car Wars, Dragon Mix, Home Financial Decisions,
Household Budget Management, Hunt the Wumpus,
Munchman, TI Invaders, a black/silver console
and many other items.  Remember, the only way
to get in on some great buys is to come to the
meetings.

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We have had a request to get the documentation
on some older TI cartridges.  If you have extra
manuels or can bring one to the meeting to be
photocopied, it would be very helpful. Documen-
tation is needed for the following: ADD-SUB 2,
Blasto, Chisholm Trail, Home Financial Decisions,
Hustle, Multiplication 1, Parsec, Scholastic
Spelling 6, and Tombstone City.

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The meeting was very sparsely attended this month with only thirteen in attendence, plus two guest speakers.  The speakers were from RAVE 99 to speak on and demonstrate their new *TI-99/4A compatible keyboard. From What I have* heard, it's quite a nice peice of equipment.  However, the price may be a little steep for the market to bear.

This was our annual meeting for elections.  The votes were unanimous. Wm.  Corson Wyman is President, Hector Beaudreau is Vice President, Al Cecchini is Secretary, and Jim Cox is Treasurer.  That is one superb list of officers.  Those people will help to maintain the very high quality users group that we have had since its inception several years ago.

Corson updated the group on the Geneve 9640 computer from MYARC.  He also filled us in on the new Worcester area bulletin board system.  The BBS has been online, however it still has a few 'bugs' in it.  Hopefully, it won't be too long before it is cleaned up.  Corson has put an awful lot of time into getting this BBS ready for us with the help of Peter Hoddie from Boston Computer Society - TI Group.  Corson showed an E-Prommer and explained its use, discussed the Genial Traveler Diskazine, Craig Miller's Night Mission, and The Orphan Chronicles.

The October MUNCH raffle, a ten pack of OMNI Resources disks, was won by Don Mason.  The raffle increased our club's treasury $15.50.  Not to bad, considering the number of members present.

> Al Cecchini
> Secretary

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## RANDOM BYTES
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WANTED:      Upgrades on 1984 TI Tax Plan put out
             by Aardvark Software (now owned by McGraw Hill).
             Write to Al Cecchini at the MUNCH Group address.

             Looking for used 300 Baud Modem, acoustic
             coupler or direct connect.  Contact Brad Clark
             at 617-886-2189.

             Looking for a pair of used Pro-stick II joy
             sticks.  Contact Bruce Willard at 617-852-3250.

The following is from the June 1986 issue of the LA 99ers Topic Newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

by Chuck De Marti

Did you know that:

You can use an IMAGE statement with a DISPLAY AT statement?
Example
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100 IMAGE ####.##
400 DISPLAY AT(5,12),USING
100:AMT
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OR...

You can not only print two or more lines with one DISPLAY AT statement, but you can also add a TAB at the end?
Example
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300 DISPLAY AT(3,8):"MAIN ME
NU": : :"1 ... NEW ENTRY": :
2 ... "OLD ENTRY": :"3 ... E
XIT PROGRAM"
310 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"YOUR C
HOICE";TAB(23);"(2)"
320 ACCEPT AT(23,24)SIZE(-1)
:N
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Gleaned from the May '86 issue of ROM from Fountain Valley, CA.

EXTENDED BASIC #19
by Jim Swedlow

ON FREEWARE
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Last year I wrote an extended Basic program that prints a Multiplan spreadsheet sideways. I wrote it because I was tired of seeing new products for those other computers but not the 99/4A.

After a great deal of thought, I decided to release it as freeware. As I write this (about a month before you read it), I have shipped over 100 copies of my program and, based on user input, revised it twice.

The experience exceeded my expectations. I have had requests from over 30 states and Canada and have received some very nice letters. It's nice to know that there are others out there who still use the 4A.

I'd like to pass on some suggestions should you write for freeware:

IF YOU SEND MONEY: First and foremost, please print clearly. I agonized over deciphering two addresses. Better yet, if you have one, send a printed return address label. You could use this month's program to make some.

IF YOU SEND A DISK: Initialize the disk. This makes sure that it is OK. Sweeping the disk is not sufficient; format it and verify the sectors.

Then check with the Post Office before mailing. Most mailers weigh under 2 ounces which is $0.39. I have received mailers with up to and over one dollar for postage!

While you are at it, why not put a few public domain programs on the disk? Three folks sent me some programs that were really nice. Do include a note so that the recipient will check the disk, however.

WRITE A NOTE: I released my program to share something with the TI community. The notes I received were worth their weight in gold. On the other hand, the guy who sent me a check without any kind of note did not make any points!

GIVE FEEDBACK: Take the time to let the programmer know what you thought of the program. If you liked it, say so. If it didn't work, let him know. If you have a suggestion, pass it on. If you want a response, include a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope). The whole thing costs you $0.44 postage, but is important to the recipient. Believe me!

PAY FOR THE PROGRAM: Some freeware, or shareware, programmers ask you to pay $10 or so if you like the program. Considering that most commercial software starts at $20, this is a bargain. Some of the best new items come from freeware/shareware. Without your support, this source just might dry up.

(Very well said. ed.)


# "COMPUTER QUERIES"


Question:



Answer:



If any of you have any problems or questions about our computer,

this is where to find the answers to them. Send your question to

one of the editorial staff or or to the MUNCH PO Box and it will

be printed in the newsletter along with the answer. If we cannot

your question immediately with the next edition of the newsletter

then we will print the question and look for the answer out there

in TI land. I know that I don't have all the answers. How about

you???

TEXTWARE, SOFTWARE, and ELSEWHERE

Happenings in the 99 Community

by Jack Sughrue

Fairs and Faires are great Affairs! So say I.   After coming back from one a few minutes ago in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, sponsored by the North Eastern 99ers Computer Club.  (This is their 2nd annual.)

Now, granted, this is not your Chicago or Boston or LA Faire, but it was exciting in a number of interesting ways.

To begin with,  it's Old Home Week.  You get to chat with a lot of people you have met at other faires or only by mail and meet a lot  of people  you  have  read about and lots more who are, like myself, just normal non-techie TI/99ers who simply LOVE the machine.

THE MACHINE!

.You get to see our 99 in all its glory  at  a  Faire  (as  they  are called  and  spelled  these  days, though the Pawtucket event is still referred to as a Workshop).  You get to see demonstrations, listen  to talks,  try  out the new stuff, purchase (at extremely low prices) the old but good stuff, participate in raffles, meet dealers and inventors and  people who speak  a  language unheard  of anywhere else in the universe (Computerese).  You finally get to meet people who can repair your  system  and  others  who  can  repair  your sanity when physical repairs are impossible.

A community.

Everybody's there with a common non-violent,  unsleazy  purpose:  to have  fun  finding  things  out  about  their 99 computers and to meet people who feel the same way.

That's it.

No politics.

No battles.

No no-nos.

Just a good time for the brain and the spirit.


Of course you are going to meet Jim Horn (Compuserve), Barry  Traver (Genial  TRAVelER), Chris Bobbit (Asgard), Lou Phillips (Myarc), Craig Miller (Miller's Graphics), Joyce Corker (TI  Writer  Tips), Peter Hoddie (about  200  groups  and  things),  and  many, many other 99er notables at these events, but the REAL fun comes with boothing.

In order to booth properly (We're talking VERBS here.) you must plan your approach.

Me?

I like to go to the very farthest point from the door; the back of the hall. And start toward my left. I figure the hall is operating between 10 AM and 4 PM, usually, so I have plenty of time to stop and talk and touch and learn at each booth. (And buy or plan to buy, if some things look good.)

I also have to plan my workshop sessions. There are usually one or two going on all the time. They are posted at the entrance. Do I want to go to a workshop on Multiplan? Would I like to see the new Geneve in operation? Do I want to learn the operation of Gram Kracker? Am I interested in word processing? All posted. And more.

I go to these workshops all day, alternating these sessions with eating (This faire featured homemade meatball grinders.) and visiting booths.

Unboxed Shugart disk drives - $50: new "MBX Bigfoot" - $5; 100 new blank disks - $35; reconditioned monitor/disk drive combo - $125; old HCM magazines - 50 cents each.

There is so much to experience that one is, at first, overwhelmed. One must make the circuit twice to see the best buys. Need anything for the TI? It's here. At a Faire.

Unpackaged TI LOGO IIs were going for $14. I couldn't believe it.

Needless to say, one's pocket book is empty at day's end, but the spirit is full. As are the bags with good stuff for the computer.

Tired though you may be at this point (after you have lost the raffles pulled at the Faire's closing), and, in spite of the long drive home, you know you are going to be up late on your computer trying out "Bigfoot" and the database package you bought. And are going to test out a few of the things your new friend, Lobelia, spent so much patient time explaining while you ate your meatball grinder.

There aren't many days as successful as this one. The sun seems to be still shining even as you fall asleep, grin still in place, about 3 AM.

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M.U.N.C.H. was well represented. Our Editor was observed diligently taking notes at the Corker workshop. Later, Jim was seen with a bag full of the goodies he bought in the main hall. Corson was the source of much attention all day at his table. He had lots of the latest good stuff available for demos and purchase. Our latest (and only) honorary member, Peter Hoddie, was making himself available to help everyone (while helping person the BCS table).

I was sorry only that the user groups from around New England were not here at tables as they were in Lexington last April. There were a few (and they were active), but there was nothing like the T-shirt wearers who cleaned computers around.

Maybe next year.


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If you've yet to attend a faire, you are in for a treat. Go to the next available one. Form a carpool with other members and make a day of it.

Bring money.

And an appetite. These things really bring my hunger on. (But then so does a game of tiddly-winks or watching TV or typing.) (I'm hungry now, come to think of it.)

But go to anyone's faire and enjoy.


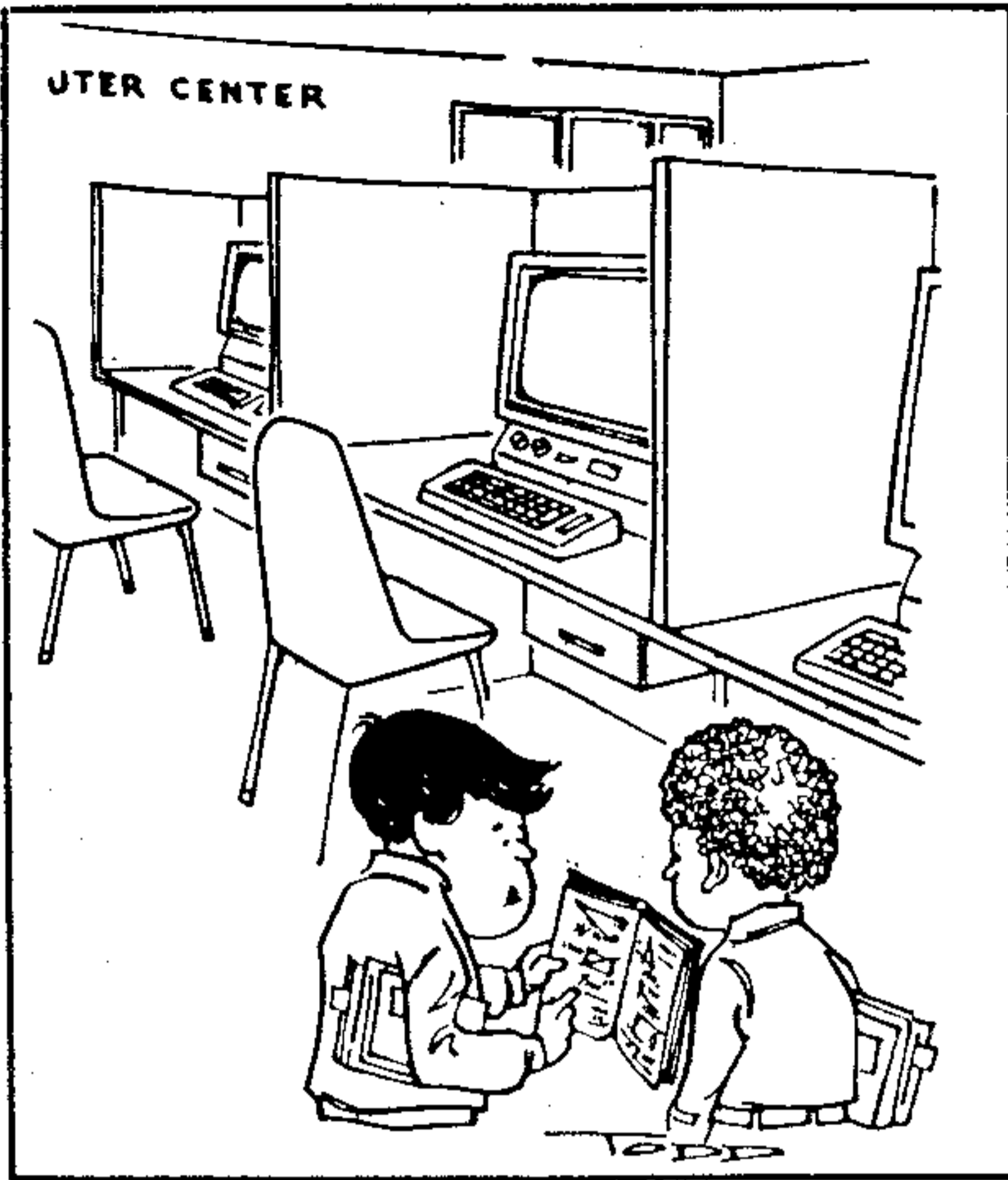## " - - - RAFFLE - - - RAFFLE - - - "

The Nov. raffle will be for Jawbreaker II donated by Brad Clark

The raffle is open to all who attend. The drawing will be held just prior to
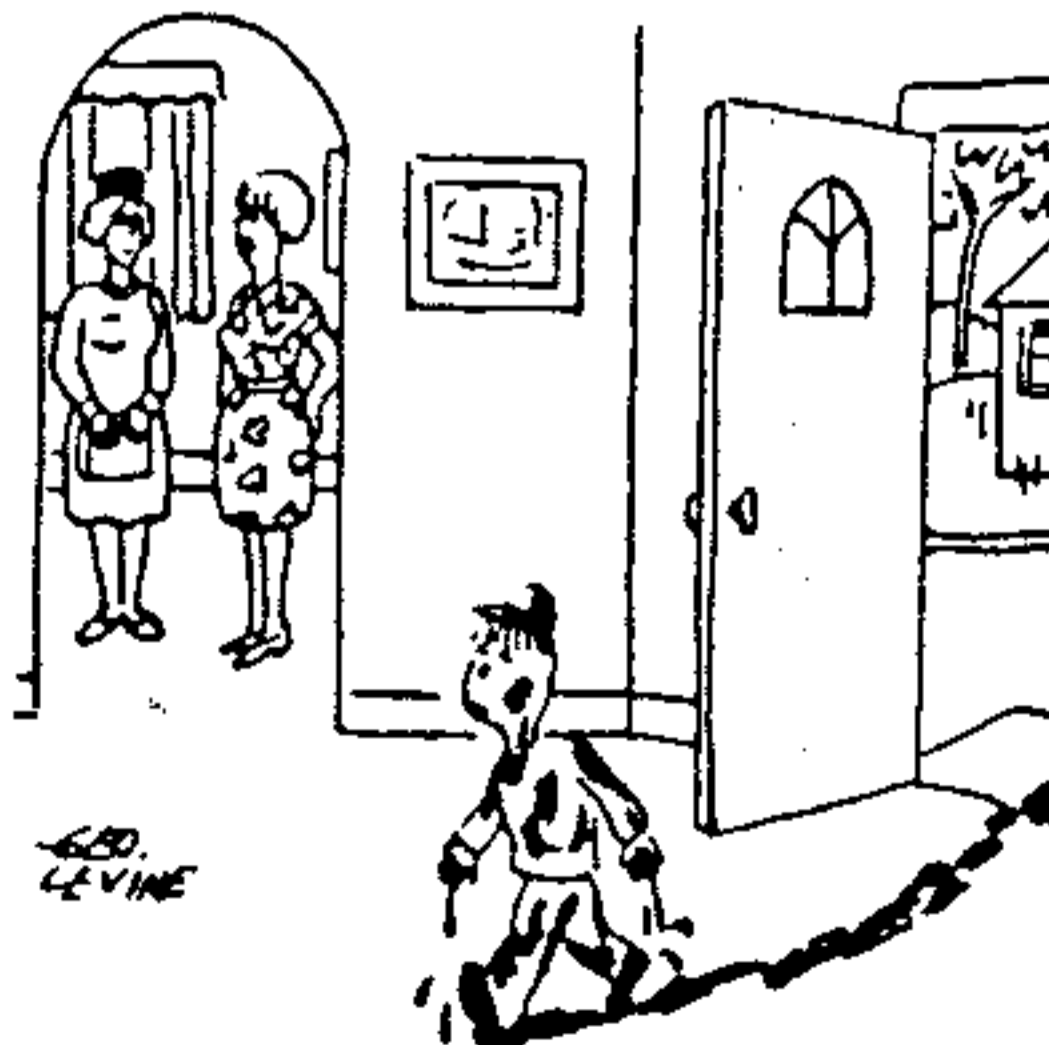
the business meeting. Remember:


**XXXXX YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN XXXXX**


## LIBRARY NOTICE

With the increased demand for the newer TI-99/4A related books we must request book loans to be only one month. If you have any books on loan please bring them to the next meeting. If you can't make it to the next meeting please ask a friend to return the book(s). Thanks! This gives everyone a better chance to see one they haven't seen yet.

"As I understand it, before computers people were expected to remember all this kind of stuff."



"We can't spank him. He's the only one in our family who knows how to use our home computer!"

M.U.N.C.H.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Next meeting will be on Nov. 18,1986
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(Come to the VISITORS entrance and follow the signs for MUNCH....)