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NEXT GENERAL MEETING
 TUESDAY DECEMBER 12 - 7:00 PM
 STRAW HAT PIZZA
 12552 CENTRAL AVENUE -- CHINO

MEMBERSHIP -- \$12.00 ANNUALLY

Board Meeting will be held at
DENNY'S
 THURS DEC 28 - 7:00 PM
 CENTRAL & I-60

EDITORS NOTE - Merry Christmas to all of you TIers out there. For some reason this year is about three or four months short of the usual length of time it takes to make up a one year period. So Christmas has caught me by surprise, again, and I am not ready

for this newsletter.

Thanks to Gene, he has given us a colorful President's Letter.

Don't miss the Pizza Party on Tuesday December 12, this month. See you there and happy holidays to all of you from Pomona Valley 99ers. < Howard >

BORN LOSER/Art & Chip Sansom





THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Since it's almost Christmas, I decided to make this letter a little fancy and also to add a little color to our newsletter. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At the rate our group is going, we may not even *have* a club next year at this time, but I hope we will all still be able to get together regularly, and to share our computer interests.

Unfortunately, I read in the UGOC newsletter, that the Orange County group is seriously considering disbanding during the coming year. Like Pomona Valley 99ers, they have been around since 1982, but they only have about six active members, all over seventy. If they do disband, though, they are already making plans to meet informally in various members' homes, much as we do now. I guess the friends our little orphan computer introduced us to will be around longer than the computer.

SPECIAL NOTICE - Our next meeting has been changed. Instead of our regular meeting at Don & Sherry's house, we will be having our Christmas Party and Pizza Party on Tuesday, the 12th at Straw Hat Pizza on Central at Walnut at 7:00. I hope we can get a

really good turnout for this special meeting, and have a good time discussing computers, and socializing. I don't know the current state of our treasury, but the club will be providing at least the pizza and maybe the drinks. This would also be a good time to bring along the wife or a friend to get to know our little group.



REMINDER: Fest West '96 is coming up in about two months. I am thinking about driving to Tucson this year to take along some of our surplus club equipment as well as my own for sale. That way at least someone can get some use from all this equipment I have collected over the years. I have not even turned on my TI for almost a year now, and don't even know if it still works (batteries in the RAM disk), but I plan to keep my personal system and maybe a few spare components in case I get around to using it. My son even said he could use it to organize his landscaping business. If I do drive, I'll check with you at the prior meeting to see if I can take some of your surplus at the same time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

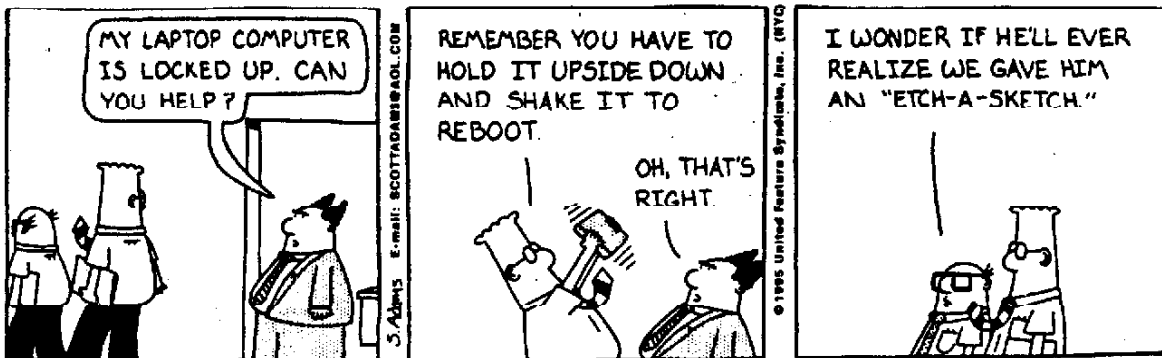
Gene Boho

The New Language

Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between Government departments. European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is unnecessary difficult; for example: cough, plough, rough, through and thorough. What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would, of course, be administered by a committee staff at top level by participating nations. In the first year, for example, the committee would suggest using 's' instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants in all sities would resieve this news with joy. Then the hard 'c' could be replaced by 'k' sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. Not only would this klear up konfusion in the minds of klerikal workers, but typewriters kould be made with one less letter. There would be growing enthousiasm when in the sekond year, it was anounsed that the troublesome 'ph' would henseforth be

written 'f'. This would make words like 'fotograf' twenty per sent shorter in print. In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be ekspekted to reash the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible. Governments would enkourage the removal of double letters which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling. We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful. Therefor we kould drop thes and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapend. By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be reseptive to steps sutsh as replasing 'th' by 'z'. Perhaps zen ze funktion of 'w' kould be taken on by 'v', vitsh is, after al, half a 'w'. Shortly after zis, ze unesesary 'o' kould be dropd from words kontaining 'ou'. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. Kontinuing zis proses yer after yer, ve vud eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After tventi yers zer vud be no mor trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud fin it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze dremms of the Guvermnt vud finali hav kum tru.

DILBERT/Scott Adams



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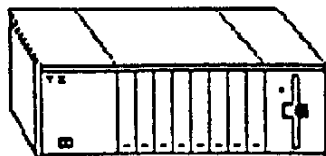


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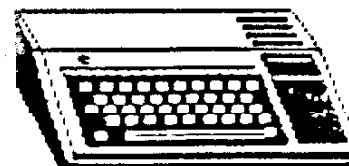
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