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THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO
LEADING EDGE THE MORE
PAPER CUTS YOU'LL GET

From the President

In the absence of our most capable president (who is still at sea — at least in spirit!), I am here writing this column instead of my own this month.

We are busily winding down the winter season and I can understand that a lot of you are involved in other things — like work but who's telling. I would like to commend those hardy souls who came to the board meeting at Mike King's house. It was worth it for a piece of that delicious cake!! It was really YUMMY!

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 22nd at the Senior Center. The program will be geared to the individual needs of the members and prospective members who attend; so bring all of your questions, problems, and brilliant answers to share in an "I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE" evening.

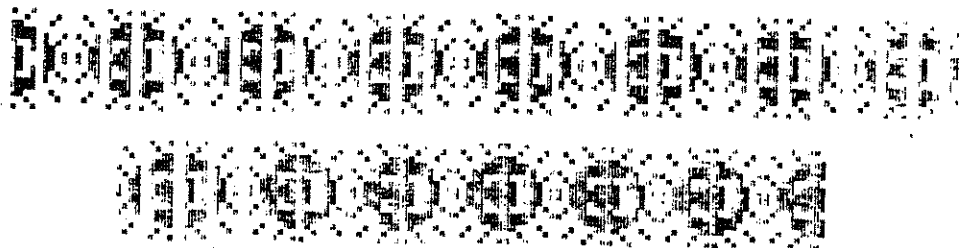
We also need to discuss a site or sites for future meetings, since Neighborhood House requires a staff person to be in attendance at all functions in their facilities. I am retiring as of June 30th so I will no longer be on the staff of Neighborhood House. Ted Peterson has suggested that we meet in our members homes. I can see advantages and disadvantages to that idea.

Anyway let's discuss it.

I hope everyone is saving newspaper for Terry Priest to collect. He will tell us when he will have a chance to do that.

See you at the meeting!

^^^MYRT CALKINS^^^



THE CURMUDGEON GRIPES AND GRIPES AND GRIPES

Well next month will be our last meeting at Neighborhood House. I guess there there will be a lot of changes taking place. I for one, am burning out on doing WORDPLAY. So I have decided that unless I can find someone to take over sooner the AUGUST issue will be the last one I put out. I can really see no reason to continue as I am getting very little or no help at all. Then too I am getting what I consider is more than my fair share of flak. Also the phone call I received not more than an hour ago from one of our members telling me what a poor job I do and how poorly conceived WORDPLAY has been since I took over did not help. I guess that was kind of the last straw. So with Myrt retiring and our plans to do some traveling and spend more time visiting our children and their progeny, I guess this is a good time to wind things up.

I have no plans to give up my TI or PUNN unless said caller has me drummed out of the club as he alleges he's going to do. It's amazing how losing out on buying one cartridge can upset a person.

By now your saying to yourself what "hell" is all of this personal gripping that Mike's doing leading too. Well it's leading to the heart of my curmudgeoning for the month. We have a lot of people in the club who really have never asked themselves what can I do for PUNN. The reason they never asked this is that they are too busy shouting at the top of their voices what can PUNN do for me — a question they answer by getting fairware they never pay for and bootlegging as much commercial stuff as they can lay their hands on. I'm not saying that this applies to all members of the TI User Groups or to PUNN but it applies to enough of us so that the TI community is slowly running itself into oblivion. I don't think the end is far off — another 5 or 6

years 10 at the most. The one advantage that the TI 99/4A has is that it attracts a lot of nice people and is easy to use and understand.

What is really Unfortunate is that it became an orphan so early that it never really developed as a member of the PC movement. Because of this it never had the dedicated programming industry to support it that any computer needs to continue in business. Then too after it became an orphan the people who had the talent to write the programs, and build the hardware it so badly needed didn't have much business accumen. This lack of marketing ability meant they just couldn't make enough on their ideas to make it worth their time to continue with the TI. So as time has passed these developers have drifted off into other fields or taken up some other computer.

Myrt and I are a perfect example of the growing number drifting away from the TI even if we're only user's. We waited and waited for some really reliable hardware that would give us an 80 column screen and the ability to use a hard drive. Several things came and went but there was always some sort of problem. Either the product or the manufactures was unreliable. Then a couple of years ago it looked like the answer to our prayers had arrived in the form of the SCSI card, so we hung on and waited. Each month we were promised it was just a month or 2 away from perfection. But as the months grew into years our hopes waned and finally this January we went to Incredible Universe and bought a Pentium.

Suddenly computing once again has the old thrill and verve back. We can go into real honest to goodness stores and look at hardware and software to our heart's content. Not only that we can find programs that do what we want them to do without vying to spend months

PUNN CATALOGUE PART I

CARTRIDGES

COLUMN 1 SHOWS NUMBER OF ITEMS ON HAND AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS CATALOGUE
 COLUMN 2 GIVES A SHORT DISCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM
 IN THE CASE OF THE TI AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL CARTRIDGES COLUMN 3 GIVES THE COST
 OF EACH SINGLE ITEM INCLUDING SHIPPING
 WHEN POSSIBLE WE WILL IN INCLUDE FREE OF CHARGE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION,
 INSTRUCTIONS OR COPIES THERE OF IF AVAILABLE.

# ON HAND	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM
	TI CARTRIDGES	
1	A-MAZEING	\$ 4.50
4	ADVENTURE	3.50
1	ALIEN ADDITION	3.50
2	ALLIGATOR MIX	3.50
3	ALPINE	3.50
3	BEGINNING GRAMMER	3.50
2	BLACKJACK AND POKER	3.50
1	BURGER TIME	3.50
1	CAR WARS	3.50
1	CENTIPEDE	3.50
1	CHISHOLM TRAIL	3.50
1	DEMOLITION DIVISION	3.50
1	DEMONSTRATION, TI'S ORIGINAL SALES	
	AIDE TO HELP DEMONSTRATE THE TI 99/4A	15.00
5	DISK MANAGER 2	5.00
1	DRAGON MIX	3.50
1	EARLY LOGO LEARNING FUN	3.50
1	EARLY LEARNING FUN	3.50
1	EDITOR ASSEMBLER	4.50
3	HOME FINANCIAL DECISIONS	3.50
1	HOPPER	3.50
7	HOUSEHOLD BUDGET MANAGEMENT	3.50
4	HUNT THE WUMPUS	3.50
1	METEOR MULTIPLICATION	3.50
2	MICROSOFT MULTIPLAN	3.50
1	MICROSOFT MULTIPLAN WITH BOOK	7.50
1	MICROSURGEON	3.50
3	MINI MEMORY	4.50
1	MINUS MISSION	3.50
2	MOON MINE	3.50
5	MUNCHMAN	3.50
4	MUSIC MAKER	4.50
1	NUMBER MAGIC	3.50
4	PARSEC	3.50
1	PERSONAL REAL ESTATE	3.50
2	PERSONAL RECORD KEEPER	3.50
3	PERSONAL REPORT GENERATOR	3.50
1	PHYSICAL FITNESS	4.50
1	SECURITIES ANALYSIS	3.50
1	SNEGGIT	3.50
1	SPEECH EDITOR	4.50
1	STATISTICS	3.50
1	TAX/INVESTMENT RECORD KEEPING	3.50
4	TERMINAL EMULATOR II	3.00
4	TI EXTENDED BASIC	\$ 20.00

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7	TI INVADERS	3.50
2	TI LOGO II	2.50
2	TI-WRITER	3.50
1	TI-WRITER WITH BINDER AND BOOK	7.50
3	TOMBSTONE CITY	3.50
4	TOUCH TYPING TUTOR	3.50
1	TUNNELS OF DOOM	3.50
2	VIDEO CHESS	4.50
2	VIDEO GAMES 1	3.50
1	VIDEO GAMES	3.50
2	VIDEO GRAPHS	3.50
1	WEIGHT CONTROL AND NUTRITION	4.50
1	WORD INVASION	4.50
1	WORD RADAR	4.50

SCOTT FORESMAN CARTRIDGES

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1	ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION 2 (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50
1	DIVISION 1 (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50
1	FROG JUMP/PICTURE PARTS (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50
4	MULTIPLICATION 1 (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50
1	NUMBER BOWLING/SPACE JOURNEY (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50
1	NUMERATION 1 (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.00
1	NUMERATION 2 (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.00
1	PICTURE PARTS (SCOTT FORESMAN)	4.50

CARTRIDGES BY MILLIKEN

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1	DECIMALS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	DIVISION (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	EQUATIONS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	FRACTIONAL NUMBERS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	INTEGERS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	LAWS OF ARITHMETIC (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	MEASUREMENT FORMULAS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	MULTIPLICATION (MILLIKEN)	4.50

1	PERCENTS (MILLIKEN)	4.50
1	SUBTRACTION (MILLIKEN)	4.50
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2	HANGMAN (MILTON BRADLEY)	5.50
2	HUSTLE (MILTON BRADLEY)	5.50
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1	ZERO ZAP (MILTON BRADLEY)	5.50
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1	HANGMAN (GAMEVISION/MILTON BRADLEY)	8.00
1	YAHTZEE (GAMEVISION/MILTON BRADLEY)	8.00
2	ZERO ZAP (GAMEVISION/MILTON BRADLEY)	8.00
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1	BARRAGE (DATA BIOTICS INC./SOFMACINE INC.)	8.00
1	DONKEY KONG (ATARI & WARNER COMMUNICATIONS)	6.00
1	OTHELLO (CBS TOYS)	8.00
1	PLATO INTERPRETER (CONTROL DATA)	8.00
2	Q*BERT (GOTTLIEB & CO./PARKER BROTHERS)	10.50
1	RABBIT TRAIL (FUNWARE)	8.50
1	STAR TREK (SEGA ENTERPRISES INC.)	10.50
1	STORY MACHINE (SPINNAKER SOFTWARE CORP.)	8.50

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 PAYMENT MUST BE BY CASH, PERSONAL CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER.
 REMEMBER THAT IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAILS.
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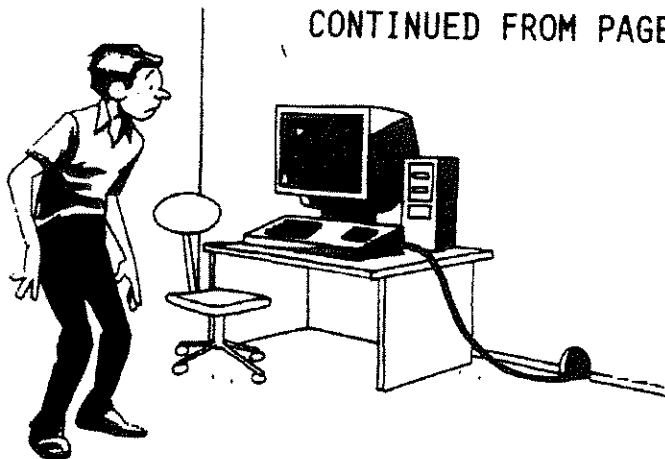
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IN COLUMN 3 COST UNDER HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE COST IS FOLLOWED BY A (+) AND THEN AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR SHIPPING.

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	CARTRIDGE STOREAGE CASES:		
6	BLACK PLASTIC CARTRIDGE CABINETS	6.00	+\$ 5.00 SHIPPING
	DATA CASSETTE RECORDERS:		
1	GE CASSETTE RECORDER WITH CABLES	9.50	+ 5.00 SHIPPING
	MODEMS:		
2	300 BAUD ACOUSTIC MODEM (Mfr. TI ORIGINAL)	10.00	+ 4.50 SHIPPING
2	SIGNALMAN 300 BAUD DIRECT CONNECT MODEM (ANCHOR)	10.00	+ 4.50 SHIPPING
	WIDGETS:		
3	WIDGETS (BY NAVARONE)	15.00	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
	TI 99/4A CONSOLES:		
10	BLACK AND SILVER CONSOLE	10.00	+ 5.00 SHIPPING
4	TAN CONSOLE	10.00	+ 5.00 SHIPPING
	TI COUNSUL COVER:		
1	REGULATION BROWN CONSOLE COVER	4.25	+ 2.00 SHIPPING
	SPARE KEYBOARDS FOR CONSOLES:		
4	TAN TI SPARE KEYBOARD	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
2	BLACK TI SPARE KEYBOARD	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
	TI TV MODULATORS:		
14	TI TV MODULATOR	5.00	+ 2.75 SHIPPING
	POWER CORDS AND TRANSFORMERS FOR TI 99/4A CONSOLES:		
6	TI 99/4A POWER TRANSFORMER	6.50	+ 4.50 SHIPPING
	SPEECH SYNTHISER:		
1	SPEECH SYNTHISER IN UNOPENED BOX	10.00	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
9	SPEECH SYNTHESIZER	5.00	+ 3.50 SHIPPING

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2	JOYSTICK ADAPTER (FOR WICO/ATARI)	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
1	ATARI PADDLE JOYSTICK	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
5	ATARI JOYSTICKS	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
2	PAIR TI JOYSTICKS	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
1	BARELY USED SET OF TI JOYSTICKS BELONGED TO A LITTLE OLD LADY FROM PASADENA	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
1	COMPLETE SET OF WIRELESS JOYSTICKS	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
3	WICO JOYSTICKS	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
1	POWERSTICK DUAL JOYSTICK	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
1	PRO STICK II	4.50	+ 3.50 SHIPPING
CABLES:			
8	DUAL CASSETTE CABLES	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
2	RS 232 SPLITTERS OR "Y" CABLES	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
2	PARALLEL PORT CABLES	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
1	18" P-BOX EXTENSION	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
4	SERIAL PRINTER CABLES	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
1	SPARE TI FLEX CABLE INTERFACE	3.50	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
1	P-BOX POWER CORD	3.90	+ 2.50 SHIPPING
P-BOXES:			
1	ORIGINAL P-BOX W/SSSD FULL HEIGHT DRIVE AND TI CONTROLLER, 32K MEMORY, RS232 CARD AND FLEX CABLE INTERFACE.	100.00	+ 20.00 SHIPPING
2	P.E.BOXES WITH PERIPHERAL EXPANSION CARD ONLY AND POWER CORD ONLY.	75.00	+ 20.00 SHIPPING

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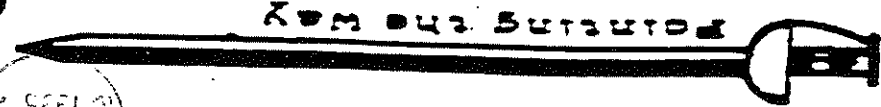


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 are as user friendly as FunnelWeb.
 Oh! no I won't give up my TI. After
 all I really know how to use it and
 for now it's much easier than the
 Pentium. Also we have only one
 Pentium so it is on a time share
 basis at this point. But we do have
 2 TI's and I'm sure that they'll
 still see plenty of use until we get
 our second Pentium or 486. Not only
 that I don't plan to leave PUNN
 because I have many good friends
 there and I don't want to give any
 of them up. So I'll be around.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY - APRIL 22nd, 1995
NEXT BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY - JUNE 13th, 1995

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