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**** CLUB DUES ***

Just as a reminder club, dues are due before the end of January 1989

Club dues are \$12.00----Club dues plus BBS fees are \$24.00

Dont forget if you are late, there is a \$10.00 renewal fee.

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THINKING OUT LOUD by: Robert E. Barnes

Well gang, the Third Annual II-Heaven BBS Marathon began and ended with a bang. Fun was had by all and there should be a report in this issue from your SYSOP telling you all about it.

This month I am starting a series of articles by Stan Katzman titled T.I. Writer. The series have 14 parts to them, this should last till July of next year. Remember now, I am putting into this newsletter those things I either find interesting or I think you the reader's will find interesting. If this is not the case with you reader's, it behooves you to speak up and let me know. Otherwise. I will think it is ok with you to continue these articles.

Multiplan part 5 continues with this issue and I hope everyone (at least some of you anyway) is learning something from these series.

There are 3 more articles in my disk from Tiger Cub Tips to follow this issue. Then I will either have to start twisting a few arms and get some help in writing or typing some articles for the newsletter. Think about it and see if you think you could help a little.

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS by: Charles N. Kinsey

At the SIG meeting on March 21 the begi ners SI6 meeting started with a resounding success. Gary Sweers had a very captive audience. In fact, the show and tell, bells and whistles side was kind of lean, so that tells me we are filling a need in the club.

For those of you that get on the club BBS TI-HEAVEN and would like to leave me a message I am going to attempt to

get on the BBS at least once a week. The reason for the limited time is because it is long distance for me. If there is anything that you would like to suggest as to the direction the club is taking or you would like to see a demo or give one please holler.

I finally have some results on my 32/16 MOD. What I did is take a 55 sector D/V 80 file and loaded it into TIW. I started with a left margin of 5 and a right margin of 39 and useing the tab command changed the tabs to left margin of O and a right margin of 80. Useing the reformat command it took 138 seconds to reformat with normal memory and 94 seconds with 32/16 memory. If my calculations are correct that is a 46.8% faster speed. ((138-94)/94))0=46.8%. I did numerous test of this type and came up with the same percent increase in speed. Therefore in my opinion the claims of kit from Bud Mills are substantiated. Remember that only programs that utilize memory expansion can benefit from this modifications. That is, cartridge games that use GPL programing only will not benefit from this memory MOD.

What is the ZENOBOARD? This MOD may create some excitement for some of us. It is a printed circuit board for the TI that adds everthing you always wanted. This board is placed inside the TI and is very simple to constuct any combination of the following.

- # 32 static ram
- # Clock with battery back-up
- # X-basic that you can switch on and off
- # Speech synthesizer
- # Supports additional switch selectable GROM
- * Parallel port
- * Includes reset circuit

This beauty fits inside the console above the CPU board and solders directly to the back of the GROM conn., with just a few wires to the CPU board.

I can hear you thinking now. I do not need all this stuff in my console, I have it all anyway. Well folks, if you are going to tell me that you have never had a lock-up I am going to call you a blatant fibber. Either that are you have never plugged a cartridge in the console. This MOD is supposed to eleminate this problem and if you do nothing with it except put XB on board I think it is worth it. There other ways to put XB inside the console however this is the cleanest.

From what I understand do not order at this time, because the idea is quite attainable, but there may not be enough demand to complete the project. Write/call:

Eric Zeno 414 Highland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (412) 371-4779

(SASE Please!) Anyway, I called Eric and informed him that there may be some interest in our club so let him or myself know. Maybe I can get one up and going to show everybody then we may make this a club project.

If I do not have a chance to say anveore before the deadlineadios.

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MEETING RECAPS by Brenda Burwell

The meeting wasn't called to order at 7:25 pm with 24 in attendance. We jumped headlong into things with a demo of Robert Barnes newest keyboard attached to his KBM interface. This new keyboard has about a trillion function key presets so if you do any programming, about all you need to know is what buttons to push and in what order to come up with a pretty good program.

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ML/SYSTEMS interface and keyboard and I think all will agree he was the happiest, proudest SUPER 99/4A owner around, justifiably so!

Don Borden wins the "TECHNOKLUTZ" award for meritorious achievement in soldering of 32k ram chips backwards! But let me make this perfectly clear, he did an EXCELLENT job at what he did so for this reason we are bestowing on him the code name of "BACKCHIPS". Make no mention of this as we told Don we would mum's the word on this little feat! (SRIN)

Also receiving DISHONORABLE mention is Myarc and Disk Only Software for shipping to Brenda Burwell OBVIOUSLY well used and hacked on HFDC (Hard and Floppy Disk Controller Card). This card had endured many hours of use and abuse as the area under the heat sinks were VERY, VERY obviously evidence of long previous use. Beside that this card showed other signs of possible repair and abuse, including many solder splatters and otherwise shoddy appearance of what was purported to be BRAND NEW! Needless to say, Brenda sent this back to DOS and we will keep all informed of the saga of Brenda her HFDC!

Much conversation was engaged in regarding cooling down the P-box with a bucking transformer and exchanging of Ti's standard fan with a guieter auffin fan. Any members who are interested in this should talk to "BACKCHIPS", he holds the patent on the newest, most innovative method for this to date! It really is a slick setup the way he does it! Come to a meeting and see it, possibly the club will do it for a project if there is enough interest.

In closing I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Ray Bradley and his wife Eloise for supplying supper for all the marthoners, sure took a BIS load Off my wifes shoulders and may encourage another such fiasco. Also, many thanks to those who brought potluck food and other goodies to share with everyone, it really helped and is much appreciated. To those who didn't better luck next time! All in all just a super event I will not miss if there is any way humanly possible. this group of people truly enjoyed one another and the camaraderie could only be surpassed at a TI FAIRE-if that is possible!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DEN by: Charles N. Kinsey

Here is another old file that some of you may find interesting if you have the load interrupt switch installed in your console or in your speech. Enjoy.....

LOAD INTERRUPT SWITCH+SOME SOFTWARE TO USE IT WITH.

The following is a small compilation of info on the Load Interrupt.

Our beloved 4A runs along doing what it was told to do unless something interrupts it. Pushing a module into the slot will cause a "reset" interrupt. On a reset the computer knows that it must look at a certain area of memory to get a new <W>orkspace <P>ointer and <P>rogram <C>ounter and proceeds to execute from there. Trouble is, these interrupt vectors are in ROM and can't be However, there is an exception to this rule. It is called the "LOAD" interrupt. This causes the computer to look at >FFFC for a new MS and >FFFE for a new PC.

interrupt is generated by momentarily shorting out ground and pin 13(LOAD) on the I/O port. The way that I did this is with a common doorbell button mounted on my speech synthesizer. Just drill a small hole for the switch and run 2 small wires from it to pin 13 and ground. Pins 21,23,25 and 27 are all ground. You can use any one of them. The odd

numbered pins are on the bottom side of the synthesizer. Be careful-try it. If I can do it, anybody can.

The November 1983 Enthusiast 99 had some of the above and also the test program below.

ST LI 0.302 LI 1, TX LI 2,4 BLWP QVMBW LIMI 2 JMP \$ TEXT 'TEST' TX NS BSS 32 AOR6 >FFFC DATA WS.ST

REF VMBW

Assemble and load into memory then go to the title screen, push the button and test should appear on your screen. Hint:look close! Corcomp controller owners will have no trouble finding it.

The following is Compuserve message by Paul Charlton of Fast-Term fame.

#: 46939 S5/Tips Tricks 20-Jul-85 18:08:33 Sb: #2 NEAT LOAD INTS! Fm: Paul Charlton 75136,2256 HERE ARE TWO NEAT LOAD INTERRUPT ROUTINES. FIRST CHANGES TE2 CART TO 1200 BAUD (DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATS THOUGH) AND SECOND TO CHANGE NAME OF PRINTER FOR TAX INV. RECORD KEEPING

1 LOAD INTERRUPT ROUTINE TO PUT # TE2 CART INTO 1200 BAUD

REGS BSS 32 ENTER CLR QLOADWP LWPI RE6S CLR RO E1 DEC RO JNE E1 LIMI O LI R12, >1340 SBO 31 LDCR @CNTRL.8

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LDCR GINTVL,8
                                                DATA ENTER
                                                                                                          *THIS PROGRAM
      LDCR @RDR.11
                                                END
                                                                                           MOV RO, @>FFFE *PROGRAM COUNTER
      LDCR EXDR, 12
                                                                                                  *WHEN LOAD INT BUTTON IS
      SBO 18
                                          OK??? THE 1ST YOU MUST ASSEMBLE THEN
                                                                                                  #PUSHED
£2
       STWP RO
                                          LOD FROM E/A 3. THEN REMOVE E/A CART
                                                                                           JMP CLEAR
      MOV RO. @LOADWP
                                          (DONT TURN P-BOX OFF) AND INSERT TE2
                                                                                    DISP
                                                                                           LI
                                                                                               RO, 289
      RTMP
                                          CART 60 INTO TE2 (ALL THE WAY TO THE
                                                                                           LI
                                                                                               R1, MS61
CNTRL BYTE >83
                                          BLANK SCREEN WITH CURSOR IN CORNER AND
                                                                                           LI
                                                                                               R2,19
INTVL BYTE 1600/64
                                          PRESS YOUR LOAD INTERRUPT BUTTON (EZ
                                                                                           BLNP EVMBN
RDR
                                          TO ADD IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, ASK!)
                                                                                          LI
                                                                                               RO.324
XDR
      DATA >1A1
                                                                                               R1, MS62
                                                                                          LI
ŧ
                                          TI/RK...SAME PROCEDURE AS ABOVE..BUT
                                                                                          LI R2,12
      AOR6 >FFFC
                                          50 ALL THE WAY TO PRINTER (Y/N) ANSWER
                                                                                          BLWP EVMBW
LOADWP DATA REGS
                                          YES THEN TYPE RS232 (OR "TP") HIT
                                                                                    CURSOR LI
                                                                                               RO, 337
      DATA ENTER
                                          ENTER THEN HIT LOAD INT BUTTON....
                                                                                          CLR R9
      END
                                          VO LA! HELPFULLY, PAUL...
                                                                                          BLWP EVSBW
AND THE NEXT ONE ...
                                                                                          LI R1,>3F00
                                          Lastly, we have my first Assembly
                                                                                    * LOAD INTERRUPT ROUTINE TO PUT
                                          program.
                                                                                          BLWP EKSCAN
# A NEW PRINT FILE IN TAX INV.
                                                                                          MOVB @>837C.RO
* RECORD KEEPING
                                          * <-FOR THE MINI-MEMORY CARTRIDGE-> *
                                                                                          COC @KEYMSK.RO
                                         THIS PROGRAM WILL JUMP TO ITSELF WHEN
                                                                                          JNE CURSOR
RESS BSS 32
                                         A LOAD INTERRUPT IS SENERATED : IT
                                                                                          MOV @>8374,R9
NAMLEN BYTE 3
                    : CHANGE FOR
                                         WILL PUT A MENU ON THE SCREEN ALLOWING
                                                                                          CI
                                                                                               R9.69 E
                    ! ANOTHER PRINT
                                         YOU TO SELECT EDITOR OR FORMATTER # IT
                                                                                          JEQ EDI
                                                                                                       EDITOR
                    ! DEVICE
                                         DOES NOT RESET THE PROGRAM NAMES IN
                                                                                          CI
                                                                                               R9,70
                                                                                                       F
NAME TEXT 'PIO'
                                         THE REF/DEF TABLE, BUT BRANCHES $
                                                                                          JEQ FOR
                                                                                                       FORMATTER
     EVEN
                                         DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM'S START
                                                                                   CLEAR CLR RO
ENTER CLR QLOADNP
                                         ADDRESSES. # THE START ADDRESSES FOR
                                                                                          CLR R1
     LWPI REGS
                                         THE EDITOR AND FORMATTER DEPEND ON THE
                                                                                          BLWP QVSBW
     CLR RO
                                         VERSION * OF TOM KNIGHT'S LOADER THAT
                                                                                          CI RO, 767
E1
      DEC RO
                                         YOU ARE USING. $ TO USE: USE A BASIC
                                                                                          JEQ DISP
     JNE EI
                                         PROGRAM TO LOAD THIS AND TOM KNIGHT'S
                                                                                          INC RO
İ
                                         TI-WRITER LOADER # INTO MEMORY, CALL
                                                                                          JMP LOOP
     LIMI 0
                                         LINK("START") AND AWAY YOU GO. AFTER
                                                                                   KEYMSK DATA >2000
     LI RO, >0589
                                         USING EITHER THE * EDITOR OR FORMATTER
                                                                                          END
     ORI RO.>4000 FOR WRITE TO VDP
                                         AND YOU WANT TO GO TO THE OTHER ONE.
     SWPB RO
                                         JUST HIT THE LOAD # INTERRUPT BUTTON.
                                                                                   The program to load the above:
     MOVB RO, @>8CO2
                                         ŧ
     SMPB RO
                                                DEF START
                                                                                   100 CALL INIT
     MOVB RO.@>8CO2
                                                REF VSBW, VMBW, KSCAN
                                                                                   110 CALL CLEAR
     LI RI, NAMLEN
                                                                                   120 CALL LOAD("DSK1.TKADD")
                                                AOR6 >FE06
     MOVB #R1.RO
                                                TEXT 'Editor or Formatter'
                                         MS61
                                                                                   130 INPUT "HAS TENRITER BEEN LOADED? ":A$
     SRL RO.8
                                         MS62
                                                TEXT 'Press E or F'
                                                                                   140 IF A$="Y" THEN 210
LOOP1 MOVB #R1+, @>8C00
                                         EDI
                                                     @>FB2C #START ADDRESS OF
                                                                                   150 IF A$="N" THEN 180
     DEC RO
                                                            *EDITOR
                                                                                   160 CALL CLEAR
     JOC LOOP1
                   'LEN + 1 # BYTES
                                         FOR
                                                В
                                                     @>FB9A #START ADDRESS OF
                                                                                   170 GOTO 130
                    TO REPEAT
                                                            *FORMATTER
                                                                                   180 CALL CLEAR
1
                                         START LWPI >2000
                                                                                   190 PRINT "LOADING TKWRITER":::::::
     STWP RO
                                                LI RO,>2000 #WORKSPACE POINT-
                                                                                   200 CALL LUAD("DSK1.WRITER/EA")
     MOV RO, @LOADWP
                                                               #ER/THIS PROGRAM
                                                                                   210 CALL LINK("START")
     RTWP
                                                MOV RO.@>FFFC #WORKSPACE POINT
                                                                                   220 END
                                                    *ER WHEN LOAD INT BUTTON IS
     AOR6 >FFFC
                                                    $PUSHED
                                                                                   A couple of notes on the int button.
LOADWP DATA RESS
                                                LI RO, >FE2E #START ADDRESS
                                                                                   DO NOT USE IT WITH THE P-CODE CARD!
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Tends to wipe them out, I'm told. Also, the Debugger supplied with the E/A makes use of this button. Comes in handy when you are snooping around in the memory.

Rory Binkerd, Siouxland 99'ers, Sioux Falls, 5D. 72157,72

T. I. WRITER (Part 1) by Stan Katzman

John Willforth asked me if I would write a column on T. I. Writer for the Newsletter. I told him that I did not feel like an expert on the program but I would try. If anyone has any comments please feel free to make them because I can learn from you also.

The best place to start is at the beginning. When I first unpacked T. I. Writer it was quite intimidating, a cartridge, a disk and that BIG manuel. It is not as bad as it seems and it really is an easy program to learn to use. One must have the following 1)Consol, 2)32K memory expansion, 3)RS232 card, 4)disk drive (2 disk drives are best but you can do very nicely with one and 3)a printer. (The printer should be Epson compatible).

First make a copy of the program and use the original as a backup. (Very important.)

Place the cartridge in the port and the program in the drive. (I am assuming one disk drive.) Power up the system and get T. I. Writer from the menue using the English version. Next you will see 1.EDITOR 2.FORMATTER 3.UTILITY. We will discuss the Editor first because all writing is done here. Press (1) and the disk will now run putting the Editor program in memory. A line will show across the top with a cursor (you are in Command Mode). The line says "Edit, Tabs, Files, Lines, Search, RecoverEdit, ShowDirectory, Quit". We will now

just discuss Tabs and Edit."

The line starting with "Edit" is called the Command Mode. Let us now set our tabs (and margins). Press "T" and the cursor will move to a numbered line. First hit the space bar and remove the "L", then with the "Foto D" move the cursor to the 10 space and type "L", then move the cursor with "Fctn D" to 70 and type an "R", press Enter and you are in the editing mode and you can type anything you want with the margins set at 10 and 70. (If you want different margins just enter them as described). You do not have to press the enter key at the end of the line unless you want to start a new paragraph. You are in Word-wrap sode.

If you want to print out your document at this stage just press Fctn 9 and you are back in Command Mode. Now press F (files) and you will see more selections such as LoadF, SaveF, PrintF. DeleteF. Purge ShowDirectory. At this point type "PF" and you will now see "PRINT FILE, enter devicename:", at this point if you have a parallel printer enter PIO and you document will be printed out as you typed it.

Try using the word processor and reading the instructions. You will find it easy to use. More next time.

MONEY MATTERS by: John Hartweg

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	127.00

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MULTIPLAN PART 5 by: Audrey Bucher

In this article, we are going to concentrate on the Print Command. One word of caution, be sure you recalculate your spreadsheet before printing. If you are saving the spreadsheet. Multiplan automatically recalculate if you have made any entries, but this is not true with the Print command. There are subcommands under Print...Printer, File, Margins and Options. Printer will begin printing if printer is turned on. File is used to print the record to disk. This may then be loaded into TI Writer and edited or included in a document.

The other two subcommands are the ones you will mostly be dealing with. I usually set the Options first. The command line when you select O is as follows:

area:R1:255

setun:

formulas Yes (No) r-c nums: Yes (No) I usually change the area to print only the rows and columns that my spreadsheet occupies. For instance, R1:16C1:11 in our sample check balance sheet. When the sheet is saved, the changes are saved with it. On some of my spreadsheets that are quite lenthly, I usually only print the bottom four lines that give me totals next month)

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at various times during the month and then at the end of the month, I will print the entire sheet to have a copy of the month's activities. Another option to enter in the area section is a Mame. This would be used to print unly a specific part of your worksheet that you have named. (More about that

In the setup area you will put your printer configuration. Ex. I use PIO

The defaults for printing the formulas and row column numbers are both No. However if there is a reason you would like to have them printed, just change these to Y. If you choose to print formulas, the listing will display the actual formulas that appear in each cell, rather than the calculated values of the formulas as it normally would. This feature is useful when you want a record of the logic behind the worksheet. Column widths are doubled when formulas is set to Yes. Mext, I usually set the Margins. When choosing M, the command line will be as follows:

left::5 top:6 width:70 print length:54 page length:66

The left margin and top margin are given as number of characters, the print length and page length are given in number of lines. You may change these defaults to anything you like in order to center your printout on the page if you choose. Multiplan will print as many columns across the page as will fit within the margins you set. Any columns left over will be printed on a second page with row and column numbers continued. This method of printing permits you to cut and attach the printed pages to form a worksheet with the same dimensions you set up on the screen. Most of my spreadsheets have at least 15 columns in them and I prefer to print them all on one sheet of paper, so I use condensed print. I use the TIMP Print program by J&B Hathis that allows you to set printer controls from within Multiplan using the external copy command. It is a Fairware program and

is in our library. It has files for many different kinds of printers, select the one that applies to your printer and copy it to your MP disk so it can be accessed. Because I use condensed print. I set my width to 132. Again, I usually adjust my print length and page length to suit the particular spreadsheet that I am working with at the time. Saves the printer from putting a lot of blank lines on the paper if it is a short spread sheet.

Now that you have all the margins and options set, just hit P for print and the printer will start to hum away. If you wish to cancel printing just hit FCTN 4 (Print Cancel). During printing, the Print Cancel key is the only key that is functional and it is only effective while "PRINT on printer" is displayed on the command line. If the printing is cancelled, MP will display the "Printer error" æssage.

Next month we'll talk about the Name command. Any questions, feel free to call at 881-5244.

THIS 'N THAT by: Robert E. Barnes

The club recently had several members purchase some new ramdisks. This has lead me to think about some of the things I take for granded concerning the use of these randisks and those new owners may know nothing about. One of the things that comes to mind is the use of Multiplan with the ramdisk. Following is how I have been using Multiplan and my ramdisk.

First thing you will have to do is partition a part of your randisk for the exclusive use of Multiplan. I have mine partitioned with 312 sectors. Make sure you allow a few extra sectors for data files if you wish to use the ram for data storage also (I use a floppy data disk). Next make sure you name the partitioned disk name TIMP. (I also believe for

you multi-ram owners the disk has to be at CRU1000). Now, copy over the files from your Multiplan floppy to the ram using DSKU or DM1000.

Now you are set up to run Multiplan from your randisk. But wait, you must plug in your Multiplan module (don't you wish you had the chips in your console like mine so all you had to do was throw a switch?). To boot Multiplan, you must remember that the JJ Menu (any version) WILL NOT select Multiplan from the menu. What you have to do is... Hold down a shift key and either press your reset button or slide on the ON-OFF switch on your console. This will bring up the TI screen, pressing any key will bring up the Basic and Multiplan choice screen. From here, you select Multiplan and viola the spreedsheet is loaded almost From here, just do instantly. whatever it is you normally do when working with Multiplan.

One other thing I have noticed with my use of Multiplan and the ramdisk. There are times when one of the Multiplan files seems to get trashed and the program will not load a MP datafile. When this happens to me, normally all I have to do is reload the MPINTR program file. This works for me most times, you may have to experiment and see what file is getting trashed whenever it happens (that is, if it does happen to you). Hope this has been of some help to you.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS The deadline for contributions to the newsletter is the 3rd Wednesday of each month. That's the day after each month's SIG meeting. You can bring your contribution to the meeting on a disk, or you can leave it on TI HEAVEN and leave a message for me.

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I believe this word came is totally different from anything you have ever seen. and very challenging if you don't use the AID key. The first time you run it, pick option 3 to create a file of phrases and give it the file name COMPUTE. This will then become the computer's file. option 1, and you can create as many of your own files as you want. Recommend phrases of several to as many as 20 words - short ones are too difficult.

100 DIM W\$(20):: DIM D\$(20) 110 GOTO 150 120 Q\$, K, S, Q, F\$, E, FLAG, X, J, X \$, Y\$, A, B, M\$, DY\$, V, A\$(), C\$, CH ,CH\$,Y,W\$(),L,M,D\$(),F,Z,C,R .H 130 CALL CHAR :: CALL KEY :: CALL SOUND :: CALL CLEAR :: CALL CHARPAT :: CALL COLOR :: CALL SCREEN :: CALL VCHAR :: CALL SPRITE :: CALL LOCA TE :: CALL DELSPRITE

140 !@P-150 CALL CHAR(94, "3C4299A1A1 99423C"):: DISPLAY AT(2,1)ER ASE ALL: "TIGERCUB SHUTTLESEA RCH V.1.1":"": "^ Tigercub So ftware for free": "distributi on but no price"

160 DISPLAY AT(6,1): or copy ing fee to be charged":"":"I f you should feel moved to": "send me a few bucks for my" **work. I won't be offended!

170 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"Jim Pe terson":"156 Collingwood Ave .": "Columbus, OH 43213" 180 DISPLAY AT(16,5): *Instru ctions? (Y/N) N" :: ACCEPT A T(16,25) SIZE (-1) VALIDATE ("YN "):Q\$:: IF Q\$="N" THEN 260 190 DISPLAY AT(2,1) ERASE ALL :" The computer will display a": "phrase or saving concea lad": "within a neid of rando

e":"letters." 200 DISPLAY AT (6,1): The wo rds will be horizon-":"tal, one word per line and":"on c onsecutive lines, but":"not necessarily beginning on* 210 DISPLAY AT(10,1); "the to p line, and the phrase": "may 'wrap around' from the":"bo ttom row to the top." 220 DISPLAY AT(13,1):" You c an find the phrase by": "shut tling columns of letters": "u p and down, looking for";"co nsecutive rows with letter* 230 DISPLAY AT(17,1); combin ations that could be": "parts of words. ": " A cheat key is available, ": "if you are rea lly stuck, but" 240 DISPLAY AT(21,1): try no t to use it!" 250 DISPLAY AT(23, B): *PRESS ANY KEY" :: DISPLAY AT (23,8) "press any key" :: CALL KEY (0.K.S):: IF S=0 THEN 250 260 DISPLAY AT (3,2) ERASE ALL :"Do you want to - 1":"":" (1) Solve a saving from ay file?":"":" (2) Solve a p hrase from your file

24 270 DISPLAY AT(11,2):"(3) Cr eate a file of":" phrase s?":"":" (4) Have someone ty pe in a phrase to solve

280 ACCEPT AT(3,19)SIZE(-1)V ALIDATE(DIGIT): 2 :: IF Q<1 0 R Q>4 THEN 280

290 DN @ 50TO 300,310,410,47

300 F\$="1.COMPUTE" :: E=1 :: 60TO 320

310 DISPLAY AT(18,1): Filena me? DSK* :: ACCEPT AT(18,14) :F\$ 11 E=2

320 ON ERROR 370

330 IF FLAG=1 THEN 350 :: FL AG=1 :: OPEN #1: DSK %F*,FIX ED, RELATIVE, INPUT :: ON ERRO R STOP

340 INPUT #1, REC 0:X :: CLOS E #1 :: FOR J=1 TO X :: X\$=X \$&CHR\$(J):: NEXT J :: Y\$=X\$ 350 RANDOMIZE :: A=INT(RND1L EN(Y\$)+1):: B=ASC(SE6\$(Y\$.A. 1)):: Y\$=SEG\$(Y\$,1,A-1)&SEG\$ (Y\$, A+1, 255):: IF LEN(Y\$)=0

NEXT J

": DYS

T(8, 14):F\$

OP :: X=0

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360 OPEN #1: "DSK"&F\$, FIXED, R ELATIVE, INPUT :: ON ERROR ST OP :: INPUT #1.REC B:M\$:: C LOSE #1 :: 60TO 490 370 FOR J=1 TO 10 :: DISPLAY AT(20,1):"" :: DISPLAY AT(2 0,1): "CANNOT OPEN FILE!" :: CALL SOUND (-99, 110, 5, -4, 5) :: 380 ON ERROR 390 :: CLOSE #1 390 FLAG=0 :: INPUT "CHECK D ISK AND DRIVE, PRESS ANY KEY 400 IF E=1 THEN RETURN 260 E LSE IF E=2 THEN RETURN 310 E LSE RETURN 410 410 DISPLAY AT(8,1) ERASE ALL :"Filename? DSK" :: ACCEPT A 420 E=3 :: ON ERROR 370 :: 0 PEN #1: "DSK"&F#, FIXED 124, RE LATIVE, OUTPUT :: ON ERROR ST 430 DISPLAY AT(12,1): "Enter END when finished":"":";"Tv pe phrases, not more than 20 words and 124 characters* 440 X=X+1 :: ACCEPT MS :: IF LEN(M\$)>124 THEN PRINT "TOO LONG! " :: X=X-1 :: 60TO 440 450 IF NSC>"END" THEN PRINT #1,REC X:M\$:: 60TO 440 460 PRINT #1, REC 0:X :: CLOS E \$1 :: 60TO 260 470 CALL KEY(3,K,S):: DISPLA Y AT(12,1) ERASE ALL: "Type a phrase of less than 20 word s and press Enter* 480 ACCEPT No :: CALL CLEAR 490 DISPLAY AT (3,2) ERASE ALL s"Choose skill level - 1";"" :" (1) All words begin in":" first column" 500 DISPLAY AT(8,2):"(2) A11 words begin in same":" column":"":" (3) Each word m ay appear in":" a differ 510 DISPLAY AT(14,2): (4) As No. 3 but AID key is":" disabled":"":" (5) Quit" 520 ACCEPT AT(3,23)81ZE(-1)V ALIDATE(DIGIT):V :: IF V(1 O R V>5 THEN 520 11 IF V=5 THE N CALL CLEAR :: STOP 530 DISPLAY AT(12,6)ERASE AL L: "SCRAMBLING....." 540 A\$(1)="jkzae klepr vgaho

ehey vnijo oherq umbmi rtika opleg nosve tarkh zeski * 550 A\$(2)="!boiu m.fgt krac. pjip? tn-un osheg kar.q ibl .o tons! idrix ?uhig ebarf u ks,k ,,jhge vifyt kibrn taga , .!ry lakle ilf.! inst" 360 C4=A4(1)&A4(2) 570 FOR CH=65 TO 90 :: CALL CHARPAT(CH, CH\$):: CALL CHAR(CH+32, CH\$):: NEXT CH :: CALL CHAR (42. "82444428281010") 580 CALL CHAR(143, "18243C4A4 A3C2418"):: CALL COLOR(14,16 ,1) 590 MS=MS&" " :: Y=1 600 X=POS(Ms, " ",1):: Ws(Y)= SEG# (M#,1,X):: L=LEN(W#(Y)): : M=MAX(M,L):: RANDOMIZE :: W\$ (Y) = W\$ (Y) & SEG\$ (C\$, INT (230) RND+1), 20-L) 610 Y=Y+1 :: IF Y=21 THEN 62 0 :: M\$=SE6\$(M\$, X+1, 255):: I F LEN(MS)>0 THEN 600 620 FOR J=Y TO 20 :: W\$(J)=8 E6\$(C\$, INT(230\$RND+1),20)11 NEXT J 630 DN V 60TO 670,640,650,65 640 X=INT(RND#(20-H))+H+1 :: FOR J=1 TO Y :: W\$(J)=SE6\$(W\$(J), X, 255) & SEG\$(W\$(J), 1, X-1):: NEXT J :: 60TO 670 650 FOR J=1 TO V. :: X=INT(RN D\$(20-H))+H+1 :: W\$(J)=SE5\$(W\$(J), X, 255) & SE6#(W\$(J), 1, X-1):: NEXT J :: 60TO 670 660 ! the string 670 FOR J=1 TO 20 :: FOR L=1 TO 20 :: D\$(J)=D\$(J)&SE6\$(W \$(L),J,1):: NEXT L :: NEXT J 680 IF V=1 THEN F=M ELSE F=2 690 FOR J=1 TO F :: Z=INT(20 #RND+1):: D\$(J)=SE6\$(D\$(J),Z ,255)&8E6\$(D\$(J),1,Z-1):: NE XT J 700 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE N(5):: FOR S=1 TO 13 :: CALL COLOR(9,5,16):: NEXT S :: C ALL VCHAR(1,31,1,96) 710 CALL VCHAR(4,5,143,20):: CALL VCHAR (4, 28, 143, 20) 720 FOR C=1 TO 20 :: FOR R=1 TO 20 :: CALL VCHAR(R+3,C+6 ,ASC(SE6*(D*(C),R,1))):: NEX TR :: NEXT C 730 DISPLAY AT(1,1): sad to select, e&x to scrollfctn 7

aid, fctn 8 restart"

740 H=1 :: C=48 :: CALL SPRI TE(#1,42,7,18,C) 750 CALL KEY(3,K,S):: IF S=0 THEN 750 ELSE ON POS("EXSD" &CHR\$(1)&CHR\$(6),CHR\$(K),1)+ 1 6070 750,800,810,820,830,7 60,840 760 IF V-4 THEN 750 770 FOR S=5 TO 8 :: CALL COL OR(8,16,5):: NEXT 8 780 CALL KEY(3, K, S):: IF S=-1 THEN 780 790 FOR S=5 TO 8 :: CALL COL OR(8,5,16):: NEXT S :: 60TO 750 800 D\$(H)=SE6\$(D\$(H),2,19)&S E6\$(D\$(H),1,1):: FOR R=1 TO 20 1: CALL VCHAR(R+3,H+6,ASC (SE6\$(D\$(H),R,1))):: NEXT R 11 60TO 750 B10 D\$(H)=SE6\$(D\$(H),20,1)&S E6\$(D\$(H).1.19):: FOR R=1 TO 20 :: CALL VCHAR (R+3, H+6, AS C(SEG#(D#(H),R,1))):: NEXT R 11 60TO 750 820 C=C-B-(C=48)\$8 :: H=C/8-5 :: CALL LOCATE(#1,18,C):: **6010 750** 830 C=C+8+(C=200) #8 :: H=C/8 -5 :: CALL LOCATE(#1,18,C):: 60TO 750 840 CALL CLEAR :: FOR J=1 TO 20 :: D\$(J)="" :: NEXT J :: N=0 :: CALL DELSPRITE(#1):: IF Q=1 OR Q=2 THEN 350 ELSE 470

Here are three screen display subprograms of the type you will find on my Nuts and Bolts disks. Note that subprograms can read DATA from the main program. The double colons in the DATA statement cause input of null strings of data for spacing between the lines. The M\$() in the subprogram parameter lists is necessary, even though the array is not passed from the main program, in order to DIMension the array in the subprogram - unless you prefer to place the DIM in the subprogram itself. T is the number of DATA items to be read.

100 CALL CLEAR 110 DATA THIS IS A DEMO., OF

THREE SCREEN PRINTING, SUBPR OGRAMS PUBLISHED IN, , TIPS FR OM THE TIGERCUB, No. 51, BY TIGERCUB SOFTWARE 120 DIH M\$(11):: CALL DOWNPR INT(M\$(),11):: FOR D=1 TO 10 00 :: NEXT D :: CALL CLEAR : : RESTORE 110 :: CALL DIAGPR INT(#\$(),11) 130 FOR D=1 TO 1000 :: NEXT D :: CALL CLEAR :: RESTORE 1 10 :: CALL INWARD(M\$(),11) 1000 SUB DOWNPRINT(M\$(),T) 1001 FOR J=1 TO T :: READ MS (J):: L=INT(LEN(M\$(J))+.5):: M\$(J)=RPT\$(" ",14-INT(L/2)) &M\$(J):: M\$(J)=M\$(J)&RPT\$(" *,28-LEN(M\$(J))):: NEXT J 1002 FOR J=1 TO 28 :: FOR L= 1 TO T 1003 DISPLAY AT(L,1):5E6*(M\$ (L),1,J):: NEXT L 1004 NEXT J :: SUBEND 2000 SUB INMARD(NG(),T):: FO R J=1 TO T :: READ M\$(J):: N EXT J :: R=1 :: FOR A=1 TO T 2001 L=INT(LEN(M\$(A))):: F=1 3-L/2 :: 6≈L+F 2002 FOR J=1 TO INT(L/2+.5): : DISPLAY AT(R,F+1):SE68(M\$(A), J, 1);:: DISPLAY AT(R, 6):S E6# (M# (A),L-J+1,1);:: F=F+1 ## 6=6-1 ## NEXT J ## R=R+1 1: NEXT A :: SUBEND 3000 SUB DIASPRINT(M\$(),T):: FOR J=1 TO T :: READ M\$(J): : L=INT(LEN(M\$(J))+.5);; H\$(J)=RPT\$(" ",14-(L/2))&M\$(J): : M\$(J)=M\$(J)&RPT\$(" ",28-LE N(M\$(J))):: NEXT J 3001 FOR J=1 TO 28+L 1: FOR L=1 TO T 3002 IF J(L THEN 3004 3003 DISPLAY AT(L,1):SEG#(H# (L),1,J-L):: NEXT L 3004 NEXT J :: SUBEND

Just in case you didn't know - to jump directly to the first or last line in a TI-Writer file, use FCTN 9 and S(earch) and 1 for the first line or E for the last.

MEMORY ALMOST FULL...

Jim Peterson

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Minutes of the meeting by Brenda Burwell

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm with 30 people in attendance. however, this figure swelled to the high fourties by evenings end.

This was a special night for us as we had both Dennis and Chris Faherty, authors of TI BASE and TI ARTIST. Because we were to be so fully entertained, most of our normal business time was defered to our quests. There were also visiting members from Bradenton, St Petersburg. and Tampa groups.

The only normal business conducted was the tally of votes for next year's club officers. The 1989 leaders are as follows.

Charles Kinsey.....President, Paul Wiese......Vice Pres. Jim McGlone.....Librarian John Hartweg.....Treasurer Brenda Burwell.....Secretary

Congratulations (?) to these lucky (??) people. I am sure they can look forward to your normal(!!) cooperation and participation.

During the next hour or so we not an intimate look at V2 of TI BASE. There have been many changes, some transparent, some purely cosmetic, and some fixed bugs from prior versions. One of the more obvious changes is the addition of a rudimentary disk manager. Files can be manipulated, but disks cannot be initialized, but if you haven't done that before program entry. what good are you? The program now loads faster...the old two minute load is now down to 45 seconds...or from ram 3 seconds!

Dennis is an extremely knowlegable gentleman who is confortable with his program and his audience, and try as we might, we were unable to rattle his or ask a question about which he could not respond completely and competently. There are, he says, new things in the works, for TIB and possibly some other stuff but he's gonna take a break for the holidays.

After a short break, we were dazzled by Chris, programmer-the-younger. Now we all know that TI ARTIST has been around for about a hundred years or so, but still we saw good junk in that program that we hadn't been aware of before. One of the questions put to Chris was about color bleeding when placed adjecent to others. We saw Chris separate the title screen of TIA and show us that there ain't no way to mix colors outside of pre-established computer limits. Try it sometime...lift the image from the color and see what you have left.

Chris has decided that it is now time for a fairly MAJOR undate of his masterpiece, but that, too, will be begun after the new year. Stay tuned for TI ARTIST V3 with many ALLUDED TO additions and improvements.

> TREASURER'S REPORT MOVEMBER, 1988 BY JUBY CHANGLER

Library Sales	•	47.00
Lotto Sales		13.00
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Supercart Orders		191.50
1989 Membership Dues		48.00
Interest - Nov & Dec		2.51

TOTAL INCOME	•	342.01
November Expense:		
985 Expense		47.63
Paul Wiese - Postage		81.25
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242323355724667655555557557272375555555555555 THINKING OUT LOUD by: Robert E. Barnes

I hope all went well for you and yours this holiday season and that you are looking forward to the new year.

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As we move into 1989, we do so with a new slate of officers (or rather some new officers). They are: Charles Kinsey, President; John Hartweg, Treasurer: and Jin Libriarian. As I understand it the following agreed to remain in their positions for another year. They are: Paul Wiese. Vice President; Brenda Burwell, Secretary and Robert Barnes, Newsletter Editor.

We extend a welcome to the new officers and wish them well. We thank those that agreed to stay and hope the new year treats them as well or better than the old year. And for those not returning as officers, .Tom Austin, Herman Nieuwendaal and Judy. Chandler. we thank them for their efforts in making our club one to be proud of, and we look forward to seeing them and receiving their valued input at the meetings in the comming year.

Now. it is up to us, the club members, to support our new officers and help them make 1989 the best year ever for our group. I know they will give their all to make it so.

On another vein, let me remind you that it is time for the yearly club membership dues. Please come to the meeting prepared to support your group and pay your dues. For those of you that cannot attend the meeting, I am sure you can sail your dues to Paul Wiese at the address on the mailing label side of this newsletter. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR GROUP!

This month will mark the end of the articles by Paul Scheidemantle. I hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have. I will continue the Multiplan

series by Audrey Bucher and the Tips From The Tigercub by Jim Peterson and I still have a few months worth of articles by Jim Swedlow left. If you want anything else printed in your newsletter, please tell me or one of the officers so we will know what to out in it. And while I am on the subject of the newsletter... I need a volunteer to replace Judy Chandler and the Reprint Roundtable article. Judy will no longer be working with me on the newsletter and I desparately need help, I cannot do it all by myself. So if you would like to browse thru exchange newsletters and type one or two articles a month for our newsletter, please speak up. Silence on your part might mean the end of the Reprint Roundtable and eventually the shrinking in size of this publication.

> HAPPY NEW YEAR

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********************** 1988 CHICAGO FAIRE by: Brenda Burwell

I was late leaving home because of a stop at K-mart for a tape recorder so I wouldn't have to try to remember what I encountered or have to take notes to try and explain to you. The lady in front of me had a disagreement with them regarding pricina polocies....which lead to a void in her order. I was late getting to the plane because security thought I fit "terrorist profile" subsequently went thru my carry-on baggage. I missed my flight.

I got the next one, and there I sat. Trapped like a dog, on this little-bitty airplane...within arms reach of 7 children under the age of 4. You can imagine my relief when the father of the youngest assured his seat-mate "I guarantee you he'll sleep all the way." You can imagine my chagrin when this child cried for 3 hours and 10 minutes of a 3 hr 42 minute flight. His sister, behind me, discovered the flexibility of the tray

table and proceded to play a CONCERTO FOR TABLE AND FEET on my seat back. ENOUGH ALREADY!!!

When I finally got the the hotel, about 10, the social mixer was in full bloom. There were munchies and a cash bar, and luminaries from all corners of the globe. Three door prizes were given, one of which I won! I guess 5od figured he owed me one for my horrendous day. (As an aside, the tape recorder I had stopped to buy disappeared!). I left about 11:45pm and they were still at it.

The day of the fair began on a down note. Sometime before dawn, Chicago had a hail storm and it continued to rain ALL DAY LONG. But that didn't deter loyal TI'ers from coming to the Chicago User Group Fair/Convention ever. There were 53 tables run by 32 vendors with everything for the TI/GENEVE that you can imagine...and a great deal more.

I got there at 8:45am and was about 200th to get in. During the next several hours, I met, talked with, and purchased merchandise from many people includings CHRIS BOBBITT. CHARLES EARL, JIM PETERSON. PAUL CHARLTON, BUD MILLS, STEVE MEHR, ROGER MERRITT, TOM FREEMAN, TERRIE MASTERS, WAYNE STITH, PETER HODDIE, JOHN BIRDWELL, JACK RILEY, ART BEYERS, IRWIN HOTT MIKE WRIGHT, BARRY TRAVER and his son JOHN CALVIN TRAVER.

I would bet my sox that many other wonderful and talented people were there, but I either did not see them, or in my ignorance did not know who they were. A lot of these people were trying to keep a low profile by not wearing name tags, but since they were known by others, it was sometimes hard not be re recognized.

There were demonstrations to introduce "PRESS", (still not yet complete), "How the TI is used by a blind person", the Horison Ram Disk and P

Gram card. Telco, Batch-it and Toxlink. Compuserve WAS to demonstrate a new outreach program in the Ti community, J.Peter introduced several new pieces of software-one of which I won and was presented to me by J. Peter himself (he's so cute). Myrac demonstrated new GENEVE software and the HFDC.

Numerous door prizes were distributed throughout the day, but the grandaddy of the all was a HFDC, and since I was at the presentations table, I can tell you that the awardee was exhilirated.

There were no startling revelations of new things to come, but the mood did not seem to be that the TI is in any immediate danger of dropping off the face of the earth. Everyone seemed to behave as if this is a lifetime thing, one that they did not forsee a discontinuance of.

I would guess-timate the crowd at 500+, but it was a little difficult to say because people were in and out of the main exhibit hall all day. I was there until 5:45pm and people were still there bargaining for that much at "fifteen-minutes-before-fair's-end eark.

didn't attend the dinner afterwards... I was all fagged out. so you will have to read an account of that event elsewhere. I did, however, go to the Milwaukee show in another fair first...a TI FAIR CONVOY. Two vans and two cars jammed to the roof made the trek together. We got there about 9:20 and proceeded to help some of the vendors set up. After they got all squared away, it was shop time. One would think that after seven hours of "fairly" concentrated shopping the day before that I would have been through. NOT 80! I represented myself nicely, thank you.

The Milwaukee show is a smaller, more intibate version of the previous day's event. Hany of the same vendors were there, but there were also local vendors who had not shown their wares in Chicago. Additionally, Hilwaukee had a consignment table with many used bargains. They seemed to be doing a brisk business as long as I was there.

This was my first TI fair ever and I had one H_L of a time getting there AND BACK but I wouldn't trade that experience for anything. If you have ever considered it but couldn't make up your mind, do yourself a favor and promise one to yourself soon. There are fairs throughout the country throughout the year so go...and enjoy!

Brenda Burwell

TI BITS Number 13 By Jim Swedlow ***********************

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XHODEM

You may have heard of a transfer protocol called XMODEM and wondered what it is. If you use FAST-TERM or 4A TALK, you probably use it. The following should give you some idea of how it works.

When you communicate with another computer on phone lines thru modems. your data sust travel thru the same voice phone lines that we use every day. Some connections are better than others. Most have noticeable static.

You brain, a computer whose power has never been equaled, can usually distinguish the 'data' (voice) from the 'noise' (static). It is almost impossible for your computer to make this judgement.

In the early days of data transfer, data was simply sent and the receiving computer had to do as good a job as it could to distinguish between data and noise. In a text, or DV80 file, this was not a major problem. If one character was bad you could easily find the problem and edit it.

With a memory image or Program file. however, one bad byte could render the entire file useless. Although editing is possible, it is very tricky.

In August 1977, Ward Christensen developed an error detection method he called MODEM2. It was also dubbed "Christensen" protocol or XMODEM.

It was very simple. Data is sent in blocks of 128 bytes. XMODEM adds up the values of all the characters in each block and compares that number with a total that is sent by the sending computer. If they don't agree, the receiving computer sends a code to the sending computer and the block is transmitted again.

In 1982, Ward Christensen and Chuck Forsberg released an enhancement called Cyclic Redundancy Checking (CRC). CRC does sequential division on each character in the block resulting is a significant improvement in error detection.

Both protocols continue to be called IMODEM. Although others have been developed, XMODEM is used by all major systems, including Compuserve. (Source: an article in FOGLIGHT)

TI WRITER TIP

Find String (FS) is a powerful tool for finding something in a document. Just hit FCTN 8 and then enter FS. Your TI Writer gives you this prompt:

FIND enter /string/ :

You enter your string and use the slash as limiters. If you want to find the word "John", you would enter /John/. If you wanted to find John only when it is used as the last word in a sentence, you would enter /John./.

Should the "John" you find not be the one you wanted, you would go back to command mode and enter FS again. You will find /John./ still there. You just press enter and the search resumes.

Lets say, however, that now you want to find the word "Mo". But /John./ is on your screen. You could delete /John./. You could type in Mo but then you would have this:

/Mo/n./

Need you worry about the text after the second slash? No. Your TI Writer only searches for the information between the first and second slash. It ignores everything to the right of the second slash.

You will have a problem with that if you use Replace String, but that is another story.

by: Robert E. Barnes

Perhaps many of you have heard about PRESS, said to be the first modern word processor for the TI-99/4a or the Myarc Geneve. PRESS allows you to create single files as large as your disk space, allows you to type in columns on screen, include pictures in your text (on the screen of course), it is "what-you-see-is-what-you-get" (bold text is bold text on the screen, underlined is underlined), has hundreds of features from a built in word count to auto glossary and table of contents generation, headers. footers, a complete integral spelling checker, style sheets, the list goes on for pages. PRESS is very fast (written entirely in assembly) and is as capable as any word proessor or any other computer. It is easy to use all options are available from pop-up menus (no command lines or "dot commands" like TI-Writer). It will

use any extra memory it can find (including the Mini-Memory, an 8K or 32K supercart, even a horizon RAM-disk). It comes with a complete 250 page sanual in a professional binder, 5 disks, and a tutorial. It is by Charles Earl, the author of the Telco terminal emulator.

PRESS is scheduled for shipping between 12/16/88 and 1/1/89, is offered by Asgard Software in their Fall '88 catalog. The address is P.O. Box 10306 Rockville, MD 20850 for \$59.95. In browsing thru the EVERYTHING BOOK FOR THE TI-99/4a Fall 1988 catalog, I noticed they were offering PRESS for \$49.95. The address is Tenex Computer Express P.O. Box 6578 South Bend, IN 46660-6578.

Please note that this is not a plug for either company, but rather an effort to call your attention to what might proof to be an excellent replacement for the TI-Writer and clone versions of word processors for the II. Perhaps this will do for word processors for the TI what TI-BASE does for data bases for the TI.

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The following is reprinted from East Anglia Region 97ers:

WHICH BONE ARE YOU?

It is said that the membership of any organization is made up of four bones. There are WISH BONES who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work. Then there are JAW BONES who do all the talking and very little wlse. Third are the KNUCKLE BONES who knock everything that anybody else tries to do. Finally, there are the BACK BONES who get under the load and do all the work.

The following is reprinted from the PUG newsletter

If you have the speech synthesizer and the TE II cartridge, here is a trick for debugging programs. All you have to do is enter your program, type LIST "SPEECH" and hit enter. The computer will read your listing back to you.

If you are going to save a program to tape and type OLD CS1 instead of SAVE CS1 , don't panic. Press FCTN and E together and then press (enter). This will take you out of the tape loop.

You can add comments after a GOSUB OR GOTO. They will not interfere with the program and you don't need REM or

When hooked up to a black and white TV, use CALL SCREEN(15). This will disable the color generator and remove the vertical lines you may have seen.

While I do not believe the following article applies to our group (in view of last month's listing to fairware authors), I think it approperate for our consideration. It was written by Mike Dodd and printed in Topics - LA 99ers.

Time for a discussion on the collective morals of the TI community, To be specific, the response to M-Copier. Those who have paid (all seven of you) may stop reading this, Those who have used it and not paid (who knows how many, but a rather large-ish number, I would think) are urged to continue reading this. M-Copier has had literally hundreds of downloads on CIS, GEnie, and Delphi. It has been on numerous public BBS systems, it has been in several Users' Group Libraries, and it has been distributed by Genial TRAVelER. Through it all, I have received a whopping five donations. Doesn't that number seem just a bit low? If just 500 people have run M-Copier at least once, which seems very likely (if you were to take the time and expense of downloading a

program, wouldn't you run it at least once?), then that means that just 1% of the people who have tried it have paid. Now, I doubt that everyone who has tried it is actully using it. And, after all, you're not supposed to pay unless you actually use it. Still. I find it exceedingly unlikely that a mere 1% of the people who tried this program are using it.

All that has been accomplished by this is that I'm fed up with fairware. I very such doubt that I will release fairware again. It seems a financially unsound practice. I can make far more by commercial routes.

MULTIPLAN by: Audrey Bucher

In this article I'd like to just pass along a few helpful hints I have learned from various concerning the use of Multiplan.

When I first purchased my Multiplan package, I dutifully made a back up copy, only to find that it would not run. Chuck at the Computer Bug helped se out on this problem by reminding se that the disk containing the Multiplan files must be massed TIMP.

From the Decatur 99er's User Group newsletter. I learned that the time it takes to initialize MP and the response time when it is working with the overlay file is affected by the location of the files on the disk. You can load the files in the desired order by copying them one at a time to a newly initialized disk named TIMP. The best order seems to be: OVERLAY. MPHLP, MPCHAR, MPDATA, MPINTR, and then MPBASE.

Although two drives are recommended for MP, it is possible to run it with only one drive. Before I purchased av second drive, I found it helpful to eliminate the help file from av working disk, thereby freeing up 158 sectors for a data file. I simply made a new disk for each application of MP that I wanted to use in order to eliminate having to switch disks.

If you do have two disk drives, please note that Multiplan will load automatically from any disk drive. Therefore you may put your MP disk in drive 2 and use drive 1 for your data disk as this is the default in the program. If you choose to use drive 1 for your MP disk, you have two options. You must either use a sector editor to change the defaults or upon entering MP, select the Transfer Options command by pressing T, then the letter O. Advance to the set up field by using control A and designate the data file drive as DSK2. Press enter and you're ready to go. If you prefer to change the default. I suggest you copy the file MPINTR onto a new disk. Load up your favorite sector editor and edit sector 22 which will be the first data sector. Shift into ASCII screen mode and find the

words DSK1. Change this to DSK2 and it will automatically load from drive Note that it will not show up in the Transfer Option as DSK2, just as DSK1 did not show up. While you are in the sector editor, you may want to change the default for your printer to PIO if you have a parallel printer. Simply replace the words RS232 with PIO. The RS232 data after that should be blanked out by using the space bar. Now write the sector back to disk and you are in business.

II has released some enhancements for the Multiplan disk that speeds it up a little and also gives you auto repeat when moving the cursor around the screen. If you do not have these, I will be glad to furnish them to you.

I like to print out most of my spreadsheets in condensed print and was disappointed there was no way to do this from within MP. I made a small program to initialize the printer and tried to remember to run it first. Then one day I saw an ad in Micropendium for a Fairware Program called TIMP PRINT by J&B Mathis that allowed you to enter print controls from within your spreadsheet. works great using the xternal copy command. I will be putting a copy of this in our library.

Next month we'll take a look at setting up a template. If you have any hints you'd like to share please send them in.

A Reveiw of the NX-1000 Printer A ist Impression! by: Paul E. Scheidemantle ***********************

To begin with I think they may have missed an opportunity to give this printer a much more appropriate name such as 'FONT MASTER'. In addition to all the normal draft modes you would expect of any Dot Matrix printer such as pica, elite, condensed, double width, emphasized, double strike, underlining, and overlining; you will find four near letter quality font styles available in each Pica and Elite as well as both italic and proportional printing in any size and style. There are two modes of condensed print, one in pica (17 CPI) and one in elite (20 CPI), (condensed printer users not to worry about the second set messing up your printouts because the 17 cpi is default). And to top off all these great fonts they still have more to offer with double ... Mieght, double size, quad Height, and quad size printing available. With it's printing speed of 144 cps in draft mode and 36 cps in NLQ it's fast, enough for most of us home users. /

From the front control panel all lonts, any he selected (with the exception of

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the double and quad size). No more fooling around with dip switches to set a NLQ font. Ofcourse paper feed is there as well as a bit more complicated method of doing a form feed. In addition to these commands from the front keypad you have many others that can be done here, such as setting left and right margins, doing a forward or reverse micro-feed (moves in increments of parts of 216th of an inch), sending the paper to the top of a form, setting the top of a form, clear the buffer, and finnally and certainly not last is 'PAPER PARK'. Most of these options you as a printer user will understand, however the 'PAPER PARK' is a new one to me and probably to most of you; with this function you may use single sheet paper without having to remove your tractor feed paper (the paper retracts), and when you're done all you have to do is raise the bail cover and the tractor feed paper reloads for your use! This is all made possible by having the tractor in the rear of the printer, which bye-the-way is easily accessable! Not only is the tractor easy to get to but it is another nice seature in that the loading and unibading of pin feed paper and labels has ben made much easier because of it! Here after installing pin feed naper in the rear to load it through

the printer all you need do is raise the bail lever and the paper loads automatically!

Other features that I found of use are the 4K buffer (holds about 2 pages of text if not used for download charaters), a front sounted ON/OFF switch, a standard parallel interface (which has been moved to the right side of the printer to free-up the rear of all those cables that get in the way of the paper), use of a cartridge type ribbon (cleaner and easier to install, but more costly to replace), and easy to get to DIP switches under the dust cover. Bye-the-way a dust cover that you can actually tear your paper off on! I found it much more compact and quiet then previous models, though I'm told that noisewise is about the same as the NX-10. Though I must admit that the size and light weight of this printer out se off for awhile. It is built to the same high standard of quality that the rest of the Star Micronics printers are.

To say the least I felt that at a price of \$179.95, this was an acceptional buy! Aspecially when compared to the prices paid for such quality and features elsewhere.

>>>> Call commands you should know! <<<<

By: Paul E. Scheidemantle

The words can be in the puzzle backward, forward. up. down. & diagonally. Circle them as you find them. This is a tuffy this month but you should still able to complete this puzzle in 30 mintues.

#WORD LIST#

CALL	CHAR	CALL K	ΕY
CALL	CHARPAT	CALL L	DAD
CALL	CHARSET	CALL L	OCATE
CALL	COINC	CALL M	AGNIFY
CALL	COLOR	CALL M	OTION
	DELSPRITE	CALL P	ATTERN
CALL	6CHAR	CALL S	CREEN
CALL	HCHAR	CALL 8	QNUO
CALL	INIT	CALL B	PRITE
CALL	JOYST	CALL V	CHAR

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