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Join us at the business meeting —11 am Saturday, April 13th.

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Borland Corporation Karen Findlay, Systems Engineer

ObjectVision for Windows Applications
ObjectVision is a unique windows software product that combines popular features from spreadsheets, databases, forms products and drawing programs to let you create fully functional window applications quickly - without knowing anything about programming. Sophisticated applications that estimate costs, generate quotes, automate questionaires, troubleshoot problems and answer "what if" scenarios are created with the same ease as simple data-entry applications. This live demonstration will be followed by a drawing for free products."

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Ashton-Tate Corporation

Jim Ott, Senior Sales Engineer and
Ann Maxwell, Sales Representative

Applause II — "Knockout Business Graphics That
Anyone Can Knock Out - On Anything"

Applause II version 1.5 is a business graphics program that includes charting, drawing and presentation capabilities all in one. It utilizes a graphic user Interface that makes Applause II a truly easy, flexible and enjoyable product to use. This version now includes a spell checker, LAN fuctionality, Screenshow Runtime, and much more. There will be a drawing for free products after the demonstration.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

NTPCUG Business Meeting

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Intel Corporation, PC Enhancement Division

PC Memory Issues, Now and Future

Come learn all about memory for your PC. The types of memory used, standards and requirements, flash technology and more will be discussed by an expert. He will show you how existing memory can be best utilized and how additional memory can optimize software and hardware productivity.

PREZ SEZ

May Meeting is the FOURTH Saturday.

Warning, the May meeting will be on the fourth Saturday of the month. Even though we negotiate our meeting dates over a year in advance with IN-FOMART, it is not always possible to get the second Saturday of each month. May will be one of those months.

Membership report.

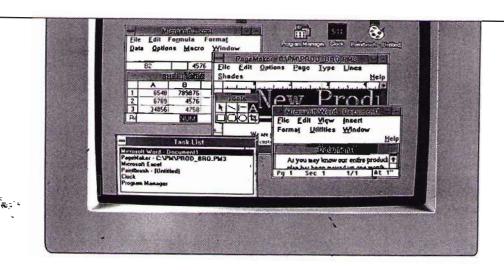
Since I am also the acting Membership Director, I thought I throw in a membership report. As of 3/1/91, our official membership was 1,579. As we

grow in numbers, it takes even more people to run the North Texas PC Users Group. Several of us are holding down 2 or 3 volunteer positions.

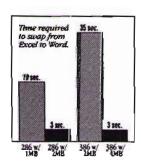
For example, I have been the person who empties the post office box and distributes the mail for the past eight years. We now receive enough mail that I bring several sacks full to each meeting. That's after mailing the priority stuff to the other officers as it comes in during the month. It used to fit in my brief case along with everything else that I brought to the meeting.

There are lots of volunteer openings in the group. Just stop by the front desk or the Disk of the Month table and check them out.

^{*} Tickets for each drawing will be given out from 10 minutes before until 15 minutes after the start-time of the meeting to attending NTPCUG members who show proof of membership.



Open more Windows with an Above Board.



Above Board memory means faster access to more Windows applications.

The wraps have finally come off. Now that Windows' 3.0 is out, you can switch to a graphical PC environment and handle multitasking applications with ease. Right?

Actually, as you add Window's applications, memory requirements increase. For example, Microsoft recommends

adding at least 2MB to run Word for Windows' at least 4MB if you're on a network or use large applications like Excel'. And, without additional memory, you'll waste time waiting to access applications, fonts, and graphics. The solution? An Intel® Above Board—voted number one in PC Week's Corporate Satisfaction

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Special Interest Groups

Did you know that all it takes to start a Special Interest Group is to get a Leader, an Assistant Leader, and at least 10 people who are interested in the SIG. If you can do that, Andy Oliver, SIG Coordinator, will schedule a room for your group and give you six months to see if it takes off.

The Computer Automated Design (CAD) Special Interest Group that meets at 10:00 a.m. was started only a couple of months ago. Bill Sephton, the CAD SIG leader reports that it is well attended with more people joining the SIG each month.

Since the NTPCUG has been in existence, many SIGs have come and gone. Some have come back to life as many as three times. Others, specifically those centered on one product, disappear if the product goes away. I guess there's not much hope for me in finding 10 people in IBM's Easywriter software.

Computers can be Hazardous to your health

I came across a computer at a company in Dallas this last month that had 60 volts of alternating current on the chassis and monitor. Because it was connected to other computers in the room with a coaxial network cable, it caused those computers to have a 40 volt current on their chassis. The problem was that the three pronged power cord had been plugged into a two pronged extension cord. Fortunately, the current was low enough so that nobody was seriously hurt.

If you get more than a static electricity shock from your computer, check out the problem immediately. It may be something simple like an ungrounded power cord. Or it may be the power supply in the computer or monitor is going bad. In any case, stray electricity may cause you serious injury or death.

Jim Hoisington

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Adobe *PostScript* Cartridge Trio Gives H-P II Versatility, Speed

by Reagan Andrews

PC users who want PostScript output and speed from their Hewlett-Packard LaserJet II, may find the best answer comes from Adobe. Described by Adobe as "the Adobe cartridge products," the Adobe solution is a system of hardware — the cartridge — and several software packages.

Adobe's cartridge comes with the usual 35 type faces; normal (or roman), italic, bold and bold italic in Courier, Bookman, New Century Schoolbook, Avant Garde, Palatino, Helvetica, Helvetica Narrow and Times Roman, and single styles in Zapf Chancery, ITC Zapf Dingbats and a Symbol set. Supplemental Adobe font cartridges are also available.

The cartridge needs a H-P LaserJet II, and at least 1.5M of printer memory to run. More memory is better and speeds PostScript printing as well as allowing additional Adobe downloadable printer fonts.

End result is versatility and speed

Adobe sees this as a "system" and provides software that will build screen fonts and .PFM (printer font metrics) files for both Ventura (GEM version) and Windows.

Possibly the most impressive software part of the suite is the LaserTools *Printer Control Panel*. A non-Adobe product, this little gem acts (if the user

wishes) as a TSR sitting in memory and intercepting print output. If the output is PostScript, the LaserJet is set to PostScript mode and printed accordingly. PCL output is printed in native Hewlett-Packard mode. Nifty.

Adobe's installation is either very easy — cartridge alone — or a little taxing to the average user if all Adobe's software is included.

The Adobe cartridge itself is pretty straight forward — plug it into the H-P's left slot and run. (The Hewlett-Packard LaserJet II defaults to the PostScript mode when the cartridge is installed.) Without any of the Adobe software loaded, both Windows and DOS production software packages that support PostScript printers printed easily and well.

Installing the Adobe (and LaserTools) software is a trifle more complicated. The user will need to know what application packages will be used and where they are located, and what printer ports are used. However, the software does quite a bit, from generating screen fonts for Windows and Ventura to controlling the printer mode, and is worth the extra trouble.

The Adobe software will also build bitmapped fonts for non-PostScript printers that can be downloaded to most laser and dot-matrix printers. I used this

facility with a Panasonic 1091i and the Toshiba P351 dot-matrix printers with good, if very slow, results which would be suitable for test pages. I'm not sure why anyone would want to do test pages this slowly if a Adobe cartridge-equipped LaserJet II were available, though.

Speed is Adobe's trump card

With a LaserJet II, this beast is fast, faster than the other cartridges I've used by a considerable degree, and seems just as fast as the LaserJet II does alone in PCL mode with pages composed primarily of type text.

Dropping in a few graphics, particularly .PCX files, tends to drop speed a lot. But then, you see the same speed degredation with .PCX files printed through most software in PCL mode. However, the Adobe cartridge opens the door to PostScript .EPS graphics printing and at an accuracy and quality level typically better than the software PostScript interpreters.

Quality of the output on the LaserJet was good — better than most lower-end PostScript printers — but not quite as good as equivalent Bitstream fonts printed in native PCL. Much of the improvement is in the H-P's Canon printer engine which tends to produce sharper type than the competition.

The Adobe cartidge isn't supposed to work with the LaserJet IIP or III and I didn't try it. Moved over to the IIP with the bitmapped fonts though, and things improved somewhat, but that's typical anyhow. The IIP just seems to produce cleaner, sharper output than the II under almost any conditions.

Toner control critical

Downer(s). Adobe doesn't tell you this, but you'll have to run some tests on the printer's toner control to arrive at the best setting for your LaserJet. This is also true of the Pacific Page cartridge so Adobe can't

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be faulted here. You may also have to adjust the toner settings for individual typefaces as well.

Adobe's Bookman face seems to be somewhat darker than optimal while the Palatino is a little too light in medium sizes (11-12 pts) unless the toner is adjusted accordingly. (Bitstream's Bookman has problems as well, so it may be a matter of my taste.) Also, Adobe's Helvetica faces have (as expected) a slightly different feel than the corresponding Bitstream Swiss faces. In this area, Model III owners will have an edge with the built-in Agfa Compugraphics Univers face that appears somewhat more graceful that either of the above faces.

Downloadable fonts, such as Adobe's Franklyn Gothic and Gaillard, are handled nicely and show why many users have shifted away from the "traditional" 35 PostScript faces included with most PostScript printers, cartridges and software interpreters. Do get tired of Times-Roman (Dutch), Helvetica (Swiss) and Palatino after a while.

Software seems to handle the LaserJet II with the Adobe cartridge just fine. Word 5.0, Arts & Letters 3.0, CorelDRAW 2.0 and Ventura Publisher 2.0 (GEM version) had no difficulty here after setup properly. Word for Windows 1.1 didn't fare quite so well, but it didn't do any better with the Pacific Page cartridge in the IIP until after much, much tinkering with Windows' printer setup.

Control Panel really works

I was able to make the LaserTools Printer Control Panel (a 5K TSR) stumble without too much difficulty, but this has been true with several other TSR's in my current setup, and is probably a result of my TSR management rather than an indictment of the LaserTools product. Even in well-managed configurations, it would occasionally "see" PostScript output as PCL which resulted in many, many pages of PCL-produced ASCII text that should have been PostScript.

At the time I reviewed the Adobe cartridge, it listed at \$495, but is locally discounted (\$399) as were the Pacific Page and several other cartridges for the LaserJet II. Mail order may provide even greater savings over list.

I felt that the Adobe output quality and the added versatility via Adobe's software more than offset its higher price. In a multiuser shop where both Post-Script and PCL print jobs may be sent to a single printer, the switching capability combined with its superior speed may tip the scales even further in favor of the Adobe cartridge.

Reagan

Look & Link

by Judith A. Williams

Look & Link by Personics is an add-in for Lotus 1-2-3 Release 2, 2.01, and 2.2 which lets you:

LOOK;

Display 2 spreadsheets at the same time.

and UNK:

Consolidate multiple spreadsheets.

So far, I've done a lot more Looking than Linking.

Patch those Rags:

Look & Link is billed as "The Cure for 1-2-3 Release 3 Envy." Basically, it's a patch for users who are stuck with Lotus 1-2-3 Release 2.*. (Look & Link Version 1.1 even works with Lotus 1-2-3 Version 2.2.) If you're considering getting rid of your "rags" and buying Lotus 1-2-3 Release 3.*, I recommend you do some comparison shopping first; you'll probably want to get Borland's Quattro Pro instead. (Microsoft Excel is also worth a look, but for Lotus users conversion to Excel is more difficult than conversion to Quattro Pro.)

If you are fortunate enough to have Borland's Quattro Pro, you don't need to fool with these pesky patches. I'm multi- patched, because I also use Allways (by Funk Software) to improve the appearance of the spreadsheet I publish. These patches hog memory and are cumbersome to use, but they do offer enhanced functionality for those users who need to do just a few extra things with their software.

Installing Look & Link:

Installation of Look & Link is a snap. I was able to install this program onto my hard drive without a hitch, just by following the directions. Normally I despise installing software because it always seems to require extra knowledge...some sixth sense for knowing when the instructions are wrong, or when the instructions don't apply to you. Installing Look & Link was a pleasant exception. Thank you, Personics.

Hogs, or Too Many Add-Ins Feeding at the Same Trough:

I decided to have both the Look and the Link modules attach automatically every time I load 1-2-3. (This is probably a legacy of the 1980s' "I want it all and I want it now" syndrome.) Combined with Allways, which also attaches automatically, this requires more memory than I have available. I have to detach Link in order to use Allways. I usually detach Look also, to allow ample memory for Allways. If I try to work in Allways with Look or Link still attached, I run out of memory when I try to print from Allways, and sometimes I cannot load as many soft fonts as I want. (I work from my IBM PS/2 Model

55 SX hard drive while still connected to a LAN. If you're on a standalone, your experience may be a little different.)

An alternative solution is to reconfigure the add-ins so that only one of them attaches automatically (more in line with the "Live with Less" 1990s). Then attaching or detaching an add-in is a simple matter of hitting ALT-F10 to invoke the add-in menu, which is easy to follow. Once an add-in is attached, it can be invoked with a simple ALT-F7, -F8, or -F9. The user gets to assign the function keys.

Looking:

Looking is easy: The Looking part of Look & Link is handy and easy to use. It works just the way you expect it to. It follows Lotus type conventions such as using the period to "anchor" a corner when you are changing the size of the "window" you look through. I'm one of those users who believes that well-designed software should be almost "manual free." If you need to keep looking in the manual to use a simple product like a spreadsheet add-on, it's the software design that's stupid, not the user. So it was gratifying to find that I could navigate the Look menus without resorting to ancient tree-based information storage devices (books).

Excellent Manual (really!): If you do need to use the manual, you're in for a treat. It is a model of clear presentation. It gives just the right amount of information, presented from the user's point of view.



(After all, I'm a user.) The illustrations of Lotus screens are helpful, and are much more useful than screen views I've seen in other manuals that are much glossier and more expensive. The manual achieves a nice balance between overview type information and specific keystroke instructions.

When do I use Look? Well, I often want to "view" something in another file, to pull a number, to preview a file before loading it, to cut-and-paste, or to remind myself how I set up a similar problem. With Look, I don't have to exit my current file to do this. And it's so much easier to snoop around in my 1-2-3 files than it is to get up and perform "file cabinet archeology" and try to find that one interesting table buried in Attachment 642 of last year's 27th Profit Improvement Initiative.

Hint: If you Look at a file often, you'll want to put that file on your hard drive, because it takes quite awhile to Look at something on a floppy disk. The actual speed is hardware dependent, but in any case it's much faster to Look at a file if you don't have to pull it off a floppy.

Think about it

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-Adapted from a church bulletin

Software Crossover

One phenomenon which merits further study (preferably not funded by my tax money) is software crossover, the extent to which a user's expectations for Product B are shaped by experience with Product A. In using Look, I realized that what I really wanted to do was switch back and forth between active work areas, the way I do with Document 1 and Document 2 in WordPerfect. For a confirmed spreadsheet user who continued using Lotus 1-2-3 as a crude word processor until forced to adopt WordPerfect by job requirements, it came as a shock to realize that there was something in the word processing world which I preferred over the spreadsheet solution.

So I have configured Look to resemble WordPerfect's document areas, by enlarging the window to fill the whole screen, and using the Swap command to Swap ("Switch" in WordPerfect parlance) between current worksheets.

Linking:

Dependency Trees: The manual is helpful. To Link or consolidate files (combine monthly spreadsheet into one quarterly spreadsheet, for example), you must first define the file hierarchy by defining dependency trees. Spend a few minutes reading over this section in the manual. Unlike many inferior manuals, this one provides an intelligent overview and insightful examples, and is much more helpful than the usual list of menu labels.

The manual also gives pointers (highlighted in shaded boxes) on managing memory and speed during linking operations. It shouldn't come as a surprise that memory management is critical in linking large files. Recalculation and consolidation seem slow, but this is a trade-off: speed is expensive.

Link offers four types of @ functions: statistical, worksheet, retrieval, and group functions. These add considerable power, flexibility, and complexity to the product.

I Like Look & Link.

Overall, this is a user-friendly product (especially the Look module) that offers greater functionality at a reasonable price (\$99.95 list). If you need to consolidate worksheets or swap files and don't want to buy a new spreadsheet product, this may be just the fix for you.

Look & Link is a product of Personics (1-800-445-3311), 63 Great Road, Maynard, MA 01754

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by Reagan Andrews, Ph.D.



(A personal view of new or unusual hardware, software, and applications for IBM small computers and compatibles.)

Windows, Windows, DOS 5.0, DR-DOS 5.0 & OS/2 While Big Blue goes Red, or Red dresses in Blue Lotus and Microsoft go on a Mail buying spree!

Windows, Windows — just can't get away from Windows 3.0 — pro or con this month. Struggles over Windows - DOS vs. OS/2 filled media over the last month or so. And, media accounts really make IBM and Microsoft sound like very small children fighting over a toy.

Real losers will probably be the users. IBM's decision to endorse "Big Red" — Novell's Netware — as the standard for OS/2 networking sure didn't help MIS managers and other large users with their decision making much. Entry level costs of adopting the Novell product have kept lots of smaller users out, including me, but the red boxes have always seemed attractive. Hear that Novell for IBM will be in Blue boxes, now.

Meanwhile, media sources claim DOS 5.0's shipping date has slipped, again, into sometime this summer. Question: is this because of more thorough than typical debugging by Microsoft, or because a number of the media rumors about memory clashes with many other products, including Windows 3.0, are true ...? Understand via Info-World, PC Week and Wall Street Journal articles that Windows 3.1 will be delayed as well as shipped minus some of the "leaked" features.

DRI dark horse in OS Wars

Same media report DRI (Digital Research Incorporated) isn't standing still in the DOS department with announced plans to release a full multitasking, multiuser version of their successful DR-DOS 5.0 shortly. DRI (almost DOS publisher) was home of CP/M, CP/M-86, MP/M and Concurrent CP/M-86 in the past as well as a very fast, simple GUI (GEM) which boosted Ventura Publisher into prominence.

Some of these operating systems may be remembered fondly. Others, with epithets on the part of unlucky owners. (Did

DRI really decide not to support hard disks in 1983?)

Threats of unleashed attorneys Rebound with AT&T, AMD & Apple

Guess who wants to brandish ravening attorneys and enter into a new round of popular, unpopular wars against the old computer intelligentsia, i.e., UNIX hackers? AT&T stepped bravely into the fray over X Windows waving a 1985 Bell Laboratories patent.

Object of all this? MIT. Sounds like all the warm fuzzies used to describe the X Consortium

may have been misplaced. The issues are far from real clear and AT&T may not be the heavy here. But, do they really want all that surplus IQ at MIT turned toward law and patent issues and against Bell Labs?

Apple vs. Microsoft — back in the news

Maybe this really should have gone in the Windows section above. The on again - off again (media coverage, only) struggle between Apple and Microsoft over the Windows GUI broke out again in March with news that Apple had won one round in the continuing fight.

Microsoft lost "several key defense arguments" in the prolonged fight over who has the right to claim all rights to GUI's on PC's. According to Infoworld and Wall Street Journal articles in March, Apple won on several points that they say significantly weakened the Microsoft defense of its use of certain GUI features in Windows that Apple claims are too close to similar aspects of the Macintosh GUI.

There are lots of rounds left in this fight according to legal observers although the present ruling(s) do appear to shift odds in Apple's favor.

AMD vs. Intel Redux

Intel loses and AMD wins in "386" copyright struggle in March. According to the Wall

Street Journal, March 4, 1991, "A federal judge dealt Intel Corp. a small defeat in its continuing legal battles with AMD, Inc. ..."

Issue at stake was Intel's claim(s) that "386" was trademarked by Intel, and AMD had no right to use of this combination of numbers in describing its new CPU chip, a clone of the Intel 80386, more or less.

Chip Wars Redux! AMD, Intel & Motorola

AMD a winner this month. Legal decision above, announcement of a 40 MHz version of their Am386DX CPU chip and media report a 50 MHz unit is in the works. No surprize. AMD knows how to make really fast chips once unleashed.

Coming down the road, according to media articles in February and March, are high-speed versions of the SX chip, the Am386SX and Am386SXL, with 16, 20 and 25 MHz clock rates. Prices on the (now) competing chips are expected to be somewhat below Intel's current pricing.

Intel fights back

Watch the Intel ads. Intel's 486 is coming in lots of models now that AMD apparently will be producing Am386's, including several CPU chips described as "stripped-down" in a manner similar to the 386DX vs. 386SX chips. (No, there probably won't be a 16-bit version.)

Just last year Intel was praising the 486 because it didn't need a math coprocessor. Now, they'll be producing a 486 with the coprocessor section "disabled" and rumors indicate another 486 with onboard caching disabled. Prices are estimated at about current 386DX levels.

Performance will remain in the 20 MIPS range according to Intel spokespeople who remind that a "stripped" 486 runs 2 -3 times faster than equivalent clock rate 386 CPU's.

Motorola drags up the rear

Big loser, so far, in the chip wars is Motorola. Why? Motorola had the workstation market pretty much in their pocket going into the mid 1980's.

For a really good look inside Motorola, and why Intel, Sun and Mips have taken away so much of the market Motorola once owned, get a copy of the March 4, 1991, issue of the Wall Street Journal. One answer appears to be the bitter in-fighting at Motorola between RISC and 68000 advocates.

Apple may be the biggest loser since planned upgrades to the Macintosh line have been significantly delayed by tardiness of both the 88000 (RISC) and 68040 (CISC) CPU chips to market. Hewlett-Packard is another loser to Motorola delays.

A loss that affects all of us — Computer Currents prints last issue

We'll miss Computer Currents. Long a friend at INFOMART over breakfast on Meeting days, the free, PC-oriented magazine printed its last issue in March according to the Dallas Morning News.

Susan Plonka, Publisher of Computer Currents, decided to end production of the magazine with the March issue. She reported that critical staff losses and declining monthly revenues were responsible for her decision to end production.

Some of the Computer Currents columns and writers will be missed sorely. Some won't.

Anything you can buy,
I can buy better —
February Acquisitions by Lotus
& MS

The big gobbleth up the small in February and March. Lotus saw a need for cc:Mail while Microsoft decided to counter with Consumers Software, Inc., purchase attempt. Meanwhile cc:Mail/Lotus ingests Powercore's LAN Scheduler.

Rumours abound that Lotus' hunger isn't yet sated, and the Cambridge firm will go after a some local (D/FW) companies in their quest. Tales from the underground indicate that Lotus is very, very interested in Contact Software International, makers of ACTI, Dild Publishing Corp., Arlington, Lettermaster, and, Remote Control International, Carlsbad, CA, Telemagic.

Notes — would appear to be beneficiary of Lotus' purchase of cc:Mail and a substantial foothold in the E-Mail, LAN-based market. cc:Mail is one of the leaders in this game, see later demo story. Microsoft's pursuit of Consumers Software (Network Courier) follows similar lines since they are publishers of the second leading E-Mail package currently.

Goldstar gains stake in Zenith

Buying almost a 5% share of Zenith Electronics Corp., Korea's Lucky-Goldstar Group hopes to buy into American technology to compete with far larger Japanese companies. Sound familiar?

Zenith has the technology — flat screen television and monitors — but Goldstar has the manufacturing expertise. The Korean firm hopes the purchase will enable them to compete with Sony and Matsushita while holding off the lower cost, Southeast Asian products.

cc:Mail demo very impressive Illustrates Lotus Interests

Got a demonstration copy of cc:Mail from Jim Hoisington in early March. Ran well as demo and showed lots of marketing know-how. Most interesting aspect was user interface.

May make this available to DOM (if Lotus allows) since it does handle E-Mail better than most other packages I've played with to date. Closest competitor is, strangely enough, MailMAN, available free from your friends, the Feds, if you're running MUMPS on a mini or LAN.

Flexibility in interface is a hallmark of cc:Mail which allows almost any permutation of individual and mail-group conceivable in day-to-day operation(s) while organizing users and servers into coherent clusters.

R.base to play the field With third-party applications

Microrim Inc. announced that their R:base 3.1a update will allow access to third-party applications with DAI (Dynamic Application Integration) reaching out to Lotus 1-2-3, Word, dBASE and others.

Described as a dynamic interlinking between products, DAI will facilitate data exchange, including updating, between R:base and other major applications programs. It's a part of Microrim's strategy to expand the interoperability between R:base and the outside world according to company officials.

According the Microrim, this is the first in regular, planned upgrades to *R:base* under the Upgrade Express — a subscription program entitling members to receive *R:base* upgrades on a regular basis.

V.32bis announced for Intel 9600EX modems in February

Intel announced in February that its 9600EX series of modems will incorporate V.32bis support and allow modem line speeds of up to 14,400 bps.

According to Intel, adoption of the V32.bis standard by the CCITT (International Consultative Committee on Telephone and Telegraph) is slated for late February or early April. New Intel 9600EX modems will support the new standard and owners of "older" 9600EX modems will be able to upgrade existing equipment. Price of upgrades was not stated by Intel at time of the V.32bis announcement.

Back to Windows — even more Wordprocessors come on line

Lines between high-powered wordprocessors and page-layout programs really blur in the Windows world. Describe, Inc., announced their OS/2 wordprocessor has been ported over to Windows while Aldus announced the long-awaited Pagemaker 4.0 was shipping in late February.

Describe should be a real contender. Saw the OS/2 version and a Windows version at COMDEX/Fall '90 and was very impressed. Seemed to handle text and graphics equally well (excellently), and had one of the more intuitive approaches to the Windows interface. Price was announced at \$595.

Almost simultaneously, Aldus' Pagemaker 4.0 was released, featuring long-document handling and DDE as well as general improvements to the program. Priced at \$795, the new Aldus product includes a copy of Adobe Type Manager and can be upgraded from previous versions for \$150.

Forest & Trees Windows Demo Pulls all that data together

This last item was a lot of fun. Received a demo disk of Forest & Trees for Windows in early March. I'll make it available to the DOM folks, and quote the insert that came with the disk.

"It calculates, but it's not a spreadsheet.

It stores information and creates reports, but it's not a database."

It's an executive information system, but it's more flexible and much less expensive than traditional executive information systems. (Their claim, I don't know since no price was quoted in the handout.) Saw this running at COMDEX and was fascinated by the ease with which reports and "warning triggers" could be setup.

If you have to make decisions based on spreadsheet, database, accounting and other information routinely stored on PC's, this may provide an answer for your need to organize it all. This column simply doesn't have space to fully describe the program(s).

Correction

The date format in last month's @NOW article should have appeared as follows:

@CHOOSE(@VALUE(@MONTH(@NOW)), "", "January",
"February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
"July", "August", "September", "October",
"November", "December") & " % @STRING(@DAY
(@NOW), 0) & ", 19 % & @STRING(@YEAR(@NOW), 0)

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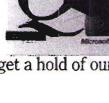
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Selected SIG Happenings

News and meeting notes of Special Interest Groups

(Material for this column should be sent to Andy Oliver, SIG Coordination, before the 10th day of each month).

Advanced Programmers SIG

After a long absence, Kent Cobb reappeared with ritmors of a new object-oriented operating system which is to appear on the market later this year. According to Kent, this system is so intuitive that you only have to think about what you want it to do and it does it. The only problem is that is displays all its data in icons which are too small to see. Join us next month to see who can come up with the best industry rumor.

Jim Hoisington

Assembler SIG

Our March meeting featured a discussion of disassemblers - products, techniques, ethics, etc. Our April and May meetings are tentatively scheduled to feature discussions of protected-mode programming and 80x86 optimization techniques, respectively. The exact order depends on the availability of a volunteer for the protected mode presentation. Check the bulletin board for the final schedule.

Frank Cavallito

C Programming SIG

Well, here it is the 10th of March - April Newsletter deadline. I did not plan any specific topic of discussion for the March meeting. Instead, we used the "stream of consciousness" approach where any question having to do with C was covered. I did, however, bring all of my notes from the previous month's meetings so they could be reviewed, if those topics came up.

In April Sid Nolte is going make a presentation concerning "Programming Style in C". I am sure you will not want to miss this one.

Last month a question arose about the advertising of my C pointers series. It seems the word did not get out that I was doing such a series. Well, I am planning a new series to begin in May and continue throughout the summer. The topic this time is "File I/O in C". So I want everyone to get the word out this time so that more people may benefit. Thanks to everyone who attends, and I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Stan Milam

C++ SIG

Tom and I got a bit lazy in March, and didn't start the project as planned. (This seems to be turning into one of those running jokes that gets repeated every month. I think we've planned to start the project every month since December.) Instead we devoted the hour to questions and answers, a review of the things we've talked about the past several months, and a discussion of Borland's newest version of C++.

Since the project plans have been pushed back one more month, we'll try again in April. If there is any source code available for you to download, we will announce it in the Meetings conference of the BBS.

Kent Cobb & Tom Cook

DOS SIG

Hoisington's beanle didn't blow anyone out of the room at the March DOS SIG Meeting, so I guess we're OK for April. Hope so.

Where to go? All we see in the media is Microsoft vs. IBM, DOS & Windows x.x vs. OS/2 x.x — complete with glowing descriptions from the respective PR departments about why their product is the only way a user should go, and the other folks' product is something you wouldn't want to hit barefoot in a barnyard.

Almost makes CP/M-86 seem rational.

Neither Jim nor Reagan will go that far, but they will try to make sense out of the confusion for DOS users in April. We'll keep looking at how users can make their present operating systems (DOS) perform as efficiently and effectively as possible while minimizing the unpleasant "gotcha's" occasionally encountered.

As usual, we'll end with a DOS-based Q & A session terminus. It should be somewhat quieter than the March DOS SIG Meeting since we were able to wrest the AK-47's away from the MP/M crazies who were attempting to hold Fred Williams hostage for his treasured, last copy of TopView 1.0.

Reagan Andrews

General Genealogy SIG

The Genealogy SIG is growingl There were 91 members present at the Feb 16, 1991 meeting on hand held scanners. The Mar 16 meeting was on Old Handwriting. The Genealogy SIG is the first of four genealogy SIGs that meet between 9 am and 12 noon each Infomart Saturday. The Genealogy SIG meets from 9 to 10 am in Room 7001 (the two double doors directly in front of the elevator). The Genealogy SIG is a general computer genealogy SIG that does not stress any one type of genealogy software. It normally has access to an LCD overhead projector which means that the computer screen is also displayed on the large overhead projector screen.

A disk library and a hard copy library are two of the support groups for the SIG. Disks are \$1, the program on the disks are free, (Art Rubeck 214-255-2642 is the disk librarian). Almost all the disks are for IBM compatible computers, and are primarily 5-1/4 diskettes. Leonard McCown is the hard copy librarian. Various books, pamphlets, newsletters, etc. are available for checkouts at no cost.

The February program on hand held scanners (hand held scanners were discussed in detail in the Feb issue of North Texas PC News) was led by W. C. From of Third Coast Marketing, a manufacturer's representative company located at 4570 Westgrove Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75248 (214-250-1616). He brought his own computer and it was incompatible with the LCD overhead projector so we were unable to project the computer to the large

screen. Despite this, Mr. From got an ovation when he had finished. He represents Niscan scanners which are built by a local firm (Nisca Inc., Carrollton) and, in my opinion, are the best on the market.

The March 16 program was "OLD HANDWRITING" taught by Gwen Nuemann, the president of the Collin County Genealogy Society. Her talk was somewhat of a deviation as it has little to do with the computer role in genealogy, but several members have requested this talk. The handwriting of Colonial days is of interest to genealogy workers for several reasons. One is to be able to decipher the writing, another is to be able toread the original document (no tampering) and see the original signature. These documents include letters, diaries, deeds, records (church, etc.), and even the older census. She talked about how ink and quill were used, when graphic pencils were invented, and the effect of the calendar change in 1752, that old deeds, etc., had no punctuation, as well as how to decipher the old handwriting.

The April meeting will be "CD-ROM data from LDS libraries" and will be led by Art Rubeck.

Al Sanford

Personal Ancestral File (GENEALOGY) SIG

Personal Ancestral File (PAF) SIG meets from 10 to 11 a.m. in room 7001 every Super Saturday. PAF is a \$35 software genealogy program good for beginners or experts. Versions are available for IBM compatible or Macintosh computers. There were 71 present at the Feb 16 meeting.

The latest PAF software is version 2.2. It was discovered to have a "bug" which affects users who have to back up on a single floppy disk. If a clean disk is not used at the beginning of the backup and if the database is larger than the disk capability, then the data could be corrupted. The maker of the PAF software has sent down three copies of the latest version, which eliminates the bug, and PAF SIG leader Travis Morris has authorized three members to upgrade the disks of any registered users. The three people are: Travis Morris in Cleburne (817-645-0617), Art Rubeck in Irving (214-

255-2642), and Al Sanford in Garland (214-278-7888). If you want your disks updated, please contact one of these people. Each of the three also has a "repair" disk to recover corrupted PAF data files.

The program for February was a question and answer session. First time users sometimes have trouble with the setup, (installation) of the software. A lot of genealogists buy computers primarily for their genealogy data input. This means they are sometimes weak on their DOS (Disk Operating System) commands until they have used the computer for ` awhile. Once the PAF is on the machine, the next most asked question is "How do I enter the data?" Some people, especially the experlenced genealogists, are concerned about who to call #1, and should all the males be odd numbers and the females even numbers, etc. One of the advantages of the computer is that the numbering system is not primary as individuals, descendants, and ancestors can be located and manipulated by other means.

Use of GEDCOM is generally the next stumbling block. GEDCOM is a software program that started with PAF but is now universal with all current programs. It allows the user to export or import data files by disk or by modem. Note keeping is always a subject for discussion. The most important thing to remember is to have good documentation on the sources of notes.

The March 16th program was on the Research Data Filer (RDF) portion of the PAF software. The stated purpose of the RDF was to help keep track of the individuals in your files who do not fit into your family tree at this time (and all resulting correspondence and references). But, even though it was not listed, the greatest asset of RDF is its use as a filing system for all your paper files.

Al Sanford

Lotus SIG

The subject for the March meeting was financial analysis concentrating on the investment side. In February, the SIG discussed borrowing. Sure hope this presentation went OK because as of today (3/10/91) Mark has not even begun his handout for the meeting. Hopefully, Mark has some

spreadsheet models laying around so that he did not have to stay up all night getting ready.

The subject for the April meeting will be a continuation of financial analysis but concentrating on mortgages. In the February meeting, mortgages were barely mentioned. There was much interest in continuing the discussion at a later meeting - in this case April. With any luck, Mark will be able to put all of his presentations and models in the financial analysis series on a disk and make them available in the Disk-of-the-Month for the May meeting.

The Lotus SIG always takes time to answer questions that users have with 1-2-3 and other spreadsheet programs. If you have a burning question, come by and see us in April. Or if your questions cannot wait, send a message to the Lotus SIG mailbox on the BBS.

Mark Gruner and Pat Henley

OS/2 for End Users SIG

Want to find out more about OS/2 and how to use it? Then this SIG's for you. Those involved with OS/2 Standard or Extended Edition as well as DOS and Windows users are welcome to attend.

Usually we try to use an LCD projection unit to show the whole group actual examples of the points being discussed.

Lately we've been discussing OS/2 1.3 and using it's newest features such as DOS Compatibility Box and Print Manager enhancements as well as standard OS/2 features.

Future meetings will focus on the following:

March ADOBE Fonts for OS/2 April Communications Manager May LAN Server

June Novell for OS/2

July High Performance File System (HPFS) August 05/2 Std. Edition 2.0

Sept Performance & Tuning
Oct Data Base Manager

We hope to see you soon at 12:00 Noon each meeting Saturday,

Bob Fermier

Personal Users SIG

This Special Interest Group (SIG) is for you! ... if you consider yourself any of the following: ... a novice ... a new PC owner ... a beginner with PC's ... a person curious about PC's ... a soon-to-be PC owner ... a personal (versus professional) PC user ... or ... a PC user needing to review some "fundamentals".

We offer sixteen (16) individual, stand-alone classes covering the "fundamentals of personal computers." Four classes are offered at each monthly meeting of the North Texas PC Users Group (2nd or 3rd Saturday on the 7th floor of the Infomart in Dallas). After four monthly meetings (covering four classes each), the entire 16-class cufriculum is begun again. The classes are presented in numerical sequence, but you can take them in any sequence convenient to your personal schedule.

The classes always start each month at 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 PM. Since each class is a "stand-alone" ... i.e. self- contained and NOT requiring any other classes as prerequisites ... you can begin attending at any time convenient to your other priorities and schedule. In addition to receiving informative instruction from people very knowledgeable in their field and class topic, you also receive a set of handout notes for each class, to allow you later review. There are no homework assignments, no pressures, no tests, and no dumb questions. You don't even have to be a member of the NTPCUG before you attend ... AL-THOUGH YOUR ARE EN-COURAGED TO JOIN NTPCUG AND VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENTS.

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The four classes for APRIL 1991 will be:

9:00 AM Class 1.3 START UP 10:00 AM Class 2.3 DISKETTE SIZES & FORMATTING EACH 12:00 Noon Class 3.3 COPYING & BACKING UP FILES 1:00 PM Class 4.3 PERSONAL COMPUTER HARDWARE

Bob Presley

R:Base SIG

The February meeting was a demonstration of summing in a data entry form without programming. R:Base for Dos v2.11 was used. During the March meeting, a demonstration of the Multi-column Pop-up Menus in forms without an EEP was demonstrated using R:Base We also discussed the new updates for R:Base 3.1 that are to ship at the end of March. A new product, R:SCOPE, which allows you to see and fix damaged databases was mentioned at the March meeting. I believe that I will be able to demonstrate this new product in

Coming up in May, I expect to demonstrate the new version on R:Base currently dubbed R:Base 3.1A. This new version is supposed to include a code debugger.

As always the SIG will take time to answer your questions about R:Base. See you at the April meeting.

Richard Hauslein

TI Pro SIG

What do you call a Disk of the Month when it no longer comes out on a monthly basis? Disk of the Now & Then? Disk of the Once in Awhile? Disk of the Whatever? Take your pick, or choose another title. (Should we have a contest to pick a new name? Nah.) Anyway, barring unforeseen complications, we will have a new disk at the April meeting, and it should be a pretty good one. Present plans call for it to include a number of useful utilities, including the newest version of the LHARC compression program, a new compression program called ARJ, and the new PKLITE program from PKWARE (of PKZIP fame) that compresses executable files (those with .COM and .EXE extensions) but leaves them in executable form.

Well, now that it's April (actually, this column is being written in early March), it is possible to report that the February meeting—our first as a SIG of the NTPCUG—went well. The dBase session, led by Ed Snuggs, attracted about twice as many members as usual, and the main meeting was also well attended. James Corbett, who has agreed to serve as our SIG leader, presided over the main meeting. Ed Fleischman, sometimes

known as the father as the TI Pro color monitor, was a guest at the main meeting and gave us some history about TI PC monitors and some predictions about where he thinks monitor technology is going.

For the time being, the meeting schedule will remain as it was in February and March; that is, the dBase session will be from 10:00 to 10:55, and the main meeting will be from 11:30 to 12:30 (despite what the February and March issues of North Texas PC News indicated), and the New Users session will be from 1:00 to 1:55.

10:00AM - 10:55AM dBase for the TI-Pro 11:00AM - 11:30AM *** Open for NTPCUG business meeting 11:30AM - 12:30PM TI-Pro General Discussion 1:00PM - 2:00PM TI-Pro New Users

It was decided that it would not be feasible to integrate sales of our Disks of the Month with sales of the NTPCUG's Disks of the Month in the vendor area. Instead, we will bring our disk cart to the monthly meetlngs, so disks can be sold before and after the main meeting.

So, those of you who have an interest in obtaining any of our existing disks or a copy of the new disk that will be available at the April meeting, please come to the TI Pro SIG main meeting at 11:30 and either come a little early or plan on staying a few minutes after the meeting to get the disks you want.

Norman Rogers

Word SIG

Windows GUI vs. DOS command line operation, which way to go for Word users?

Recent Word SIG Meetings, particularly the February Meeting, have sounded more like DOS SIG than Word SIG discussions. Why? Because successful use of a powerful wordprocessor depends on good PC configuration.

Just as we saw February with Word 5.5, many questions about Microsoft's Word for Windows (WinWord) are really questions concerning appropriate PC configuration. That means via the CONFIG.SYS, AUTOEXEC.BAT — and Windows 3.0's WIN.INI and SYSTEM.INI files.

Question is: can one SIG cover three distinctly different wordprocessors? One possibility would be splitting the

SIG into two SIGs — a DOS-based Word SIG and a WinWord SIG. Word 5.5 for DOS further confuses the issue(s) with its WinWord-like menu and command structure, coupled with the superior speed of DOS operation. A second alternative

would be featuring both interface versions, but on alternate meeting days.

Demonstrations of Word features across platforms will require utilization of a PC capable of running Windows 3.0 and use of a VGA- capable display system instead of the CGA plate we've been using with the overhead viewer. We'll talk about all this in April.

Reagan Andrews

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A Bystander's Commentary

by Andy Oliver

For those of you who are not on the User's Groups Bulletin Board System (BBS), here is an overview of the categories and the status of messages as of 9:30 pm on Thursday, March 6, 1991.

There were 6 jokes under the Humor section with the most recent being 3/1/90, while the Politics section only had 8 messages with the last one on 12/4/90. So it could be that the most recent jokes were about politicians, or BBS'ers would rather laugh than cry, or it could be that nothing politically significant has happened since 12/4/90, or the war has suspended politics temporarlly.



The major BBS Conferences (ones with the most activity) on this date were All (49), C Language (52), Assembler Language (63), OS(46), Communications (78), Advanced Programmers Gossip & Innuendo (47), Hardware(47), BASIC Language (33), and Word Processing (27).

This would make one believe that (A) There are a lot of programmers exchanging tips, (B) DOS and BASIC are not dead, (C) A lot of stuff can't be categorized so it gets in the ALL Conference, (D) Everyone likes to get in on the gossip, (E)Hardware fails, or (F) All of the new users on the BBS have sent a message to the Communications Conference asking WHAT DO I DO NOW? I vote for all of the above.

The oldest message prize goes to the Cryptanalysis SIG Conference, which, due to other commitments by it's leader, has ceased to exist.

The newest message can almost always be found in All or AdvancedProgrammers(see preceding paragraph).

The least activity is showing up in: Archived DOM INDEX (1). This always has only one entry. — R:Base SIG (1)... They say the new personal R:Base is so easy to use that no one needs any help. —Cryptanalysis SIG (1)... We already discussed these guys. —Graphics SIG (2)... The Graphics SIG died for lack of a leader. —Volunteers (2)... As an all-volunteer organization, these two people are doing a heck of a job. —Turbo Pascal (3)... No one is buying these German sports cars. —Unix (4)... Bless you. —Business/DAC Sftwr (4)... Do people use computers in business? —Beginners (4)... If you can sign on the BBS, you've probably passed the beginners stage.

And for honorable mention, the Board of Directors hasn't changed any policies in a month; —the BBS must be running alright since the SYSOP hasn't received any suggestions since 1/28/91; —Lotus keeps rolling along; —the Windows conference is picking up as more copies come off of the shelf; — and the Swap Shop still has a few bargains. —So all in all, you probably want to get on the BBS to see how things have changed.

Andy

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P.S. Yes, Fred, Paradox is still there, paradoxically speaking.

The Adventures of PC Tech

by Ben Thar

Our first adventure finds our intrepid hero, disguised as the mild-mannered mail person, walking past the office where the new JNC personal computer is being taken out of the box and plugged in. A crowd has gathered in awe as a brave manager flips the BIG RED SWITCH. Everyone jumps back when it starts ticking and little numbers appear in the upper left corner. Now comeone asks, "Shouldn't we read the instructions first?" "No way, kids are using these things in school. Why should we read the manual? Let them read manuals in school. When I graduated, I promised myself that the only reading that I would do would be purely for entertainment." The crowd gave out a hearty "Here, Here!". Well, our hero watched as puzzled looks came over the faces of the office workers as the JNC whirred, beeped and belched out a C> and stopped. "How is this supposed to make us more productive?", whispered someone, out of earshot of the boss. The boss quickly turned to the mail person (PCT) and said, "You seem to have time on your hands, I want you to learn how this thing works, train the staff, and don't let your other duties slack off or I'll have to demote you." The gathering broke up and PCT just stared at the new machine. The thought of a demotion sent chills down her back, because there was no job lower than hers. She did the only thing she could think of, she picked up the manual, put it on the mail cart and started reading it, day and night, until a light bulb went on and she said, "This is just a dumb machine, like the postage machine, and it's not going to do anything unless a program is purchased and someone enters data into it." Luckily, no one was sitting close to her on the bus when she started talking to herself. A friend of hers had told her that the guys in the computer lab at City College always talk to themselves, so PCT thought it came with the territory. The next day at work, PCT told the manager who had exhibited the courage the day before, that a program would have to be obtained before the computer would work. He walked unknowingly into the boss's office and made this pronouncement as if it were his own. The boss exploded, "You mean that after all the money that I spent on that thing at the Super Duper Office Warehouse Store, I have to spend more money before it revolutionizes this office? Well, do it, but remember, I'm expecting results." He knew he might be putting his job on the line, but he just had to ask, "Sir, what do you want the computer to do?" The boss thought for a moment and said, "Reduce overhead, increase productivity, eliminate overtime, and do my taxes so I don't have to pay those CPA's." PCT was told to go to the SDO

Warehouse Store, because they had an account there, and buy a program like the CEO wanted. She remembered her friend talking about a program that was a standard at the college called Periwinkle All Together, so she bought it and spent the next week pouring over the documentation; no one had told her that reading the documentation is never the first thing that a P.C. user does. Join us next time when PC Tech takes her first big step towards her heroic destiny by loading the P.A.T. software on the JNC personal computer.

Bob

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Shareware Review for Mille Bournes V4.01

by Bob Wuller

Mille Bourne V4.01 by Richard Tom is a great version of the French card game for one player against the computer. The game requires 204K of disk space, but claims to use only 30K of memory through the use of overlays. Although you can use the keyboard to move an arrow around the screen, a mouse makes the game much more enjoyable.

The few minutes it takes to become accustomed to positioning the mouse on the cards is far outweighed by the hours of enjoyment from playing the game. Former Mille Bourne players will enjoy this game immediately. If you have never played Mille Bourne before, the game provides a complete, detailed explanation of how to play. There is an option for autoplay, which demonstrates how the game is played. Clicking on a box with a question mark will show you which card the computer suggests you play.

There are many nice features in this version. You can save and restore games in progress, toggle sound on and off, change hands with the computer, and view all the cards remaining in the deck. The desperate card shark may want to use the option to view the cards hidden in the opponents hand. There is also an option to quickly save the game and exit to DOS for those who live dangerously by playing games at work.

For the \$25 cost of registering the game, you get the complete Mille Bourne source kit and Monopoly designer kit written in Turbo Pascal V5.0. For an additional \$5, he will also provide source for new turbo EGA GEM-like windows. There is a one year, unconditional guarantee from the time you register the software. In summary, Richard Tom's version of Mille Bourne is a good program with excellent graphics, complete with all the bells and whistles not expected in a shareware program.

Bob

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Inside the North Texas PC Users Group Community

Connie Andrews



Volunteer Allan Harbaugh signing up a new member at a recent NTPCUG meeting.

This month we would like to express our appreciation to Allan Harbaugh for his continuing dedication to the NTPCUG. Allan, a Professor of Physics, has been a member since January of 1984. When we moved to Informat and needed folks to staff the Information Booth at our new quarters, Allan was one of the early ones to sign up.

We have counted on his support over the years and have come to rely on his observations to help streamline Booth activities. As a matter of fact, Allan was very instrumental in the idea of staffing the Booth each hour with seasoned volunteers ("Anchors") to guide new volunteers and supervise activities. Anchors have been our mainstay ever since.

And that's where you'll find Allan, anchoring from 11:00 to 12:00 every meeting day and tossing out new ideas to keep us on our toes. Stop by and say hello.

In this issue we are acknowledging volunteers listed below who served for the month of FEBRUARY. (DOM volunteers are listed for January and February.)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET - our officers, directors, SIG coordinators and leaders, newsletter publisher, editor, staff and writers, newsletter exchange and BBS SYSOP and staff are all volunteers; their names are listed in other sections of this newsletter.

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MARCH 1991 Disk(s) of the Month:

Disk 599AB. Gags Disk FV - The 1991 Collection of Tricks & Gags, collected by Shawn Dunn.

In 1991, April 1 falls on a Monday and there is no better way to start off a dreary work week than with a prank or two. This year's collection of files will give you or a friend a laugh (or get revenge on a enemy).

Do you know someone that is extremely paranoid of catching a computer virus? PARASCAN is for them. It searches out and violently attacks any virus on your system. For instance, the deadly Richard Nixon virus may leave 18 minute gaps in your data or the Fred Ziffle Virus which turns the user into a pig. PARASCAN also makes some very insulting comments about your computer while it "searches" for a virus. Some of the comments include "Do you ever pay for your stuff" or "Does your mother know you have this file".

Having boss problems? People feel that you do not have enough to do. DECEIVE and ASAP will cure that. ASAP will run diagnostics for 2 minutes which is plenty of time for you to enjoy that cup of coffee. It will beep and tweek loud enough for everyone to hear. DECEIVE will let you capture a screen of a program like Lotus 1-2-3 so that you can pop that screen up later when you are playing a game or another diversion.

TRAN and ATOM are the voice programs this year. TRAN will take an ASCII file and speak it. Put in the



text of Lincoln's Gettysburg address and type TRAN LINCOLN and watch out. ATOM takes a popular tune and plays it over and over again. (Watch the Num Lock, Caps Lock and Scroll Lock lights). When you escape out of the program, it sounds like someone pulled the plugged.

If you are looking for funny screens and funny printer utilities, there is that too this year. TFACE produces a man's face talking a mile a minute (this program does require VGA). EXPLOSIV is a screen saver that produces a fireworks screen. (Set this up in someone's AUTOEXEC.BAT and watch what happens to their screen after of couple of seconds). MESSAGE drops in a message of your choice to somebody. DANCE gives you a stick figure dancing across your screen. 3D produces three dimensional characters on the screen and MW3DCHAR produces 3d characters for the printer and CURSIVE turns text into a cursive characters. Both MW3DCHAR and CURSIVE could be captured and put into a text file.

For funny looking prompts use CATPROMP. It produces a Bill the Cat (of Bloom County fame) prompt (Aack Aaack) and it does require ANSLSYS to run.

IF you have trouble setting up the pranks, the program HOTBOOT can help. HOTBOOT (the unregistered version) comes with 6 gags and can help you set up one of those gags so that as soon as computer boots up, the unsuspecting person will be greeted with (for example) a flashing warning and an alarm that warns everyone that an unauthorized person is using that computer. Or have the computer boot up with some romantic talk.

This software was downloaded and contributed by Shawn Dunn.

This review was prepared by Shawn Dunn, edited by Mark Gruner.

Disk 600. Gags Disk V for Windows - Tricks & Gags & Window pains, collected by Shawn Dunn.

In 1991, April 1 falls on a Monday and there is no better way to start off a dreary work week than with a prank or two. This year's collection of files will give you or a friend a laugh (or get revenge on a enemy). Many can be used as screen savers but they have a twist to them.

BURST will really make the Windows user wonder what is happening. It will make "bullet holes" appear on the screen that look like someone shot at the monitor and it has the sound effect of a gun going off. Finally it will ask you if you have had enough.

Or if you do not want the noise but you do want to "crack up" your monitor use BURST2. BURST2 produces large cracks on the glass.

SCRNPEAC is a screen saver which is nice. But along with the "normal" screens that one might use such as the snow(.spx) or the kalscope(.spx) you can use the worms(.spx) that will put crawly worms on the screen. You can have the SCRNPEAC program use one or randomly use all the SPX files that comes with it.

Other of the screen savers are BARTEYES (You got it dude) that put bouncing Bart Simpson's face around the screen. Also watch his eyes as you move the mouse

around. And talk about eyes. WINYEYES will put a small pair of eyes on the screen that will follow the movement of your mouse. Click on the application and you get a medium size pair of eyes and click again in the eyes will fill the screen. EYES is a screen saver (like BARTEYES) will save the screen with a pair of eyes roaming around. HORSE will produce a galloping horse across the screen when there has been no activity for a select amount of minutes. All of these screen savers can be tuned to "x" amount of seconds you would like. Once you selected the amount of seconds you want until the screen saver kicks in and as soon as there is activity then the screen resumes back to normal.

For the nature lovers that would like to have other uses for your computer, you can turn it into a fish bowl. FISHES sets up your screen into an aquarium and you can even select the amount and type of fish you want in this computer aquarium.

They're creepy and they're crawly and they will crawl over and around and through any Windows screen you are in. SLUG will crawl over your screen erasing data as it goes. BUGS will produce a variety of bugs over your screen. If you are not into these slimy creatures, then there are other programs that will pop up and cover your screen. FACE, EYES and WIZ will cover your screen with a goofy looking face or you can have your screen covered with eyes or with a figure from a movie called Wizards.

And finally there is Yinyang. A nice screen on the Chinese symbol will a little poem. A nice screen for when you are away from your computer.

This software was downloaded and contributed by Shawn Dunn.

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Disk 601. Automon 3.0, 3/90 - Configurable Monopoly Game, 85 Bartlett Street, Somerville, MA 01145. Shareware Fee: None.

This Disk comes with two playable versions of monopoly. They were tested on two computer systems, using different graphics boards and configurations. The program behavior was identical for all system set-ups tested. There are several CAVEATS in playing this game. First and most importantly, after exiting the game YOU MUST TYPE "MODE 80" AND ENTER to return the screen and cursor to normal and allow other programs to function normally. The problem is consistent whatever system set-up I used. For both games, the "Get Out of Jail Free Card" (an automatic function) does not work even if the COMPUTER is playing with a "Get Out of Jail Pree Card." If you exit without any named players, the option to return to the game is disabled.

The second version on the disk is the trading of baseball stadiums and is started by entering DEMO. The Baseball version is initially set-up to play against the computer, but can be changed to use with other players. Baseball uses "Owners Association" for Community Chess, "Hand of Pate," "Deus Ex Machina," and "As the Cookie Crumbles" for Chance with baseball events con-

trolling the options. The utilities are replaced by the Umpire and Players union and the railroads are replaced by air lines. Houses and Hotels are still used where skyboxes etc. would fit better with the rest, but what can you expect when the most expensive real estate is Cleveland Stadium?

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: The author does not specify any requirements, however it uses ANSI text graphics in direct video mode so only truly standard graphics boards will work. It requires 140KB of free memory to run.

This review prepared by Ann Weatherall, edited by Ben Weatherall.

Disk 602. ViruScan v75, 2/91 - McAfee Virus Scan Utilities by McAfee Associates, 4423 Cheeney Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054-0253. (408) 988-3832 office, (408) 970-9727 fax, (408) 988-4004 BBS 2400 bps, (408) 988-5138 BBS HST 9600, (408) 988-5190 BBS v32 9600. Copyright (C) 1989, 1990, 1991 by McAfee Associates.

VIRUSCAN Version 6.9V75 - VIRUSCAN (SCAN) is a virus detection and identification program for the IBM PC and compatible computers. VIRUSCAN will search a PC for known computer viruses in memory, the boot sector, the partition table, and the files of a PC and its disks. VIRUSCAN will also detect the presence of unknown viruses.

CLEAN-UP Version 6.9V75 - CLEAN-UP (CLEAN) is a virus disinfection program for IBM PC and compatible computers. CLEAN- UP will search though the partition table, boot sector, or files of a PC and remove a virus specified by the user. In most instances CLEAN-UP is able to repair the infected area of the system and restore it to normal usage. CLEAN-UP works on all viruses identified by the current version of the VIRUS-CAN (SCAN) program.

VSHIELD Version 3.1V75 - VSHIELD is a virus prevention program for IBM PC and compatible computers. It will prevent viruses from infecting your system. When VSHIELD first loads it will search the PC for known computer viruses in memory, the partition table, boot sector, system files, and itself and then install itself as a Terminate-and-Stay-Resident (TSR) program. It will then scan all programs before allowing the system to execute them. If any program contains a virus, VSHIELD will refuse to allow it to execute. It will also not allow the system to be warm-booted from any diskette which contains a boot-sector virus. VSHIELD can optionally check files that have been validation coded by the VIRUSCAN (SCAN) program for new, unknown viruses.

NETSCAN Version V75 - NETSCAN is the network version of VIRUSCAN. It scans network virtual drives and identifies any pre-existing PC virus infection in the file servers. NETSCAN will indicate the specific files or system areas that are infected and will identify the virus strain which has caused the infection. Removal can then be done manually or, if the infection is widespread, automatic removal utilities are available which can disinfect each virus strain.

VCOPY Version 0.6V75 - VCOPY is a replacement for the DOS COPY command for IBM PC and compatible

machines. VCOPY will search a PC for known computer viruses in memory, then search the partition table and boot sector of the source and destination disks, in addition to the files being copied. This prevents viruses from entering your system and identifies infected diskettes. VCOPY functions identically to the MS-DOS 3.30 COPY command, with the exception of the COPY CON function. For a list of viruses detected by VCOPY see the accompanying VIRLIST.TXT file.

This software was downloaded from McAfee's Homebase BBS by Kenneth Loafman.

This review prepared by Kenneth Loafman, edited by Kathryn Loafman.

Disk 603AB. Intellifont 1.0, 1/91 - HP LaserJet III and Windows 3.0. HP Intellifont-for-Windows 3.0, version 1.0, c1990 by Hewlett Packard, Call 1-303-353-7650 for additional copies.

Here is what Hewlett Packard says about this software:

"High-quality screen fonts ... get instant screen fonts in the styles and sizes you want from within your Windows application Matching screen fonts for HP LaserJetIII and IIID printer- resident scalable fonts ... Now your type can look as good on screen as it does in print."

Hewlett Packard is making "Intellifont-for-Windows 3.0" widely available because once you have it installed, you will probably be in interested acquiring MORE FONTS. They just happen to have a fine and varied collection of fonts available from the HP Master Type Library (price range \$99-\$349) which are remarkably easy to install once you have "Intellifont-for-Windows 3.0" on your system. For dealer information call 1-800-752-0900.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: HP LaserJet III printer (or family), IBM PC/AT or compatible, high-density 5.25 drive, Windows 3.0.

Software received from Hewlett Packard, by way of Regan Andrews.

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No. 50 in a Series

by Jim Hoisington

This month has seen the acquisition of several small software companies by Microsoft and Lotus. Consumer Software is now part of Microsoft. CC:MAIL and Samna are now part of Lotus Development Corporation. What's going on here?

The complexity of PC software has grown to the point where small software companies are having trouble funding a new round of research and development. And, there is increasing pressure by consumers for the large software companies to provide a complete line of software products.

We are now beginning to see the mainframe people starting to take PC's seriously. The data processing manager is ordering PC software. In most mainframe shops, software comes from one or, at most, two vendors. The thought of buying each software title from a different vendor is inconceivable to these people. They tell me that by buying everything from the same software company, each software title will be compatible with the other titles.

The software companies, on the other hand, are buying up software made by a variety of companies and changing the name on the package. If you think that these packages will work together, I've got some beach front property in Sabine Pass, Texas that I'd like to sell you.

Will the rest of us buy a product just because of the name on the box? I doubt it. Those of us who have been consumers of PC software over the last few years realize that

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even the big companies can bring out turkeys. I doubt that the any current PC users will buy a title just because of the name on the box.

Will the software companies be able to integrate and manage these purchased pieces of software? After 3 years, Paradox which was developed by ANSA and merged into Borland, finally works in conjunction with Quattro Pro a Borland developed product.

Managing the research and development cycle on multiple products means that the software companies will have develop an internal corps of professional software development managers. People who can handle projects that last longer than 6 months and that require more than 4 programmers. Lotus went through some of this transition when they brought out release 3.0 of 1-2-3.

In the past, the large software companies have used recently graduated computer science graduates to craft their code. Computer science courses teach the basics, but the complexity of the code in the future will require a more extensive knowledge of techniques than are taught in universities.

The small companies that are being bought up are often staffed with older, experienced programmers who were willing to put in long hours because of the entrepreneurial reward of that can come from developing a winning software title. Most of the programmers that I know won't last at the big companies.

So where does that leave the large companies like Microsoft and Lotus? The next three years will tell. It will interesting to watch them compete with single product or product focused companies like Novell and WordPerfect Corporation.

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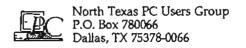
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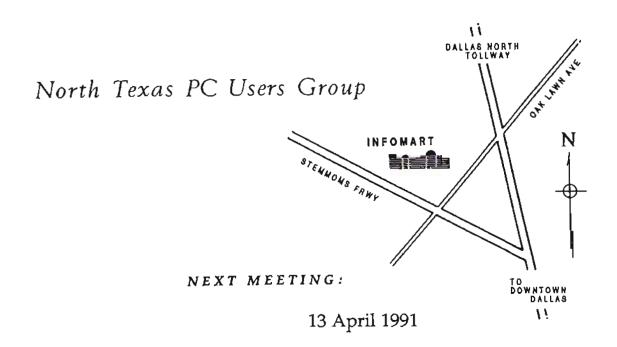
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