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FROM THE PRESIDENT By Jim Swedlow

FEBRUARY MEETING

We have a couple of interesting things coming in February. We will have a speaker (name and subject are still "under discussion").

We will also have a demonstration of the GENIAL TRAVelER. This is a "diskazine" or a TI based magazine on disk published by Barry Traver. UGOC has obtain permission to resell the GT (as it is known) at a rate just above the subscription cost. Volume 2, Numbers 1, 2 and 3 will be available.

TI FEST WEST

Last reminder: the Fest West is February 18th and 19th from 9 to 6 at the Clarion Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd in San Diego. Admission is \$4 at the door. This looks to be another great Tl event. See you there.

NEWSLETTER LIBRARY

Have you ever had a problem and just could not find the answer anywhere? The odds are that it is in our newsletter library. We have newsletters from over fifty other user groups. They contain a wealth of information.

Call Earl Raguse at 847-5875 to make an appointment. You will learn something new and useful from this collection.

SOFTWARE OF THE YEAR

Your board is considering starting an annual recognition for the software item of the year. This would be another way for us to help support those who expend their creative energies for the 4A. Any comments would be welcome.

LIBRARY UPDATE

PLUS! (FW68): A collection of hints and utilities for the FUNNELWEB user.

EE BONDMASTER (FW60): Now reflects US Bond interest rates thru November, 1988. To get the current interest rates, call 1-800-US-BONDS.

TELCO (FW58 and FW59): Version 2.3.

Look for some 1989 calendars in the next release.

'Nuff said.

UGOC BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12/15/88

By Earl Raguse, (sub for Richard Atkins)

Jim Swedlow, President called meeting to order at 7:40 at Ben Hatheways home.

Jim reports that a Thank You letter has been sent to Mercury Savings. We are in the process of moving our checking account to Mercury.

Jerry Rash, Treasurer reports that we are in good financial shape again. It was agreed that the last 50 disks from our bulk purchase would be made available to the library.

Jim Morris, Membership reports that we still have 80 members. Nine of these currently are up for renewal, and 12 are overdue. We acquired 10 new members since 1/1/88. It was decided that we should list all new members and renewals in the ROM.

Siles Bazerman, Editor has has turned over the latest ROM to Earl Raguse ready for printing. Siles is still looking for articles from the membership on Basic, XBasic, and TIW/TIB. A regular contributor is needed but we will appreciate single articles if you write one. If you can't write about your big successes because you haven't any, then write about your troubles, but write.

Ben Hatheway, BBS Sysop says the board is getting better and busier all the time. Xmodem has been speeded up. The San Diego BBS may begin using our system.

Ear! Raguse, Paper Library says everything is now bound in three ring binders, and the library is open almost any time, just call to make sure.

January Meeting: we will have a hardware demo. An 80 column card, a RAM disk, and a PGRAM will be shown. The results of the survey which will probably be distributed in the December meeting may be available.

February Meeting: we plan on having Jim Swedlow talk about TIW Headers and Footers, and Newt Armstrong will demo SuperSpace.

We will be raffling a TymShare 1200 baud modem in either Jan or Feb. A discussion was held as to what we could do to encourage software writers. Stan Corbin suggested, and we will follow through, that we recognize the best programs and programmers, in a public way.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14

ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE by Adrian Robinson

It seems we have some readers who are not dedicated Assembly programmers but who look for an occasional tidbit that can be called from an XBasic program. A frequent requirement in any language is to sort a string array(list). Since sorting is an inherently slow process it is nice to be able to take advantage of the speed of Assembly Language. However not all sort algorithms are alike. ! have in the past compared a variety of sorts ranging from the very slow Bubble Sort to the very fast such as Quicksort and Shell-Metzer sorts. For very short lists less than about 3# elements, there is little to choose among them all. None take such time in Assembly. However, as the lists grow, the slow algorithms fall rapidly behind. Up to several hundred elements. the Shell-Metzer and Quicksort are about equal in speed and for very large lists the Quicksort pulls ahead. There is, though, a disadvantage in the Qicksort in that it makes use of pointer stacks, which require more and more memory as lists grow, while Shell-Metzer does not such pointers. In addition Shell-Metzer is short and easy to code, as can be seen from the following XBasic listing:

is P=N
29 P=(NT(P/2) :: IF P=S THEN
RETURN
36 FOR I=1 TO N-P
48 FOR J=I TO 1 STEP -P
58 IF A\$(J)(=A\$(J+P) THEN 78
68 T\$=A\$(J) :: A\$(J)=A\$(J+P)
:: A\$(J+P)=T\$:: NEXT J
78 NEXT I :: GOTO 28

I consider the Shell-Hetzer to be a good general purpose sort algorithm and have provided an Assembly listing below. I have included an additional feature in that the caller may specify that the sort be either ascending or descending.

The array to be sorted is constructed in your XBasic program and the sort is then accessed through:

CALL LINK("SORT", N, K\$(),X)

where N is the number of elements in the array and K\$ is the array name. If X=\$ then the sort will be in ascending order and if X has any non-zero value then the sort will be descending. The variable names need not be those specified here, only their type and position in the LINK list are important. The program listing comments include statements similar to those in the XBasic routine above as an aid to following the program logic. It

of STRREF, I use the string length to clearly delimit each string with a zero byte obtained from the high byte of the index register. That comment was thrown in for the committed Assembly people who may be reading. ************************** * Shell-Metzner Sort Routine by Adrian Robinson Call from Extended Basic: * CALL LINK("SORT", N, K\$(), X) * With N - Number of elements in Array * K\$ = Name of String Array X = Order of Sort: # = Ascending Order Not # = Descending Order *********************** SORT NUMBEF EQU)2##C STRASG EQU >2918 STRREF EQU >2514 XNLLNK EQU >2518 FAC EQU)834A STATUS EQU >837C GPLWS EDU >83E# HTUS BSS 32 SAV11 BSS BUF1 BSS 256 String Compare Buffer BUF2 BSS 256 BYTE >FF FF Maximum String Length EVEN SORT MOV R11, @SAV11 LUPI MYUS CLR RS Not an Array R1,3 LI Third Parameter BLWP ONUMREF Get X from CALL LINK BLUP OXHLLNK Convert DATA >1288 Floating Point to Int MOV @FAC, R18 LI R1,1 First Parameter BLWP ONUMREF Get N from CALL LINK BLUP OXMLLNK Convert DATA >1288 Floating Point to Int MOV OFAC. R9 R1.2 Second param in LINK MOV R9, R8 LOOP SRL R0, 1 P=!NT(P/2) IF P=0 THEN RETURN JEQ RETURN LI R3.1 ILUP MOV R3, R4 FOR (=1 TO N-P JLUP R4.RØ FOR J=1 TO 1 STEP -P MOV Get K\$(J) to BUF1 LI R2. BUF! MOVB @FF. @BUF1 Maximum Length BLWP OSTRREF MOVB @BUF1.R6 Actual Length SRL R6.8 MOVB R6.@BUF1+1(R6) Delimiter # MOV R4, R7 Ra. R7 MOV R7, RØ

may be noted that, following execution

```
BLUP OSTRREF
       MOVB @BUF2.R5
                          Actual Length
       SRL R5,0
       MOVB R5. @BUF2+1(R5) Delimiter #
           R5.R6
       JΗ
           $+4
       VON
           R6, R5
       CLR
           RR
COMP
       INC
           R6
                      Compare BUF1.BUF2
           OBUF1(R6), OBUF2(R6)
       CB
       JGT
           ORD1
                       IF K$(J)>K$(J+P)
       JLT
           ORD2
                       IF K$(J)(K$(J+P)
       C
            R6.R5
       JLT
           COMP
       JMP
           NEXTI
                     . IF K$(J)=K$(J+P)
ORD 1
      HOV
           R15.R15
                          Order Flag=#?
       JEO
           SWAP
       JMP
           NEXT
ORD2
      MOV
           R15, R15
                          Order Flag=#?
           NEXTI
       JEQ
SWAP
      MOV
           R7, R#
                   K*(J+P)=K*(J) (BUF1)
           R2, BUF1
      LI
       BLWP OSTRASG
      MOV
          R4,R#
                   K$(J)=K$(J+P) (BUFZ)
      LI
           R2.BUF2
       BLWP OSTRASG
                       J=J-P (STEP -P)
           RO. R4
       JGT
           JLÚP
                                 NEXT J
NEXT INC
           R3
      MOV
           R9.R7
           R8.R7
           R3, R7
      C
           ILUP
      JLE
                    IF ICEN-P THEN ILUP
       JMP
           LOOP
                              ELSE LOOP
RETURN LWPI GPLWS
      MOV @SAV11.R11
       CLR OSTATUS
       RT
      END
```

MEMBERSHIP CORNER By Jim Horris

Membership is currently at seventy four.. Six members were dropped as they now have other interests. In addition six members are on ninety day hold and fifteen memberships are currently due. During the year we lost nineteen members and acquired twelve. As you can see we do have an attrition problem and eventually it could become a major problem for all of us. So please if at all possible invite several of your friends to attend one of our club meetings so that they too can become a computer hacker. Current membership lists and updated library lists are available upon request. Extra copies of ROMS as well as technical data extracted from other club newsletters are also available. Two newe prospective members are expected to attend the January meeting.

R2, BUF2 Get K\$(J+P) to BUF2

Maximum Length

LI

MOVB OFF, OBUF2

BITS × Number 24 By Jim Swedlow

EA DISK ERROR CODES

Some programs (like Archiver) display a number when they encounter a disk error (something like "IO ERROR #7"). The numbers by themselves are of little use. Here is what they mean:

- Ø UNKNOWN DEVICE Could not find the specified drive.
- WRITE PROTECTED The disk is write protected.
- 2 BAD OPEN ATTRIBUTE One or more OPEN options were illegal or didn't match the file characteristics.
- ILLEGAL OPERATION The book says code should not be that this generated!
- 4 OUT OF SPACE The disk is full or you are trying to open more files than are allowed (127).
- END OF FILE You are trying to read beyond the end of the file.
- ERROR The disk is not 6 DEVICE initialized, the disk is damaged, the disk drive is broken (oh no!), the drive door is open, etc.
- 7 FILE ERROR The file doesn't exist or you are trying to read a BASIC file as if it were data.

These are the same as the second digit in the BASIC disk error codes.

MAGIC NINES

A fun program by Jim Peterson of the TIGER CLUB.

100 ! MAGIC NINES By Jim Peterson

110 CALL CLEAR

120 PRINT :: PRINT "ENTER ANY 3 DIGIT NUMBER": " "WITH 3 DIFFERENT DIGITS"

130 INPUT N :: PRINT :: IF N<>INT(N) OR N>999 OR N<100 THEN 120 ELSE N\$=STR\$(N)

148 IF SEG\$(N\$,1,1)=SEG\$(N\$,2,1) OR $SEG \Rightarrow (N \Rightarrow , 1, 1) = SEG \Rightarrow (N \Rightarrow , 3, 1)$ OR SEG\$(N\$,2,1)=SEG\$(N\$,3,1) THEN PRINT ">USE 3 DIFFERENT DIGITS(" :: GOTO 12Ø

150 N2*, N4*="" FOR J=1 TO 3 :: N2\$=SEG\$(N\$,J,1)&N2\$:: NEXT J

16Ø N2=VAL(N2\$) :: N3=ABS(N-N2) 170 PRINT N#;" BACKWARDS IS ";N2# :: PRINT 18Ø N3\$=STR\$(N3) :: IF N3<100 THEN N3\$="0"&N3\$ 190 IF N>N2 THEN PRINT N#; " MINUS "; N2#; " IS "; N3# ELSE PRINT N2\$;" MINUS ";N\$;" IS ";N3\$ 200 PRINT :: FOR J=1 TO 3 :: N4\$=SEG\$(N3\$, J, 1)&N4\$:: NEXT J

210 PRINT N3\$;" BACKWARDS IS ";N4\$:: N3\$;" PLUS ";N4\$;" IS 1089":: 220 PRINT: "I KNEW THAT WOULD BE"::

"THE ANSWER. LIST THE": :

"PROGRAM AND SEE!" 23Ø !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE ANSWER IS 240 ! 25Ø ! 1089 260 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TI LIVES

The December, 1988 issue of PC Computing (a magazine normally dedicated to MS DOS machines) has an article entitled "Gone But Not Forgotten". There is coverage of most of the orphans (TI, Osborne, Eagle, PCjr, etc). By the time you read this, you won't be able to buy that issue, but it might be worth checking out in your library. A couple of interesting quotes:

99/4A and PCjr were eàrly experiments in the home computing market. They weren't nearly as fast or powerful as other computers of their time, yet in many homes they continue to fulfill the role that visionaries once predicted for them: they've evolved from somber, cold pieces of machinery to tools that are useful and fun. "

"Fans of the TI 99/4A are legion, and they form a network of users that's as lively as FOG, if less structured. Ti user groups number 300 with the Chicago group the largest at nearly 550 members. Other TI organizations are small but spirited. The 14 member north New spirited. The 14 member north New Jersey group works with other New York area computer groups to sponsor the TI Computer Fest which each year draws about 300 people to attend workshops and hear speakers."

(FOG is an international User Group for owners of CPM and MS DOS machines - Ed]

TI WRITER MARGINS

For the first item in this column, I used a device called a hanging indent. It looks like this:

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BASICALLY BASIC by N. Armstrong

First, a correction for last month. The Formatter clobbered my program listing in statements 180 and 190. They should have been:

180 N\$=N\$&".0" 190 N\$=N\$&"0"

This is called concatenating and builds up N\$ by appending whatever is in quotes to the end of the variable.

Now, back to this month's offering.

An uncluttered, easily understood screen is a big help in making a program "User Friendly". The following program keeps a running total for a checkbook. Key it in, RUN it, and let me know if you find it User Friendly.

```
105 REM ***********
      INITIALIZATION *
********
110 CALL CLEAR
120 CALL SCREEN(5)
130 FOR I=1 TO 8
14# CALL COLOR(1,5,1)
15Ø NEXT I
160 FOR I=9 TO 12
170 CALL COLOR(1,15,1)
180 NEXT 1
190 REM **********
       TITLE SCREEN
****
200 PRINT "
              AN ACCUMUL
ATOR": :
210 PRINT "FOR CHECKBOOK RUN
NING TOTALS": : : : : : :
220 PRINT "A TUTORIAL FROM
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THE ROM NEWS LETTER": : 23Ø PRINT * BY N ARMSTRONG": 240 CALL SCREEN(16) 250 FOR I=1 TO 1500 26Ø NEXT | 270 CALL CLEAR 275 REM ************* PROGRAM START ******* 28Ø INPUT "BEGINING BALANCE *":TP 290 T=T+TP 300 GOSUB 600 31Ø PRINT 320 A\$="Check Deposit Atm or Quit" 325 REM ************* MAIN LOOP START 330 FOR D=1 TO LEN(A\$) 340 S=ASC(SEG\$(A\$,D,1)) 350 CALL HCHAR(24,D+2,S) 36Ø NEXT D

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365 REM **************
      CURSER CHANGE
*********
370 S=32+2#(S=32)
380 CALL HCHAR(24,30,5)
39Ø FOR D=1 TO 5
400 CALL KEY(3,K,K)
410 IF (K=65)+(K=67)+(K=68)+
(K=81)THEN 44#
42Ø NEXT D
43Ø GOTO 37Ø
435 REM *************
       ROUTINE SELECT
******
440 DN -(K=65)-2*(K=67)-3*(K
=68)-4*(K=81)GOTO 460,480,51
Ø,45Ø
445 REM **********
       STOP ROUTINE
**************
450 STOP
455 REM *************
      ATM ROUTINE
*******
46Ø INPUT *ATM AMOUNT
":TP
470 GOTO 490
475 REM **********
*
       CHECK ROUTINE
*******
480 INPUT "CHECK AMOUNT
 ":TP
490 T=T-TP
500 GOTO 530
505 REM ************
¥
      DEPOSIT ROUTINE
510 INPUT "DEPOSIT AMOUNT
 ":TP
520 T=T+TP
530 GOSUB 600
535 REM *************
       TOTAL ROUTINE
******
54Ø PRINT "TOTAL
$ 17
550 TP=T
56Ø GOSUB 6ØØ
570 PRINT
580 GDTO 330
590 REM *************
       DP SUBROUTINE
********
600 T$=STR$(TP)
61Ø P=POS(T$, ", ", 1)
620 IF P>0 THEN 650
63Ø T$=T$&".ØØ'
64Ø GOTO 61Ø
650 IF P=(LEN(T$))-2 THEN 67
660 T$=T$&"0"
670 CALL HCHAR(23,21,32,9)
680 FOR D=1 TO LEN(T$)
69Ø S=ASC(SEG$(T$,D,!))
700 CALL HCHAR(23, (26-P)+D, S
710 NEXT D
72Ø RETURN
73Ø END
```

AND SO FORTH#39 By Earl Raguse

definition.

FOOLING FORTH
Some times we need to sort of bend the rules to make things easier. Forth, like all other computer languages has rules which are not ment to be violated. However, Forth has the unique capability that one can change the rules that one doesn't like, or that may be inconvenient at the moment. In some cases it seems very inconvenient to live by the Forth rule that a word must be defined before it can be used in a

My first bout with this was when I tried to write a 2 page DIRectory word. I first introduced DIRectory (1 page), in ASF#21 (Aug 87 ROM), then again in ASF#25 (Dec 87 ROM), in which I used vectoring to solve the 2 page DIR problem. CASE OF ENDOF and ENDCASE which are the crux of DIR were fully explained in ASF#21, and I can't take the space to repeat all that, but I will summarize. For those of you who don't have the above ROMs, see the offer at the end of this column.

Partial Screens #6, #7, #31, and #32 show how I solved the problem by defining an empty variable POINTER, so that I could use it in the definition of PAGE2, then after DIR2 was defined on Screen #31, I loaded the address of DIR2 ('finds it), into POINTER, then later on boot up, Screen #3 executes DIR which calls PAGE2, (Screen #6) which in turn looks in POINTER for the address, actually the Parameter Field Address (PFA), converts it to the Code Field Address (CFA), then EXECUTES it, to do the work. This is called vectoring and is a form of indirect addressing.

Why did I take this round about approach? Why not just have written DIR2 into the definition of DIR? This is not allowed because DIR2 did not yet exist. Well then, why not write DIR2 first, then DIR. The old chicken/egg problem, because then DIR doesn't exist. As you can see, my solution may be a little convoluted, but I worked within the rules of Forth and got the job done.

Now it happens that there is a rather shrewd Canadian programmer by the name of Michal Jaggerman who didn't want to abide by that rule either, so he wrote two words to bend the rules a little, this allowed him to postpone defining a word that he wanted to use right away. His clever words DEFER and IS were recently brought to my attention by Lutz Winkler of San Diego. They do essentially what I did, but its done in a straight forward way, and is easy to understand and use. The difficulty with

this approach, if there is one, is that you must have previously defined the words DEFER and IS, and have them in your dictionary.

Michal's DEFER and IS are shown on Screen #03 along with an example of their use. I'm sure you won't have any trouble replacing my scheme with his. Just DEFER PAGE2 instead of creating variable POINTER and defining PAGE2. Then at the end of Screen #31 just replace 'DIR2 POINTER! with 'DIR2 IS PAGE2.

For those of you who do not have the above issues of the ROM, if you use a little soft soap on our Editor, plus a standard \$2.00 library fee. he will provide you with a disk copy of almost any ROM; there are some limited exceptions. Where that applies, see me, as the Paper Librarian, I'm sure I can find that issue in our Library. You may borrow and copy that. Also, if you apply the above softsoap on me, with the standard Library fee, I will provide you with a disk copy of the ASF article in question, along with 4 or 5 others. All ASF articles are available on disk. The above offer applies not only to our regular members, but also to the Editors of any any TI UG that we exchange newsletters with. Please include a stamped self addressed disk mailer with your request or an additional \$1 to cover costs.

Also the Forth disk that uses the above 2 page DIR has a lot of nice stuff, including the muchly improved Editor, that doesn't show in the above example, it is intended for people just starting Forth as well as dyed in the wool experienced users.

This is my Forth disk number four which was created on the Fourth of July (1988), and is available hence-forth for free for all who apply for it in a forth-right manner with a blank disk.

C U next time, May the FORTH be with U.

REDFACE DEPT

The formatter bug bit Newt, and the improper use of the RES command bit me. The proper lines for LOTTO are below.

210 IF Y(|)>49 OR Y(|)<1 THE N 200 230 IF Y(|)=Y(F)THEN 200

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AND SO FORTH SUBJECTS IN THE ROM
                                                ( MENU SELECT 1 ) DECIMAL
                                                ■ VARIABLE POINTER 4 ALLOT
Here is a list of "all" AND SO FORTH
                                                : PAGE2 POINTER CO CFA EXECUTE ;
articles printed in the ROM over the
                                               : DIR 7 LOAD 28 28 AT KEY 48 - CASE
past three years. All are available
                                                                             ENDOF
                                                -16 OF
                                                           PAGE2
from the UGOC Paper Library.
                                                  ● OF
                                                           ABORT
                                                                             ENDOF
ASF# SUBJECT
                                            13
                                                  8 OF 84 LOAD
                                                                             ENDOF
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    Getting Started.... Nov 1985
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                                                   ENDCASE ;
    UFV's + Sprites.... Dec 1985
    Sprites + GSTR$..... Jan 1986
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    CSTR# + Disk Dir.... Feb 1986
                                             6 ( MENU SELECTION EGR 7/4/88) HOME
   Dspl Cont + Prt Cont Mar 1986
                                                            MAKE SELECTION. CR CR CR CR
                                                           8. ABORT TO FORTH " CR
 6 Draw Graph/no labels May 1986
                                             2
    Graphics Demo..... Jun 1986
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                                                           1. -MUSIC
    Font Control..... Jul 1986
   Trig + more Graphics Aug 1986
                                            19
                                                           8. SCR CLR & TITLE " CR
    RKEY, Prmpt + Music.. Sep 1986
                                                           9. ABOUT THIS DISK " CR CR CR
                                            11
                                                ." ENTER (DIR) TO RETURN-DON'T FORGET" CR
    More Music..... Oct 1986
                                            12
    00PS! Abbr etc..... Nov 1986
                                                         PRESS SPACE FOR PAGE TWO " CR CR
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    Hammurabi!..... Dec 1986
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                                                              ENTER SELECTION*
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    Forth Talk..... Jan 1987
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    String Handling/UFVs Feb 1987
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    String Sorting..... Apr 1987
                                             # ( MENU SELECT 2 ) DECIMAL
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    More Sorting..... May 1987
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    Music w/chords..... Jun 1987
Music w/neg dur, PNn Jul 1987
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                                                           DIR
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                                                           ABURT
                                                                             ENDOF
    Misc stuff/dir/UFVs. Aug 1987
                                                  1 OF 76 LOAD
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    Starting Again
                        Sep 1987
    Mike Kabala sound... Oct 1987
                                                  8 OF 77 LOAD
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    DUMP, (BUILDS, etc... Nov 1987
                                                  9 OF 74 LOAD
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    Menu, vectoring, array Dec 1987
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                                                  ENDCASE ;
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    Potpurri, Reverse Vid Jan 1988
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                                                  DIR2 POINTER!
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    Stack manipulators.. Feb 1980
                                            15
    1, 2, 3 Dim Arrays.. Mar 1988
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    Statisical Rounding. Apr 1988
                                            SCR 132
3#
    Variable Names..... May 1988
                                             Ø ( MENU SELECTION EGR 7/4/88) HOME
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    Bases and Binary.... Jun 1988
                                                             MAKE SELECTION. " CR CR CR
    Ed/Append, Scr Title Jul 1988
                                             2
                                                           #. ABORT TO FORTH " CR
    Number Formating.... Aug 1988
                                                           1. TESTING FORTH
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    CLINE/Graphics..... Sep 1988
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    HOTPO and WHILE.... Oct 1988
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                                                           8. ABOUT THE MUSIC " CR
9. ALTER THIS MENU " CR CR CR
    Db! Precision HOTPO. Sep 1988
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    F83/TI and DbI Prec Nov 1988
                                                ." ENTER (DIR) TO RETURN-DON'T FORGET" CR
                                            12
38 More Dbl Precision Dec 1988
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                                                        PRESS SPACE FOR PAGE ONE" CR CR
    DEFER / IS DIR/DIR2 Jan 1988
                                                11 2# AT . " ENTER SELECTION "
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SCR #63
    \ DEFER / IS
                      from Lutz Winkler 12/12/88
      FORGET IT : IT; \ Invented by M Jaggerman
      CLS 1# 18 AT .* DEFER / IS are loaded CR CR
    ." Enables use of a word not yet defined " CR CR
   : DEFER (BUILDS ' CFA , DOES) OF EXECUTE ;
: IS CFA (COMPILE) '!;
   : IS
   \ Usage: DEFER (anyword), you may now proceed \ to use (anyword) in anyway you wish then
    \ subsequently define ANYTHING to do something,
   \ then write ' ANYTHING IS (anyword), as follows
      DEFER JUNKWORD \ postpone defining JUNKWORD
   : PRTMSG JUNKWORD ; \ JUNKWORD used as if defined
12 : TEST CLS 7 12 AT ." JUNKWORD was deferred";
13 ' TEST IS JUNKWORD \ put TEST into JUNKWORD
14 ." enter JUNKWORD" \ then exercise it
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The first line is set to the left margin but subsequent lines are indented. It could be called the opposite of normal paragraph indentation.

To do this. you must alter the left margin (.LM) and indentation (.IN) settings. For this column, the initial formatter settings were:

.FI;AD;LM 1;RM 4#; IN +#

This tells the formatter to Fill, ADjust, set the Left Margin at 1, the Right Margin at 40 and NOT to INdent paragraphs.

When I wanted to start the hanging indent, I added this command:

.LH +3: IN -3

The "+3" after ".LM" tells the Formatter to move the left margin three spaces to the RIGHT. I could have said ".LM 4" but by using the plus sign I don't need to know the previous margin setting. In the same manner, the "-3" INdent tells the formatter to set paragraph indentation three spaces to the LEFT of the left margin.

When I wanted to revert to the original settings, I used this:

.LH -3;1N +#

The -3 after <.LM> moves the left margin three spaces to the LEFT or back where it was before the <.LM +3> command. The <.1N +8> command cancels the hanging indent (i.e., it tells the Formatter to stop indenting). The + or - in the INdent command is releative to the current left margin.

Notice that I combined a number of formatter commands on the same line. They are separated with semi-culons. This works for most (but not all) formatter commands.

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