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Saturday, December 19, 1987

24 Hours, 300/1200 Baud

The Dallas INFOMART

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#### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Day:

Main Program: 99 FORTRAN Hardware SIG Programming SIG

\*\* Note NEW Next-Step home \*\* Friday, JAN. 29, 5:15 pa at WYATT'S CAFETERIA on Josey Ln at Beltline Rd

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#### SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

EVENT	<b>Q</b>	ATE	TIME
INFOMART Meeting ELECTION THIS MONTH!		19/87	
Hardware SIG present SUPERCARTS	<b>S</b> #	10 A	9:00 am
Main Meeting covers FORTRAN on the /dA Programming SIG revi	H	31 (I	10100 am
"NUTS AND BOLTS" Executive Committee	Not	n n bald	Troo bii
Committee Chairman MiniSiG	No t No t	held	this mo- this mo-
NEXT-STEP WorkShop	Not		this mo-
Newsletter Deadline New Officers Meeting INFOMART Meeting	1/	1/88 9/88 16/88	Midnight
Software SIG reviews the TI "HOUSEHOLD" cartridges	ı	u 11	9400
Main Meeting The "X-10" home			9±00 am
lighting control system	•		10100 an
"Gamemaster" playoff Executive Committee Committee Chairmen	1/2	3/89	1100 pm 1100 pm 2130 pm
Utilities MiniSiG NEXT-STEP WorkShop	-1/2		2:00 pm
Newsletter Deadline		29/88	Midnight
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SIG = (S)pecial (I)nterest (G)roup			

# Dallas TI Home Computer Group Program Schedule - INFOMART December 19, 1987

9:00 - 9:55 Hardware SIG featuring SUPERCARTS

10:00 - 11:55 Main Meeting

10:00 - 10:30 Business Meeting

10:30 - 11:30 Review/Demonstration of 99 FORTRAN

11:30 - 11:55 New member/guest orientation session

12:00 - 12:55 LUNCH BREAK

1:00 - 2:55 Programming SIG - NUTS & BOLTS

Meeting room numbers can be obtained at our booth, or check the master list posted on the two overhead projectors, located just past the Registration booths. Children under age 16 MUST remain with their parents at all times, in accordance with INFCMART regulations!

All meetings will begin promptly on the hour, since other groups may be scheduled to use the room after us. Please be on time.

## FROM THE OVAL OFFICER: Louis Guion

CHRISTMAS! Complete with Christmas shopping, fam:lies around the hearth, and a chili supper. Yes, a chili supper. We did it up proper, didn't we?

I just get so proud of this group every time we pull off such a neat deal as the Library Session and the Chili Supper. It really takes gobs of volunteers to make it all come together, and this time credits are due in too many places to name, but I must mention our Software Librarian, Charlice Althar, and our Chili Supper "Ramrod", "ibo'jean Osborn, as being the people that really made this year-end fete possible. Special thanks go to you two!

For those of you that missed the completely club paid—for event, held at TD-Industries. I can only ask you why you did. Maybe it was the "pepper-belly blast" advertising of Dr. Kennedy, or maybe you just don't like chili. I know you ALL like software, though, so we should have had all of you there for the Library Session. Anyway, we missed you and hope that you'll put in an appearance at the next club dinner social and computer activity next year.

Speaking of TD-Industries, I sure want to thank their management and, in particular Greg Justice, for the many hours we have spent under their roof in the last two years. In an effort to keep Greg for burning out (not to mention the other Justice family members), we'll be moving the NEXT-STEP Workshop and some of the other activities away from TDI in the coming year. Think about the times Greg and Joyce have come down an hour or more before we arrive to set up the place. Remember that they are the last ones out. I know you will try to say a personal thanks to them if you get the chance.

Well, due to the INFOMART scheduling, we are meeting less than a week before Christmas this month. Why don't you make a pass through the vendor area at the INFOMART meeting and see if you find a last minute stocking-stuffer you can use. It is all those folks that pay the rent for us here at INFOMART. Their table rent is what actually pays for the building we all use so freely. If you can throw some business their way, the club benefits from the purchase you make. By the way, each table down there costs the vendor \$35, so they do need to make sales to cover their costs.

November's NEXT-STEP Workshop uncovered two rather unique problems, both of which showed all the signs of being a clear-cut problem with a clear-cut solution. Neither was clear-cut at all. One member had what he was sure was a defective TI 32K card. He couldn't get the card to test "good", and his expanded memory didn't function. The trouble turned out to be a drop of errant solder on the TI disk controller card the member had recently purchased. A flick of the wrist on the disk controller card fixed the "plain ole memory" problem.

The second clear-cut that wasn't concerned a disk drive that wouldn't work properly. It was one of two 1/2-height

drives recently purchased by a member. They'd been installed in the P-Box, and just wouldn't work properly. The seller had already agreed to refund the member's money and take the drives back when some detective work showed that it was the power supply in the P-Box that was defective. The two TEC drives are half-power drives, and work in many P-Boxes just fine, but not here because the power supply could only furnish about 620 milliamps at 5-volts instead of the 1000-milliamps (1 ampere) that should have been available. To compound the problem, one of the matching drives seemed to be able to live more happily at the resulting 3.8 volt level than the other drive. The solution was to fix the P-Box and not worry with what had seemed to be a defective disk drive.

These two examples serve to illustrate why the NEXT-STEP Workshop is such a valuable resource for the club. These two cases turned out happily repaired, as do most patients at the workshop. While we can't guarantee a cure in all cases (and I personally have had a failure or two myself) we can sure give you a better idea of the dimensions of the problems than you get by pounding your fist on the wall in isolated frustration. The chances are we can assist you with most problems.

The NEXT-STEP Workshop, however, will not be held during this holiday month. Neither will the usual Executive Committee nor the Chairman's meetings be held. Too much holiday and not enough weekends!

The INFOMART meeting on the 19th will be the time we'll hold elections for the club's 1988 officers. The nominating committee has assembled an excellent slate of officers, and nominations can be made from the floor if you have the nominee's assurance that they'll accept the job if they are elected. The new president will be looking for some additional helpers next month when he takes over the reins and drives into the future. As I have been saying for the last two meetings -- please support your club and your new president. Volunteer to serve, please!

Now it comes time for me to step down and assume another role in support of the club. I'm not stepping out, just into a different area. I want to thank each and every one of you for the experience you have let me share with you as president of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group for the last two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Merry Christmas!

## FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Jackie Guion

Lynn Nidiffer showed us how to use PR-Base at the 9:00 a.m. SIG in November. This gave many of us our first chance to see how a data base for the 99/4A works. Lynn has been using PR-Base for quite a while so he was able to give us some good ideas.

Those of you who usually sleep a little later on Saturday morning may want to get up earlier this month. In response to the questions we have been hearing about 'What is

a Super Cart? What does one do? And why do some folks find them useful?", John Creviston has agreed to demonstrate a Super Cart at 9:00 a.m. Plan to attend this SIG if you would like to see the results when the working parts of several cartridges are combined in one case. This is also one of the ways to reduce wear on the GROM port in your computer. As usual, John will be prepared to answer questions from the audience.

Last month Dan Johnsen gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on the History of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group. Many of us found it interesting to see some of the ways in which history repeats itself. Some of the ideas that had been tried by club members in the past without much success are now successful programs. Other ideas seem to have come and gone in cycles. We also learned that some programs worked better in the past than they have worked recently. It amazed me to see how some things have evolved. It was surprising to most of us just how many of our past presidents and other officers have either remained active in the group or have stayed in contact with people in the group. We are hoping to have a club historian next year to help fill in a few gaps in our history. We would also like to make copies of any newsletters from 1981 or from January 1982 if any of you have any of the issues and would be willing to let us copy them.

This month's main meeting presentation will be on Fortran. John Guion has written several short programs in this language and will be comparing them to the same type program written in another language. This will give us an idea of some of the different programming commands in Fortran and the results they produce. John is not planning to teach us how to program in Fortran, but wants to show us why there is a need for different programming languages.

In November we had a "Swap Meet" or "Garage Sale" after our main meeting instead of an afternoon SIG. I think most of us enjoyed the change of pace. It was well attended -- I even saw people I'd never met before. participation is good for both buyers and sellers as it makes it possible to see what others are doing with their systems. This may be repeated in the future as there have already been requests for it to happen again next year!

Many of our members who program have asked for ideas on how to incorporate subroutines into their programs. At the 1:00 p.m. SIG in December, Doug Garretson will be demonstrating how to do this with some of Jin Peterson's Nuts and Bolts programs. Doug will be giving you more details on this in his column. I know you'll want to know what to expect so you can plan your questions.

## HARDWARE SIG: Jon Hodges

LAST MONTH: We had a break from a long string of hardware-intensive programming months (whew!) and had a swap-meet instead. I personally got rid of a green monitor I used on my system for two years, and I hear that other folks got (or got rid of) lots of goodies. I hope we can do this

again, as we saw a lot of new faces at this meeting. Speaking of new faces, the folks from Saint Marks school showed up, looking for X-BASIC and E/A Carts, Parallel A/B switch boxes, and Parallel printer cables. Take a look at their ad in the back (under FOR SALE). If you want what they have and/or have what they want, be sure to give Angela a call.

THIS MONTH: Have you run out of patience getting your programs loaded from diskette? Do you worry about how long your cartridge port will last with all the cartridge swapping you do? Or perhaps you have a RAMdisk that's full, and you wish you could put some of your programs somewhere else withat's just as accessable? Well, somebody had you in mind when they created combination cartridges. They are often called SUPER CARTs, but now somebody has used that name as the cartridge name, so I will just call them combination carts. There are several available (including the assemble-your-own variety) that will hold several GROM chips that you select from, and some have a battery-backed memory that will allow you to load the ASSY language program(s) of your choice. How's that for portability? Well, I won't let any more out of the bag, John If you want to learn more about what is available, you'll just have to come to our meeting, that's all. See you Saturday!

## NEXT-STEP WORKSHOP: Ton Hall

The November 27th NEXT-STEP at WYATTS on the SE Corner of Beltline and Josey was well attended. In fact, for the day after Thanksgiving, the attendance was spectacular. I guess with our bunch, food is important. WYATT'S provided us with a very spacious meeting room, where we ate and set up our Computer Systems. You could tell that we, as a club, were welcome. As the folks who worked at Wyatt's were very attentive to our needs. In all, this Wyatt's is a good place to have a meeting.

There will be no December NEXT-STEP WORKSHOP. However. don't forget the big Library Swap and Chile Supper on |December 13th.

Friday, January 29th, 5:15 - 8:30pm, WYATTS CAFETERIA, SE corner of Beltline and Josey is the date, time and place of the **JAMENRY** NEXT-STEP WORKSHOP (same place we met in November). Come one and all ! You are welcome to bring your spouse.

## MINISIG REPORT: Tom Hall

LYNN NIDIFFER was our host and SIG Leader at the PR BASE MINISiG in November. Lynn was a gracious host in his elegant home. This MINISi6 had the largest attendance of a MINISi6 since I have been Chairman. In addition to an outstanding presentation, the latest Version of PR BASE was available to those who needed it. The club is indeed fortunate to have key-members such as Lynn.

Sunday, January 24th, 2:00pm, is the date and time for the **UTILITIÉS MINISiG.** What we aré going to attempt is, simple, short, single purpose Utilities. I hope we can demonstrate between 6 and 10 different utility programs. A partial list is ARCHIVER, X-LATE, COMPACTOR, DM1000, BACKUP, DISK CATALOGER, LABELER, GUICK COPY II, AND TI SORT. There will also be some discussion on the differences in the later versions of the same programs. The meeting location will be announced at the INFOMART in December and January. The SIG Leader will be our cwn innovative LOUIS GUION! Doug Garretson may be cajcled into showing us how to record our Computer Screens onto a VCR. If you have a Utility Program you would like to have discussed and demonstrated at this MINISIG, be sure to let Louis or I know. This Utility SIG promises to be very popular and I am hoping that we can get a meeting place where the attendance won't be limited.

#### **HISCELLANEOUS**

The Club needs hosts for 1988 MINISIG meetings, please contact me if you can see your way clear to let us meet at your home or business. I'll fill you in on the details. It's really a lot of fun, and I promise you that you will get more out of it than you put in.

Attend the December meeting and show your support for our Club, remember, one of the important topics of the December meeting will be the Canidates for next year's Club Officers.

If you want to get in touch with me concerning NEXT-STEP, MINISIG's, or volunteering to host a MINISIG - call me at (metro) 267-5987, STARTEXT NC116172 or on the 99'er CONNECTION.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## LIBRARY CORNER: Charlice Althar

By the time you read this, our Library Swap and Chili Supper will be history, and those who didn't choose to participate have missed their last chance for 1987 to obtain copies of as many disks as they wish from our Club Library at absolutely no charge!

Many of our most popular programs have been updated recently by their authors, and the new catalog of our Library, V2-2, includes all the updates available through December 12- Some of these updates include FUNNELWEB, FAST-COPY II, DM-1000, DISK UTILS, PRBASE, and CREATIVE FILING SYSTEM. We also added many completely new programs. Our new catalog lists 236 disks, the previous version listed 187.

We're sure that those who come to the Library Swap and Chili Supper enjoyed themselves and the disk copies they received. Hope to see the rest of you at our next endeavor! If you have any contributions of public domain, freeware, or User-Supported Software to share with the group, pass 'em along!

## THE CARTRIBGE CONNECTIONS Doug Garretson

November's meeting of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group was a smashing success, with the outstanding programs that were presented and the Swap Meet/Garage Sale that was held afterwards The Cartridge Library also had another banner month, with 8 carts being checked out by 5 members. addition, the Library benefited by contributions from Kenneth Hansen and Dave Noble. Kenneth donated five cartridges, including Chisholm Trail, M\*A\*S\*H, Munchman, Household Budget Management, and Parsec. Daye came through with donations of four Atarioft games from the Federated store where he works. These selections included Defender, Jungle Hunt, Pac-Man and Pole Position. Thank you, Kenneth and Dave! Also added to the Library this month was the Super Extended Basic cartridge that I mentioned in my column last month, which was featured in last month's INFOMART meeting and in the following MiniBIG. And finally, after the Swap Meet, a gentleman by the name of Bob Cooper approached me about trading cartridges with the Library. Because he was willing to make a 3-for-1 swap, the Library gained a new game, Moon Mine, and Beginning Grammar and Microsurgeon, both of which already exist in the Library- for these three carts, Bob took Poker and Blackjack off our hands. So all in all, the library received (by way of donations and the trade) a total of thirteen cartridges, eight of them new to the collection. The following is the list of cartridges as it stands now:

(2)Addition and Subtraction 1; Addition and Subtraction 2; Alien Addition; Anteater; The Attack; (2)Beginning Grammar; Blackjack and Poker; Blasto; Car Wars; Centipede; Chisholm Trail; Defender; Disk Manager; Disk Manager 2; (2)Early Learning Fun; Editor/Assembler; (2)Football; (2)Home Financial Decisions; (4)Household Budget Management; Hunt The Wumpus; Jungle Hunt; TI-LOGO; H\*A\*B\*H; Microsoft Multiplan; (2)Microsurgeon; Hoon Mine; (2)Munchman; Pac-Man; (3)Parsec; Personal Real Estate; (4)Personal Record Keeping; (2)Personal Report Generator; Physical Fitness; (2)Picnic Paranoia; Pele Position; Frotector; Reading Roundup; Securities Analysis; Shamus; (2)Statistics; Super Extended Basic; Terminal Emulator II; (3)TI Invaders; TI-Writer; Touch Typing Tutor; Vides Chess; Weight Control and Nutrition.

The titles listed in **BOLDFACE** are new to the library this month. Thanks again to Kenneth Hansen, Dave Noble, Bob Cooper, and the group itself (for the Super XB)!

On an entirely different note, let me invite all of you to stay around for the 1800 p.m. program this Saturday at INFOMART. I will be presenting a program on NUTS & BOLTS, the Extended Basic subroutines software package. If you are interested in programming in XB, I think you'll find the software useful and the concept different from those you may be familiar with. Each software disk, one each for NUTS & BOLTS, NUTS & BOLTS #2, contains over 100 subroutines that anyone can incorporate into their Extended Basic programs. Each subroutine is saved in MERGE format, so they may be used in several different programs.

Even if you're not into programming that much, I think

that the presentation will be of some interest to you anyway. Who knows? Your curiosity may be piqued by this software package, and you may find programming in Extended Basic a little less mysterious. I hope to see you all there on Saturday!

## MEMBERSHIP MEMDS: Chuck "Grizzly Adams" Long

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS COLUMN THANKSGIVING WILL BE OVER AND WE WILL ALL BE THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND ALL THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT. LET ME TAKE THIS TIME TO EXPRESS THE LONG FAMILYS HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU HAD A GOOD THANKSGIVING, AND TO WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WITH OUR NOVEMBER MAIN MEETING OVER WE NEED TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE UP COMING ELECTIONS. THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE LIFE OF OUR GROUP AS MOST OF THE PRESENT CLUB OFFICERS HAVE INDICATED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER THAT THEY WIL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD ELECTED OFFICES THIS YEAR. SO WE AS A CLUB NEED TO THINK STRONGLY ABOUT ELECTING SOME "NEW BLOOD".

IN ADDITION TO OUR ELECTED OFFICERS THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR COMMITTEE HELPERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, (YES IT CAN BE A LADY) TO HELP KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY FOR ALL OF US.

THE VARIOUS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ARE REMINDED TO TAKE AN INVENTORY OF ALL CLUB PROPERTY THAT IS IN THEIR POSESSION SO THAT WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF JUST WHAT THE CLUB DOES OWN AND WHO HAS IT. ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ANY CLUB PROPERTY PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHAIRMAN WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT SO THEY CAN GET THINGS STRAIGHT. THIS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO HELP US HELP THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT WE OWN.

THE FOLLOWING COMES FROM THE AMNION HELPLINE OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CA. "WARNING! AFTER CHECKING THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A MAIL ORDER COMPANY, "NATIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP" IS A FRAUD OPERATION A LA THE FORMER IUG. IT IS NOT A USERS GROUP. FOR A MEMBERSHIP FEE YOU GET THE PRIVILAGE TO BUY ITEMS AT PRICES NO LOWER THAN THOSE OF REPUTABLE MAIL ORDER FIRMS LIKE TENEX. THEY APPEAR TO BE A ONE OR TWO PERSON OPERATION DECEIVING THE PUBLIC WITH FANCIFUL CLAINS. THE PROGRAM PACKAGES THEY SELL ARE ALL PUBLIC DOMAIN PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND MANY YEARS. OTHER, PROGRAMS THEY SELL ARE SHAREWARE OR PUBLIC DOMAIN ITEMS THAT THEY RENAME TO COVER THE SOURCE, i.e. WHAT THEY LIST AS "SUPER COLOSSAL GRAPHICS" IS THE APESOFT DEMO: "SUPER DISK" IS VERI OF MASSCOPY. MANY HAVE FILED MAIL FRAUD COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM. N.A.G. IS SELLING BIZWARE (\$60.00). ACCORDING TO BIZWARE OWNERS, THESE ARE ILLEGAL! THIS IS THE SAME TYPE OF SCAM USED BY THE FORMER I.U.G. (RECENTLY REAPPEARING AS LAFARA COMPUTER SERVICE AND STILL USED BY THE SOFTWARE EXCHANGE AKA THE INTRENATIONAL SOFTWARE CLUB (ANOTHER SCAM). AVOID ANY ITEMS FROM MENTOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS SELLING DECEPTIVELY ADVERTISED "POWERPAK" DISKS, THESE NERE SOLD BY FRITON WHO STOPED IN NOV 1985. THEY ARE PUBLIC DOMAIN RIGHT FROM THIS LIBRARY OR UPDATES TO TI WRITTER MULTIPLAN THAT TIRELEASED FREE. IF YOU HAVE BOUGHT THESE DISKS DEMAND YOUR

MONEY BACK. ALSO BE WARNED OF DEALING WITH SYMBIOTECH AKA SOFTWARE STORE. REPORTS ARE THAT THEY ARE SELLING PIRATED COPIES OF THE SCOTT ADAMS ADVENTURE SERIES AND BRAG ABOUT IT."

THIS IS THE SEASON TO BE WARY OF SOME SOURCES AS THEY WILL POP OUT OF THE WOODWORK CLIP YOU OF YOUR HARD EARNED DOLLARS AND DISAPPEAR BEFORE THE INK DRIES ON THEIR BUSINESS CARDS. NUFF SAID..... the ORIZ

## STANFILL'S BTALL: Mikey-Poo

Just wanted to let you folks know that I finally received the November MICROpendiums on December 4th! A tad late but here never—the-less, and:

#### DUM-DE-DUM-DUM

The price is now, officially, one lonesome sawbuck! At least it is if you buy it direct from me, otherwise BOOKSTOP'll set you back a pair of the little green wonders.

Well, I hear my mother calling! See you at the playground, somewhere near the monkeybars, okay? (Incidentally, I HATE monkeybars! All that hair gets caught tween my teeth!) Bye-bye!

## FUNNYMEB FARMS: Mike "Lump Of Coal" Stanfill

I just looked back and, dang, if we haven't managed to make it, in one piece, through what we so subjectively refer to as a year! 1987 was it's designation as I recall, and be it ever so humble there was no place like it! Three cheers and a hearty "Hail fellow, well met!". Onward into the fog of '88, I say!

To wrap up this eventful year (Is any year even UN-eventful?) and celebrate the holidays, I've decided to bestow a rare treat on you, my friends:

#### THIN TINYGRAMS

Btill my friends? Oh, good! For a minute there I thought I was going to have to rush out and buy a jillion pen and pencil sets! As it is it appears you've decided to settle for what you can get. So what are they? Well, as you can see below, we have 'TINYBUGZ', a game, and 'TINYPHONE' a utility, which we'll unwrap first after a bit of explanation. You see:

I once had a friend whose phone number was 'CHICACO'. That's right! All I had to do was punch out the letters 'C-H-I-C-A-G-O' and "VOILA!", Mark would be on the other end of the phone. So it occurred to me one day that maybe, just maybe, we all have a weird phrase hidden somewhere within our telephone numbers, which is just why I wrote 'TINYPHONE'.

(At a minimum this programs needs X-BASIC and a printer or disk drive.) Type it in and RUN it. 'TINYPHONE' will figure out every 2187 different alphabetic words or phrases

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your seven digit phone number has, at which point it will send them, 30 at a time, to be printed out on your printer. If you don't have a printer, but do have a disk drive, then change the first statement:

OPEN #1:"PIO" to OPEN #1:"DSK1.5551234"

(Note: the 5551234 should be changed to the phone number you're using in the program. Mnemonically pure, fer shure!) and the entire file will be saved to disk in DV/80 format for you to read using TI-WRITER, the E/A module, or whatever means you choose.

A couple of last things:

(1) If your phone number has a one or a zero in it you're screwed for, as I hope you realize, there are no letters associated with these digits. The program will simply insert them into the result 'as is'. Example: MIKEY10.

And:

(2) This sucker takes about a half-hour to run, so crank it up and go do lunch with someone warm and cuddly!

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Now I couldn't let XMAS pass without a toy for all yeu good boys and girls! So I wrote one and called it 'TINYBUGZ'. In it you are a tiny fly (the "\*") and you're trying to protect your little baby flies (the "-"'s) from the marauding SPIDERZ which will come dangling down from above riding their silken strands! But not to worry! THIS fly has a sting and if he touches a spider then they're off to spider-heaven, but if your fly touches the deadly webs, same destination! If a spider manages to reach your baby flies at the bottom of the screen or you lose all your flies then "GAME OVER!". You'll begin the game with 4 flies (Want more? Just alter the variable 'F' in line 2.) and you control them using the arrow keys! Don't be fooled! This is a truly challenging game for something so small and simple, especially since the SPIDERZ have this nasty habit of occasionally jumping past the fly and entangling it in their nasty webs!

Have fun in Spider-land and let me know know if any of you come up with anything truly weird using the 'TINYPHONE' program! See ya!

1 :******* INYPHUNE****** ****** TINYGRAM****** ***BY MIKE STANFILL**** *DALLAS TI USER GROUF** *********************	1 :******* INYBUGZ********  ****** TINYGRAM******  ***BY MIKE STANFILL***  *DALLAS TI USER GROUP**  *********************************
2 OPEN #1:"PIO" :: DISPLAY A T(10,1)ERASE ALL:"MIKEY'S MO NIKER MACHINE":"":"ENTER PHO NE NUMBER:":"":"TO GO: 75"  3 Q=75 :: D=1 :: P\$="000111A BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPRSTUVWXY"  4 ACCEPT AT(12,20)VALIDATE(D IGIT)BEEP SIZE(7):G\$ :: PRIN T #1:G\$ :: FOR T=0 TO 9	2 F=4 :: DISPLAY ERASE ALL:R PT\$(".",28):: DIM T(33)  3 Q=24 :: CALL CHAR(88,"91D6 38FE385482"):: X=10 :: Y=16  4 CALL KEY(1,K,S):: X=X+(K=5 )-(X=1)-(K=0)+(X=23):: Y=Y+( K=2)-(Y=2)-(K=3)+(Y=31):: CA LL SPRITE(#1,42,2,X*8-7,Y*8-7)
5 B(T)=1 :: A\$(T)=SEG\$(P\$,D, 3):: D=D+3 :: NEXT T 6 Z\$="" :: FOR H=1 TO 30 7 N\$="" :: FOR T=1 TO 7 :: J =VAL(SEG\$(G\$,T,1)):: K\$=SEG\$ (A\$(J),B(T),1):: N\$=N\$&K\$ :: NEXT T :: FOR L=1 TO 7 8 B(L)=B(L)+1 :: 1F B(L)(4 T HEN L=7 ELSE B(L)=1 9 NEXT L :: Z\$=Z\$&N\$&" " :: NEXT H :: PRINT #1:Z\$ :: Q=Q -1 :: DISPLAY AT(14,7):Q 10 If Q>0 THEN 6 ELSE PRINT "FINISHED" :: CLOSE #1	7):: IF T(Y))X THÉN 8  5 IF X=T(Y)THEN T(Y)=0 :: CA LL VCHAR(1,Y,32,22):: CALL S OUND(99,-3,0):: B=B+1  6 DISPLAY AT(Q,3): "FLIES=";F -1,"SPIDERZ=";B :: G=(INT(RN D)+1)*3 :: T(G)=T(G)+1 :: CALL VCHAR(1,G,124,T(G))  7 CALL HCHAR(T(G),G,88):: IF T(G)<23 THEN 4 ELSE F=1  8 F=F-L :: FOR L=1 TO Q :: C ALL SOUND(-99,-2,L):: CALL L OCATE(#1,X*8-7,Y*8-7+(L/2=IN T(L/2))):: NEXT L :: IF F TH EN 3 ELSE R\$="GAME OVER!"
	9 DISPLAY AT(22,9):R\$

## FOR SALE: Any DTIHCG Member

St. Mark School in Plano has several each of the following items for sale or trade. Please contact Angela Parker at 578-0610 (W) or (214) 727-9118 (H) if you are interested. Quantity buyers need to call for pricing.

ITEM ASKING PRICE

Stand-alone Memory Expansion \$90 Stand-alone Disk Controller 90 P-Code card 50 Pascal Compiler (diskette/book) 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 Assembler / Linker (diskette/book) Editor/Filer/Utilities (diskettes/book) Microsoft Multiplan (diskette/module/book) TI Writer Word Processor (diskette/module/book) TI LOGO I (Module, cassette/disk sampler) TI LOGO II (Module.cassette/disk sampler) All of the above items are unused and in the original packages.

We are looking for the following items to allow us to use our equipment at its full potential.

Extended BASIC modules.
Editor Assembler modules.
Parallel A/B switch boxes.
Parallel Printer cables ( 6 Ft.)
Parallel pass-thru cables.

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Complete TI-99/4A system, excellent condition, well cared for. Includes: Beige console, PE box w/TI controller, RS-232, 32K card, SSSD internal drive (cleaned regularly), RF Modulator, all cables, Star Micronix Gemini 10X dot-matrix printer in excellent condition w/2 new printheads and cable, dust covers, all manuals, many other TI books, lots of software including TI-Writer, Multi-Plan, TEII and many more-Price negotiable. Ivan Kaufman, 214-349-6278.

## C E O T I C S 10 Cutting Edge Of Technology In Computer Science: Jim Lesher

CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN TO MRS. CAROL TAPIA FOR FINDING THIS ARTICLE THE "MACINTOSH TODAY" OCT. 12 1987. AUTHOR ROBERT BUDERI.

FACED WITH MOUNTING OPPOSITION, THE FCC IS BACKING AWAY FROM ITS PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT TELEPHONE ACCESS CHARGES EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR A VARIETY OF ON-LINE SERVICES, ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS ISSUED AT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING.

THE CHARGES WICH COULD INCREASE COSTS AS MUCH AS 500% WOULD APPLY TO "ENHANCED SERVICE PROVIDERS" OR (ESPs) SUCH AS COMPUSERVE, TYMNET, AND TELENET. THE 1983 PLAN FOLLOWED THE AT&T BREAKUP. THE ESPS WERE EXEMPTED TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO GROW AT THAT TIME. FCC CHAIRMAN DENNIS PATRICK SAID HIS OFFICE RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF MESSAGES OFFOSING THE PLAN WHICH WAS TO GO INTO EFFECT JAN. 1 1988. HIS OFFICE HAS INDICATED THAT A REDUCTION IN THE PROPOSED ACCESS CHARGES AND OR A GRADUATED TRANSITION PERIOD MAY BE POSSIBLE, AND ADDED THAT THE JAN. 1 DEADLINE WAS NOT REALLY FEASIBLE.

## Special Note of Thanks: The Editor

By the time you read this you will know that I spent the week I normally use preparing the newsletter attending a symposium in California! Because of this trip I didn't let the deadline slide as far as normal. Thus, the newsletter is a little shorter than normal. I would like to thank all those who did their part to get their columns in to me before the deadline. It's people like these that make this job a lot easier. This note is being added as the last text before I print a final draft for pasteup.

Once again, thanks to all the helpers on this issue and all the issues this year. I've enjoyed serving as editor with you all. Now if I could just get someone to volunteer to take it over next year! Any takers???

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