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## **Shaking The Bushes**

By President Mattie Bush

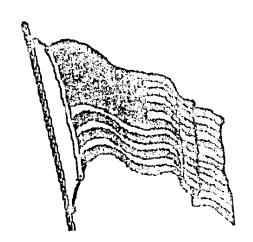
Guess who's back, SHAKING THE BUSHES, trying to reach all you DTIHG'ERS who missed our last meeting at INFOMART. We had a real good time and the program was very good. Butch Spill gave it on the T.I.M. it was a very interesting and this is one of the NEW programs for our T199/4A. We also had a continuious running disk out in the hallway for the quests of INFOMART to see what our little machine could do. We had people who had put their TI99/4A into that very dark closet. If people would only take a look at their little computer and use it just for fun or for little business uses it would be great. I know I'm just a beginner but I do alot of useful things with it and [ have alot of fun doing sc.

The afternoon MiniSig was given by THeirry Weber and it was on TI Extended Basic and the sprites and other things. Theirry that was a very good MiniSig and we learned alot that we didn't know. Keep up the very good work.

This next month our program at INFOMART will be PAGE PRO. V1.6 and will be given by Butch Spill and others in our group. This program is by Chris Bobbitt and Ed Johnson. It's does many things and has many uses. So in order to know more about this COME ON OUT TO INFOMART for our JULY 13, meeting and learn all about this. There are about 9 different programs that goes with this.

I just want to THANK all of you who helped make our INFONART SHOW a big success and there was alot of hard work that went into it. We had alot of Door Prizes that was given away and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. We want to thank James Crossen and Tom Collins from our VET99'ers for coming to join us. They are always welcome. Especially to those that were visiting us from what ever group or just by dropping in to say HELLO.

Again welcome to the month of July and looking forward to seeing all of you at the next INFOMART meeting and why don't you bring a friend to join us. So all of you mark those calendars for our meeting of JULY 13, at 9:00 am. Put that ENTHUSIASM in those feet and bounce right on SHAKING OF THE BUSHES signing off until next time. MATTIE



### Multiplan vs. Lotus 123

By Jim Stewart



I'm sure you've heard of LOTUS 1-2-3, often referred to as the ultimate spread sheet program. Before I could use both, I just griped about how slow Multiplan was, and how limited it was because I could only use 255 rows with a mere 63 columns. I would think some day...when I grow up...I'll be able to address 10 zillion cells, and have data bases spread around like flies!

Wel, now I've gct 2 computers, 4 disk drives, 2 hard disks, 1 ram cisk, and 1 tape backup....and what is my favorite spreadsheet program? Not 1-2-3, just plain old Multiplan! It's not only comfortable like an old pair of shoes, but it fits me in other ways. MP shows every command available to you on the main menu. Right where they're needed -- whether you remember them or not. there are plenty of commands to do the kind of work I do. But when I crank up 1-2-3 (because it will give me an immediate visual graph of my data which I can't do with MP), I feel alienated. I struggle to remember the "/" which calls up the menu, as I fail to see any association. Each time you select a command, it leads you somewhere else, much the same as the frustrating T.I. text adventure games beginning.... "you find yourself in a flat in London..... Before you finally get to where you were going, you forget why you started in the first place. (In fact I really like TI's SAVE DSK1.FILENAMEO1 better than any other system I've worked with.) If you want Help from 1-2-3 you must use the F1 function key. Now comes the hard part....for every letter of the alphabet calls up more key presses than an agile octopus could handle.

Another thing I like about Multiplan is that it will run on both the TI and my DOS machine. Except for really sharp people like Charlice Althar, most of us use spread sheets only now and then. When I need a SS application, I don't want to go back and learn it all over again. Two frustrations that exist on the TI version are overcome with DOS. You still must select ALPHA for text, but it's done more quickly. Recalculation with each entry is so fast on DOS it's transparert, but with TI you need to go to the OPTIONS and turn the RECALC 'off', allowing you to manually call up recalculation when you are ready.

If you are already using Multiplan, treat it with the respect of an old friend. If you have it, but have not yet learned how to use it, let me know at the June 15th INFOMART meeting. Should there be enough members who own MP but need help getting started, I'd offer to do a beginners session at one of DTIHCG's meetings this summer. Now for all Lotus fanatics, by the numbers....1-2-3 DELETE!



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Well it seems hoppened nonint hos Once more I got involved trying to put some things together for the program got oround to and I never doing the newsletter column the instant lost We 11 before deadline. have the Keyboard clicking now, so I won't stop until I finish!

Buring July we will have hands update/overview and on instruction about PRO. For those of you that what this may not Knew program is about, can πŧ O. 15 simply 504 fantastic program for those of us that are creative imaginative.You can create: forms, fliers and letters with this utility and that isn't all! The obility Oŧ. Ĭ5 only program. bч HOUR limited to the imagination. Come INFOMERT meeting see i and what all the fuss is about.

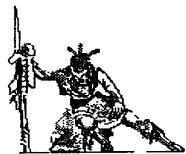
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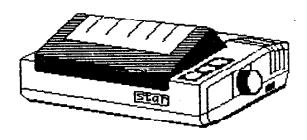
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## SEE YOU AT INFOMART JULY 13,1991 9 AM - 2:55 PM SUPER\_SATURDAY



#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!

We will have the July program, on Page Propresented by Bob O'Toole and Nicholle Dowling.

Bob has a beginners guide to Page Pro that he will be supplying, so if you have questions on how to use this program please plan to attend.







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## Next-Step Report

Ey Charlice Althar

Due to the timing of our May and June INFOMART and NEXT STEP meetings, with our newsletter in between, here's a "two-fer"--the May and June reports, combined.

In May, we were fortunate in having a preview of the laser display project by David Oldenkamp. David's award-winning science project received a lot of attention while displayed on our demo table at INFOMART in June. Thank you, David, we appreciate all your efforts, and look forward to reading more about your project. We also saw a display of award-winning art work by John Clary's talented daughter Samantha. Isn't it great to see such things coming from our younger generation?

Those who came early to May's NEXT STEP had the opportunity to meet Jim Stewart's wife, Lynne. Unfortunately, they had to leave early, just before Imogene Osborn and husband Carl arrived, our last opportunity to visit with them for a while. They've gone back to Colorado for a while, but assured us they'll be back home for a Texas Christmas!

Some diagnostic work was done on one sick system, and discussions going on around the room ranged from programs to be put on future DOM's, planned (or hoped-for ) vacations, ideas revolving around a SIG about wills, and problems encountered in loading and running the TIPS program. With all this going on, plus eating dinner and paying DTIHCG bills, our May NEXT STEP was a well-rounded evening!

Our June NEXT STEP was very long on quality, but a bit short on quantity—we had the lowest attendance in some time. We had one system set up, and helped a member who was experiencing difficulties with his Horizon RAMdisk. We also worked on some problems about compatibility between a speeded—up console and he RAMdisk. There was some lively discussion going on about graphics programs an duses, and additional information was made available about Jim Stewart's project for a SIG on making simple wills.

John Creviston was marking additions to his DESCRIPT program for displaying Fast-Term parameter settings which are created with Fast-Term's Default program. Until now, the settings you select have been hidden in the parameter file. His program and artice describing it is published in June's MICROPENDIUM. Congratulations, John!

What is \*YOUR\* NEXT STEP in computing? Do you need help with it? How many times in the past few weeks have you felt "stuck", wishing you had someone to answer some particular question to enable you to get on with whatever your computer project is at the moment? NEXT STEP is exactly the place to get it— that one-on-one help. We need you at NEXT STEP—to be there to answer someone else's question, as well as to ASK the questions you have. Please consider joining us—July 26 is the next date. We start around 5 PM, people come and o till around 8 PM. Hope to see you then!

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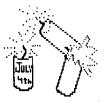
## Updating The Database By Charlice Althar

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UPDATING THE DATABASE . . .

At our June INFOMART meeting, TOM COLLINS of the VET 99er's, DORIS and BOB SMITH, JESSICA WHITE, AL SIBILA, MAX URISH, TOM LEARD (Mary's husband), and GLADYS McCRARY (Mattie's mother) registered as guests. We're glad you all came, and hope to see you all again in July!

RENEWALS! HOORAY!! This month we've received membership renewals from several valuable members. Thank you, EARL BULLOCK, ED CARTWRIGHT, MICHAEL CHAPMAN, JENNIFER HALL, LARRY KLEINSCHMIDT, J. LYNN NIDIFFER, JOE SALDIVAR, JIM STEWART, and LINDA WAY! We're glad to know you value your membership in DTIHCG!



# INVENTORY REPORT

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- 10. PLANETFALL

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These people are DTIHCG officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you, by giving much of their time in working to make this a better club for all of us. Most attend the three hour Committee Chairmen's Meeting (the officers meet for an hour before that!) on the Saturday following the INFOMART meeting. Any interested member is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's Meeting.

Thank them individually, when you have the opportunity.