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[^0]You can't be too rich or too thin, the saying goes. Unfortunately the achievement of either goal has, for most people, been beyond reach.

Getting rich has been made a much more reachable goal as a result of the system-specific magazines, particularly those for the TRS-80 computers such as 80 Micro and HOT CoCo. The key, of course, is to develop some product that Color Computer owners will want to buy and then put it on the market, advertising it through this magazine.

The Radio Shack support market is a weird one, and as such offers a truly unique opportunity. The fact is that there have been few such licenses to make money such as Radio Shack has presented us. Let's look at the situation and see how it is tailor made for plucking.

First, there is the wonderfully wide distribution of the CoCo through the network of about 10,000 Radio Shack stores-backed with magazine and television advertising-plus a good deal of local newspaper ads. This gets the computer out there and into the hands of customers. There have been, I'd estimate, over 400,000 CoCos sold to date.

The support of the CoCo by Radio Shack has been less than awe-some-for a couple of good reasons. First, there has been their preoccupation with trying to keep up with their other model computers: the Model II, III, 12, 16, 100, and Pocket Computers, for example. Just getting those out-supporting them with modems, printers, plotters, and so on-is a monumental job, even for a firm as huge as Tandy... even with about one third of their $\$ 2$ billion in sales in the computer products.

Then there is the need to keep inventories at a minimum for the stores. This means that only products that are going to sell like gangbusters can be fed into the pipeline. Each new product has to be supported with advertising, promotion, catalog writeups, updates, and so on. It is not trivial to bring out a new product. And then each Radio Shack store has to

buy and pay for these inventory items. If they don't sell quickly, the stores are not going to reorder. Stuff has to sell fast to stay in the catalog.

Okay, so maybe some of our support products for the CoCo aren't suited to the Radio Shack system of sales. How about the several thousand non-Radio Shack computer stores? That's just as good a market, isn't it? No, it isn't. Unfortunately, there is a rather firm wall out there against anything that has to do with the TRS-80 computer. Since most computer stores can't sell the 80 , they want nothing to do with it, other than heap abuse on it and sneer at people who have bought one. This is not a good environment for selling CoCo support products.

Which brings us to 80 Micro and HOT CoCo. Here we have a readership made up of 100 percent TRS-80 owners. Presumably the CoCo readers own a Color Computer, so ads in this
magazine will reach precisely the customers for supporting products. The fact is that this is not a bad system. It is, if you think about it, one of the most efficient and effective systems for selling products.

Once you look at the hard facts of marketing products you'll find that mail order-particularly where there is a magazine that reaches a high concentration of prospective customers, and HOT CoCo hits CoCo owners 100 percent on target - is one of the most efficient ways to sell a product there is. It's incredibly low cost when compared to advertising in consumer magazines such as Time and Newsweek. It beats the hell out of directmail sales costs.

The bottom line is that if you are interested in getting into business for yourself and doing well, you'd be hard put to find a more effective way to do it than by coming up with a CoCorelated product and marketing it through ads in HOT CoCo. Yes, of course this sounds self-serving, which it is. But it is also plain truth. This is why 80 Micro was able, within the first year of publication, to grow from 128 to 244 pages... and eventually to 600 . This growth reflects the sales of about $\$ 300,000,000$ in support products for the TRS-80 computers, making many entrepreneurs fabulously wealthy.

With the publication of HOT CoCo I think we'll see this happening all over again. Now that there is an efficient, low-cost way for small firms to reach eager customers, I think we'll be seeing a wealth of accessories, programs, information, and so on for the CoCo .

Some of these products will compete with Radio Shack products, others will just enhance the CoCo. We're now seeing some of the new 3-inch disk systems for the CoCo. We're already able to buy an improved keyboard at a rather reasonable price...and so it will go.

Thus, if you are looking to get rich, I'd highly recommend that you think in terms of a product in support of the TRS-80 or the CoCo. That's where the money is ... and where it's going to be for a while. -

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## RADIO SHACK'S NEW MC-10

In case you haven't heard, Radio Shack has a new Color Computer: the Model MC-10, or Micro Color Computer. It's a little white machine with a small, "Chiclet" keyboard, a 6803 microprocessor, and 4K of RAM.

At first, we were not very impressed with it-it just wasn't as capable a machine as the old Color Computer. To really appreciate the $\mathrm{MC}-10$, however, you must view it from the perspective of its intended purpose - a low-end machine to compete with the Sinclair and VIC-20.

At $\$ 119.95$, it is higher priced than the two above-mentioned competitors. It might never catch up to either in sales, but Tandy will undoubtedly sell many thousands of MC-10s. Let's look at some of its features. (HOT CoCo will publish a full review next month.)

In 4 K form, the MC-10 has a Color Basic that is compatible with the 6809 Color Basic-almost. The MC-10 has a few keywords that the CoCo Color Basic does not (e.g., LET, which assigns a value to a variable, and EXP, which performs an exponential function).

It also lacks a few Color Basic keywords, such as AUDIO, CLOSE, OPEN, and EXEC. These differences in keywords mean that many of the


Photo 1. A View of the MC-10's Keyboard
existing 4 K Color Basic programs will need some tweaking to work on the MC-10. A 16 K plug-in memory expansion will be available some time this summer; this upgrade will also include an extended Basic in addition to boosting memory to 20 K .

The keyboard takes some getting used to, even if the old CoCo keyboard doesn't bother you. It is smaller and arranged differently. A control key rests where the left shift key is on the CoCo, which can be frustrating for touch typists. Also, you activate the arrow keys by pressing the control key and the W, A, S, and Z keys.

The MC-10 is a good machine to learn Basic programming on, and we think this will be its greatest selling point. You can print most of the keywords on the screen by pressing control and another appropriately labeled key, a Sinclair-like feature.

Once you are accustomed to this arrangement, entering a program is much less time consuming and more enjoyable than on the original CoCo. Children who are not touch typists will quickly adapt to this keyboard.

The MC-10 should find a place in education, too. If good software and peripherals are forthcoming, its price will be very attractive to school systems.

Photo 1 shows the MC-10's keyboard arrangement, and Photo 2 shows the back of the computer. From left to right are the ac adaptor (8 volts), TV socket, panel covering the edge connector for the 16 K upgrade, reset button, serial I/O, and cassette interface.

Looking at these ports, we can't see an easy way to hook up a disk drive or joysticks. The latter could present a problem, since games are a proven seller for low-end computers. Without joysticks, the MC-10 game library will be limited. Since disk drives cost several times the price of the MC-10,


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The left bracket, [, replaces the up arrow used by Radio Shack to indicate exponentiation on our printouts. When entering programs published in HOT CoCo, you should make this change.

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though, few people will want them.
A few other notes: The cassette format for the MC-10 is different from the CoCo's, so you cannot load CoCo tapes on it. Also, we see no easy way to program the MC-10 in machine code, but since it's a "beginner's" computer, this is more an observation than a criticism. The MC-10 has no ROM-pack slot, as well.
The MC-10 is a handsome machine that has the look and feel of a wellconstructed unit. It is not an upgrade to the old CoCo (that might be coming by the time you read this), but it is a worthy stablemate that should give its competitors, especially the Sinclair, a run for their money. And, yes, we want your articles on the MC-10.

## This Month

This month's HOT CoCo features graphics. If you are a novice programmer, two of our features ("Introduction to Multicolor Graphics," by Ken Anderson, p. 40; and "Color Computer Art," by William H. Roney, p. 84) should appeal to you. Read what the articles have to say, and then type in the short listings. Both authors have recommendations for altering their programs, so go ahead and experiment with them.
If you are an Assembly-language programmer, you'll like David Meredith's "Displaying Moving Graphics," p. 108. The listing is quite long and requires 32 K , but if you don't want to type in the program, read what the author has to say about his techniques; they should provide some insight that will facilitate writing your own, similar program.

After you have absorbed the information in our features, perhaps you will go on to create a graphic masterpiece. Well, Richard Ramella's article, "Photographing a TV Screen," p. 96, shows you how to produce a permanent record of your creation.
Delmar Searls, our Graphically Speaking columnist, introduces the business or statistical minded to bar graphs and histograms on the Color Computer. He demonstrates how to produce multicolor graphs on screen and paper. You should be able to incorporate his techniques into your own applications program.

## Next Month

Next month features utilities. Among them is William McArthur's Linkage Editor, which allows you to merge Assembly code with Basic programs.

Peter Stoloff's BSearch program will find any string you want in a Basic listing; you'll find his article to be of great use. Did you just buy a disk system? Richard Esposito and Ralph Ramhoff will have a collection of short, useful routines that all disk users should have.

Edward Kimble has a nice program that lets you examine equations of one variable, and Stephen Hedges will present his short Basic program to list your programs one line at a time.

One final note: The reader input so far has been encouraging. We would like to thank all of you for your compliments and suggestions. We will always listen to what you have to say, so don't hesitate to drop us a line. -


Photo 2. The Rear of the MC-10

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## Feedback

## Adapting Two 32K Programs to $\mathbf{1 6 K}$

In my article in July's HOT CoCo (p. 76), I had written the Line-Feed and the Graphics Dump programs in Program Listings 1 and 2 for a 32 K CoCo. You can assemble them for a 16 K machine by changing the ORG statements. Change the Line-Feed program line 210 from ORG \$7E00 to $\$ 300$. The command EXEC \& H3E00 executes the program. Changing line 240 from ORG \$7A00 to \$3A00 changes the Graphics Dump program. The command EXEC \&H3A00 executes this program.
If you do not have an assembler, you can use a monitor to enter the object code listed in Listings 1 and 2. Then save the code to tape or disk with a CSAVEM or SAVEM command.

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## The Danger With ROM Packs

The article "Demystifying System RAM," by Rusty Le Blang (June, p. 108) refers to Program Listing 4 (p. 112). This turns off the fast interrupt and instructs the reader to plug in a ROM pack with the power on.
Now, the literature that accompanies the Color Computer and all ROM packs sold instructs the user never to plug in or unplug a ROM pack with the power on. There is good reason for this injunction. I once burned out my CPU and my SAM by doing just as your author suggests.
It is apparently the wiggling of the ROM pack, as you push it in or pull it out, that causes a shorting of the 12 -volt lines into lines going to the CPU, burning out the computer. The fact that Rusty's program turns off the interrupts prior to instructing the
user to plug in the pack in no way increases the safety of that maneuver.
One can do as Rusty recommends and get away with it, one, two, three, or even a hundred times. But sooner or later you will blow out your computer.

> Respectfully,
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HOT CoCo will publish an article on the hazards of ROM packs in an upcoming issue.-Eds.

## Different MOM Addresses and Routines

I have the different ROM addresses for the Color Basic 1.2 ROM, as listed in Table 1.
All software will run on the new ROM without patches. The only changes that I can find were minor ones in the character I/O routines and the interpret-integer expression routine.

I also have the different ROM addresses for Extended Color Basic 1.1 ROM, as listed in Table 2.

All software will run correctly on this ROM also. The only differences I saw were in the PCLEAR and some of the graphics commands. The PCLEAR has been fixed so that it no longer gives an ?SN error when you do a PCLEAR at the beginning of a large program. Other than that, I've found no noticeable changes.

There are also some different routines for the Disk Basic 1.1 ROM. The manufacturers have drastically changed the disk ROM, and this can cause some problems as far as compatibility is concerned. They have added a new command, DOS, and moved the whole ROM up to make room. The problem with this is that any software that expects DSCON to be at SD66C will go to the wrong routine; it has been moved to address \$D75F.

They've also added the DOS command that boots in an alternate operating system such as OS-9. You can reference this by typing DOS, or JSR [ $\$ \mathrm{C} 00 \mathrm{~A}$ ].

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Table 1. Color Basic 1.2 ROMAddress Changes

[^2]Table 2. Extended Color Basic 1.1 ROMAddress Changes


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was the fixing of the COPY command. Instead of locking up when an error occurs and giving an ?OB error, it responds with an I/O error and everything is unchanged.

This new ROM causes definite software incompatibility problems and those having it should be warned that not all software with disk routines will work.

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## Serial-to-Parallel Fix

Ed. note: The +5 V source to the right of R1 (lower right corner) in Fig. 2 of "Serial-to-Parallel Interface" (June 1983, p. 32) should attach to the opposite end of R1. The foil pattern in Figs. 3 and 4 is correct.

## Filecheck Faux Pas

Ed. note: Program Listing 1 of 'Filecheck" (July 1983, p. 40) has
an error in line 130. This line should read IF F\$ $=$ "DIR" THEN DIR: GOTO 120.

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Color Textset-1
Anteco Software
P.O. Box 14728

Fort Worth, TX 76117
16K
\$34.95
by William A. Van Nest

TExtset is advertised and referred to in the documentation as a word processor, but Color Textset is a Basic program that only operates on one line at a time. By most people's definition, this program is a line editor. In this respect, Anteco has done quite well.

The program includes commands such as DELn and INSn, where $n$ is the line number to which the command applies. I won't list all the commands, as there are 23 of them, and anyone familiar with line editing can imagine most of them. A few of the more interesting commands, however, might have inspired Anteco to call this a word processor.

One such command is the @. When used as the first character in a line, it centers the line within the menu-specified margins. Another command (two, actually) is the draft option. Here you have the option of printing a complete copy of the file with line numbers (DRAFT) or a partial copy of selected lines (PDRAFT).

Color Textset also has a set of immediate commands that can work on the current line (a pointer is maintained), thereby eliminating the need to specify a line number during an operation. The period, translated literally, means "here." Commands such as ./, .D, and .E tell the program to display the current line, delete the current line, and edit the current line, respectively.

If you have 16 K , the capacity of any given file is 200 screen lines. The file capacity for 32 K is 500 lines. Other

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options from a cassette or keyboard include replace the current file and append the current file. While there are no disk commands, the fact that Color Textset is written in Basic makes user customization quite easy. In fact, because my printer does not have automatic line feeds, it was easy to add line feeds to the program.

The output menu gives you a few more word-processing options, such as margins, right-justification, line spacing, paging, lines per page, and number of copies. It handles all these slowly, but well. In fact, the right-justification is as good as any I've seen on a printer without proportional spacing.

All in all, Color Textset-1 is a handy line editor and would be useful for creating data or label files. I can't recommend it as a word processor, however, even to a beginner. The reason for this is the $\$ 34.95$ price tag. Many true, screen-oriented word processors are available for as little as $\$ 49$. On the other hand, if the price were $\$ 10$ it could be an excellent editor for a beginner or child.

As a final note, I found what I considered to be a bug in this software and did not receive an adequate response from Anteco. The bug occurs when an ( ) sign is placed at the beginning of a line to invoke centering and the line width is greater than the margin width. When this happens, the program allows the @ sign to print, thereby de-
stroying the appearance of the text.
The program should trap this error by simply removing the @ sign. I wrote a letter to Anteco describing and even demonstrating the bug, but the response made absolutely no sense to me. I found no real answer to my problem, and the letter referred to a toll-free number that the letter did not contain. (It is listed in their advertising.)

Considering the limitations and price, I would not purchase this program nor would I recommend it. You might, however, find it suitable for your specific needs.

## Pirates Ahoy

Spectral Associates
141 Harvard Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98466
32K
$\$ 9.95$, cassette
$\$ 13.95$, disk

## by Gary Linwood

Pirates Ahoy is a nongraphic text adventure game for the $\mathbf{3 2 K}$ CoCo. You must find all seven hidden treasures to retire.

The first portion of the game requires you to find a way to get to the treasures with sufficient equipment to recover them. You must stow many strange items in a small boat before setting out to find the cave and sunken treasure chest. Ogres and a real-time limit for diving cause more problems as you attempt to raise the treasure.

According to a single printed sheet accompanying the tape, Pirates Ahoy recognizes 20 verbs and 63 nouns and contains 83 locations. The program randomly sets the locations of five of the seven treasures during initialization.

To begin with, you receive the clue "Man's greed lies between the devil

## REVIEWS

and the angel in the deep blue sea." Pirates Ahoy also shows you a few useful verbs during the start of the program. You can recall these with the VERB command. No other direct hints are available during play. Spectral Associates does offer hints for 50 cents each, and when you get stuck, it is possible to sneak a look at the verbs and nouns that the program accepts. One drawback is that the program does not allow you to save a game in progress.

On a scale of 1 to 10 for nongraphic adventure games ( 10 being the best), I would give Pirates Ahoy a 7 for keeping my interest and an 8 for challenging me.

## Zaxxon

Datasoft Inc.
9421 Winnetka Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
$\$ 39.95$ 32K Disk or Cassette

## by David L. Wasler

Envision this: You are a solitary space warrior. Your mission- to maneuver your speedy craft through the darkness of the universe and destroy the dastardly Zaxxon robot. Throughout your odyssey, your deepspace visual radar warns you of oncoming objects. Upon a sighting, you pause, eyeing the CRT wondering if this asteroid houses your opponent, with its deadly robot missile, or is it the alien space fortress, which always precedes and protects Zaxxon. You are sure of only one fact; the battle that beckons will be a challenge.

Zaxxon is a dynamic, three-dimensional game for one or two players. The scrolling, high-resolution graphics are very impressive, and, along with the reproduction of explosion sounds, make for a very entertaining game.

As each game starts, you approach the alien space fortress. It is fortified by a protective wall. From your briefing you have learned this wall has a notch in the upper left corner. To navigate your spacecraft through this notch, you must fire your laser blaster while moving the joystick back and forth and keeping a smart watch where the laser blast hits. The blast tells you if your spacecraft is aligned with the notch in the wall. If the laser


Photo I. Zaxxon Robot
Photos by David Williams


Photo 2. Deep-Space Alien Encounter
blast passes through the notch, you will pass through the notch, also. If the blast hits the wall, so will you.

After navigating through the notch, you must descend to the floor of the
fortress to avoid the dangerous homing robot missiles and begin your strafing run on the fuel tanks, gun emplacements, enemy planes, and radar towers. After completing your straf-


Photo 3. The Fortress Floor


Photo 4. The Force Field
ing run and making it past the first force field, you must make it out of the space fortress. Once again, you are faced with a protective wall with a notch on the right side.

When the space fortress is behind
you, 20 alien fighters appear and attack. The object here is to destroy as many alien fighters as possible by moving the joystick and firing your laser blaster when the cross hairs on the nose of your spacecraft appear.

If you are still alive after the alien spacecraft encounter, you enter into Zaxxon's third phase, which tests your navigation and firing skills against the fortress. This fortress is like the first, but with stronger force fields, gun emplacements, radar towers, and, of course, the Zaxxon robot with its homing robot missiles. If you survive the encounter, the game restarts, but at a more difficult level.

Zaxxon features fast action and brilliant colors, and brings the Color Computer to an all-time game high. -

Starship Hercules<br>Aardvark<br>2352 S. Commerce<br>Walled Lake, MI 48088<br>32K Extended Color Basic<br>$\$ 19.95$, cassette

## by Vincent E. Perriello

Come interesting new ailments are making the rounds of CoCo owners. Medical authorities across the country have reported infirmities such as Zaxxon wrist and Donkey King elbow, which have generated a demand for a game that won't interfere with the healing process. Those of us who don't possess such high-speed reflexes also want to do more than just work on the CoCo.

Now at least one such program exists. Its name is Starship Hercules, a game in the Stratego/StarTrek mold. It is written entirely in Basic, but avoids using most of the graphics commands by using the special graphics character set in the CoCo. Its basic premise is the same as most computer games: Only you stand between civilization and some belligerent force. If you fail to halt the invasion effort, the entire civilization will perish.

In this game, you pilot a starship for the Confederation of Allied Planets, and your mission is to destroy the fleet that has entered the buffer zone between the Confederation and the Zargon Empire. For your convenience, the buffer zone is laid out in an 8-by-8 matrix, yielding a total of 64 quadrants. Each quadrant is similarly divided into 64 sectors.

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indicates how many stars, starbases, and Zargon battle cruisers are in the neighboring quadrants.

The Hercules has two major weapons systems-phasers and photon torpedoes. Phasers have the advantage of always being able to reach their target (even around obstacles), but cost you a substantial amount of the energy you should be saving for shields. Enemy shields cannot deflect photon torpedoes, but you must have a clear shot at the enemy and also try to avoid firing one at a Starbase.

A library computer on board the Hercules can give you course settings and a status report on your mission. Perhaps most importantly, it remembers the strategic scans you have made, which can be a major help in your effort to cover the entire buffer zone. It automatically calculates target settings for photon torpedoes. You also have the shields you need to protect yourself from the Zargon ships' phasers.

With all this going for the Hercules, you might wonder how much of a chance the Zargon fleet has against your one-ship fleet. Of course, a system can break down and need repairs, or a Zargon attack can damage systems. The Zargons have phasers and a weapon that attacks shield energy directly and can drain considerable amounts of power from the systems. They are also able to maneuver within a quadrant, but fortunately they cannot dodge photon torpedoes.

The game offers 10 difficulty levels. Level 1 is easy and is meant for the new user. At the higher difficulty levels, the shield-disrupting weapon comes into play, the Zargons can retreat from a quadrant to resupply, their phasers are more effective, and the Hercules systems break down more often. Also, the number of Zargons in the invasion fleet and the number of Stardates you have to polish off the Zargons vary as a function of the difficulty level.

The program handles battles very nicely. With the tactical scan on the screen, you can watch your photon torpedoes streak toward the enemy ships. When you fire phasers at the Zargon ships, you will see the glow of the Zargon shields attempting to protect them from your weapons. Likewise, when you come under attack, your shields will glow red when one of their beams reaches you. The sound effects are well matched to this.

The 27 pages of instructions are fairly complete. They are a little rough looking, having been printed on a dot-matrix printer, but they are quite readable.

Starship Hercules is a fine example of a thinking-man's game, but is not too cerebral for the younger set. It does not offer anything you can't handle by careful planning and action. Best of all, the price is reasonable. This would be a welcome addition to your library.

## Super-Pro Replacement Keyboard Kit <br> Mark Data Products <br> 24001 Alicia Pkwy. <br> No. 226 <br> Mission Viejo, CA 92691 <br> $\$ 69.95$ <br> by Michael E. Nadeau HOT CoCo staff

Mark Data advertises its Super-Pro Replacement Keyboard as a "must have" item for Color Computer users. If you do a lot of word processing, data-base management, or typing in program listings, then Mark Data's claim is an understatement.

This "real" keyboard replaces the "Chiclet" keyboard that all CoCos and TDP-lOOs are born with. Installing it in your machine is like putting leather upholstery in your Volkswagen, except the keyboard is much more practical.
The keyboard resembles a standard TRS-80 Model III keyboard, minus the keypad. It also has much the same feel. The keystrokes seem more reliable, especially when using the shift/@ to freeze a program listing. Keybounce is nonexistent with this keyboard, too.

One big advantage to this keyboard is that it fits "naturally." It rests at the same angle as the old keyboard, making typing easier. It also makes for a professional appearance.

## Installation

You don't have to be a hardware expert to install the Super-Pro keyboard. (I'm not and it took me about 20 minutes.) Everything you need, except contact cement, comes in the kit. If you have a CoCo manufactured sometime after October 1982, you may need a keyboard plug adapter, which costs $\$ 4.95$.

The only physical change you need to do to your computer is cut off
about half of the center support post under the old keyboard. This allows the Mark Data keyboard to lie at the same angle as the original one.

The keyboard already has adhesive tape on the bottom of its mounting, so once you are sure everything is properly aligned, you just peel off the protective paper, plug in the keyboard, and put it in place.

You must cement two spacer washers to the two side posts, and you must cement a replacement template to the inside of the top of the CoCo's case. (The instructions say this is optional, but I found it was the only way to keep the template in place.)

The installation is very simple, and the brief instructions are more than enough for anyone to perform the task. If your computer is still under warranty, however, replacing the keyboard will void it.

I'm very impressed with the appearance and performance of the SuperPro keyboard. It could easily pass as original equipment, and it makes working with the Color Computer even more fun.

The only features missing are function keys and a keypad. However, these items are not necessary for most CoCo users. As it stands, the SuperPro Replacement Keyboard is a great value. •

Protectors<br>Tom Mix Software<br>3424 College N.E.<br>Grand Rapids, MI 49505<br>32K Extended Basic<br>\$24.95, cassette<br>\$27.95, disk

## by Joe Esposito

Protectors is a high-resolution game based on the arcade game Defender. The object of the game is to destroy as many enemy fighters as possible while protecting your city below. Your defenses include a laser cannon and smart bombs, which clear the screen of enemy fighters. Unlike the arcade game, there are no hostages to rescue.

Protectors requires two joysticks. The left joystick controls the direction of your laser's fire and ship's speed, while the right controls the vertical position of your ship and the actual fir-
ing of the laser. To release a smart bomb, you must press both joystick buttons simultaneously.

This can be awkward, especially when objects are swarming toward you. I found it best to fasten both joysticks to a level surface because it becomes necessary to move your hand from one to the other.

You use the joysticks to defend against several different types of fighters. The first to appear are the enemy planes, which constantly drop bombs on your city. The planes are the only fighters to threaten your city. Before long, heat-seeking mines orbit your ship, making maneuvering difficult. The third type of fighter fires heatseeking blasts at your ship, while emitting an irritating sound. Finally, the mothership sneaks up from behind and tries to destroy you with its laser gun.

The mothership is difficult to destroy because its path is dependent upon your joystick. When you move up, the mothership will also move up. The best way to shoot the mothership is to "confuse" it by moving the joystick up and down while firing.
ics are all excellent. There are even a few three-dimensional routines worked into the program. The game is over when you run out of ships or the planet value reaches zero. The machinelanguage program makes good use of the joysticks, which is not the case in many other programs.

The documentation included with the cassette explains the various con-
> ${ }^{<f}$ The planes are the only fighters to threaten your city. '"

trols and enemy fighters. The only discrepancy I found is the number of smart bombs on each ship. The documentation claims that each ship is capable of releasing four smart bombs, but I have been able to use only two.

Protectors is sure to provide hours of fun and entertainment to anyone who enjoys playing video games. -

## DISASM

6809 Disassembler-Assembler
Dynamic Electronics Inc.
P.O. Box 896

Hartselle, AL 35640
$16 K$
\$19.95, cassette
by Dr. Walter J. Atkins, Jr.

DISASM is a Basic program that allows the assembling and disassembling of machine-language programs in the memory of a 16 K or 32 K Color Computer. It is cassette based and is designed for the inexperienced programmer.

If you are a new Assembly-language programmer, this program can be entertaining and educational. Although it is not a serious assembler, the disassembler is quite capable.

A unique feature of this program is that it refers to all memory locations in decimal. This feature makes the program easier to use than some others, but it also limits its flexibility.

After you load the program, you

## Operation

After you load and execute the program, the title screen appears. Pressing the joystick button displays the various enemy fighters and buildings along with their corresponding point values.

You select one of three skill levels before beginning. At the start of the game, you receive four ships and a planet value of 20,000 points. Each time a bomb hits the ground or a building, the program subtracts points from the planet value. As you progress in the game, the screen becomes more and more cluttered, and at times it is difficult to move your ship to a clear spot.

The game is very fast paced, and pressing the speed button makes it almost impossible to protect your city and ship. The only break in the action occurs when the program pauses to display the current attack-wave number. The program also displays the high score, current score, and planet value during play.

Protectors awards you with an extra ship every 5,000 points. If the action gets too heavy for you or your finger gets tired from firing, you can stop the action by pressing $S$ on the keyboard.

The explosions, sounds, and graph-

can enter the assembler mode by entering 1 or the disassembler mode by entering 2. The program is fully prompting, but some prompts are not clear. With a little practice, you get a feel for what the program expects you to enter.

## The Assembler Mode

The assembler does not use the standard 6809 mnemonics, which can be a detriment if you are a 6809 Assemblylanguage programmer. If you are a novice, this won't matter until you decide to move on to a more capable assembler.

The assembler also does not support the use of pseudo-ops. (Pseudoops are simple commands that instruct the assembler to generate data or perform other functions.) Commonly used pseudo-ops such as FCC, which generates a text string, and FCB, which programmers often use to build tables of data in memory, are sorely missed. You will find it very difficult to use this assembler to write a program that writes messages on the Color Computer screen.

In the assembler mode, you enter the starting location in memory where the machine-language program is to begin. You then type each instruction. Some instructions require quite a bit of information.

For example, loading the A accumulator register in the 6809 processor with a value from a memory location to which the X index register refers requires you to enter the instruction LDA $N$ and three numbers. The LDA N instruction tells the program that the instruction will be a register load. Next, you must select the X register index, the direct mode, and an automatic $X$ register increment of zero.

If you are an inexperienced programmer, it may be a while before all these options mean anything to you. The program documentation does not help much in this regard. It is not well written and is rather confusing in many places.

Most assemblers allow the use of labels to identify locations in memory. These labels are particularly useful when you refer to subroutines and to the destinations for jump and branch instructions. DISASM does not allow the use of labels. This requires you to keep track of where various instructions are located in memory. This is very difficult to do if you write an
instruction that jumps or branches to a location higher in memory than the one on which you are currently working.

Instructions for the 6809 processor can vary in length from 1 to 4 bytes. This makes it difficult to predict where a particular instruction will eventually be located.

The best way to learn to use this assembler is through practice. The documentation includes two sample programs to demonstrate how to assemble and use a machine-language program. You can assemble these and then use them as USR routines from Color Basic. If you have Extended Color Basic, you can save the ma-chine-language routines on tape using the CSAVEM statement. You can then load them for later use using the CLOADM statement. Unfortunately, the DISASM documentation does not tell you how to do this.

## The Disassembler Mode

The disassembler mode is easier to use than the assembler mode. You must answer only two questions to use it. First, tell DISASM the memory location at which it is to begin the disassembly. Then you indicate whether you want the disassembled program printed on a printer.

Once the disassembly starts, it continues until you press break. There is no way to specify a range of memory locations to be disassembled.

The output of the disassembler is easy to read. The program displays each machine-langauge instruction following its location in memory. It also displays any data associated with the instruction and the addressing mode used.

## Shortcomings

The documentation for DISASM is incomplete and confusing. With enough study, you can make enough sense of it to use DISASM, but you should be prepared for considerable self-enlightenment.

In addition, the programmer who wrote DISASM did little to plan screen displays. The author wrote many of the program's prompts on top of characters already on the screen without first erasing them. This gives a very confusing display. It also does not look very professional.

The author could have clarified all the prompts in the program. For in-
stance, when you enter the disassembler mode, the program displays the cryptic prompt "PRINTER?" There is no indication of the desired responses. I can tell you that Y, N, YES, and NO do not work. I finally discovered that entering a zero (0) tells the program that you do not want output to a printer.

I found DISASM interesting, but I would not recommend buying it for the assembler. I think you would be better off buying a full-featured assembler. It will take you a little longer to write your first meaningful program, and you will have to study a little harder, but the added functions and features will be well worth the trouble.

As a disassembler, DISASM is reasonably capable and simple to use. -

## Intergalactic Force

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$\$ 24.95$, cassette
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## by John Ross

Intergalactic Force is another space shoot-em-up game for the Color Computer and the TDP-100. It requires 16 K and one joystick. I tested the program on ROM pack, but a tape version is also available.

To begin the game, you receive an X -wing fighter ship. Your objective is to penetrate the defenses of the Death Star and to fend off the attacks of Imperial Fighters that have been sent to destroy you.

You maneuver your X -wing craft with the right joystick, and the fire button fires your on-board weaponry. Unlike other spaceship games, you have an unlimited supply of fuel, but a limited supply of photon torpedoes. You begin the game with 40 torpedoes, and when they are exhausted, you are allowed to fly to the top of the screen for another supply of 40 . The program displays the amount of torpedoes remaining in a bar graph on the side of the screen.

The game screen is the familiar "trench," and your object is to shoot a yellow shaft opening in the Death Star. Your craft fires torpedoes in
your direction of travel. The instructions state that you may fire up at the Imperial Fighter or down at the shaft opening when it appears. I have found that it is far easier to fly at the base of the screen and nail the Fighters and the shaft opening from below. The shaft opening comes from the middle of the trench at the middle of the screen and travels toward the bottom.

There are three levels of play. The first is the easiest. The flight of the Imperial Fighters is predictable, so you can easily destroy them. If one of your six ships is destroyed, it is quite easy to fly another one down from the top of the screen. You must, however, avoid being run over by the Imperial Fighter when you bring your ship into play from the top of the screen.

The other levels become increasingly difficult. Unlike other games, speed is not the only aspect that changes. The maneuvering of the Imperial Fighters becomes less predictable, and it is much harder to bring new ships into play. This change in game strategy from level to level makes the program worth the price.

As an added challenge, your ship must not touch the sides or bottom of the trench, or it will explode. A laser cannon also fires across the screen, and if your ship is at the side of the screen when the beam reaches that point, you lose the ship.

You are awarded an additional ship for each 1,000 points you score, to a maximum of six ships (five in reserve and one in action). The remaining ships are indicated on the edge of the screen as a column of $x$-wing ships. The score and level of play are also displayed on the side of the screen.

You are awarded 10 points for each Imperial Fighter you manage to blow up and 200 points for hitting the shaft opening. The highest score and the level of play when it was accomplished are also posted. You can change the level of play at any time between games.

The graphics in this game are reasonably good, but not on a par with some of the arcade look-alikes available. You can change the color set by hitting the space bar, but I can't understand why anyone would want to. The normal background is space blue; when changed, it becomes an obnoxious pink.

This is a game for all players. The ease of play at the first level will not frustrate younger gamers, and the up-
per levels will challenge even the most experienced players. •

## Pro-Color-File 2.0 <br> Derringer Software <br> P.O. Box 5300

Florence, SC 29502
$\$ 79.95,32 \mathrm{~K}$, one disk drive

## by Scott L. Norman

$P^{t}$ro-Color-File is a recent addition to the ranks of advanced data-base-management systems for the Color Computer, and it's a good one. Author Dennis Derringer has produced a powerful set of programs that incorporate all the operations expected of sophisticated data handlers. It enables you to:

- define the structure of the data fields to be used in the data base;
- establish convenient data-entry formats;
- carry out computations for individual records, as well as for larger portions of the data base; and
- define a variety of report formats and prepare reports for the entire data base or for selected portions.

Whenever I mention "data," I am referring to alphabetic and numeric information.
Pro-Color-File (PCF) is a full-featured system and, as a result, it cannot be mastered overnight. It has a few tricky points, and the 31-page manual, although well-written, is densely packed. PCF is worth the time needed to work through its documentation. It offers many features of much larger programs running on minis and mainframes.

## System Overview

The unprotected PCF disk includes Basic system programs, along with ASCII data files for three sample data bases. The manual guides you through a complete data-base definition cycle using just one of the sample data bases for an organization's membership roster. You are encouraged to work through the other two data bases to explore the finer points of the system's operation.

PCF users can get by with a single disk drive, but a pair make life much more convenient.

Just what are the PCF system programs, and what do they do? Here's the rundown:

- M/BAS is the main menu program.

Whenever you set up a data base, M/BAS creates files that define the data fields, the formats of the video displays (screens) into which you enter the data, and any equations for calculating results from the raw data. Another file keeps track of the names of the data bases and the drive number on which each is to be found.

- CREATE/REP generates reports. It creates up to five files that hold the report formats and another that keeps track of the titles.
- ENTER/REC, the data-entry program, produces up to four "segments" of information for each record in a data base. Each data segment can contain up to 15 fields; all must total 255 or fewer characters. You can specify the drive on which the data will be stored.
- INDEX/REC produces just one file: the index specifying the order you defined into which the data records have been sorted. The records themselves are not rearranged during a sort.
- PRINT/REP controls the printing of specified reports.
- LIMIT/BAS can be used to install a limited menu in a data base whose data entry and report formats have been completely specified. The limited menu allows subsequent users to add, update, or review records; print reports; or change the order according to how the records are sorted. It does not include options for defining new reports or altering the structure of the data base, however. Thus, LIMIT/ BAS helps produce a more finished, tamper-proof product.
- MENU/LTD is the version of the master program that contains the limited menu.
- UNLIMIT/BAS lets you retrieve the complete PCF menu after working with a limited-menu data base. You are then free to define a new structure.

Most of these programs are called by M/BAS or by each other; the user enters RUN "M". You frequently return to the main menu when setting up a data base, and specify the next step; there is plenty of system drive action as the next program is called.

To help clarify some of these concepts and to get some feeling for the operation of PCF, let's walk through the development of a small data base.

I collected some facts about World War II fighter aircraft and set about organizing them. This simple example actually illustrates quite a few of

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## Data－base Structure and Data Screen Definition

With PCF，as with many larger pro－ grams，it pays to spend a little time planning your data base with paper and pencil．Once away from the keyboard you can make rational choices about which data fields to in－ clude，and how much space to allot each－the first information the pro－ gram needs．

The order in which you define the fields is of little consequence at this point；your data can later be entered in another order，depending on how the screens are defined．The fields can be scrambled once again when you set up report formats，so the important point at this stage is to get a clear picture of what data you will furnish，and what else the programs will have to calculate．

With the paper design of my two－ segment data base in hand，I was ready to run PCF．Whenever you make a selection from the main menu， the program prompts you for a file （i．e．，data－base）name；I used Fighters． At this point，the program asks you to specify the storage drive for each data segment．Drive 0 gets all the action un－ til you begin to enter data．

I entered the name and length of each field in response to screen prompts，with PCF informing me of the remaining space at all times．The setups of my two segments are shown in Fig． 1.

The printouts in this review were obtained through PCF＇s hardcopy option．

PCF＇s editing is a bit limited in this part of the program．You can alter the name and length of a field before hit－ ting enter，but any changes after that point involve returning to the main menu，recalling the＂Define Data Seg－ ment＂option，and cycling through the fields．Later program segments let you insert and delete individual spaces and complete lines．

The format 1 chose for aircraft di－ mensions included wingspan and length in feet and inches，but I also defined a decimal－feet field for each． The sole calculation in Fighters in－ volved the conversion of the former measurements into feet and decimal fractions of feet．

My next task was to define the data－ entry screens，the video＂forms＂that

I would use to enter information to flesh out the data base．In principle，a PCF screen can hold 30 fields and， therefore，just one could have sufficed for Fighters．The data－identification prompts would have been awfully brief，though，so I took the easy way out and used a pair of screens．See Fig． 2.

Each screen line contains at least four items：prompts，a left bracket to define the starting point of a data field，a symbol to specify the type of data，and a number to inform the pro－ gram of the field entered in each posi－ tion．If you compare Figs． 1 and 2， you＇ll see the correspondence between these latter numbers and the field numbers assigned when the segments were defined．

Notice that some of the screen prompts have been changed from the official field names．I called for data to be entered in the order originally used to specify the fields，but I didn＇t need to do so．

There are four types of field iden－ tifiers available in PCF：a dollar sign （\＄）for alphanumerics，a number sign （\＃）for integers，a period（．）for
numbers carried out to two decimal places，and an exclamation point（！）， which serves two purposes．It can specify that a field defined on one screen should be used on another，or identify the fields that are to be de－ rived by calculation，rather than being entered by the user．All calculations are performed after you have entered the data for a given record into all the screens．

PCF makes data entry simple．The cursor automatically positions itself at the start of the first field requiring in－ put；you just key in data for that field and press enter．The cursor then moves to the next available starting point， skipping over any fields that will later be filled in by stored equations．

Pro－Color－File provides some classy touches for the data－base designer． You can give different parts of a screen different background colors， and you can protect each screen against unauthorized access by a dif－ ferent password．

## Defining the Equations

Your next step is setting up the equations that operate on your data．


Total data space－ 79

FILE NAME：FIGHTERS
DEFINED DATA FOR SEGMENT－ 2

| FIELD | HEAD ING | LENGTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 85．－－ | LEMSTH，FT． | 2 |
| 16．－－ | IN． | 5 |
| 17．－ | OECIMAL LEN． | 5 |
| 18．－－ | 1ST FLITE，YR | 4 |
| 19．－－－ | M0． | 2 |
| 20．－－ | DRY | 2 |

Fig．1．The Two Segments Defined for the Fighters Data Base


Fig．2．Data－Entry Screens


Fig. 3. Equations Screen: Plain numbers are field identifiers, quoted numbers are constants.

Fields are referred to by the numbers assigned them when the segments were defined, while "real" numbers, or constants, are surrounded by quotes. Fields 1-9 must be expresssd as 01,02 , and so on.

PCF's notation resembles that of Basic in several respects. Its equations read from left to right: Destination Field $=$ Expression (Fields and Constants), and the four common mathematical operations use the standard symbols. You cannot use parentheses to group terms together, though, and PCF ignores the conventional hierarchy dictating the order in which operations are to be performed. Instead, equations are parsed from left to right and operations are carried out as they are encountered.

Finally, each of the 14 equations permitted for a data base must be followed by a symbol specifying how the results are to be presented. The options are an exclamation point (!) for integer results or a percentage sign (\%) for numbers carried out to two decimal places. This can be confusing; it is not consistent with the number symbol and the period employed in screen design.

My calculations, shown in Fig. 3, demonstrate that if you are accustomed to conventional notation, you should rake extra care when defining a PCF equation. My goal was to convert foot-and-inch measurements to feet and tenths and hundredths of a foot. Simple enough - divide the inches figure by 12 to express it as a decimal $:: z ;:$ on of a foot, then add it to the number of feet already known. Using the field numbers defined for the wingspan in Fig. 1, this calculation would be: Field $14=$ Field $12+$ (Field 13). 12, or in PCF notation, allowing two decimal places: $14=12+$

Or so I thought. When I used this format, I found that the program added fields 12 and 13 first, and then divided the sum by the constant 12 . That's the sort of trouble you can get into if you assume the conventional hierarchy of operations.

The solution, of course, was to do the division to define the fractional part of the measurement first, and then add the result to the integer portion.

PCF has an additional symbol all its own: the comma, used to designate the total of sequential fields. Thus, 05,10 is the shorthand expression for $05+06+07+08+09+10$.

If used, this must be the first mathematical operation on the right side of an equation.

Like Basic, PCF permits self-referential equations; $20=20+25$ is perfectly acceptable. Should a calculation become very long, intermediate results can be stored in fields that were not used in the defined segments of the data base.

When you enter the equation-definition subroutine, PCF generates a screen with 14 numbered lines and appropriately spaced equals signs. Lines not needed for equations can be used for notes, as Fig. 3 illustrates. In fact, you can place short notes on the same lines as the equations themselves.

## Entering Data and Indexing Records

After describing the construction of equations, the PCF manual plunges into report definition. Inexperienced users might do well to put this off, though. By the time you get your data segments, input screens, and equations set up, you will have been at the job for quite a while. I found it more relaxing to settle back with my reference material and start loading the data base.

The Add/Review/Update Records section of PCF is well-supplied with prompts, as is the rest of the system. Data entry is quite simple. When you have completed the first screen, the shift/down arrow takes you to the next. You can use the shifted vertical arrows to jump from one screen to another at any time.

After completing all available screens, you are prompted to record the data by pressing the clear key. A new message, *CALCULATING*, appears as the previously defined
equations are invoked, and in a few seconds the blank fields (those marked with a !) are filled in with calculated results.

The disk drives are not engaged after entering every record. PCF apparently establishes a RAM buffer and only engages the drives when it is full. In the case of Fighters, this generally happened every three records or so. A larger data base might involve more disk activity.

You can scan through the recorded data, searching for any specified target string. PCF stores data in direct-access files, so you can "pull" a record for examination by specifying its number, if you know it. Record numbers are displayed at the bottom of the screen during the data-entry process. Once your desired data is on screen, you can obtain a printout.

PCF includes a good system for indexing, or sorting records. You can use as many as three fields from the same segment to index data. The first field specified will be the principal, or key, index. Records having the same value of this index are sorted according to the next one, and so on.

You select indices from the screen menu of each segment in the data base, on which the fields are identified by letters rather than by their original numbers. Although this inconsistency was troubling, it proved to be a minor matter.

PCF also allows you to specify whether the indexing is to be applied to all records or just to those satisfying some other criteria. Allowable criteria include a full range of algebraic and logical equalities and inequalities, and two such criteria can be ANDed or ORed together. I indexed all the records and used the selection option later, when printing reports.

## Defining Report Formats and Printing

It does you little good to have a data base crammed with information if you are unable to retrieve it in an orderly manner. A high-caliber data-base management system should allow you to define different report formats to control the order in which records are presented in each report, and to select subsets of the complete data base for analysis.

At the same time, establishing report formats can be one of the most time-consuming parts of data-base management.

PCF lets you define five reports, each with a unique name and each capable of being protected by a different password. The names are just for your convenience and need not appear anywhere on the report itself. You have two other opportunities to put identifying information at the top of your printed output. You can also define screen reports for video output only.

Reports are designed on a video worksheet with separate areas for a printed title and column headings, markers that delineate the data positions, and identification of the data field associated with each position. There is also a print-position scale to help you judge the appearance of the final report.

You must fix two important parameters at the outset: the column width, or number of spaces needed for a complete report line, and the printer width, which is the number of characters per line that your printer can handle. If the former is larger than the latter, you need a multiline report with more than one printed line per record. PCF can handle these, although the formatting can become complicated.

Once defined, the column and printer widths cannot be changed. A miscalculation means you must delete the report format and start over. The most important decision you can make is to determine which fields to include in a given report. Once that is settled, PCF's full-screen editing capa-
bility lets you lay out the report sheet in fairly short order. Figure 4 shows two sample reports for Fighters: one that identifies the aircraft and the date of its first flight, and another that summarizes major performance statistics.

The bottom line is called the identifier. The entries here resemble those on the data-entry screens and identify the particular fields to be used. There are a couple of differences, though. All numeric fields, whether userentered or found by calculation, are identified by a number symbol. Also, the bracket symbols no longer pin down the position of the fields; that is left to the symbols in the next line up, the specifier.

The specifier line uses percent symbols to denote the beginning and end of each alphabetic field. The distance between them, plus the two spaces occupied by the symbols themselves, must agree with the field width you have specified. Positions in numeric fields are denoted by a number sign, with the decimal point explicitly shown.

Once the identifier and specifier lines are laid out and positioned with the PCF editor, your battle is won. Now just set up informative column headings and pick a printed title for your report. Adding a number symbol anywhere in the three-line title area guarantees that page numbers will be printed on the final copy. The print-

position scale at the top of the worksheet will not appear, which adds to the appearance of the document.

You can assign a two-line label at the very top of a page when the report is actually printing to provide yet another way of identifying a particular report.

## A Few Points About the Report

The year/month/day indexing worked well, although I rearranged the index fields for printing. I specified a low-to-high sort through the index fields when the report was printed.

PCF uses left-justified alphabetic entries within their assigned spaces, numeric entries are right-justified-a good convention.

PCF has several print options. Numeric columns can be totalled, and the average entry found, by modifying the identifier line. It is also possible to specify the number of lines per printed page and to send up to five control codes to the printer in order to set up a particular font or spacing. You can select a subset of the data base for printing.

## Summary

I am impressed by Pro-Color-File. It is one of the most versatile data-base managers available for the CoCo , and I use it to keep track of some of my business affairs. It proves that the Color Computer can be taken seriously for managerial tasks at the small-business level.

At the same time, programs this sophisticated call for a fair level of effort to master. There are a lot of nested menus to face, and some new symbology to learn. The initial effect of the program can be somewhat daunting. The manual is brief, which creates an impression of simplicity, but actually almost every line of documentation is vital. The inclusion of some commented printouts would have been helpful.

I would also like to see more uniformity in the identification of numeric and alphabetic fields in various parts of the program.

PCF's strongest points are its great flexibility and the willingness of author Dennis Derringer to work with his customers and to keep them appraised of bugs, patches, and other developments. Those are pretty good recommendations by themselves. -

Auto Run it 1 utility program for the TRS-80' Auto Run it utility program for the TRS-80'
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There's one more point I'd like to add here, and that is that, even though it wasn't mentioned in the documentation, playing The Spider while wearing a pair of 3-D glasses gives one of the best dramatic-depth effects l've yet seen. You lose some of the vivid colors by doing so, but then you can always take them off whenever you want and go back to playing the straight game.
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Another quiz? Yes, but I won't record your grade if you score too low. It's multiple choice. Choose the best answer. The questions are over commands covered in the June and July issues. (See Quiz.)

Can the Color Computer be used without writing programs, as an expensive calculator? Sure can-try these lines without a line number. Re-

> THE FIRST STEPS TO BASIC PROGRAMMING

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1) Every IF command should have $a(n) \ldots$
A) WHERE B) PRINT C) THEN D) ELSE
2) What value would the computer give X in the equation, $\mathrm{X}=2+5 * 4$ ? $\begin{array}{llll}\text { A) } 220 & \text { B) } 22 & \text { C) } 28 & \text { D) } 14\end{array}$
3) Which command will make more space for string variables?
A) STRING SPACE
B) INPUT
C) CONT
D) CLEAR
4) How is "A does not equal B " represented in a program?
A) AXB
B) AOB
C) BOA
D) BXA
5) The number 5.26 E 4 is expressed in what kind of notation? A) hexadecimal $\quad$ B) strange $\quad$ C) binary $\quad$ D) scientific
6) Which punctuation mark separates commands on a program line? $\begin{array}{llll}\text { A) colon } & \text { B) semicolon } & \text { C) comma } & \text { D) period }\end{array}$
7) Which recorder key(s) are down when CSAVE"PROGRAM" is executed? $\begin{array}{llll}\text { A) play } & \text { B) play and record } & \text { C) fast forward } & \text { D) none }\end{array}$
8) Which of the following pairs of variables could the computer not distinguish?
A) A, A1
B) $\mathrm{A} 1, \mathrm{~A}$
C) $A X X, A X Y$
D) AXY,AYX
9) What command erases memory?
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { A) BREAK } & \text { B) CLEAR C) CLS }\end{array}$
D) NEW
10) Which of the following variables could be set equal to "WORD"?
A)X7 B)WO C)A\$ D)AX

Quiz

Program Listing 3

```
1 0 ~ C L S ~
```

1 0 ~ C L S ~
20 PRINT"WAIT UNTIL"
20 PRINT"WAIT UNTIL"
30 FOR A=1 TO 2000: NEXTA
30 FOR A=1 TO 2000: NEXTA
40 PRINT"THIS APPEARS"

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40 PRINT"THIS APPEARS"
```

Program Listing 4

| 10 CLS |
| :--- |
| 20 FOR A=1 TO 100, |
| 30 PRINT"HA HA $;$ |
| 40 NEXT A |
| Program Listing 5 |

```
1 0 ~ C L S ~
```

1 0 ~ C L S ~

```
1 0 ~ C L S ~
20 FOR A=100 TO 1 STEP-1
20 FOR A=100 TO 1 STEP-1
20 FOR A=100 TO 1 STEP-1
30 PRINTA;
30 PRINTA;
30 PRINTA;
30 PRINTA;
```

30 PRINTA;

```
30 PRINTA;
```

1 0 CLS
1 0 CLS
20 A=1
20 A=1
30 PRINTA;
30 PRINTA;
40 A=A+1
40 A=A+1
50 IF A<=100 THEN GOTO 30
50 IF A<=100 THEN GOTO 30
Program Listing 2a
Program Listing 2a
10 PRINT2 $+4 * 7-1$
20 PRINT $(2+4) * 7-1$
30 PRINT2 +4 * $(7-1)$
40 PRINT $(2+4)$ * (7-1)
40 PRINT $(2+4) *(7$
Program Listing 1
10 CLS
10 CLS
20 FOR A=1 TO 100
20 FOR A=1 TO 100
30 PRINT A;
30 PRINT A;
40 NEXT A
40 NEXT A
Program Listing $2 b$
Program Listing $2 b$
member that? is an abbreviation for PRINT.

```
?5*7+4-20(enter) ?357*4278 (enter)
? 1/100 (enter) ?HELLO (enter)
```

The computer should have responded with decimal answers for each line. Why the zero for PRINT HELLO? Since the HELLO was not in quotes, the value of HE was printed.

Last month you learned that in a mixed equation, the computer first performed multiplications and divisions, and then additions and subtractions. However, when parentheses are used in an equation, the computer will solve whatever is within them first.

Run Program Listing 1. Each line of the program has the same numbers and the same math operations, but the four results are different. Work the problems by hand to get the same results. Remember to work inside the parentheses first, then multiply, then add or subtract

Program Listings 2 a and 2 b do the same task: They print numbers from $1-100$. Listing 2 b is more efficient, however, because it is faster and takes less memory than Listing 2 a .

The FOR command must be followed by a variable, an equals sign, and two numbers with the term TO between them. The second number is usually larger than the first, but it can be made smaller by use of the STEP extension.

Try Program Listing 3. Change line 20 of Listing 3 to 20 FOR $A=0$ TO 100 STEP 3. A FOR loop can be run through many times. It loops from the FOR to the NEXT command. The variable (A) is given a value that increases (or decreases if the STEP is negative) each time the program reaches the NEXT statement. After the variable becomes larger than the second number, the program will go past the NEXT statement.

Between FOR and NEXT a programmer can use many other statements besides PRINT. Program Listing 4 uses a loop for a pause. Line 20 counts from 1 to 2000, thus causing a

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ProgramiListing; 5 i could be: used for a. little: humor.

ProgramıListing; 6i usesi a. FOR loopi toi create: a simple game. After playing. the game, once, you, know the secret, number:, Wouldn't it be: great if the: computer could, think up, numbers; at,
random?' Change: line 201 of Listing; 6 to 20 全 $\mathrm{SN}=\mathrm{RND}(10)$ and play the: game: arfew'times.. Not as; boring now', is it?

Can you add a few lines: to tell the player if his; guess; is too low or too high?' Give it a try',

The: command RND, is followed by

|  |  | 1stl octave: 2 ndloctave: 3rdloctave: 4th octave |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  | A, sharp;, Bi flat: | 691 | 165j | 2131 | 2371 |
|  |  | B. | 783 | 1701 | $216 ;$ | 238; |
|  |  | C. | 89:4 | 1763 | 2183 | 2391 |
|  |  | C'sharp;, Di flat: | 991 | 180) | 2211 | 2411 |
|  |  | D1 | 1085 | 185; | 2231 | 242: |
|  |  | Disharp, E, flat. | $117 \%$ | 1891 | 225; | 243) |
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|  |  | *middle: $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Table 2. | Husicat | aid | Numb |  |



| ```10. CLS \(201 \mathrm{EQR} \quad \mathrm{A}=1 \mathrm{TO} 101\) \(301 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{RND}(100)\), 401 PRINTB; 50 NEXT A``` |
| :---: |
| ProgramıListing, ${ }^{7}$ |

10. CLS ER $\mathrm{A}=1$ TO 101
$301 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{RND}(100)$ :
401 PRINTB;

Program,Listing; ${ }^{7 \prime}$

101 CLS
201 FOR $\mathrm{A}=1$ TQ 2010
30. $\mathrm{B}=9+\mathrm{RND}(\mathrm{Li})$ )
40) PRINTB;
50. NEXT A

Program LListing , 8.

a. number in parentheses. Run Program Listing; $7^{\prime}$ severall times to see: an example.. Try' it withother numbers; in the parentheses in line: 30.

Radio. Shack's: RND is different from most, other brands., If you are typing; in a listing; that was; made for another computer (i.e:, the games; in Basic. Computer Games; , edited by, David Ah1) then you must make a changes.

Most other brands use $\operatorname{RND}(10)$ to, pick a number between zero and 10 (orbetween zero, and whatever number-is; within the parentheses), If the numberis; a fraction ${ }_{3}$, then it is; multiplied by a number and changed to, $a_{1}$ whole number. RND (I0) on a TRS-80, however, picks; a number between ${ }_{1}$ one, and 10, (or between one and whatever number. is, within the parentheses).

How do you get the TRS -80 to choose: a number in a range that doesn't begin with one?' If you wanted the computer to choose a number between $0-10$, for example, you would need to enter a line like $A \equiv 0+$ RND (10).

How would you pick random, numbers; between 10 and 20 inclusive? Those numbers; are: all larger than nine, Ten is; nine plus; one, 20, is, nine plus, 11, Will Program, Listing, 8 give you the proper results?'

Our CoCos; have been quiet so far: Adding; sound|to, a program isj accomplished by the command SOUND, which produces: musical notes. There is; a choice of frequency and length of note:

Let Program Listing, 9 bring a little music into your CoCo's life . It is part of a Christmas song. Table 1 is used to determine the first number after SOUND. The second number regu: lates; the length of the notes The range on both numbers; is from $1-255$. There. is a better way to write this program using, READ and DATA commands; unfortunately, you don't know them yet, With READ, and DATA commands, it would only be necessary to, type SOUND, once, Program Listing 10 iş my CoCa disco program.
Tones; do not have tor be used for music. In a game or educational pro $=$ gram;, one could use a high tone such as, SOUND 150,1 as a reward and a low tone like: SOUND $5 ; 11$ as an indication that the player didn't do so, well. Program Listing 11 is a number-guess= ing game with no printed message tell-

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ing when you are correct. A tone is a quicker and more efficient way of telling you that you're correct than reading a printed message would be.

Graphics on the computer screen consist of nonalphanumeric (not numbers or letters) characters.

Low-resolution graphics on the CoCo are little rectangles that are taller than they are wide.

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The SET command is followed by three numbers. The first two numbers determine the location. The upper left corner is location 0,0 . The third number represents the color of the SET position. The colors and corresponding numbers are shown in Table 2.

Program Listing 12 colors the upper left corner green. Line 30 tells the computer to go 63 positions to the right of location 0,0 and 31 positions down, thus coloring the lower right corner yellow.

The SET command can be used in a FOR loop to draw straight vertical or

## 10 CLS

20 SOUND RND (220), RND (3)
30 GOTO10
Program Listing 10

```
10 CLS
20 A=RND (5)
30 INPUT"GUESS A NUMBER
(1 TO 5)";B
40 IF B=A THEN SOUND 150,1: GOTO
20
50 SOUND 5,1:GOTO 30
```

Program Listing 11


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horizontal lines. Program Listing 13 draws a horizontal line across the middle of the screen. The FOR loop is a lot easier than typing $\operatorname{SET}(,)$, times.

For a pair of vertical lines, try Program Listing 14.

If you set a lot of points on your screen, especially if they are close together, you may notice positions turning colors other than what you intended. Program Listing 15 is a program to color four SET positions in four different colors-but only one color results. Program Listing 16 does result in four colors touching.

So, what's the secret? There are four SET positions in one PRINT® position. You cannot use two different colors in one PRINT© position; you

must use black and one other color.
Figure 3 shows how to tell if SET coordinates are in the same PRINT© position. Next month you'll learn how to locate the PRINT@ positions. This month, just worry about setting colors within each PRINT ${ }^{\circledR}$ position.

As shown in Fig. 1, the SET coordinates within any PRINT® position are both even in the upper left corner and both odd in the lower right. Keep this in mind when designing a multicolored graphic. For variety try Listings 15 and 16 again, with line 10 being 10 CLS8.

Program Listing 17 shows how to use RESET to turn a colored rectangle off. RESET doesn't use a number to represent color.

Run Program Listings 18 a and 18 b . Interestingly, they look the same, but 18 a printed -1 and 18 b printed 1 . POINT is a command used to ask the color of a particular SET position. It is often used in video games to determine if an object is hit.
CLS prepares the screen for letters and numbers and PRINT POINT returns a - 1. CLS1 is a graphics green

| 1 green | 5 buff |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 yellow | 6 cyan |
| 3 blue | 7 magenta |
| 4 red | 8 orange |

Table 2. Colors and Corresponding Numbers
and PRINT POINT returns $a+1$. Someday, I hope to find a use for this discovery. POINT returns a number for a SET position that tells the position's color.

I've tried to design a short graphics game for my readers. Unfortunately, I haven't taught you enough commands yet. In order to have an arcade-type game, you need a command to feed information into the computer while the graphics continue to move.

INPUT is the only command these lessons have covered that feeds information into a program while it is running. INPUT stops all other functions; therefore, you could not use INPUT to shoot at a moving object.

A little rearrangement of next month's schedule will let you learn how to use INKEYS to program a small version of an arcade type game.

For this month, take a look at a graphics demo. Program Listing 19 flies an airplane across the screen to hit a randomly placed stationary bomb. The collision results in a rapid flashing of colors. Follow the lines carefully to

```
1 0 ~ C L S O
20 FOR X=0 TO 63
30 SET(X,15,8)
40 NEXT X
50 GOTO 50
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Program Listing 13

## Answers to Quiz




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1 0 ~ C L S 0
20 FOR Y=0 TO 31
30 SET(20,Y,2):SET(40,Y,2)
4 0 ~ N E X T ~ Y ~
50 GOTO 50
            Program Listing 14
```

```
10 CLS0
20 SET(20,20,1):SET (2 1,20,2)
30 SET(20,21,3):SET{21,21,4)
40 GOTO 40
1010 CLS0
Program Listing 15
```

10 CLS0
20 SET(21,21,1):SET(22,21,2)
$30 \operatorname{SET}\left(21_{\mathrm{f}} 22_{\mathrm{r}} 3\right)$ : $\operatorname{SET}(\mathbf{2 2}, \mathbf{2 2}, \mathbf{4})$
40 GOTO 40
Program Listing 16

## The Basic Beat

study how the program works.
Here's your assignment for next class: use FOR loops and SET to create an on-screen picture. It can be a still picture, but animation earns extra points. Use sound to add a little music. You may try creating your house, school, farm, apartment, or perhaps your name.

And finally, here's something flashy to end lesson three. Program Listing 20 might go nice with a little music. •

Write James Wood c/o HOT CoCo, Pine St., Peterborough, NH 03458.

| 10 CLS2 |
| :---: |
| 20 RESET(31,15) |
| 30 GOTO 30 |
| Program Listing 17 |

10 CLS
20 PRINTPOINT $(0,0)$
Program Listing $18 a$

10 CLS 1
20 PRINTPOINT $(0,0)$
Program Listing $18 b$

10 CLS0:X=RND(40)+20:SET<X,8,8)
20 FOR A=0TO60
30 SET(A, 8,2):SET(A+1,8,8)
40 SET(A+2,7,2):SET(A+2,8,2)
50 SET $(A+2,9,2): \operatorname{SET}(A+3,8,2)$
60 SOUND40,1
70 RESET(A, 8 ): RESET(A+2,7):RESET (A $+2_{\mathrm{r}} 9$ )
80 IF $\operatorname{POINT}(\mathrm{A}+5,8)=8$ THEN GOTO 100
90 NEXT A
100 FORW $=0$ TO 8:CLSW:NEXTW 110 GOTO 10

Program Listing 19

```
10 CLS0
20 FOR A=1 TO 100
30 SET(RND(63),RND(31),RND(8))
40 NEXT A
50 GOTO 10
Program Listing 20
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## Elmer's Arcade

My friend Elmer runss an arcade filled with old-fashioned mechanicall games. He thinks the video-game fadl will run its; course sometime next year and the Great Herd of Consumers; will return to his; little joint on the crest of a wave of nostalgia.
On my last visit to Elmer"s; Arcade, II thought his prediction hadl come true. There was actually' a crowdl of whooping, players; grouped around at game I I couldn'tsees. "What isithis?"' I asked.

Elmersmiled.. "A new!game. A new: old' game, I should say, Word-ofmouth advertising; has; been bringing them in all week."
"What is it? I want some!" I said.
"Get in line."
"Come: en, Elmer, I'm your best customer. Let me at it!" "

Hé shook his: bead.. "Eajir's; faiz;, so youlll have to wait.'"

Wounded and still unable tor see the game because of the crowd around it, I got Elmer to change my quarter into penniess and uneasily wanderedl among, the familiar: oldl games. I tried a: little mechanicall golf;, fedl a feew' coins; into


## Program Listing. Robot Rubber Duckies from Hyperspace

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100 REM * ROBOT RUBBER DUCKIES FROM HYPERSPACE / TRS-80 EXTENDED
BASIC 16K
110 REM * ELMER'S ARCADE / AUGUST / R.RAMELLA
120 CLS0
130 CLEAR 2000
140 DATA FEATHERHEAD, PADDLEFOOT,DUCKLING,DUKE,DUCKESS,DRAKE,DONA
LD,WEBFOOT FIRST CLASS,SUPER DUCK,EL DUCKO SUPREMO
150 FOR A=0 TO 9
160 READ F$ (A)
170 HH=(RND (2)*.25)+.50
180 ZZ=RND (4)*.25
190 UU=RND (4)*. }2
200 NEXT A
210 S=-100
220 G$=STRING$ (5,128)
230 C=32
240 V=30
250 AS (1) =CHR$ (139+16) +CHR$ (131+16) +CHR$ (134+16)
260 A$ (2) =CHR$ (137+48) +CHR$ (131+48) +CHR$ (135+48)
270 A$(3)=CHR$ (139+80) +CHR$ (131+80) +CHR$ (134+80)
280 FOR A=1 TO 3
290 B$ (A)=STRING$ (255,128)
300 NEXT
310 FOR A=l TO 30
320 B (1)=RND (250)+1
330 B (2)=RND (251)+1
340 B (3)=RND (251)+1
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an ancient pinballl machine: and resisted the impulse to try the Grap $=$ pler. I'dl already' lost mores than 30 cents on previous; visits in the effort to hook: a plastice horse worth a dime.
Finally', the crowd meltedl away "Comeonand|showme:this," "I called to, Elioner, andl he waddled around the counter with a smile.

The machine lookedllike across between a bagatelle or pachinkor game and a gear box. "Can you telll what it does? ?"' Elmer asked.
"Nó idea,"' If said. "Besides, the writing, seems to be in Japaness,"
"Of'course, it'st from Japan," said Elmer., "Translated with some elegance, the name of the game is Killer Robot Entitiess from Beyond the Reaches of Human Existence."
"II canlt calll it: that when I I put it in the computer.. I'mi kindl of an electronic: pacifist.'"
"Youl can't: put: this; oner in the computer!"'
"Uncle Elmer,, I can put anything intor the computer! "
"Confident: lad,, ain't: he?"' Elmer said to the ceiling.

It wass a goodl game. There was at verticall boardl with three horizontall lines of oddly spaced, half-moon holderss containing; balll bearings.. At the bottom was a. shooter. The rows above moved continuously either left or right. To play, you whammed ball bearingss up toward the targets. Hitting; a. target in the top, row tipped its steelie backward out of its holder for a. score.. But if you hit the cups in the lower two rows, they opened and dropped their ball bearings: (the killer robots). If a bearing hit your shooter, you were out of business.

Elimer went back to get more coins three timess before II was sated. "II think: I understand it now," I said.
"What's; not to understand?" Elimer asked.. "It"ts a shooting gallery" that shoots back."
"It's; like, those video, games that involve invasions from space."
"I wouldn't know about those," Elmer sniffed, "except there are about


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Listing continued
350 FOR Y=1 TO 3
360 IF MID$(BS (Y),B(Y)-1,5)=G$ THEN MID$ (B$ (Y),B(Y),3)=A$(Y)
3 7 0 ~ N E X T ~ Y ~
3 8 0 ~ N E X T ~ A ~
390 CLSO
400 H=251
4 1 0 U = 2 5 1
420 Z=1
430 PRINT @ 495,CHR${135+112) +CHR$(143+112)+CHR$(139+112);
440 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN F=F-5: GOSUB 540
450 PRINT @ 0,F;
460 PRINT @ 15,S;
4 7 0 ~ I F ~ S > F ~ T H E N ~ 7 4 0 ~
4 8 0 ~ S = S + 1
4 9 0 ~ I F ~ Q = 5 ~ G O S U B ~ 5 5 0 ~
500 PRINT @ 64,MID$(B$ (1),H,32);: H=H-HH: IF H<1 THEN H=255
510 PRINT @ 128,MIDS (BS (2), Z, 32);: Z=Z+ZZ: IF Z>255 THEN Z=1
520 PRINT @ 192,MID$(B$(3),0,32);: U=U-UU: IF U<1 THEN U=255
530 GOTO 440
540 Q=5
550 SET (C,V, 8)
5 6 0 ~ I F ~ P O I N T ~ ( C , V - 1 ) = 6 ~ T H E N ~ F O R ~ T = 1 ~ T O ~ 2 : ~ S O U N D ~ 3 2 , 2 : ~ S O U N D ~ 3 2 , 2 : ~
    SOUND 45,2: SOUND 45,2: NEXT: F=F-30: RESET (C,V):Q=0:V=30
5 7 0 ~ I F ~ P O I N T ~ ( C , V - 1 ) = 4 ~ T H E N ~ F = F - 3 0 : ~ G O S U B ~ 6 4 0 : ~ R E T U R N ~
580 IF POINT (C,V-1)=2 THEN PRINT @ C/2+64,"DING";: FOR T=l TO 5:
    SOUND 200,1: NEXT: F=F+75
590 RESET (C,V)
6 0 0 ~ V = V - 4
610 IF V<1 THEN V=30: Q=0
6 2 0 ~ R E T U R N
630 SET (30,30,1): GOTO630
6 4 0 ~ L = 2 4 0
650 G=128+(C/2)
6 6 0 ~ M I D \$ ~ ( B \$ ~ ( 2 ) ~ , ~ Z + ( C / 2 ) - 3 , 5 ) = G \$
6 7 0 ~ P R I N T ~ @ ~ G - 2 , S T R I N G S ~ ( 7 , 1 2 8 ) ;
60 PRINT @ G,A$(2);
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700 L=L-15
710 IE G>492 AND G<498 THEN PRINT @ G-7 0,"PRESSED DUCK";: SOUND
1,10: GOTO 740
720 PRINT @ G,STRING$(3,128);
730 IF G>480 THEN RESET (C,V) : Q=0: V=30: RETURN ELSE G=G+RND (3)+
30: GOTO 680
740 FOR T=1 TO 500
750 NEXT T
7 6 0 ~ I F ~ F < 0 ~ T H E N ~ F = 0 ~ E L S E ~ I F ~ F > 1 8 0 0 ~ T H E N ~ F = 1 8 0 0 ~
7 7 0 ~ P R I N T ~ @ ~ 4 8 0 , " G A M E ~ O V E R " ? ? ~
780 SOUND 204,3
790 SOUND 204,3
800 SOUND 193,3
810 SOUND 210,3
820 SOUND 204,6
830 SOUND 193,6
840 PRINT @ 266,"RATING:";:PRINT @ 298,F$(INT (F/200));
850 GOTO 780
860 END
```

a jillion of them already, so why write another?"
"Because my version isn't going to cost 30 bucks," I said. "It will just involve typing in about 76 single-statement lines on the CoCo with Extended Color Basic."

## Rubber Duckies

And so was born Robot Rubber Duckies from Hyperspace. It's G-rated. The worst that can happen to you is to be hit by a falling duck.

There are three rows of flying ducks. Yellow ducks in the top row and green ducks in the bottom row fly eastward. Red ducks in the middle row fly westward. At the bottom is an orange shooter. Tap any key to shoot.

You get 75 points every time you hit a yellow duck. It costs 5 points for each shot. If you hit a red or green duck, you lose 30 points. Also, a hit red duck falls from the sky, and if it lands on the shooter, that's a pressed duck and the game ends.

One other feature complicates things nicely. At the top of the screen are two numbers. The one on the left is the score, and the one on the right is a timer. Score starts at zero and timer starts at minus 100 . If the timer catches up with the score, you lose the game. This means you have about 14 seconds at the start to score some points or lose the game.
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## Programming Notes

The program creates the lines of ducks in three steps. In lines 250-270, the program assembles each color duck from CHRS graphics elements. If you have trouble seeing my graphic ducks for what they are, try squinting. Lines 280-300 create three strings of 255 blanks. The loop from lines 310-380 packs the ducks into their respective strings. Line 360 says: If the five spaces of the string starting one before the random number are blank, then put a duckie there. This keeps the ducks from trying to occupy taken space and prevents quackery among them.

Lines $500-520$ ensure the flight of the lines of ducks by printing a line of 32 characters from each string in sequence. For example, line 500 prints $\mathrm{B} \$(1)$ characters, first printing a MID\$ string of characters 1 to 32 , then 2 to 33, and so on. It makes the ducks appear to move. When the end of the string arrives, the program sets the MID\$ values at the beginning and it starts all over.
The red ducks fly in a different direction than the other two colors of ducks because their string is printed from end to beginning rather than beginning to end. It's all in lines 500-520.

Also, the program randomly selects the speed of the duckie rows for each game, which eliminates predictable situations. That happens in lines 170-190, which set the values to determine how fast the MID\$ strings in 500-520 will change-i.e., once every one, two, three, or four times the PRINT@ command is given. •

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# INTRODUCTION TO MULTICOLOR GRAPHICS—PART I 

How many colors does a Color Computer have? Although Radio Shack says the answer is eight, I say that the number is almost infinite.

You can actually count up to nine different colors if you are using PMODE 4 with the white border. In addition, if you believe Radio Shack's assertion that you can use its eight colors only in the text mode, what I have to say will come as a pleasant surprise.
Why, Picasso never had it so good. And Vincent? He would have given his left, uh, ear, for a palette like this.

## Teaser

Do you think I am putting you on? Just enter the little Teaser program in Listing 1. Its 12 lines of Basic code accomplish something more expensive units cannot come close to matching.

Before you go any farther, let me point out a common problem that might affect the visual quality of these programs. Unfortunately, owners often connect Color Computers to TV sets or monitors that are not properly adjusted for the computer. The best adjustment for normal program reception is seldom the optimum adjustment for a computer.

In this case, proper adjustment is critical, so please follow the instructions below, even if you are confident that

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you have already adjusted your set.
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Finally, use the CLS 1-8 command to display each color, then adjust the color with the tint control. These colors will not always be exact because all TV sets and computers have minor variations. For instance, my yellow is more like ivory when all the other colors are at their best. These minor variations will not affect the results, but an out-ofadjustment set surely will.

Color Whirlpool
Program Listing 2, Color Whirlpool, explains the theory behind multicolor graphics. If you have not yet seen Color Whirlpool, enter and run it now. Watching it will help you to understand how it works.

The program contains three sections. The opening lines to line 100 set up the variables so that you can easily alter them later for a variety of effects. The second section, from lines 160-500, makes some minor changes and asks for the main loop(s) in the third section to repeat. What appears to be a series of repeated commands is not.

The two subroutines in the third section do all the work. The first begins at line 540 and ends at line 630. The second loop includes lines 670-740 and is merely a shorter version of the first.

With these sections in mind, consider the theory involved. I generated all the colors by using one or more of the three concepts below.

First, buff-on-black in PMODE 4 always generates additional colors. The colors you see depend on the direction,

```
10
30 PMODE 4,1:PCLS3:SCREEN1,1:PMODE 3,1
40 X1=0: Y1=0: X2=0: Y2=38
50 COLOR RND (4),0
60 LINE (X1,Y1)-(X2,Y2), PSET
70 X1=X1+1: X2=X2+1
80 IF Xl=>255 THEN 90 ELSE 50
90 Yl=Yl+38: Y2=Y2+38
100 IF X1=X2 THEN Xl=0:X2=0:ELSE Xl=38:X2==0
110 IFY2 =>191 THEN 120 ELSE 50
120 IF X1<>X2 THEN 40
130 X1=38:X2=0:Y1=0:Y2=38
140 GOTO 50
Program Listing 1. Teaser
```

or slant, of the lines being drawn. Some colors in other modes often do the same thing, but to a lesser extent. In essence, this is the idea: Colors will undergo some modification when the slant of a line is altered.

Second, in the other graphics modes colors placed close to each other some-


[^4]```
10 ' F L Y ' S E Y E
20'
    PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,I:PMODE3,1
    FORI=1TO10
    C(I)=RND (4)
    NEXT
    P=0
80 IF C (10)=4THENBC=3ELSEBC=4
90 FORI=1TO10:GOSUB320
100 FORX=P TO250STEP10 'NEEDS A SPACE AFTER "P"
1 1 0 ~ C O L O R C ~ ( I ) , 0
120 LINE (X,0) - (X,191),PSET
130 NEXT
1 4 0 ~ P = P + 1
150 NEXT
1 6 0 \mathrm { P } = 0 : \mathrm { T } = 0 : \mathrm { X2=T+1:Xl=T-190:Yl=X2:Y2=Xl-64 }
170 IFC (10)=4THENBC=3ELSEBC=4
180 FORI=1TO10:GOSUB 320
190 COLORC (I),0
200 IFX2=>255THENX2=255
210 IFX1=>68THENX1=X1-1
220 IFXK=0THENX1=0
230 IFY1=>191THENY1=191
240 IFY2<=0THENY2=0
250 LINE (X1,Y1) - (X2,Y2), PSET
260 T=T+10:X2=T+1:Xl=T-190!Yl=X2:Y2=Xl-64
270 IFT=>440THEN290
2 8 0 ~ G O T O 2 0 0 ~
290 P=P+1:T=P:X2=T+1:Xl=T-190:Yl=X2:Y2=Xl-64
300 NEXT
3 1 0 \text { GOTO40}
320 IF BC=4 THEN IF BC=C(I-1) THEN BC=3:GOTO 340
330 IF BC=3 THEN IF BC=C (I-1) THEN BC=4
340 CIRCLE (127,96),124,BC, .76,1,1
350 PAINT (2,2),C(I),BC
360 RETURN
```

Program Listing 3. Fly's Eye
times generate a third color-again, often depending on the degree of slant. This program illustrates how many ways you can combine the available primary colors to get extra colors.

The third concept deals with mixing modes. The control portion of the program (lines 160-500) illustrates how it works. Although Radio Shack tells you
about the four graphics modes, it does not tell you that you can mix these modes. You do this by superimposing one mode over another, or "fooling" the computer. The standard syntax fcr a graphics mode is this:

PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1

To superimpose another mode, you need one more instruction, PMODE 3,1.

Do not add SCREEN 1,1. If you use this command, the computer will give you PMODE 3 without mixing. You "fool" the computer into mixing modes by leaving out the command it "expects."
This mixed mode, 3 on 4 , offers three new primary colors, depending on slant. In this mixed mode, the numbers 14 (or 5-8) select these colors: (1) black or blank; (2) red-orange; (3) blue or
> "... Radio Shack ... does not tell you that you can mix these modes."

cyan; (4) buff, yellow, or blue. The Color Computer sometimes switches colors 2 and 3, but this is not much of a problem unless you want to file colors or paint with them.
Other mixed modes are quite useful, but not nearly so dramatic. PMODE 1 on PMODE 4 yields the same colors. PMODE 4 on 3, with either SCREEN 1,1 or SCREEN 1,0 , uses the short subroutine to produce a different effect.

## The Nitty-Gritty

If you are familiar with the main program divisions and you understand the three concepts involved-slant, grouped primary colors, and mixed


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modes you are ready for the nittygritty. The surprise is how simple it is.

The first problem-different line slants - is easy to solve. A circle covers all possible slants. Solving the third problem, mixed modes, is a breeze. All you have to do is omit one instruction.

The second problem-groups of adjacent primary colors-is the one that requires special consideration.

The only real difficulty is making sure you have used all the color combinations, from groupings of two to groupings of seven colors. Even then you cannot be sure that groupings of more than seven colors are not possible.

A related problem is that a color placed to the left of another yields a different secondary color than when it is placed to the right. Not only must you use each color with every other color, but you must also place it to the left and to the right of every color. Fortunately, there is a simple solution.

One variable, V (line 60), takes care of the entire process. In the two subroutines, lines 540 and 670 draw a series of circles from a radius ( R ) of 300 to a radius of 25 , in steps of -V .

Each time you add a new color, V (the distance between circles) is increased by one step (lines 600 and 710).

10 , CRAZY QUILT
10 '
30 PCLS 4
$40 \quad \mathrm{X}=0$ : $\mathrm{Y}=0$
$50 \mathrm{I}=6: \mathrm{V}=5: \mathrm{MA}=6: \mathrm{HD}=6$
60 S=RND (6) -RND (6) : IFS=0THEN60
70 FOR CO=1TOI
$80 \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CO})=$ RND (4)
90 NEXT
100 PMODE4,1:SCREEN1,1:PMODE3,1
110 IP $X+S<0$ THEN $X=X+1$ : GOTO110
120 GOSUB180
$130 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{X}+((\mathrm{MA} * \mathrm{I})+\mathrm{MA})+6$
$140 \mathrm{IFX}+((\mathrm{MA} * I)+\mathrm{MA})=>255 \mathrm{THENX}=0$
150 IFX=<1THENY=Y+ (MD*V) +3
160 IF $\mathrm{Y}+(\mathrm{MD} * \mathrm{~V})=>191$ THEN $\mathrm{Y}=0$
170 GOTO 60
$180 \mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y}+\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{Y} 2=\mathrm{Y}$
190 FORF=1TOMD
200 X1=X:X2=X+S
210 FORG=1TOMA
220 GOSUB280
$230 \mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X} 1+1: \mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{X} 2+1$
240 NEXT
$250 \mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y} 1+\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{Y} 2=\mathrm{Y} 2+\mathrm{V}$
260 NEXT
270 RETURN
280 FORCO = 1 TOI
290 COLOR C (CO)
$300 \operatorname{LINE}(\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1)-(\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2), \mathrm{PSET}$
$310 \mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X} 1+1: \mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{X} 2+1$
320 NEXT
330 RETURN

Program Listing 4. Crazy Quilt

10 ' HEADBANDS
$20^{\prime}$
30 PCLS 4
40 DIM C (63), CO (63)
$50 \mathrm{X}=0: \mathrm{Y}=0$
$60 \mathrm{I}=63: \mathrm{V}=5: \mathrm{S}=4: \mathrm{MA}=4: \mathrm{MD}=6$
70 FOR CO=1TOI
$80 \mathrm{C}\{\mathrm{CO})=$ RND (4)
90 NEXT
100 PMODE4, 1:SCREEN1, 1: PMODE3, 1
110 GOSUB160
$120 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{X}+((\mathrm{MA} * \mathrm{I})+\mathrm{MA})+1$
130 IPX $+((M A * I)+M A)+1 \Rightarrow 255$ THENX $=0$
140 IFX=<1THENY $=Y+(H D * V)+6$
150 IF $\mathrm{Y}+(\mathrm{MD} * \mathrm{~V})+6=>191$ THEN $\mathrm{Y}=0$
155 GOTO 70
$160 \mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y}+\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{Y} 2=\mathrm{Y}$
170 FORF=1TOMD
$180 \mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X}: \mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{X}+\mathrm{S}$
190 FORG=1TOMA
200 GOSUB260
$210 \mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X} 1+1: \mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{X} 2+1$
220 NEXT
$230 \mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y} 1+\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{Y} 2=\mathrm{Y} 2+\mathrm{V}$
240 NEXT
250 RETURN
260 FORCO =1TOI
270 COLOR C (CO)
$280 \operatorname{LINE}(\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Yl})-(\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2), \operatorname{PSET}$
$290 \mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X} 1+1: \mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{X} 2+1$
300 NEXT
310 RETURN

Program Listing 5. Headbands

The result is that every color appears on both sides of every other color once, and then the program repeats the se-
quence with a new V and a new color. Table 1 clarifies the technique. A checkmark shows where the program draws


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Table 1. Illustration of Color Whirlpool Circle Subroutine Technique
the circle, and a box encloses one complete sequence.

I have carried this procedure as far as seven colors. At that point, it takes 420 circles to complete just one sequencebut that's about twice the number of circles you can put on the screen.

To see all the colors, make the three adjustments described below.
To reverse the order of the colors, make the following line changes, but be sure to save the original program first:
$70 \mathrm{C}=8$
$570 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-1$
580 IFC $<=0$ THENC $=8$
590 IF $\mathrm{V}=8$ THEN $\mathrm{V}=2: \mathrm{C}=8$ :GOTO 620
$700 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-1: \mathrm{IFV}=3$ THENV $=2$ :
C $=8$ :GOTO730
Save the reversed version.
To see the order of colors skip, make the following changes to the original program:
$570 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}+3$
575 IF $\mathrm{V} / 2=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{V} / 2)$ THEN $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-1$
To view colors in reversed skipping order, change these lines in the reversed program:
$570 \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}-3$
575 IF V/2 $=\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{V} / 2)$ THEN $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}+1$
These changes will yield over 1,000 colors. You can get more if you increase the value of the fist V in line 590.

You can make other changes to achieve interesting effects. For instance, you can raise the variable HW in line 80 to a limit of 4 . This gives you a closer look, especially at the inner circles. Before you do that, though, you might be more interested to see where all this can lead.

## Demo Programs

I have included three demo programs

[^5]to give you some idea of the potential of multicolor graphics. In all three cases, the computer still chooses colors at random.
Program Listing 3, Fly's Eye, is based on the same techniques described in the first program, but it uses only vertical and diagonal lines. Horizontal lines do not generate other colors, so I do not use them. I chose a mixed mode, but you may try others by changing line 10 .

Choose the colors at random, 10 times (lines 40-60). Using these colors, the computer first draws vertical lines (lines 70-150), then adds diagonal lines (lines 160-280). It draws each color every 10 steps. It then adds the next color one step to the right of the previous one for vertical lines, and one step to the right plus one step down for diagonal lines. You may notice that vertical lines

"You can make other changes to achieve interesting effects."

generate different colors than diagonal lines from the same order of primary colors.
To create the eye effect, I used the CIRCLE and PAINT commands. The LINES are drawn in the same primary color that it used to paint around the eye. Knowing this will help you visualize how each new primary color affects the others.

Crazy Quilt (Program Listing 4) and Headbands (Program Listing 5) give you an idea what you can do with multicolor graphics. The final goal is to be able to control which color you want to use. The last two programs prove this is possible.
Next month I will have a utility program that will help you start a file of colors in each mode. As it turns out, next month's utility is also a good program generator. Crazy Quilt and Headbands just "happened" while I was working on my file. -

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To its credit, Tandy did include the shift @ command to stop the scrolling, but using it is a bit like playing Russian roulette. Even the LIST (range) command provides only limited relief ( 15 lines at a time), and you must reenter it to scroll the program listing.
CoCo List Control is an Assemblylanguage program that corrects these

> If speed reading isn't your forte, try this easy method of slowing down the CoCo LIST function.

deficiencies. With it you can control the speed at which the program scrolls down the screen, stop the scrolling, and restart scrolling. Best of all, CoCo List Control uses your right joystick as a LIST speed control. Thus, you can review your program listing without having to sit hunchbacked over your key-

| 7 FBC |  | 00100 |  | ORG | 32700 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 FBC 30 | 8D 0004 | 00110 | START | LEAX | LIST. PC |  |
| 7 FCO BE | 8168 | 00120 |  | STX | \$168 | PUT LIST ADDRESS IN JMP TABLE |
| 7 FC 339 |  | 00130 |  | RTS |  |  |
| 7 FC 481 | 8D | 00140 | LIST | CHPA | \#\$0D | IF CHARACTER ISN'T CARRIAGE |
| $7 \mathrm{FC6} 26$ | 1F | 00150 |  | BNE | EXIT | RETURN THEN EXIT |
| 7 FC 834 | 76 | 00160 |  | PSHS | A, B, X, |  |
| 7 FCA BD | A9 DE | 00170 | SP1 | JSR | \$A9DE | GET JOYSTK VALUES |
| 7FCD 7D | 815B | 00180 |  | TST | \$15B | IF ZERO THEN EXIT |
| 7FDO 27 | 13 | 00200 |  | BEG | DONE | ROUTINE WITH NO DELAY |
| $7 \mathrm{FD} 2 \mathrm{B6}$ | 015B | 00205 |  | LDA | * 15B |  |
| 7FD5 81 | 3F | 00210 |  | CMPA | \# \$3F | IF Joystk at max value then |
| -7FD7 27 | Fl | 00220 |  | BEQ | SP1 | LOOP UNTIL VALUE CHANGES |
| 7FD9 8E | 18FF | 00230 | DLY | LDX | \#\$10FF | DELAY PRINTING ROUTINE |
| 7FDC 30 | 1F | 00240 | DLY2 | LEAX | -1, 8 | DELAY $=$ \$10FE*JOYSTK VALUE |
| 7FDE 26 | EC | 00250 |  | BNE | DLY2 |  |
| 7FEO 7A | 015B | 00260 |  | DEC | * 15 B |  |
| 7 FE 326 | F4 | 00270 |  | BNE | DLY |  |
| 7 FE 535 | 76 | 00280 | DONE | PULS | A, B, X, |  |
| 7FE7 7E | 8273 | 00290 | EXIT | JMP | *8273 |  |
|  | 0000 | 00300 |  | END |  |  |
| 00000 TO | L ERROR |  |  |  |  |  |
| DLY | D9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| DLY2 | DC |  |  |  |  |  |
| DONE | ES |  |  |  |  |  |
| EXIT | E7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIST | C4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SP1 | CA |  |  |  |  |  |
| START | BC |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program Listing l. Assembly-Language Listing of CoCo List Control |  |  |  |  |  |  |

board entering LIST commands.

## Program Description

CoCo List Control's source code appears in Program Listing 1. Lines 110-130 modify the Color Computer's jump table so that it executes the CoCo List Control program (lines 140-290) prior to printing a character to the screen.

Lines $140-150$ check to see if the character is a carriage return (hex 0D). This technique maintains the Color Computer's high-speed LIST capability. If the character about to be printed is not a carriage return, the program returns control to the Color Computer and displays the character on the screen.
If the character is a carriage return, line 170 samples the joystick position. Lines $180-220$ test for the two extreme settings of the joystick. If the joystick is as near as possible to the red button (value of 0 ), the program returns control to the Basic ROM with no further delay. If the joystick is in the farthest position from the button (value of 64), the program loops until you change the joystick position. This loop prevents the computer from printing the character to the screen, thus stopping the listing.

Lines 230-270 add a time delay that is proportional to the position of the joy-

## System Requirements

16K RAM
Extended Color Basic Joystick
stick for values between the two extremes. In essence, the joystick has become a speed control for the LIST command.

Line 230 contains a delay constant (hex 10FF). The program multiplies this constant by the value of the joystick position, which is stored in location 15B, to create the time delay. You can adjust the constant to suit your own needs.

## Basic Driver

Program Listing 2 is the Basic driver for CoCo List Control. The driver loads the machine-language program at the top of RAM independent of the amount of memory in your computer. The simple arithmetic check in line 310 makes sure that the DATA statements contain the proper program. If you entered the program correctly, the driver EXECs the machine-language program and protects it from Basic.

You can adjust the speed of CoCo List Control by changing lines 310 and 370 of the Basic driver. The number 10 in the DATA statement of line 370 is the most-significant byte of the delay constant. You can increase the printing speed by decreasing this value. Alternately, if you increase this value, you decrease the printing speed. You can use any value from $0-255$, but you must increase or decrease the value of SUM (DEC 4342) in line 310 by an equal amount. Failure to do so will result in a data error message.

## Operating Instructions

You must plug in your right joystick and set it to the fastest speed (nearest the red button) position before you load the Assembly-language program. Once you have loaded the program, the joystick controls the printing speed of the LIST command and any other print function.

In this position the LIST command operates at its normal speed. As you move the joystick away from the button, the scrolling slows down. When the joystick is at the position farthest from the button, the scrolling stops. To start the scrolling again, simply move the joystick toward the button.

All the computer's printing functions are now under the control of your joystick. This control includes non-LIST printing to the screen, as well as the output to your printer or RS-232 interface. Therefore, make sure that your joystick is in the fastest speed position when you are not using it. -


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CLS
PRINT" CO CO LIST CONTROL":PRINT@32,STRING$(32,131);
PRINT"THIS PROGRAM WILL LOAD A MACHINE"; :PRINT"LANGUAGE PROGRAM INTO UPPER R
PRINT"MEMORY. IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY":PRINT"EXECUTE AND PROTECT THE MACHINE"
PRINT"LANGUAGE PROGRAM.':PRINT
PRINT "YOU MUST HAVE THE RIGHT JOYSTICK";:PRINT"CONNECTED TO THE COMPUTER. A
O'i
PRINT'YOU MUST HAVE THE JOYSTICK IN":PRINT'THE TOP VERTICAL POSITION"
PRINT"(NEAREST TO THE BUTTON)."
PRINT@484,"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";:LINEINPUT ZZ*
ED=PEEK<39>*256+PEEK(40)
ST=ED-45
FOR X=ST TO ED
READ D:POKE X,D:SUM=SUM+D
NEXT X
IF SUM <> 4342THEN CLS:PRINT@63,"!!!DATA ERROR!!!":END
EXEC ST
CLEAR 288,ST
DATA 48, 141, 0, 4, 191, 1, 104, 57
DATA 129, 13, 38, 31, 52, 118, 189, 169
DATA 222, 125, 1, 91, 39, 19, 182, 1
DATA 91, 129, 63, 39, 241, 142, 10, 255
DATA 48, 31, 38, 252, 122, 1, 91, 38
DATA 244, 53, 118, 126, 130, 115
CLS
PRINT" CO CO LIST CONTROL":PRINT@32,STRING$(32,131);
PRINT"PROGRAM IS LOADED. TO USE THE"
PRINT"LIST CONTROL SIMPLY MOVE YOUR":PRINT"RIGHT JOYSTICK AWAY FROM THE"
440 PRINT"BUTTON. THE LISTING SPEED WILL":PRINT"DECREASE AS YOU MOVE THE"
450 PRINT"JOYSTICK. WHEN YOU REACH THE":PRINT"JOYSTICK'S LIMIT THE SCROLLING"
460 PRINT"WILL STOP. TO CONTINUE SIMPLY":PRINT"MOVE YOUR JOYSTICK TOWARDS THE"
470 PRINT"BUTTON. REMEMBER TO KEEP THE":PRINT"JOYSTICK AT MAX SPEED WHEN NOT"
480 PRINT"USING THE LIST CONTROL."
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# PC BOARD PRIMER—PART II 

In Part 1 of this primer, I introduced you to printed circuit (PC) boards, showed you how to make your own, and discussed how to solder the components to it. In Part 2,1 will present a specific example-a simple real-world interface that I call the CoCo I/O.
Before you begin, check Table 1 for the list of items you need to do the construction. If you are not interested in how to design PC boards, jump ahead to the "Making the PC Board" section.

## Designing Your Board

After you have determined how your circuit should look, the next step is to "breadboard" the design and make any changes necessary for it to work the way you want. When this is done, you have a verified, stable design that you should document in a schematic diagram.
The CoCo I/O schematic is shown in Fig. 1. Note that all the components are numbered (J1, R4, C2, IC2, and so on), all component values are shown, and the IC pins are identified. In addition, any connectors or switches are labeled according to function. Make sure the schematic is correct. An accurate sche-

Now that you know how to build a PC board, here are some tips on how to use it in the real world.
matic is the hardware analog of program documentation. Inaccuracies at this point almost always cause problems later on.
Now you should make a rough layout using the schematic diagram as a guide. Remember, you will be drawing polarized components such as integrated circuits (ICs) as they appear on the copper side of the board (i.e., with the leads pointing toward you). Lead \#1 is still on top, but on your right instead of your left.
On a piece of blank paper, draw the ICs as rectangles with the appropriate number of pins. Then start drawing in the other components near the devices to which you will connect them. Draw a pad (circle) for each lead of each component. Make the connections between the components by drawing in a' 'wire"

with your pencil. Remember, wires cannot intersect. You might have to rearrange the components to eliminate potential crossings.

If, however, you cannot eliminate a crossing after one or two rearrangements, you will need a jumper. A jumper is a piece of wire mounted on the component side of the PC board. Show it as a dotted line with the letter J somewhere in its path. Don't be a perfectionist. A medium-sized board with 10 to 20 jumpers is common. For parts mounted externally (like J1), draw a pad for each wire that will connect the part to the PC board.

As I mentioned before, PC lands (wires) cannot intersect. They can, however, cross an area occupied by a component. Figure 2 is the rough layout for the CoCo I/O. Note that I used a jumper between pin 5 of IC2 and V + , PC lands cross the area occupied by R7 as well as the jumper, and I provided pads for R3, J1-J4, B1, and S1. Also, I have identified all components. Now, check carefully to ensure that your rough layout accurately represents the schematic diagram.
The last step is to make the final PC layout. This is a redrawing of the rough layout to scale on 0.1 -inch-grid graph paper. The size of each part dictates where you can place the pads. In addition, there must be a minimum clearance between PC lands. Table 2 con-

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tains a listing of common spacings.
Draw the final layout with the circle template using the exact spacing. For IC pads, use 1/16-inch circles. For other components, use $7 / 64$-inch (0.109-inch) circles. Since the rough layout was not to scale, you will probably have to do some repositioning. When you are done, locate the perimeter of the PC layout by going one box ( 0.1 inch) beyond the circuit portion that protrudes farthest from each side of the layout. Then mark the corners with a cross.

The last step is to check the layout. Make a copy of the schematic diagram and the final layout, or place a piece of tracing paper over each original. Using the schematic as your reference, mark each line and its counterpart on the layout. Continue until you have marked all the lines on the schematic. This ensures that you have properly duplicated the design on the layout. Figure 3 shows the final layout for the CoCo I/O PC board. Figure 4 shows the same layout as it might appear in an article figure.

## Making the PC Board

Make a copy of Fig. 4 or cut it out of the magazine. Remember to leave about a 1-inch border all around. A third alternative is to trace the layout. Place a piece of tracing paper over the layout and make a dot in the center of each pad (the round holes with the void in the center). Also make a dot in the center of each of the eight IC pads. Finally, trace the four corner markers. Make sure you don't miss any pads, because the tracing paper will become your drilling template.

Cut the layout (to form four flaps) and fold the flaps over as I showed in

Fig. 2 of Part 1. Now cut a piece of blank PC material to the same size as the layout. Unfold the flaps and place the copper side of the blank directly under the PC pattern. Then refold the flaps tightly and secure them with a small piece of masking tape (see Fig. 3 of Part 1).

Drill each pad (or the dots if you are using the tracing paper) with a \#62 drill. When you are finished, hold the blank
> "An accurate schematic is the hardware analog of program documentation."

between you and a light. Make sure the light shines through all the pads. If it does not, drill the missed pads. Carefully remove the PC layout. Drill the two large holes shown on the layout (these are mounting holes) with a $1 / 8$-inch drill.

Using a small file or \#00 steel wool, remove any raised copper material around the holes and any rough edges on the end of the PC blank. Using the steel wool, vigorously scrub the copper until it is bright and shiny, and brush off any debris with a paper towel. Carefully place the blank on a table (do not touch the copper area) and secure it with a small piece of masking tape in
each of two diagonal corners. Place the PC layout in front of you, and get your etch-resist pen and circle template. Now you are ready to begin drawing.

On a piece of scrap paper, make some squiggles with the pen to get the ink flowing freely. Then make a circle around each hole (except the IC holes) using the $7 / 64$-inch circle of the template. Fill in the circle so that it is completely covered with ink. Only the eight IC holes remain. Since these are 0.1 inch apart, you have to be careful to draw small circles around them that do not touch each other.

As you use the pen, the tip will spread out, so you will have to judge which circle template hole to use. Depending on the width of your pen tip, use either the $\mathbf{1 / 1 6}$-, $5 / 64-$, or $3 / 32$-inch holes. When you are done, inspect the circles around the IC holes. If they touch, use an Exacto knife or razor blade to scrape a void between adjacent circles. A void about the width of a felt-tip pen line is sufficient.

Now begin drawing the PC lands (lines) between the holes, using the circles as a reference. This is like doing a "connect the dots" picture. Make sure the ink flows freely and the lines are dark. When you are done, check each line and pad against the PC layout and correct any errors. You can also write on the pad, inscribing it with your name or the date you made the board. Remove the blank from the table. Now you are ready to begin etching.

Obtain a plastic tray larger than the blank and pour in about $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4$ inch of etchant solution. The etchant is poisonous and corrosive, so avoid contact with the skin and use only a plastic tray.

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Carefully drop in the blank, copper side down. If it sinks to the bottom, use a toothpick to turn it over (copper side up). You want the copper to contact as much etchant as possible.
Agitate the etchant periodically with your toothpick. This removes the residue of copper being etched away from the surface of the board and lets more etchant contact the remaining copper, After about 15 minutes, lift the blank out of the tray with the toothpick and inspect to see if any unwanted copper remains. If so, put the blank back in the tray and continue for another five minutes. Continue this until any copper that is not under the etch-resist ink is gone.
Place the tray containing the blank in a sink. Remove the blank from the tray using your toothpick and rinse the blank under running water. Inspect it again for any remaining copper. If more etching is required, place the blank back in the tray for another five minutes. Otherwise, dispose of the etchant in a toilet. Rinse the tray under running water. Now scrub the blank with a soap-filled scouring pad under running water until all the ink is removed and the copper pattern is bright and shiny. Dry the board.

## Construction and Testing

Collect all the required components and tools. Plug in your soldering iron and let it heat up for about five minutes. Now, beginning with the resistors, place each component in the appropriate position as identified in Fig. 5. Solder each lead and clip off any excess.

After you have mounted all the resistors, continue with the capacitors and the ICs. You might want to use IC sockets, which protect the ICs from the heat generated during soldering.

Now mount the battery holder and 13 3 -inch pieces of wire on the board as shown in Fig. 5. For each wire, strip about $1 / 4$ inch of insulation from each end. Solder one end to the board and then solder the other end to the appropriate jack or switch.

Check your work for "grainy" joints or solder between two pads that shouldn't be connected (solder splashes). Resolder any grainy joints and remove any solder splashes. You can now mount the completed unit in any suitable case. I mounted my prototype in a plastic case that I marked with transfer lettering, but any case and form of marking are acceptable. Place a control knob on R3 (adjust), snap in a 9 -volt battery, and put the power switch in the off position.

You need the CoCo, a microphone
(optional), a $1 / 8$-inch phono plug, and a jumper wire to test the CoCo I/O. Unplug the cable connecting the CoCo to your cassette deck. Place the black ("ear") plug in the I/O's step-out jack (J4). Now type in this short program:

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10A = PEEK(65312)
20 B = PEEK(65312):IF A = B THEN 20
ELSE A = B:PRINT"*";:GOTO 20
```

Turn the I/O's power switch to the on position and run the program. Rotate the I/O's adjust control (R3) until a series of asterisks appears. This indicates that IC1 is in an unstable range (oscillating). Rotate R3 in either direction until the asterisks stop appearing.
> '"Check your work for 'grainy'joints or solder between two pads that shouldn 't be connected (solder splashes)."

Now put the plug in J2 (switch in) and connect the jumper to one of the two plug lugs. Momentarily touch the other jumper end to the remaining lug of the plug. A single asterisk should appear. If not, rotate R3 slightly forward and try again.
When the asterisk appears, relocate the "ear" plug to J3 (pulse out). Again touch the jumper end to the phono plug's free lug. This time two asterisks should appear, the second a short time
after the first. You have now verified that IC2 is working correctly.

Plug a microphone into Jl (mic in). Snap your fingers or clap your hands near the microphone. Two asterisks should appear. If not, adjust R3 slightly backward and try again. R3 is a sensitivity control and determines the volume of sound necessary to trigger the I/O. Note that normal talking will not trigger the I/O. Only high-pitched, sharp sounds will trigger it. Turn power switch SI to the off position and hit break. Testing is over.

If you failed to get the proper indications during testing, recheck the parts placement, wiring, and all solder joints. Look for any solder bridges (unwanted solder connection of two points). Correct any errors and retest.

## Applications

The I/O provides a pulse (momentary change of voltage level) or step (steady-state reversal of voltage level) when a switch or the high, sharp sound picked up by a microphone triggers it. Memory location FF00 (65312) in the CoCo is actually an input "port," which normally senses the voltage level provided by the cassette's "ear" output.

When you connect the output of the I/O to the cassette cable's black ("ear") plug, you can change the number stored in location FF00. This allows you to tell the computer if the I/O has changed; communication between the outside world and the CoCo has been established.

The first application is intrusion detection. Let's say you want to sense the opening or closing of a number of devices, such as a window, garage door, desk drawer, or refrigerator door, which are some distance away from the CoCo. Also, you want to monitor these items while you are using the CoCo for another task. Because you will not be checking the status of these items continuously, a pulse output is not appro-

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priate. The pulse would be gone before you sensed it. Instead, you should use the step output (J4) from the I/O.

You need an appropriate number of normally closed momentary switches (such as Radio Shack P/N 275-1548) and a length of \#22-gauge stranded wire. Mount a switch on each item to be monitored so that the switch button is depressed when the item is secured. Then wire the switches in parallel. Route the two free ends of the wire to the CoCo and terminate them in a $1 / 8$-inch phono plug. Connect this plug to J2 (switch in) of the I/O. Connect the black ("ear") casette cable plug to the step-out jack (J4) of the I/O.

When you are ready to begin monitoring, apply power to the I/O. Your main program should include the following subroutine:
$62000 \mathrm{MO}=\operatorname{PEEK}(65312): \mathrm{IF} \mathrm{MO}=\mathrm{BG}$
THEN RETURN ELSE BG = MO
62010 FOR FI = 1 TO 10:CLS
4:PRINT@235," INTRUDER ";
62020 SOUND 180,3:CLS
3:PRINT@235," INTRUDER ";
:SOUND 120,3
62030 NEXT FI:CLS 0:GOTO 62000
Your main program must also in-
clude the following statement in its first program line:
$\mathrm{BG}=\mathrm{PEEK}$ (65312)
This initializes the value of BG. Each

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time you branch to the subroutine, the program checks memory location 65312 to see if the I/O has changed state. If not (i.e., $M O=B G$ ), execution will return to the main program. If any of the items have been disturbed, that switch will close and trigger the I/O.
crophone input. It is an adaptation of the "typewriter" for the handicapped that appeared in 80 Micro ("VoiceControlled Typewriter," by Mike Rigsby, December 1982, p. 72). The original application requires the handicapped person to tap on the built-in mi-
> "Since the I/O only responds to high-pitched, sharp sounds, the noise of the printer does not affect it."

Lines 62010-62030 will sound an alarm and flash "Intruder" on the CoCo's screen until the item is secure again.

Because the switches provide either 0 or 9 volts to the input of a CMOS device, you can make long wire runs (in excess of 50 feet) without fear of false triggering. Of course, you can modify this system in many ways to suit your own needs.

The second application uses the mi-
crophone of the cassette recorder and to protect against false triggering that the noise of the printer causes.
My version is somewhat more versatile. Since the I/O only responds to high-pitched, sharp sounds, the noise of the printer does not affect it. In addition, people who cannot use their hands can operate it by making a simple clicking sound or a loud grunt. Of course, you can also operate this application


Fig. 3. Final Layout for the CoCo I/O Board


Fig. 4. Article Artwork for the CoCo 1/O Board
with a simple switch.
Line 20 of the Program Listing senses the initial state of the $1 / O$ (BM) and equates it to its current state (FI). Lines 30-70 draw the screen presentation of the full character set and the control functions. Line 80 begins a FOR... NEXT loop that causes a white cursor to point, in turn, to the columns on the screen.
Column 1 contains the control functions. The next column (at position 9) begins the character set. At each column, the cursor pauses, and the program provides an audible signal (beep). It then checks the current status of the I/O. If the I/O has not changed (i.e., $\mathrm{FI}=\mathrm{BM}$ in line 110), then the cursor moves to the next column.
If the I/ O has been triggered (changed state), execution jumps to line 140. The program changes the white cursor to orange and causes a short delay. Then the characters in the column reverse color (green on a black background becomes black on a green background) in turn to highlight each one.
As each character is highlighted, the program produces a beep of a different pitch than the column beep and checks the I/O to see if it has been triggered. If not, line 170 returns the character to green on black. If it is the last character in the column, the program erases the orange cursor, and the sequence begins again at column 1 .

If the I/O is triggered while the cursor is on a character in the column, execution jumps from line 160 to line 180. Line 180 checks to see if this is the command column $(1=1)$. If not, line 190 increases the message count by one and sounds yet another pitched beep. At the end of the currently displayed message, line 200 POKEs the character on the screen in the message area. Line 210 delays a bit, line 220 removes the orange cursor, and line 230 returns the selected character to normal mode. The sequence then begins again at column 1 .

Lines 270-400 perform the control functions listed in line 70. These functions are Enter (line 280), Rubout (line 290), Faster (lines 300 and 310), Slower (lines 320 and 330), and End Session (line 350). Faster and Slower speed up or slow down the rate at which the cursor moves by changing the variable SPD. Rubout removes the last character entered into the message line (like a backspace).

Enter and End Session use the subroutine at lines 350-370. Because these functions produce irreversible results, their selection requires verification. The subroutine flashes the message "Signal
to Verify" near the selected control function and checks the I/O. If it is not triggered after 10 appearances of the message, the program takes no action and ignores the function $(\mathrm{C} \$=" \mathrm{l})$. If the I/O is triggered during the message presentation, the program equates $\mathrm{C} \$$ to V (verified), and execution returns to the calling-control function.

If you select End Session, line 340 clears the screen to black, prints a "Program Ended" message, and ends the program. If you select Enter, execution jumps to the Print routine of lines 390 and 400 .

The Print routine reads all characters on the message line (by PEEKing the message-line area) and builds a message string (C\$). The program adjusts any PEEKed value of 98 or greater to pro-
vide the proper character (line 390). The program sends the completed message string to a printer (PRINT\#-2 in line 400). Then it reinitializes the count (CNT) and sets $\mathrm{C} \$$ to null, since $\mathrm{C} \$$ is also used as the verify flag. Finally, execution returns to line 60 , where the program clears the message area, and execution continues.

To use the typewriter, connect the cassette's black "ear" plug to the pulseout jack (J3). Connect a microphone to the mic-in jack (J1) and apply power. Alternately, you can connect a simple momentary push-button normally off switch to the switch-in jack (J2). Run the program. After the screen presentation is completed, the white cursor will appear over the control-function column (upper left of screen), the program
will produce a beep, and the cursor will begin moving to the right.

Place the microphone near the typist and have him or her make a sound. The cursor should turn orange, and the characters in the selected column will be highlighted in turn. If this does not hap-

## "Place the microphone near the typist and have

 him or her make a sound. "pen, adjust R3 (adjust) and repeat the process until the typist's sound produces a result.

Before selecting the Enter (Print) function, connect a printer to the computer and make sure that it is on-line. You can modify the typewriter program to send the data to other devices such as a cassette recorder or modem. This would allow permanent storage of text or communications with others.

## Summing It Up

In this series I have presented information on PC boards that might be new to many CoCo users. If you are one of them, I hope this information has spurred you on to experiment with realworld interfacing of your CoCo and other hardware. •

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Fig. 5. Component Placement for the CoCo I/O Board


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I have the Radio Shack Modem I, and the circuit described in Fig. 1 is installed inside. The circuit requires a 5 -volt supply (Fig. 2) and the modem's power pack, which is rated at 15 volts and 300 ma , can power it. I used a jack that matches the cassette remote plug to connect the interface to the computer. However, there are several pins on the RS-232 connector that I didn't use, but you could use them in place of the jack mentioned above.

You don't need a modem to use the interface. It just makes things, such as

> Build an interface for your CoCo that will automatically dial your calls, redial, and time them.

the phone's red wire and the ac for the power supply, easier to get to. If you build the interface inside the modem, mount it at the rear and under the circuit board. This is the only place where there is sufficient room.
The part that takes up the most room is CI, the filter capacitor for the 5 -volt power supply.
Mount everything as flat as possible and check for proper fit before making everything final.
I also made a cable that stays connected to the modem. When I want to


Fig. 1. Autodial Interfacing
use the cassette or the autodial I just plug in the correct cable in the rear of the computer.

The autodial circuit is built around a 7400 IC and 5 -volt SPDT DIP relay. The 7400 is configured so that pin 1 is held high and pin 2 is used as the control. When pin 2 is low, pin 3 is high and tells the relay to break the line (red wire). Lines 190-240 (see the Program Listing) control the condition of pin 2.

The program reads the data from lines 315 on , and determines the number of times to toggle the cassette motor relay. Since the relay in the color computer is only a reed relay and has a low contact rating, it cannot be used to do the actual line interrupt. Line 240 per-


Fig. 2. 5-volt Power Supply

System Requirements
16KRAM Extended Color Basic
forms a delay. If the delay isn't long enough, the program dials wrong numbers.

One section of 1C 1 acts as a pulse indicator; the LED will flash once for each digit dialed. I replaced the carrierdetect LED on the motherboard with one of two rectangular LEDs (RS part \#276-070). Solder one LED in place of the original, making sure you note the proper polarity of the carrier-detect LED.

Use the other LED as the pulse indicator. I used a small piece of heatshrinkable tubing to hold the LEDs together. Position them so they line up directly beneath the carrier-detect window on top of the modem. Use smallgauge wire, such as wire-wrapping wire, to attach the pulse-indicator LED.

Be sure to mark one of the wires so you know its polarity and where to connect it on the autodial interface. Run this wire through the hole to the right of the LEDs and back to the autodial interface. Using the rectangular LEDs and mounting them together makes for a better-looking arrangement than using round ones.

The carrier-detect LED should function normally and the pulse indicator

| Parts list for S-volt power supply |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Part | Radio Shack\# | Quantity |
| Bridge Rectifier | 276-1151 | 1 |
| C1 ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~F} / 16 \mathrm{~V}$ ) | 272-958 | 1 |
| C2 (1.OHF) | 272-1419 | 1 |
| 5 -volt regulator | 276-1770 | 1 |
| Parts list for autodial interface |  |  |
| Part | Radio Shack\# | Quantity |
| IC1 | 276-1801 | , |
| Q1 (NPN) | 276-2009 | 1 |
| or | 276-2016 |  |
| or | ECG-123 |  |
| K1 | 275-240/275-243 | 1 |
| LEDs | 276-070 | 1 pk |
| D1 (IN914) | 276-1122 | 1 |
| C1-C2(.1) | 272-135 | 2 |
| R1 $1 / 4$ watt | 2200 ohms | 1 |
| R2 1/4 watt | 10 ohms | 1 |
| R3 1/4 watt | 220 ohms | 1 |
| (optional: see tex |  |  |
| Miscellaneous: |  |  |
| DIN five-pin audio plug \#274-003* <br> Miniature phone plug \#274-289* <br> Miniature phone jack \#274-292** |  |  |
| *These parts are for extra cable, otherwise you will need to use cassette cable. **Phone plug and jacks can be changed to meet your needs. |  |  |
| Table 1 |  |  |

Program Listing

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10 'TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER AUTO-
11 'DIAL PROGRAM REQUIRES
    'EXTENDED BASIC
    'BY V.R. WINTER
    'ENTER PHONE # AS DATA & MUST
    'START WITH A LETTER
    'A '?' WILL DISPLAY NAMES &
    'NUMBERS IN MEMORY A '^'' USED
    'AFTER A NUMBER HAS BEEN
    'DIALED WILL RE-DIAL SAME #
    'TO USE TIMER TYPE 'TIMER ON'
    'BEFORE ENTERING NAME
    'TIMER WILL STAY ACTIVATED
    'UNTIL 'TIMER OFF' IS ENTERED
    'PROGRAM START
    CLS
    RESTORE:INPUT "ENTER NAME OF PERSON YOU WISH TOCALL";X$
    5 IF X$="TIMER ON" THEN TT=1:GOTO 35
46 IF XS="TIMER OFF" THEN TT=0:GOTO 35
49 IF X$=CHR$(94) GOSUB 301 ELSE REPEAT$=X$
50 IF X$="?" THEN 290
51 IF X$="MICRO 80" THEN V$="MI":GOTO 110
5 2 ~ I F ~ X \$ = " A B B S " ~ T H E N ~ V \$ = " A B " : G O T O ~ 1 1 0 ~
53 IF X$="WORK" THEN V$="WO":GOTO 110
54 IF X$="FIRE" THEN V$="FI":GOTO 110
55 IF X$="POLICE" THEN V$="PO":GOTO 110
5 6 ~ I F ~ X \$ = " H O S P I T A L " ~ T H E N ~ V \$ = " H O " : G O T O ~ 1 1 0 ~
100 CLS:SOUND 170,1:SOUND 170,1:PRINT@3,"-THAT NAME IS NOT ON FI
LE-":PRINT:GOTO 40
110 PRINT:INPUT "PRESS ENTER WHEN DIAL TONE IS HEARD";A$
120 FOR C=1 TO 400
130 READ N$:IF N$=V$ THEN 150
140 NEXT C
150 CLS:SOUND 190,1:PRINT "TELEPHONE NUMBER IS NOW BEING DIALE
D.":PRINT:PRINT"TELE # >";
160 READ NS:IF N$="ZZ" THEN 270
170 PRINTN$;
175 IF N$="-" GOTO 160
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should only light up when a number is being dialed. If they don't light up as they should, you probably have them mounted wrong. Unplug the modem and all connections and reverse the polarity of the LED that is not working.
I found it unnecessary to use a cur-rent-limiting resistor between pin 6 of IC1 and the pulse indicator LED. However, you might want to use one, such as R3, if needed.

One of the contacts of the relay is connected to the red wire from the phone line. This wire is located at the left rear corner of the modem and is marked R. Unsolder the red wire carefully from under the board.

You must drill a hole in the board. Then feed the red wire through this hole and solder it to one lead of the $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{c}$ relay contacts. The other lead from the relay would then connect to the same place
where the red wire had been before you removed it. It is labeled R on the modem's board, and you can solder it from the bottom of the board.

Be sure you drill the hole in a place where there is no foil on either side of the board. Also check to be sure you solder the other lead from the relay to the correct place on the modem.

You will have to enter your own telephone numbers as data, starting with line 315. The examples in the program should provide the necessary format required to have the data read properly. Also, lines 51-99 will need a name and a 'key' so the program knows what to look for.
There is ample space in lines 51-99 to store names, and the data is stored beginning at line 315 . If you need more room, just renumber the program.

Set the number in line 120 high

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Listing continued
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Listing continued

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Listing continued
    180 N=VAL (NS)
    180 N=VAL (NS)
    180 N=VAL (NS)
    190 FOR A=1 TO N:IF N=0 THEN GOTO 260
    190 FOR A=1 TO N:IF N=0 THEN GOTO 260
    190 FOR A=1 TO N:IF N=0 THEN GOTO 260
    200 POKE 65313,4
    200 POKE 65313,4
    200 POKE 65313,4
    210 FOR 1=1 TO 10:NEXT I
    210 FOR 1=1 TO 10:NEXT I
    210 FOR 1=1 TO 10:NEXT I
    220 POKE 65313,52
    220 POKE 65313,52
    220 POKE 65313,52
    230 FOR 1=1 TO 20:NEXT IsNEXT A
    230 FOR 1=1 TO 20:NEXT IsNEXT A
    230 FOR 1=1 TO 20:NEXT IsNEXT A
    240 FOR T=l TO 200:NEXT TtGOTO 160
    240 FOR T=l TO 200:NEXT TtGOTO 160
    240 FOR T=l TO 200:NEXT TtGOTO 160
    250 END
    250 END
    250 END
    260 N=10:GOTO 190
    260 N=10:GOTO 190
    260 N=10:GOTO 190
    270 CLS:SOUND 200,2:PRINT@231,""DIALING COMPLETE*"jIF TT=0 GOTO
    270 CLS:SOUND 200,2:PRINT@231,""DIALING COMPLETE*"jIF TT=0 GOTO
    270 CLS:SOUND 200,2:PRINT@231,""DIALING COMPLETE*"jIF TT=0 GOTO
    273
    273
    273
    271 IF TT=1 THEN PRINT:PRINT" TO START TIMER PRESS ENTER";
    271 IF TT=1 THEN PRINT:PRINT" TO START TIMER PRESS ENTER";
    271 IF TT=1 THEN PRINT:PRINT" TO START TIMER PRESS ENTER";
    272 INPUT Z$:PRINT@394,"ELAPSED TIME":GOTO }30
    272 INPUT Z$:PRINT@394,"ELAPSED TIME":GOTO }30
    272 INPUT Z$:PRINT@394,"ELAPSED TIME":GOTO }30
    2 7 3 \text { FOR G=l TO 1000:NEXT:CLS:GOTO 40}
    2 7 3 \text { FOR G=l TO 1000:NEXT:CLS:GOTO 40}
    2 7 3 \text { FOR G=l TO 1000:NEXT:CLS:GOTO 40}
    290 CLS:PRINT@2, "*NAMES AND NUMBERS ON FILE*":PRINT: PRINT "MIC
    290 CLS:PRINT@2, "*NAMES AND NUMBERS ON FILE*":PRINT: PRINT "MIC
    290 CLS:PRINT@2, "*NAMES AND NUMBERS ON FILE*":PRINT: PRINT "MIC
    RO 80, ABBS, WORK, POLICE, FIRE, ETC."
    RO 80, ABBS, WORK, POLICE, FIRE, ETC."
    RO 80, ABBS, WORK, POLICE, FIRE, ETC."
    296 PRINT
    296 PRINT
    296 PRINT
    2 9 7 \text { PRINT"FOR AUTO-REDIAL PRESS •", KEY AND PRESS ENTER":PRINT}
    2 9 7 \text { PRINT"FOR AUTO-REDIAL PRESS •", KEY AND PRESS ENTER":PRINT}
    2 9 7 \text { PRINT"FOR AUTO-REDIAL PRESS •", KEY AND PRESS ENTER":PRINT}
    2 9 8 ~ P R I N T " T O ~ U S E ~ T I M E R ~ E N T E R ~ - T I M E R ~ O N - ~ B E F O R E ~ E N T E R I N G ~ N A M E .
    2 9 8 ~ P R I N T " T O ~ U S E ~ T I M E R ~ E N T E R ~ - T I M E R ~ O N - ~ B E F O R E ~ E N T E R I N G ~ N A M E .
    2 9 8 ~ P R I N T " T O ~ U S E ~ T I M E R ~ E N T E R ~ - T I M E R ~ O N - ~ B E F O R E ~ E N T E R I N G ~ N A M E .
    299 PRINT
    299 PRINT
    299 PRINT
    300 GOTO 40
    300 GOTO 40
    300 GOTO 40
    301 X$=REPEAT$:RETURN
    301 X$=REPEAT$:RETURN
    301 X$=REPEAT$:RETURN
    302 'TIMER ROUTINE
    302 'TIMER ROUTINE
    302 'TIMER ROUTINE
    303 A=0:B=0:C=0
    303 A=0:B=0:C=0
    303 A=0:B=0:C=0
    304 FOR H=A TO 12
    304 FOR H=A TO 12
    304 FOR H=A TO 12
    305 FOR M=B TO 5 9
    305 FOR M=B TO 5 9
    305 FOR M=B TO 5 9
    306 FOR S=C TO 59
    306 FOR S=C TO 59
    306 FOR S=C TO 59
    307 PRINT@330,H":"M":"S
    307 PRINT@330,H":"M":"S
    307 PRINT@330,H":"M":"S
    3 0 8 ~ I F ~ I N K E Y \$ = C H R \$ ~ ( 1 3 ) ~ T H E N ~ 1 0 ~
    3 0 8 ~ I F ~ I N K E Y \$ = C H R \$ ~ ( 1 3 ) ~ T H E N ~ 1 0 ~
    3 0 8 ~ I F ~ I N K E Y \$ = C H R \$ ~ ( 1 3 ) ~ T H E N ~ 1 0 ~
    310 FOR T=l TO 386:NEXT T
    310 FOR T=l TO 386:NEXT T
    310 FOR T=l TO 386:NEXT T
    3 1 2 ~ N E X T ~ S
    3 1 2 ~ N E X T ~ S
    3 1 2 ~ N E X T ~ S
    3 1 3 ~ N E X T ~ M ~
    3 1 3 ~ N E X T ~ M ~
    3 1 3 ~ N E X T ~ M ~
    314 NEXT H
    314 NEXT H
    314 NEXT H
    3 1 5 \text { DATA MI, 1,-,6,0,3,-,9,2,4,-,9,4,7,1, ZZ}
    3 1 5 \text { DATA MI, 1,-,6,0,3,-,9,2,4,-,9,4,7,1, ZZ}
    3 1 5 \text { DATA MI, 1,-,6,0,3,-,9,2,4,-,9,4,7,1, ZZ}
    316 DATA AB,1,-,5,1,5,-,2,2,4,-,1,8,0,1, ZZ
    316 DATA AB,1,-,5,1,5,-,2,2,4,-,1,8,0,1, ZZ
    316 DATA AB,1,-,5,1,5,-,2,2,4,-,1,8,0,1, ZZ
    317 DATA WO,2,5,5,-,1,4,0,4,ZZ
    317 DATA WO,2,5,5,-,1,4,0,4,ZZ
    317 DATA WO,2,5,5,-,1,4,0,4,ZZ
    318 DATA FI,2,4,4,-,3,2,1,2, ZZ
    318 DATA FI,2,4,4,-,3,2,1,2, ZZ
    318 DATA FI,2,4,4,-,3,2,1,2, ZZ
    319 DATA PO,2,8,3,-,4,8,1,1,ZZ
    319 DATA PO,2,8,3,-,4,8,1,1,ZZ
    319 DATA PO,2,8,3,-,4,8,1,1,ZZ
    320 DATA HO,2,8,6,-, 3,1,1,1, ZZ
    320 DATA HO,2,8,6,-, 3,1,1,1, ZZ
    320 DATA HO,2,8,6,-, 3,1,1,1, ZZ
    400 END
    400 END
    400 END
    1000 'THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM WILL
    1000 'THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM WILL
    1000 'THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM WILL
    1001 'PRINT A LIST OF VARIABLES
    1001 'PRINT A LIST OF VARIABLES
    1001 'PRINT A LIST OF VARIABLES
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RUN
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RUN
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RUN
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RU
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RU
    1002 'USE AFTER PROGRAM HAS RU
    1004 'INITIALIZED, PRESS BREAK
    1004 'INITIALIZED, PRESS BREAK
    1004 'INITIALIZED, PRESS BREAK
    1005 '& TYPE -GOTO 1000-
    1005 '& TYPE -GOTO 1000-
    1005 '& TYPE -GOTO 1000-
    1006 'TYPING RUN 1000 WILL CLEAR
    1006 'TYPING RUN 1000 WILL CLEAR
    1006 'TYPING RUN 1000 WILL CLEAR
    1007 'VARIABLES, OMIT ZX EROM
    1007 'VARIABLES, OMIT ZX EROM
    1007 'VARIABLES, OMIT ZX EROM
    1008 'LISTING AS IT IS USED IN
    1008 'LISTING AS IT IS USED IN
    1008 'LISTING AS IT IS USED IN
    1009 'THIS SUBROUTINE
    1009 'THIS SUBROUTINE
    1009 'THIS SUBROUTINE
    1010 FOR ZX =PEEK(27)*256+PEEK(28) TO PEEK(29)*256+PEEK(30)-5 STE
    1010 FOR ZX =PEEK(27)*256+PEEK(28) TO PEEK(29)*256+PEEK(30)-5 STE
    1010 FOR ZX =PEEK(27)*256+PEEK(28) TO PEEK(29)*256+PEEK(30)-5 STE
    P7
    P7
    P7
    1015 PRINTCHRS(PEEK(ZX));CHRS(PEEK(ZX+1) AND 127);
    1015 PRINTCHRS(PEEK(ZX));CHRS(PEEK(ZX+1) AND 127);
    1015 PRINTCHRS(PEEK(ZX));CHRS(PEEK(ZX+1) AND 127);
    1020 IF PEEK(ZX+1)>127 THEN PRINT"$";
    1020 IF PEEK(ZX+1)>127 THEN PRINT"$";
    1020 IF PEEK(ZX+1)>127 THEN PRINT"$";
    1025 PRINT"":NEXT ZX
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    1025 PRINT"":NEXT ZX
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    1025 PRINT"":NEXT ZX
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    1,2Z
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    1,2Z
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    1,2Z
    M, (1)
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    M, (1)
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    M, (1)
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IA 50315.
enough to read all your data. It is set to 400 now and should be large enough for the average person. Also, I decided to store the numbers in data lines, as opposed to using files (disk or cassette). Unless you have a lot of numbers to be accessed, using files only causes unneeded wear on the disk and drive.
If you enter a name not on file, the program will tell you so. You can turn the timer on or off whenever you are prompted for a name. The timer will stay activated until you turn it off.
The redial feature uses the up-arrow key and you must press it after a number has been dialed. The ?, when entered in place of a name, will display the names on file and some other information. This information is stored starting in lines 290-299.
One note about the timer: It uses timing loops and, hence, is not as accurate as a clock. However, it will give you a good idea of how long you've talked. In fact, you could change the program to signal-or even hang up-when a certain amount of time has elapsed. You could do this by pulsing the line once.
For those who do not want to do the construction, I can supply the printed circuit board or do the entire installation. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for more information, or if you have any questions. -

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## Red Alert! The Klingons are on the attack, and only you can save the Enterprise and your crew.

TRS-80 Model I in 80 Micro (August 1982, pp. 174-184). Several additions to the game logic result in a real challenge

## Program Listing. Galaxy Trek Adventure

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3 ' *** DELETE CHECKSUM AND APOSTROPHE IN LINES 80,
    212,222,510,1105,8000 BEFORE RUNNING PROGRAM
4 ' GOSUB5500:CLS:PRINT@138,"G A L A X Y":PRINT@196,"A D V E N T U
    RE # 1"'3540
6 GOSUB505:PRINT@418,"COPYRIGHT 1982 HOWARD BATIE HERND
ON, VA 22070"'4152
10' CLEAR1000:DIMDS$ (41),OB$ (26),OB (26),DI$ (5),VB$ (21),NN$ (26),DD
$(5):WG=0:CW=0:SC=0:NM=0:CC=0:SP=0:CM$=""'6350
20 SP$=CHR$(13)+"SPOCK SAYS...":CR$="UIF!DPNQVUFS!SFTQPOET!..":N
N$="OPU!OFDFTTBSZ!OPX-!DBQUBJO/":CDS="YOU CANNOT DO THAT":TM$="Z
PV(SF!DBSSZJOH!UPP!NVDI!"'10624
24 DRS="ZPV(MM!IBWF!UP!ESPQ!TPNFUIJOH/":CP$="CAPTAIN":SH$="UIF!D
SZTUBMT!TIBUUFS!JOUP!EVTU/":EN$="THE ENTERPRISE":NI$="OPUIJOH!IB
QQFOFE/":PFS="TPSSZ-IZPV (SF!PO!ZPVS!PXO"+CHRS (34)'12531
26 DM$="%######&$-#####%##''''###./,####-#,4*-#+###*#####(###))%
#*####0(##(0####.##/###35###45#######l####2#);16#2#####5##;>#:##
#9####9#:8##97::####7#4@@?#######>###=>7###A#<####<#;##CB?##A###
#####A##DDDD##FID'##JKE#####'#####KJ##IIII###HF"'10342
27 DM$=DM$+"###H#IF##L'LL##"'1659
80 DATA32,12,13,11,5,10,15,20,25,26,7,14,27,4,8,4,16,19,21,21,21
,27,31,32,1,5'3604
90 F0RI=1T026:READOB(I):NEXT'1483
95 GOSUB8000:FORI=24TO27:POKEDZ+I,39:NEXT'2355
100 DS$(1)="JO!UIF!DBQUBJO(T!RVBSUFST":DS$(2)="JO!B!DPSSJEPS!PG!
UIF!FOUFSQSJTF":DS$ (3)="JO!UIF!USBOTQPSUFS!SPPN":DS$ (4)="PO!UIF!
TBOEZ!TVSGBDF!PG!QMBOFU!!UJFSBT!91":DS$(5)= "BU!UIF!FOUSBODF!UP!B
!UVSCPHJGU":DS$ (6)="J0!UIF!UVSCPMJGU"'15375
115 DS$(7)=DS$(2):DS$ (8)="J0!POF!PG!UIF!DSFX(T!RVBSUFST":DS${9)=
DS$ (6) :DS$ (10)=DS$ (5):DS$ (11)="BU!UIF!0BWJHBUJPO!DPOTPMF":DS$ (12
)="BU!UIFIDPNNVOJDBUJPOT!TUBUJPO":DS$(13) ="BU!UIF!TDJFODF!PGGJDF
S(T!TUBUJPO"'13491
130 DS$(14)=DS$(2):DS$(15)=DS$ (5);DS$(16)="J0!UIF!TIJQ (T!MJCSBSZ
":DS$ (17)=DS$ (6) :DS$ (18)=DS$ (2):DS$ (19)="JO!UIF!TJDL!CBZ"'7599
140 DS$(20)=DS$(5):DS$(21)="JO!UIF!TIJQ (T!TVQQMZ!XBSFIPVTF":DS$(
22)=DS$(2):DS$(23)=DS$(2):DS$ (24)=DS$ (6):DS?(25)=DS$ (5):DS$ (26)=
"J0!B!TFDVSJUZ ! DFMM!J0!UIF!CSJH":DS$ (27)=DS$ (2)'11162
150 DS$(28)=DS$(2):DS$ (29)=DS$ (6) : DS$ (30)="J0!UIF!FOHJ0FFSJ0H!TF
DUJPO!..!!!BU!UIF!GBS!FOE!JT!UIF!NBUUFS.!!!BOUJ.NBUUFS!XBSQ!FOHJ
OF!ESJWF/"'8814
155 DSS(31)="BU!UIF!EJMJUIJVN!DSZTUBM!QPXFS!!TUBUJPO/":DS$(32)="
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Listing continued
for Color Computer users.
As you can see, most of the text is encrypted so that the clues, key words, and help statements are not obvious if the program is listed on the screen or sent to a printer. When you run the program, however, the built-in decryptor displays readable text. You can break the encryption system if you understand Basic string-manipulation techniques, but doing so will only deprive you of the satisfaction of deducing them by playing the game. I have included checksum values at the end of each program line to serve as bug catchers. The checksum method is described in 80 Micro (November 1982, p. 410). When you type in the listing (lines 5-9999), omit the apostrophe and checksum value at the end of each line. Then add lines $63000-63070$ and run 63000. You can compare the checksums shown on the screen with those at the end of each line. If they don't agree, check for an error in that line. •

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## Listing continued

BU!UIF!BVYJMJBSZ!QPXFS!TUBUJP0/": DS\$ (33)="JO!B!HSFBU!TFB!PG!NPWJ OH!TBOE": DS (34)="PO!B!TBOEZ! IJMMTJEF"'11077
156 DS $\$(35)=$ "BU! UIF!XBMM! PG!B!DBNQ!UP!UIF!!!!!!OPSUIFBTU/": DS $\$(3$ 6) $={ }^{\text {n }}$ PO!B! EVOF! PWFSMPPLJOHINBOZ! ! ! ! LMJOHPOT ! UP!UIF!FBTU"'7672 157 DS\$(37)="J0!ZPVS!DSFX(T!DBNQ!..!CVU!OPX!!ZPV!NVTU!MFBE!UIFN! CBDL!UP!UIF! !PSJHJOBM! USBOTQPSUFS!DPPSEJOBUFT": DS\$ (38)="DBVHIO! J O!B!SPDLTMJEF!BOE!EJF!!!JO!BO!BWBMBODIF!PG!CPVMEFST/": DS\$ (39) = "B U!B!HBUF! PG!B!DBNQ!UP!UIF! FBTU/"'14663
158 DS (40)="BU!UIF!HBUF!PG!B!DBNQ!UP!UIF!!!!OPSUI":DS\$ (41)=DS\$ ( 4)'4037

160 OBS (1)="BO!VOBSNFE! LMJOHP0!DPNNBOEFS":OB\$ (2)="B!CVUUP01MBCFH MFE"+CHR\$ (14) +"!!..!TIJQ (T!TFOTPST! . ": OB\$ (3) ="B! CVTJUPO! MBCFMMFE "+CHR\$ (14) +"!!..!TIJQ (T!TUBUVT!..":OB\$ (4) ="B! CVUUPO!MBCFMMFE"+CH R\$ (14) +"!!..!GJSF!JNQVMTF! FOHJOFT! . ."'15456
170 OB\$ (5) ="B!TJHO!PO!UIF!PQQPTJUF!XBMM":FORI=6T09:OB\$ (I)=OB\$ (5) : NEXT: OB\$ (10)="NS / ! TQPDL!MZJOH!VODPOTDJPVT! ! ! ! P0!UIF! GMPPS": OB\$ (11) ="B! LMJOHPO!TPMEJFS": OB\$ (12)="B! LMJOHPO! HVBSE"'11611

180 OB\$ (13)="B!LMJOHPO!TFOUSZ": OB\$ (14)="B!LMJOHP0!PGGJDFS": OB\$ (1 5) ="B! GVSSZ ! BOJNBH ! DBMMFE ! B! USJCCMF": OB\$ (16) ="SBX! EJMJUIJVN!DSZT UBMT": OB\$ (17)="UIF!UFDIOJDBM!NBOVBM!GPS!UIF!!!!TUBSTIJQ!FOUFSQSJ TF"'13051
190 OB\$ (18) ="B!IZQPEFSNJD!OFFEMF!MBCFMMFE"+CHR\$ (14)+"!!..!BOUJEP UF! JOKFDUJPO! ..": OB\$ (19)="B!QIBTFS": OB\$ (20)="B! DPNNVOJDBUPS": OB\$ (21) ="BO! FMFDUSPOJD!TIVOU": OBS (22)="TQPDL (T!USJDPSEFS"'12234

195 OB\$ (23) ="EJMJUIJVN! DSZTUBM! QPXFS! TUBUJPO-OPX! QSPWJEJOH! POMZ! B!GSBDUJPO!!!PG!OPSNBM!FOFSHZ!MFWFMT/":OB\$(24)="UIF!BVYJMJBSZ!DP OUSPM! QBOFM! . .! !B!LFZ!DPNQPOFOU!IBT!CFFO!SFNPWFEGSPN!UIF!DFOUFS! PG!UIF!DJSDVJU/"'14165
200 OB\$ (25)="B!4E!DIFTT!TFU":OB\$(26)="TUBS!DIBSUT":DI\$(0)="NORTH ":DI\$ (1)="EAST":DI\$ (2)="SOUTH":DI\$(3)="WEST":DI\$(4)="UP ":DI\$(5) ="DOWN"'8809
210 FORI=1T021:READVB\$(I):NEXT'1641
212 DATAOPS, FBT, TPV, XFT, VQ!, EPX, IFM, JOW, TDP, RVJ, MPP, HP!, HFU, ESP, TBZ, UIS, GJS, QSF, SFB, JOT, JOK' 6059
214 F0RI=1T021:CM\$=VB\$(I):VB\$ (I)="":F0RJ=1T03:VB\$(I)=VB\$(I)+CHR\$ (ASC (MID\$ (CM\$, J, 1)) -1) : NEXTJ, I'6538
220 FORI $=0$ TO22: READNNS (I) :NEXT $: \mathrm{PL}=1: \mathrm{SP}=0: \mathrm{KE}=-1: \mathrm{CR}=0: \mathrm{SH}=0: \mathrm{DE}=-1: \mathrm{T}$ $\mathrm{T}=0$ : TD=1'5507
222 DATAFOFS, DPNN, CVUU, CVUU, CVUU, TJHO, TJHO, TJHO, TJHO, TJHO, TQPD, L MJO, LMJO, LMJO, LMJO, USJC, DSZT, NBOV, OFFE, QIBT, DPNN, TIVO, USJD' 8452 224 FORI=0TO22: CM\$=NN\$ (I) : NN\$ (I) ="": F0RJ=1T04: NN\$ (I) =NN\$ (I) +CHR\$ (ASC (MID\$ (CM\$, J, 1)) -1) : NEXTJ, I' 6565
240 DD (1) ="CSJEHF": DD\$(2)="QFSTPOOFM!TFDUJPO":DD\$(3)="UFDIOJDBM !EFQBSUNFOUT": DD\$ (4)="TFDVSJUZ!TFDUJPO": DD\$ (5) ="FOHJOFFSJOH!EJWJ TJPO": NN\$ (25) ="CHES" : NN\$ (26) ="CHAR": GOTO500'11611
400 FORZ=1TOLEN (PS)'1343
410 PRINTCHR\$ (ASC (MID\$ (P\$, Z, 1)) -1) ; ' 2342
420 NEXTZ:RETURN'596
450 GOSUB400:PRINT:RETURN'1033
500 CLS: P\$="ZPV!":GOSUB400:IFSP=1THENP\$="BOE!TQPDL!":GOSUB400'38 96
501 IFCW=1THENPRINT"AND THE CREW ";'2027
503 P \$="BSE":GOSUB450:P\$=DS\$(PL): GÓSUB450:PRINT:IFPL=38THEN1600: ELSEIFPL=37THENCW=1:GOTO510:ELSEIFPL<>33THEN510:ELSEGOSUB505:GOS UB505: P\$="B! HJBOU! TBOE ! TOBLF ! JT ! TXJNNJOH ! ! UISPVHI!UIF! TBOE ! UPXBS E!ZPV!..": GOSUB450:GOSUB505:GOSUB505:PRINT'14529
504 P\$="JU (T!HFUUJOH!DMPTFS!//": GOSUB450: GOSUB505: P\$="ZPV!DBO (U! FTDBQF!..":GOSUB450:GOSUB505:GOSUB505:PRINT:P\$="BBSSSSHII!"+CHRS (34) +CHR\$ (34) +"!!!JU!LJHMFE! ZPV+CHR\$ (34):GOSUB450:GOTO1600'1216 0
505 FORI=1TO1000:NEXT:RETURN'1436
510 PRINT"OBVIOUS EXITS ARE:":GOSUB8000:FORJ=0TO5:IFPEEK (DZ+J)<> 35THENPRINTDI\$ (J);" ";:NEXT:PRINTELSENEXT:PRINT' 6292
514 PRINT: PS="ZPV!DBO!TFF!UIFTF!PCKFDUT;":GOSUB450'2861
515 IFPL=21THENP\$="BHM!UIF!TIJQ(T!TVQQMJFT":GOSUB450:GOTO520:ELS EK=0 : FORJ=1TO26:IFOB (J) =PL THENK=1:P\$=OB\$ (J):GOSUB450:NEXTJ:ELSE NEXTJ:IFPL=30THENP $=$ "I": GOSUB450:ELSEIFK=0THENP $\$=$ "OPUIJOH": GOSUB 450'12248
516 IFWG=0THEN520ELSEIFCW=1ANDPL=3THEN6000' 2474
518 IFPL=37THENSC=SC+250:GOTO1000'2095
$520 \operatorname{IFOB}(11)=\mathrm{PL} \quad \operatorname{OROB}(12)=\mathrm{PL} \quad \operatorname{OROB}(13)=\mathrm{PL} \quad \operatorname{OROB}(14)=\mathrm{PL} \quad$ THEN3000'380 6
530 IFKE ANDSP=1ANDPL=28THENPRINTSP\$:PRINTCP \$;:P\$="-!J!TFOTF!LMJ OHPOT!UP!UIFFBTU///!UPP!NBOZ!UP!EFGFBU!XJUI!KVTU!IBOE!QIBTFST/": GOSUB450'8450
540 IFKE ANDPL=30THENPRINT:PS="ZPV(SF!TVSSPVOEFE!CZ!B!TRVBESPO!P G!LMJOHPOT-!BOE ! IBWF!UJNE!GPS! !POF!BDUJPO!CEGPSF!UIEZ!GJSF"+CHR\$ (34) : GOSUB450: GOTO3500'9703

1000 GOSUB4000:PRINT:CMS="": INPUT"COMMAND"; CMS:CMS=CH\$+"
"'3573
1005 VBS=LEFTS (CMS, 3) :NN\$="":FORI=1TOLEN $(\mathrm{CM} \$)-4: \operatorname{IFMID}(\mathrm{CM}, \mathrm{I}, 1)=$ " "THENNN\$=MID\$ (CM\$, 1+1, 4) : I=255'6821
1010 NEXTI:VB=0:FORJ=1TO21:IFVB\$=VB\$ (J) THENVB=J'3119
1020 NEXTJ:IFVB=OTHENPRINT:PRINT"CAN YOU REPEAT THAT, ";CP\$;"?": GOTO1000'3967
1030 NN=-1:FORJ=0TO26:IFNN\$=NN\$ (J) THENNN=J'2807

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1040 NEXTJ:IF (NN=-1ANDVB>12) ANDVB<>15THENPRINT:PRINT"CAN YOU REP EAT THAT, CAPTAIN?":GOTO1000'5526
1050 ONVB GOTO1100, 1100, 1100, 1100, 1100, 1100, 1190, 1400, 1500, 1600,
$500,1700,1800,1900,2000,2100,2200,2300,2400,2500,2600 ' 5616$
1100 IFTT>2ANDPL=4ANDWG=1THENP\$=TM\$:GOSUB450:P\$="GPS!UIJT!QMBOFU
<T!HSBWJUZ/": GOSUB450:P\$=DR\$:GOSUB450:GOTO1000'7251
1105 GOSUB8000:DX=PEEK (DZ +VB-1): IFDX>35THENPL=DX-35:NM=NM+1:GOTO 500'4976
1110 PRINTCD\$:GOTO1000'941
1190 SC=SC-10:IFPL=4THEN1240'1862
1200 IFSP<>1THENPS=PF\$:GOSUB450:GOTO1000ELSEONPL GOSUB1220,1220,
$1230,4030,1220,1220,1250,1260,1220,1220,1270,1270,1270,1250,1220$
$, 1220,1220,1220,1220,1220,1280,1220,1220,1220,1220,1220,1250,129$
0,1220,1220,1300,1295:GOTO1000'11659
1220 P\$="J!TFF!OPUIJOH!VOVTVBM-! DBQUBJO/": GOSUB450:RETURN'3418
1230 PS="ZPV!VTVBMMZ!TBZ! (FOFSHJ"+CHR\$(91)+"F(!BU!!!UIJT!QPJOU-! DBQUBJO": GOSUB450:RETURN'5659
1240 PS=PFS:GOSUB450:GOTO1000'1752
$1250 \mathrm{KH}=0$ : $\operatorname{FORJ}=11 \mathrm{TO} 14: \operatorname{IFOB}(\mathrm{J})=$ PL THENKH=1:NEXTELSENEXT' 3333
1255 IFKH=1THENPRINT"I SUGGEST YOU FIRE A PHASER.":RETURNELSE122 0'3590
1260 IFOB (15)=8THENPS="EP!ZPV!UIJOL!UIJT!DSFBUVSF!DPVMECF!VTFGVM @": GOSUB450:RETURNELSE1220'5533
1270 P\$="TIPVME!J!QSFTT!UIF!CVUUPO@":GOSUB450: RETURN' 3172
1280 P $\$=$ "BMNPTU!BOZ!FRVJQNFOU!ZPV!SFRVJSFJT!BWBJMBCMF/": GOSUB4 50 :RETURN'4310
1290 IFKE THENPS="XF!OFFE!TPNFUIJOH!UP!GSJHIUFO!!!UIFN!BXBZ/": GO SUB450:RETURN:ELSE1220'4847
1295 IFOB (1)=32THENP\$="UIF!LMJOHPO.FTF!QISBTF!GPS!!(EP!ZPV!TVSSF OEFS (!!JT!! (USPYBFUJ (": GOSUB450:RETURN' 6097
1300 P\$="J!TVHHFTU!XF!DPOTVMU!UIF!TIJQ(T!UFDIOJDBM!NBOVBM/": GOSU B450: RETURN'4494
1400 PRINT:PRINT"YOU ARE CARRYING:": K=0:FORJ=15T026:IFOB(J)=0THE NP $\$=O B \$(J): G O S U B 450: K=1 ' 5272$
1410 NEXTJ:IFK=OTHENPS="OPUIJOH": GOSUB450'2419
1420 GOTO1000'632
1500 PRINT:PRINT"YOUR SCORE SO FAR IS";9*(SC-3*NM):GOTO1000'3615 1600 IFPL<>4ANDPL<33ANDWG=1ANDCW=0THENPRINTSPS:PRINT"CAPTAIN, "; EN\$;" IS": P\$="TBWFE/!!CVU!XJUIPVU!UIF!DSFX-!!!PVSINJTTJPO!JT!B!G BJMVSF/": GOSUB450'9146
1605 GOSUB505:PRINT:PRINT"THIS ADVENTURE IS OVER."' 2590
1607 PRINT"WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY AGAIN?"'2214
1610 CM\$=INKEY\$:IFCM\$="Y"THENCLS:RUN10ELSEIFCM\$="N"THENCLS:ENDEL SE1610'3908
1650 RETURN' 264
$1700 \mathrm{VB} \$=\operatorname{LEFT}(\mathrm{NN} \$, 3): \mathrm{VB}=0:$ FORJ=1T06: $\mathrm{IFVB} \$=\mathrm{VB} \$(\mathrm{~J})$ THENVB=J'3919
1710 NEXTJ:IFVB=0THENFORJ=1TO1:GOTO1020ELSE1100'2705
1800 IFOB (NN) = OTHENPRINT"YOU ALREADY HAVE THAT":GOTO1000'3132
1805 IFNN<15THENPRINTCDS:GOTO1000'1609
1810 IFOB (NN) =PL ANDTT<5THENPRINT: P $\$=" \mathrm{P} / \mathrm{L} /!$ ! $\mathrm{BEE} ":$ GOSUB450: P $\$=O B \$$ (NN) : GOSUB450:PS="UP!ZPVS!JOWFOUPSZ/":GOSUB450:TT=TT+1:OB(NN)=0: GOT01000'8786
1818 IFOB(NN)=PL THENP $\$=T M \$:$ GOSUB450:P $\$=$ DR $\$:$ GOSUB450: GOTO1000' 36 70
1820
1820 PRINT"I DON'T SEE THAT HERE":GOTO1000'2150
1900 PRINT:IFOB(NN) <>0THENPRINT"YOU DON'T HAVE THAT.":GOTO1000'3 484
1910 IFNN=16ANDOB(16)=0THENPRINT"O.K.":P\$=SH\$:GOSUB450:OB(16)=4: $\mathrm{SC}=\mathrm{SC}-150: \mathrm{TT}=\mathrm{TT}-1:$ GOTO1000'5910

1915 IFNN=15ANDOB (15) =0THENOB (15) =-1:TT=TT-1:SC=SC-50:P\$="P/L/!! CVU!JU!SBO!BXBZ"+CHR\$ (34):GOSUB450:GOTO1000'7501
1920 P\$="P/L/!!ZPV!ESPQQFE":GOSUB450:PS=OB\$(NN):GOSUB450:OB(NN) = PL:TT=TT-1:GOTO1000'5533
2000 IF (PL=3ANDSP=1ANDNN=0) THENPRINTSPS: P\$="BZF!BZF-!": GOSUB400: PRINTCPS:FORI=1T025:PRINT"*";:F0RJ=1T010:NEXTJ,I:GOSUB505:PL=4:S P=0:GOTO500'8459
2005 IFNN=0ANDTT>2THENP\$=TM\$: GOSUB450: P\$=DR\$:GOSUB450:GOTO1000'4 063
2010 IFNN=0THENIFOB (20)=0THENIFNN=0THENPRINTSP\$:P\$="CFBNJOH!ZPV! BCPBSE-!DBQUBJO/":GOSUB450:FORI=1TO25:PRINT"*";:FORJ=1TO10:NEXTJ , I: GOSUB505: PL=3: SP=1:GOTO500' 9762
2015 IFNN=0ANDOB (20) <>0THENP\$="PL/! CVU! XJUIPVU!UIF! DPNNVOJDBUPSZ PV!BSF!CFBNFE ! JOUP!EFFQ!TQBDF/":GOSUB450:GOTO1600' 7620
2020 IFPL=3THENIFNN=0THENP\$="OFFE!TPNFPOF!GPS1UIF!DPOUSPMT@": GOS UB450:GOTO1000'5141
2030 IFPL=32THENIFNN\$="TROX"THENIFOB (1)=32THENP\$="UIF! DPNNBOEFS TVSSFOEFST!BOE!!!!TUBUFT!UIBU!UIF!DSFX!JT!VOIBSNFEPO!UIF!QMBOFU T!TVSGBDF-! IF!XJMMTVQQMZ!USBOTQPSUFS!DPPSEJOBUFT!!BOE!XJMM!HP!UP !UIF! CSJH/": GOSUB450: OB (1)=26:SC=SC+150:GOTO1000'16275
2040 P\$="P/L/!!ZPV!TBJE!JU-! CVU": GOSUB450'2530
2050 P\$=NI\$:GOSUB450:GOTO1000'1543
2100 PRINT:IFOB(NN) <>0THENPRINTCD\$: GOTO1000'2192
$2110 \mathrm{TT}=\mathrm{TT}-1:$ IFNN=16THENPRINT"O.K.": P $\$=$ CH\$: GOSUB45 $0: S C=S C-150:$ OB (16) $=4$ : GOTO1000 ' 5107

2120 IFNN>16THENPRINT"O.K.":SC=SC-50:IFSP=1THENPRINTSPS:PRINT"A MOST ILLOGICAL MOVE, "; CP\$'5189
2130 IFNN>16THENOB (NN) =PL: GOTO1000' 2089
2140 FORI=11T014:IFOB(I)=PL THENPRINT:P\$="UIF!LMJOHPO!XBT!TP!BGS BJE!PG1UIFUSJCCMF!UIBU!IF!SB0!BXBZ"+CHR\$ (34):GOSUB450:OB(I) =-1: 0 $\mathrm{B}(15)=\mathrm{PL}: \mathrm{SC}=\mathrm{SC}+75: \mathrm{I}=15:$ NEXTI: ELSENEXTI'10933
2142 IFPL $>32$ THENOB $\{15$ ) $=-1:$ PS="CVU!UIF!USJCCMF!SBO!BXBZ-!UPP" + CHR \$(34): GOSUB450:GOTO1000*5768
2150 IFOB (1)=PL THENPS="UIF!LMJOHP0!DPNNBOEFS!JT!WFSZ!!!CSBWF!BO E!IPMET!IJT!HSPVOE/": GOSUB450:OB (15)=PL:GOTO1000' 7191
2160 IFPL=30ANDKE THENPRINT:P\$="XIFO!UIF!LMJOHPOT!TFF!B!USJCCMF! JO!UIFJS!NJETU-!UIFZ!SVO!BXBZ!MOBMM!EJSFDUJPOT/":GOSUB450'7704 RAIN!"•PS="ZPV!SFNFNCFSFE! IPX! JMMPHJDBMMZ! GGSHIUFOFE!UTFZ!BSF!P G1US JCCT" G!USJCCMFT"+CHR\$ (34):GOSUB400:ELSEPRINT'10377
2170 IFPL $=30$ ANDKE THENKE $=0:$ OB (15) $=30:$ GOTO1000' 2796
2180 OB (15) =PL:GOTO1000'1348
2200 IFNN<>19THENPRINTCD\$:GOTO1000'1931
2210 IFOB (19) <>0THENPRINTCD\$;" YET.": GOTO1000'2506
2220 SC=SC-20:FORI=11TO14:IFOB(I)<>PL THEN2230ELSEPRINT:P\$="UIF LMJOHPO! IBT!CFFO!SFNPWFE": GOSUB450:SC=SC+100:IFPL>32THENP\$= "CVU! ZPVS!QIBTFS!WBQPSJ^FE/": GOSUB450:OB (19)=-1:TT=TT-1'12311
$2222 \mathrm{OB}(\mathrm{I})=-1: \mathrm{I}=15:$ NEXTI: GOTO1000' 2108
2230 NEXTI:IFOB(1)=PL THENPRINT:PS="UIF!DPNNBOEFS!IBT1CFFO!SFNPW FE/":GOSUB450:IFSP=1THENPRINTSPS:P\$="IJHIMZ! JMMPHJDBM! UP! LJMM! BO
$":$ GOSUB450:PS="VOBSNFE !NBO-!":GOSUB400:PRINTCPS:OB $(1)=-1:$ GOTO100 ":GOSUB450: P\$="VOBSNFE!NBO-!":GOSUB400: PRINTCPS:OB(1)=-1:GOTO100 OELSEOB (1) $=-1$ :GOTO1000 13478
2240 PRINT:PRINT BUT WHY WASTE": PRINT"V
2300 IFNN<20RNN>4THENPRINT"DO WHAT, CAPTAIN?": GOTO1000'3395
2310 IFPL<110RPL>13THENP\$="XIBU!CVUUPO-!DBQUBJO@":GOSUB450:GOTO1 000'4262 BUF! POF! IVNBOPJE! ! MJGGF!GPSN! PO! CPBSE-! POF! WVMDBO-!BOE ! NBOZ ! LMJO


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HPOT/":GOSUB450:GOTO1000'9929
2330 IFPL=12THENP\$=CR\$:GOSUB450:P\$="TFOTPST! JOEJDBUF! POF! IVNBOPJ E! ! !HJGF!GPSN!BOE ! POF ! WVMDBO!BCPBSE/": GOSUB450:GOTO1000' 7561
2340 IFPL=13THENP\$=CRS:GOSUB450:PRINTEN\$;" IS IN ORBIT": PRINT"AR OUND PLANET TIERAS $80 \ldots$ A CLASS M PLANET ...": PRINT"OXYGEN -NITROGEN ATMOSPHERE ...":PRINT'RICH IN CRYSTALLITE MINERALS.":P RINT'11294
2350 IFPL=13THENIFDE THENPRINTEN\$; :PS="!XJMM!CVSO!VQ!JO!!UIF!BUN PTQIFSF!WFSZ!TPPO!VOMFTT!UIF!JNQVMTF!FOHJOFT!BSF!GJSFE/":GOSUB45 0.8079

2360 IFPL=13THEN1000'993
2370 GOSUB8000:IFPL=11THENIFSH THENIFCR THENPRINT"THE SHIP SHAKE S VIOLENTLY ‥": PS=CRS:GOSUB450:PS="TUBCMF!PSCJU!BDIJFWFE"+CHRS (34): GOSUB $450: \mathrm{DE}=0: \mathrm{TD}=1: \mathrm{WG}=1: \mathrm{OB}(11)=35: \mathrm{OB}(12)=39: \mathrm{OB}(13)=40: \mathrm{OB}(14$ ) $=41$ : POKEDZ-42, 71: POKEDZ-41, 69: POKEDZ-40, 35'15012
2371 IFPL=11THENIESH THENIFCR THENIFWG=1THENPOKEDZ-39,76: SC=SC+2 00: GOTO1000'4599
2380 P $\$=$ NI $\$:$ GOSUB450: GOTO1000' 1618
2400 SC=SC-5:IFNN=9AND (INT $(\mathrm{PL} / 5) * 5)=$ PL ANDPL<26THENPRINT"IT SAYS :": PRINT"STARSHIP ENTERPRISE - NCC 1701":PRINT"DECK";PL/5;"-"; :PS=DDS (PL/5):GOSUB450:GOTO1000'10211
2405 IFNN=22THEN2470ELSEIFNN=17THEN2410'2178
2408 PRINT"READ WHAT, CAPTAIN?":GOTO1000'2136
2410 IFOB (17) <>0THEN2408'1357
2420 IFPL=11THENP = ="DIFDL!UIF!EJMJUIJVN!DSZTUBMT! BOEDPOUSPMT! JO! FOHJOFFSJOH/": GOSUB450:GOTO1000'6252
2430 IFPL=21ANDOB\{21)=PL THENPS="UIJT!TIVOU!JT!VTFE!JO!UIF!!!!!! !FOHJOFFSJOH!DPOUSPM!NFDIBOJTN/":GOSUB450:GOTOl000'7275
2440 IFPL=31THENPS="JOTFSU!UIF!DSZTUBMT!BU!UIF!QPXFSTUBUJPO/":GO SUB450:GOTO1000'5180
2450 IFPL=32THENPS="JOTUBMM!UIF!TIVOU!JO!UIF!DPOUSPMQBOFM/": GOSU B450:GOTO1000'5000
2460 P\$="JU!EPFT!OPU!NFOUJP0!BOZUIJOH!PG!WBMVF!JO!UIJT!TJUVBUJP0 /":GOSUB450:GOTO1000'5511
2470 IFOB (22) <>0THEN2408'1413
2472 IFPL=4ORPL>32THEN2480'1682
2474 IFKE $<>00 \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{OB}(11)>0$ ANDOB $(11)<33)$ OR $(\mathrm{OB}\{12)>0$ ANDOB $(12)<33)$ OR $\{0$ B $(13)>0$ ANDOB $\{13)<33$ ) OR (OB (14) >OANDOB (14) <33) THENPS="UIFSF! BSF! LM JOHPOT!PO!UIF!TIJQ/": GOSUB450:GOTO1000'10947
2476 IFKE=OANDOB (1)<>-1THENP\$="JU! JOEJDBUFT! POMZ! POF!VOBSNFE! ! I L MJOHPO!SFNBJOT!PO!UIF!TIJQ/":GOSUB450:GOTO1000'7390
2500 IFPL<31THENPRINTCDS;" HERE":GOTO1000'2243
2510 IFPL=31THENIFOB (16)=0THENIFNN=16THENIFCR THENP\$=NI\$:GOSUB45 0: GOTO1000'4558
2520 IFPL=31THENIFOB (16) =OTHENIFNN=16THENIFCR=0THENP\$="B! MPX! WJC SBUJPO!CFHJOT!///":GOSUB450:P\$="QPXFS!MFWFMT!OPX!BU":GOSUB400:PR INT92+RND (7) +RND (0);"\%"; :CR=-1:TT=TT-1:OB (16)=-1:OB(23)=-1:SC=SC +300: GOTO2560'14399
2530 IFPL=32THENIFOB (21)=0THENIFNN=21THENIFSH THENPS=NIS:GOSUB45 0: GOTO1000'4577
2540 IFPL=32THENIFOB (21)=0THENIFNN=21THENIFSH=0THENP\$="B!HSFFO!Q BOFM!MJHIU! HMPXT!///!!!BVYJMJBSZ!QPXFS!OPX!PQFSBUJPOBM": GOSUB450 : OB (24) =-1:TT=TT-1: SH=-1:OB (21)=21:SC=SC+250:GOT02560'12682
2550 PRINTCD\$:GOTO1000'1106
2560 IFCR ANDSH THENTD=-17-RND (3)-RND (0) :GOTO1000'3385
2570 GOTO1000'507
2480 PRINT"IT INDISNT!BOE!LMJOHPOT!UP!UIF!OPSUIFBTU///":GOSUB450'7071 2482 IFOB(14) <>-1THENP\$="POF! LMJOHP0!UP!UIF!XFTU/":GOSUB450'3927 2484 GOTOIOOO'676

2600 IF $\{$ NN=18ORNN=10) $\operatorname{ANDOB~(10)=26ANDOB(18)=0THENSC=SC+200:P\$ ="P~}$ L/!!TQPDL!BXBLFOT!BOE!TBZT!..! J! BN!XFMM! FOPVHI!UP!IFMQ! ZPV!OPX": GOSUB400:SP=1:OB(10)=-1:GOTO1000'10708
2610 PRINT"NOT NOW, CAPTAIN.":GOTO1000'1959
3000 IFOB (15) <>0THENIFOB (19) <>0THENPRINT:GOSUB505: P\$="XJUIPVU!B! QIBTFS-!ZPV1NVTU!!!!!!TVSSFOEFS/": GOSUB450:GOTO1600'7199
3010 GOSUB3100:IFCl\$=VB\$ (16) ANDC2 $\$=$ NN $\$(15)$ ANDOB (15) $=0$ THENTT=TT-1 : GOTO2140'4658
3020 IFC1S=VB\$ (17) ANDC2\$=NN\$ (19) ANDOB (19) =0THEN2220ELSE3520'3431 3100 PRINT:CM\$="":INPUT"COMMAND";CM\$:CM\$=CM\$+" "'2829 3110 FORI = 1TOLEN (CM\$):IFMID\$ (CM\$,1,1)=" "THENC1\$=LEFT\$ (CM\$,3):C2 \$=MID\$ (CMS, I+1, 4): I=99'5793
3120 NEXTI:RETURN'474
3500 GOSUB3100:IFC1\$=VB\$ (16) ANDC2\$=NN\$ (15) ANDOB (15)=0THENTT=TT-1 :GOTO2140:ELSE3520'5088
3520 PRINT:PS="UPP!TMPX-! DBQUBJO/!! ZPV!IBWF!!!!CFFO!DBQUVSFE-!BO E!UIF!TIJQ!IBT!CFFO!MPTU"+CHR\$ (34) :GOSUB450:GOTO1600'7360 4000 IFTD>0THENRETURNELSETD=TD+1+RND (0)' 2577
4010 IFTD>0THENPRINT: P\$="UPP!MBUF-IDBQUBJO"+CHR\$ (34): GOSUB450:P\$ =ENS+"!XJMM!TPPO!CVSO!!!VQ!JO!UIF!QMBOFU (T!BUNPTQIFSF/!!HPPECZF1"+CP\$:GOSUB450:GOSUB505:GOTO1600'10443
4020 IFSP=1THENPRINTSPS:PRINT"0NLY";-TD;"MINUTES": P\$="VOUJM!PSCJ U!EFDBZT/":GOSUB450'5139
4030 RETURN'349
5500 CLS:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT" CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 4295.3":PRIN T: PRINT" YOU ARE CAPTAIN OF THE STARSHIPENTERPRISE AND AWOKE MOM ENTS AGOTO FIND AN EMPTY SHIP. NO ONE RESPONDS - SPOCK, CHEKHO V, SULU, SCOTTY, UHURU ..."'13079
5510 PRINT:PRINT" COULD THIS BE THE KLINGON'S FINAL VICTORY? ":PRINT:PRINT" PRESS ENTER, AND WELCOME TO-";:INPUTTT:RETURN'659 1
6000 CLS:PRINT" CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN! YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE KLINGONS, REPAIRED THE WARP DRIVE POWER, AND RETURNED THE CREW SAFELY TO ";ENS?. ':PRINT 9608
6010 PRINT"UHURU REPORTS THAT STAR FLEET HAS JUST SIGNALLED TH AT YOU ARE TO RETURN WITH ";ENS:PRINT"FOR A WELL-EARNED SHORE LE AVE ONTERRA SATEY, AFTER WHICH YOU ARETO BE PROMOTED TO COMMODOR .
6020 PRINT"YOUR MISSION SCORE IS"9*(SC-3*NM):GOTO1607'3441
8000 DZ=VARPTR (DMS) : DY=PEEK $(D Z+2) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(D Z+3): D Z=D Y+6 *(P L-1):$ RETURN'5310
9999 END'192
10000
10001 ' TO GENERATE CHECKSUMS
10001 ' TO GENERATE CHECKSUMS,
10002 ' APPEND LINES 63000-63070
10003 ' TO LINES 5-9999
10004 ' THEN RUN 63000
10005
63000 CL=PEEK (25) *256+PEEK (26
63010 CLS:BN=BN+1:BT=0:PRINT" LINE", "CHECKSUM":PRINT
63010 CLS:BN=BN+1:BT=0:PRINT" LINE", "CHECKSUM": PRI
63020 FORI=1TO10:CS=0:LN=PEEK (CL+2)*256+PEEK (CL+3)
63030 IFLN $<63000$ THENPRINTLN, $:$ NL=PEEK (CL) *256+PEEK (CL+1) :ELSEI=11 :GOTO63060
63040 FORJ=CL+2TONL-1 $: \operatorname{IFPEEK}(J)=58$ ANDPFEK $(J+1)=131$ THENT=NL :ETSEC S=CS+PEEK ( J )
63050 NEXTJ: PRINTCS:CL=NL:BT=BT+CS
63060 NEXTI:PRINT:PRINT"BLOCK";BN,BT:PRINT:IFLN>62999THENEND 63070 INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";BT:GOTO63010
63500 P=VARPTR (DMS):K=PEEK (P+2)*256+PEEK (P+3)
63510 FORI=0TO40:PRINT: IFK9THENPRTNT" ".
63520 PRINTI+1;"-";:FORJ=0TO5:PRINTPEEK (K+I*6+J)-35:NEXTJ,I

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With the program, the computer says the numbers zero through nine, along with the functions plus, minus, times, divided by, and equal to when you press the corresponding key. It handles addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division of any two numbers, but it does not support exponents.

When you enter the first number, the

## Software is the key to teaching your computer to talk. Using this program is as easy as 1-2-3.

computer says it one digit at a time. As you enter the rest of the operation, the computer says the mathematical operation sign, the second number, the equals sign, and the result. The program also displays the answer on the screen, then

Program Listing 1. Talkcal

```
PCLEAR 1
CLS
CLEARS0,11000
DEFUSR1=12032
    A$="":G$="":F S=" ":H$=""
    CLS
    P=0
    B §=""
    Y=0
    AS=INKEY$
    P=0
80 IF A $="" THEN 70
90 Y =Y+1
100 IF A $="/" THEN GOSUB 2000
110 IF A $="+" GOSUB 2000
120 IF AS="-" GOSUB 2000
140 IF AS="*" GOSUB 2000
150 T9=ASC(AS)
1 6 0 ~ I F ~ T 9 > 4 5 ~ A N D T 9 < 5 8 ~ T H E N ~ G O T O ~ 1 0 0 0 ~
1 6 2 ~ G O T O 7 0 ~
165 B$=BS+A$
170 GOTO 70
5 0 0 ~ G O S U B ~ 6 5 5 0
510 RETURN
5 2 0 ~ G O S U B ~ 6 7 1 0
5 3 0 ~ R E T U R N
5 4 0 ~ G O S U B ~ 6 6 3 0
50 RETURN
5 6 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 5 9 0
570 RETURN
5 8 0 ~ G O S U B ~ 6 1 5 0
590 RETURN
6 0 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 1 9 0
```

resets automatically and awaits the next problem.

## How It Works

Operation of this "talking calculator" requires that you load the Basic program Talkcal (Program Listing 1) and the machine-language program Calc.

Developing Calc is rather involved and requires the use of Radio Shack's EDTASM + . In the editor mode, copy Program Listing 2, Talk, which is a modified version of a routine written by Richard Seymour. (See "Teach Your Computer to Talk," 80 Micro Special Anniversary Issue, p. 472.) Assemble Talk in memory with the A/IM/AO command. Escape to Basic with the Q command.

Now enter Program Listing 3, Teach. Save this program to tape before running it. After loading Teach, make a digital recording of the words that you want the calculator to say. Although you can use a tape recorder for voice input, I had better results with an inexpensive microphone and external amplifier (Radio Shack 277-1008). Input from the amplifier or tape recorder comes through the black plug in the cassette cable.

System Requirements
32KRAM
Extended Color Basic

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Listing continued
6 1 0 ~ R E T U R N
6 2 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 2 3 0
6 3 0 \text { RETURN}
6 4 0 \text { GOSUB6270}
6 5 0 ~ R E T U R N
6 6 0 \text { GOSUB 6310}
6 7 0 \text { RETURN}
6 8 0 \text { GOSUB 6670}
6 9 0 ~ R E T U R N
7 0 0 \text { GOSUB 6390}
7 1 0 ~ R E T U R N ~
7 2 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 4 3 0
730 RETURN
7 4 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 4 7 0
750 RETURN
7 6 0 \text { GOSUB 6510}
7 7 0 \text { RETURN}
7 8 0 \text { GOSUB } 6 7 5 0
790 RETURN
1000 IF A$="l" THEN R=580
1010 IF A$="2" THEN R=600
1020 IF A$="3" THEN R=620
1040 IF A$="4" THEN R=640
1050 IF A$="5" THEN R=660
1060 IF A$="6" THEN R=680
1070 IF A§="7" THEN R=700
1080 IF AS="8" THEN R=720
1090 IF A$="9" THEN R=740
1100 IF A$="0" THEN R=760
1105 IF A$="." THEN R=780
1110 IF R=580 GOSUB 580
1112 IF R=600 GOSUB 600
1114 IF R=620 GOSUB }62
1116 IF R=640 GOSUB }64
1118 IF R=660 GOSUB }66
1120 IF R=680 GOSUB 680
1122 IF R=700 GOSUB 700
1124 IF R=720 GOSUB 720
1126 IF R=740 GOSUB 740
1128 IF R=760 GOSUB }76
1129 IF R=780 GOSUB 780
1130 IF P=0 THEN 165
1135 IF P=2 THEN RETURN
1140 GOTO 2210
2000 IF A$="+" GOSUB 500
2010 IF A$="/" GOSUB 520
2020 IF A$="-" GOSUB 540
2040 IF A$="*" GOSUB 560
2045 R$=A$
2050 Z=1
2060 C$=MIDS (B$,Z,1)
2070 D$=D$+C$
2080 Z=Z+1
2090 IF Z=Y THEN 2110
2 1 0 0 ~ G O T O ~ 2 0 6 0 ~
2110 C=VAL (DS)
2115 C8=C
2116 PRINT C
2120 Y=0
2130 D$=A$
2140 B$=""
2150 A$=INKEY$
2160 IF A$="" THEN 2150
2170 Y=Y+1
2180 IF A$="=" THEN 3000
2190 T8=ASC(A$)
2200 IF T8>45 AND T8<58 THEN GOTO 2205
2202 GOTO 2150
2205 P=1
2207 B$=B$+A$:GOSUB 1000
2 2 1 0 ~ G O T O ~ 2 1 5 0
3000 z=1
3 0 0 2 ~ G O S U B 6 3 5 0 ~
3010 F$=MID$ (B$,Z,l)
3020 G$=G$+F$
3030 Z=Z+1
3040 IF Z=Y THEN 3060
3 0 5 0 ~ G O T O ~ 3 0 1 0
3060 G=VAL (G$)
3065 C=C8
3070 IF RS="*" THEN H=C*G
3080 IF R$="+" THEN H=C+G
3090 IF R$="-" THEN H=C-G
3100 IF R$="/" THEN H=C/G
3110 H$=STR$ (H)
3120 PRINT H$
3130 Y=LEN (H$)
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$3140 \mathrm{Yl}=2$
3150 A\$=MID\$ (H\$,Y1, 1)
3160 PRINT A\$
$3170 \mathrm{P}=2$
3175 GOSUB1000
3180 IF Y1=Y THEN 3
3190 Y1=Y1+1
3200 GOTO 3150
$5040 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~F}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 44: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 32: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HC} 8$
5050 RETURN
5060 B=\&H2A:C=\&HF8:D=\&H2E:E=\&HDF
5070 RETURN
$5080 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 32: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HC} 8: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 36: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HBO}$
5090 RETURN
$5100 \quad \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 36: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HBO}: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 98$ 5110 RETURN
$5120 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 98: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 80$ 5130 RETURN
$5140 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 80: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 42: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 68$ 5150 RETURN
$5160 \quad B=\& H 42: C=\& H 68: D=\& H 46: E=\& H 50$
5170 RETURN
$5180 \quad \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 46: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 50: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}$
5190 RETURN
$5200 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 20: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 52: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 08$
5210 RETURN
$5220 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 52: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 08: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 55: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HFO}$
5230 RETURN
$5240 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 55: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HF} 0: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HCO}$
5250 RETURN
$5260 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HCO}: \mathrm{D}=\alpha \mathrm{H} 61: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HA} 8$
5270 RETURN
5280 B=\&H61:C=\&HA8: $D=\& H 65: E=\& H 90$ 5290 RETURN
$5300 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 65: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 90: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 60$ 5310 RETURN
$5320 \quad B=\& H 6 D: C=\& H 60: D=\& H 75: E=\& H 30$ 5330 RETURN
$5340 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 75: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 30: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 00$ 5350 RETURN

5990 POKE \&H2F17, C
6000 POKE \&H2F2A,D
6010 POKE \&H2F2B,E
6020 RETURN
6030 A=USRO (0)
6040 RETURN
6050 A=USR1 (0)
6060 RETURN
6070 GOSUB 5340
6080 GOSUB 5930
6090 INPUT"DIVIDED BY";A\$
6100 GOSUB 6030
6110 GOSUB 5060
6120 GOSUB 5930
6130 INPUT"POINT"; A\$
6140 GOSUB 6030
6150 GOSUB 5040
6160 GOSUB 5980
6180 GOSUB 6050
6185 RETURN
6190 GOSUB 5080
6200 GOSUB 5980
6220 GOSUB 6050
6225 RETURN
6230 GOSUB 5100
6240 GOSUB 5980
6260 GOSUB 6050
6265 RETURN
6270 GOSUB 5120
6280 GOSUB 5980
6300 GOSUB 6050
6305 RETURN
6310 GOSUB 5140
6320 GOSUB 5980
6340 GOSUB 6050
6345 RETURN
6350 GOSUB 5160
6360 GOSUB 5980
6380 GOSUB 6050
6385 RETURN
6390 GOSUB 5180
6400 GOSUB 5980

6420 GOSUB 6050
6425 RETURN
6430 GOSUB 5200
6440 GOSUB 5980
6460 GOSUB 6050
6465 RETURN
6470 GOSUB 5220
6480 GOSUB 5980
6500 GOSUB 6050
6505 RETURN
6510 GOSUB 5240
6520 GOSUB 5980
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6585 RETURN
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6625 RETURN
6630 GOSUB 5300
6640 GOSUB 5980
6660 GOSUB 6050
6665 RETURN
6670 GOSUB 5320
6680 GOSUB 5980
6700 GOSUB 6050
6705 RETURN
6710 GOSUB 5340
6720 GOSUB 5980
6740 GOSUB 6050
6745 RETURN
6750 GOSUB 5060
6760 GOSUB 5980
6780 GOSUB 6050
6785 RETURN
6790 INPUT-HEAR AGAIN",-A\$
6800 IF A\$="N" THEN 5360
6810 GOTO 6170

Teach requests each word, but does not record your voice until you press enter. After you have recorded all the words, the program displays the question "Hear again?". If you answer N, you can record the words again. Any other answer allows you to hear the previous recording. When all the words sound intelligible, press break, and type EXEC 49152. This returns you to the editor mode. Now press $Z$ and enter, and prepare the tape recorder to store a program. Enter the following line:

## P CALC 2AF8 7D00 2AF8

Record this two or three times on differ-
ent tapes to ensure a good save.
Talkcal uses a major part of the code in Teach. Lines 3-15 clear needed memory and define an entry point for the machine-language program. Lines 40-80 monitor the keyboard for input; the program stays here if there is no input. If there is an input, line 90 stores the length of that number. Lines 100140 move program control to a new area (line 2000) if the input calls for a function. Lines 150-162 test to see if the input is valid (i.e., not a letter) and advance control to line 1000 if they establish validity. Lines 1000-1129 sort the
number and branch to a subroutine to cause speech.

For example, if the number is 4 , the program goes to line 640 , then to line 6270, which sends control to line 5120 . This line sets up values for B, C, D, and $E$. These represent the starting and ending addresses for the memory-storage area that holds the digital recording of the word four. Line 5130 returns to line 6280, which then goes to line 5980. Lines 5980-6010 insert the starting and ending address values for four into the ma-chine-language program. Line 6020 returns to line 6300. This line goes to line

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6050, which executes the machine-language program (speaks the word four) and returns to line 6060, which returns to line 6305 , which returns to line 650 , which returns to line 1118 .

Line 1130 returns control to line 165 if you have not entered a function sign. Line 165 adds the latest keyboard entry to the string being held ( $\mathrm{B} \$$ ) for calculation. Line 170 jumps to line 70 , which waits for another keyboard entry.

If you press a function key (+, -, *, /), control moves you to line 2000. Lines 2000-2040 cause the computer to say the function. Line 2045 stores the type of function in the variable $\mathrm{R} \$$. Lines 2050-2110 reverse the order of B\$ and store it in DS, then convert this string to a number represented by the variable C. Line 2115 saves $C$ in variable C8. Line 2116 prints C, the first number in the calculation. Line 2130 sets $\mathrm{D} \$$ equal to $\mathrm{A} \$$, while lines 2140-2202 check the keyboard for input numbers and validity.

If you press the equals sign, control moves to line 3000 , which performs the calculation. If you press a valid number, control moves to line 2205 , which sets $P$ equal to 1. Line 2207 adds the

| Decimal | Hex | Contents |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11000 | 2 AF8 |  |
| 11999 | $2 E D F$ | Point |
| 12000 | $2 E E 0$ |  |
| 12100 | $2 F 44$ | Talk Program |
| 12100 | $2 F 44$ |  |
| 13000 | $32 C 8$ | One |
| 13000 | 32 C8 |  |
| 14000 | $36 B 0$ | Two |
| 14000 | $36 B 0$ |  |
| 15000 | $3 A 98$ | Three |
| 15000 | $3 A 98$ |  |
| 16000 | $3 E 80$ | Four |
| 16000 | $3 E 80$ |  |
| 17000 | 4268 | Five |
| 17000 | 4268 |  |
| 18000 | 4650 | Equals |
| 18000 | 4650 |  |
| 20000 | $4 E 20$ | Seven |
| 20000 | $4 E 20$ |  |
| 21000 | 5208 | Eight |
| 21000 | 5208 |  |
| 22000 | $55 F 0$ | Nine |
| 22000 | $55 F 0$ |  |
| 24000 | 5 DC0 | Zero |
| 24000 | 5 DC0 |  |
| 25000 | $61 A 8$ | Plus |
| 25000 | $61 A 8$ |  |
| 26000 | 6590 | Times |
| 26000 | 6590 |  |
| 28000 | $6 D 60$ | Minus |
| 28000 | $6 D 60$ |  |
| 30000 | 7530 | Six |
| 30000 | 7530 |  |
| 32000 | $7 D 00$ | Divided by |
|  |  |  |

Table 1. Memory Map of Talkcal
latest number received to the string ( $\mathrm{B} \$$ ) that formulates the second number involved in the calculation. The program passes control to subroutine 1000, which says the number you pressed. Because P equals 1 , the program passes through lines 1130 and 1135-1140 and then to line 2210. This line returns you to line 2150, which scans the keyboard.

When line 2180 finds an equals sign, control passes to line 3000, which sets the variable Z . This variable enables the reversal of the $\mathrm{B} \$$ string. Line 3002 goes to line 6350 and speaks the word equals. Lines 3010-3060 reverse the order of B\$ and assign the string value to the variable G. Line 3065 lets C equal C8, the value of the first number. Lines 3070-3100 determine which function to perform and then perform it, with H holding the value of the answer. Line 3110 converts the numeric value to a string, which H\$ represents. Line 3120 displays this value (the answer) on the video display. Line 3130 determines the
length of the answer, while line 3140 sets the value of the position of the spoken answer. Line 3150 pulls a character from the answer string, and line 3160 prints that character on the video screen.

Line 3170 sets a value of P so that the subroutine at line 1000 (to which line 3175 jumps) returns to line 3180 after speaking the number. If the program has spoken the entire answer, line 3180 sends control to line 3 for a new problem. If the answer is not complete, line 3190 increases the Y1 counter (used to peel numbers from the answer string), and line 3200 moves control to line 3150 , where this peeling takes place.

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5020 DEFUSRI=12032
5030 GOTO 5360
5040 B=\&H2F:C=\&H44:D=\&H32:E=\&HC8
5050 RETURN
$5060 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HF} 8 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HDF}$ 5070 RETURN
$5080 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 32: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HC} 8: \mathrm{D}=\alpha \mathrm{H} 36: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HBO}$
5090 RETURN
$5100 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 36: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HB} 0: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 98$ 5110 RETURN
$5120 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 98: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 80$
5130 RETURN
5140 B=\&H3E:C=\&H80:D=\&H42:E=\&H68
5150 RETURN
$5160 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 42: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 68: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 46: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 50$
5170 RETURN
$5180 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 46: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 50: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 20$
5190 RETURN
$5200 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{E}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 20: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 52: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 08$ 5210 RETURN
5220 B=\&H52:C=\&H08: $D=\& H 55: E=\& H F 0$
5230 RETURN
$5240 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 55: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HFO}: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HCO}$ 5250 RETURN
$5260 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HC} 0: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 61: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{HA} 8$
5270 RETURN
$5280 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 61: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{HA} 8: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 65: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 90$
5290 RETURN
$5300 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 65: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 90: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 60$
5310 RETURN
$5320 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 60: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 75: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 30$
5330 RETURN
$5340 \mathrm{~B}=\& \mathrm{H} 75: \mathrm{C}=\& \mathrm{H} 30: \mathrm{D}=\& \mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{D}: \mathrm{E}=\& \mathrm{H} 00$
5350 RETURN
5360 GOSUB5040
5370 GOSUB 5930
5380 INPUT"ONE";AS
5390 A=USRO (0)
5400 GOSUB 5080
5410 GOSUB 5930
5420 INPUT"TWO";AS
5430 A=USRO (0)
5440 GOSUB 5100
5450 GOSUB 5930
5460 INPUT"THREE";A\$
5470 GOSUB 6030
5480 GOSUB 5120
5490 GOSUB 5930
5500 INPUT"FOUR"; A\$
5510 GOSUB 6030
5520 GOSUB 5140
5530 GOSUB 5930
5540 INPUT "FIVE";A\$
5550 GOSUB 6030
5560 GOSUB5160
5570 GOSUB 5930
5580 INPUT"EQUALS"; A\$
5590 GOSUB 6030

5600 GOSUB 5180
5610 GOSUB 5930
5620 INPUT"SEVEN";A\$
5630 GOSUB 6030
5640 GOSUB 5200
5650 GOSUB 5930
5660 INPUT"EIGHT";AS
5670 GOSUB 6030
5680 GOSUB 5220
5690 GOSUB 5930
5700 INPUT"NINE";A\$
5710 GOSUB 6030
5720 GOSUB 5240
5730 GOSUB 5930
5740 INPUT"ZERO"; A\$
5750 GOSUB 6030
5760 GOSUB 5260
5770 GOSUB 5930
5780 INPUT"PLUS";A\$
5790 GOSDB 6030
5800 GOSUB 5280
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5820 INPUT"TIMES";A\$
5830 GOSUB 6030
5840 GOSUB 5300
5850 GOSUB 5930
5860 INPUT"MINUS";AS
5870 GOSUB 6030
5880 GOSUB 5320
5890 GOSUB 5930
5900 INPUT"SIX";A\$
5910 GOSUB 6030
5920 GOTO 6070
5930 POKE\&H2EE6, B
5940 POKE\&H2EE7, C
5950 POKE\&H2EFB, D
5960 POKE\&H2EFC, E
5970 RETURN
5980 POKE \& H2F16,B
5990 POKE \&H2F17,C
6000 POKE \& H2F2A, D
6010 POKE \&H2F2B, E
6020 RETURN
6030 A=USR0 (0)
6040 RETURN
6050 A=USR1 (0)
6060 RETURN
6070 GOSUB 5340
6080 GOSUB 5930
6090 INPUT"DIVIDED BY";A\$
6100 GOSUB 6030
6110 GOSUB 5060
6120 GOSUB 5930
6130 INPUT"POINT";A\$
6140 GOSUB 6030
6150 GOSUB 5040
6160 GOSUB 5980
6170 INPUT"ONE";A\$
6180 GOSUB 6050
6190 GOSUB 5080
6200 GOSUB 5980

6210 INPUT-TWO"?A\$
6220 GOSUB 6050
6230 GOSUB 5100
6240 GOSUB 5980
6250 INPUT "THREE";A\$
6260 GOSUB 6050
6270 GOSUB 5120
6280 GOSUB 5980
6290 INPUT"FOUR"; A\$
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6740 GOSUB 6050
6750 GOSUB 5060
6760 GOSUB 5980
6770 INPUT-POINT";A\$
6780 GOSUB 6050
6790 INPUT-HEAR AGAIN";A\$ 6800 IF A\$="N" THEN 5360
6810 GOTO 6170

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20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
30 LINE (10,10) - (245,180), PSET, B
40 LINE (30,30)-(225,110),PSET,B
50 FOR X=30 TO 225 STEP 2
60 FOR Y=30 TO RND (90) STEP 1
70 LINE (X,Y) - (X,Y), PSET
80 NEXT Y,X
90 GOTO 50
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Program Listing 1. Skyline

Too many programs produce doodling just for the fascination of doodling. Other programs create an exhibit of technical skills, flashy color patterns, and exotic special effects.

When you are in the mood to create mature computer art, I suggest that you visualize a scene or other subject, first in your mind, and then on the TV screen. You don't have to be an artist; the computer can compensate for your artistic deficiencies.

## "... visualize a scene or other subject."

What you visualize doesn't have to be elaborate. It can be just a plain fence running across the screen. Then decide what Basic commands, functions, and statements will approximate the elements that will compose your subject. You can refine it later. Avoid special effects that are likely to draw undue attention to themselves. If you do use these effects (such as a hunchbacked caterpillar made with a trigonometry formula), do so purposefully to enhance your creation.

```
10 REM***LISTING 2 OVER THE MOON
20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
30 LINE (10,15)-(240,175), PSET,B
40 REM**MYTHICAL BIRD:BODY, NECK, HEAD
50 LINE (40,45)-(165,45),PSET
60 LINE (45,44)-(55,44),\operatorname{PSET}
70}\operatorname{lINE (47,43)-(53,43),PSET
```



```
90 REM**WING (S)
100 FOR Y=46 TO 100 STEP 5
110 LINE (60,46)-(165,Y), PSET
120 NEXT Y
130 REM**MOON
140 FOR R=0 TO 30
150 CIRCLE (125,95),R
160 NEXT R
999 GOTO 999
```

Program Listing 2. Over the Moon

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4 0 ~ F O R ~ Y = 1 3 5 ~ T O ~ 1 3 6 ~
50 CIRCLE (125,Y),90,1,.25,.6,.9
60 NEXT Y
70 FOR Y= 143 TO 146
80 CIRCLE (125,Y) , 90,1,.25, . 6, .9
90 NEXT Y
100 REM**BRIDGE: POSTS AND BRACES
110 LINE (51, 120) - (51,140), PSET
120 LINE (52,120)-(52,140),PSET
130 LINE (195,120)-(195,140), PSET
140 LINE (197, 120)-(197,140), PSET
150 LINE (124,113)-(124, 125), PSET
160 LINE (125,113) - (125,124),PSET
170 LINE (85,118)-(85,126), PSET
180 LINE (86,118)- (86,126), PSET
190 LINE (160,118)-(160,126), PSET
200 REM**BRIDGE:POST LAMPS
210 CIRCLE (51, 118),3
220 CIRCLE (196,118),3
230 REM**HORIZON
240 LINE (5,100)-(12,100),PSET
250 LINE (17, 100)-(33,100), PSET
260 LINE (35,100)-(250,100), PSET
2 7 0 \text { REM**WATER LILLIES (RERUN UNTIL SATISEIED WITH}
280 REM**NUMBER AND PATTERN
290 X=55 + RND (140)
300 Y=140 + RND (45)
3 1 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 2 ~ T O ~ 6 ~ S T E P ~ 2 ~
320 CIRCLE (X,Y), R,1,.4
3 3 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
3 4 0 \text { REM**CONTROL OF NUMBER AND PATTERN OF LILIIES}
350 IF X<65 THEN GOTO 370
360 GOTO 290
370 REM**SHRINE GATE
380 LINE (15,115) - (15, 65) rPSET
390 LINE (35,115) - (35,65),PSET
400 R=80
4 1 0 \operatorname { C I R C L E ~ ( 2 5 , 5 ) , R , 1 , . 7 5 , . 2 1 , . ~ 3 0 }
420 CIRCLE (25,8),R,1,.75,.21,.3@
430 CIRCLE (25, 20) ,R,1,.75,.21,.30
4 4 0 \text { CIRCLE (25, 35) ,R,1,.75,.21,. 30}
450 REM**SETTING SUN
4 6 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 0 ~ T O ~ 1 0 ~ S T E P ~ 2 ~
470 CIRCLE (145,100),R,1,1,.5,0
4 8 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
490 REM**MOUNTAIN
500 FOR X=205 TO 255 STEP 3
510 LINE (255, 80) - (X,100), PSET
5 2 0 \text { NEXT X:REM**STOP HERE IF FOLLOWING SUNRAYS}
5 3 0 \text { REM**NOT DESIRED, AND FINISH WITH 999 GOTO 999}
540 REM**SUNRAYS (OPTIONAL FOR SUN RISE)
550 FOR X=40 TO 250 STEP 25
5 6 0 ~ F O R ~ Y = 0 ~ T O ~ 1 0 0 ~ S T E P ~ 2 5 ~
570 LINE (X,Y) - (145,100), PSET
580 NEXT Y,X
999 GOTO 999
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most TVs. (Jake Commander explains this effect nicely on page 114 of the June/July 1982 issue of 80 Micro.) You can control it only to a limited extent, by such means as adjusting the color controls of your TV.

At the end of the textual coverage of Eagle, Program Listing 3; Japanese Scene, Program Listing 4; and Cottage Program Listing 6 are instructions for brief modification of each program, to enable you to color the scene. This modification uses the COLOR command rather than the PAINT command, which requires tightly closed boundaries of the areas to be painted. Most of the other programs have few if any such boundaries. Even if they did, you would probably have to include as many PAINT statements as there are areas to be painted, which would be impractical.

Also, the PAINT procedure can get tricky and confusing if you are not moderately familiar with it. Using the COLOR command is much simpler, and for some types of art it produces even more striking effects. But if you insist on painting, do so at the high risk of the paint leaking into forbidden areas, and sometimes even covering your entire TV screen.

## A Few More Points

Again, when you create your own art programs, first visualize what you have in mind. It will often be necessary to make a rough drawing of your idea on graph paper so that you can readily identify coordinate points when you compose the program.

Sometimes, however, just doodling with odd Basic statements gives ideas that aid in producing good art results. This is doodling with a purpose, but don't stop with just doodling. Keep a record of your purposeful doodles; they can become handy as parts of a composite art program.

Don't assume that you need complex program statements, such as mathematical formulas. Once in a while they have their place, but I don't see them used frequently. They are rarely necessary for effective art results in Basic.

Keep in PMODE 4 if you want highresolution graphics; PMODEs 1 and 3 are necessary for coloring and painting, but lack fine detail appropriate to some types of art.

Finally, I strongly recommend Color Computer Graphics (Tandy Corp., 1982) by William Barden, Jr., one of the most informative publications on color graphics to come to my attention. Digest the fundamentals of this work as

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## The Programs

Program Listing 1, Skyline, lets you imagine you are inside a building, looking out a window and viewing a developing city skyline. It is quite simply made by using the LINE command and RND function.

The buildings are not directly produced. Rather, the spaces between them are carved out with line 70 . What's left are the silhouetted buildings of random heights. Let the program run a few times to reduce the tall buildings to more realistic heights.

To give different effects, change the step interval of line 60 to STEP 2, which will cause it to appear as though you are looking through a Venetian blind. Then change the steps of lines 50 and 60 to


Photo 3. Japanese Scene


Photo 4. Cottage

STEP 1, which will produce multicolored, tall fantasy buildings reflecting the setting sun.

For each combination, again let the program run a few times to reduce the heights of the buildings. In all cases, adjust the color controls of your TV to suit your taste.

This program develops very slowly. But remember, patience is one of the ingredients of art. This is no video arcade game of lightning speed.

Program Listing 2, Over the Moon, is more fanciful, and is simply created by the LINE and CIRCLE commands. I have the feeling the queer bird emerged from Greek mythology. The freckles on the face of the moon are not my idea. My TV thought they would look splendid and color-fringed them.
> ".. .patience is one of the ingredients of art."

Program Listing 3, Eagle, is another example of what I think of as "scanning." (Maybe there ought to be a key word "SCAN" in Basic.) The eagle is another queer bird, numbered among the endangered species, so handle him carefully. He basically requires just three LINE commands to scan his wings and tail, and a CIRCLE squeezed into an ellipse for his body.
If you change the step intervals of lines 100 and 140 to STEP 4 or more, he'll become more feathery. You might try to alter this bird to look more like a real eagle. His wings do need a clipping here and there.

For a different color effect, change line 20 to PMODE3,1:PCLS 3:SCREEN 1,0 and add line 25 which should read COLOR 2,3. For a variation of this effect, adjust your TV color tint control.

Program Listing 4, Japanese Scene, is more elaborate than the first three. Yet, it is made chiefly by CIRCLE and LINE commands. Note that the deck and rail of the bridge are formed by wide arcs of two ellipses derived from CIRCLE commands, each circle having a very large radius. Part of the shrine gate also employs elliptical arcs, and the water lilies are elliptical figures.

Note that the number and pattern of the water lilies are controlled by the RND statements of lines 290 and 300, and the limiting statement in line 350 . The number and pattern of the lilies can
be partially controlled by running the program a few times to suit your taste. They can become prolific if the RND command doesn't soon plant one of them close to the invisible shore of the lake.

You can have a setting sun (line 450), or a sunrise (line 540), at your option.

You might choose to omit the mountain and add other things to the scene, such as a cloud or two. (Hint: to make clouds, see Listing 6.) It's yours from here on out. Experiment with it.

For different color effects, change line 20 to PMODE 3,1:PCLS 4,: SCREEN 1,0 , and add line 25 , which should read COLOR 3,4. Or, change this PCLS to PCLS 3, and the COLOR to COLOR 2,3. You can produce further color variations of both of these by adjusting your TV tint control.

Program Listing 5, Butterfly, is fairly uncomplicated, despite its appearance. The only tricky part of the CIRCLE (ellipse) statements is adding the circle radius to, or subtracting it from, the ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ ) coordinates, which produces the unusual texture of the wings. This illustrates the great potential of the CIRCLE command.

Try modifying the butterfly program to produce a four-leaf clover. It was my discovery of the clover leaf that led me to the butterfly. Hint: Enlarge the lower wings to the same size as the upper wings by increasing the circle radii to the value of the upper wings. Change the body of the butterfly to a small circular flower center. And don't forget the stem, using a LINE command.

If this insect resembles a moth rather than a butterfly, convert it to a true butterfly. This exercise should suggest pro-

```
10 REM***LISTING 5 BUTTERFLY
20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
30 REM**FRAME
40 LINE (10,15)-(245,175),PSET,B
50 REM**UPPER RIGHT WING
60 FOR R=0 TO 30
70 CIRCLE (120+R, 98-R) ,R,1,1.5
80 NEXT R
90 REM**LOWER RIGHT WING
100 FOR R=0 TO 23
110 CIRCLE (120+R, 98+R),R,1,1.5
120 NEXT R
130 REM**LOWER LEFT WING
140 FOR R=0 TO 23
150 CIRCLE (124-R,98 +R),R,1,1.5
160 NEXT R
170 REM**UPPER LEFT WING
180 FOR R=0 TO 3 0
190 CIRCLE (120-R,98-R) , R,1,1.5
200 NEXT R
210 REM**BODY
220 FOR R=0 TO 8
230}\operatorname{CIRCLE}(125,100),R,2,
240 NEXT R
999 GOTO 999
```

grams for other winged insects, perhaps even a dragonfly.

Adjust your TV color controls for various color effects.

Program Listing 6, Cottage, brings us to a more complex level. But it is still relatively uncomplicated, using only LINE, DRAW, and CIRCLE commands. Observe that clouds are easily formed by simply increasing the value of the radii of CIRCLE (ellipse) statements, which makes the clouds a solid white.

The tedious part is the fence. But programming the cross pieces (starting with line 470) should be an instructive exer-
cise in handling coordinates of the LINE statements. If you prefer something other than the fence, try a hedge. Frankly, I haven't yet found a procedure that will make one satisfactorily. Here is where some exploratory doodling comes in.

Curiously, the door and windows of the cottage are accidental, caused by TV color fringing. If you don't like a colored path, just change STEP 2 in line 140 to STEP 1.
There's plenty of space left for you to add more clouds, a pond in the front yard, or a tree. If you discover a simple way to make a leafy tree, let me know.

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1 0 REM****ISTING 6 COTTAGE

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1 0 REM****ISTING 6 COTTAGE
20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
30 LINE (10,10)-(245,180),PSET,B
30 LINE (10,10)-(245,180),PSET,B
40 REM**COTTAGE
40 REM**COTTAGE
50 FOR X=65 TO 125 STEP 3
50 FOR X=65 TO 125 STEP 3
60 FOR Y=90 TO 100 STEP 2
60 FOR Y=90 TO 100 STEP 2
70 LINE (95,80)-(X,Y), PSET
70 LINE (95,80)-(X,Y), PSET
80 NEXT Y,X
80 NEXT Y,X
90 REM**CHIMNEY
90 REM**CHIMNEY
100 FOR Y=83 TO 88
100 FOR Y=83 TO 88
110 LINE (67,Y) - (72,Y), PSET
110 LINE (67,Y) - (72,Y), PSET
120 NEXT Y
120 NEXT Y
130 REM**PATH
130 REM**PATH
140 FOR X=113 TO 143 STEP 2
140 FOR X=113 TO 143 STEP 2
150 LINE (95,100) - (X, 180), PSET
150 LINE (95,100) - (X, 180), PSET
160 NEXT X
160 NEXT X
170 REM**HORIZON
170 REM**HORIZON
180 LINE (12,95) - (65,95), PSET
180 LINE (12,95) - (65,95), PSET
190 LINE (126,95) - (244,95), PSET
190 LINE (126,95) - (244,95), PSET
200 REM**CLOUDS
200 REM**CLOUDS
2 1 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 0 ~ T O ~ 2 5 ~
2 1 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 0 ~ T O ~ 2 5 ~
220\operatorname{CIRCLE (185,35),R,1,.3}
220\operatorname{CIRCLE (185,35),R,1,.3}
230 NEXT R
230 NEXT R
240 FOR R=0 TO 25
240 FOR R=0 TO 25
250 CIRCLE (165,45),R,1,. 3
250 CIRCLE (165,45),R,1,. 3
260 NEXT R
260 NEXT R
270 FOR R=0 TO 25
270 FOR R=0 TO 25
280 CIRCLE (205, 45),R,1,.3
280 CIRCLE (205, 45),R,1,.3
290 NEXT R
290 NEXT R
300 FOR R=0 TO 15
300 FOR R=0 TO 15
310 CIRCLE (60,60),R,1,. 3
310 CIRCLE (60,60),R,1,. 3
3 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
3 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
330 REM**STOP HERE IF FOLLOWING FENCE NOT PREFERRED, AND
330 REM**STOP HERE IF FOLLOWING FENCE NOT PREFERRED, AND
3 4 0 ~ R E M * * F I N I S H ~ W I T H ~ 9 9 9 ~ G O T O ~ 9 9 9 . ~
3 4 0 ~ R E M * * F I N I S H ~ W I T H ~ 9 9 9 ~ G O T O ~ 9 9 9 . ~
3 5 0 ~ R E M * * F E N C E ~
3 5 0 ~ R E M * * F E N C E ~
3 6 0 DRAW"BM10,160;R90": REM**LEFT RAIL
3 6 0 DRAW"BM10,160;R90": REM**LEFT RAIL
370 DRAW"BM10,161;R90":REM**DITTO
370 DRAW"BM10,161;R90":REM**DITTO
3 8 0 ~ D R A W " B M 1 5 5 , 1 6 0 ; R 9 0 " : R E M * * R I G H T ~ R A I L ~
3 8 0 ~ D R A W " B M 1 5 5 , 1 6 0 ; R 9 0 " : R E M * * R I G H T ~ R A I L ~
390 DRAW"BM155,161;R90":REM**DITTO
390 DRAW"BM155,161;R90":REM**DITTO
400 REM**LEFT POSTS
400 REM**LEFT POSTS
410 FOR X=100 TO 20 STEP-20
410 FOR X=100 TO 20 STEP-20
420 LINE (X,161)-(X,180), PSET:NEXT X
420 LINE (X,161)-(X,180), PSET:NEXT X
430 REM**RIGHT POSTS
430 REM**RIGHT POSTS
440 FOR X=155 TO 235 STEP 20
440 FOR X=155 TO 235 STEP 20
450 LINE (X,161)-(X,180),PSET:NEXT X
450 LINE (X,161)-(X,180),PSET:NEXT X
460 REM**LEFT CROSS PIECES
460 REM**LEFT CROSS PIECES
470 FOR X=100 TO 40 STEP-20
470 FOR X=100 TO 40 STEP-20
480 LINE (X,161) - (X-20,180), PSET:NEXT X
480 LINE (X,161) - (X-20,180), PSET:NEXT X
490 LINE (20,161) - (10,170), PSET
490 LINE (20,161) - (10,170), PSET
500 FOR X=20 TO 80 STEP 20
500 FOR X=20 TO 80 STEP 20
510 LINE (X,161) - (X+20,180),PSET:NEXT X
510 LINE (X,161) - (X+20,180),PSET:NEXT X
520 LINE (10,170)-(20,180),PSET
520 LINE (10,170)-(20,180),PSET
5 3 0 REM**RIGHT CROSS PIECES
5 3 0 REM**RIGHT CROSS PIECES
540 FOR X=155 TO 215 STEP 20
540 FOR X=155 TO 215 STEP 20
550 LINE (X,161)-(X+20,180),PSET:NEXT X
550 LINE (X,161)-(X+20,180),PSET:NEXT X
560 FOR X=235 TO 175 STEP-20
560 FOR X=235 TO 175 STEP-20
570 LINE (X,161) - (X-20,180),PSET:NEXT X
570 LINE (X,161) - (X-20,180),PSET:NEXT X
580 LINE (235,161) - (245,170), PSET
580 LINE (235,161) - (245,170), PSET
590 LINE (235,180)-(245,170), PSET
590 LINE (235,180)-(245,170), PSET
600 REM**LAMPS ON END POSTS
600 REM**LAMPS ON END POSTS
610 CIRCLE (99,158),3
610 CIRCLE (99,158),3
620}\operatorname{CIRCLE}(155,158),
620}\operatorname{CIRCLE}(155,158),
999 GOTO 999

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999 GOTO 999

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For a different color effect, change Line 20 to PMODE 3,1:PCLS 3 : SCREEN 1,0 , and add line 25 to read COLOR 2,3. Adjust your TV color controls to get a more colorful effect.

Program Listing 7, Saturn, is for the amateur astronomers who want to escape from video war games. No, there aren't four Saturns in the sky. This just depicts the planet in four successive
positions as it whirls along its orbit toward us.
Forming two rings in the nearest two positions employs a procedure not used in the previous listings. Each ring is cre-

```
10 REM***LISTING 7 SATURN
20 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
30 LINE (10,10)-(245,180), PSET,B
40 REM**SATURN IN REMOTE, 1ST POSITION
50 REM**THE PLANET
60 X=215:Y=35
70 FOR R=0 TO 5
80 CIRCLE (X,Y),R
9 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
100 REM**RINGS (MERGED)
1 1 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 9 ~ T O ~ 1 3 ~
120 CIRCLE (X,Y),R,1,0.25
130 NEXT R
140 REM**SATURN IN 2ND POSITION
150 REM** (1) THE PLANET
160 X=165: Y=50
170 FOR R=0 TO 10
180 CIRCLE (X,Y),R
190 NEXT R
200 REM** (2) RINGS (MERGED)
210 FOR R=15 TO 20
220 CIRCLE (X,Y),R,1,0.25
230 NEXT R
240 REM**SATURN IN 3RD POSITION
250 REM** (1) THE PLANET
260 X=110:Y=80
270 FOR R=0 TO 15
280 CIRCLE (X,Y),R
290 NEXT R
300 REM** (2) INNER RING
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310 X=110: $\mathrm{Y}=80$
320 FOR R=20 TO 23
330 CIRCLE (X, Y) , R, 1, 0.25
340 NEXT R
340 NEXT R
350 REM** (3) OUTER RING
360 FOR R=28 TO 31
360 FOR R=28 TO 31
370 CIRCLE (X, Y), R, 1, 0.25
380 NEXT R
390 REM**SATURN IN 4TH POSITION
400 REM ${ }^{\star \star}$ (1) THE PLANET
410 X=70: $\mathrm{Y}=130$
420 FOR R=0 TO 20
420 FOR R=0 TO 20
$430 \operatorname{CIRCLE}(X, Y), R$
430 CIRCLE (
450 REM** (2) INNER RING
$460 \operatorname{FOR} R=30$ TO 35
$470 \operatorname{CIRCLE}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}), \mathrm{R}, 1,0.3$
470 CIRCLE
480 NEXT R
490 REM** (3) OUTER RING
490 REM** (3) OUTER RING
500 FOR R=40 TO 45
510
CIRCLE (X,Y) , R, $1,0.3$
$510 \operatorname{CIRCLE}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}), R, 1,0.3$
520 NEXT R
530 REM**STARS (RE-RUN UNTIL SATISFIED WITH DENSITY)
540 X=12+RND (233)
$550 \mathrm{Y}=12+\operatorname{RND}(167)$
$560 \operatorname{PSET}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}, 5)$
570 REM ${ }^{\star *}$ CONTROL OF STAR DENSITY
580 IF $X<14$ THEN GOTO 999 ELSE 540
999 GOTO 999

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ated by giving a range to the variable $R$ (radius), which determines the width of the rings. The rings are elliptical to pro-
vide perspective. The star field is made and controlled in the same manner as the bed of lily pads in Listing 4.

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10 REM***LISTING 8 DOUBLE DISASTER
2 0 ~ C L S ~ ( 0 ) ~
30 PRINT @ 228, " DOUBLE DISASTER
40 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T
50 PMODE 4,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,1
60 REM**A CITY
70 DRAW"BM 0,162;R130
80 DRAW"BM 130,170;R125
90 DRAW"BM 132,171;R125
100 REM**1ST BUILDING
110 FOR X=130 TO 150 STEP 3
120 FOR Y=170 TO 155 STEP-5
130 LINE (130,170)-<X,Y), PSET, B
140 NEXT Y,X
150 REM**2ND BUILDING
160 FOR X=155 TO 175 STEP 3
170 FOR Y=170 TO 135 STEP-5
180 LINE (165,170)-(X,Y),PSET,B
190 NEXT Y,X
200 DRAN"BM 165,135;U15
210 REM**3RD BUILDING
220 FOR X=180 TO 205 STEP 3
230 FOR Y=170 TO 145 STEP-5
240 LINE (190, 170)-(X,Y),PSET, B
250 NEXT Y,X
260 REM**4TH BUILDING
270 FOR X=210 TO 230 STEP 3
280 FOR Y=170 TO 155 STEP-5
290 LINE (210,170)-(X,Y),PSET,B
300 NEXT Y,X
3 1 0 \text { DRAW"BM 220,155;U10}
320 REM**5TH BUILDING
330 FOR X=235 TO 255 STEP 3
340 FOR Y=160 TO 125 STEP-5
350 LINE (245,170)-(X,Y), PSET,B
3 6 0 ~ N E X T ~ Y , X ~
370 DRAW"BM 245,125;U20
380 REM**PYRAMIDS
390 DRAW"BM 5,162;E5;F5;E10;F10;E15;F15
400 REM**STARS: RE-RUN TO GET DESIRED NUMBER AND DENSITY
4 1 0 ~ X = R N D ~ ( 2 5 5 ) ~
420 Y=RND (145)
430 PSET (X,Y,5)
4 4 0 ~ I F Y = > ~ 1 4 5 ~ T H E N ~ 4 6 0 ~ E L S E ~ 4 1 0 ~
450 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T
460 REM**LOOK! A COMET
4 7 0 ~ D I M ~ V ~ ( 2 0 , 2 0 ) ~
4 8 0 ~ F O R ~ R = 0 ~ T O ~ 3 ~
490 CIRCLE (15,15),R
5 0 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
510 GET (15,15)-(25,25) ,V,G
520 FOR I=0 TO 150
530 PUT (15+I,15+I) - (25+I, 25+I),V,PSET
540 NEXT I
5 5 0 ~ R E M * * C O M E T ~ H I T S ~ A N D ~ E X P L O D E S ~
560 FOR R=0 TO 85 STEP 2
570 CIRCLE (170,170),R,1,1,.50,1
5 8 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
590 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T
6 0 0 ~ P C L S ~
610 REM**PYRAMIDS RESTORED AFTER PCLS ERASURE
620 DRAW"BM 0,162;R255
6 3 0 \text { DRAW"BM 5;162;E5;F5;E10;F10;E15;F15}
640 FOR'T=1 TO 500:NEXT T
650 REM**IT'S A NUKE THIS TIME!
600 FOR R=0 TO 2
670 CIRCLE (175,15) ,R
6 8 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
690 GET (170,10)-(180,20) ,V,G
700 FOR I=1 TO 145
710 PUT (170-I,10+I) - (180-I,20+I),V,PSET
7 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ I ~
7 3 0 \text { REM**N*NUKE EXPLODES}
740 FOR R=0 TO 100 STEP 2
750 CIRCLE (35,162),R,1,1,.5,1
7 6 0 ~ N E X T ~ R ~
7 7 0 ~ P C L S ~
780 DRAW"BM 0,162;R255
790 FOR T=1 TO 1000:NEXT T
800 CLS (0)
810 PRINT @ 225, " THE END
999 GOTO 999
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Program Listing 8. Double Disaster

If you are not happy with the unreal picture of Saturn with only two rings, try programming additional ringswith smaller widths, of course. But be careful of your realistic impulses. Actually, Saturn's rings number in the hundreds.

Finally, Program Listing 8, Double Disaster, brings us to a simple example of animated art. It's probably the shortest documentary on record, taking only 30 or more seconds to record what might happen in the year 2001, but which I fervently hope won't happen. Who wants to see the famous pyramids vaporized?

If you are still wrestling with Basic, you'll do well to become familiar with GET and PUT. These commands and procedures are an important key to moving objects such as missiles and rabbits chasing dogs from one point to another. It's no snap to persuade GET and PUT to cooperate at first. But you'll finally get a thrill seeing your displays in vibrant motion.

Observe how the five buildings of the doomed city are formed by the LINE commands using variable ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ ) coordinates and terminating with a B to form multistory buildings and windows. (Try deleting the $B$ sometimes and get a surprise.)

The field of stars is made and controlled in much the same manner as in Listing 7. On any run of the program, only a few or too many stars may appear. If you are particular about stars, rerun the program until you are satisfied with their pattern. You might even get the Big Dipper sometimes.

The comet and nuke (ICBM) scenes, short of the explosions, employ the GET/PUT procedures. If you should choose to modify the program to hit the city and pyramids, or any other targets, from different angles and distances, I suggest that you first map out the circles and GET/PUT arrays (squares or triangles invisible on the TV screen) on graph paper representing the dimensions of the TV screen. It's tough to ad-lib precise animation without such a guide.

If you wish to content yourself with a program short of the comet and ICBM explosions, stop with line 450 and end the program with 999 GOTO 999. Or, if you complete the entire program and later wish to stop short of the explosions, add line 465 to read GOTO 999. You'll then see the city, pyramids, and stars overhead, all in peaceful stillness. -

[^11]
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If you are an accomplished photographer, you may only need to know to put 400 ASA color film in your camera, to set the camera at $\mathrm{f} / 8$ at $1 / 8$ of a second, and to shoot from an absolutely still camera position. You'll get

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100 REM * COLOR EXPOSURE CHART * COLOR BASIC 4K / R.RAMELLA
110 CLS(0)
120 INPUT "F STOP";AS
130 INPUT "EXPOSURE TIME";B$
140 CLS (0)
150 FOR Y=0 TO 5
160 FOR X=0 TO 19
170 SET (X+21,Y,1)
180 SET (X+42,Y,2)
190 SET (X,Y+10,3)
200 SET (X+21,Y+10,4)
210 SET (X+42,Y+10,5)
220 SET (X,Y+20,6)
230 SET (X+21,Y+20,7)
240 SET (X+42,Y+20,8)
250 NEXT X
260 NEXT Y
27.0 PRINT @ 96,"BLACK ";
280 PRINT @ 108,"GREEN ";
290 PRINT @ 119,"YELLOW ";
300 PRINT @ 258,"BLUE ";
310 PRINT @ 270,"RED ";
320 PRINT @ 280,"BUFF ";
330 PRINT @ 418,"CYAN ";
340 PRINT @ 427,"MAGENTA ";
350 PRINT @ 438,"ORANGE ";
360 PRINT @ 480,"SET: F:"A$;" TIME:"B$" SECOND";
370 GOTO 370
380 END
```

Program Listing. Color Exposure Chart
black, green, yellow, blue, red, buff, cyan, magenta, and orange.

To get it on the screen, run it and answer the two prompts at the start by tapping enter twice. Later, you might want to answer the prompts by entering the f-stop number and exposure. These are displayed at the bottom of the screen and can help in exposure tests.

But for now, leave the display on the screen and adjust the colors. Set the contrast so the black parts of the screen are barely past the absence of color. Adjust hue and brightness to your satisfaction. Nothing may satisfy you here. Different TV sets give different results. On my monitor, green and cyan are similar, and red always has a bluish tint.

At this time you will see how necessary a tripod is. With it, once the camera is focused and set, it can be left alone except to check the focus before each exposure.

If you absolutely must take a handheld picture, here's how: Set the camera at $\mathrm{f} / 5.6$ at $1 / 15$ of a second. Get comfortable and steady. Focus. Hold the camera with both hands. Lock elbows against your ribs. Take a deep breath and hold it. Squeeze the shutter release gently and firmly. It may work. In lieu of a tripod, consider setting the camera on a table or holding it on the back of a chair as you shoot.
With a tripod, I recommend a setting of $\mathrm{f} / 8$ at $1 / 8$ second. If you use 200 ASA film, try a setting of $\mathrm{f} / 5.6$ at $1 / 8$ or $\mathrm{f} / 4$ at $1 / 15$. In all situations, bracket your exposures (take exposures on either side of the recommended f-stop).

If you're unfamiliar with your camera, the f-stop settings on 35 -millimeter cameras are on the lens barrel near the focus grip. They are the list of numbers that may read 1.72 .845 .68111622 . There are variations on different cameras. The f-stop settings determine the amount of light that will strike the film when an exposure is made. An f/1.7 setting lets in much light, whereas an $\mathrm{f} / 22$ setting lets in little light.

A knob probably located on the top of the camera body is used to set the shutter speed-the amount of time light will be allowed to strike the film. You may see the figures 1248153060125 250500 1000. The 1 stands for one second, and all the rest are fractions of a second, running from $1 / 2$ to $1 / 1000$ of a second.

Do not use a flash for photographing video. The light emitted from the screen is all you need. Also, it is best to shoot the screen in a darkened room, or at least with the screen turned away from windows or other light sources. This
avoids reflections, which the convex surface of the television screen seems to pick up from nearly anywhere in the room.

If you want to create better conditions for eliminating glare, find a cardboard box that is high and wide enough to encompass your video screen, and long enough to allow the proper distance between the screen and your camera. Cut a rectangle in one end to fit against the edges of the monitor, and a circle the diameter of your camera lens in the other. You may even wish to paint the inside of the box flat black. In this way, you create a chamber that restricts unwanted light between the camera and its subject.

Never shoot exposures briefer than $1 / 15$ of a second. This rules out $1 / 30$ to $1 / 1000$ of a second. The reason for this is not evident until you see the finished picture. At speeds of $1 / 30$ of a second and faster, a diagonal stripe of discoloration can appear on the film. A color television produces 30 separate pictures each second through a scanning process. In $1 / 30$ of a second, the screen's more than 500 lines are scanned twice, once for even-numbered lines, once for odd-numbered lines. At a $1 / 30$-second
exposure, the camera catches only part of the total scan for one picture. The opening in the 35 -millimeter camera's shutter curtain moves sideways across the screen, creating the diagonal stripe of a different hue. Stick to $1 / 15$ - and $1 / 8$-second exposures.
For the photo with this article, I used Kodak Ektachrome 400 ASA in a 35 millimeter Minolta XG1 on a tripod. The screen belongs to a seven-year-old General Electric TV bought at a garage sale. I used it, rather than the set in the living room, since it is reality for me-color shift, distortions, and all. I developed this slide film myself with the Kodak E-6 process, but it's usually cheaper to let the professional developing services do this part.
I am a professional photographer in the sense that I earn some of my living at it, but I am an amateur photographer in the sense that I still enjoy personal photography. If anyone has questions about the topic covered here, a self-addressed stamped envelope will get you an answer of some sort, perhaps even a helpful one. -

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# COLOR-MONITOR DRIVER 

A$t$ last you have at your disposal an extraordinarily simple circuit that does an excellent job of driving your color-composite monitor. This circuit represents a significant improvement over previously introduced versions for two reasons.

First, it uses only the +5 volt line to power it, unlike several others that require +12 volts. This makes it considerably safer in the event of a short or goof in your construction, thus reducing the danger to the expensive chips on your board. Second, it is much simpler to build because it requires only four components.

As an added advantage, it does not interfere with your existing RF output, as some of the earlier circuits do. You can also combine it with my monochrome monitor driver circuit (see page 36, HOTCoCo, July 1983) and interface it to your CoCo in a plug-in fashion.

## Theory

Your Color Computer produces a color-composite video signal (the kind required to drive color monitors) by mixing the outputs of the VDG chip


Fig. 1. Circuit for Driving Color-Composit Monitor

## Lower power requirements and ease of construction improve this circuit board's performance.

with a video-mixer integrated circuit (IC), MC1372. The output of this chip (pin 12) then feeds into your ASTEC RF modulator box. This box does several things. It acts as a miniature television station to produce a signal that an ordinary TV set can receive. This allows CoCo owners to use their TV sets as monitors.

Unfortunately, the box adds significant noise to the signal. For a crisper image that is free of the Moire patterns of RF interference that often plague the Color Computer, it is necessary to use a color-composite monitor.

Color-composite monitors currently cost between $\$ 250$ and $\$ 350$. Manufacturers are also introducing TV sets that have a built-in option allowing you to use them as color monitors. This option actually costs the manufacturer very little. RCA and Panasonic have sets that include this option in the $\$ 300$ to $\$ 400$ price range.

My circuit taps into the output of the video-mixer IC and runs it into a dualemitter follower buffer. The buffer reduces the DC bias on the signal as well. The circuit, which appears in Fig. 1, is simple to construct.

## Construction Hints

You can lay out this circuit on a scrap of perfboard or add it to the board on
which you built the monochrome monitor driver. To supply it properly, you can get the required +5 volts, ground, and color-composite input from pins 11,5 , and 12 of the video-mixer chip. This chip is MCI372, a 14-pin DIP chip located near the 6847 chip. The chip is called U12 on D- and E-board CoCos and U6 on new-board CoCos and TDP 100 s. On new-board computers, you can spot this chip because it has a 56 K -ohm resistor sitting on top of it soldered to pins 2 and 12. On older boards ( $D$ and $E$ ), it is located under the RF shield.

You can mount the board on top of the ASTEC RF box and run three wires from it to the MCI372 chip. You can then solder them directly to the chip or attach them via an adapter plug composed of a socket soldered to a header. In the latter case, you can configure your project so that it becomes a plug-in installation. You can run the output through a short piece of coax to an RCA phono socket. You can then snake this out through existing holes in the back of the case.

## Notes

As with the monochrome monitor driver, you must supply sound using a separate circuit. Refer to my article on the monochrome monitor driver for hints on how to do this.

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of your insurance coverage might pro-

## Program Listing I. Persprop

10 'PERSPROP-Personal Property Inventory for 32 K Disk COLOR COMP UTER
20 'COPYRIGHT by Mark Silverblatt, Colormania Co, 1983
30 ' Use PRODRIVE To free graphics memory (PCLEARO) before loadi
40 CLEAR200: CLEAR (MEM-2000) : GOSUB2270
50 '\#\#MAIN MENU\#\#
60 CLS:PRINT"PERSONAL PROPERTY INVENTORY":PRINT:PRINT"MAIN MENU"
: PRINT: PRINT"MODE SELECT": PRINT
70 FOR N=1T04:PRINT N;"- $;$;MNS (N) :NEXT:PRINT:PRINT"SELECT ONE
80 I\$=INKEY\$:IFI\$=""THEN80
90 MS=VAL (I\$) : ON MS GOTO 110, 220,590,1160:GOTO80
100 '\#\#ENTER ITEMS\#\#
110 GOSUB1890'Select Category
120 GOSUB 1960 'Assign File Name
130 GOSUB 1980 'Open \& Field
140 CLS:PRINT"ENTER ITEMS": PRINT
150 PRINTCA\$ (CS);" \#"LOF(1)+1:PRINT
160 GOSUB 2090 'Enter Description
170 IF MR=1 THEN MR=0:CLOSE\#1:GOTO 60 'Escape
180 FOR N=1 TO 4:PRINT:ON N GOSUB 2140,2170,2200,2230:NEXT
190 PUT\#1, LOF (1) +1
200 GOTO 140
210 '\#\#EDIT\#\#
220 GOSUB1890' Category Select
230 GOSUB 1960:GOSUB 1980 'File name/Open/Field
240 CLS:PRINT"EDIT ";CA\$ (CS): PRINT
250 IF LOF (1)=0THENCLOSE\#1:PRINT"THIS FILE IS EMPTY":PRINT:GOTOI
010
260 PRINT"<ENTER> FOR RETURN TO MENU":PRINT:INPUT"ENTER RECORD \#
"; R
270 IF R=0 THEN CLOSE\#l:GOTO 60 'Escape
280 IF R $>$ LOF (1) THEN PRINT R;"IS TOO HIGH- LOF IS";LOF(1):GOTO 2
60
290 CLS:PRINT"EDITING ";CAS (CS); ${ }^{n}$ \#";R
300 GOSUB 800 'Get and Display Record
310 PRINT" CHANGE__"
320 FOR N=1 TO 5:PRINTN;".- ";RC\$ (N) :NEXT
330 PRINT" OR__"
340 PRINT" 6 - DELETE ENTIRE RECORD"
350 PRINT" 7 - RECORD ANY/ALL CHANGES"
360 PRINT" 8 - ESCAPE/CANCEL CHANGES
370 I\$=INKEY\$:IFI\$=""THEN370
380 EC=VAL (I\$): ON EC GOTO 400, 400, 400, 400, 400, 450,550, 240:GOT037
0
390 '\#\#CHANGE SPECIFIC FIELD\#\#
400 GOSUB 580'Wipe Screen
410 PRINT@128,"NEW ";:ON EC GOSUB 2090,2140,2170,2200,2230
420 PRINT@32,;:GOSUB810 'Position Cursor; Re-Print Item \& Menu
430 GOTO 310
440 '\#\#DELETE RECORD\#\#
450 GOSUB 580'Wipe Screen
vide something of a surprise; few people realize just how many valuable possessions they've accumulated over the years.

Computer owners are particularly likely to be the kind of folks who acquire expensive toys. Since many insurance companies offer a reduced rate for "scheduled property," why not employ the computer to keep track of itself and the other insurable items in the household?

Aside from the obvious advantage of fast storage and retrieval of Basic and machine-language programs, adding the disk drive to Radio Shack's Color Computer enables you to build either sequential or direct-access disk datafiles.

Sequential files are much like cassette files in that you must read an entire file into memory, manipulate it, and then rerecord it in order to make any changes to the data contained therein. Direct-access files, on the other hand, exploit the real potential of the disk by allowing a single record to be altered without affecting the balance of a file.

Persprop (Program Listing 1) demonstrates the CoCo's disk data-base management capability by creating and managing an inventory of personal property. I have created the following seven files for various categories of property: radio/computer, furniture, audio-visual, kitchen/appliances, clothing, jewelry, and other.
Each file contains direct-access records, with an item of property held in each record. Later in this article I will

## System Requirements

> 32K RAM Color Disk Basic Disk Drive Printer (optional)

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Listing continued
    4 6 0 ~ P R I N T @ 1 6 0 , " D E L E T E ~ R E C O R D ~ - " : P R I N T " ~ S U R E ~ ? ? ~ < Y / O T H E R > ~
    470 I$=INKEY$:IFI$=""THEN470
    480 IF IS<>"Y"THEN GOSUB 580:PRINT@128,;:GOTO310
    490 DI$="DELETED":GOSUB2130
    500 AD=0:GOSUB2160
    510 AC=0:GOSUB2190
    520 RC=0:GOSUB2220
    530 WT=0:GOSUB2250
    540 '##RECORD CHANGES##
    550 PUT#1,R
    560 GOTO 240
    570 '##WIPE SCREEN LINES 5-16 ##
    580 FOR N=0TO2:PRINT@128+(127*N),STRING$ (128,32);:NEXT:RETURN
    590 '## LIST ##
    600 CLS:PRINT"LIST ITEMS":PRINT:LC=0
    6 1 0 ~ P R I N T " 1 - L I S T ~ T O ~ S C R E E N ~ O N L Y " ~
    6 2 0 ~ P R I N T " 2 - L I S T ~ T O ~ S C R E E N ~ A N D ~ P R I N T E R " : P R I N T : P R I N T " S E L E C T ~ O N E " ~
    630 IS=INKEYS:IFIS=""THEN630
    6 4 0 ~ L F = V A L \{ I \$ ) : I F L F < 1 0 R L F > 2 ~ T H E N ~ 6 3 0 ~
    6 5 0 ~ I F ~ L F = 1 ~ T H E N ~ 7 4 0 ~
    660 CLS:PRINT"LIST ITEMS":PRINT
    6 7 0 \text { PRINT"1-SINGLE CATEGORY"}
    680 PRINT"2-ALL CATEGORIES IN ORDER":PRINT:PRINT"SELECT ONE"
    690 I$=INKEY$:IFI$=""THEN690
    7 0 0 ~ L C = V A L ~ ( I \$ ) : I F L C < 1 O R L C > 2 T H E N 6 9 0 ~
    7 1 0 ~ P = 0 : G O S U B 1 0 3 0 : G O S U B 1 8 6 0 ' P r i n t e r ~ P r e p ; I n i t i a l i z e ~ T a l l y s ~
    720 IF LC=1 THEN 740
    7 3 0 ~ F O R ~ C S = 1 T O 7 : G O T O 7 5 0 ~
    7 4 0 \text { GOSUB 1890 'Select category}
    750 GOSUB 1960:R=0'Asgn File Name; Init Rec#
    7 6 0 \text { GOSUB 1980:IF LOF(1)=0 THENCLOSE\#1:GOTO1000 ELSEIF LF=2THENG}
    OSUB1100:GOSUB1050
    7 7 0 \text { CLS:KS=0}
    780 IF LF=2THENR=R+1:IF R>LOF(1) THENR=0:GOSUB1120: CLOSE#1:GOTO
    9 9 0 ~ E L S E I F R > 1 T H E N ~ G O S U B 1 1 2 0 ~
    790 IF LF=1THENR=R+1:IFR>LOF (1) THENCLOSE#1:GOTO990
    800 GET#1,R:GOSUB2020 'to convert & tally
    8 1 0 ~ P R I N T ~ D I S ~
    8 2 0 ~ P R I N T T A B ~ ( 5 ) ~ L E F T \$ ~ ( C A \$ ~ ( C S ) , 1 ) ; R ;
    8 3 0 ~ P R I N T ~ U S I N G " \# \# \# \# \# " ; A D ; ~
    840 PRINT USING"#####";AC;
    850 PRINT USING"#####";RC;
    860 PRINT. USING"#####";WT
    870 IF MS=2 THEN RETURN
    880 IF LF=2 THEN }92
    890 KS=KS+3:IF KS<14THEN780
    900 PRINT"<ENTER>=CONT <M><ENTER>=MENU";:INPUTDS
    910 IF DS="M" THEN CLOSE#l:GOTO60 ELSE KS=0:GOTO 780
    920 PRINT#-2,DI$;" ";LEFT${CA$(CS),1);
    930 PRINT#-2,USING"###";R;
    940 PRINT#-2,USING"#####"; AD;
    950 PRINT#-2,USING"#####";AC;
    960 PRINT#-2,USING"#####";RC;
    970 PRINT#-2,USING"####";WT
    980 GOTO 780 'next record
    990 IF LC=2 THEN GOSUB 1690 ELSE 1010
    1000 NEXT CS:GOSUB1790
    1 0 1 0 \text { PRINT "** DONE ** <ENTER>=MENU";:INPUTD\$:GOTO60}
    1020 '##PRINTER PREP##
    1030 CLS:PRINT"PREPARE PRINTER PAPER TO TOP OF FORM AND <ENTER>
    DATE STRING":LINE INPUT DA$:KL=3:IFLBN (DA$) >26THENDA$=LEFT$ (DA$,
    26)
    1040 P=P+1:PRINT#-2,"PERSONAL PROPERTY INVENTORY AS OF ";DAS;"
    PAGE";P;"OF PAGES":GOSUB1120:RETURN
    1050 GOSUB1110:PRINT#-2,CA$(CS);:IFR>0THENPRINT#-2," (CONTINUED)
    ";
    1060 PRINT#-2,TAB(55)"CAT ACQU ACQU REPL LBS":GOSUB1120
    1070 PRINT#-2,RC$(1);TAB(54)"CODE # DATE COST COST WT":GOSUBll
    20:GOSUB1110
    1080 RETURN
    1090 '##TEST PRINT PAGE##
    1100 IF KL>57 THEN FOR N=l TO 63-KL:GOSUBlll0:NEXT:RETURN ELSERE
    TURN
    1110 PRINT#-2
    1120 KL=KL+1:IF KL>62 THEN FOR N=1T03:PRINT#-2,CHR$(10):NEXT:KL=
    3:GOSUB1040 ELSERETURN
    1130 IF R>0THENGOSUB1050'Print Header
    1140 RETURN
    1150 '##SORT##
    1160 CLS:PRINT"SORT":PRINT
    1170 PRINT"1-SINGLE CATEGORY
    1180 PRINT"2-ALL CATEGORIES IN ORDER
    1190 PRINT:PRINT"SELECT ONE"
    1200 I$=INKEY$:IFI$=""THEN1200
    1210 LC=VAL(I$):IFLC<1ORLC>2THEN1200
    1220 IF LC=1 THEN RUN 1230 ELSE RUN 1240
    1230 GOSUB2270:MS=4:GOSUB1890:LC=1:GOTO1310'Single category
    1240 GOSUB2270:CS=1:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1250'A11 Cats
    1250 GOSUB2270:CS=2:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1260
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explain how you can easily rename the files to suit your own needs. Each record, in turn, is divided into five fields: description, acquisition date, acquisition cost, replacement cost, and weight.

Options include Enter (build records within the file), Edit (alter or delete any record or any field within a record), Sort (rearrange a file in alphabetical order according to the item's description), and List (print a file or all files to the screen or printer). The List option also includes a Tally feature to subtotal the costs and weights in each category and to calculate grand totals.
> "Extended Color Basic and Disk Basic normally allow for reserving from one to eight graphics pages...."

## Using Persprop

Program Listing 2, Prodrive, is a load/drive routine that clears out all the graphics RAM pages, and then loads and runs Persprop. Extended Color Basic and Disk Basic normally allow for reserving from one to eight graphics pages (PCLEAR 1 through PCLEAR 8), and the tricks discovered by nondisk users for simulating a PCLEAR 0 will not work with the disk interface installed. This routine will do the trick, and you can adapt it for general use with no modification other than deleting the LOAD "PERSPROP",R statement.
As Persprop autostarts, the main menu greets you, inviting selection of one of the four modes described above. Liberal use of INKEY\$ eliminates the need to press enter in most option selections; simply pressing the number key indicating the option you desire will take you to that subroutine. Handle them as follows:

1. Enter Items goes directly to the Category Select subroutine and opens and fields the file you select. You then enter each record, one field at a time. The Description field is intended to include "noun nomenclature" (i.e., item name, manufacturer, model, and serial number) and is fielded for a maximum of 56 characters, in keeping with the program's design for listing each record on an 80 -column printer line. Exceeding 56 characters when entering Description
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Listing continued
    1260 GOSUB2270:CS=3:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1270
    1270 GOSUB2270:CS=4:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1280
    1280 GOSUB2270:CS=5:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1290
    1290 GOSUB2270:CS=6:LC=2:GOSUB1310:RUN1300
    1 3 0 0 \text { GOSUB2270:CS=7:LC=2:GOSUB1310:GOTO1670}
    1310 GOSUB 1960 'Assign File Name
    1320 PRINT:PRINT'SORTING "CA$(CS):PRINT
    1330 GOSUB 1980 'Open/Field
    1340 IF LOF (1)=0 THEN CLOSE#1:GOTO1660
    1350 DIM SF(LOF(1)):IF LOF(1)<10 THEN DIM S$(10) ELSE DIM S$(LOF
    (1))
    1360 SL=LOF (1)
    1370 FOR N=1T0 LOF(1)
    1380 GET #1,N
    1390 S$(N)=DR$'Build sort $tring array
    1400 IF LEFT$(DR$,7)<>"DELETED" THEN SF(N)=1 ELSE SF(N)=0:SL=SL-
    l'Build flag array
    1410 NEXT N:K=0:DIM SL(SL)'Begin sort
    1420 K=K+1:N=1
    1430 IF SF(N)=0 THEN N=N+l:GOTO 1430'Skip blank items
    1440 : FOR M=l TO LOF(l)'Scan array
    1450 : IF SF (M)=0 THEN 1470
    1460: IF S$(N)>SS(M) THEN N=M'Swap
    1470 : NEXT M
    1480 SL(K)=N:SF(N)=0'Set LINK and FLAG arrays
    1490 PRINT S$(N)
    1500 IF K<SL THEN 1420'Loop if not done
    1510 CLOSE#1
    1520 OPEN "D",#1,FI$,76
    1530 OPEN "D",#2,"TEMP/DAT",76
    1540 FIELD #1, 56 AS S$(0), 5 AS S$(1), 5 AS S$(2), 5 AS S$(3),
    5 AS S$ (4)
    1550 FIELD #2, 56 AS S$(5), 5 AS S$(6), 5 AS S$(7), 5 AS S$(8),
    5 AS S$ (9)
    1560 FOR N= 1 TO K
    1570 GET #1, SL (N)
    1580 FOR M=1T04:S (M)=CVN(S$ (M) ):NEXTM
    1590 LSET S$(5)=S$(0)
    1600 FORM=1T04:LSETS$ (M+5) =MKN$ (S (M)) :NEXTM
    1610 PUT #2, N
    1620 NEXT N
    1630 CLOSE#2:CLOSE#1
    1640 KILL FI$
    1650 RENAME "TEMP/DAT" TO FI$
    1660 IF LC=2 THEN RETURN
    1 6 7 0 \text { INPUT"** SORT DONE ** <ENTER>=MENU";D\$:GOTO60}
    1680 '##SUB TALLY##
    1690 TA=TA+TA(CS)
    1700 TR=TR+TR(CS)
    1710 TW=TW+TW (CS)
    1 7 2 0 \text { GOSUB 1100'Advance page if needed}
    1730 PRINT#-2,CA$(CS); " SUB TOTALS":GOSUB1120
    1740 PRINT#-2," ACQU COST $";TA(CS):GOSUB1120
    1750 PRINT#-2," REPL COST $";TR(CS):GOSUB1120
    1760 PRINT#-2," WEIGHT-LBS ";TW(CS):GOSUB1120
    1770 RETURN
    1780 '##GRAND TALLY##
    1 7 9 0 ~ G O S U B 1 1 0 0
    1800 PRINT#-2,"GRAND TOTALS":GOSUB1120
    1810 PRINT#-2," TOTAL ACQU COSTS $";TA:GOSUB1120
    1820 PRINT#-2," TOTAL REPL COSTS S";TR:GOSUB1120
    1830 PRINT#-2," TOTAL WEIGHTS-LBS ";TW:GOSUB1120
    1840 RETURN
    1850 '##INITIALIZE TALLYS##
    1860 TA=0:TR=0:TW=0
    1870 FOR N=1TO7:TA (N)=0:TR (N)=0:TW (N)=0:NEXT:RETURN
    1880 '##CATEGORY SELECT##
    1890 CLS:PRINT MNS (MS):PRINT:PRINT"CATEGORIES:":PRINT
    1900 FOR N=1TO7:PRINT N;"- ";CA$(N):NEXT
    1910 PRINT:PRINT"SELECT ONE"
    1920 I$=1NKEY$:IF I$=""THEN 1920
    1930 CS=VAL(IS):IF CS<1 OR CS>7 THEN 1920
    1940 RETURN
    1950 '##ASSIGN FILE NAME##
    1960 FI$=LEFT$ (CA$ (CS), 8) +"/DAT":RETURN
    1970 END '## OPEN/FIELD ##
    1980 OPEN "D",#1,FI$,76
    1990 FIELD #1, 56 AS DR$,5 AS AD$,5 AS AC$,5 AS RC$,5 AS WT$
    2000 RETURN
    2010 '##CVN & TALLY##
    2020 DI$=DR$
    2030 AD=CVN (ADS)
    2040 AC=CVN (AC$) :TA (CS) =TA (CS) +AC
    2050 RC=CVN (RCS):TR(CS)=TR(CS) +RC
    2060 WT=CVN (WT$):TW (CS)=TW (CS) +WT
    2070 RETURN
    2080 '##LSET/MKN##
    2090 PRINT"PRESS <ENTER> TO ESCAPE TO MENU OR ELSE ENTER"
```

        Listing continued
    forces a try-again prompt.
Likewise, the input for Acquisition Date expects to see a four-digit number (YYMM), but will accept zero in any or all of these fields. Acquisition and replacement-cost fields round off any input to even dollars, $\$ 9999$ maximum, and limits weight to 999 lbs . Again, the program imposes these limits only to allow 80 -column printer formatting. Exceeding the limits will simply bring up the try-again prompt.

Escape from the Enter Items mode by pressing enter when asked for the next description.
2. Edit Items takes you again through Category Select and then requires you to enter the record number on which you desire to operate. For this reason it is very helpful to have already made an interim dump to the printer, because a printout will indicate record numbers.

Edit displays the entire record at top screen, gives options to specify the field to be altered, and permits escape from the edit session. Once you've altered a field, the record is again displayed, including any changes made, but the disk file is not changed until you so command. You can therefore edit one or more fields and still cancel changes before altering the disk file. Take a close look at the Edit submenu and you'll see what I mean.

The Delete Record option employs some file protection by asking "Sure?" and then requiring you to press the $Y$ key before executing. Pressing any other key cancels the deletion and returns to the submenu. Once you delete an item, the word "deleted" replaces that item's disk record until the file is sorted, at which time it is discarded altogether.
3. List Items permits electing to do so to screen or printer.

List to Screen is a single category command (i.e., goes through Category Select and then formats the screen with the first five records from the category chosen). A bottom line prompt then provides the option of continuing with the next five records (enter) or returning to main menu (M enter).

List to Printer pauses to permit you to advance the paper to the top-of-form and to enter a data string ( 26 characters maximum-anything more will be chopped off) before you select either a single category or all categories in order.

If you select all categories, the routine activates the tally function, and it prints the grand totals at the end of the listing, with subtotals after each category. In either case, the program counts lines

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    2110 IF DI$="" THEN MR=1:RETURN
    2120 IF LEN (DI$)>56 THENPRINT"LENGTH EXCEEDED 56-TRY AGAIN":GOTO
        2 1 0 0
    2130 LSET DR$=DI$:RETURN
    2140 PRINT RC$ (2):INPUT AD:AD=INT (AD)
    2150 IF AD>9999THENPRINT"WRONG FORMAT- TRY AGAIN":GOT02140
    2160 LSET AD$=MKN$ (AD):RETURN
    2170 PRINT RC$(3):INPUT AC:AC=INT (AC)
    2180 IFAC>9999THENPRINT"EXCEEDED LIMIT $9999- TRY AGAIN":G0T0217
    0
    2190 LSET AC$=MKN$ (AC) :RETURN
    2200 PRINT RC$(4):INPUT RC:RC=INT (RC)
    2210 IF RC>9999THENPRINT"EXCEEDED LIMIT $9999- TRY AGAIN":GOT022
    0
    2220 LSET RC$=MKN$ (RC) : RETURN
    2230 PRINT RC$(5):INPUT WT:WT=INT (WT)
    2240 IFWT>999THENPRINT"EXCEEDED LIMIT 999LBS- TRY AGAIN":GOT0223
    0
    2250 LSET WT$=MKN$ (WT) :RETURN
    2260 ' ## READ DATA LINES ##
    2270 FOR N=1 TO 4:READ MN$ (N) :NEXT
    2280 FOR N=l TO 7:READ CA$ (N) sNEXT
    2290 FOR N=1 TO 5:READ RC$(N):NEXT
    2300 RETURN
    2310 DATA "ENTER ITEMS"_"EDIT ITEMS","LIST","SORT"
    2320 DATA "RADIO-COMPUTER","FURNITURE","AUDIO-VISUAL","KITCHEN-A
    PPLIANCES", "CLOTHING", "JEWELRY", "OTHER""
    2330 DATA "ITEM/MFGR/MODEL/SERIAL#","ACQUISITION DATE <YYMM>","A
    CQUISITION COST <$>","REPLACEMENT COST <$>","APPROXIMATE WEIGHT
    <LBS>"
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line number" statements. The CoCo will adjust the GOTOs and GOSUBs automatically, but you'll have to change the RUN statements manually.

Finally, you can easily change the cat-
egory names I have used by simply rewriting the DATA statements in line 2320 , so long as you continue to use seven categories. Changing to more or less than seven categories requires

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1 'PRODRIVE-Frees all graphics pages, loads and runs PERSPROP
10 CLEAR200:L=3585:DEFUSR0=L
20 READP:POKEL,P
30 L=L+1:IPL<3593THEN20
40 X=USR0 (3593):LOAD"PERSPROP",R
5 0 ~ D A T A ~ 1 8 9 , 1 7 9 , 2 3 7 , 3 1 , 2 , 1 2 6 , 1 5 0 , 1 6 7 ~
```

Program Listing 2. Prodrive
adjustment of loop counters at lines $730,1870,1900,1930$, and 2280, as well as adjusting the "run line number" statements.
For masochists who might desire to make further program modifications, Table 1 provides a variables list. In any case, after building your data files, don't forget the ultimate insurancemake a back-up disk. •

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| RADIO-COMPUTER | CAT |  | ACQU | ACQU | REPL |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ITEM/MFGR/MODEL/SERIAL\# | CODE | $\#$ | DATE | COST | COST |
| AMPLIFIER, HF/RF LINEAR, HOMEMADE $2 \times$ XO4O0A, PARTIAL | R | 1 | 7803 | 40 | 40 |
| AMPLIFIER, HF/RF LINEAR, YAESU FL2100B, 9K340073 | R | 2 | 7900 | 450 | 550 |
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| ANTENNA TUNING UNIT, HF, COLLINS 180-S1, 1138 | R | 6 | 7500 | 0 | 350 |
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Display is a hybrid Basic/machinelanguage program that allows a 32 K CoCo to show moving high-resolution images of three-dimensional objects. The objects displayed are skeletons (points joined by line segments), and the possible motions include sliding left, right, up, and down (called panning); growing larger and smaller (called scaling); and rotating six different ways.
To use Display, first enter each point you want to display. Then specify which pairs of points are to be connected and type DISPLAY. Your picture will appear on the screen within one second.
Then, by pressing various command keys, you can move your picture around the screen, make it grow larger or smaller, or make it appear to rotate in space. You can stop the display at any time to change points or line segments or to create an entirely new picture, and then return to the display. Finally, if you like your picture, you can save it on tape.

## System Requirements

32KRAM<br>Extended Color Basic<br>Editor/Assembler

## You can create 3-dimensional objects and manipulate them in space using this amazing program.

## The Microworld of Display

Throughout this article, I will use "object" to refer to the three-dimensional skeleton to be displayed and "picture" to mean the resulting graphics display.
Display creates a microworld, as explained by Seymour Pappert in Mindstorms (New York: Basic Books, 1980). That is, when you use Display, you are operating in a limited but complete and coherent logical environment. This is a three-dimensional world populated by points and line segments. The points have names: $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}, \ldots \mathrm{Z}$, so there can be 26 of them at most.

When defining a point, you specify its name and its $\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y}-\mathrm{z}$-coordinates. You define line segments by naming their endpoints. When the screen displays your picture, the origin of the coordinate system is at the center of the TV screen, the x -axis goes left to right, the $y$-axis goes bottom to top, and the $z$-axis points right at you. Each screen pixel corresponds to one unit on a coordinate axis.

When you define points, you must specify their coordinates as integers between - 80 and 80 , but when the program runs, the coordinates can take on
real values between - 4,096 and 4,096. Large coordinate values can be generated when you allow a picture to slide far in one direction or to grow very large. Because coordinates are kept as real values (accurate to $1 / 256$ ), you can shrink pictures to a single dot on the screen and then expand them again without losing detail.

If your object grows large, the TV screen will show only part of it. Only points with x-coordinate between - 128 and 127 and y-coordinate between - 96 and 95 will be visible. If any part of a line segment falls in this range, that part of the line segment will be shown, even though the ends of the line may not be visible. Thus, you can create a complex object, allow it to grow larger than the screen, and then display different magnified parts of it while retaining the entire object in your computer's memory.
How to Use Display
First load the Basic component of the program, then type and enter PCLEAR8:RUN. (The reason for PCLEAR8 is explained in Note 1 at the end of this article.) The program first executes CLOADM"DISPLAY" to load its machine-language component (which must be ready for loading when you type RUN) and then displays the message, "Enter HELP anytime for guidance." At this point, or at any other time when the text screen is visible, you can create, modify, erase, verify, save, load, and display objects.

To define (or redefine) a point, type
the name of the point, then $=$, and then the coordinates separated by commas, as in the following:
$\mathrm{A}=0,0,0$,
$\mathrm{F}=-50,50,-50$
The coordinates must be integers between -80 and 80 .

To specify a line segment, just enter the endpoints like this: AF. To erase a line segment, enter the endpoints followed by \#: AF\#. You can define or erase more than one line segment on one line. For example, ACCBDE\#HF would define line segments $\mathrm{AC}, \mathrm{CB}$, and HF and would erase DE. Up to 60 line segments can be included in one object.

To print the coordinates of all the points you have defined, enter ?. You can display a subrange of defined points with commands such as the following:
?C-G
?H-
?-G

To list all of the line segments you have defined, type ??.

To save the current object on tape, prepare your tape recorder for writing a new file and type SAVE"name". Your object will be saved under whatever file name you designate. As with all tape files, the name can include up to eight alphabetic characters, or you can omit the file name.

To read an object from tape, enter LOAD"name".

The program saves objects and loads them as binary files with the CLOADM and CSAVEM commands (see Note 2). Actually, all that is saved on tape are the buffers holding the points and line seg-ments- 355 bytes in all. That is all it takes to define an object.

Now for the rest of Display's commands: To erase an object entirely, just type NEW. To get a screenful of helpful information about using Display, type HELP. Finally, to see a picture of your object, type DISPLAY.

When you type DISPLAY the Basic program does four operations. It reads the list of line segments and marks all unused points as undefined. This prevents the machine-language routines from wasting time moving points that are not displayed. It then POKEs 0 into memory cell $\$ 11 \mathrm{~A}$ (282) to deactivate
the uppercase keyboard lock, executes the machine-language component of Display, and it POKEs 255 into memory cell $\$ 11 \mathrm{~A}$ to restore the uppercase keyboard lock.

While executing the machine-language program, you can move the picture of your object 13 ways, as described in Table 1.

## Machine-Language Routines

The clearest way of describing the machine-language component of Display is with a pseudocode outline. I will use as pseudocode subroutine names the same mnemonics that are used in the Assembly listing.

The program begins and ends with some housekeeping:

Disable regular interrupts
Establish a new S-stack
Execute MAIN
Restore the S-stack (for Basic) Return.
The routine MAIN is the traffic cop. It does the following:

Sets the VDG register and the control register for high-resolution graphics Executes DISPLA (Display a picture of the object)
Repeats

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Modifies object according to command key
Executes DISPLA until key is no longer depressed
Endif
Until key = @
Returns

## Basic Data Structures

To understand how Display pans, scales, rotates, and displays objects, you must first see how the program stores points and line segments. There are separate buffers for points and lines. The 234-byte buffer POINTS starting at $\$ 7000$, allots 9 bytes to each of the 26 points, $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{Z}$. If a point is undefined, $\$ 80$ is stored in its first byte. (Since all coordinates must lie between $-2^{12}$ and $2^{12}$ you will see that $\$ 80$ can never be the first byte of a defined point.)

Each point has three coordinates stored in order $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$, and each coordinate is stored as a 3-byte signed integer that is 256 times the coordinate value. Alternatively, think of each 3-byte coordinate as a signed hexadecimal value accurate to two hexadecimal digits (8 bits) to the right of the hexadecimal point.

Line segments are stored as 2-byte records in the 121-byte buffer LINES starting at $\$ 70 \mathrm{EA}$. The program packs the records in the low end of the buffer followed by a single termination byte containing \$FF. The 2 bytes defining a
line segment contain the address of the endpoints of the line relative to POINTS. That is, point A corresponds to $0, \mathrm{~B}$ to 9 , C to $\$ 12=18$, and so forth. Thus, the 2 bytes defining the line segment AC contain $0, \$ 12$; the 2 bytes defining the line segment DK contain \$1B,\$5 A (decimal 27,90).

The line-segment buffer is a table of pointers. If ADDR is the address of a line-segment record, and if (ADDR) means the contents of ADDR, then the address of the first endpoint of the line segment is POINTS + (ADDR), and the address of the second endpoint is POINTS + (ADDR +1 ).

I've divided the rest of this article into two parts. First, I will explain the routines that pan, scale, and rotate your object. These change the coordinates of the points without affecting the line segments at all. I move the object by moving the points and then reconstructing the line segments between the newly positioned points.

Second, I will explain how the program creates the picture of your object. When you press a command key, the program alternately modifies the object a little and then displays a new picture of the repositioned object. In this way the object seems to slide around your TV screen, grow larger or smaller, or rotate continuously in space.

## Moving the Object

Whether you are panning, scaling, or rotating, you move the object in small increments between successive displays.

Panning is the easiest motion to achieve. Each time the program calls

```
Command key
\uparrow , \downarrow , \leftarrow , \rightarrow
B, S
X, Y, Z rotate your object counter-clockwise around the X-, Y-, or Z-axis
(Shift) X, Y, Z
@
```


## Action

```
move your object around the screen (panning) make your object bigger or smaller (scaling)
rotate your object counter-clockwise around the X-, Y-, or Z-axis
rotate your object clockwise around one of the axes
return to the Basic program
```

These command;
continue working as long as you depress the command key.
Table I. Commands for Object Movement

[^14]Table 2. A Pseudocode Version of DISPLA
one of the routines, PANL, PANR, PANU, or PAND, it adds or subtracts two from the $x$ - or $y$-coordinate of each defined point. For example, to slide the object to the right, call PANR. This subroutine adds two to the signed number in the first 2 bytes of the x -coordinate of each point. (Remember that these 2 bytes represent the integer part of the coordinate.)

Scaling is almost as easy. Each time the program executes the subroutine BIGGER, each coordinate of each defined point grows by $1 / 32$. SMALLR shrinks coordinates by $1 / 32$. In each case, the scaling is achieved by placing each coordinate on the S-stack, shifting it 5 bits to the right (dividing by 32 ), and adding or subtracting the result from the original coordinate value.

Now I come to the rotations. There are six of them, as you can rotate two ways around each of three axes. Each rotation subroutine (ROTX, ROTY, ROTZ, ROTMX, ROTMY, and ROTMZ) rotates all the points 7.18 degrees one way around one of the axes. I selected this amount of rotation because $\sin \left(7.18^{\circ}\right)$ is almost equal to $1 / 8$ and $\cos \left(7.18^{\circ}\right)$ is almost equal to $127 / 128$.

To rotate a point around an axis, you must modify two of the coordinates of the point. Each of the six rotation subroutines works the same way. Each goes through the list of points and, for each defined point, moves the addresses of the two coordinates to be modified to the X-register and Y-register. Then it calls a subroutine ROTATE to effect the rotation.

The six different ways in which the subroutines can point the X-register and Y-register at two out of three coordinates correspond to the six possible rotations.

Let's look in detail at rotating a single point counter-clockwise around the x -axis. Call the original coordinates of the point $x_{01 d}, y_{0 l d}$, and $z_{0 l d}$. The coordinates of the point after rotation will be as follows:
$\mathrm{x}_{\text {new }}=\mathrm{X}_{\text {old }}$
$\mathrm{y}_{\text {new }}=\frac{127}{128} \mathrm{y}_{\text {old }}-\frac{1}{8} \mathrm{z}_{\text {old }}$
$z_{\text {new }}=\frac{1}{8} y_{\text {old }}+\frac{127}{128} z_{\text {old }}$

Aficionados of linear algebra will recognize these equations:
$\mathrm{X}_{\text {new }}=\mathrm{x}_{\text {old }}$
$y_{\text {new }}=y_{\text {old }} \cos (\theta)-z_{\text {old }} \sin (\theta)$
$z_{\text {new }}=z_{\text {old }} \sin (\theta)+z_{\text {old }} \cos (\theta)$
$\theta$ is the angle of rotation. I chose the
angle $\theta=7.18^{\circ}$ so that multiplication by $\cos (\theta)=127 / 128$ and $\sin (\theta)=1 / 8$ would require only a few arithmetic shifts, followed by a single addition or subtraction. (The values given for sine and cosine are accurate to one part in 25,000 .)

The program uses an algorithm slightly different from the one above. No distinction is made between old and new coordinates. Rather, the program executes the following equivalent sequence:
$y=(127 / 128) y-(1 / 8) z$
$z=(1 / 8) y+(129 / 128) z$
$z=(1 / 8) y+(129 / 128) z$
If you compare this last algorithm with the one preceding it, you will see that they do not have exactly the same result. However, for the accuracy required by the program, they are sufficiently close.

The routines for panning, scaling, and rotating all contain checks within themselves to see that points do not grow too large. Coordinates must remain between $-4,096$ and 4,096 . If one of the movement routines pushes a point out of bounds, the program restores the offending point and all points preceding it in the points buffer to their original state. That is, the current, partially completed incremental change is undone.

In addition, objects are not permitted to grow too small. After the subroutine SMALLR reduces an object, the program checks each line segment. If any segment has endpoints in which the coordinates all have equal integer parts (the 2 high-order bytes of each coordinate), then the program expands the object to its previous size. Note that if the
coordinates of two points all have equal integer parts, then the program will plot two points at the same place on the screen no matter how you rotate the object in space.

## Drawing the Picture

While you press a command key, the program alternately moves the object very slightly and then displays the picture of the object in its new position.

To draw the picture of the object, the program goes to the subroutine DISPLA, which clears the screen and then draws each line segment in turn. Actually, you never see DISPLA clearing the screen or drawing the line segments. Clearing and drawing are done on an "invisible" graphics screen before the program displays the picture.

The CoCo can display a high-resolution picture based on information contained in $\$ 1800$ bytes beginning at any multiple of $\$ 200$. I use what the Basic manual calls the first four graphics pages ( $\$ 600-\$ 1 D F F)$ to hold one graphics screen, and graphics pages 5-8 ( $\$ 1 \mathrm{E} 00-\$ 35 \mathrm{FF}$ ) for the second graphics screen. One of these screens is being displayed on your TV whenever Display is running.

When the program calls DISPLA, it clears (sets to 0 ) the part of memory devoted to the other graphics screen and draws the picture of the object there. Then it displays the new graphics screen and uses the other one for the next picture of the object.
The variable TL (\$721F-\$7220) keeps track of which graphics screen is being displayed. Getting Started with Color Basic, pp. 259-260, explains switching graphics screens.

IF X1 LEFT AND Y1 Y THEN (The Left endpoint is already on the visible screen) GOTO LN3
$\mathrm{XTEMP}=\mathrm{X} 2$
YTEMP $=\mathrm{Y} 2$
LN4 X = (X1 + XTEMP) DIV 2 (DIV 2 means divide by 2 and take the integer part)
$\mathrm{Y}=(\mathrm{Y} 1+\mathrm{YTEMP})$ DIV 2
IF (X LEFT AND Y TOP) OR (X RIGHT AND Y BOTTOM) THEN
RETURN (No part of the line is visible)
IF $\mathrm{X}<$ LEFT OR $\mathrm{Y}<$ BOTTOM THEN
$\mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X}$
$\mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y}$
GOTO LN4
ELSE IF X>LEFT AND Y>BOTTOM THEN $X$ TEMP $=X$ YTEMP $=\mathrm{Y}$ GOTO LN4
$\operatorname{ELSE}((\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})$ is on the left or bottom boundary of the visible screen) $\mathrm{X} 1=\mathrm{X}$ (These are the corrected values for X 1 and Y 1 ) $\mathrm{Y} 1=\mathrm{Y}$
LN3
Table 3. Pseudocode Version of Clip Routine

Table 2 gives a pseudocode version of DISPLA. You might note two points about this routine. First of all, I ignore the $z$-coordinate of each point. That is because the value of the $z$-coordinate does not affect the location of a point in the picture. Second, I use only the integer parts of the x - and y -coordinates. Truncating is faster than rounding and no less precise. Points separated by more than one unit are displayed separately on the screen.

The last routine I want to discuss is the line-drawing routine, LINE. Four parameters, X1, Y1, X2, and Y2 are passed to LINE, and it draws a line on the screen from ( $\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1$ ) to ( $\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2$ ). Remember that $(0,0)$ is the center of the screen, the $x$-coordinate goes left to right, and the $y$-coordinate goes bottom to top.

These conventions are different from Radio Shack's, which place $(0,0)$ at the top left corner and measure the Y-coordinate top to bottom. Radio Shack's coordinates are perfect for describing the location of characters on a printed page; mine are those used universally by scientists, engineers, and mathematicians for two-dimensional graphics.

LINE begins by comparing X1 and X 2 , and swapping (X1,Y1) with (X2,Y2) if necessary, to assure that X 1 X 2 . Then LINE divides into two branches. I will discuss the case Y1 Y2; the other case, handled by SELine (south east line), is similar.

To recapitulate, I want to draw a line from ( $\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1$ ) to ( $\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2$ ), and I have arranged matters so that X 1 X 2 and Y1 Y2. The coordinates X1, Y1, X2, and Y 2 are between $-4,096$ and 4,096 , but you can only see a point ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ ) if -128 X 127 and -96 Y 95.

The first thing to do is to check to see if any part of the line will fall into the visible part of the screen. I define some constants corresponding to the borders of the visible screen:

LEFT $=-\$ 80=-128$
RIGHT $=\$ 7 \mathrm{~F}=127$
$\mathrm{TOP}=\$ 5 \mathrm{~F}=95$
BOTTOM $=-\$ 60=-96$
Then I execute the following routine to skip invisible lines:
IF X1 RIGHT OR Y1 TOP OR X2 LEFT
OR Y2 BOTTOM THEN RETURN FROM
SUBROUTINE LINE (No part of the line falls into the visible screen)
This test eliminates only some of the invisible lines. Others will be eliminated below.

Next, I clip the line. That is, I cut off that part of the line that doesn't show


Photos la and lb. Normal and Enlarged Views of a Diamond Shape
on the screen by making the values of $(\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Yl})$ and ( $\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2$ ) equal to the endpoints of the visible portion of the line to be drawn. An algorithm analogous to a binary search does the clipping.

I will describe in pseudocode how ( $\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Yl}$ ) are reset, if necessary, from their original values to the left endpoint of the visible portion of the line. A similar process resets (X2,Y2) equal to the right endpoint of the visible portion of the line. Of course, if an endpoint of
the line is already visible on the screen, then the clipping process leaves it unchanged.

Note finally that while clipping away the invisible part of a line, I may discover that the entire line lies outside the visible screen. In that case I quietly execute a RTS and return from the subroutine LINE.

Table 3 shows the pseudocode version of the routine that clips the left end of the line from $(\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1)$ to ( $\mathrm{X} 2, \mathrm{Y} 2$ ).

Remember, X1 X2 and Y1 Y2.
When I have clipped the endpoints of my line where necessary, I know that I have endpoints (X1, Y1) and (X2, Y2) on the visible screen, with (X2,Y2) northeast of (X1,Y1). More precisely:

| $-\$ 80$ | X1 | X2 | $\$ 7 F$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $-\$ 60$ | Y1 | Y2 | $\$ 5 F$ |

The routine that sets the pixels on the screen for the line from (X1.Y1) to (X2,Y2) mimics the Basic instruction LINE(X1,Y1)-(X2,Y2),PSET. Actually, there are two routines: one for the case $\mathrm{Y} 2-\mathrm{Y} 1<\mathrm{X} 2-\mathrm{X} 1$, and the other for Y2-Y1 X2-X1. The first case corresponds to the routine in Line beginning at ENELN (east north east line). The second is similar.

If you wanted to draw a line on the screen, you might try something like this:
SLOPE $=(\mathrm{Y} 2-\mathrm{Y} 1) /(\mathrm{X} 2-\mathrm{X} 1)$
$\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{Y} 1$
FORX $=\mathrm{X} 1$ TO X2 DO
YINT $=\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{Y})$ (The integer part of Y). $\operatorname{PSET}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{YINT}$ ) ( X is always an integer-PSET turns on the pixel at (X,YINT)).
$\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{Y}+$ SLOPE
ENDFOR
You could write this routine in Basic using the PSET function. You would draw a straight line, but the processing would be painfully slow. Even a ma-chine-language routine modeled on this algorithm is slow, because using a function like PSET requires that you recompute the byte and bit corresponding to (X,YINT) for each different value of X between X1 and X2.

There is a better way. As X is incremented, the byte and bits corresponding to the points (X,YINT) follow each other in a regular manner. The basic idea is as follows:

SLOPE $=(\mathrm{Y} 2-\mathrm{Y} 1) /(\mathrm{X} 2-\mathrm{X} 1)$
Start at pixel corresponding to (X1,Y1)
DO X2 - X1 + 1 TIMES
light up the pixel
move over one pixel and up slope pixels
ENDDO

Unfortunately, slope is a fraction. Since you can't move up a fraction of a pixel, you must do something like this:

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SLOPE = (Y2 - Y1)/(X2 - X1)
B = 0
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Start at pixel corresponding to ( $\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1$ )
DO X2-X1 + 1 TIMES
light up the pixel
move over one pixel
$\mathrm{B}=\mathrm{B}+$ SLOPE
IF B 1 THEN B = B - 1; move up one pixel ENDDO

## FINALLY!

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This is the algorithm realized by the routine ENELN. To explain how I coded it, I must first explain which byte and bit correspond to the pixel at a point $(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})$.

Let TL be the address of the byte corresponding to the top left corner of the high-resolution screen. Either TL $=$ $\$ 600$ or $\mathrm{TL}=\$ 1 \mathrm{E} 00$, depending on which graphics screen you are drawing.

Bit 7 of byte TL controls the pixel at the top left corner of the screen, and the next seven pixels of the top row are controlled by bits 6-0 of byte TL. Bits 7-0 of byte TL +1 control the next eight pixels. Bits $7-0$ of byte TL $+\$ 20=$ TL +32 control the first eight pixels of the second row.

Since there are 192 rows of pixels on the high-resolution graphics screen, the pixel in the lower right corner of the screen is controlled by bit 0 of byte $\mathrm{TL}+\$ 17 \mathrm{FF}=\mathrm{TL}+6143$.

Computing the bit and byte corresponding to a point ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ ) uses integer division (DIV) and the remainder function (MOD). Remember that N DIV M is the largest integer not greater than N/M. For example, 8 DIV $2=4 ; 7$ DIV $3=2$; and -7 DIV $3=-3 . \mathrm{N}$ MOD $M=M^{*}(N / M-N D I V M)$ so 8 MOD $2=0 ; 7 \operatorname{MOD} 3=1$; and -7 MOD $3=2$.

Since I have placed $(0,0)$ at the center
of the screen, and since I let the Y-coordinate increase as it goes up the screen, I compute the byte and bit corresponding to the point ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ ) as follows:

## $\mathrm{BYTE}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=\mathrm{TL}+(\$ 59-\mathrm{Y}) * \$ 20+$ ( $\$ 80+\mathrm{X})$ DIV 8 $\mathrm{BIT}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=7-\mathrm{X}$ MOD 8

Table 4 shows a new version of the line-drawing routine. The algorithm in this table faithfully mirrors the Assembly routine beginning at ENELN. The main complication comes in computing BIT (X,Y) and setting the bit to 1 .

The U-register contains none of the numbers $0-7$, but rather one of the addresses, BITS...LASTBT. BITS contains the binary number 10000000; BITS+1 contains 01000000 , and so forth, until BITS $+7=$ LASTBT contains 00000001 .

The U-register contains the address of one of these words, which are called masks, indicating which bit is to be set to 1 . The address of the byte to be modified is in the X -register, and the instructions bit UREG of byte XREG $=1$ is expanded into the following sequence:
LDA , X get the byte to be modified ORA , U set the required bit to 1 STA ,X return the modified byte to screen memory.

## Program Listing 1. Basic Portion of Display

100 REM PROGRAM DISPLAY
110 REM COPYRIGHT DAVID MEREDITH L983
120 REM BASIC PROGRAM PERMITS INPUT OF A 3-D PICTURE AS POINTS A
ND LINE SEGMENTS. MACHINE LANGUAGE COMPONENT DISPLAYS THE PICTU RE
130 REM AND ALLOWS PANNING, SCALING, AND ROTATING
140 CLS:PRINT873,"D I S P L A Y": PRINT@135,"BY DAVID MEREDITH": P RINT@201, "COPYRIGHT 1983"
145 PRINT@416,"READING MACHINE LANGUAGE PART..."
150 CLOADM"DISPLAYM": PCLEAR8:CLEAR 100,\&H7000
$160 \mathrm{PO}=\& \mathrm{H} 7000: \mathrm{LI}=\mathrm{PO}+9 * 26: \mathrm{MA}=\mathrm{LI}+121:$ REM ADDRESSES OF POINTS BUFFE
R, LINES BUFFER, AND MAIN DISPLAY ROUTINE
165 DIM CH (25)
170 GOSUB 1000: REM NEW PICTURE
175 CS\$="HELPNEWDISPLAY":LDS="LOAD": SV\$="SAVE":AA=ASC("A"):QUS=C HR\$ (34)
180 CLS:PRINT"ENTER help ANYTIME FOR GUIDANCE"
190 LINEINPUT AS:REM GET NEW POINT, LINE, OR COMMAND
200 I=INSTR (A\$," ") :IFI<>0THENA\$=LEFT\$ (A\$,I-1) +RIGHT\$ (A\$,LEN (A\$) -I): GOTO200:REM ELIMINATE BLANKS
210 IFLEN (A\$) >2THENI=INSTR (CS\$, A\$) : IFI=OTHEN215ELSEIFI=1THENGOSU
B1600:GOTO190ELSEIEI=5THENGOSUB1000: GOTO190ELSEIFI=8THENGOSUB180
0:GOTO190
215 IF INSTR(A\$,LD\$)=1THENGOSUB1200:GOTO190ELSEIFINSTR (A\$,SV\$)=1 THENGOSUB1400:GOTO190
220 IFINSTR (A\$,"=") =2THENGOSUB2000:GOTO190:REM DEFINE A POINT
230 IFINSTR(A\$,"??")=1 THEN GOSUB 2200:GOTOl90:REM PRINT LINE SE GMENTS
240 IFINSTR(A\$,"?")=1 THENGOSUB2400:GOTO190:REM PRINT POINTS
250 REM AT THIS POINT A\$ EITHER DEFINES LINES OR IS INCORRECT
260 L=LEN (A\$):IFL<2THENGOSUB2600:GOTO190:REM IF LEN(A\$)<2 THEN L
INE INCORRECT
270 IFL<2THEN190ELSEA1=ASC (LEFT\$ (AS,1)) -AA:A2=ASC (MID\$ (AS,2,1)) AA:IF AK0 OR Al>25 OR A2<0 OR A2>25 THEN GOSUB2600:GOTO190ELSE $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{L}-2$ : A\$=RIGHTS (A\$,L)
274 IFA1=A2 THENPRINT:PRINT"ENDPOINTS MUST BE DISTINCT":PRINT:GO TO190
275 IFINSTR (A\$,"\#") $=1$ THENL=L-1:A\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$,L):GOTO400:REM DELET E A POINT
$280 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{LI}: \mathrm{A} 1=9 * \mathrm{~A} 1: \mathrm{A} 2=9 *$ A2
Listing continued

The entire routine LINE seems to produce lines identical to those drawn by the Basic command, LINE.

## Conclusion

Here are some sample objects you can try with Display. The first is a diamond. Enter points and line segments as follows:
A $=0,0,50$
B $=0,0,-50$
C $=0,50,0$
D $=0,-50,0$
$\mathrm{E}=50,0,0$
$F=-50,0,0$
AC AD AE AF BC BD BE BF CE CF DE DF
Note: Press enter after typing each line segment for this and all other sample objects.

Here are the specifications for a cube (when it first appears on the screen, all you see is a square, because the back half is hiding behind the front half):
$\mathrm{A}=0,0,0$
$B=50,0,0$
C $=50,50,0$
$\mathrm{D}=0,50,0$
$\mathrm{E}=0,0,50$
$\mathrm{F}=50,0,50$
$\mathrm{G}=50,50,50$
$\mathrm{H}=0,50,50$
AB BC CD DA EF FG GH HE
AE BF CG DH
Finally, you can draw groups of objects on the screen. Here, for example, are the four letters, W, O, R, D. You can make them spin and move just like the animated logos in a TV commercial:
$A=-64,0,0$
B $=-64,31,0$
C $=-55,15,0$
D $=-45,0,0$
$\mathrm{E}=-45,31,0$
$\mathrm{F}=-32,0,0$
$\mathrm{G}=-32,31,0$
H $=-13,31,0$
I $=-13,0,0$
$\mathrm{J}=0,0,0$
$\mathrm{K}=0,15,0$
$\mathrm{L}=0,31,0$
M=19,31,0
$\mathrm{N}=19,15,0$
$\mathrm{O}=19,0,0$
$\mathrm{P}=32,0,0$
$\mathrm{Q}=32,31,0$
R $=48,31,0$
$\mathrm{S}=51,28,0$
$\mathrm{T}=51,3,0$
$\mathrm{U}=48,0,0$
AB AC CD DE FG GH HI IF JK KL LM MN NK KO PQ QR RS ST TU UP

Display has two limitations. The first is a software limitation that could be remedied by any reader. You cannot
program moving graphics displays with this program; you can only control them in real time. However, you could program a graphics display by calling separately the subroutines that pan, scale, rotate, and display objects. Just remember to disable the regular interrupt each time you call one of the subroutines.

The second limitation is due to the hardware. The display cannot be made to move faster or to show more complex animation. The 6809 is a wonderful chip, but it can only work so fast.

Moving graphics systems more powerful than Display take lots of computing power-more than can be expected of an 8 -bit processor unsupported by special graphics hardware. I do not believe this program could be recoded to run more than twice as fast as it does now. Most of the running time is spent in the line-drawing routine, which seems fairly efficient to me.

Professional graphics systems use special-purpose hardware and often some form of parallel processing to speed up their displays. However, Display contains some of the basic software elements of a moving graphics system, and the hardware requirement is certainly reasonable-about 10 percent of the cost of a high-quality colorgraphics terminal. So, enjoy experimenting with moving graphics, and write to me if you find some interesting ways to use this program, or if you just create some unusual objects.

## Final Notes

1) Executing PCLEAR8 before running Display seems to overcome an obscure bug in the Basic instruction EXEC.

Display is loaded from tape into memory beginning with the fifth graphics page. Executing PCLEAR8 in line 150 should move the program beyond the eighth graphics page, so that the machine-language routines that alter the memory corresponding to the graphics pages should not affect the program. But it does not work that way. Try the following program and watch it crash:

10 CLEAR 100, \&H3900
20 PCLEAR 8
30 FOR I $=\& H 3900$ TO \&H390F
40 READ X
50 POKE I, X
60 NEXT I
70 EXEC \& H3900
80 PRINT "SUCCESSFUL RETURN

Listing continued
$290 \mathrm{P}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{I}): \mathrm{Q}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{I}+1): \operatorname{IFP}<>255 \operatorname{THENIF}(\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{A} 1$ ANDQ=A2 ) OR ( $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{A} 2 \mathrm{AN}$ $D Q=A 1)$ THENPRINT: PRINT"LINE ";CHRS (AA+A1/9);CHRS (AA + A2/9);" ALREA DY DEFINED":PRINT:GOTO190ELSEI=I+2:GOTO290:REM FIND NEXT OPEN SP ACE IN LINES BUFFERCHECKING FOR DUPLICATION
300 IF I=MA-1 THENPRINT:PRINT"NO ROOM FOR ANOTHER LINE":PRINT:GO T0190
310 IFPEEK (PO+Al) =128THENPRINT:PRINT"POINT "; CHR\$ (Al/9+AA);" NOT DEFINED": PRINT: GOTO270
320 IFPEEK (PO+A2)=128THENPRINT:PRINT"POINT ";CHR\$ (A2/9+AA);" NOT
DEFINED": PRINT:GOTO270
330 POKEI,A1:POKEI+1,A2:POKEI+2,255:IFL>0THEN270ELSE190:REM PUT LINE SEGMENT IN LINE BUFFER AND GET NEXT SEGMENT IF ANY
400 REM DELETE A LINE SEGMENT A1,A2
$410 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{LI}: \mathrm{A} 1=9 * A 1: A 2=9 * A 2$
$420 \operatorname{IFPEEK}(I)=255$ THENPRINT:PRINTLINE SEGMENT ";CHR\$ (Al/9+AA) ; C HR\$ (A2/9+AA);" NOT DEFINED":PRINT:GOTO270
$430 \mathrm{P}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{I}): \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{PEEK}(\mathrm{I}+1): I F(\mathrm{P}<>A 1 \mathrm{ORQ}<>\mathrm{A} 2)$ AND ( $\mathrm{P}<>\mathrm{A} 2$ ORQ<>A1) THE NI=I+2: GOTO420
440 P=PEEK (I+2) : POKEI, P:IFP=255THEN270ELSEI=I+1:GOTO440:REM DELE TE THE POINT BY MOVING DATA DOWN THE BUFFER
1000 REM MAKE A BLANK PICTURE
1010 FORI=PO TO PO+9*25 STEP 9:POKEI, 128:NEXT:REM MARK ALL POINT S AS UNDEFINED
1020 POKELI,255:REM CLEAR LINE BUFFER
1030 RETURN
1200 REM LOAD A PICTURE FROM TAPE
1210 I=INSTR (A\$,QU\$) : IFI<>0THENJ=INSTR (I+l,AS,QU\$) : IFJ<>0THENNA\$
=MID\$ (A\$, I, J-I+1) ELSENA\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$, LEN (A\$) -I) ELSENA\$=""
1220 IFLEN (NA\$) >8THENNA\$=LEFT\$ (NA\$, 8)
1230 CLOADM NAS:GOTO1800:REM DISPLAY PICTURE AFTER LOADING
1400 REM SAVE CURRENT PICTURE ON TAPE
1410 I=INSTR\{A\$,QU\$) : IFI<>0THENJ=INSTR (I+1,A\$, QU\$) : IFJ<>0THENNA\$
=MID\$ (A\$, I, J-I+1) ELSENA\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$, LEN (A\$) -I) ELSENA\$=""
1420 IFLEN (NA\$) >8THENNA\$=LEFT\$ (NA\$, 8)
1430 CSAVEM NAS, PO,MA-1, PO:RETURN
1600 REM HELP ROUTINE
1610 CLS:PRINT"DISPLAY PICTURE: display"
1620 PRINT"ERASE PICTURE: new"
1630 PRINT"SAVE PIX ON TAPE: save";QU\$;"NAME";QU\$
1640 PRINT"READ PIX FROM TAPE: load";QU\$;"NAME";QU\$
1650 PRINT"ENTER POINT P: $P=X, Y, Z^{\prime \prime}$
1660 PRINT"ENTER LINE SEGMENT AB: AB"
1670 PRINT"DELETE LINE SEGMENT CD: CD\#"
1680 PRINT"PRINT POINTS A TO H: ?A-H"
1690 PRINT"PRINT LINE SEGMENTS: ??"
1700 PRINT:RETURN
1800 REM DISPLAY THE PICTURE
1810 REM FIRST DECLARE ALL UNUSED POINTS AS UNDEFINED
1820 FORI $=0$ TO25: $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{I})=0:$ NEXT
1830 I=LI
$1840 \mathrm{P}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{I}): \operatorname{IFP}<>255 \operatorname{THENCH}(\mathrm{P} / 9)=1: \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}+1$ : GOTO1840:REM MARK ALL POINT NAMES USED
1850 FORI=0TO25:IFCH (I) =0THENPOKEPO $+9 * I$, 128 :NEXT:REM MARK UNUSED POINTS AS UNDEFINED
1860 POKE 282,0:EXEC MA:POKE282,255:PRINT:RETURN
2000 REM INPUT A POINT
2010 A $=$ ASC (LEFT\$ (AS,1))-AA:IFA<OORA>25THENGOSUB 2600:RETURN
2020 AD=PO+9*A
2030 A\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$, LEN (A\$) -2)
2040 IFA\$=""THENGOSUB2600:RETURN
2050 VA=VAL (AS):IFABS (VA) >80THENPRINT:PRINT"COORDINATES MUST BE BETWEEN -80 AND 80":PRINT:RETURNELSEB=LEN (A\$)-LEN (STR\$(VA)):IFVA <0THENB=B-1
2055 IFB<3THENGOSUB2600: GOTO190ELSEA\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$,B) : IFVA>=0THENV1 =0:V2=VA ELSEV1=255:V2=256+VA
2060 POKE AD, V1: POKEAD+1,V2: POKEAD+2, $0: A D=A D+3$
2070 IFA\$=""THENGOSUB2600:RETURN
2080 VA=VAL (AS):IFABS (VA) >80THENPRINT:PRINT"COORDINATES MUST BE BETWEEN -80 AND 80":PRINT:RETURNELSEB=LEN(A\$)-LEN(STR\$ (VA)):IFVA <0THENB=B-1
2085 IFB<1THENGOSUB2600:GOTO190ELSEA\$=RIGHT\$ (A\$, B) : IFVA>=0THENV1 =0:V2=VA ELSE V1=255:V2=256+VA
2090 POKE AD,V1:POKEAD+1,V2:POKEAD+2,0:AD=AD+3
2140 VA=VAL (A\$):IFABS (VA) >80 THEN PRINT:PRINT"COORDINATES MUST B E BETWEEN -80 AND 80":PRINT:RETURN
2145 IFVA $>=0$ THENV1 $=0:$ V2 $=$ VA ELSEV1 $=255:$ V2 $=256+\mathrm{VA}$
2150 POKE AD,VI:POKEAD+1,V2: POKEAD+2,0:RETURN
2200 REM PRINT LINES
2210 I=LI
2220 P=PEEK (I):IF P=255 THEN PRINT:RETURN
2230 PRINTCHRS (P/9+AA);CHR\$ (PEEK (I+1)/9+AA);" ";:I=I+2:GOTO2220
2400 REM PRINT POINTS
2410 A1 $=0:$ A2 $25: \operatorname{I=INSTR}(A \$, "-"): I F I=3 T H E N A 1=A S C(M D S(A \$, 2,1))-A A$ : IFA1<0ORA1>25THENA1=0:GOTO2030
2420 IFI<LEN (A\$) ANDI<=3THENA2=ASC (MID\$ (A\$,I+1,1) )-AA:IFA2<0ORA2> 25THENA2 $=25$
2430 FORI=A1 TO A2:AD=PO+9*I:IFPEEK (AD) =128THENNEXT:RETURN
2440 PRINTCHRS (I+AA) ;" = ";:FORJ=0TO6STEP3








| Listing contimued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TS, SO UNDO SMALLER |  |  | AND | RTS FROM | BIGGER |  | ALI LINE | SEGMENTS | CHECKED | AND |
| 76F8 | 16 | EF1D | 07780 |  | LBRH | BIGGER |  |  |  |  |
| 76 FB | 39 |  | 07790 | SMLR5 | RTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| LONG | ENO | NOUGH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 76 FC | 33 | 7 D | 07800 | GETSML | LEAU | $-3,5$ |  |  |  |  |
| 76FE | EC | 84 | 07810 |  | LDD | , X |  |  |  |  |
| 7700 | ED | C4 | 07820 |  | STD | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 7702 | A6 | 02 | 07830 |  | LDA | 2, x |  |  |  |  |
| 7704 | A7 | 42 | 07840 |  | STA | 2, U |  |  |  |  |
| 7706 | 67 | C4 | 07850 |  | ASR | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 7708 | 66 | 41 | 07860 |  | ROR | 1, ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 770A | 66 | 42 | 07870 |  | ROR | 2, U |  |  |  |  |
| 770 C | 67 | C4 | 07880 |  | ASR | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 770 E | 66 | 41 | 07890 |  | ROR | 1,0 |  |  |  |  |
| 7710 | 66 | 42 | 07900 |  | ROR | 2, U |  |  |  |  |
| 7712 | 67 | C4 | 07910 |  | ASR | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 7714 | 66 | 41 | 07920 |  | ROR | 1, ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 7716 | 66 | 42 | 07930 |  | ROR | 2, U |  |  |  |  |
| 7713 | 67 | 04 | 07940 |  | ASR | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 771A | 66 | 41 | 07950 |  | ROR | 1, U |  |  |  |  |
| 771 C | 66 | 42 | 07960 |  | ROR | 2, u |  |  |  |  |
| 771 E | 67 | 04 | 07970 |  | ASR | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 7720 | 66 | 41 | 07980 |  | ROR | 1, ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 7722 | 66 | 42 | 07990 |  | ROR | 2, U |  |  |  |  |
| 7724 | EC | 01 | 08000 |  | LDD | 1,8 |  |  |  |  |
| 7726 | R3 | 41 | 08010 |  | SUBD | 1, U |  |  |  |  |
| 7728 | ED | 01 | 08020 |  | STD | 1, X |  |  |  |  |
| 772A | A6 | 34 | 08030 |  | LDA | , X |  |  |  |  |
| 772C | A2 | 04 | 08040 |  | SBCA | , U |  |  |  |  |
| 772E | A7 | 84 | 08050 |  | STA | , X |  |  |  |  |
| 7730 |  |  | $08060$ |  | RTS |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^15]|  |  | 09020 | * |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7731 | F6 | 0132 | 09030 | KEYVRL | LDB | $\$ 152$ |
| 7734 | FB | 0153 | 09040 |  | ADDB | $\$ 153$ |
| 7737 | FB | 0154 | 09050 | ADDB | $\$ 154$ |  |
| $773 A$ | FB | 0155 | 09060 | ADDB | $\$ 155$ |  |
| $773 D$ | FB | 0156 | 09070 | ADDB | $\$ 156$ |  |
| 7740 | FB | 0157 | 09080 | ADDB | $\$ 157$ |  |
| 7743 | FB | 0158 | 09090 | ADDB | $\$ 158$ |  |
| 7746 | FB | 0159 | 09100 | ADDB | $\$ 159$ |  |
| 7749 | 39 |  | 09110 |  | RTS |  |
|  |  |  | 10000 |  |  |  |

10010 * DRAT A LINE X1, X2 TO Y1 Y2 - COORDTNATES ARE STGNED
16 BIT TNTEGER, VISIBLE SCREEN IS -128 TO 127 -95 05 ON USUAL
10020 * X,Y GRAPH






| Listing continued |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | LN6A | 7989 | RMZ | 752D |
| DISPLA | 7221 | LN7 | 7806 | ROTATE | 7535 |
| ENELN | 78 DF | LN7A | 7994 | ROTMX | 73D0 |
| ESELN | 7A6D | LN8 | 780 F | ROTMX1 | 73D3 |
| FRST1 | 7AD8 | LN8A | 799 D | ROTMX2 | 73 F 8 |
| FR3T2 | 7ADE | LN9 | 7823 | ROTMX 3 | 7400 |
| FRST3 | 7AE4 | LH9A | 79B1 | ROTMY | 7460 |
| FRSTBT | 7 ACO | LNDON1 | 7AA2 | ROTMY1 | 7463 |
| GET1 | 7AB3 | LNDONE | 7AA4 | ROTMY 2 | 7486 |
| GET4 | 7 7B6 | MAIN | 7177 | R0TMY3 | 748 E |
| GET5 | 7AAB | MAIN1 | 719 F | ROTMZ | 74EE |
| GETBIG | 766 C | MAIN10 | 71F0 | ROTMZ1 | 74F1 |
| GETSLP | 7AA5 | MAIN11 | 71 F 9 | ROTMZ 2 | 7516 |
| GETSML | 76 FC | MAIN12 | 7202 | ROTMZ3 | 751 E |
| KEY | 718 D | MAIN2 | 71 A8 | ROTX | 7387 |
| KEYVAL | 7731 | MAIN3 | $71 \mathrm{B1}$ | ROTX1 | 738A |
| LASTBT | 7751 | MAIN4 | 71BA | ROTX2 | 73 AF |
| LASTPT | 70 El | MAIN5 | 71 C 3 | ROTX3 | 73B7 |
| LEFT | FF80 | MAIN6 | 71 Cc | ROTY | 7419 |
| LINE | 7758 | MAIN 7 | 71 D 5 | ROTY1 | 741 C |
| LINES | 70EA | MAIN8 | 71DE | ROTY2 | 7441 |
| LN1 | 777B | MAIN9 | 71 E 7 | ROTY3 | 7449 |
| LN10 | 7845 | P1300 | 723 E | ROTz | 74 A 7 |
| LN10A | 79D3 | PAND | 731 B | ROTZ1 | 74 AA |
| LN11 | 784 E | PAND1 | 732 F | ROTZ2 | 74 CD |
| LNIIA | 79DC | PAND2 | 731 E | ROTZ3 | 74D5 |
| LN12 | 786 D | PAND 4 | 7337 | RX | 73 C 6 |
| LN12 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 79 FB | PAND5 | 7349 | RY | 7456 |
| LN13. | 7876 | PANL | 72 RF | RZ | 74 E 4 |
| LH13A | 7 A 04 | PANL1 | 72C3 | SELINE | 7914 |
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| LN14 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 7A18 | PANL4 | 72 CB | SMALLR | 76 RB |
| LN15 | 78 BC | PANL5 | 72 DD | SMLI | 76 RE |
| LN15A | 7A4A | PANR | 72E5 | 3ML2 | $76 ¢ 5$ |
| LN16. | 78 F 1 | PANR1 | 72F9 | SMLRI | 76 C 7 |
| LiNi6A | 7Ā7 | PANR2 | 72E8 | SMLR5 | 76 FB |
| LN17 | 790A | PANR4 | 7301 | SMLR6 | 76 CF |
| LN17A | 7 A 98 | PANR5 | 7313 | TB1 | 76 AA |
| LN1 8 | 789A | PANU | 7351 | TL | 721F |
| LN18A | 7A28 | PANU1 | 7365 | TOOBIG | 76A1 |
| LN2 | 77 C 4 | PANU2 | 7354 | - TOP | 005F |
| LH2A | 7952 | PANU4 | 736D | X1 | 7752 |
| LN3 | 7933 | PANU5 | 737 F | X1P | 7753 |
| LN3A | 79 C 1 | POINTS | 7000 | X 2 | 7756 |
| LN4 | 77 CD | REP1 | 7209 | X2P | 7757 |
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| LN5 | 77 EE | RIGHT | 007F | Y1P | 7755 |
| LN5A | 797 C | RMX | 740 F | Y2 | 7758 |
| LN6 | 77 FB | RMY | 749 D | Y 2 P | 7759 |

```
SLOPE = (Y2-Y1)/(X2 = X1)
BREG=0
XREG= BYTE(X1,Y1)
UREG = BIT(X1,Y1)
DO X2-X 1 + 1 TIMES
    Bit UREG of byte XREG=1 (turn on pixel)
    UREG = UREG - 1 (move one pixel to the right)
    IF UREG=-1 THEN (moving to the next byte if necessary)
        UREG=7
        XREG = XREG+1
    BREG = BREG + SLOPE
    IF BREG 1 THEN (have we moved far enough to the right to justify)
        BREG = BREG - 1 (going up one pixel?)
        XREG = XREG-$20
ENDDO
```

Table 4. A New Version of the Line-Drawing Routine

## ORG $\$ 3900$

LDY\#0
LDX \#\$1E00
LABEL STY , $\mathrm{X}++$ STORE ZEROES INTO CMPX \#\$3600 MEMORY \$1E00\#\$3600 BNE LABEL
RTS

Table 5. Assembly-Language Routine to Clear Graphics Pages

Continued from p. IIS

FROM EXEC"
90 STOP
100 DATA $16,142,0,0,142,30,0,16$,
$175,129,140,54,0,38,248,57$
The machine-language portion of this program is a compilation of the Assembly-language routine that clears graphics pages 5-8 (bytes $\$ 1 \mathrm{E} 00-\$ 35 \mathrm{FF}$ ) (see Table 5).
Type PCLEAR 8: RUN. The program will run and you should see on the screen "Successful return from Basic." Now type PCLEAR 4:RUN. Watch the program crash; it never reaches line 80. Run it again. The program works. Type PCLEAR 4: RUN. Crash.

What is going on here?
When you execute PCLEAR N, your program is moved so that its text begins after the Nth graphics page. Memory locations 25-26 contain the starting address of your program. Try executing PCLEARs and PEEKing this location. It changes as the PCLEAR changes your program's location.

If your program is located after graphics page 4 when you run it, then, even though you move it with PCLEAR 8 in the program, clearing graphics pages 5-8 causes the program to crash. If you run your program after moving it to the end of graphics page 8 , the program executes flawlessly.
2) I will describe the Basic commands CSAVEM and CLOADM, since Radio Shack omitted them from the CoCo manuals. To save a block of memory between address ADDR1 and ADDR2 in a tape file called "name," use this command: CSAVEM"name",ADDR1, ADDR2,ADDR3. ADDR3, the "execution address," is any value between 0 and $\$ 7 \mathrm{FFF}$. It is syntactically necessary but has no apparent effect.

To recover the information from tape and place it back into memory (in the same location), use CLOADM "name". No address parameters are necessary, and the execution address will be stored in memory locations \$9D-\$9E (decimal 158-159). The files saved with CSAVEM are called binary files. They are useful because they load and save very quickly, and any information can be saved, even if it is not recognizable by Basic as ASCII or numeric data.

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## Reader's Forum

## Turbo-Charge Your Color Computer

Your Color Computer is capable of running at 1.46 times its regular speed. Try this command:

POKE 65495,0
Notice that the cursor is flashing extremely rapidly.
Now run this program:

## $10 \mathrm{FORD}=1 \mathrm{TO} 100000$

20 NEXT D
Instead of taking the usual 219 seconds, it runs in 150 seconds.
To regress back to standard speed:

## POKE 65494,0

In the Color Computer, there is a chip called the synchronous address multiplexor (SAM). This IC handles all the system timing, dynamic RAM refresh, and video RAM addressing. Inside the chip, there is a flip-flop that controls the divider chain for the processor clock. This clock in turn determines how fast the CPU executes instructions. The flip-flop is set by accessing location 65495, and reset by accessing location 65494.
When using this capability, there are a few items of which you must take note. Any routine that depends on software timing loops will not work properly. For this reason, the cassette and serial port will not operate correctly. The disk drive may not work right either. In the case of the disk and cassette interfaces, files written at high speed may be read in at high speed, but this mode of operation is not recommended.
The SOUND and PLAY commands will create pitches that are too high even though the duration will remain the same. To illustrate this, try:

10 POKE 65494,0
20 SOUND 200,2
30 POKE 65495,0
40 SOUND 200,2
50 GOTO 10

To avoid these problems, slow down the machine before each operation and then speed up again after the operation is complete.

This speed-up option will make some projects possible that weren't possible before, such as game programs with lots of moving graphics. Other programs, such as a sorting routine, can have their run-time reduced significantly.

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## Disk Extended Color Basic Tokens

Disk Extended Color Basic adds 25 Basic keywords. Here is a list of those new keywords with their token values:

| Keyword | Token |
| :--- | :--- |
| DIR | 206 |
| DRIVE | 207 |
| FIELD | 208 |
| FILES | 209 |
| KILL | 210 |
| LOAD | 211 |
| LSET | 212 |
| MERGE | 213 |
| RENAME | 214 |
| RSET | 215 |
| SAVE | 216 |
| WRITE | 217 |
| VERIFY | 218 |
| UNLOAD | 219 |
| DSKINI | 220 |
| BACKUP | 221 |
| COPY | 222 |
| DSKI\$ | 223 |
| DSKO\$ | 224 |
| CVN | $255+162$ |
| FREE | $255+163$ |
| LOC | $255+164$ |
| LOF | $255+165$ |
| MKN | $255+166$ |
| AS | $255+167$ |

It sounds like a European police siren.

## leader's Forum

## Line Break for Colorterm

The following listing is a patch we wrote to enable Colorterm, by Martin Consulting, to send a true line break.

| 2E8B |  |  | 00100 |  | ORG |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2E8B | 34 | 07 | 00110 |  | PSBB |
| 2E8D | 7 F | FF20 | 00120 |  | CLR |
| 2E90 | 31 | 3F | 00130 | DELAY | LEF20 |
| 2E92 | 12 |  | 00140 |  | NOP |
| 2E93 | 26 | FB | 00150 |  | -1,Y |
| 2E95 | 86 | 02 | 00160 | BNE | DELAY |
| 2E97 | B7 | FF20 | 00170 | LDA | \#2 |
| 2E9A | 35 | 07 | 00180 | STA | \$FF20 |
| 2E9C | 7 E | 2418 | 00190 | PULS | A,B,CC |
|  |  | 0000 | 00200 | JMP | \$2418 |
|  |  |  |  | END |  |

In order to jump to this routine, you will have to do the following POKEs:

| Location | Value to Poke |
| :---: | :---: |
| 23 D 5 | 19 |
| 23 EF | 7 E |
| 23 F 0 | 2 E |
| 23 F 1 | 8 B |

The patch was necessary for us because our host would respond only to a true line break. •

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from 600-9,600, and it can send the display to the printer. Super-9 even has a built-in command that transfers the contents of ROM to the upper 32 K of RAM on a 64 K machine.

Super-9 sells for $\$ 49.50$ on cassette and is available from Computer Business Machines and Services, P.O. Box 1172, 520 East Main, Ada, OK 74820, 405-436-4141.

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## Four Products for OS-9 Operating Systems

The JBM Group announces four new products for 6809 microcomputers using the OS-9 operating system.

- AdLib lets you store common data definitions and source-code routines in a single library file. It also preprocesses just before compilation. This makes data storage easier to control by providing a shared definition of file descriptions, record layouts, sections of code, and text. Consequently, you can automatically apply changes, made in one place, to all of your programs.

AdLib costs $\$ 50$.

- SORTC is a compounding disk sort package that processes large volumes of data. It has special features that include a performance predictor function that responds to user-controlled parameters, and a code generator. SORTC allows specification of memory allocated to data and also creation of user-modifiable source code. It permits ascending and descending sequences on multiple keys and supports six standard data types.

The self-contained compounding function sums specified numeric fields and consolidates data records
during the sorting process. This simplifies report generation and master file updates. It also reduces disk access and usage. SORTC costs $\$ 150$.

- ISAM (Indexed Sequential File Access Method) provides powerful capabilities for the sophisticated user as well as an easy-touse data management system for the novice.
It features sequential and random access in any combination for both keyed and unkeyed records, thus conserving directory space while allowing fast access to and control over information groups.

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XRF costs $\$ 200$, or $\$ 100$ when purchased with ISAM.
All of these products come on a disk and include a comprehensive user's manual. For more information about them, contact The JBM Group Inc., 332 West Church Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 215-3373138.

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## The Talking Speller

If you're tired of reciting lists of spelling words to young spellers, here's a program that may prove helpful: The Talking Speller uses the CoCo's ability to control a cassette recorder and play back the list of words through the monitor speaker.
Teachers or parents can enter a list of spelling words and vocally record them on tape. The Talking Speller will play back the word, wait for a response from the keyboard, and keep score of the student's performance. It displays the correct spelling after three wrong attempts.
In a noisy classroom setting, you can use earphones instead of the speaker to provide individualized testing or drill and instruction.

The program is menudriven and doesn't require Extended Color Basic. Screen prompts guide you as you record the spelling list.
The Talking Speller comes on tape for $\$ 19.95$ from Superior Graphic Software Products, P.O. Box 451, Canton, NC 28716.

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## Copy a Program Or Pilot a Spacecraft

There are two new programs from Oregon Color Computer Systems.

- Catacomb is a multiscreen, multicolor, highresolution, machine-language, arcade-type game.
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travel the hyperspace corridor to a mothership, while dodging space mines and enemy ships.

Catacomb will run on a standard 16 K CoCo and is available on cassette for $\$ 19.95$ and on disk for \$23.95.

- Peek Copy is a machinelanguage/Basic cassette copy program. It is menudriven and displays start, end, and execute addresses as well as each memory address.
Peek Copy requires 16K and will reproduce most autostart programs. It is available on cassette for $\$ 11.95$.
For more information on both of these programs, contact Oregon Color Computer Systems, P.O. Box 11468, Eugene, OR 97440, 503-687-9286.
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Your computer can perform double-speed cassette operations with Fastape, a machine-language utility program that allows full use of the CoCo's high-speed mode.
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Fastape sells for $\$ 21.95$ and is available from SpectroSystems, 11111 N. Kendall Drive, Suite A108, Miami, FL 33176, 305-2743899.

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# Graphically Speaking 

Bar charts and histograms are frequently used in statistics and business applications to provide a visual representation of data that conveys, at a glance, the general trends involved.

In general, a good graph will have a vertical scale that starts at zero (Fig. 1). Graphs with vertical scales starting at some other value (Fig. 2) can be easily misinterpreted since the rate of change is greatly magnified.

Bar charts are composed of distinct rectangles (the bars) having definite gaps between adjacent bars (Figs. 1 and 2). They are used to represent data that can be put into distinct categories, such as the number of people that pre-

fer Brand A, Brand B, and Brand C. Histograms, on the other hand, are composed of rectangles that share a common side with each adjacent rectangle as if the bars in a bar chart were squeezed together until they touched. A histogram is used when the data is from a theoretically continuous scale. This includes data such as heights, weights, life expectancy, and grade-


Fig. 1. A bar chart consists of a series of distinct rectangles, as opposed to a histogram where the rectangles are touching. A good bar chart has a vertical scale that starts at zero.
point averages.
These continuous scales are divided into a series of nonoverlapping intervals of equal width. The number of data elements that lie in a particular interval is called the frequency. A list of all the intervals and the corresponding frequencies is called a frequency distribution.

A histogram is a graphical representation of a frequency distribution where the heights of the rectangles represent the frequencies. (In a strictly technical sense, it is the area of the rectangle that represents the frequency, but as long as each interval has the same width, the height will also represent the frequency.)

## Bar Charts

Program Listing 1 draws bar charts from data supplied by the user and stored in data statements at the end of the program. The number of bars is stored at line 9000 and the individual heights at line 9010. Lines 0-38 are essentially the same as the subroutines presented in my first column $\{H O T$ CoCo, June 1983), although there are some minor changes in lines $0-1$. These subroutines set up the graphics screen Oines 0-2) and let you use the screen as though it were a plotter (lines 10-16).

The subroutine in lines 30-38 draws rectangles based on data supplied by

## System Requirements 16K RAM Extended Color Basic LP VII, Color Graphic Printer (optional)

the main program, which starts at line 1000. Lines 1000-1040 read the data stored at the end of the program. The variable MA is used to determine the maximum height occurring in the data set. This value is used to set the vertical scale. In line 1050 the origin of the co-
> "... a good graph will have a vertical scale that starts at zero."

ordinate system is moved to the lower left corner of the screen.
The vertical distance available is 182 dots (or pixels). This means that the tallest bar can be no more than 182 pixels high. In line 1060 the $y$-scale (height per pixel) is set using the height of the tallest bar. I chose to base my graphs on a maximum height of 180 pixels because I planned on placing tick marks every 30 pixels. Thus, there are six tick marks, each representing 30 times the vertical scale per pixel (30*YS).

Lines 1090-1170 give you an oppor-


Fig. 2. If the vertical scale of a bar chart starts at some number other than zero, the graph can be misinterpreted. At a glance, it appears that the tuition rate at State University is soaring. Such graphs exaggerate the rate of change.
tunity to change the $y$-scale. The maximum height and the current scale per tick mark are printed on the screen. You are then given the option of altering this scale. For example, suppose each tick mark represents an increase in height of 191.666667 . It would be much nicer to adjust this to 200 so that the tick marks could be labeled 200,

1030 READ $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I}):$ IF $\mathrm{ABS}(\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I}))>$ MA THEN MA $=\mathrm{ABS}(\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I}))$
$1050 \mathrm{X}=-120: \mathrm{Y}=0: \mathrm{M}=-3:$ GOSUB 10
1060 YS $=$ MA/90 : REM—SCALE PER PIXEL ON Y-AXIS
$3000 \mathrm{X}=0: \mathrm{Y}=-91: \mathrm{M}=-1:$ GOSUB 10
$3010 \mathrm{X}=0: \mathrm{Y}=91: \mathrm{M}=1$ :GOSUB 10
3020 FOR $Y=-90$ TO 90 STEP 30
3025 IF $\mathrm{Y}=0$ THEN 3050

5020 PMODE4,1:SCREEN1,1:PMODE3,1:IF AS<>"Y" THEN 9999

Delete lines 5030-5036.

5045 IF $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I})<0$ THEN $\mathrm{C}=3$ ELSE $\mathrm{C}=2$
$5050 \mathrm{X}=(2 * 1-1 / 2) * \mathrm{XS}+8: \mathrm{IF} \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I})<0$ THEN $\mathrm{Y}=100$ ELSE $\mathrm{Y}=90$

Modify data statements as necessary.

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PI=3.141592:GOSUB1:GOTO1000:
PI=3.141592:GOSUB1:GOTO1000:
PM0DE4,1:PCLS
PM0DE4,1:PCLS
X0=128:Y0=96:X=0:Y=0:M=-1:GOSUB10:RETURN
X0=128:Y0=96:X=0:Y=0:M=-1:GOSUB10:RETURN
'
'
' THE PLOT(X,Y,M) SUBROUTINE
' THE PLOT(X,Y,M) SUBROUTINE
2}XX=INT(X+.5) : YY=INT (Y+.5)':IFABS (M)=2THENSX=SX+XX:SY=SY-YY:GOT
2}XX=INT(X+.5) : YY=INT (Y+.5)':IFABS (M)=2THENSX=SX+XX:SY=SY-YY:GOT
SX=XO+XX:SY=YO-YY
SX=XO+XX:SY=YO-YY
IFSX<OTHENSX=0ELSEIFSX>255THENSX=255
IFSX<OTHENSX=0ELSEIFSX>255THENSX=255
IFSY<OTHENSY=OELSEIFSY>191THENSY=191
IFSY<OTHENSY=OELSEIFSY>191THENSY=191
PS=STR\$ (SX) +","+STR\$ (SY) : IFM>0THENDRAW"M"+P$ELSEDRAW"BM"+P$
PS=STR\$ (SX) +","+STR\$ (SY) : IFM>0THENDRAW"M"+P$ELSEDRAW"BM"+P$
IFM=-3THENXO=SX:YO=SY
IFM=-3THENXO=SX:YO=SY
RETURN
RETURN
' THE BOXES SUBROUTINE
' THE BOXES SUBROUTINE
Xl=X-W/2:Yl=Y-H/2
Xl=X-W/2:Yl=Y-H/2
X2=X1+W:Y2=Y1+H
X2=X1+W:Y2=Y1+H
X=X1:Y=Y1:M=-1:GOSUB10
X=X1:Y=Y1:M=-1:GOSUB10
DX=X2-X1:DY=Y2-Y1
DX=X2-X1:DY=Y2-Y1
X=DX:Y=0:M=2:GOSUB10
X=DX:Y=0:M=2:GOSUB10
X=0:Y=DY:GOSUB10
X=0:Y=DY:GOSUB10
X=-DX:Y=0:GOSUB10
X=-DX:Y=0:GOSUB10
X=0:Y=-DY:GOSUB10
X=0:Y=-DY:GOSUB10
RETURN
RETURN
99
99
991
991
992 '*
992 '*
93 '* THIS PROGRAM DRAWS
93 '* THIS PROGRAM DRAWS
994 '* BAR CHARTS BASED ON
994 '* BAR CHARTS BASED ON
995 '* DATA STORED AT THE
995 '* DATA STORED AT THE
995 1* DATA STORED AT THE
995 1* DATA STORED AT THE
998 '*****************************
998 '*****************************
999
999
1000}\mathrm{ READ N : REM - READ NUMBER OF BARS
1000}\mathrm{ READ N : REM - READ NUMBER OF BARS
1010 DIM H(N):MA=0
1010 DIM H(N):MA=0
1017 :
1017 :
1 0 1 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ R E A D ~ H E I G H T S ~ O F ~ B A R S ~ A N D ~ F I N D ~ M A X I M U M ~ H E I G H T ~ ( M A ) ~
1 0 1 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ R E A D ~ H E I G H T S ~ O F ~ B A R S ~ A N D ~ F I N D ~ M A X I M U M ~ H E I G H T ~ ( M A ) ~
1019 :
1019 :
1020 FOR I=1 TO N
1020 FOR I=1 TO N
1030 READ H(I) : IF H(I) >MA THEN MA=H(I)
1030 READ H(I) : IF H(I) >MA THEN MA=H(I)
1040 NEXT I
1040 NEXT I
1041 :
1041 :
1050 X=-120:Y=-85:M=-3:GOSUB 10 : REM - RELOCATE ORIGIN TO LOWER
1050 X=-120:Y=-85:M=-3:GOSUB 10 : REM - RELOCATE ORIGIN TO LOWER
LEFT
LEFT
1060 YS=MA/180 : REM - SCALE PER PIXEL ON Y-AXIS
1060 YS=MA/180 : REM - SCALE PER PIXEL ON Y-AXIS
107 O XS=INT (120/N) : REM - BAR WIDTH AND DISTANCE BETWEEN BARS
107 O XS=INT (120/N) : REM - BAR WIDTH AND DISTANCE BETWEEN BARS
1080 IF INT (XS/2)=XS/2 THEN XS=XS-1 : REM - MAKE XS AN ODD NUMBE
1080 IF INT (XS/2)=XS/2 THEN XS=XS-1 : REM - MAKE XS AN ODD NUMBE
R
R
1087 :
1087 :
1088 REM - ADJUST Y-SCALE (OPTIONAL)
1088 REM - ADJUST Y-SCALE (OPTIONAL)
1089 :
1089 :
1090 CLS:PRINT"MAXIMUM HEIGHT IS";MA
1090 CLS:PRINT"MAXIMUM HEIGHT IS";MA
1 1 0 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T - T H E R E ~ A R E ~ 6 ~ T I C K ~ M A R K S ~ O N ~ T H E ~ Y - A X I S . ~ E A C H ~
1 1 0 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T - T H E R E ~ A R E ~ 6 ~ T I C K ~ M A R K S ~ O N ~ T H E ~ Y - A X I S . ~ E A C H ~
TICK MARK"
TICK MARK"
1120 PRINT"REPRESENTS";30*YS
1120 PRINT"REPRESENTS";30*YS
1 1 3 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T " D O ~ Y O U ~ W A N T ~ T O ~ C H A N G E ~ T H I S ~ < N > " ~
1 1 3 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T " D O ~ Y O U ~ W A N T ~ T O ~ C H A N G E ~ T H I S ~ < N > " ~
1140 INPUT A$:IF A$<>"Y" THEN 2000
1140 INPUT A$:IF A$<>"Y" THEN 2000
1150 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER THE DESIRED VALUE (IT MUSTBE MORE THAN";3
1150 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER THE DESIRED VALUE (IT MUSTBE MORE THAN";3
0*YS;")"
0*YS;")"
1160 INPUT V: IF V<30*YS THEN 1150
1160 INPUT V: IF V<30*YS THEN 1150
1170 YS=V/30
1170 YS=V/30
1997 :
1997 :
1998 REM **** DRAW X-AXIS ****
1998 REM **** DRAW X-AXIS ****
1999 :
1999 :
2000 SCREEN1,1:PMODE3,1:X=2*N*XS+5:Y=0:M=1:GOSUB }1
2000 SCREEN1,1:PMODE3,1:X=2*N*XS+5:Y=0:M=1:GOSUB }1
2007 :
2007 :
2008 REM - DRAW TICK MARKS
2008 REM - DRAW TICK MARKS
2009 :
2009 :
2010 XT=1.5*XS : REM - LOCATION OF MIDDLE OF FIRST BAR
2010 XT=1.5*XS : REM - LOCATION OF MIDDLE OF FIRST BAR
2020 FOR I=0 TO N-l
2020 FOR I=0 TO N-l
2030 : X=XT+2*I*XS:Y=2:M=-1:GOSUB 10 : REM - BLANK MOVE
2030 : X=XT+2*I*XS:Y=2:M=-1:GOSUB 10 : REM - BLANK MOVE
2040 : Y=-2:M=1:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW TICK MARK
2040 : Y=-2:M=1:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW TICK MARK
2050 NEXT I
2050 NEXT I
2997 :
2997 :
2998 REM **** DRAW Y-AXIS ****
2998 REM **** DRAW Y-AXIS ****
2999 :
2999 :
3000 X=0:Y=0:M=-1:GOSUB 10 : REM - BLANK MOVE TO ORIGIN
3000 X=0:Y=0:M=-1:GOSUB 10 : REM - BLANK MOVE TO ORIGIN
3010 X=0:Y=181:M=1:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW VERTICAL LINE
3010 X=0:Y=181:M=1:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW VERTICAL LINE
3017 :
3017 :
3 0 1 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ D R A W ~ T I C K ~ M A R K S ~
3 0 1 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ D R A W ~ T I C K ~ M A R K S ~
Listing continued

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Listing continued
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90:
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90:
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400,600 , and so on. As a result, the bars are slightly shorter than they would have been, but the graph looks better and is easier to read.

Line 1170 converts this new scale per tick mark into the corresponding scale per pixel. Notice in line 1130 the default option is to leave the scale unchanged. I indicate default options by enclosing them in brackets $<\mathrm{N}>$. The default option is selected any time you press only the enter key in response to an INPUT command in the program.

Let's back up to line 1070. Here the width of each bar (and the width of the gaps between bars) is calculated. The total width available is 240 pixels. For each bar there is a corresponding gap so that the width of each bar is given by $240 /(2 * \mathrm{~N})$, which can be simplified to $120 / \mathrm{N}$. This seems to work best for getting the tick mark at the middle
> "A histogram is a graphical representation of a frequency distribution."

of each bar. This is complicated somewhat by PMODE3, in which the same pixel represents two different $x$ coordinates.

Lines 2000-2050 draw the x-axis (horizontal scale), and lines 30003050 draw the $y$-axis. In each case a line is drawn with the appropriate number of tick marks added. Each tick mark is just a short line segment extending two pixels on either side of the axis. The bars are drawn in lines 4000-4020. The lower left corner of each bar is calculated ( $\mathrm{X} 1, \mathrm{Y} 1$ ) along with the width ( $\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{XS}$ for all bars) and the height $(\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I})$, where $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{I})$ was read from the data).

With this information the Boxes subroutine is entered at line 31 . Entry at line 30 requires the center of the box, the width, and the height, while entry at line 32 requires a pair of diagonally opposed corners.
This program uses the 128-by-192 screen (PMODE3) with red, white, and blue on a black background. As many of you probably know, this screen is selected by executing a

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## Graphically Speaking

PMODE4 command (line 1) followed by a SCREEN 1,1 and a PMODE3 command (line 2000) in that order.
You might also be aware that this screen has the peculiarity of switching colors. Usually a COLOR 3 command produces red (on my system), but sometimes the machine produces blue instead. In spite of this minor problem, I like this screen display because the colors show up nicely on the black background.
This program would be most useful when you plan to use the television as your primary display (Photo 1) as opposed to sending the graph to a printer (Fig. 3).
The bar coloring is optional and is handled in lines 5000-5070. If you decide to color the bars, the color options are listed on the screen in line 5030. The default color is blue (most of the time), as indicated by $<2>$ in line 5035. Line 5050 locates a pixel near the bottom of each bar, and the PAINT command in line 5060 colors the bar.

I have made no attempt to label the bar chart on the screen because of the relatively low resolution. I prefer to use as much of the space as possible for the bar chart itself. A printout of the graph can be labeled using a typewriter, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

Converting the program to draw charts on the PMODE4 screen is very

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Listing comtinued
    3019 :
    3020 EOR Y=30 TO 180 STEP 30
    3030 ; X=-2;M=-1:GOSUB 10 : REM - BLANK MOVE
    3040 : X=2:M=1:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW TICK MARK
    3050 NEXT Y
    3997:
    3 9 9 8 ~ R E M ~ * * * * ~ D R A W ~ B A R S ~ * * * * ~
    3999 :
    4000 FOR I=1 TQ N
    4010 XI=(2*I-1)*XS:W=XS:YI=0:H=INT (H(I)/YS+.5):GOSUB 31
    4 0 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ I ~
    4997 :
    4998 REM **** COLOR THE BARS (OPTIONAL) ****
    4999 :
    5000 CLS
    5 0 1 0 ~ P R I N T " D O ~ Y O U ~ W I S H ~ T Q ~ C O L O R ~ T H E ~ B A R S " : I N P U T ~ " < N > " ; A S ~
    5 0 2 0 ~ I F ~ A S < > " Y " ~ T H E N ~ P M O D E 4 , 1 : S C R E E N 1 , ~ 1 : P M O D E 3 , 1 : G O T O ~ 9 9 9 9 ~
    5030 PRINT"2 = BLUE":PRINT"3 = RED":PRINT"4 = WHITE"
    5 0 3 5 \text { INPUT "COLOR <2>";C:IF C=0 THEN C=2}
    5 0 3 6 \text { PMODE 4,1:COLOR C:SCREEN1,1:PMODE3,1}
    5 0 4 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ N
    5050: X=(2*I-1/2)*XS+8:Y=177
    5060 : PAINT (X,Y),C,O
    5 0 7 0 ~ N E X T ~ I ~
    8 9 9 7
    8998 REM **** DATA STORAGE ****
    8 9 9 9 ~ : ~
    9 0 0 0 ~ D A T A ~ 8 ~
    9010 DATA 800,870,950,970,1000,1050,1080,1150
    9998 :
    9999 com0 0909
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easy. Simply delete the PMODE3 command in lines 2000, 5020, and 5036. In line 1080 change $\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{XS} / 2$ ) $=\mathrm{XS} / 2$ to read $\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{XS} / 2)<>\mathrm{XS} / 2$. Change line 5060 to read PAINT (X,Y), 1,1 and delete lines 5030 and 5035.

You can still color the bars, although you are limited to only white. A printout of the PMODE4 option (without coloring) is given in Fig. 4.

Plain bars are okay, but you might want to add some shading. If so,
delete lines 4998-5070 and add the lines in Program Listing 2. This little routine draws a series of slanted lines to provide some shading (see Figs. 1 and 2).

In line 5010 a blank move is made to the lower left corner of the rectangle. The height of the rectangle (in pixels) is calculated in line 5020. The loop in lines 5030-5060 draws the slanted lines, In line 5030 the $y$-coordinate of the current pen location (it starts at lower left) is increased by four and


Photo 1. Program Listing I generates bar charts on the PMODE3 graphics screen and allows you to color the bars red, white, blue, or black.


Photo 2. Some bar charts include bars that represent both negative and positive values. See Table Ifor details on modifying Program Listing I to produce these graphs.


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4998 REM **** SHADE THE BARS (OPTIONAL) ****
4999 :
5000 FOR I=1 TO N
5010 X=(2*I-1)*XS:Y=0:M=-1:GOSUB 10
5020 MY=INT (H (I)/YS+. 5)
5 0 3 0 ~ Y = Y + 4 : I F ~ Y > M Y ~ T H E N ~ 5 0 7 0 ~
5040 X=X+XS:M=l:GOSUB 10 : REM - DRAW DIAGONAL LINE
5050 X=X-XS:M=-1:GOSUB 10: REM - BLANK MOVE BACK ACROSS TO LEF
T SIDE
5 0 6 0 ~ G O T O ~ 5 0 3 0
5070 NF=4- (Y-MY)
5080 IF NF=0 THEN 5100
5090 X=X+INT(NF*XS/4+.5):Y=MY:M=l:GOSUB 10
5100 NEXT I
```

Program Listing 2, Bars on the PMODE4 screen can be shaded by drawing a series of diagonal lines across the bars.

Program Listing 3. In statistics, raw data is often organized into a frequency distribution.
By altering the first interval, a user can examine a variety of different distributions.

```
lo
```

lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
lo
97:
98 REM **** INPUT DATA ****
99 :
100 CLS:INPUT"NUMBER OF DATA ITEMS";ND
110 DIM D (ND),H(20):MD=0:MI=9999
120 FOR I=1 TO ND
130 : PRINT"DATA ITEM";I;:INPUT D(I)
140: IF D(I)>MD THEN MD=D (I) : REM - FINDS MAXIMUM VALUE IN DA
TA SET
150 : IF D(I)<MI THEN MI=D{I) : REM - FINDS MINIMUM VALUE IN DA
TA SET
160 NEXT I
167 :
168 REM - MAKE CORRECTIONS IF NECESSARY
169 :
1 7 0 ~ P R I N T " A N Y ~ C O R R E C T I O N S ~ < N > " ; A \$ ~
180 IF A\$<>"Y" THEN }26
190 INPUT"WHICH DATA ITEM"; I
200 PRINT"DATA ITEM";I;"WAS ENTERED"
210 PRINT"AS";D(I);"."
220 PRINT"WHAT IS ITS CORRECT"
230 PRINT"VALUE <";D(I);">";:INPUT D
240 IF D<>0 THEN D(I)=D
250 GOTO 170
257 :
258 REM **** CREATE THE FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION ****
260 CLS:PRINT"MAXIMUM DATA VALUE IS";MD
270 PRINT-MINIMUM DATA VALUE IS";MI
280 PRINT-RANGE OF DATA IS";MD-MI+1
290 PRINT
300 PRINT-THE FIRST INTERVAL SHOULD"
310 PRINT"INCLUDE";MI;"."
320 PRINT NOLN',
*)
3 5 0 ~ P R I N T " ~ ( 5 - 9 ~ W O U L D ~ B E ~ E N T E R E D ~ 5 , 9 )
360 PRINT
370 INPUT "FIRST INTERVAL";A,B
380_IE-A>MI OR B<MI THEN 300 : REM - MAKE SURE MI IS IN THE 1ST
INTERVAL
396 WW=B-A+1 : REM - WW IS THE INTERVAL WIDTH
398 REM - MAKE SURE THAT THERE WILL BE 20 OR FEWER INTERVALS
399 :
4 0 0 ~ I F ~ B + I 9 * W W < M D ~ T H E N ~ P R I N T " P I C K ~ A ~ W I D E R ~ I N T E R V A L " : G O T O ~ 3 0 0 ~
407 :
4 0 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ C O U N T ~ T H E ~ I N T E R V A L S ~ A N D ~ M A K E ~ S U R E ~ T H A T ~ T H E R E ~ A R E ~ 5 ~ O R ~

```
compared to the height of the bar (in pixels).

If the \(y\)-coordinate is less than this height, a line is drawn from the current pen position to a point on the opposite side of the bar four pixels higher. A blank move is then made horizontally back to the left side of the bar.

This process repeats until the newly calculated y-coordinate is greater than the height of the bar (see Fig. 5). Lines 5070-5090 handle the drawing of the short line at the top of some bars.
The last option I'll consider is for bar charts that show positive and negative values (see Photo 2). Using Listing 1, make the changes indicated in Table 1. Basically, these changes raise the x -axis to the middle of the screen (line 1050) so bars can be drawn above and below.. Bars above the x -axis are colored blue, and those below are colored red (line 5045).

\section*{Histograms}

As indicated earlier, histograms differ from bar charts only in the rectangles touching. You can easily alter Listing 1 to draw histograms:
```

1070 XS = INT(240/(N+2))
2000 SCREEN1,1:X = (N+2)*XS:
Y=0:M = 1:GOSUB10
DELETE 2010
2020 FOR 1=1 TON+1
2030 X = I*XS:Y = 2:M = - 1:GOSUB 10
4010 X1 = (I+ 1)*XS:W = XS:Y1 =0:
H=INT(H(I+1)/YS +.5):GOSUB 31
DELETE 4998-5070

```

An important application of histograms is in statistics, where a set of raw data is often organized into a fre-
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\section*{Graphically Speaking}
quency distribution and the results portrayed graphically (Fig. 6). Program Listing 3 constructs a frequency distribution from data that you enter. Once you have entered the data (lines 100-160), you have the opportunity to make corrections (lines 170-250).

In lines 260-370 you receive some basic information (high score, low score, and range) and are asked to select the first interval. This selection is checked to make sure that the low score is included in the given interval.

Furthermore, the program determines how many intervals are required to cover the data. If the number is less than five or greater than 20 , you must revise your choice. Selecting a wider first interval generates fewer intervals, while selecting a narrower interval results in more intervals.

Line 450 sets all frequencies to zero. The frequency distribution is calculated in lines 460-500. Each data item is compared to the upper limit of successively higher intervals. When the upper limit is greater than or equal to the data element, the frequency corresponding to that interval is increased
```

Listing continued
409:
4 1 0 ~ N = 0
420 IF MD=<B+WW*N THEN N=N+1:GOT0 440
4 3 0 ~ N = N + 1 : G O T O ~ 4 2 0

```

```

4 5 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ N : H ( I ) = 0 : N E X T ~ I ~ : ~ R E M ~ - ~ S E T ~ A L L ~ F R E Q U E N C I E S ~ T O ~ Z E ~
RO
457:
4 5 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ C O U N T ~ T H E ~ T H E ~ N U M B E R ~ O F ~ D A T A ~ I T E M S ~ I N ~ E A C H ~ I N T E R V A L ~
459
4 6 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ N D ~
470 : FOR J=0 TO N-1
480: IF D (I)<=B+J*WW THEN H {J+1)=H(J+l)+1:J=N-1
490 : NEXT J
500 NEXT I
507 :
5 0 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ P R I N T ~ O U T ~ T H E ~ F R E Q U E N C Y ~ D I S T R I B U T I O N ~ O N ~ S C R E E N ~
509
510 CLS:PRINT"INTERVAL", "FREQUENCY"
520 PRINT
530 FOR I=1 TO N
540: PRINT A+(I-I)*WW;"-";B+(I-I)*WW,H (I)
550 NEXT I
557:
558 REM - SEND TO PRINTER IF DESIRED
559 :
5 6 0 ~ P R I N T " D O ~ Y O U ~ W A N T ~ T H I S ~ D I S T R I B U T I O N " ~
5 7 0 ~ I N P U T " S E N T ~ T O ~ T H E ~ P R I N T E R ~ < N > " ; A \$ ~
580 IF AS<>"Y" THEN 630
590 PRINT\#-2,, "INTERVAL", "FREQUENCY"
6 0 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ N ~
610 : PRINT\#-2, , A+{I-1)*WW;"-"; B+(I-1)*WW,H(I)
6 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ I ~
627 :
6 2 8 ~ R E M ~ - ~ A L T E R ~ E R E Q U E N C Y ~ D I S T R I B U T I O N ~ I F ~ D E S I R E D ~
629 :
6 3 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T " D O ~ Y O U ~ W A N T ~ T O ~ A L T E R ~ T H E " '
6 4 0 ~ P R I N T " D I S T R I B U T I O N ~ B Y ~ C H A N G I N G ~ T H E " ~
650 INPUT"FIRST INTERVAL <N>";A\$
660 IF A\$="Y" THEN 260
670 END

```

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Fig. 3. Graphs generated by Program Listing 1 have shaded bars when the screen display is sent to the printer. (See Photo 1.)


Fig. 4. Listing 1 can be modified to use the PMODE4 graphics screen resulting in a neater printout.
\begin{tabular}{lllllllllll}
5 & 9 & 2 & 8 & 3 & 9 & 4 & 9 & 8 & 8 & \\
3 & 3 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 9 & 7 & 4 & 7 & 6 & \\
7 & 10 & 10 & 7 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 7 & 7 & 8 \\
6 & 10 & 6 & 9 & 9 & 10 & 7 & 4 & 9 & 4 \\
7 & 7 & 11 & 10 & 2 & 7 & 6 & 7 & 11 & 5 \\
10 & 11 & 7 & 7 & 11 & 8 & 3 & 5 & 10 & 9 \\
3 & 6 & 10 & 4 & 12 & 4 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 5 & \\
12 & 11 & 11 & 6 & 8 & 9 & 3 & 3 & 9 & 9 \\
11 & 2 & 10 & 5 & 9 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 7 \\
11 & 4 & 3 & 8 & 8 & 4 & 8 & 7 & 7 & 9
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{cc} 
INTERVAL & FREQUENCY \\
\(1-2\) & 3 \\
\(3-4\) & 15 \\
\(5-6\) & 18 \\
\(7-8\) & 32 \\
\(9-10\) & 22 \\
\(11-12\) & 10
\end{tabular}


Fig. 6. The raw data at the top was organized into a frequency distribution by Program Listing 3. The histogram was drawn using a modified version of Listing \(J\).


Fig. 5. As an alternative to solid coloring, diagonal lines can be used to provide shading. A blank move back to the left side of the bar is indicated by a dotted line.
by one (line 480 ).
The frequency distribution is displayed on the screen (lines 510-550) and can be sent to a printer (lines 560-620). You then have the option of altering the frequency distribution by changing the first interval (lines 630-660). Sometimes a slight change
in the first interval significantly alters the final results. You can make a histogram of the frequency distribution by using Listing 1 as modified above.

\section*{Color Graphic Printer}

Program Listing 4 draws bar charts on the Color Graphic Printer (Fig. 7).

Program Listing 4. The Color Graphic Printer produces bar charts including labels and titles. The bars can be shaded with any of four colors.
```

OPI=3.141592:GOSUB1:GOTO1000
1 PRINT\#-2,CHR${17):PRINT#-2,CHR$(18);"M45,0":PRINT\#-2,"I":RETUR
N
28, THE BOXES SUBROUTINE
29'
30 Xl=X-W/2:Yl=Y-H/2
31 X2=X1+W:Y2=Y1+H
32 PRINT\#-2,"M";XI;",";YI
33 DX=X2-X1:DY=Y2-Y1
34 PRINT\#-2,"J";DX;",0,0,";DY;",-;-DX;",0 "
35 RETURN

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Listing continued
1000 READ N : REM - READ NUMBER OF BARS
1010 DIM H (N):MA=0
1017 :
1018 REM - READ HEIGHTS OF BARS AND FIND MAXIMUM HEIGHT (M)
1019:
1020 FOR I=1 TO N
1030 READ H(I) : IF H(I)>MA THEN MA=H(I)
1040 NEXT I
1060 YS=MA/360 : REM - SCALE PER DOT ON Y-AXIS
1070 XS=INT (275/N) : REM - BAR WIDTH AND DISTANCE BETWEEN BARS
1080 IF INT (XS/2) OXS/2 THEN XS=XS-1 : REM - MAKE XS AN EVEN NUM
BER
1090 CLS:PRINT"MAXIMUM HEIGHT IS";MA
1 1 0 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T " T H E R E ~ A R E ~ 6 ~ T I C K ~ M A R K S ~ O N ~ T H E ~ Y - A X I S . ~ E A C H ~
TICK MARK"
1120 PRINT"REPRESENTS";60*YS
1130 PRINT:PRINT"DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THIS <N>"
1140 INPUT AS:IF AS<>"Y" THEN 2000
1150 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER THE DESIRED VALUE (IT MUSTBE MORE THAN";6
0*YS;")"
1160 INPUT V: IF V<60*YS THEN 1150
1170 YS=V/60
1997 :
1998 REM **** DRAW X-AXIS ****
1999:
2000 PRINT#-2,"X0,";-2*XS;",";N
2010 PRINT#-2,"J0,";-XS
2997 :
2998 REM **** DRAW Y-AXIS ****
2999 :
3000 PRINT#-2,"H"
3010 PRINT#-2,"X1,60,6"
3997 :
3998 REM **** DRAW BARS ****
3999 :
4000 FOR I=1 TO N
4010 : Xl=0:Yl=-2*I*XS-XS/2:H=XS:W=INT(H(I)/YS+.5):GOSUB 31
4020 NEXT I
4997 :
4 9 9 8 ~ R E M ~ * * * * ~ S H A D E ~ T H E ~ B A R S ~ ( O P T I O N A L ) ~ * * * * * * * )
4999 :
5000 CLS
5010 PRINT"DO YOU WISH TO SHADE THE BARS":INPUT "<N>";A$
5020 IF A$<>"Y" THEN 6000
5 0 3 0 ~ P R I N T " 0 ~ = ~ B L A C K " : P R I N T " 1 ~ = ~ B L U E " : P R I N T " 2 ~ = ~ G R E E N " : P R I N T " 3 ~ = ~
RED"
5040 INPUT"WHICH COLOR <0>";C
5050 PRINT#-2,"C";C
5060 FOR I=1 TO N
5070 : X=1:Y=-2*I*XS+XS/2-1:PRINT#-2,"M0,"; Y
5080 : MY=INT (H(I)/YS+.5)
5090 : X=X+8
5100 : IF X<MY THEN PRINT#-2,"J8,";-XS+2:PRINT#-2,"R0,";XS-2:G0
TO 5090
5110 : NF=8- (X-MY)
5120 : PRINT#-2,"J";NF-1;",";-INT(NF*(XS-2) /8+.5)
5130 NEXT I
5997 :
5 9 9 8 \text { REM **** LABEL Y-AXIS ****}
5999 :
6000 PRINT#-2,"H":PRINT#-2,"Q1":PRINT#-2,"S1":PRINT#-2,"C0"
6 0 1 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ 6 ~
6020 : AS=STR$ (60*YS*I) : L=LEN (A$):IF L>ML THEN ML=L
6030 : X=60*I-7
6040 : Y=12* (L+1)
6050 : PRINT#-2,"M";X;",";Y:PRINT#-2,"P";A$
6060 NEXT I
6997
6 9 9 8 ~ R E M ~ * * * * ~ L A B E L ~ X - A X I S ~ * * * * ~
6 9 9 9
7000 FOR I=1 TO N
7010 : READ X$:L=INT(LEN(X$)/2)
7 0 2 0 ~ : ~ Y = - 2 * I * X S + 1 1 * I '
7030 : PRINT#-2,"M-25,";Y:PRINT#-2,"P";X$
7040 NEXT I
7997 :
7 9 9 8 \text { REM **** PRINT TITLES ****}
7999 :
8000 READ NT
8010 L=N*XS
8 0 2 0 ~ F O R ~ I = 1 ~ T O ~ N T ~
8030 : READ T$
8040 : X=435-20*I:Y=-L+11*INT((LEN (T$)+1)/2)
8050: PRINT#-2,"M";X;",";Y:PRINT#-2,"P";TS
8 0 6 0 ~ N E X T ~ I ~
8069
8070 READ YLS
8080 PRINT#-2,"QO":X=200-11*INT (LEN (YL$) /2)
Listing continued
```


## Graphically Speaking

This program draws the graph sideways on the paper to produce a bigger graph. This makes the program a little more difficult to follow because the y -axis of the graph is the x -axis of the plotter, and the x -axis of the graph is the negative $y$-axis of the plotter. The basic logic of the program, however, is the same as in Listing 1.
Drawing the axes (lines 2000-3010) is much simpler because of the X (draw axis) command supported by the Color Graphic Printer. The Boxes subroutine has been slightly modified to omit the drawing of the fourth side of the rectangle. This side lies on the x-axis, which has already been drawn. The shading routine (lines 5000-5130) is basically the same as that in Listing 2 except that the diagonal lines are drawn entirely within the box instead of from one side to the other.
The biggest difference is the inclusion of routines to label the axes and print the titles. In each case the program determines the point at which the printing of a label or title is to begin and then prints that label or title. The numerical labels for the $y$-axis are based on the scale per tick mark ( $60 * \mathrm{YS}$ ) and are printed in lines 6000-6060. The labels for the bars are stored in a data statement (line 9020) and printed in lines 7000-7040.

The title of the graph is stored in line 9030 and printed in lines 8000 8060. Note that the number of lines in the title is stored before the text in line

Listing continued

```
8 0 9 0 ~ P R I N T \# - 2 , " M " ; X ; " , " ; 1 1 * M L + 2 0
8100 PRINT#-2,"P";YL$
8109 :
8110 READ XL$:PRINT#-2,"Q1"
8120 Y=-N*XS+1l*INT (LEN (XL$) /2)
8130 PRINT#-2,"M-44,";Y
8140 PRINT#-2,"P";XL$
8150 PRINT#-2,"QO":PRINT#-2,"A"
8996 :
8 9 9 7 \text { REM ***** DATA STORAGE ****}
8998 :
8 9 9 9 ~ R E M ~ - ~ N U M B E R ~ O F ~ B A R S ~
9 0 0 0 ~ D A T A ~ 8 ~
9008 :
9009 REM - HEIGHT OF BARS
9010 DATA 800,870,950,970,1000,1050,1080,1150
9018 :
9 0 1 9 ~ R E M ~ - ~ L A B E L S ~ F O R ~ X - A X I S ~
9020 DATA 75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82
9028 :
9029 REM - NUMBER OF LINES IN TITLE, TEXT FOR TITLE OF GRAPH
9030 DATA 2,"STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION","1975-1982"
9038 :
9039 REM - TITLE OF Y-AXIS
9 0 4 0 ~ D A T A ~ " T U I T I O N ~ I N ~ D O L L A R S " ~
9048 :
9049 REM - TITLE OF X-AXIS
9050 DATA "YEAR"
```

9030. The title of the $y$-axis is stored in line 9040 and printed in lines $8070-$ 8100 , while the title of the x -axis is stored in line 9050 and printed in lines 8110-8140.

## Looking Ahead

Next time I will look at graphs of polar equations. I will develop a twocolor (PMODE4) program that draws a grid with labels on the graphics screen and then plots the graph of the equation. In addition, I will consider a four-color (PMODE3) option


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[^14]:    Clear the unseen graphics screen.
    For each line segment PQ in the object
    $\mathrm{XI}=\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{x}$-coordinate of P$)$ (INT takes the integer part)
    $\mathrm{Y} 1=\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{y}$-coordinate of P$)$
    $\mathrm{X} 2=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{x}$-coordinate of Q )
    $\mathrm{Y} 2=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{y}$-coordinate of Q$)$
    Execute Line (draw a line on the unseen screen from (X1,Y1) to (X2.Y2))
    ENDFOR.
    Display this graphics screen.

[^15]:    KEY STILL DEPRESSED

[^16]:    Table 1. You can modify Program Listing I to include negative and positive heights. Making the changes as indicated will produce graphs such as the one in Photo 2.

