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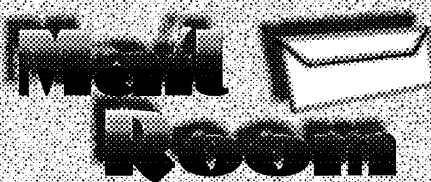
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Letters to the Editor

Shocked in North Hills

Dear Editor,

After having read the commentary that you put in the OS9 Underground, I am shocked that one person could have so much power that he could 1) call for new cabinet members (which apparently some/many responded to), 2) decide NONE of these people were qualified enough to run the OS9 UG, and then 3) disband the Users Group entirely.

This is too much power for one individual, and I'd heartily recommend that the charter be examined to see if Jim DeStefano had any rights whatsoever to perform all of these functions.

On a personal level, it may interest your readership to know that I, within the past 2 weeks, received from Jim DeStefano, a check in the amount of \$10.73, for what was termed in the accompanying memo, my refund for my subscription to the 68XXX Magazine, which I was a subscriber to and Jim was the Editor/Publisher.

I find this curious (of course, I cashed the check!!), as Jim left me a message on Delphi about 6 months ago saying that the 68XXX Magazine was bankrupt and out of money, and that no refunds would be coming.

Considering the receipt of this check, and the return of monies to OS9UG people, too, I wonder if this check to me was indeed from Jim DeStefano, or was it from OS9UG funds.

I could be wrong in my assumptions and allegations aforementioned, and, if I am, publically apologize to Jim DeStefano.

If I am correct, however, then I think a

precise audit should be made by someone in the OS9 community to make sure that 68XXX subscription refunds were not diverted from OS9UG funds.

-Jim Sutemeier, North Hills, CA
Former SysOp of <Plain Rap> BBS, which served CoCo/OS9 from 1984 to 1991.

In Need of a Dictionary

Dear Editor,

We have just received the latest issue of your magazine [July '93, Issue #7], and I am compelled to complain about the spelling and grammatical errors that appeared in our advertisement and that of Computer Design Services. As the creator of both these ads, I can assure your subscribers that neither was submitted in this sorry state; and, in addition, both ads had been altered substantially in format. As advertisements are a reflection of the companies that submit them, these can only give a very unfavorable impression.

This magazine is in dire need of professional proofreading. It is obvious that using a dictionary is a dying art, and the *front cover* even contained a spelling error. Yes, there definitely is a "y" in "everywhere".

Unfortunately, there has been an extraordinarily high morality rate in publications directed to the OS9/OSK/68XXX community. For such a publication

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ENDIF
ENDWHILE

(* If the last line was less than 14 bytes,
(* it wasn't printed, so look for a comma at
(* the end, and remove it if its there, and
(* write the last line
IF MOD(count,14)>0 THEN
  IF RIGHT$(line,1)="," THEN
    line:=LEFT$(line,LEN(line)-1)
  ENDIF
  PRINT #outpath,line
ENDIF
(* Now, add the source code that will
(* read the data statements and write
(* the binary file to the current directory.
PRINT
PRINT "Adding ConvD code";
line:=""
cntr:=0
REPEAT
  READ line
  WRITE #outpath,line
  cntr:=cntr+1
UNTIL cntr=21
(* Now close the paths and end
CLOSE #inpath
CLOSE #outpath
CLOSE #hexpath
PRINT
(* Delete the temp file
DELETE "Hex"
END
    
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(* The following data statements are the source
(* code necessary to convert the DATA
(* statements back to a binary file
DATA "CREATE #outpath,outfile:WRITE"
DATA ""
DATA "count=1"
DATA "WHILE count<="+STR$(count)+" DO"
DATA "READ bite"
DATA "PUT #outpath,bite"
DATA "count=count+1"
DATA "ENDWHILE"
DATA "PRINT"
DATA ""
DATA "(* Close Output Path"
DATA "CLOSE #outpath"
DATA "END"
    
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(* Here's the error trap
er:=ERR
IF er<>215 AND er<216 THEN
  CLOSE #inpath
  CLOSE #outpath
  CLOSE #hexpath
ENDIF
PRINT er
END
    
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-Wayne Campbell



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