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A NIFTY DATABASE — TO HELP YOU SELL

by Lach MacDonald—SLO Bytes PCUG

Sorry, dBase fans, but I gave up on the Ashton-Tate product back in the dark days of my Altos CP/M computer. Since then I have tried several databases for various purposes.

Right now I have a variety of mailing lists in DataPerfect, probably the least known of WordPerfect Corp's products. And I have Alpha Four, billed as "The Fully Relational Database for Non-Programmers," which is destined for use with a large customized mailing list. Why would I want still another data base?

At a recent SLOBYTES meeting Bob Ward introduced CONTACTUM(Ver. 1.0) shareware from Lambda Systems in Australia. This program has some first-rate features, similar to many of the commercial programs that use a database to give you a mailing list, phone list, FAX, E-mail, notes and comments, on-line help and color screens.

Just the same, I have yet to find anything comparable to Totall Manager: The Professional Contact Management System (Ver. 2.7) from Automation Technologies (formerly Bartel Software) in Midvale, Utah.

This is the kind of business software that folks use to call us on the phone at inconvenient times, to fill our mailboxes with what we call junk mail when we hate it and business mail when we use it.

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May Meeting Preview

Blaise Zerega of Reference Software will demonstrate **Gram-mat-ik 5** and **The Random House Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus College Edition**. If you are a writer or even want to be, then you don't want to miss this one. No matter how good one is or thinks they are they can always stand improvement, just ask their readers.

Bob Ward will present the program, but please don't expect a **Bob & Gus** show every month.

George Campbell, our president will be back with us to give us the highlights of his and Kathy's trip to Spring Comdex. I am expecting to hear about Windows 3.1 and its new features. George has always presented us with information on the latest items of concern for computer users.

One of George's presentations that impressed all of us was "How to Make a Bootup Disk." I always thought I knew, but George took us many steps further and gave us a sophisticated bootup that took us far beyond the manual basics. The accompanying article is in one of our newsletters. See if you can find it. We never know what George will give us, but we do know that it will be the best there is.

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ON WRITING A REVIEW USING

WRITER'S TOOLKIT for WINDOWS as a MODEL.

by Jim Bigelow—SLO Bytes PCUG

To write a review, one should first obtain a good software package. By good, I mean one that you like. You like it for many reasons, it is attractive, productive, does what you want it to do and does it easily with a minimum of time and effort spent learning to use it. When a product pleases you — you want to tell others about it. You bought a software program, installed it, learned it, and used it. How do you describe it to others? Let's give it a try.

For this review I will use Writer's Toolkit as a model. And let's start with an opening paragraph.

"Most of us who write can, or I might say should, use some writer's tools. Our wordprocessors are likely to give us spelling checkers, but often we need to turn to a dictionary, thesaurus, style book, or several other aids. Let me introduce a bundle of tools that serves all my needs."

I will initially describe it as:

"The Complete Writer's Toolkit is a grammar checker and six reference tools, known as a bundle. It contains six tools, each designed to aid the writer, beginner or experienced, with their articles. Toolkit's grammar checker comes with a dictionary, an abbreviation program, thesaurus, dictionary of quotations, grammar manual and encyclopedia. It is a serious program and comes on six 1.2MB disks and occupies 5.7MB of hard disk space. I can install my choice of one or all the tools."

Include a graphic, perhaps the product's logo.

Now let's describe the package's appearance.

"The box is attractive, it has the appearance of quality, both in the artwork, the layout of text and graphics, choice of colors, and printing. It implies that its creators who demanded

a highest quality package have also demanded of themselves and others the highest quality contents."

Describe what happens next.

"Upon opening the package I find that the contents have a professional appearance. I am pleased with what I see. A review of the content's checklist tells me it is complete. I proceed to give the manual a cursory examination, it looks good, as though it was composed and written by competent persons."

Now describe what a user does first,

When you synchronize modules, any word that you look up in one module also is looked up in all synchronized modules.

or at least should do.

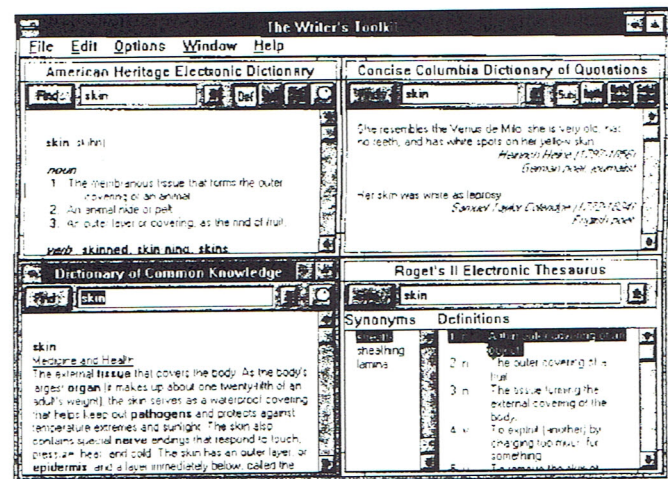
"The manual first tells me how to make backup copies of the original disks, which is one of the most crucial parts of the instructions. Next it tells me how to install the program. I find that it almost installs itself, and lets me pick the partition." (If so, say so, otherwise tell why in detail, so other users will know.)

Describe Toolkit's operation. Here we encounter a problem, as Writer's Toolkit, being a bundle of tools, is too large to be described in detail in anything less than the manual itself. We can divide it into categories.

"The manual leads me carefully, step by step, through the learning part of the program. First of course comes the Toolkit basics. I am instructed, or tutored in the use of all its phases. The menu bar gives a file, edit, options, window, and help menu. Sys-

tem options allows me to select the icon set, enable or disable the modules, select fonts, and use one of the handiest features that allows me to synchronize the modules. This means I can run all of the modules on screen simultaneously. When I look up any word in one module it is looked up in synchronized modules.

"In looking up a word, Writer's Toolkit allows several options, such as wildcard searches (using the * and ? characters), Boolean searches (using and (&), or (|) and not (!). Also I can copy text to a clipboard and then



into my wordprocessor. Handy, huh? Lets move on and give a brief description of the tools offered."

Here are the aids the Writer's Toolkit offers:

"The Houghton Mifflin (CorrecText) Grammar and Style Checker flags subject-verb agreement, irregular verb forms, proper pronoun case, contractions, split infinitives, plural/possessive forms. It checks my style, punctuation, spelling and creates document statistics called readability indicators. Yes, I can edit while checking. As grammar checkers go, it has many tools to choose from.

"The American Heritage Electronic Dictionary, an on-line reference tool, contains 115,000 words and word forms. The definitions are complete with parts of speech, hyphenation, pronunciation, derivations, and

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DOS for Beginners . . . Editing the Command Line

by John Ewing —SLO Bytes PCUG

How often have you entered a command in DOS that results in an error message (eg.: "Bad Command or File Name" or "Invalid Drive Specification")? After reading the previous command, you discover that you misspelled a word, forgot to include a backslash between subdirectories, or committed another of the numerous errors that confuses DOS. If you are like most DOS novices (and some longtime users), you retype the entire command all over, this time a little more slowly with a hope that the DOS god will reward you with the proper execution of your request.

Retyping the command is fine if your request was simple. If, for example, you wanted to see a listing of files on the current directory, you may have inadvertently typed DOR instead of DIR. This command can be retyped with ease. Still, what about a command that copies a file from one directory to another? This could require a considerable amount of typing and could lead to other errors that would extract the wraith of DOS. By using Editing Keys provided by DOS, you can easily edit the last command you typed.

The Command Template. When you enter a command on the Command Line, DOS copies the command to a temporary location called the template. DOS then executes the command. The Editing Keys can access the template whenever the DOS prompt is displayed.

The Editing Keys include F1 through F6, RIGHT ARROW, BACKSPACE or LEFT ARROW, DEL, INS, and ESC.

The F1 and RIGHT ARROW keys do the same function. These keys cause the template to be copied to the command line and displayed one character at a time. For example, if you typed "copy file1.txt a:file1.txt" to copy FILE1.TXT from the current directory to a floppy disk on drive A, you could easily copy FILE2 simply by pressing the F1 or RIGHT AR-

ROW key ten times, entering a "2", pressing the F1 or RIGHT ARROW key again twelve times, entering a "2", and pressing the F1 or RIGHT ARROW key again five times. This is much easier and faster than retyping the entire command.

The F2 key copies the previous command to the command line up to, but excluding, the character you type. For example, your last command was "type file1.txt". If you press F2 and type "1", the command line will display "type file". Typing "2" and the pressing the F1 or RIGHT ARROW key will display the rest of the command line. Pressing ENTER will cause FILE2.TXT to display on the monitor. When the template contains a command that uses a character more than once, the F2 key and character combination can be used to locate subsequent occurrences. For example, suppose you enter the command "copy c:\sprdshet\jan\cost.rpt a:\jan\cost.rpt". The command line would be copied to the template and the file COST.RPT for the subdirectory JAN would be copied to drive A. If you wanted to copy COST.RPT from the FEB subdirectory, you would press F2+j, type feb, press F2+j and type feb again, and then press F1 or RIGHT ARROW until the command is fully displayed.

The F3 key copies the remainder of the template to the command line. If you press F3 at the beginning of the DOS prompt, the entire template will be copied. If you edited part of the command line using the methods mentioned above, then the template will be copied from the position of the cursor to the end of the template. Using the FILE1.TXT example for the F2 key above, instead of pressing the F1 or RIGHT ARROW key five times after typing "2", pressing F3 once will give you the same result.

The F4 key deletes the previous command from the template up to, but excluding the character you specify. For example, your previous command was "copy file1.txt". If you press F4+f, then copy the template using F3, the command line will display "file1.txt".

The F5 key copies the current command line to the template but does not execute the command.

The F6 key places a CTRL+Z character in the current command line.

The LEFT ARROW and BACKSPACE keys delete the character to the left of the cursor on the current command line. The template is not affected until DOS executes the command. The DEL key deletes the character from the template in the space corresponding to the cursor's position in the command line.

The INS key starts the insert mode. With the insert mode active, characters you enter displace the current characters, causing them to move to the left of the inserted character. The insert mode deactivates when you press INS again.

The ESC key cancels the current command line without executing the command. This does not affect the template.

Using the edit keys provided by DOS can save you much typing. More important, they will save you and aggravation.

Check out the Editing Keys in your DOS manual. Once you become efficient using this DOS feature, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.

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Notes —by John Ewing

Last month I wrote a review of On-Line Advisor for Wordperfect 5.1 by SYBAR Software and gave a computer club discounted price of \$22.95.

The offer stands for SLO Bytes members at \$22.95 plus \$2.50 for shipping and 7.25% sales tax. (I neglected to include the shipping & sales tax in the review.)

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Alameda, Ca 94501
Attn: Ms. Freddie Porter

Mention the SYBAR OFFER for SLO Bytes PCUG and the name of the product you are requesting.

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Budget Color

by Larry Fox—SLO Bytes PCUG

How many of us wish we could print in color the things we do on our PC's at home. When we consider color printers, the price makes us change our minds.

The Star NX1020 9 pin color printer could very well be the answer to that desire. It prints in black, red, blue, violet, yellow, orange, green, or any combination of these colors to create a complete color palette. This printer can be found mail order right now for about \$225.00, delivered right to your door. You would think for this price you would get a no frills printer, but not so, this printer has a large number of options:

It is IBM and Epson compatible, it emulates the IBM Proprinter III, Epson FX-850 and the Epson EX-800 color.

Easy use of the five button control panel. This printer comes with a

very interesting templet for all settings. These settings include EDS (electronic dip switch) mode, change colors, store macro, clearing buffer, forward/reverse micro-feed, form feed and various off line test functions.

A large variety of fonts and sizes. One draft font, one high speed draft and four NLQ fonts (Courier, Sans-serif, Orator and Script), italics for all styles, plus condensed print, bold print, double sized print and quadruple-sized print.

Handles single sheets, fanfold and multi-part forms with push/pull tractor or friction feed. This printer also allows you to feed paper from the top, back or bottom.

Easy ribbon cartridge replacement with color or black ribbon. The life expectancy of the ribbon cartridges is 3 million characters with mono and about 1 million characters with color.

A few friends and I got together the day I received the printer and went crazy with Banner-Mania by Border-

land. We printed 20 Large banners (8 fanfold sheets long) complete with multi-color backgrounds and letters. We noticed after about 17 banners the colors losing their brilliance and the yellows getting very pale.

Printing speed is pretty much normal for a dot matrix printer, hi-speed draft 200 cps, draft 150 and NLQ 45 cps. The quality of printing was excellent for a 9 pin dot matrix printer and the graphics quality was very good.

There a couple things I disliked about the printer. The first problem was the cable port that is on the right-side but in the front of the printer. With the port on the side and in front it became a little awkward in my printer cabinet. The second was the normal dot matrix complaint, noise.

Overall I was very impressed with this printer. For a just over 200 dollar unit, I would definitely consider this printer as a low budget color option or even as a printer for a single printer at home.

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ale, Utah.

This is the kind of business software that folks use to call us on the phone at inconvenient times, to fill our mailboxes with what we call junk mail when we hate it and business mail when we use it.

With TM you can create and access multiple account/prospect databases, so it is essential for any salesperson. It automatically tracks the progress of your contacts with prospects and keeps a history that can be displayed or printed.

The calendar allows you to schedule and prioritize activities, check your daily call schedule, meetings, tasks and goals. Menus, a pop-up calendar and calculator, and notes windows allow fast and easy data entry.

You can also keep track of business expenses, time billing and mileage and generate IRS expense reports.

The really impressive features are in addition to the standard items I've mentioned so far. First, there is a full-scale word processor with built-in spell checker adequate for professional documents.

You can create a library of form letters and boilerplate paragraphs, merge it with account information and print a letter with a few keystrokes. All the account information is available for targeted bulk mailings.

So Total Manager is a database with all the address and mailing list tools plus a word processor. What more? Market plans. You can define critical sales and marketing steps addressed to specific accounts. I've not previously seen this useful aspect of a database, linking all the marvelous data manipulation to specific goals.

Computers are, after all, supposed to address problems and help people. The reports feature and an optional order processing feature allow you to complete the sales cycle and evaluate your progress.

Any business that uses the phone for sales will find the telemarketing billboard feature useful. You instantly display important product information when you have a long distance call asking for pricing, weight and

discount schedule on 1,000 widgets. And you can instantly call up your data on the account, right down to the family names and purchase history of the customer.

For cold calls, the kind we all hate to hear, there is a scripting element. Hold your hats, just think how useful a script can be when you are raising funds for your club or business and people are saying "No" instead of "Yes." I'm enthusiastic about Total Manager. It requires IBM-compatible XT or greater, DOS 3.0 or greater, and 640Kb of memory with a minimum of 520Kb available. List price is \$495 for the single-user version. There is a new version, Total Manager Lite, available for \$195. Included is a manual over 300 pages, with detailed documentation. A training video is available separately for \$95, or for \$29 if purchased with either version of the program.

You could customize any relational database program to do most of the tasks of Total Manager, if you had the time and expertise. Personally, I recommend buying it off the shelf and saving yourself the headaches of trial and error.

SLO Bytes Library

We have quite an assortment of files for this month's library. Remember, if you have a modem, most likely these files have already been uploaded to the BBS. Get a headstart and use the BBS. (OK, so you can't get on the first time, try again. Put it on autodial!)

#483 Business Programs: RSA301 - Relational Stock Analyzer, check up on your stocks. Are they giving you a good yield? RSA will tell you. BONDS! - So you're not into stock. Check out your bonds with this one.

#484 Another Apogee game - #1AGENT1 - Secret Agent #1 - Hunt for Redrock Rover. Hey folks, I don't make up the names. I just report what I get! Try it though. Apogee is the hottest shareware game company around.

#485 File Utilities: AC137 - Command line archive converter. DELSORT7 - Utility to delete & sort duplicate files. FILTYP11 - Utility to identify unknown files by type. ZIPTOOL - Multipurpose ZIP file utility to combine, view, copy, delete or make smaller ZIP files. ZTEC61B - Shell utility for PKZIP; supports McAfee virus scan.

#486 Educational: CAT0301 - creates and gives examinations. Password protection. USGEO102 - USA geography teacher & tester. MARKV13 - Text Paraphraser. WORDQWIK - discerns between 2 or more similar words.

#487 System Utilities: KZAP22C - Kill-O-Zap 2.2c disk - RAM file hex editor (TSR). XPORT21 - Fast PC-to-PC RS232 serial line file transfer. ADDMEM21 - add lower conventional memory. TAME261 - speed up programs under multitasking with DESQview. MOUSRPT1 - mouse report. Number of buttons, buffer size, etc. MDOSP401 - MultiDos Plus: real-time multitasking for DOS.

#275 FAC160 - Fast fuzzy search of US foreign telephone area codes. #061 FBASE12 - free form database generator.

Updates:

#061 - DisCat to ver. 1.1.
 #275 - Meal Meister 5.21 to 6.31
 #300 - SLED to version 1.1
 #384 - CSHOW 8.24 to version 8.43
 #401 - GIFPUB to version 4.0
 #418 - VSHLD89B
 #419 - SCAN89B
 #420 - CLEAN89B, NETSC89B

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April's Meeting — What You Missed!!!

The meeting was opened by Bob Ward. George and Kathy weren't present as they were at a Comdex meeting.

A very informative demo was then given by Bob on signing on to the SLO Bytes bulletin board. He had arranged to have the board made available at the time. He went through the sign on procedure and then explained all the different menus. Although generally speaking the various menus are self-explanatory, it helps to have someone to amplify them and answer questions.

Bob announced that a Special Interest Group (SIG) was to be formed in which shareware and other programs would be demonstrated. He pointed out that this would only be successful if there is wide participation by the members who would be willing to take turns in running the programs. He also reminded us that the "Newcomers SIG" run by Bob Hunt is for those who are really in the very first stages of computer proficiency. It takes place at the same time as the regular users group.

NEXT we were presented with a BOB & GUS SHOW. It was a presentation of DR DOS 6. Gus setup the operating system on the group's computer, showed us how to do it and gave us some informative and very useful information. Gus has worked with DR DOS 5 and 6 since its release and claims the best of results from it. Being the showman that Gus is, and with Bob's help the presentation was a show that kept the members in an uproar. Sorry if you missed it.

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synonyms. Along with regular search the dictionary allows me four modes, which is the definition mode, spelling, anagram and Boolean search. I can copy its text to my word processor.

"Roget's II Electronic Thesaurus does far more than giving me a few synonyms to choose from. It also gives me the definitions of the synonyms. It is complete in that it contains 500,000 synonyms for over 42,000 words.

"The Dictionary of Common Knowledge, which is a small encyclopedia, organizes its entries under 20 topics. With it I learn about using the library, writing reports, letters and resumes. Its usages glossary helps me with many problems I encounter in writing.

"The Concise Columbia Dictionary of Quotations allows me over 6000 selections from which to choose and spice up my articles.

"The Written Word III is a style manual that helps me with English grammar, proofreading, punctuation and usage problems.

"The Abbreviation Expander is divided under nine headings giving abbreviations for measurements, time, titles, etc."

Now we have wrapped up a huge package into an article that will fit in our little newsletter. That wasn't too bad. Lets do a closing summary.

"Anyone who is interested in educating himself in the field of writing will find Writer's Toolkit for Windows very handy and useful. Seven programs in one for a little over the price of one.

"Requires an 80286 or better processor, 6.5MB of hard disk space, Microsoft Windows 3.x"

*The Writer's Toolkit for Windows
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TINYHOST MINI BBS PROGRAM

A Review

By D T Richmond—SLO Bytes PCUG

Four weeks ago I copied the TINYHOST host modem program from the SLO Bytes Library. I was looking for an easy-to-operate host modem program. This program was to be used by less than skilled computer operators who would access information from the host computer. TINYHOST seemed to be written for just this purpose. I

read enough of the README.DOC to install the program on my computer.

The "README.

DOC" is well writ-

ten and easy to understand. It supplied all the information this novice computer operator needed to configure the program to suit my hardware. The TINYHOST.CFG file requires editing in the ASCII format. I accomplished this using the Edit option in XTGOLD. However according to "README.DOC" any word processing program with ASCII writing capability would do the job. The configuring is simply a matter of supplying TINYHOST with the COM port that it is to use, the Baud rating of the modem being used, as well as a list of users.

We were off and running in a matter of minutes! Transfer of material was so straight forward we were amazed. I am at best only a novice operator, having only been into computers for about seven months. My experience with modems and the transfer of files is extremely limited and up until now frustrating. With TINYHOST I was able to have success on my first try. Enough of the ease of operation, now to the particulars.

I will quote from "README.DOC": "TINYHOST is a small host program developed for IBM PCs or compatibles. It permits the transfer of files (using modems) between two computers without the requirements or overhead of other programs.

"TINYHOST accomplishes this with the ability to use XModem, Xmodem.CRC and 1K-Xmodem (sometimes called YModem) file transfer protocols. The program can use COM1, COM2, COM3, and COM4 using any Hayes compatible modem, at rates of 300 to 9600 bps.

"TINYHOST is just what it says it is, tiny! The executable file contains less than 80K and the program needs only 130K of system RAM to run.

"Host System Requirements.

TINYHOST does not need an elaborate system to be used. A minimal

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system would consist of a single floppy drive, 256K RAM, any type of display, a serial port, and a Hayes compatible

modem. TINYHOST supports COM1-4 using the normal interrupts for each port (IRQ4 for COM1 and COM3; IRQ3 for COM2 and COM4).

"Connecting System Requirements.

"Any type of system and communication package should work with TINYHOST. Communication requirements are 8 bits, no parity, and 1 stop bit."

TINYHOST allows the SYSOP to set security levels for the users. This gives him the ability to deny access to sensitive areas of his computer, yet allow the access to the download-upload directory. User passwords may or may not be required, as is the call-back option.

When the user logs on to TINYHOST using his modem he is greeted with a welcome screen (which may be edited or rewritten to suit the user's taste, again in ASCII). After entering his name and password, the menu screen is displayed to offer to the user the available options. This display reads like about any other BBS. From there everything goes like clock work. Make your selection, set transfer protocol on your modem and sit back and watch the data flow.

The Bulletin Board permits the SYSOP to post public or private messages. Messages may be posted by users to fellow users. Messages may be left for the SYSOP when signing off. TINYHOST is a complete BBS program in a small package. Tinyhost will support up to 25 users.

I tested the program because it was small. I found it is so simple to set up and operate, I was impressed! The program, and the README.DOC, are both so well written I have been able to use TINYHOST with no hassle from the beginning. I am about to break a precedent and send off the requested \$25.00 registration fee! This is the highest rating I can give to a shareware program. I have done this once before to the writer of PC-CHESS, a chess program which allowed me to beat it almost every time we play.

TINYHOST Ver 2.30

By Bruce A Krobusek

1001 Cunningham Drive,

Victor, NY 14564

Shareware, \$25 Suggested donation.

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Bits n' Bytes

For those of you with 486 - 33mhz Gateway computers, take note. Some units were shipped with Micronic's motherboards which had a minor bug. People running FORTRAN compilers or Peachtree account software may experience system lockups. Others have complained of incorrect computations although the company will not admit to it. If you experience the problems mentioned above, Gateway will replace your motherboard free of charge. Contact (800)752-0900.

Hewlett-Packard has announced a new Postscript Level 2 printer cartridge which will automatically switch between Postscript and HP PCL5. In the past you had to turn off your printer and remove the cartridge when switching between Postscript and HP modes. Now with the \$695 "Plus" cartridge you can choose your mode from the printer's front panel or by using software.

Micrografx's Picture Publisher 3.0 now opens and edits several pictures simultaneously. Also look for a new tool bar for easier editing. Many high-end graphics programs are now supporting 24 bit color. Maybe it's time to look at that old 8 bit or 16 bit color card. A new standard is emerging.

Here come a couple more CPU chips from Intel. The DX2 will be used by OEM produced stand-alone machines with the OverDrive chip sold directly to users. Initially, Intel is offering a 486 DX2 25/50 MHz version with a 486 DX2 33/66 MHz version in the near future. Several computer companies, including IBM, Compaq, AST, Everex, Northgate, et. al., are already redesigning their motherboards to accommodate the new chips. The OverDrive chip which can be bought by the end user is available in 16/33 Mhz, 20/40 Mhz, and 25/50 Mhz versions. It will fit into the second socket found on most 486SX motherboards. The chip acts the same way as a math coprocessor for the current 486SX chip. So the number of options continue and confusion prevails!

AddStor has upgraded SuperStor to version 2.0 and included some much desired enhancements. Remember

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Calendar



May 3rd - Reference Software. Grammatik V and Websters Dictionary by representative Blaise Zerenga.

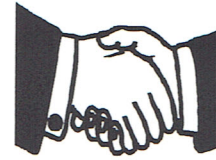
June 7th - Wordperfect for Windows by Lee Tarbet, local rep.

July 5th - Kathy Campbell will demonstrate Quicken for Windows.

October 4th - Corel Systems will demonstrate Corel Draw - Tracy Gonzales

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New Members



Welcome to those of you who joined us in the month of April.

- Bill Adamson 238-7601
- David Benson 481-2427
- Larry Collins 489-1743
- Mark Daly 544-8659
- Alan Foust 434-0387
- Jim & Connie Jonte 544-6333
- R.T. Kombrink 543-5236
- Charles Mudd 528-0890
- Robert Scott 466-5308
- Tom Sjodin 438-5139
- Janet Waggoner 528-2647

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DISCOUNTS

Star Computers 855 Morro Bay Blvd. Morro Bay 772-7827	5%	Any software in stock.
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WITCO Computers 3563 Sueldo, Bld. B San Luis Obsipo 549-0811	\$100 10%	Off regular prices on Whitaker computers Off service Meet nearly any advertised price on same or similar computers. Bring ad to store.
Los Cerros Computers 466-4402	15% 20%	Above cost on computers and computer peripherals. Above cost on software & supplies (Cost includes shipping & handling)
Computerland of San Luis Obispo 1422 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93401 541-4884	15% 10%	Above cost on all regularly priced computers, software, computer peripherals, and products. Contact Marilyn for discount. Off service labor

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Membership: Dues are \$20 per year. Newsletter only is \$12 per year. Full membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter, full use of the public domain software library and discounts at local computer stores.

Article Submission: Deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of each month. Articles should be provided in ASCII format without any type of formatting from your word-processor including tabs, indents, extra spaces, or highlighting. We prefer articles on disk but will accept hardcopies if necessary.

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Meeting Times

General meetings are held the 1st Sunday of every month, unless noted otherwise in the newsletter calendar, at 2:30 pm in the Cal Poly University Biology Department, Fisher Hall 286. Special Interest Groups (SIGS) meet at 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

New User's SIG - F.H. 286
Our Public Domain Library is in Fisher Hall 292. Hours 12 Noon till closing.

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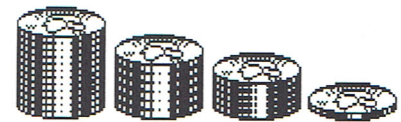
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this is a program that will compress programs thus increasing your hard disk storage capacity. The new version will squeeze those files an additional 10% to 20%. Additionally floppies can now be squeezed but may be accessed on the fly when used on another machine without SuperStor. Take that 1.44 meg 3.5" floppy disk and give it 3+ megs of storage capacity. Sounds exciting. The program sells for \$139 with upgrades \$29.

And now for some club news. Because of the demand for McAfee's virus scanning programs we will make the disks available for purchase from the treasurer. For 90 cents a disk (there are two) you can purchase the latest version of McAfee's finest.

Many view our meetings as something that starts at 2:30pm. Come around noon and check out the activity. Many are busily copying disks in our shareware library. Others are listening to our editor, Jim Bigelow, talk about writing articles. At 1pm Bob Hunt starts his Neophyte SIG in one room with George running a more advanced Q&A SIG in Fisher 286. And if you see a bald headed dude running around looking like he can't find his glasses, you're probably right... that's me, Bob!



Treasurer's Report

SLO Bytes PCUG

Expenditures April, 1992

Beginning Balance:	2060.59
Expenses:	
Newsletter 03/25/92	-165.86
Soda Pop	-42.80
Replace tape drive	-75.00
Windows 3.1 upgrade	- 59.61
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	343.27
Deposit 04/06/92	+669.50
Dividend 03/31/92	+ 19.24
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	+688.74
Balance 04/06/92	2406.06

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Following that, there were numerous questions from the floor as well as items for sale.

ALLSAFE was then demonstrated to us by Mark Taylor of XTree Corporation of San Luis Obispo. ALLSAFE is a sensational security program. It includes ViruSafe that provides safety and prevention against viruses as well as identification and elimination. Mark showed us how AllSafe secures a computer by password protection and the many other security measures it provides as well.

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