

PC-Write

Program Review

By D T Richmond - SLO Bytes PCUG

At the last few SLO Bytes meetings Jim Bigelow, the editor of Hard Copy offered me a copy of the word processing program PC-Write to review.

At last count I had six word processing programs, four of which are loaded in my computer. I really couldn't see the need for another word processing program so I begged off. Then at last months meeting, needing something to work on, I accepted the assignment to review PC-Write. I am sure glad I did.

Not only did I have the challenge of learning enough about PC-Write to be able to write a review but I also found a useful user friendly, very versatile word processing program. I now have a seventh word processing program that I will keep loaded in my computer to use when I need a word processing program with PC-Write's special features.

PC-Write Advanced Level 4.0 is the latest version of Quicksoft's word processing programs. In the past Quicksoft has marketed earlier versions of PC-Write as shareware, they still do but this Advanced Level 4.0 is also available in retail outlets. Quicksoft states: When using PC-Write, it is easy to write profes-

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sional looking documents your way. You get the word processing muscle to make producing letters, memos, proposals and even newsletters effortless. PC-Write is a complete word processing program, priced as an entry level program, yet with features I have not found in much higher priced programs.

I had no problems loading or setting up the program. PC-Write comes with two manuals, both well written and easy to understand. Coverage of the installation and an introductory tutorial are contained in the "Getting Started" manual. It will get the user acquainted with the basic operation of the program. Still I had no problems.

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December Preview

← SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to a time sensitive demonstration and offer by WordPerfect we are changing out December meeting schedule. **WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY ALL GIFTS DURING OUR EARLY MEETING.** THAT MEANS YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE EARLY MEETING TO HAVE YOUR NAME DRAWN FOR A GIFT. THE EARLY MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 1PM, DECEMBER 6TH. REMEMBER, THE DRAWING IS FOR CURRENT, PAID-UP MEMBERS OF SLO BYTES.

← **WordPerfect** will demonstrate their new program called Demonstration ver2.0 during our regu-

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The "Reference Manual" gets into setting the users options and the program operation. **PC-Write** is grouped into twelve "Feature Sets" and each Feature Set is divided into four levels that progress from simple to more complex. They are: Core, Basic, Standard, and Advanced. Each chapter in the Reference Manual is divided into these progressive levels. The user selects the level best suited to their needs and ability.

The Reference Manual has a statement I think worth reading: "Interaction Styles"

"There are many ways to interact with **PC-Write**. To choose the best way for you consider how often you will use **PC-Write** and how you like to interact with the world in general.

"If you only use **PC-Write** occasionally, use the pull-down menus, either with the mouse or the arrow keys. This way you won't have to remember many commands.

"If you are a visual thinker, you focus on the screen and how it looks. You probably have a mouse. Use the mouse with the pull-down menus to invoke commands and edit text. You'll like the Print, View. (This is a view of the page as it will appear when printed.)

"If you are a verbal thinker, you read and understand words quickly, and may hear them in your mind. Use the first letter keys with the pull-down menus. Learn command phrases, such as "Layout, Margin, Indent, Left." You can always use the first letter of a menu item in **PC-Write**.

"If you are a tactile thinker, you are comfortable with the keyboard and perhaps are a touch typist. Just use the pull-down menus for learning. You'll find the function keys or the Ctl-let-

ter keys faster and easier once you learn them. Function keys are optimized for common operations."

I thought this passage from the Reference Manual pretty much sums up the approach we all might take learning a new program. Analyze your talents and concentrate on the method each program offers that is most suited your special abilities.

I should have started with Core Level, the lowest level. As I wanted to learn all I could about **PC-Write**, I took my best hold and selected Advanced Level. The more I got into the program the more I liked **PC-Write**. I found it is easy to learn to use. I had yet to encounter any problems.

At the top of the working screen there are four lines. The top line is the status line. It gives the information about the file you are working on as well as hints on what action to take next.

The second line contains the Feature Sets like most programs. It is activated by hitting the Alt key or clicking on the bar with the mouse. This gives the user access to the pull-down menus and their submenus.

The third line is the Radio Button Bar. Click on these buttons to activate the default or customized macros that preform your most used editing or setup commands.

The fourth line shows the tab and margin settings as well as the current type font and cursor position.

PC-Write does not insist you display all the lines, use only the lines you feel you need.

PC-Write also has a third manual called the Wizard's Book. This is sold separately, but the folks at Quicksoft were good enough to send me a copy to help me in writing this review.

The Wizard's Book is really for the very advanced user. It gets right into the nuts and bolts of the programs Control Files. Using the Wizard's Book the user can further customize operating the program. The Wizard's Book comes with a disk of useful macros. I was in trouble now!

One feature that caught my attention during the setup procedure was: Mouse Blanking, this feature blanks the mouse cursor after a set interval of inactivity. Five seconds is the default but the option to change the interval is up to the user.

The second and more impressive feature, is the Shorthand set. This feature, also called abbreviation completion, allows the user to define abbreviations that are later expanded to their full replacement value when typed. To develop a shorthand list you create a file words.sho. This file contains the abbreviations and their replacement pair.

Examples: type asap (it expands to) as soon as possible - type bni (it expands to) batteries not included - I like this feature. It would be very useful for a novelist to type only the initials of a character's name and have the full name appear in the manuscript.

One problem I did have, the program would hang up, once in a while as I was editing text. I have yet to find the reason and will be in touch with Quicksoft's technical advisory staff to see if they can help. I did read in the Wizard's Book a warning that some difficulty might arise with TSR programs. If both **PC-Write** and the resident program use a similar key-stroke combination it might cause a problem. When I use **PC-Write** regularly, I will look further into this minor problem.

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It's Legal 3.0

By Art Day — SLO Bytes PCUG

It's Legal 3.0 is an excellent program to give the user a very effective insight to legal matters. It comes with both 3.5 and 5 1/4 disks.

The manual states "It is not the intention of **It's Legal** to replace attorneys for special situations," however with matters that can effect you personally on a large scale I would recommend an attorney. I will comment on this later.

The reason that I chose **It's Legal** was to look at the Living Trust document that was included in the new version. I wanted to compare it to a Living Trust that my wife and I had prepared by an estate attorney about ten years ago. Also to see how it compared to **Personal Law firm** a similar program that does not have the Living Trust document. The main reason that we chose to create a living trust was to avoid the probate procedure in the event of death. Anyone that has had to deal with probate procedures will appreciate this.

Installation was about as simple as it can get. To insure that the documents you create are legal in your state, it includes a list of the states when you install the program. You select the state and that's all there is to it. This can be changed later if necessary. It takes about 2.3 Megs of disk space.

Creating the living trust document was fairly easy and easy to follow. However, it is made for an individual and not for husband and wife as ours was created. It's better if you do not have any preconceptions about a trust agreement. This is because I was continually anticipating what they wanted instead of reading the instructions in the lower portion of the

screen. All the blanks that are to be filled in are described in the lower window. More detailed information is just a keystroke away. One thing I didn't like was that some of the instructions tell you to put an "X" in the box. However, when you hit the "X" key a diamond appeared in some places. This might be confusing at first, espe-

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cially to a new computer user. The document was completed and printed out which was also a very simple process.

On to another portion of the program which was the "Health Care Provision to Physicians" This gives your wishes in the event of any accident or terminal illness where death is inevitable. Such as not being hooked up to life support systems to prolong death with no possible chance of recovery. This document was eight pages long whereas ours was only four. Possibly because ours had separate powers of attorney and theirs included it.

The generation of a Will in the event of death was also simple to execute with the program.

Looking at some of the other documents that the program included proved to be just as easy to create. The Bill of Sale limited you to ten items which I didn't really see any reason to do. It would seem it would have been just as easy to let the user enter the number without any limit. Ten might be enough ninety percent of the time, but there might be other times that it wouldn't.

Some of the documents that can be created are fairly simple and straight forward and could be

used without an attorney. Documents such as The Living Trust and others that would have a great impact on personal intentions, in my estimation, should be reviewed by an attorney. The beauty of the program is that you already have the documents created that you want the lawyer to review. As most lawyers charge by the hour, this could save a lot of money in costs. Plus you now have a knowledge of all the legal terms which the program explains quite well.

I didn't study the entire program extensively, but was impressed with the clarity and ease of use. As I mentioned before, **Personal Law firm** is another good program, but I would choose **It's Legal**. Two of the reasons are the Living Trust Document and mouse support that **Personal Law firm** doesn't include.

The program normally sells for \$69, but I contacted Parsons Technology and **they will sell it to any member of Slo-Bytes for the introductory price of \$29 plus \$3 Shipping**. Just getting all the legal terminology that the program includes is worth that price and you get all the power of creating your own legal documents.

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One Parsons Drive,
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
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Home Computer Surge Protection

By the Hardware Hacker via APCUG

With the growing proliferation of computers in the workplace, more and more of us are buying computers to use at home. Personal computer equipment often represents a substantial monetary investment. This article discusses several important aspects of electronic protection that can provide inexpensive, but effective protection for your valuable equipment.

Most of us have heard about the importance of plugging your computer into a wall outlet equipped with a surge protector. Such devices are designed to protect sensitive electronic equipment from the ef-

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fects of voltage surges on the power lines coming into the home. Surges can have many causes, including lightning strikes that can occur many miles from the user's home.

First of all, when a thunderstorm is brewing, nothing beats the protection achieved by totally unplugging all of your computer equipment. Some experts argue that such equipment should always be left plugged in to keep the components grounded, but unless all plugs are removed and a good earth ground is provided, I feel that the danger of leaving the equipment plugged in during a storm far outweighs the grounding protection achieved by this method. REMEMBER, just turning the equipment OFF does not fully protect it from severe

voltage surges entering through the power line!

There are several types of surge protection equipment commonly available. These range from simple \$5.00 devices that are placed between the wall outlet and the computer power cord, to sophisticated setups that can cost \$100.00 or more. Most common are surge-protector-equipped multiple outlet strips that are in the \$20.00-to-\$30.00 price range. Perhaps the most important consideration with any type of line surge protector is that all three wires leading to the computer be protected. The hot, neutral, and

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ground lines should all be equipped with over-voltage protection. (Some of the less expensive units do not protect all three lines.) Try to ascertain this from the vendor before investing in a power line surge protector.

Several companies are also offering surge protectors for the telephone lines leading to computer modems. These devices are inexpensive (often under \$15.00) and can offer some protection, especially in areas that have overhead lines. If you decide to use a telephone line surge protector, it is important to understand that it will only be effective if it is properly grounded. In most homes, the screw holding the cover plate onto an electrical wall outlet provides a suitable ground. You merely have to connect one end of a wire to this screw and the other end to the grounding lug on the surge protector. This grounding wire should be as short and thick as possible; in

no case should it be thinner than 18. (Remember: wire gauges are numbered backwards, i.e., 16 gauge wire is thicker than 18 gauge.)

The winter months provide cause for extra concern. The low relative humidity in homes induces an unusually high amount of static charge to build up on insulating surfaces. The small spark that can fly from your finger after crossing a car-

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pet and touching a conductive surface (such as another person or a computer) is actually caused by very high voltage electricity that cannot normally hurt a person because of the low current involved. However, such static discharges are strong enough to play havoc with the sensitive components inside your computer. The best protection against such winter problems are provided by:

Keeping your computer in an uncarpeted room.

Not petting furry cats and dogs while using the computer, no matter how hard they beg with those great big eyes.

Using a static removal spray in computer rooms that are carpeted. (One such product is Staticide, which is available at many hardware stores.)

Using special grounding mats for the computer floor and table areas. Grounding mats are sold at many computer stores. These mats are only effective if properly grounded with the cable attached to it.

This article does not cover equipment and procedures designed to protect computers against other problems such as electrical brownouts, computer viruses, etc.

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Disks, disks, disks, the library just keeps on growing. Let's start out with a Tax program. How appropriate as we approach the inevitable.

☛ **520 1992 Share-TAX**
1040 and laser forms.
Need I say more.

☛ **521 dBCoin for Windows** - If you are a coin collector this should help you keep those coins cataloged properly. Personally, I just spend them!

☛ **522 BILLIT** - A small business billing program. Does invoice, statements and P.O.'s. Automatic numbering of statements, etc.

☛ **523 JackMatique for Windows** - Here's a good BlackJack program for Windows. How appropriate after attending Comdex in Las Vegas.

☛ **524 Pokermatique** - Same as **523** but maybe you'll be a little luckier playing poker instead of blackjack.

Updates:

☛ **498 Labels** + updated from version 2.7 to 3.0.

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I also found writing macros a bit awkward at first but I soon got on to their method. **PC-Write** is written in ascii, operational files can be edited in any word processing program. The Macro recordings are in the ed.def file, this enables the user to write the macros directly into this file. Wizard's Book really gets into the customizing of **PC-Write**.

Conclusion: **PC-Write** and the Wizard's Book have been, and will continue to be an interesting experience. I will keep **PC-Write** to use writing when the shorthand feature will be useful. **PC-Write** is a shareware program developed by:

Quicksoft, Inc.
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PC-Write Advanced Level 4.0 registration is \$89.

Additional user copies, without tech support, \$59.

Upgrade from any registered copy of **PC-Write**, \$69.

Wizard's Kit, 168-page book and disk on advanced customization, \$37.

Shipping is \$5 for contiguous US, \$8 AK/HI/Canada, \$19 other.

As stated earlier **PC-Write** is also available packaged at retail outlets.

Registered users receive:

1. The right to use **PC-Write Advanced Level 4.0**
2. Current Advanced Level software, with Roget's Thesaurus.
3. The 180-page Reference Manual and 60-page Getting Started booklet.
4. One year of Technical Support, with our quarterly newsletter, and a 20% discount on all

Quicksoft's products, including updates and support.

Advanced Level requires:

1. One floppy disk drive; hard disk recommended.
2. PC compatible with 330K free memory; 640K recommended.
3. 200K to 1200K of disk space, depending on options selected.
4. Print Preview requires a graphics adapter (CGA, MGA, EGA, or VGA).
5. Supported printer; **PC-Write** supports over 900 printers.
6. Works well in a DOS window under **Windows**; PIF and icon included.

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lar meeting at 2:30. **Here is their offer, good only for those in attendance; a copy of Demonstration 2.00 bundled with a Sound Blaster card for \$129.00.** Because this was the only month they could demonstrate their product and give us this special offer, we decided to alter our schedule. I hope everyone reads this message and shows up on time.

☛ **The Christmas swap meet** will be deferred to January.

☛ **The annual election** will take place during the December meeting. And our treasurer **Bernice Meador** expresses her desire to be replaced. If anyone is interested let us know — be ready for the nomination

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Should You Buy Tax Preparation Software?

By Kathy Yakal — SLO Bytes PCUG

Taxes. Ugh. Probably you haven't even started thinking about filing your 1992 taxes yet. When that time rolls around, though, you might want to consider using tax preparation software.

If you're currently having a CPA do your taxes, or if you take them to a professional tax service, then your financial situation may be too complex for the software that's available. But if you're already doing your own taxes, there are some advantages to computerizing this rather unpleasant annual chore.

Several companies have gotten into (and gotten out of) the business of designing and supporting tax software. It's a lot of work for a product that's only going to be used (hopefully) for one day out of the year, and it's difficult to anticipate every individual tax scenario that potential users could face.

Still, there are some good tax preparation packages available at a street price of less than \$50. Some are compatible with popular personal finance packages like **Quicken**, **Managing Your Money**, and **Money Counts**. So if you use one of these packages regularly to keep track of your checkbook and other financial records, you can save a lot of time by importing your data directly into a tax preparation package.

These products have varying approaches to data entry. Some let you enter data directly onto screen pictures of the actual forms, and some offer an "Interview option," which takes you step-by-step through the whole

process, asking you a series of questions and translating your answers into official responses. Another approach acts as a "shoebox" or "file cabinet;" you select the kind of information you have from a menu consisting of items like W-2s, IRA contributions, and rental property, and the program takes you

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automatically to the form requiring it.

If you're unclear on any of the questions or terminology, help functions explain each question further and offer IRS instructions. While they can't give you professional advice, they do offer guidance, pointing out deductions you might not have been aware of. You can compare your final return to the national average to gauge accuracy, or ask the program to "audit" your return, pointing out items that might look suspect to the IRS.

"Bookkeeping" and "notepad" features let you make notes to yourself, so you can remember how you arrived at a particular figure or simply post a reminder to yourself. Pop-up mathematical calculators and depreciation calculators make it easy to tabulate lists of receipts or checks.

The printing capabilities of these programs have come a long way. If you have the right hardware and software, you may be able to print IRS-approved forms, or even file electronically. Some state modules are available, if you want to calculate your state taxes this way, too.

If you're a **Windows** user, you'll be pleased to know that the most popular tax products are available in **Windows** versions as well as **DOS**. The **Windows** environment works well for this application, but **DOS** products have added ease-of-use features since last year, too.

Tax software vendors offer extended technical support during prime preparation season, but keep in mind that the tech support people cannot advise you on your tax situation. They only help with software problems.

The advantages to using tax preparation software (if your financial situation is simple enough) are clear. All of your calculation is automatically done for you. You get less professional guidance than you would consulting with an accountant, but more than you would working on them by yourself. Mistakes are easier to correct. And if you like using software for money management, you can automate one more element of your financial picture.

Of course, these programs don't work miracles. You still have to collect all of the necessary data, enter it in the right place, and sign the form signifying that your figures are accurate. And if you're a fairly new computer user, or haven't tried using a lot of different kinds of software, the time it may take you to familiarize yourself with the program's operations may actually make your tax-preparation lengthier than usual.

Headstart versions of several products are available now. Tax software can't be finalized until the IRS releases its final version of the official forms in January,

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Let's Clean Up That Mess!

By *Lach MacDonald* —
SLO Bytes PCUG

Here's a simple use of the DOS command CHKDSK that anyone can add to periodic housekeeping chores.

At the prompt type C:\CHKDSK. If you have garbage lurking in your directory you will be advised: "Corrections will not be written to disk."

Then a message such as:

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12 lost allocation units found in
1 chains. 49152 bytes disk space
would be freed
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You will look in vain in most manuals for guidance on how to identify lost allocation units and what to do about them.

Simply type C:\CHKDSK\F.

The new message will state:

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12 lost allocation units found in
1 chains. Convert lost chains to
files (Y/N)?
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You'll want to check out the contents of the lost units, so type Y.

Now type DIR and look for new numerical files, such as FILES0000.CHK. Examine the file with the TYPE command, and you'll likely find it is garbage. Sweep it out with C:\DEL FILES0000.CHK.

You will have a FILES000N.CHK for each of the chains of lost allocation units. Converting my one lost chain to a file and deleting it freed up 41952 bytes as promised. You can run CHKDSK again to see that the bytes available have increased.

Cleaning out your lost allocation units is just one more way of freeing up disk space.

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Comdex 92

By *Bob Ward-SLO Bytes PCUG*

Back home safe and sound and another Comdex is come and gone. If you eat, drink, and dream computers one should go to Las Vegas at least once and see Comdex. It gets more spectacular every year.

The emphasis seemed to be more on software this year. Intel is giving sneak previews of their new, not-to-be-called 586 chip and promising a new video standard on future chips. The next few years holds some interesting prospects. So what was hot? Definitely multimedia was stressed. Full motion video (30 frames per second), coupled with sound and graphics displays all on one screen. We're all going to start creating our own commercials. Some of the displays and demonstrations were very impressive.

Brown Wagh's Studio Magic, called the Personal Video Studio, is just that. Audio, speech, graphics, animation and more make this quite a program. They are putting finishing touches on it. Look for the program around March. We hope to have a representative give us a demonstration later this year. MediaBlitz from Asymetrix was another great Multimedia package. I saw a very nice graphics program from Deneba called Canvas Windows. This program has been in the Macintosh arena for some time. We can buy a Windows version in a month or so.

DeltaPoint is coming out with a cute little program next month. It's called the Desktop Animator for Windows. Why

look at all those drab icons on your Windows screen. Why not animate them? Yep, that's what it will do. Try it, you'll like it!

The official version of PKZIP version 2 will be out in about one month. Since the club is registered, we'll get an early copy.

Two other programs I liked were from MicroLogic Software. One called TrueType DOS will give you the ability to use Window's True Type fonts with many of your DOS wordprocessors. The other program is called TrueEffects for Windows. With this little gem, you can take any scalable TrueType font and render it with patterns, outlines and shadows, or special backgrounds. These fonts can then be saved under a new font name and will maintain all the characteristics of a TrueType font including the special effects.

Look for some great Window's databases coming our way. Their so easy to use I might even consider moving up in the world from my ancient version of PC-File.

I bought something for the club while I was there. I don't know if we'll get it in time for this meeting but for the January meeting for sure. Remember those 4 TV's hung from the ceiling in Fisher 286? Well we're going to project the computer screen to them as well as using the nView LCD projection screen.

I have about 6 software vendors eager to demonstrate their products to our club. It should be a fun and interesting '93.

Well, there's more to talk about, like our balloon ride in Corel's

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SENIOR Citizen Project

Involving Electronic Circuitry Design a/o

As a hands-on type of display or attraction to use at meetings, show, or fair-booths by the volunteer local chapter of ZPG (Zero Population Growth), it has been suggested devising a portable digital display unit that will show the annual numerical population increase when the visitor/ operator enters their year of birth.

An economic or feasibility alternative might be to write a computer program generating similar or more detailed information. There is also the possibility of expanding this concept into a video game.

There will be a need to develop some basic technical specifications and obtain population data ranges in getting started. Interested persons can get additional information by calling Professor Emeritus R. Adamson, (M.E. Dept) 543-5957, or Professor D. Walters (Biology Dept., CPSU/SLO) 756-2721. A lap-top or Notebook portable type computer for outdoor booths, etc. is beyond the 2pg budget limits unless a donation is made.

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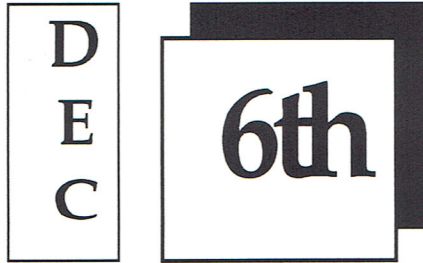
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Hot Air Balloon. I'll save it for the meeting.

P.S. Speaking of meetings, DON'T FORGET, THE CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAYS WILL OCCUR DURING THE EARLY MEETING. We start handing out the goodies at 1pm!!!

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Calendar



December 6th - CHRISTMAS PARTY

January 3rd - Louis Wheller will demonstrate "Remote Console." Take over someone's computer remotely with this one, and here's a local company to boot!

February 7th -

March 7th - Harvard Draw

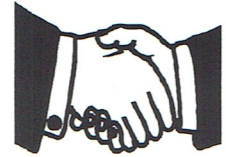
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but most of the Headstart versions contain information about new tax laws this year and let you get started early, estimating what your tax situation might be by the end of the year. It's not too late to take some action in 1992 that might save you tax dollars in 1993.

Several products are available, but the most popular tax pro-

New Members



Welcome to the new club members. We hope we can be of service. To all of you remember, ask questions. The person to your left wants to know the answer too.

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Bob Dowdy 466-2079

John Mudie 736-3145

Scott Read 528-2728

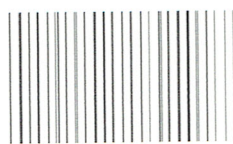
Mark Spear

Kevin Weaver 541-9453

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grams over the year have been **ChipSoft's Turbo Tax** (619-453-8722), **Meca Software's Tax-Cut** (800-288-6322), and **Parsons Technology's Personal Tax Edge** (800-223-6925). **SoftKey** has both the product formerly known as **RapidTax** (Time-Works), and it's now called **Easy Tax** (407-367-0005).

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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.

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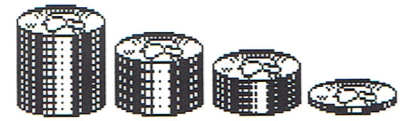
Members continue talking about Tracy Gonzales's demo of Corel Draw 3.0. And Geri Gallejos and *Joe Ferrano* are sporting bright smiles after winning Corel SCSI and Corel Draw 3.0 that Tracy donated for the drawing.

Winners on November 1st were: Alan Foust, Ken Friend, Ken Dully, Shirley Smith, Tom Conroy, Jules Leber, Jack Prince, and RS Jones. Prizes ranged from SuperStor to packages of lesser value. Nevertheless, we had a good time and learned a lot.

Our meeting at Christmas is the big one of the year. Don't miss it.

Comdex was our next **big** event. Several of us went to the computer show of the year and will be telling you about it.

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Treasurer's Report

SLO Bytes PCUG Expenditures Sep't. 1992

Beginning Balance	+2089.22
Expenses:	
New sletter 10/22/92	-124.20
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Deposit 10/05/92	+718.70
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Balance 11/05/92	+2684.22

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Correction:

In SLO Bytes PCUG - HARD COPY, September issue, a review of a program that D.T. Richmond named Bret's Dinosaur was published. DT tells me the correct name, as he has been advised is Bert's Dinosaur.

Thanks DT.

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