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Diu you ever wonder why I call myself a computerist? It inplies that 1 all not a yuru in software or haraware, but an just a user. As I've said before, I alm only an experienced novice. My mind is tio cluttered with the chemistry of paints, ruboer, adhesives and plastics to go off in a completely different tangent to learn electronics or the niceties of programming. For those who have the time, energy, enthusiasn and interest to learn those things, my hat's off, and I want to know who you are so I can extend my network of reference persons. Indeed, one or the ways I help the worla at large is to remember someone useful for answering a yuestion I can't answer.
M.y consulting work started nany years before I started my business. I was at ivellon Institute running a small group of contract researchers, and doing some research and writing myself. About. 10 years ago, I was called into a group think tank operation on a temporary basis for my paint practical know-now, and got onto their "brainbank" list. It turns out there are several small businesses that do nothing but gather such "brainDank" people together to attack a problem for an un-named client. The operators of those small businesses call their reference persons "garbage can minds," but my wife tells me "Maypie minds" would be a better term. The "brainbank" people may get. one or two calls a year to come to a session of 3 to 7 hours of chat with 6 to 12 other "brainoank" people, just to throw all possiole solutions to the proolem at hand onto the tavle. In a group like that, the best ideas come from the conversation, where to people's ideas can ve dovetailed or combined to become even better.

Now, we're not talking large money for these operations. However, they do pay from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 500$ per session, plus your expenses. Their payment tor iny flights adas to the mileage Plus proyram, and 1 figure each trip adas $\$ 70$ to $\$ 100$ to the proyram awara values 1 build up -- a nice bonus. BUT... that's not the real value. Those "braintbank" people are interesting, and great reference persons. I meet them at technical meetings (a paint or paper chemists gathering), and we rekinale the flame of friendsnip. what better way to meet people than in a nilieu where all are dealing from their strengths?

I liken that kind of positive activity to what we see in the user groups interactions, too. For irstance, Ken fowler explained why all serial cailes ana ports are not. created egual at our last meetiny, and why soltware cannot make the adjustment. Detween the two major types. It's in the wiring, and is a consequence of the standards that existed before computers. And even the non-techy like ine can olfer help to another. Ilvert But ler is planning a trip overseas in a few nonths, and asked anout current conversion kits. l know nothing , it such things, but markes two aas 1 saw res contly to tell him about when noxt I see hithe



Last week, l spent my time in the hot humia tropic sun of Hawaii. Most of the time, I snorkled tnrough a reef I nadn't. completely explored, so I could find new thinys. I did, too, a moray eel, a turtle, pipe fish, needle fish and a crown fisn, darny others. I spent the nottest part of the days writing on my laptop -- four articles and part of a book chapter. All that was easy, so lily real chore was to learn buard sailing or wind surting, however you choose to say it.

Windsurfing's haruer than it looks, but not fron the stanapoints that you might think. Yes, it is physical and requires sone strength, but you can imayine a linebacker type like me can hande that. BU'l... there are technique, balance and coordination requirements, too. As I spent three days early last week climbing on, standing up, pulling up the sail, and falling off or getting blown off or being iounced off dy a wave, I consoled myself that it's like all those things I learnea while I was young. Riding a bicycle, wrestling, canceing while stanuing up, even swimuing the more difficult strokes, and all they take is practice until it FEELS right. I took the lessons with other people you fall off three times, then you rest while they rall of three times), and each quit after the session. but my mother tells me I'm stubborn, though I prefer to call myself perseverent.

The fourth day was beautirul, a little less surt ana a little lighter breeze. I had access to a beginner's ooard (laryer board, smaller sail). The teaching liteguard watched me hop on, get the sail up and sail off about 50 yards, and hee was yelling nis surprise from the time I was 10 yards away. l tell off, looked back at him on the beach, and popped back on for another 50 yard sail. I fell off, looked vack, and he was coming in a kayak yelling encouragement. My feet were cramping, as I was trying to dig my toes in to hold on. I noppea up on the board again, and off we went for 100 yards to fall ofrayann. I yot right back on, and told the liteguard my feet had finally relaxed, and off we went. It all relt right!

I look back on those runs, falling off only in turns by the end of the lesson, and think vack $j 1 / 2$ years to the struygles to get the KayPro II to do dook chapters, proposals, reports, magazine articles, checkbook balancing arid the uusiness incolue/ expense recorus. The real key to becominy a computerist was sittiny at the keyboard and banging on keys, calliny reterence persons when I was stuck and tine manual spoke givberish. As Paul Hornung used to say in the commercial, PKACTICE, PKACTICE, PKACTICE! OK, I'm not gifted with great valance, so more practice was necessary to learn the sail boaru. OK, so I'm not a gifted electronixer or proyrammer, but the practice at the keywoard ard making the correct call to the correct. reference person to ask the correct question made hie learn computerism whll!

All this makes me think of all the software tnat.'s oftered to me. I aon't. mess with it UlvLESS it is instantly usetul. Is that lazy? I've probanly spent a man-year in tine last. t years learning tne PLRFECT wkl'TEl/ChLC, WOHUSThi/NEWWOKD, ard VP PLALVNLEK, along witn about ten yood utilit.y proyranis. I'm not. yoiny to spend another man-year learning the newer stuft, UNLbSS it.ll redally uo somethilay ineed ubne. The thref thinys I've learned this year already are halivakl gikaphles, the SABA PaGL RLADLK,
and the VOPT series. They're simple to use - at least for me and they do things I really want or need done. Is that lazy?

I'll admit I'm lazy. I even take afternoon naps! well, on occasion, anyway. But, deing lazy makes me learn ways to work smart, instead of working hard. well, I hope to work smart, instead of hard, and I look for ways to help me do that. That means I take advantage of as many ways to improve efficiency as I can. That even means, call that reference person from the user group who might have an idea to help me climb onto that board a bit better, faster, easier.

BUT... no amount of instruction will do the job, as you have to actually do it to learn it. I think about that lifeguard behind me, telling me where to put my feet, to bend my knees, to pull the sail up slowly, and that's a LITTLE help. BUT I have to feel what a balanced position is, by changing positions and falling off when it doesn't feel right. That way, when I am balanced, I can suddenly relax and get on to the sailing. That means I can suddenly think up tecnniques to put invoices, client charge calendars, and records in a spread sheet software that was originally for balancing check books and making up income/ expense statements. That means I can put together a book chapter with tabulations, fiqures, and endnotes for an integrated printout to be sent to the publisher, without printing a draft.

I've often thought of the computer as an "empowerment tool." That says that if you want to do something, and know your software well because you've used it a lot, you can put together any kind of file or printout you choose because you are empowered by the hardware tools, the software tools, and the experience you've gathered by sitting at the machine. Even games serve a purpose, as they get you used to the keyboard, and even give your fingers the flexibility to reach the right keys. They even toughen up your finger tips so that book chapter word processing won't bruise them.

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I've said for at least fifteen years that the computer can ife a great toy, a trap that helps you waste time, a great source of frustration, and a great tool for getting things done. I llaven't cranged wy luind. The only thing that's changed in the 20 pears I've ween computering is that the machines are smaller, 1 uon't. have to use punch cards, and' I no longer depend on the one or two coliputer yuru enyineers I work with, but I have a user group to ciepend on. The user yroup is full of chemists, lawyers, accountants, insurance men, anc an occasional enyineer or arogrammer. Each has some nelf for me, and I hope I helpeach, on occasion as well.

## nownste jousens

Borland no longer distributes Turio Pascal for CP/me I talkea to them touay to find out if CP/Mers could get it. (legally) anywhere. I was tolu that:

1. It is NOT in the public domain. No copying for friencs.
2. Individuals who wish to can make some kind of license ayreement by calling Borland and talking to their legal dept. They are not supplying it. Apparently tnis is a license to have and use after copying from someone else. That means, of course, no manual.
3. They are consi.uering some other arrangement. for all the orphans. What that might be they won't say at this moment. possibilities mignt include permitting some small company, user yroup, or the like, to copy and distribute it. Or maybe something else. They promised to call me back with more information as soon as they decide what they are going to do -- I'll keep everybody informea on the MOK board, and maybe in an article for MOR-ATLANTA anc BAMDUA.
4. I nave the impression that they discontinued when orders vecame too small to warrent re-printing the manual. Possibly some distributor could get a disk file of the manual....?

So, does anyone know a distributor who would want to take this on? If so they should contact. Borland.

CP/mers should write Borland (at.tn: legal dept.) requesting that it not be kept off the market.

Another "natural" distributor might be TUG (Turbo User's Group) .

It's not just Turbo Pascal, but also the ToolBoxes for $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$.

Feel free to pass this message on to other CP/ri related BBS's.

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## Third Tuesday of November

THE SMALL COMPUTER IN THE SMALL BUSINESS: The November 15th general membership meeting will have Nancy mulvany former BAKUP and FOGLIGHT newsletter eaitor) speaking on the operation of the small business with the micro computer. lier experience started with the KayPro 4, and continued to the A'fisT 6j0u, an Osvorne Vixen, and llany llore. She also is the US agent for MACREX, the English indexers' suttware, and can speak to the difticulty of being the technical support to software purchasers.

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MOR and DTCS: VUOK's business is slowing down. Just as expected. All the SuperCalc 2 packayes have peen sola, there are only four OutThink packages left. While MOK's mailuruer income aiminishes its operating expenses stay about the same. These costs consist of jnone, postage neter, post office box, business license, merchant's bank account, MC/VISA machine, and so on. It is now com-
 from orders. Tnis was also expected. Anyway, sone re-organization is in order: MOR will be officially aissolved on [kecember 31,1988 , but you won't be left in the cold.

MOK's Dusiness will be taken over by ny tiny enterprise Called butch Treat Computer Services (UICS). The few remaininy fulfillment subscribers who receive this newsletter from NOR will next. year receive it from DTCS; the MUR BbS will stay un and running and will not even charrye its name; mail sent to MOR will be answered as usual through P.O. Box 5487 in berkeley, CA 947ub. You can even reacn DICS (and MUR at this point.) Dy phone: $415 / 658-0152$. So actually there is not much of a ciifference to the Morrow owner neediny sonething. However, the postaye mieter and the MC/VISA machine will be dismissed at the end of ly४b, and you will ve asked to make your checks out to DTCS. All this will make the operation less costly.

Nearly all MOR products

For Sale:
One hardly-used Epson RX-100 dot inatrix printer, wide carrier 132 char. per line at 10 cpi . $\$ 200$ will still de available, especially manuals and buck issues. Most of what. MOR has to offer you may already have, and noboay expects you to buy it over and over again. But. if you are passing on your Morrow to someone else, tell them that MOR -- and next year UICS -- will still be around to order useful borrow goodies from. Tell them that anyone can find out what is available by sending MUR an SASE and a request for the IIOR Product. sheet and/or the complete list. of FLOBs. Vail the SASE to MOK (or DTCS next. year): P.O. box 5487, Berkeley, CA 94701.

It may be useful for you to know which MUK products are currently sold out. Here is a list: \#607: NiD Hard Disk User's Guive; \#804: ZCPk3: The Manual; \#806, SuperCalc 2; \#903: Niке Allen's Cluck Kit (some parts still available).

In the meantime MOK has also divested itself of nearly all its surplus equipment. At first there were no takers, but auring the month of August many people came to buy the mb-hib machines, the mD3s, terminals, mouems, switcn boxes, etc. The only tning left are a t.ractor feed for the MP20U (\$100), and a naruly useu Etpson kx-100 dot matrix printer, wide carrier 132 characters per line at 10 cpi $(\$ 200)$. lf you want one of these better call乡uick!

Some mok products are getting a bit ousolete cominared to the new stuff that is still becoming availavle for $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{m}$. For instance, if you are interested in ZCPRj, ratner than yettiny the NOK Dootable version of ZCPK 3, you wiyht. first want to check out. what Alpha Systems has to offer. Alpha Systellis, headea by Joe wright., is the successor to Eehelon. 'Iney iande nZCOm, Zjplus,

LCPKj4, LSDOS and more wonuerful replacements/enitancements of our old CP/M systern. If you aon't know what these acronyins stand for, get a catalog from Alpha Systems Corporation, 711 Chatsworth Place, San Jose, CA 95128, (408) 297-5594.

Our Columnists: Isn't it ariazing that we still have a covey of wondertul columnists to write for us about things Morrow? They have been increaioly faitnful and generous. But, they feel lonely. They need to get letters from you, or they will go away, thinking that you don't like them anymore, or -- worse -- that you don't care.

Bill Steele told me that he had received a few letters, but they were all from the same person! Now there is a good try to take a crowd! Problem is, it gets a bit one-sided that way. Still, thanks for trying so hard, whoever you are.
what we need are some inore people to keep in touch with our columnists and keep them warm. Ask them anything, tell them what you would like them to write about, or what you are up to, or what has puzzled you for most of five years and you were afraid to ask.

Everything That's Fit to Print: In the last MOR-Atlanta News I noticed a distinct change in editorial policy: soapiox features. If you have anything to say -- whether it relates to computers or not - they will likely print it. Already we have seen articles on hypnosis and on "why I'm a Democrat," and I am left with conrlicting feelings about that. Should I now write avout why I ani a Dutchman? Or why I choose to be born a male? but all kidding aside: does it really make sense to write about these thirys in a computer user newsletter? Are we running out of things to write about? Are we losing sight of what makes up our columon experience as Norrow owners?
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I have noticed the same tendency on the MOR and bAMDUA bbSs. People have always chatted a lot on BBSs, which have in many ways decome global villages. As in any village, people need to chat; notning wrong with that. We have a BAMLUA co-sysop who sometines seems to feel that the chatting lacks life, so he infuses some excitement dy making wonderfully outrageous statements, mostly in the political realm. Then he lays in wait for a response. That. process can be a lot of fun. But to do the same in a computer user newsletter? I aon't know why, but tor some reason it. strikes mie that this kind of bantering back and forth is more natural on a BBS then in a newsletter.
mind you, I'm not. knockiny it -- I rather enjoyed the hypnosis articles -- out. I'm wondering why we are goiny this way with our communications resources. Do we want. it? Or is it born romi an editor's aesperation absut, or tear of lack of articles?

Too Many bBSs in Town?: Slowly there is enerying a discussion on the muk bisi duout whether two morrow-oriented buss in
one town is not a tad redunciant. Kichara iolway safs: "wny not consolidate? Let MUK be the survivor and give the BAMLUA labis eguipment to it, to augnent, replace or repair the MOK [bbs] equipment as needea... There would be little need to even conpare the [downloadavle] sottware on MOR with that on BAmDUA: what MOR doesn't have either doesn't matter or can be auded later. The whole idea depends on Sypko's willinyness to continue as MOR Sysop, of course."

Maybe you shoula know that: the BAMDUA BBS doesn't. really have a Sysop (System Operator) right now. When famous Sysup Steve Wartotsky moved to Chicago he left a void which was partially filled by the good efforts of Toni Kunich and George Borys, who took over as co-Sysops. But in the BBS bulletins they made it abundantly clear that there was a need for a "real" sysop, implying that they really wanted out.

So l have been thinking about a possible way to smoothly consolidate the two BbSs into one, and about my willingness to de its Sysop. For instance, would it be more work, or would it: be about the same: I suspect there is a great overlap in the registerea users of the two Bbss, but I have not looked at the lists lately. It takes me now between five and ten hours a week to respond to messages and do the routine maintenance. If things go wrong -- as they seldom do -- it is of course much more work.

Both BBSs are operating from out of my home, so we wouldn't have to chanye location and phone number. It is sometines a bit inconvenient, but a BBS can be sysop-ea remotely, as is currently the case with the BAMLUA BBS. However, after power outages or other rare mishaps a re-boot is often needed ark that. we can't do remotely yet. Consoliadion certainly makes some sense; traffic has been dropping off a lot on both bBSs lately. I don't. really know how Tom and Georye feel about. it, let alone what. BAMDUA thinks about it. but. BAMDDUA? Who is BAMLUA nowadays? That. is pecoming increasingly unclear too.

I have also been thinking that it might we nice to wuild a new BBS machine with an ST225 (22mb) and an ST251 (44mb), the way werner Gumpert has his BBS set. up (CO-ED in walnut. Creek, 415/938-9470). The drive C: disks of the NUR and the bamDUA bis are botn far too full as it stands now. Maybe get the newest. PBBS or liBBS software? But what am I drealling about? I should be doiny less of this stutf, ratner than more. In short: I don't. know nyself yet now williny I would be to ao the jou of consolidating the dAMDUA and MOK BBSs and sysop-ing iorever after. 1 guess a lot. would aepend on how lliuch the service is neeued. how would I find out? li you have any iueas after reading this let. the know. Hello? Are you there? Is anybody there?

Anybouy there? Sounds just like the astronomers with their ever yrowing telescopes and hope's and expectations: finy life out there? 'Jhat reminds me: I promised to tell you somethiny about. the Ten Meter Telescope for which we are developiny the active control systeli right nere at the UC Lawrence berkeley Lab. Maybe next time l will. Eut then agdin: would any one of you morrow owners be interested at all? Or would it ve a bit like a suapbox teature again? l'll think abrout it. You do tos.
because I'm old enough to de fussy about the way things run on miy computer, the marly problems I have encountered in the customiziny and setting up of Wordstar 4.0 for my system made me feel like I had been ripped off.
first there was the problem of not being able to have the full use of the spelling checker. These programs require more disc space than is available on a single-sided double density system, and Micropro won't offer a patch to permit some of the files to be lodded on another drive.

Then there was the problem of going through hell (for a non-hacker) to customize a printer-driver only to find out that the proportional spacing tables are absolutely inflexible, leaving no fine-tuning forluat control for a document within the text file.

However, the most irritating problem of all was in not being able to rederine the "single burst" cursor/arrow keys on my terminal from the standard $C P / M$ set to the WS "diamond" set. (Micropro poured salt into this wound by making it reaaily possiwle to redefine the "multiple burst" personal function keys via the menu driven options in WSCHANGE.)

The only way around my first problem was to get more disc space. So with the gracious help and assistance of BAMDUA, Silicon Valley Surplus and George Borys I updated my SSDD Morrow inD2 kev. 1.0 to a DSQD (on both drives) MD-3 kev. 3.1. Wow, there is a whole new world of CP/M here, with Z80DOS and ZCMD29MD to boot. Just incidentally, all of the WoraStar COM, OVR and XCL files, plus all of the wordplus COM, CMP and TXT files (totaling about 510 k ) now fit onto one disc, with room for about 280 k of utility files as well.

After tryiny all of the possibilities with the printer drivers in wS4.0, I realized that they could never out perform the t.remendous variety and flexidility of printing controls offered by the Magicseries procyrams. These superd printing ut ilit.ies not only give you true typeset-
 tiny capanilities with almost any printer, wut they also have such a powerful merge printing mode (with infinitely less repetitive keyboarding columands than WS) that you can use these as well for a really simple but tremenarously flexible ciata base system (with reports you can design with worustar).
timagine veirg able to move any letter or symbol in any direction on a printed paye, with a tremendous range of increments, as well as a set of print control commands that Wordstar never tiouynt. of (like right flushiny, or four different. kinds of proportiond siacing) using either a dot command or a ${ }^{\text {ap }}$ command within the document file. My advice is to not bother witin phasing upward Erom Magicprint to Mayiebind and then to MayicInuex. Go to the top, it.'s cheaper in the lony ruri, and you'll also get. such ionnies as an autollatic three-level document heading, subi cha suv-sub numbering capavility, and an inkening systolii that is vastly superior to what you nave with wordstar.


Perhaps the most satisfying problem resolution of all, however, was to learn that. I could recief ine my cursor arrow keys with Sinartkey. This was after trying key, Ykeyzl, Magikey and even Z3key. Although my terminal transmits a single burst. control character froll these keys, it does not offer the extra 'shift.' and 'control' levels. However, when I redefine the "K to - E for the up arrow, I don't lose the " K , for the Block \& Save Menu in WS, because if I type "Supershift. Up Arrow" (without. having redefined that key) I'll get a "K. Don't ask ine to explain this, beyond telling you that you don't. have to alter the default setting in the SmartKey patch options for resetting the high bit.

The beauty of all this is that with just four redefinitions in SmartKey I've got the Arrow Keys working in WS4.0, I haven't lost access to the special control key codes these original key transmissions give which are required by WoraStar, ana I've got a ton of disc-resident boiler plate anc involved comind is accessed quite readily from within wordStar (and let:'s face it, Micropro was pretty chintzy with the space made availaule in the Shorthand menu for boiler plate.)

Here are some afterthoughts. SmartKey 2.+ is the latest. version available in $C P / M$, although Smart Key 4.2 has some really desirable advantages. The putlisher has given up on CP/M. However, Eric Mayer has published a PD version of SK $4 . \ddot{<}$ in the Usborne $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$ format, and hopefully that is only a step away from the MD format -- if we can persuade some of our own hackers to look into t.nat. Also, the publisher of MagicSeries has a very nice group discount program for corporate accounts. He might. ift persuaded to make a similar offer to a user group account. like BAMDUA.


## FROM THE MAILBOX by Bill Steele

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Now that we're back in business and old MOR suibscribers are gradually finding their way to the $M O R$ At lanta and BAMDUA/BAKUP newsletters, the questions are starting to trickle in. I'll repeat an admonition from the old colunn: I need answers, too. Don't assume that someone else will write in, because there aren't that many of you out there.

About a third of the letters
 over the past six months or so have been about WordStar 4.0. I finally broke down and ordered it myself, and have gotten into it far enough to answer an old question about programming function keys. Yes, although it's not explained at all in the manual, you can program the function keys in exactly the same way you could with all versions of NewWora, by entering the hex values of the "oursts" sent by your terminal's keys and of the sequences of commands you want them to invoke. This is explained in the user area listing which is no longer supplied in printed

## The laws of cosmic cussedness seem to require that. all cocumentation be either incomprehensible or incomplete.

form but is in the file "PATCH.LST" on disk \#4. It's explained in a lot more detail in an article $I$ wrote for the Morrow Owners' Review (Vol. I, \#4, Oct. 1984). If you can't. find a copy anywhere else I'll send you one for the usual fee: an SASE plus 10 cents to feed the copy machine. Entering the function key list is a fairly laborious process, involving a lot of careful typiny, but it's especially worth it with memory-hogyiny WS 4 Decause with this and WS's macros you can get. along without Smartkey and/or KEY.COM. Since l wrote the article I've learned how to automate the programming process with Submit files. More on that in future issues.

Tom Shanks writes that that ne solved his wS 4 underlining proolen (he wanted to ao continuous uncerlining, and oul on dicin't work) by going into wSCIIANGE, PRINTING DEFAULI'S, where ne found the selection "UNDERLINE SPACES, ON/UFF" and chanyeu it to ON. He yrunbles that this isn't explained in the manual, and 1 agree: the laws of cosilic cusseaness seem to require that all documentation be eitner incomprehensivle or incomplete. This still doesn't. explain why the dot command uidn't. work with his wrother HR 13 . Tom adus that he didn't mind my using him last. time as a shinirg example of naivete (Whew!).

Elsewhere in botn newsletters Ilbert Butler nas aniswerea a question I printed about uncrunching tiles while extracting then. trom liuraries: it semms NULU still won't. do it, but the public domain proyrams LT, QL and TYPELL will.

Everything else this time semms to be about printers. Lewis Parkhill asks now to go about connectiny two printers, e.g., a daisy wheel and a dot matrix; anotner old suwject that bears repeating. One approach: if one printer has a parallel interface and the other a serial and you have an MD3 with dotu types of cornectors, you can connect one printer to each -- pest to have the daisy wheel on the serial interface which senas data a tad
slower. Note that the MD requires a special kind of parallel cable with an edge connector at the computer end; you can buy these cables at Radio Shack. Make up two disks for each program you want to use with poth printers, and use SETUP.COM to designate the printer port on one to serial and on the other to parallel. If both printers have the same kind of interface or if you have an MD2 with only one port, you need an "A-B switch" which allows you to connect both printers to one port and switch back and forth. (An A-B switch also lets you connect a serial printer and a modem to the serial port without plugging and unplugginy cables.) You may still need two versions of each program, one installed for each printer type; NW Vers. 3 and WS 4 allow you to select printers by name. Most stores sell the switches for about $\$ 60$, but CompuAdd in Austin, TX (800-6271967) advertises them for $\$ 25-30$, and you'll find bargains in surplus.

Arthur Binder reports that his Qulle printer suddenly stopped underlining with NewWord; it now prints a caret ( ${ }^{-}$) where underlining should start ard end. Whenever underlining is called for, NW sends an escape sequence to the printer that. tells it to go into tnat mode; sounas like the place where that sequence is stored on the NW disk has gotten zapped (I dumo trom Quines, but inaybe the sequence is "ESC-Caret" and the ESC character got lost somewhere.) Try reinstalling NW on a fresh disk.


## When the going gets tough, the tough get



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# TIPS 

 Computers hepc ventilation to keep parts cool. Mariy computier parts yenerater a lot. ot heat, and this heat. nemus to be removed to kepp the parts trom selt aestructing and to pre-vent premature failure. Many Morrow MD3-Ps and hard disk Micro Decisions have power supplies which are especially likely to fail over time froim overneating. A very simple main-tenance proceedure for users of these computers is to clean the dust from the outside of the fan screen. I do this with a vacuum cleaner hose ard a paint. brush. Go check your fan screen now. You may never know how nuch trouble you've saved yourself.What to try first. when a Morrow $11 T 70$ terininal key won't work every time: Remove the key cap by getting underneath it. with a bent paper clip or a sfiall screwdriver (or some-thing) and pull it straight up away fron the keyboard. Then put a tiny screwdriver in the rectangular hole at one of the three corners of the keyswitch. Pry inward against the moveable part. of the switch until that corner of the move-able part releases and moves up a tiny bit. Pry up at the other two corners also and then remove the plastic part you just pried out. Inside you see a grey rubber thing that looks like a miniature toilet. plunger. Try to remove it and set it aside without rotating it (so that you'll know how it was oriented when you replace it.). Use a pencil eraser to clean the exposed metal strips left in the key switch. The most important part to clean is the raised dots. Don't over-do it; three or four not. to heavy passes should De enougn. Now you're ready to put the plunger back in. kesist. the teniptation to clean it: l've had only bad luck cleaning these. but look at the black contact part. You may see the im-pres-sion left. by the raised dots on the contact. strips, or you may not. Either way, try to replace the plunger so that it is rotated 90 degrees from its oriyinal orientation, so that a new surface will be contacting the raised dots. Now just press in the plastic part you pried out earlier, press on the key cap, and see if you've solved your problem. (Michael Jones of Datamiax Computer Systems, Lake Junaluska, IN.C., gets a lot. of creait. for helping me develop this one.)

Another tip: avoid static charges or discharges when handling the keyboard connector cord.
-RON JACOBS

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## EAR F00!

Somehow FOOBAR (often known as FOO.BAR) has found it's way into computer jargon, and the MOR RBBS recently had some messages about the term's origin. Although that.'s not my subject, I coulan't resist that sub-title since I am going to discuss filename.FUO and sone other temporary files that Pearl creates.
when all goes well, Pearl makes and uses these files and then erases tnem so you should never see them. But this is not a perfect world and they occasionally show up on the disk, usually when some Pearl process is aborted. Generally their presence causes no problems, since the next time around Pearl simply overwrites them as needed. BUT (there's always a "but"), sometimes Pearl seems to use the presence of a temporary file to tell itself what it is doing -- and then...

I yot a call from a BAMDUA member where this was the problem. Everything seemed fine (and everything veritied) until he went to print a report. Then error message 303 popped up (attempt to read beyond end of file). Usually an attempt to read beyona the end of the file is caused by a bad index (.E00) or improperly closed data (.DUO) file. He did the usual corrective of running file Maintenance option 2 out it dian't help.

After going over the possibilities on the phone and suggesting a rew things to try, it looked like I might have to go to his place for some more elaborate testing and trying. But the problem kept running around in my mind, and so I decided to take a most extreme step. I followea the advice that Kodak gives to photographers: "When all else fails, read the manual."

I use Pearl's last manual, so l'm not sure that the information is in the Morrow Pearl book. But there it was: " 2 . If ... whi le attempting to produce a report...." FOOBAR! I called the BAMDUA member back and we checked his disk -- and there .F00 was. A delete and the report ran tine.

So looking for temporary files is another troubleshooting thing to do. Here's the list: .F00, .K00, .P00, .QUO, .T00, .VOO and . $\$ \$ \$$. (If you are using MS-DOS Pearl, the last two characters of the extension are "01".) This might also be the problem it the error is number 353 and some others.
i understana that foobar was a military term roughly equivalent to SNAFU, Dut I'm sure the Pearl programmers weren't thinking of that when they chose .F00 (well, almost sure). Anyway, bar it (muans acceptable).

[^0]sayes. It's certainly informative and reassuring, especially since the machine just sits there imitating a doorstop. Press return, however, and one or Pearl's more usual messages will appear. I finally found out what whoops! is supposed to liean to mere mortals (Morrows go on forever). You have a report that has been designed under the wrong torili.

This can happen where you have several forms in your design, and the report is getting information from more than one (see MOK, June/July '8b, p.2४). Each report is under or attached to a particular form, which is the one that has the fields that you are going to sort on. It you select the wrong torm, wioops!.

One design consideration is how you are going to pull information out -- in other words, the reports. When setting up a pearl base, try to think of what you might want OUT rather than what you are going to put in (Think Backwaras!). If you have a feeder form that is going to require a sort on one of it.s fields, but the report must be under the receiving form, then you had better save the data into the receiving form rather than make it display-only.

## FILE MAINIENANCE OPTIONS 4,5,6

Most Pearl users find these options very contusing for the good reason that they have no use for them. I will go so tar as to say that nobody should ever use them (I don't!). You should not consider them for troumleshooting no matter what the screen or manual says. winy, then, are they there?

The difference is between the way you use pearl and the way a large corporation with lots of data and Pearl Gurus would work. Of course, I don't know of any larye corporations, etc., that are using Pearl. But PearlSoft had high hopes, and Pearl was developed irom an earlier program thict was for that. market.

A large corporation will have two separated functions--the users, which pearl calls the "production" environment, and the designers, maintainers or programmers that set up the data base. So the data base is being usea, with lots of chlpmunks entering data and producing reports, while the syuirrels are makiny changes in its layout ard structure. Obviously, the "prouuction" environment can not be interrupted or the chipmunks will not get their weekly ration of nuts troll the pears. So the squirrels work separately on another machine. Options 4, b, and 6 are supposed to make it easy for the squirrels to transfer the completed changes to the proauction environment.

There's an easier way. Simply overwrite the old .SU0 and you've saved a copy somewhere). Then re-install the forms anci reports. If fielas have deen eliminated, run File Maintenance option 3, compact. If you co it often, maxe a summit file (see sidebar "COMMAND LINE ENTRILS", MUK, OCt/NKN '8b, p. ̈4).

You do have a complete file of NiUK, NOR-ATLANT'A and BAMDUA newsletters, don't. you:

Cupyright. (C) 1988 by Bruce M. Gowens
Nobody knows if this is an article, an occasional series of articles, or a column. Nowody, that is, but you. So if you find it. interesting, write to the euitors and ask for more. If enough readers ask for more it will be an occasional article. If everyone asks for more it will be a column. (The author requests that you don't make it a colunn since he lacks inagination.) The concept is a bit of this and that about programming in Turbo Pascal with the idea that a little bit of knowledge is a very useful dangerous thing. Kobert. Heinlein once included "programming a conputer" along with "uurping a baby," "basic book-keepiny" and "first aid" in a list of things that define a competent human veing. You don't nave to be a programmer, but a little understanding can go a long way in using your machine. And if. you are a programmer, you may find a useful nugget here or there.

When Optimization Doesn't: The professional programmer press has recently had a bit of fuss about "optimization" compilers. These are supposed to (1) improve the speed of programs writ-ten in high level languages such as C, Pascal, and even, uyh, BASIC, and (2) make life easier for the programmer. They do (1).

A high level languaye is something that you and I can learn to use without too much grief. The "structured" ones (such as Pascal) look and act somewhat like an outline in English. The low level language is Assembler (or, if you are totally out-of-your-mird crazy, machine code). A compiler is the program that. "t.ranslates" what you have written in a high level language into solnetining the machine can use as a program (making a ".COM" or, in MS-DOS, an ".EXE", file).

Since the compiler must be able to make sense of what you want the machine to do, it must translate your high level instructions into machine code that will always do that thing. If you use a low level language such as Assembly you must direct the machine each step of the way, and can take shortcut.s that. redlly cut down the number of nachine operations. Of course, to write programs in Assembly it helps if you are a very patient, painstaking yenius.

Enter "Optimization" compilers that eliminate wasted machine cycles and cut program size. It is beyond the scope of this article to describe all the ways they work, but Turbo Pascal 3.0 for $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$ (let's call it T'P3) is an optinazation compiler -- long betore even the programing magazines sprouted articles and aas. That is one reason that programs written in Turbo Pascal run so fast.

There is, of course, a flip side to the coin, as I discovered on my trusty Morrow with TP3.

You know that. computers are binary ("digital") ratner than uecimal, but it doesn't concern you much unless you are programming. One aspect of binary numbers is that the shl (Shift-Left.) and she (Shiit-Right) TP3 operators will multiply or divide a riumixer wy two. If some variable called "Eight" were equal to b, then "Eic,it shl 2 " is $8 \times 2 \times 2$, or 32 (the number after the shl
or shr operator is the number of places the shitt goes). "Light. shr 1 " would be $8 / 2$, or 4.

Don't yo away! it's easy! Let's pretend that computers worked with decimal numbers just as we do, and see how shl atia shr would work. The decimal number TwothousandAnciTwo has the value of 2002. "T'woThousandAndTwo shl 2" would change its value to 200200. In decinal we multipliea dy 10 each time we shifted left, because each place represent.s a multiple of 10 . With binary numbers each place represents a multiple of two instead of teri. A cuick pause to think about that should make it. clear-your children who had other-base arithnet.ic in fourth grade will find this simple since binary is base-2 and decımal is jase-10; we oldsters have to do a little mental gear-shifting (no, I won't talk about base-10, wnich we all know and hate as "hex").

You know that a byte consists of eight. bits. You can think of a bit as a "place" in a number (byte). In the decimal number 87654321, the digits correspond to the location of the bits in a byte. 8 is the "high Lit," for example. Since binary numbers only have two digits to work with, a byte (string of eight bits) is represented as 10010011 where a " 1 " is called "set." ana a "0" is not set (i.e., it's a zero). This example has the high bit set. .

The shl and shr commands have uses in TP programaing other than multiplying or cividing by two, one of which might be the access to bits within bytes. By shl-ing and shr-ing back and forth we can kick what we don't. want into the "bit bucket" (a classic "circular file" for bits) and determine the setting of a single bit. For example, the file attriuutes in the disk directory (read-only, system, archive, et.c.) are set as bits in a sinyle byte since they will have only one of two values--there is no need to use a whole byte to record eacn of them (prograllmers will nore often use the XOR operator for this, however). En-cryption proyrams often use shr and shr.

Say we want to see how the bit in position 6 is set. For our example we'll declare that it is the only bit. that is not set in the byte, so the byte looks like 11011111 (remember that we count from the right.). We can do a shl 2 and it. will become 01111100 (those two on the left. went into the bit. bucket. and the new places on the riyht become zero bit. value). Then we do a shir 7 and it becomes 00000000 (the seven bits to the right went into the pit bucket.). Then if the by+e has a value of 0 (as in this exallple) the sixth bit was not set; if the byte is 1 , it. was.

Now Dack to our suivject. of optimization (bet you thought. I'd never yet there). Prugramluers will tend to treät operations such as the diove as if they were a mathematical expression, with inner parens done before outer parens. The operation utscrived in the above parayraph is logically expressed in TP as:

Bit.Setting := (Thebyte shl 2) shr 7;
but mathellatically the sul and shr do some cancelling out and this expression is the same as:

> BitSettiny := TheByte shr b;

Turvo Pascal will ao it's best to optimize by avoiding unnecessary operations. Tnat's right, instead of the two operat.ions you intended, the TP3 compiler will first evaluate the expression to one simpler, faster operation -- even if that was not what you wanted the prograil to do. And the result of the code in the example will be "shr 5" or 00000110, a decinal value of six. If you follow that operation with sonething like:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { if BitSetting }=0 \text { then } \\
& \text { Bit.6Set. }:=\text { false } \\
& \text { else } \\
& \text { Bit.6Set }:=\text { true; }
\end{aligned}
$$

you are yoing to be very unpleasantly surprised with a very hara-to-find bug. The sixth bit was not set, but since the optimized code gives a value for bitsetting of 6, your proyram will think that it. was set. (But. I swear, Mr. Pascal, the code makes sense!).

Optimization is wonderful, every programmer loves it. But Pascal is designed to make every step clear, so watch out if you combine operations. Especially any that can be treated as mathemat.ical expressions. So how do you do it? Easy:

> Bit.Sett.ing $:=$ Thebyte shl $2 ;$
> BitSetting $:=$ BitSet.ting shr 7;

TPj treats every line as another operation. Write it as you thought. it.--on two lines. Now a real optimizat.ion compiler would look further than one line, and... But that's another article. As mystic gurus tena to say: "Every journey is taken a step at. a time. Always watch where you put your feet."








When you've had a particularly trying day, you may nave said to yourself, "Some aay I'm going to chuck all this and go do something I really like doing." Aru then the left brain clicks in and says, "But can you live in the manner to which you have become accustomed?" Usually at this point, the idea of retiring evaporates into the far distant future, and you either think about getting another job, or ways of changing all the per-sonalities of people you work with (radical frontal lobotomies?) or ... the mind just wanders off in a daydream in pursuit of its own pleasures.

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Current Age: Retirement Age:
Current Annual Income: \$ Savings/Investments: \$
\% of annual income you can save/invest:
\% of investment income needed to live on after retirement: (Include income taxes in living experises.)
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Anount of taxable income from investments $\qquad$
Amount of non-taxable income from investments
\$ $\qquad$
Total inconie from investments $(b+c)$
\$ $\qquad$
Total taxable income ( $a+b$ ) $\qquad$
Amount of applicable income taxes on item (e) $>$ $\qquad$
Amount of tax in (f) that inust be paid from investment.s (item d)
$\$$
Amount of investment.s needed for livinig expenses $\$ \ldots \quad$ n
\% of investment income needed for taxes and living expenses (item i divided by item d) $\$$ $\qquad$ \%

After entering the variaules into the computer, tables of pre-retirement savinys accumulation and post-retirement fund usage are displayed on screen or optionally printed. Serious analysis of the data can result in a re-examination of goals and give new insight into managing your career. If you cannot contact tne BAKUP RBBS, call me at 415/527-2110 to discuss an alternative. Turn those daydreams into rewarding reality.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is printed as received, but the perception that it may be a sales pitch requires a reminder Caveat Emptor. However, Leonard assures me he is not out there hustling his services as a retirement adviser for fees to be earnea. Now, I would have been, but then that's already my business

Think also in terms of those earnings you may do as a retiree that come from those things that you like to do, and can sell at some profit! writing and consulting come to mind. One could even envision the expansion of his calculations in a spread sheet "what if ..." bit of reasoning for estimates based on aiffering interest rates, variation of age at retirement...

Ecientists have odious manners, except when you prop up their theory; then you can borrow money irom then.
--mark l'wain
The sciences are beneticent. They prevent men troll thinking. --Anatole France

Science is all wrony. It never solves a problem without creat.iny ten more.
--George Bernard Shaw
Science is a collection of successful recipes. --Paul Valery

Art. is I; science is we.
--Claude Eernarcie
Brientists could study the independent. existence of a plum iuduing for a thousand years before they di.scovered it had been steanied in a towel.
--Carl Sardidury

This short, project. was created lor a frierai who wished to builu a raciic controlled mlimp. he neeari to know how diy to buila it to cintain the amount. of lift necessary, and then now much helium and skin favric to buy. He pegan armed with pencil, paper and hand calculator. This is not difficult number crunchiny, wht there's a lot of it. Being a life-lony fan of airships and siniilar creatures, I volunteered to do the calculations.

The math started out not as a calculator project but as a BASIC program. It took a bit of reflection to realize that this an icieal job for a very simple ("Anycalc") spreaasheet!

First, the blimp drawing was sliced up into a mumer of sections, and each section was estimated to be a cylinder of some diameter and some length. The lenyth of each section was entered as a variadle at the top of the spreausheet. The dialleter of each section was entered as the row. The volume and the surface ared of each section could then be salculated in their own columns. First the sipreadisheet. calculates the lift for each volume, and then it substracts the weight of the skin (volunte increases with the cuve of the diameter while the surface area increases with the square of the dianeter). Hence the net lift.

This little proyram also brings to dear a methou calleu numerical integration. The program uses a simple linear methou of numerical inteyration that aivides the olimp into a numper of


Cylinders and then averages the radius between the sections. breaking the design into slualler cylinders would more closely $a_{1}$ ithacen the actual volume. (There is another inteyration method [simpon's] which allows for the curvature of the structure, using smooth yracelul lines rather than chunky cylinders.)

Spreadsheets daapted to co numerical inteyration can then Dr usec to calculate doat flotation, weights and streriyths of tanks and ceesign of spaceships.

We designea a ten foot blinı oy cutting it into ten sections but one hunured sections would have been just as easy. Only a few variables are needed: the lift par cubic foot of the liftiny yas (helium), and the weight of the material used for the skin. A more thorouyn program would incluae tables for air temperature, ballast, etc. It was not difficult to allow tne spreadsheet to calculate the center of lift and center of mass (they should be at the same location).

The beauty of this cuesign systell is that it allows many rapia design iterations by entering only the cnanges, without. having to start over each time. No expensive math programs had to be purchased or written. Spreadsheets have the reputation for just aoing financial calculations. Doing non-financial sturt demonstrates their versatility and is a whole lot more iun. Count Von zeppel in would have loved this.

## BLIMPS

| LIFT lb/ct | 0.06 | HELIUM |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SKIN WEIGHT lb/sqtt | 0.01 |  |


| SECTION |  |  | SURFACE | SKIN | GROSS | NET | TOTAL | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMEER | RADIUS | Vous | AREA | WEIGFT | LIFT | LIFT | LIFTS | WEIGHT |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 | 0.80 | 0.50 | 2.51 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| 2 | 1.40 | 3.80 | 6.91 | 0.07 | 0.23 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.09 |
| 3 | 1.80 | 8.04 | 10.05 | 0.10 | 0.48 | 0.38 | 0.55 | 0.19 |
| 4 | 2.00 | 11.34 | 11.94 | 0.12 | 0.68 | 0.56 | 1.11 | 0.31 |
| 5 | 2.00 | 12.57 | 12.57 | 0.13 | 0.75 | 0.63 | 1.73 | 0.44** |
| 6 | 1.80 | 11.34 | 11.94 | 0.12 | 0.68 | 0.56 | 2.29 | 0.56 |
| 7 | 1.50 | 8.55 | 10.37 | 0.10 | 0.51 | 0.41 | 2.70 | 0.66 |
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| 9 | 0.70 | 2.84 | 5.97 | 0.06 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 3.07 | 0.81 |
| 10 | 0.00 | 0.38 | 2.20 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 3.07 | 0.83 |
| TOTALS |  | 65.09 | 82.94 | 0.83 | 3.90 | 3.07 |  |  |

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## VOLUNTEERS WHO ANSWER HEIP CALLS OF MEMBERS

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