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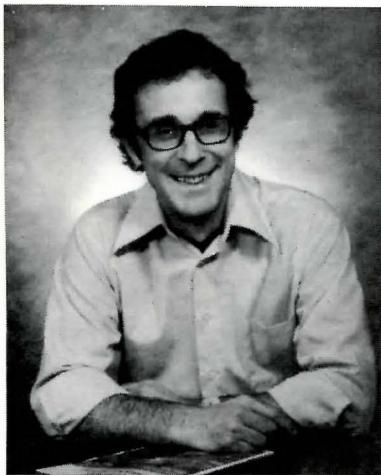
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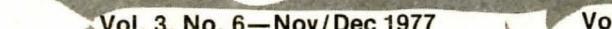
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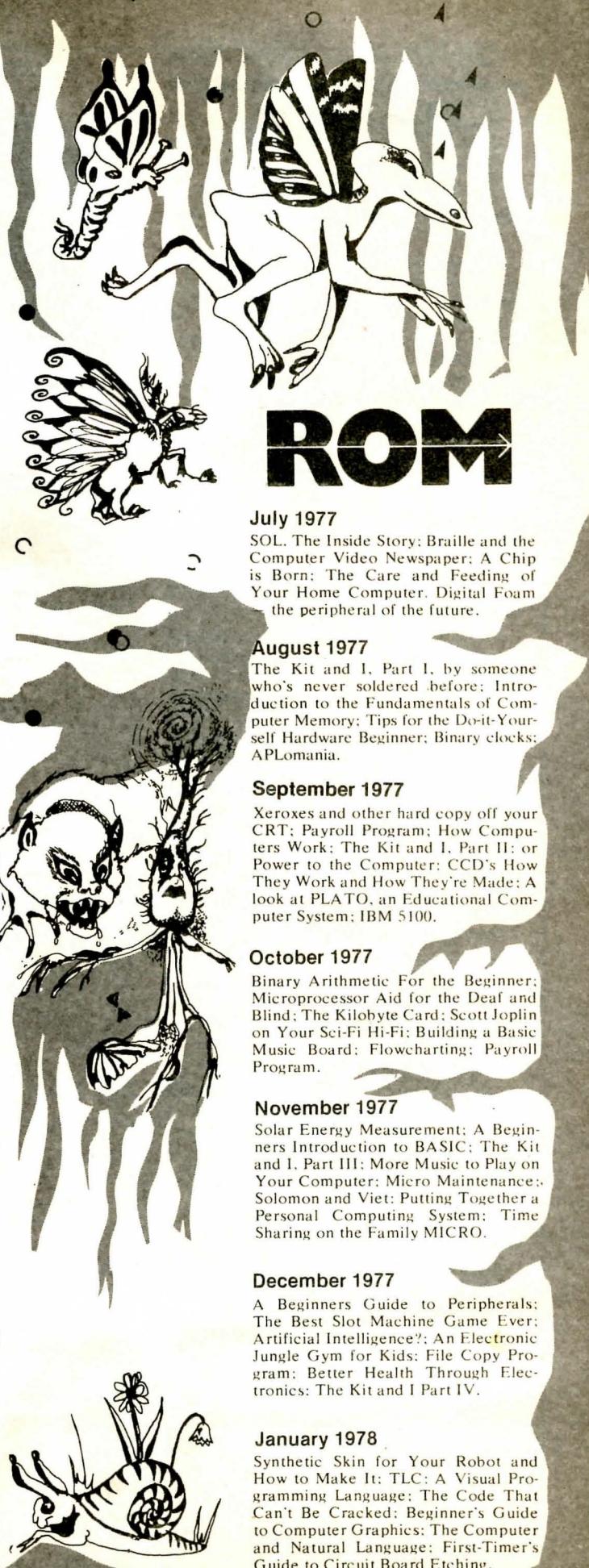
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## A Fascinating Computer

The ZX80 doesn't have memory mapped video. Thus the screen goes blank when a key is pressed. To some reviewers this is a disadvantage. To our editors this is a challenge. One suggested that games could be written to take advantage of the screen blanking. For example, how about a game where characters and graphic symbols move around the screen while it is blanked? The object would be to crack the secret code governing the movements. Voila! A new game like Mastermind or Black Box uniquely for the ZX80.

We made some interesting discoveries soon after setting up the machine. For instance, the CHR\$ function is not limited to a value between 0 and 255, but cycles repeatedly through the code. CHR\$(9) and CHR\$(265) will produce identical values. In other words, CHR\$ operates in a MOD 256 fashion. We found that the "=" sign can be used several times on a single line, allowing the logical evaluation of variables. In the Sinclair, LET X=Y=Z=W is a valid expression.

Or consider the TL\$ function which strips a string of its initial character. At first, we wondered what practical value it had. Then someone suggested it would be perfect for removing the dollar sign from numerical inputs.

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Applications and software are the meat of SYNC. We recognize that along with useful, pragmatic applications, like financial analysis and graphing, you'll want games that are fun and challenging. In the charter issue of SYNC you'll find several games. Acey Ducey is a card game in which the dealer (the computer) deals two cards face up. You then have an option to bet depending upon whether you feel the next card dealt will have a value between the first two.

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SYNC is a Creative Computing publication. Creative Computing is the number 1 magazine of software and applications with nearly 100,000 circulation. The two most popular computer games books in the world, *Basic Computer Games* and *More Basic Computer Games* (combined sales over 500,000) are published by Creative Computing. Creative Computing Software manufactures over 150 software packages for six different personal computers.

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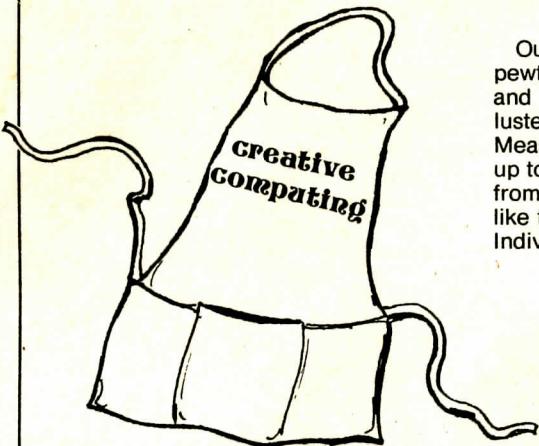
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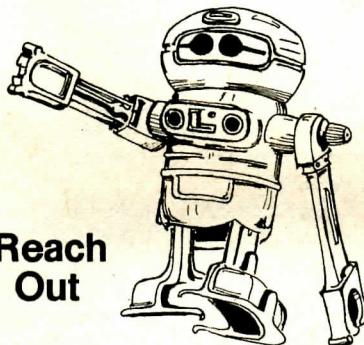
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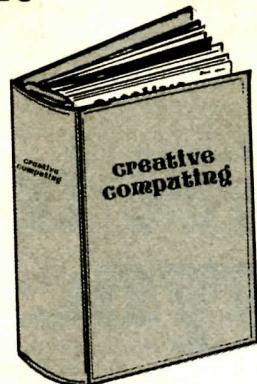
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## The story behind the two best selling computer games books in the world.

# Computer Games

by David H. Ahl

Everybody likes games. Children like tic tac toe. Gamblers like blackjack. Trekkies like Star Trek. Almost everyone has a favorite game or two.

### It Started in 1971

Ten years ago when I was at Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC), we wanted a painless way to show reluctant educators that computers weren't scary or difficult to use. Games and simulations seemed like a good method.

Contents of *Basic Computer Games* (right) and *More Basic Computer Games* (below).

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### Converted to Microsoft Basic

The games in the original book were in many different dialects of Basic. So Steve North and I converted all the games to standard Microsoft Basic, expanded the descriptions and published the book under the new name *Basic Computer Games*.

Over the next three years, people sent in improved versions of many of the games along with scores of new ones. So in 1979, we totally revised and corrected *Basic Computer Games* and published a completely new companion volume of 84 additional games called *More Basic Computer Games*. This edition is available in both Microsoft Basic and TRS-80 Basic for owners of the TRS-80 computer.

Today *Basic Computer Games* is in its fifth printing and *More Basic Computer Games* is in its second. Combined sales are over one half million copies making them the best selling pair of books in recreational computing by a wide margin. There are many imitators, but all offer a fraction of the number of games and cost far more.

The games in these books include classic board games like checkers. They include challenging simulation games like Camel (get across the desert on your camel) and Super Star Trek. There are number games like Guess My Number, Stars and Battle of Numbers. You'll find gambling games like blackjack, keno, and poker. All told there are 185 different games in these two books.

Whether you're just getting started with computers or a proficient programmer, you'll find something of interest. You'll find 15-line games and 400-line games and everything in between.

The value offered by these books is outstanding. Every other publisher has raised the price of their books yet these sell for the same price as they did in 1974.

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Examine one or both of these books and key some games into your computer. If you're not completely satisfied we'll refund the full purchase price plus your return postage.

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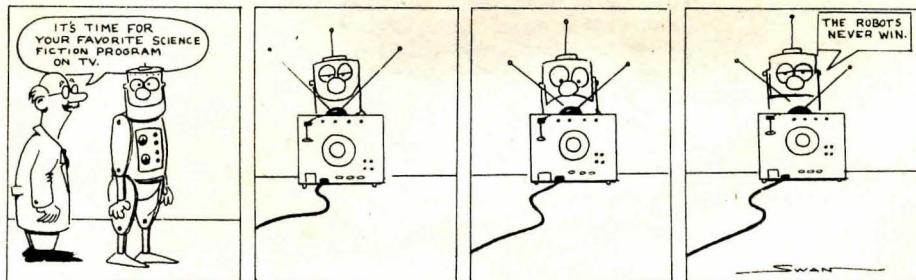
# Do Computer Enthusiasts Have More Fun?

## The Colossal Computer Cartoon Book

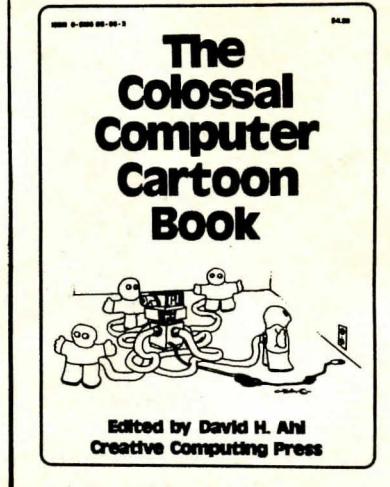
The best collection of computer cartoons ever is now in its second printing, and sports a bright new cover. The fifteen chapters contain hundreds of cartoons about robots, computer dating, computers in the office, home, and lab, and much more. 36 cartoonists share their views of man's ultimate machine.

Keep this book with your reference works. When needed, the right cartoon can say it all for you. When you need a break from debugging a good laugh can give you a welcome lift. Recommended for hours of fun and comic insight.

Edited by David Ahl, mastermind behind the April Fool's issue of Dr. Kilobyte's Creative Popular Personal Recreational Micro Computer Data Interface World Journal, this cartoon book contains much of that same incurable zaniness. [Want this issue? It's April 1980 and only \$2.50 postpaid].



A large 8 1/2 x 11" softbound collection of 120 pages, it still sells for only \$4.95. (6G).



## A one-hour LP record of eight synthesizers may change your views about computer music forever

### Binary Beatles

by David Ahl

Computer music. Who needs it? It's mostly boring beep, beep, beeps or wildly modern stuff. It's certainly nothing you'd want to listen to more than once. That's what I thought about computer music and most of my friends agreed.

In 1978 I entered Yankee Doodle Dandy into my Software Technology system just to be different. Dick Moberg heard of it and asked me to perform in the Philadelphia Computer Music Festival. I agreed expecting to be the only one with something out of the ordinary. I was wrong.

#### Computer Accompanist

Nine individuals and groups performed in the festival. There were the usual Bach pieces but even they were different. Gooitzen van der Wal performed the last movement of the 2nd Bach Suite in a unique way. He played the flute solo while using the computer as accompaniment.

Then Dorothy Siegel did the same thing, playing the clarinet solo part of Wanhal's Sonata in b flat. The audience went wild.

Hal Chamberlin played Bach's Tocatta and Fugue in d minor. But also with a difference. He used a large computer before hand to "compute" the waveform of every

instrument playing every note. It took one hour of computation time for each two minutes of playback time. The result could hardly be distinguished from the organ in the Hapsburg Cathedral.

Don Schertz had a home brewed synthesizer truly mounted on a breadboard that allowed him to control 25 parameters of each note. It produced spectacular sounds in his arrangement of Red Wing.

#### Singing Computer

In 1962, D.H. Van Lenten at Bell Laboratories produced the first talking computer. Bell engineers taught it to recite the soliloquy from Hamlet. Then they went one step further and taught it to sing Daisy both alone and accompanied by another computer. This was also performed at the festival.

Yes, the Beatles were represented. Andrew Molda played Hey Jude on his COSMAC VIP system with a program called PIN-8 (Play it Now).

#### Superb Quality Recording

All these pieces and twelve others were recorded with broadcast quality equipment. Because of audience noise, eight were re-recorded later in a studio. We then took these tapes to Tru-Tone, a top recording

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Finished recordings were then pressed on top-quality vinyl and inserted into liners and record jackets. These were then shrink wrapped in plastic for maximum protection. We guarantee that every LP record is free from defects or we will replace it free of charge.

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# Computer Lawnmower



Can a computer mow your lawn? Not yet.

But a flowchart can show you how to make money cutting five lawns a day. The flowchart is easy. Mowing the lawns is still hard work.

Dr. Sylvia Sharp and Marion Ball wanted a way to introduce basic computer concepts to children in grades 5 to 9 of the Philadelphia City Schools. So they identified some tasks that kids understood like mowing lawns, issuing paychecks and controlling traffic lights. They showed how computers are used in these tasks.

## Flowcharts - A basic concept

They devised flowcharts. They located scores of photos. And they found an artistic high school student to illustrate these concepts with lively full-color drawings.

They then wrote a light-hearted but informative text to tie it all together. It talked about kinds of computers, what goes on inside the machine, the language of the computer and how computers work for us.

They took the problem of averaging class grades and showed how a simple program could be written to do this job.

## Well-qualified authors

Marion Ball has written other books on computer literacy. Sylvia Sharp is the director of educational computing for Philadelphia City Schools. They pooled their talents to produce this book, *Be A Computer Literate*.

This easy-to-read book explains how computers are used in medicine, law enforcement, art, business, transportation and education. It's interesting and understandable.

## Too much demand

The Bell System distributed 50,000 copies to schools throughout the U.S. but they couldn't meet the continuing demand. So Creative Computing Press now distributes the book. It's just \$3.95 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. Send name and address plus payment or credit card number and expiration date to Creative Computing Press, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Visa, MasterCard and American Express orders may also be called in toll-free to 800-631-8112 (in NJ 201-540-0445).

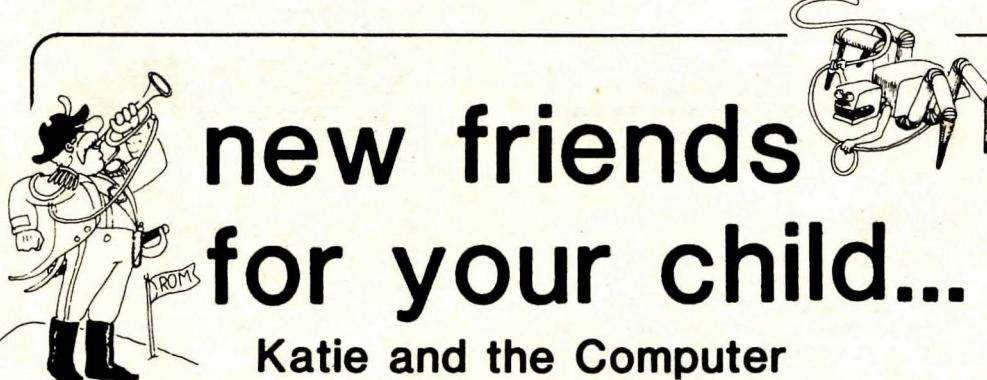
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# new friends for your child...

## Katie and the Computer



Fred D'Ignazio and Stan Gilliam have created a delightful picture book adventure that explains how a computer works to a child. Katie "falls" into the imaginary land of Cybernia inside her Daddy's home computer. Her journey parallels the path of a simple command through the stages of processing in a computer, thus explaining the fundamentals of computer operation to 4 to 10 year olds. Supplemental explanatory information on computers, bytes, hardware and software is contained in the front and back end papers.

Thrill with your children as they join the Flower Bytes on a bobsled race to the CPU. Share Katie's excitement as she encounters the multi-legged and mean Bug who lassoes her plane and spins her into a terrifying loop. Laugh at the madcap race she takes with the Flower Painters by bus to the CRT.

"Towards a higher goal, the book teaches the rewards of absorbing the carefully-written word and anticipating the next page with enthusiasm..."

**The Leader**

"Children might not suspect at first there's a method to all this madness—a lesson about how computers work. It does its job well."

**The Charlotte Observer**

"...the book is both entertaining and educational."



The book has received wide acclaim and rave reviews. A few comments are:

"Lively cartoon characters guide readers through the inner chamber of the computer."

**School Library Journal**

"...an imaginative and beautifully conceived children's story that introduces two characters—the Colonel and the Bug—who already seem to have been classic children's story book characters for generations."

**The Chapel Hill Newspaper**

Written by Fred D'Ignazio and illustrated in full color by Stan Gilliam. 42 pages, casebound, \$6.95. (12A)

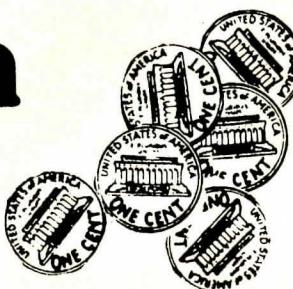
A t-shirt with the Program Bug is available in a deep purple design on a beige shirt. Adult size S, M, L, XL. Children's size S, M, L. \$6.00.



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The most complex computer circuit can be explained with just nine cents

# Common Cents



The "penny switch." It sounds strange. But it's not.

Joe Weisbecker, the designer of the RCA 1802 microcomputer, was trying to explain to some children just how a computer works. He wasn't having much success.

## Computers Aren't Magic

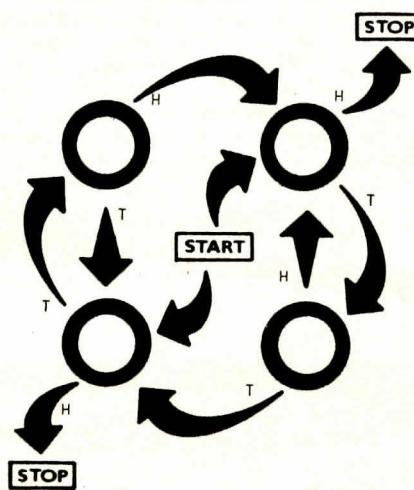
Joe's hobby is magic. He thought, "maybe I can use some kind of illusion to show how a computer works." But he didn't really want to use an illusion. He didn't want the children to think of a computer as magic.

So he hit upon the idea of a simple flip-flop switch (the most common circuit in a computer) represented by the head or tail of a penny. This flip-flop circuit uses just one penny. Every time it receives an impulse it changes from head to tail or tail to head. Simple.

But then Joe went on and put two of these simple flip flops together to make a circuit that adds two numbers together. And another that subtracts numbers. Kids loved these circuits and played with them like games.

## Games With Pennies

Before long, Joe devised circuits to play more complicated games like Tic Tac Toe,



"Heads Up Game." Starting with tails in all positions, how many times through to get all four pennies heads up?

Guess A Number and Create A Pattern. Pretty soon he had 30 circuits (or games) that explained everything about computers from a basic adder to complex error correction. The most complex circuit uses just nine pennies (or dimes for the big spender).

These circuits, each one with a full size playing diagram, have been collected together in a book called *Computer Coin Games*. With this book children or adults can easily understand the workings of even the most complex computer circuits.

*Games Magazine* said, "whether or not you have any experience with computer technology, you'll be both amazed and delighted with the simplicity of the format and the complexity of the play. All you need is some common cents."

*Dr. Dobbs Journal* agreed, saying, "*Computer Coin Games* is a simple approach to a complicated concept. The book is liberally sprinkled with clever illustrations and diagrams, and provides a relatively painless route to understanding how computer circuits function."

## Money back Guarantee

We're convinced that you'll understand the inner workings of a computer after playing these 30 games. If you don't, send the book back and we'll refund the complete price plus your postage to send it back.

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With its wonderful illustrations by Sunstone Graphics, *Computer Coin Games* makes an ideal gift. *The Association for Educational Data Systems* calls the book "an ideal introduction to the concepts of computer circuitry."

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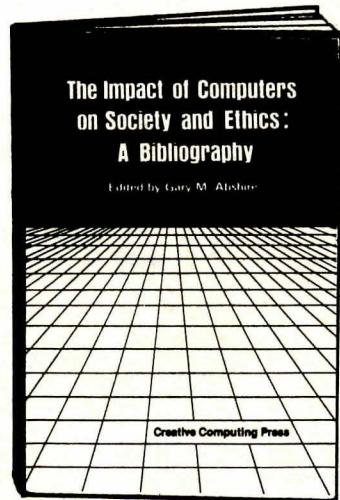
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## An Important Reference

# Computers, Ethics and Society

Where is the computer leading us? Is it a menace or a messiah? What are its benefits? What are the risks? What is needed to manage the computer for society's greatest good? Will we become masters or slaves of the evolving computer technology?

This bibliography was created to help answer questions like these. The works cited can provide the range of facts and opinion necessary to your understanding of the role of the computer.



This is a bibliography of works dealing with the ways in which computers are being used in our society, the beneficial changes that are taking place in our lives as a result of computer technology, the social and ethical problems intensified by the improper use of computers, the dangers of computerized society, the safeguards and defenses against those dangers, the attempts to indicate what computerized direction the future will take, and the responsibilities of computer professionals. It contains 1920 alphabetical entries of books, magazine articles, news items, scholarly papers and other works dealing with the impact of computers on society and ethics. Covers 1948 through 1979.

Compiled by Gary M. Abshire. Hardbound, 128 page. \$17.95. (12E)

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that never got into  
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Problems for Computer Solution  
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Some of the problems are not new like the one asking how much the \$24 the Indians were paid for Manhattan would be worth today had it been deposited in a bank. However, this problem was revised to have a variable interest rate so it would be a challenge to program. Of course, many of the problems are new and have never been in print before.

The student edition has 106 pages and includes all 90 problems (with variations), 7 appendices and a complete bibliography. Cost is \$4.95.

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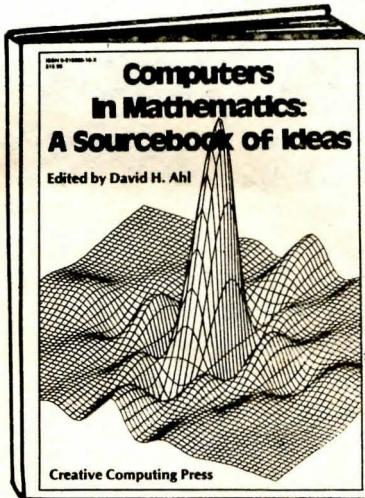
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The formula to solve this problem is not easy. The computer simulation is. Yet you as a teacher probably don't have time to devise programs to illustrate concepts like this.

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The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has strongly endorsed the use of computers in the classroom. Unfortunately most textbooks have not yet responded to this endorsement and do not include programs or computer teaching techniques. You probably don't have the time to develop all these ideas either. What to do?

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### Ready-to-use-material

This book contains pragmatic, ready to use, classroom tested ideas on everything from simply binary counting to advanced techniques like multiple regression analysis and differential equations.

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Another section presents over 250 problems, puzzles, and programming ideas, more than are found in most "problem collection" books.

*Computers in Mathematics: A Sourcebook of Ideas* is edited by David Ahl, one of the pioneers in computer education and the founder of *Creative Computing*.

The book is not cheap. It costs \$15.95. However if you were to order just half of the back issues from which articles were drawn, they would cost you over \$30.

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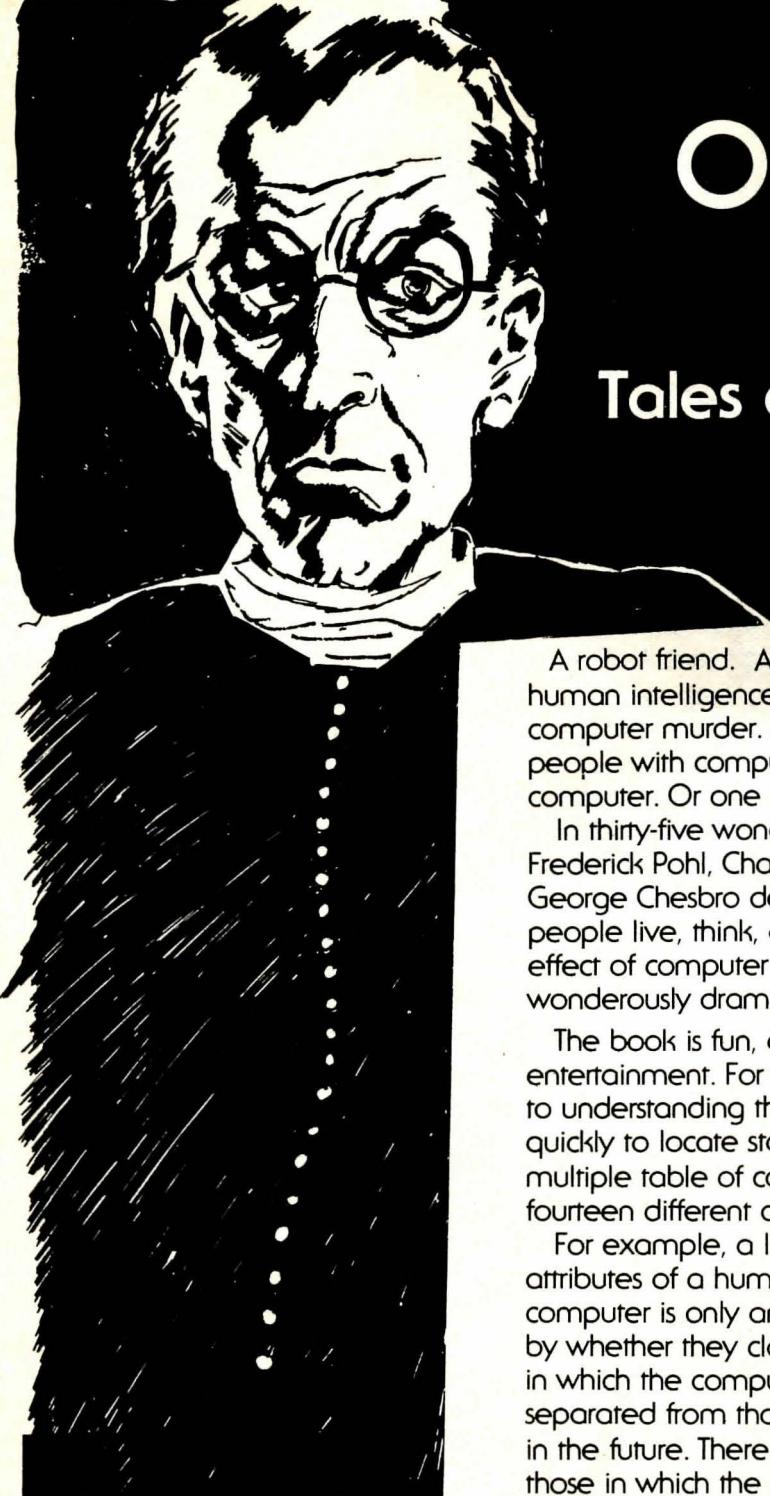
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In 1976, Creative published *The Best of Creative Computing, Volume 1*. I proposed to Virginia Londoner, publisher of *Byte*, that we also publish articles from *Byte* in book form. She agreed, and so we published *The Best of Byte, Volume 1*. It's a huge book of 386 pages with articles on hardware, software, technical tutorials, how-to materials and even some philosophy.

Although some of the technical material in *The Best of Byte* is out of date today, it nevertheless provides a good historical framework for the personal computing field. Not at all out of date are most of the software articles and tutorials. Similar books of other publishers are selling for \$20 and up, so at \$11.95, this one is quite a bargain.

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About the same time we were preparing *The Best of Byte* for publication, Nat Wadsworth of Scelbi approached *Byte* about doing a similar book. Virginia wanted to be nice to everyone, so she gave permission. Thus was born the *Scelbi-Byte Primer*.

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#### Hidden Away

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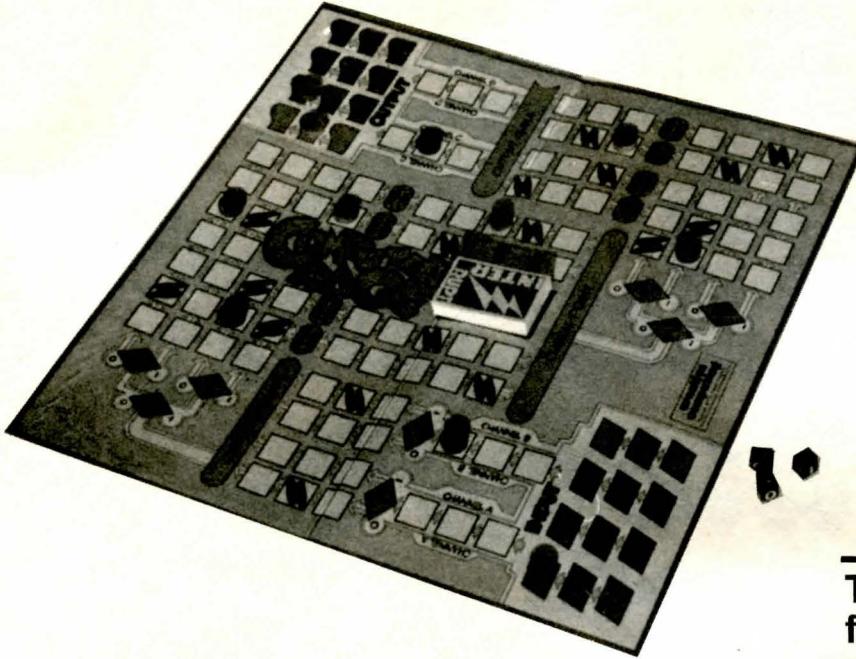
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The binary number can be easily converted to a decimal number. A binary 101 equals a decimal 5. After using these dice a few times, these conversions are quickly done even by 7 year olds.

#### Designed for Understanding

Binary dice are just one of many unique elements of the *Computer Rage* board game. The whole game is designed to help players easily understand the complexities of a large multiprocessing computer system while having great fun playing.

Imagine you're using a large computer along with many other users. It's Thursday and payroll checks have to be run. They have priority over your job. When this happens in the game you lose a turn. But then a vice president wants the results from the program you're working on—take another turn. Oh, oh, in your hurry, you make a program mistake. Too bad—return to the last checkpoint.

Meanwhile one of your opponents, a fellow user of the computer, has heard from the president that one of his three programs has top priority; it advances to the output queue. But wait, on your next move you land on an "interrupt" and find that a brownout has just occurred, the computer has crashed, and all the programs of all players must return to the last checkpoint.

The binary dice return to your opponent. He rolls 011, a four, and lands on a decision

point. Rolling one die he gets a 1 which means he takes an 8-step flow instead of a 16-step one.

One it goes until one of the two to four players gets all of his programs to the output printer and wins.



Sets of three binary dice used in *Computer Rage* are available separately.

#### Sturdy Components

The game comes with a colorful, big 19" x 19" playing board, 38 interrupt cards, 12 miniature disk pack playing pieces (3 for each player) and 3 binary dice. A supplement to the rules describes the way in which *Computer Rage* parallels a multiprocessing system.

*Computer Rage* is designed for players from 7 to 14 years old but obviously can be played by adults as well. It is for two to four players. Many schools use the game along with a book such as *Be A Computer Literate* in computer literacy units for Grades 3 to 8. It's also an excellent game to have available in open or alternative classrooms.

#### Discounts Available

In fact we feel so strongly that *Computer Rage* should be in every school that we're offering a special discount to schools and to people who buy a game for a school.

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Roll down the block with this little black **Robot Rabbit** (on a bright orange t-shirt) on your back and you can intimidate every carrot, radish or cuke in your way.

# ALF Music Synthesizer

The ALF Apple Music Synthesizer (AMS) is an easy to use peripheral which allows you to program music into an Apple II computer using standard musical notation. The ALF kit includes the synthesizer board (plugs into any peripheral slot), exceptional quality software, and an extensive user manual.

## Sophisticated Music Entry Program

Sheet music is easily entered using the Apple game paddles. The high-resolution ENTRY program features the familiar music staff with a "menu" of musical items listed beneath it (note lengths, rests, edit commands, accidentals, etc.). One game paddle moves a cursor up and down the music staff and is used to select the note pitch; the second paddle chooses from the menu items (note length, etc.) With the ALF hi-res ENTRY program, you won't have to use cryptic codes to select note parameters.

As you program sheet music with ENTRY, measure bars are inserted automatically (and note values are tied over the bar where necessary). Key signatures are also automatic—you don't have to keep writing in every sharp or flat!

Three monophonic, individual parts can be programmed with each ALF Music Synthesizer. Two boards are required for stereo. A total of three synthesizers can be used simultaneously for a maximum of nine voices. By controlling the envelope (or shape) of each voice, many different instrumental sounds can be simulated.

## Eight-octave Range

The ALF Music Synthesizer has a pitch range of eight octaves—a wider range than a grand piano. The ALF can also play semitones—"blues notes" or the pitches in between the keyboard notes of a piano. (The pitch range is from 27.5 to 55,000 Hertz, well beyond the limits of human hearing.) Tuning accuracy is virtually perfect within two cents of pitch value.

Every parameter of the ENTRY program can be changed again and again during a musical piece. For example, you can make changes in key, time signature, volume, and timbre (envelope). Parts can be edited at any time, also. Notes can be added or deleted, note length can be changed, as well as pitch, volume, etc.

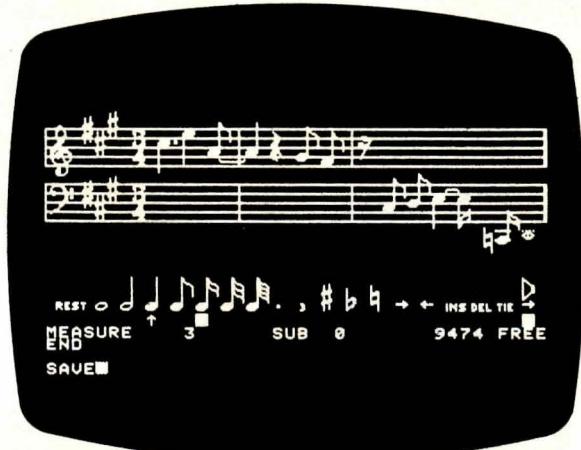
You can save songs on either cassette or disk, and play them back using either ENTRY or PLAY. The playback speed is adjusted with one of the game paddles, and can be varied during the playback, if you wish to change the overall tempo.

## Colorful Playback Display

The ALF Music Synthesizer features a 16-color low-res graphic display during song playback. Each musical part is represented on a stylized piano "keyboard"—the intensity of the note determines the color, and the pitch is shown in relation to "middle C".

The ALF Music Synthesizer requires the use of an external audio amplifier. Stereo programming is possible with the use of two or three synthesizer boards.

The ALF software includes the ENTRY and PLAY programs, sample songs, an introduction to "envelope shaping", and demonstrations of advanced uses of the synthesizer.



*With the ALF software, entry of music is easy, fast and accurate.*

## Nine Voices for only \$198

The new ALF "AM-II" music synthesizer offers an unbeatable value for the Apple owner who is a music hobbyist. With nine voices on a single music board for \$198.00, the AM-II is the most economical device for creating music with the Apple.

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The AM-II has **stereo output** (3 voices in left, 3 voices in the middle, 3 voices in the right).

How can the AM-II offer so much for only \$198.00? The two basic differences between the AM-II and the ALF Apple Music Synthesizer (AMS) are pitch accuracy and dynamic range. The AM-II has an accurate pitch range of about six octaves. Pitch values above the treble staff become increasingly inaccurate. Also, the AM-II has a dynamic range of 28db, with 16 different volume levels, (the AMS has a dynamic range of 78db).

The AM-II is manufactured with the same high quality standards as other products from the ALF Corporation. No sacrifice has been made in reliability; the new AM-II is simply a great bargain.

Professional musicians will still want to use the original Apple Music Synthesizer (AMS) for its extended range and volume controls (the AMS has a range of 8 octaves). But for the Apple owner who is interested in music as a hobby, the AM-II is the best music peripheral value available today.

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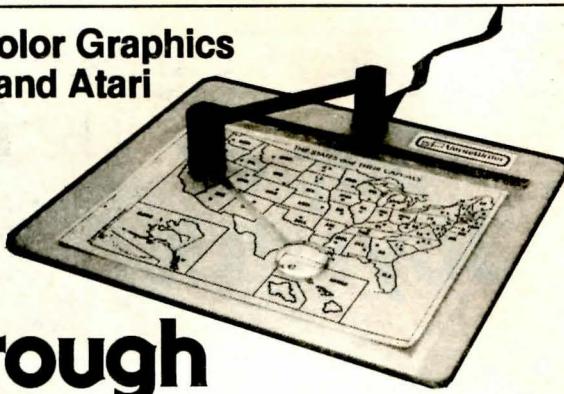
At each joint in the arm of the VersaWriter is a potentiometer. A cable from these potentiometers connects to the paddle input of the computer. No special interface electronics or board is needed. Since the arm of the VersaWriter bends only in one direction, each point on the plotting head corresponds to a unique set of resistances on the potentiometers. All that's needed now is software to translate these resistances into usable screen coordinates.

### Exceptionally powerful software

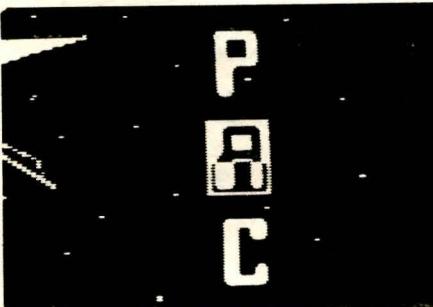
It is in the software where VersaWriter really stands out. VersaWriter comes with two full disks of user-oriented software. First it has sets of "low level" commands for entering, creating and copying drawings and diagrams. Secondly, it has extensive sets of application routines for moving, enlarging, rotating, coloring or animating drawings that the user has created.

### Graphics Systems

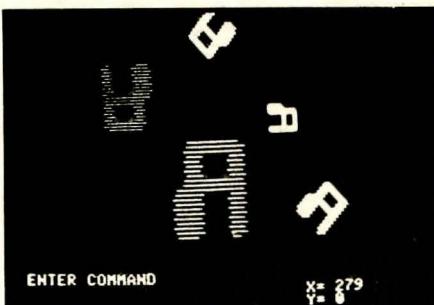
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Of course the basic commands let you enter a drawing freehand or by tracing it. Want a wider "brush stroke"? Six widths are available. Drawings can be independently scaled in both the vertical and horizontal directions. An enclosed shape may be filled in with any of 212 colors. No, that is not a misprint—by the same technique that a printing press can create hundreds of colors from three primary ones, so can VersaWriter.



Here a shape (the letter A) is being scanned. After putting it in a shape table it may be used in other programs.



From the shape table, a shape (the letter A) may be enlarged, shrunk, rotated, colored or moved about the screen.

### Create Animation for Other Programs

The shapes you create with VersaWriter can be used and manipulated with ease in other programs. Up to 255 shapes can be entered into a shape table. These shapes may then be placed on the screen in any position or may be overlaid on a full or partial screen image. Animation is produced easily by moving about a portion of the image created by VersaWriter. For example, by alternating between two images of an airplane propeller it will appear to be spinning.

Other VersaWriter software includes text-writer with which text can be added to graphics. Upper and lower case, choice of color, text size, direction and starting point all may be specified.

The Area/Distance program lets you calculate distances (or perimeters) by entering a scale and tracing a shape or map route with the drawing arm. Areas of figures, open and irregular, can be similarly calculated.

The software also includes sets of electronic and computer logic shapes. In addition, an entire disk of dramatic demonstration graphics is included. These twelve full-screen graphics run the gamut from a fully labeled cross section of a human skull to colored maps to animated cartoons to an electronics schematic.

### Free Software Updates

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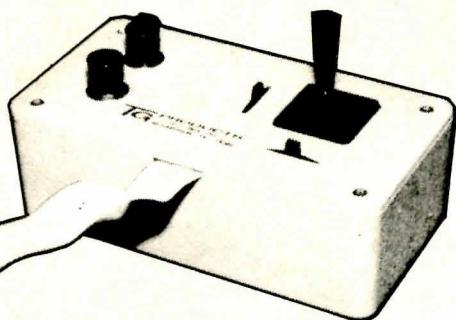
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**Why would anyone spend \$59.95 for a joystick?**



Star Wars. Played with paddles, it's difficult at best and frustrating at worst. But with a joystick it becomes an entirely new experience. It's still challenging. It's also fun. And very addictive.

Have you ever used a drawing program in which one paddle controls the horizontal movement of the "brush" and the other paddle the vertical? It's slow, tedious work. But with a joystick, drawing is an absolute joy.

#### **Exceptional Precision**

The Apple high-resolution screen is divided into a matrix of 160 by 280 pixels. To do precise work on this screen, you need a precise device. Most potentiometers used in paddle controls are not quite linear. If you rotate a paddle control at a constant speed, you'll notice that the cursor speeds up slightly at the beginning and end of the paddle rotation.

The Super Joystick has a pure resistive circuit which is absolutely linear within one tenth of one percent. In other words it would give you precise control over an image of 1000 by 1000 pixels, were such resolution available. Thus it is suitable for high precision professional applications as well as educational and hobbyist ones.

#### **Matched to your application**

The Super Joystick also has two external trim adjustments, one for each direction. This allows you to perfectly match the unit to your application and computer. Say you want to work in a square area instead of the rectangular screen. Just reduce the horizontal size with the trim control.

How many times have you played Space Invader and had your thumb ache for hours from the repeated button pressing? This won't happen with the Super Joystick. It's two pushbuttons are big. Moreover, they use massive contact surfaces with a life of well over 1,000,000 contacts. A few games of Super Invader using these big buttons will justify the purchase of the Super Joystick.

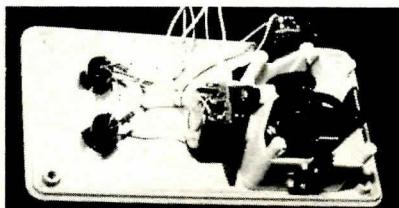
The Super Joystick is self-centering in both directions. That means when you take your hand off it, the control will return to the center. However, if you want it to stay where you leave it, self-centering may be easily disabled.

The Super Joystick plugs right into the paddle control socket and doesn't require an I/O slot.

# **Super Joystick**

#### **High-quality construction**

The sturdy metal case of the Super Joystick matches that of the Apple computer. Every component used is the very highest quality available. The Super Joystick even uses a full 16-conductor ribbon cable so you can add a second joystick if you wish. The first Super Joystick replaces Paddles 0 and 1. You may not realize it, but the Apple can support four paddle controls. A second Super Joystick would replace Paddles 2 and 3.



*By removing two springs, self-centering can be defeated.*

We invite your comparison of the Super Joystick with any other unit available. Order it and use it for 30 days. If you're not completely satisfied, return it for a prompt and courteous refund plus your return postage. You can't lose.

The Super Joystick consists of a self-centering, linear joystick, two trim controls, and two pushbuttons mounted in an attractive case. It comes complete with an instruction booklet and 90-day limited warranty. Cost is \$59.95.

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Every component in a set of Super Paddles is the very finest quality available. The set is backed by a 90-day limited warranty from the manufacturer as well as Peripherals Plus' moneyback guarantee of satisfaction.

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The quality of cassette tape used to save and load programs is an important factor in getting the programs to run. Tape quality for computers is measured differently from quality for audio tape. The tape must be capable of sending to the computer the electronic signals of the program without transmitting extraneous noises that could interfere with the ability of the computer to load the tape.

Our blank cassettes are tested and recommended for computer use. C-10 cassette, 5 min. per side, blank label on each side in a Norelco hard plastic box. [0010] \$1.25 each.

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After hours of use, the read/write head in a cassette recorder will pick up minute particles of tape oxide. This dirt will hardly be noticeable in dictation or music. But it is very noticeable in computer use. One dropped bit in 16,000, and the program won't load.

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Lynn Busby, president of the Computer Station, as seen by the Dithertizer II.

Dithering. Developed at Bell Labs and MIT, dithering was originally an approach to picture transmission. Compared to other methods, dithering is fast and accurate.

The Dithertizer II was designed for the Apple computer by David K. Hudson, a researcher at MIT. Design goals were high accuracy, fast scanning, maximum reliability and an economical price.

#### High Quality Images

The resolution is of the Dithertizer is the maximum the Apple can handle in the high-resolution mode, i.e., 280 x 192 (53,760 pixels).

To produce an image, a video camera is focused on the subject. Peripherals Plus furnishes a Sanyo VC161OX camera, a laboratory/industrial unit with an f 1.6 lens. This camera has a focus range of 18" (for extreme close ups) to infinity (for distant subjects).

The camera scans an entire frame in 1/60th of a second. Two frames are scanned, of course, in 1/30th of a second. By adjusting the blackness control (with Paddle 0) to any one of 255 levels you can determine the threshold of gray between the two frames.

A 1/30th second, two-frame scan has two levels of gray and produces a high-contrast but quite recognizable image.

#### Pictures or Contours

Using the "Contour" software routines and contrast control (Paddle 1), it is possible to subtract one image from another. If the blackness thresholds of the two images are close, say 125 and 127, the resulting image will show just the outlines or highlights of an object.

Another possibility is to reduce the contrast to zero which results in a nearly blank screen except for movement in the area scanned.

This type of movement detector is much faster (1/30th second) and more precise than other much more expensive systems. It is currently being used to detect and record movement of laboratory animals. It is also used in security installations.

The "Dithering" software routines use the contrast control to divide an image into gray tones. As mentioned above, two levels (usually white and black) result in a high contrast image. Four gray levels provide additional definition while sixteen levels produce a highly detailed image in just over 1/4th of a second. Extremely high detail is possible using the highest 64-gray level setting. At this level, an image is produced in 64/60ths of a second or just over one second. The quality of this image is close to that of a halftone photograph found in a newspaper or magazine.

#### Using Dithered Images

What can one do with a dithered image? Upon completion it can be stored automatically in either page 1 or 2 of the high-resolution graphics area of the Apple. Hence, it can be printed out on practically any printer. To print it on an Apple Silentype printer or equivalent requires no additional software.

To take advantage of the automatic print routines in the Dithertizer itself does require additional software tailored to a specific printer. Software packages are available at \$44.95 each for the following printers: IDS 440, 445, 460, and 560; IP225; Anadex DP9500 and DP9501; Spinwriter 5510 and 5520.

Individual images or series of images may also be incorporated in other programs in the same way that other hi-res graphics are used. Using VersaWriter software, for example, text may be added to images. An image may be shown on the screen while a disk is

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# Dithertizer!

loading or while the computer is completing a time-consuming calculation in another program.

With the proper software, the Dithertizer can be used to perform image enhancement, to identify features, detect motion, track a moving target or create a detailed picture for display. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

#### Quality Construction

The dithertizer is manufactured to exacting specifications by Computer Station. It consists of the Dithertizer II board which plugs into Slot 7 in the Apple II, a cable which connects between the Dithertizer and motherboard and a 10 foot cable to the camera. The system requires a 48K Apple disk system.

The software package consists of three routines on disk: "Dither" to build a gray scale picture, "Contour" to produce an edge scan using image subtraction, and "Dscan" to store a binary image in either page 1 or 2 of the high-resolution graphics area.

Peripherals Plus also includes a Sanyo VC161OX video camera with external horizontal and vertical sync input.

The components of the package—hardware, software and camera—are warranted by the manufacturers against defects in material and workmanship for 90 days. In addition, Peripherals Plus guarantees that if you are not completely satisfied you may return the system for a prompt and courteous refund.

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The entire Dithertizer system consisting of the Dithertizer board, Sanyo camera, cables and software costs only \$650 plus \$6 shipping and handling in the continental United States. Customers in other locations should write for shipping rates. Price for the board and software alone is \$300 while the camera alone is \$410. To order your system, send payment or Visa, MasterCard or American Express card number and expiration date to the address below. Credit card customers may also call orders to our toll-free number.

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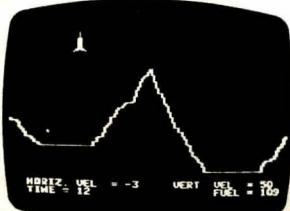
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## Space Games-I

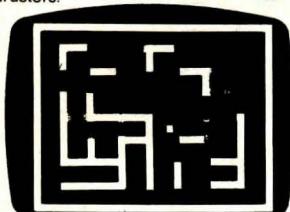
Cassette CS-4001 \$11.95

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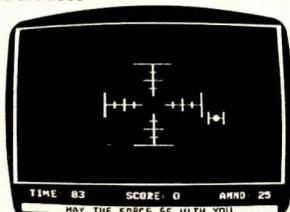
Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Saucer Invasion.** Fire missiles to destroy the invaders who fly at different speeds and altitudes.



**Rocket Pilot.** Maneuver your spaceship over the mountain using horizontal and vertical thrusters.



**Star Wars.** Shoot down as many TIE fighters as possible in 90 seconds.

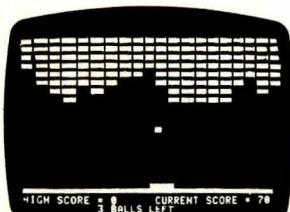
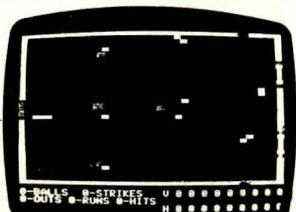
**Dynamic Bouncer.** A colorful, ever-changing graphics demonstration.

## Sports Games-I

Cassette CS-4002 \$11.95

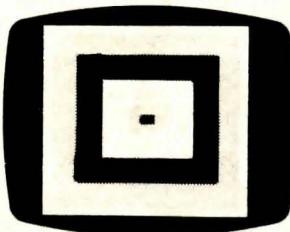
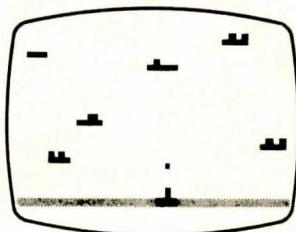
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**Baseball;** A 2-player game with pitching, batting, fielding, stealing and double plays.

**Breakout.** Four skill levels and improved scoring make this the best breakout ever.



**Torpedo Alley.** Sink as many warships as possible in 2 minutes.

**Darts.** Use game paddles to control the throw of 6 darts.

## Space & Sports Games

Disk CS-4501, \$24.95

Requires 32K Apple II or Apple II Plus

This disk contains all eight games from cassettes CS-4001 and CS-4002.

## Strategy & Brain Games

Disk CS-4502, \$24.95

Requires 32K Apple II or Apple II Plus

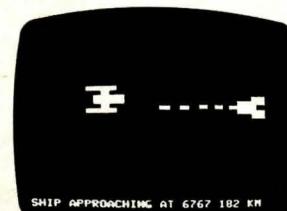
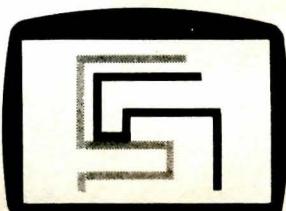
This disk contains all 12 games and programs from cassettes CS-4003 and CS-4004.

## Strategy Games

Cassette CS-4003 \$11.95

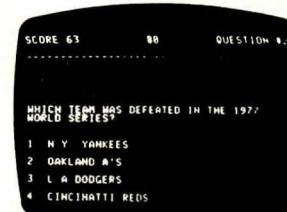
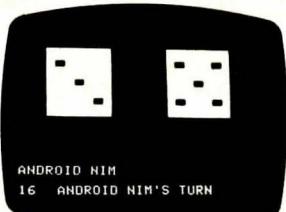
5 Programs

Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Blockade.** Build a wall to trap your opponent, but don't hit anything.

**UFO.** Use lasers, warheads or guns to destroy an enemy spacecraft.



**Skunk.** A 2-player strategy game played with dice, skill and luck.

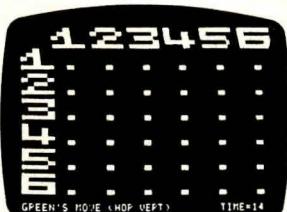
**Genius.** A fast-moving trivia quiz with scores of questions. **Checkers.** A computer version of an all time favorite.

## Brain Games

Cassette CS-4004 \$11.95

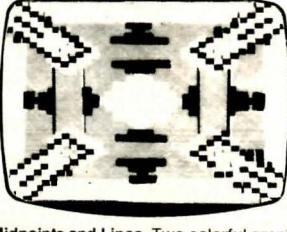
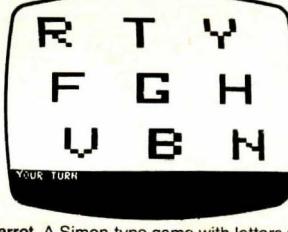
7 programs

Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Dodgem.** Be the first to move all your pieces across the board in this intriguing strategy game.

**Nuclear Reaction.** A game of skill, fast decisions and quick reversals of position.



**Parrot.** A Simon-type game with letters and tones. **Dueling digits** is a version with numbers.

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## Haunted House

Cassette CS-4005  
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Requires 16K



It's 6:00 pm and you have until midnight to find the secret passageway out of a large rambling HAUNTED HOUSE. During your search you'll encounter skeleton keys, charms, friendly ghosts, and evil spirits. Sound effects add to the eeriness. The layout changes in every game.

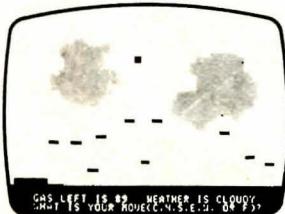
## Outdoor Games

Cassette CS-4010 \$14.95 4 Programs

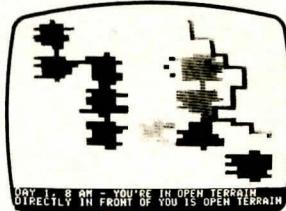
Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Forest Fire.** Use chemical retardants and backfires to control raging forest fires.



**Fishing Trip.** Try to catch flounder and salmon while avoiding logs, sharks, bad weather and running out of fuel.



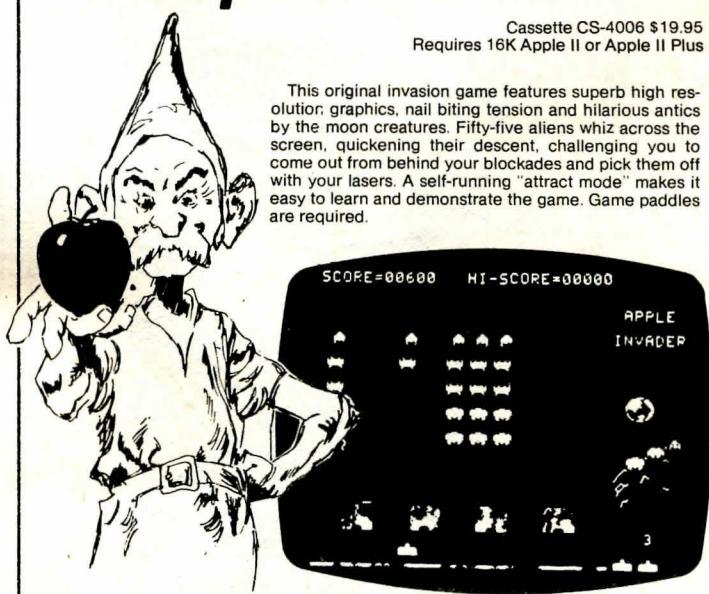
**Treasure Island I.** Your map shows buried treasure but unfortunately you don't know where you are. Try to find the treasure while moving about and observing your surroundings. You have a 3-day supply of food and water. You may find useful objects (compass, weapons, a horse) but watch out for hazards (robot guards, pirates, caves, crocodiles, mountain lions and more).

**Treasure Island II.** Same game except you have to use a metal detector to find the treasure.

## Super Invasion

Cassette CS-4006 \$19.95  
Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus

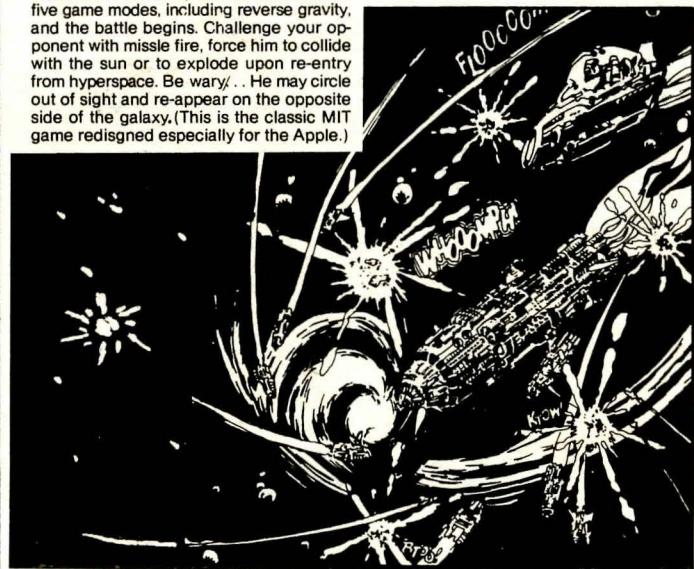
This original invasion game features superb high resolution graphics, nail biting tension and hilarious antics by the moon creatures. Fifty-five aliens whiz across the screen, quickening their descent, challenging you to come out from behind your blockades and pick them off with your lasers. A self-running "attract mode" makes it easy to learn and demonstrate the game. Game paddles are required.



## Space War

Cassette CS-4009 \$14.95  
Requires 16K  
Apple II or Apple II Plus

Take command in Space War. Select from five game modes, including reverse gravity, and the battle begins. Challenge your opponent with missile fire, force him to collide with the sun or to explode upon re-entry from hyperspace. Be wary... He may circle out of sight and re-appear on the opposite side of the galaxy. (This is the classic MIT game redesigned especially for the Apple.)



### Outdoor Games and Haunted House

Disk 4504, \$24.95  
Requires 32K Apple II or Apple II Plus

This disk contains all five programs from cassettes CS-4005 and CS-4010.

### Super Invasion Space War

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## Air Traffic Controller



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Requires 16K  
Cassette CS-4008

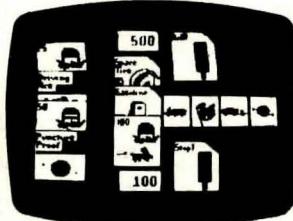
Apple II or  
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This fast-moving, real time program puts you in the chair of an air traffic controller. You control 27 prop planes and jets as they land, take off and fly over your air space. You give orders to change altitude, turn, maintain a holding pattern, approach and land at two airports. Written by an air traffic controller, this realistic machine language simulation includes navigational beacons and requires planes to take off and land into the wind. With its continuously variable skill level, you won't easily tire of this absorbing and instructive simulation.

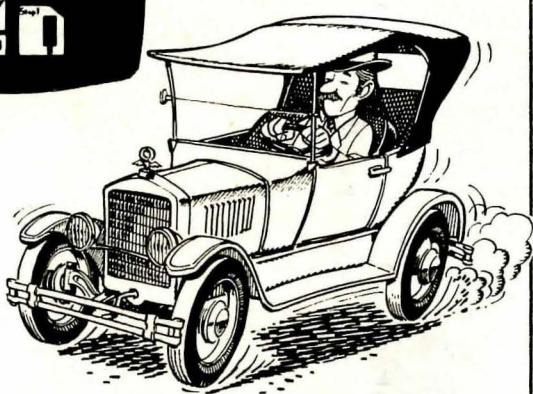
## Milestones

Cassette CS-4015 \$11.95

Requires 48K      Applesoft or Apple II Plus



The object of Milestones is to complete a 700-mile auto trip before your opponent, the computer. You must deal with hazards of the roads: stop lights, flat tires, speed limits, accidents and gas shortages. Spectacular high-resolution color graphics.



## Action & Bumping Games

Disk CS-4516, \$24.95

Requires 32K Applesoft or Apple II Plus  
This disk contains all six games from cassettes CS-4017 and CS-4020.

### Milestones

Disk CS-4515, \$19.95  
Requires 48K Apple II or Apple II Plus

In addition to the game itself, this disk contains the complete playing instructions.

### Advanced Air Traffic Controller

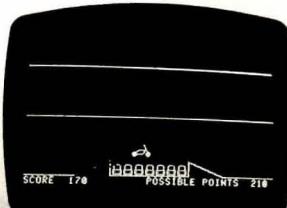
Disk CS-4517, \$19.95  
Requires 16K Apple or Apple II Plus

This price is an advanced version of Air Traffic Controller (Cassette CS-4008) offering additional features and challenge.

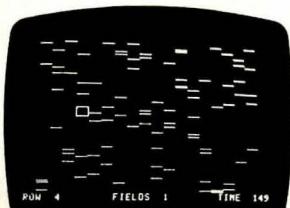
## Action Games

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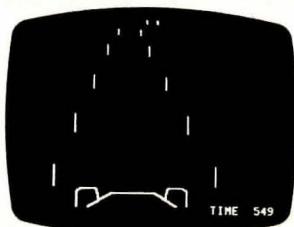
3 Games      Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



Cycle Jump. Try to jump over rows of cars, buses and trucks.



Mine Rover. Use your rover to cross a mine field with moving mines.

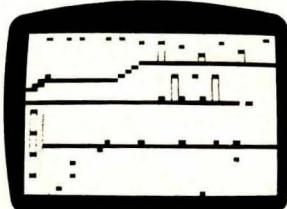


Road Machine. Drive over a curving, mountain road as fast as possible. Eight skill levels.

## Bumping Games

Cassette CS-4020 \$11.95      3 Programs

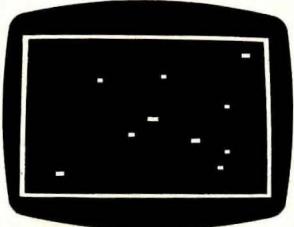
Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



Obstacle Course. This multi-level course includes hurdles, ladders, tires and penalty areas. Different every time.



Hustle. The score keeps building but the escape routes dwindle. Can you reach the blocks before they disappear?



Bumper Blocks. An absorbing game of evasion and collision. Five skill levels.

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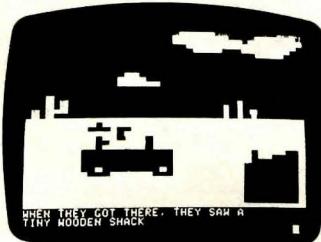
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## Story Time and Don't Fall

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Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY SAW A TINY WOODEN SHACK

### Story Time.

What's your name? Please name someone you like. What are you afraid of? Name a food you don't like. Using the answers to these questions, the computer makes up a delightful story presented with sound and full-color graphics. Over 100,000 variations are possible which incorporate different locales (desert, mountain, seashore, school yard), weather, time of day, and surprise events (find a creepy cave, haunted house, pink flying saucer and much more).



THE WORD IS EASILY WRONG LETTERS AUXGDFZCH  
WHAT LETTER DO YOU GUESS? ■

### Don't Fall.

Several new features make this adaptation of hangman better than ever. You can choose words from nine categories (sports, countries, etc.). Every letter you guess that is not in the words brings you one step closer to falling in the water. In the second part of each round you give the computer a word which it must guess, otherwise it falls in. Three skill levels.

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## 3 Adventures

Disk CS-4513 \$39.95

Requires 48K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Adventureland** (by Scott Adams) You'll encounter wild animals, dwarfs and many other puzzles and perils as you wander through an enchanted world, trying to rescue the 13 lost treasures. Can you rescue the Blue Ox from the quicksand? Or find your way out of the maze of pits? Happy Adventuring!

**Pirate Adventure** (by Scott Adams)— "Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of rum . . ." You'll meet up with the pirate and his daffy bird along with many strange sights as you attempt to go from your London flat to Treasure Island. Can you recover Long John Silver's lost treasures? Happy sailing matey . . .

**Mission Impossible Adventure** (by Scott Adams)— Good Morning. Your mission is to . . . and so it starts. Will you be able to complete your mission in time? Or is the world's first automated nuclear reactor doomed? This one's well named, its hard, there is no magic but plenty of suspense.

Good Luck . . .

## Adventures on Cassette

Five adventures are available singly on cassette. Each requires a 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus and costs \$14.95.

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- CS-4012 Pirate Adventure
- CS-4013 Mission Impossible
- CS-4014 Voodoo Castle
- CS-4021 The Count

## Story Time

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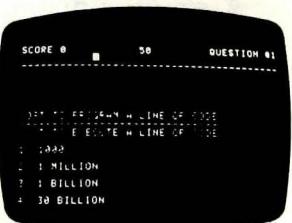
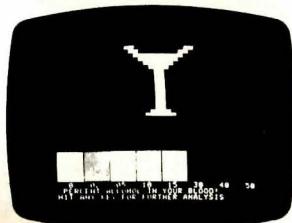
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## Know Yourself

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5 Programs

Requires 16K Integer Basic



**Alcohol.** Using body weight, time drinking, and type and number of drinks the program predicts your likely behavior.

**Sex Role.** Are you androgynous? Examine your nature, behavior and attitudes in light of society's changing concept of sex roles.

**Life Expectancy.** The computer analyzes your responses to 20 questions and estimates your life expectancy. Find out the influence of where you live, smoking or exercise with this program.

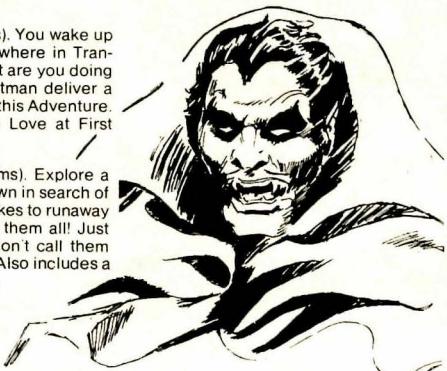
**Psychotherapy.** Feelings, phobias and mental health are analyzed in this program. The computer makes no judgements but helps you decide if you might benefit from a psychotherapist.

**Computer Literacy.** 5 questions per round on history, technology and practices in the computer field.



## Voodoo Castle The Count and Ghost Town

Disk CS-4514 \$39.95  
Requires 48K  
Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Voodoo Castle** (by Scott Adams). Count Cristo has had a fiendish curse put on him by his enemies. There he lies, you are his only hope . . . will you be able to rescue him—or is he forever doomed? Beware the Voodoo man.

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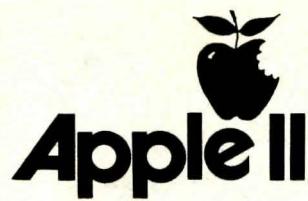
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## CAI Programs Vol I

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**U.S. Map.** Identify states and their capitals.

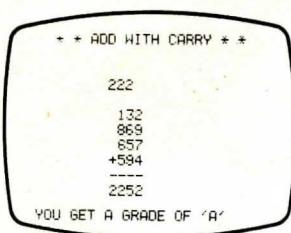
Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Spelling.** Study aid with your list of troublesome words.



**Math Drill.** Arithmetic drill and practice with large or small display.



**Add With Carry.** Drill and practice on sums requiring numbers to be carried.

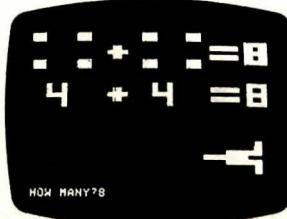
## CAI Programs Vol II

Cassette CS-4202 \$11.95



**European Map.** Identify countries and their capitals.

Requires 16K Apple II or Apple II Plus



**Meteor Math.** Learn math skills by destroying menacing meteors.

**Music Composing Aid.** Make and play your own music on the Apple. No additional hardware required. Includes a sample from Bach's Tocatta & Fugue in D minor.



### CAI Programs I and II

Disk CS-4701, \$24.95

Requires 32K Integer Basic

This disk contains all 7 programs from cassettes CS-4201 and CS-4202.

**Note:** The ecology simulations programs are not available on cassette.

### Stock & Options Analysis

Disk CS-4801, \$99.95

Requires 32K Applesoft or Apple II Plus

This is a comprehensive set of four programs for the investment strategy of hedging listed options against common stocks. A complete description is in the TRS-80 section. Available August 1981.

## Ecology Simulations - I

Disk CS-4706, \$24.95

Requires 48K Applesoft in ROM or Apple II Plus

### Pop

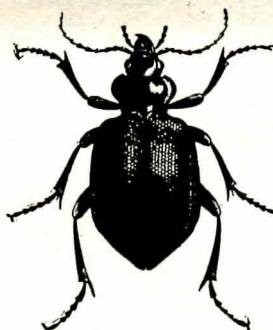
The POP series of models examines three different methods of population projection, including exponential, S-shaped or logistical, and logistical with low density effects. At the same time the programs introduce the concept of successive refinement of a model, since each POP model adds more details than the previous one.

### Tag

TAG simulates the tagging and recovery method that is used by scientists to estimate animal populations. You attempt to estimate the base population in a warm-water, bass-bluegill farm pond. Tagged fish are released in the pond and samples are recovered at timed intervals. By presenting a detailed simulation of real sampling by "tagging and recovery," TAG helps you to understand this process.

### Buffalo

BUFFALO simulates the yearly cycle of buffalo population growth and decline, and allows you to investigate the effects of different herd management policies. Simulations such as BUFFALO allow you to explore "what if" questions and experiment with approaches that might be disastrous in real life.



## Ecology Simulations - II

Disk CS-4707 \$24.95

Requires 48K Applesoft in ROM or Apple II Plus

### Pollute

POLLUTE focuses on one part of the water pollution problem; the accumulation of certain waste materials in waterways and their effect on dissolved oxygen levels in the water. You can use the computer to investigate the effects of different variables such as the body of water, temperature, and the rate of dumping waste material. Various types of primary and secondary waste treatment, as well as the impact of scientific and economic decisions can be examined.



### Rats

In RATS, you play the role of a Health Department official devising an effective, practical plan to control rats. The plan may combine the use of sanitation and slow kill and quick kill poisons to eliminate a rat population. It is also possible to change the initial population size, growth rate, and whether the simulation will take place in an apartment building or an entire city.

### Malaria

With MALARIA, you are a Health Official trying to control a malaria epidemic while taking into account financial considerations in setting up a program. The budgeted use of field hospitals, drugs for the ill, three types of pesticides, and preventative medication, must be properly combined for an effective control program.

### Diet

DIET is designed to explore the effect of four basic substances, protein, lipids, calories and carbohydrates, on your diet. You enter a list of the types and amounts of food eaten in a typical day, as well as your age, weight, sex, health and a physical activity factor. DIET is particularly valuable in indicating how a diet can be changed to raise or lower body weights and provide proper nutrition.

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## Hail to the Chief



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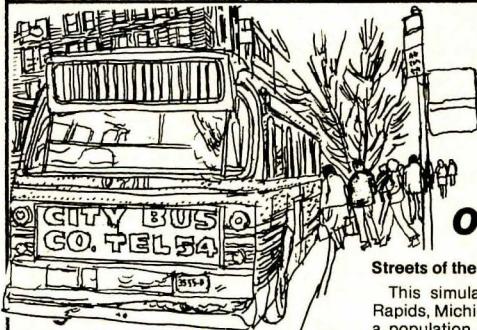
CS-4704 Apple II Disk, 48K \$24.95

Your object in this simulation is to be elected president. In your campaign you set your strategy and carry it out week by week. You may run TV or magazine ads, travel to different states, hold news conferences and participate in a debate.

You must take a position on ten campaign issues such as Energy Policy, Unemployment, Taxes, Mid-East Policy and Strategic Arms Limitations. You must manage your fund raising efforts to business, labor and mass direct mail solicitations.

The package includes four models of varying complexity; each can be used at ten levels of difficulty. The more complex models introduce the influences of incumbency, campaign finance and spending limits.

*Hail to the Chief* has been used as a teaching aid in Political Science, Voting Behavior and Computer Science at the University level since 1976. It is a well proven package which includes a comprehensive manual.



CS 4710 Applesoft Disk (32K) \$24.95

**Trucker** Available 7/81

This program simulates coast-to-coast trips by an independent trucker hauling various cargos. The user may haul oranges, freight or U.S. mail. All have different risks and rewards. Maximum profit comes from prudent risk-taking.

If all goes well, you can obey the speed limits, stop for eight hours of sleep each night and still meet the schedule. Bad weather, road construction or flat tires may put you behind schedule. You may try to increase your profit by skimping on sleep, driving fast or carrying an overweight load.

Other factors are choice of routes, truck payments, fuel, food, tolls and fines. The simulation is engrossing and informative.

## Trucker and Streets of the City

### Streets of the City

This simulation is modeled on Grand Rapids, Michigan, a metropolitan area with a population of 550,000. The budgeting, cost and work standard bases are derived from actual experiences of the city over the past five years. The objective of the simulation is to complete a ten-year plan of street and transit improvements while retaining the support of a majority of the City Commission.

During your tenure, you must construct streets and Interstate highways, repair existing streets, and improve traffic safety. For the Transit Authority you have to upgrade and replace a dilapidated bus fleet, increase ridership, reduce maintenance downtime and improve on-schedule performance.

Other factors to be considered are operating tax levies, construction bonding and labor negotiations. The simulation provides a substantial challenge and it is both educational and entertaining.

## Disk Organizer

Disk CS-4802, \$24.95 48K Apple II Plus

Tired of writing scads of disk information on tiny little labels? Let your Apple do the work with **Disk Organizer**. This utility program examines each disk, displays the number of free sectors, searches for control characters, and creates a file of your programs. The file can be sent to the screen or to a

printer. And that's just the start. You can sort the file by program name, program language, or disk volume number, and search for a specific program, for all programs in a certain language, or for all programs on a specific disk. Once a file is created, it can be transferred to any disk. For those emergencies when you need to save a file and have no space on available disks, the program includes an initialize utility. Disk organizer can save hours of time that were once wasted searching for programs.

## Gradebook

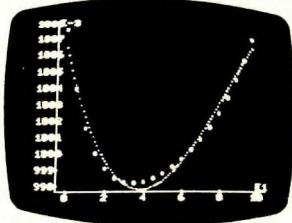
Disk CS-4709 \$24.95

Requires 32K Applesoft or Apple II Plus

The GRADEBOOK system is a package of ten interlocking programs in APPLESOFT BASIC on a single diskette. Gradebook brings the speed and accuracy of the computer to the teacher's traditional grading and record-keeping procedures. In this process, several new capabilities emerge. Some are described below, while you will discover others for yourself as you explore this highly interactive, user-oriented system designed with the classroom teacher in mind.

- 1) CLASSFILE INITIATION leads you step-by-step through setting up a class file and storing it on the disk.
- 2) SCORE ENTRY uses the roster set up in CLASSFILE INITIATION to enter a class set of scores on one or more assignments.
- 3) SINGLE STUDENT EDITOR permits you to fill in "incompletes", correct mistakes made in SCORE ENTRY, etc.
- 4) CLASS ROSTER CHANGE is exactly what it sounds like.
- 5) RECORD CHECK first summarizes the state of the class as a whole, then lets you check on how any individual is doing.
- 6) STATISTICAL SUMMARY can actually be run at any time you want a detailed summary of student performance for an entire class.

## Scientific Plotter and Curve Fitter



### Scientific Plotter

Disk CS-4803, \$24.95

### Curve Fitter

Disk CS-4804, \$34.95

Requires 48K Apple II Plus

Turn your Apple into a valuable and versatile laboratory tool. **Scientific Plotter** produces high-resolution graphs with ease and elegance. Data can be entered through the keyboard, from disk files, or directly from Basic subroutines. The scale and endpoints of the graph are under your control. Numeric labels are automatically added to the axes. Text labels can be placed anywhere on the screen, with horizontal or vertical orientation.

This brief description barely begins to cover the full range of this versatile graphic aid. The program can scale logarithmically, scale each axis independently, plot selectively in quadrants of the screen, plot with any of twenty symbols in four different sizes, and much more. Anyone who needs to convert data into meaningful graphs will find **Scientific Plotter** is an invaluable aid.

**Curve Fitter** gives visual meaning to your data. Information can be entered through the keyboard or from disk. **Curve Fitter** can also accept information from analog instruments such as spectrophotometers or pH meters. Data can be scaled, converted to log form, or offset by a constant. Smoothing and averaging features are included in the program.

With a choice of three methods of interpolation and three methods of least squares fitting, **Curve Fitter** can provide the best high resolution curve for any meaningful data. Once the curve has been produced, unknowns can be entered and an interpolated value will be returned.

With many user-oriented features, such as numbered axes, four selectable plotting symbols, and the ability to save all data on disk, **Curve Fitter** will prove invaluable to anyone working with data.

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## Tough Criteria

Good educational software must meet specific objectives in the teaching/learning process. It must motivate and hold the attention of the students. It must not bore the gifted students nor be over the heads of slower students. It must be "user friendly" to both the teacher and student. And it must be accompanied by clear documentation, worksheets and all the material necessary to use it effectively.

A tall order.

But one which MECC has met.

The Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium (MECC) was founded in 1973 with the goal of extending the benefits of computers to every school in the state. Over the years, MECC has developed procedures for finding and perfecting programs from contributors throughout the state.

## Few Programs Qualify

Before a program is accepted for the MECC library it is judged on ten specific criteria. For example:

1) Accuracy ... Is all spelling and grammar correct? Does each question provide for a correct and appropriate response?

2) Audience ... Is the intended audience (grade level and subject) served by the degree of difficulty and scope of the program? Is the reading level of the text material suitable?

3) Clarity ... Are explanations and instructions sufficient, clear and straight forward? Is the presentation well-formatted?

4) Graphics ... Are the graphics appropriate and sufficient in quantity?

Other criteria include documentation, function, programming, and the like. Similar criteria are applied to the documentation. This insures that the reading level is appropriate, that objectives are well-stated and that associated materials are available.

What this all means is that the educational software packages from MECC are among the best available anywhere. They are pedagogically sound, thoroughly tested and well documented.

Now the MECC software library is available to both schools and individuals through Creative Computing Software.

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### Apple Demonstration Diskette MECC-701, \$19.95

A sample of the different kinds of applications available on the MECC diskettes is shown. The software demonstrates applications in drill and practice, tutorial, simulation, problem solving, and worksheet generation. Samples from music, science, social studies, industrial arts, reading and mathematics are provided.

### Elementary—Volume 1 (Mathematics) MECC-702, \$24.95

The first elementary diskette contains programs to be used in the elementary mathematics classroom. Games of logic such as BAGELS, TAXMAN, and NUMBER, drill and practice programs, such as SPEED DRILL, ROUND, and CHANGE, and programs about the metric system such as METRIC ESTIMATE, METRIC LENGTH, and METRIC 21 are included on the diskette.

### Elementary—Volume 2 (Language Arts) MECC-703, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

The teacher can enter lists of spelling words in the computer and have them used by the program SPELL, which drills students on the spelling, MIXUP which presents the word in mixed up order, or WORD FIND, which will create a word find puzzle for the teacher to duplicate. If words and definitions are entered, a CROSS WORD puzzle can be generated or a WORD GAME can be played. Two other programs included on this diskette are TALK, a program designed to introduce students to the computer or AMAZING which prints out worksheet mazes. Several programs on this diskette use a printer.

### Elementary—Volume 3 (Social Studies) MECC-704, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

The SELL series, SELL APPLES, SELL PLANTS, SELL LEMONADE, and SELL BICYCLES which appears on the ELEMENTARY VOLUME 3 diskette can be used to teach elementary economics to students in grades 3-6. CIVIL will reenact battles of the CIVIL war while STATES and STATES2 provide drill and practice on the location of states in the U.S. and their capitals.

### Elementary—Volume 4 (Mathematics And Science) MECC-705, \$24.95

Two mathematics programs ESTIMATE and MATHGAME provide reinforcement on estimating and basic facts. Food chains in fish can be studied through ODELL LAKE while ODELL WOODS deals with food chains in animals. SOLAR DISTANCE teaches the concepts of distances in space and URSA provides a tutorial on constellations.

### Elementary—Volume 5 (Language Arts) MECC-719, \$24.94 (Available 7/81)

ELEMENTARY—VOLUME 5 deals with the reading concept of prefixes. The diskette contains five lessons which both teach the prefixes of UN, RE, DIS, PRE, and IN. Two review drills, DRAGON FIRE and PRE-APP II, are also contained on the diskette.

### Elementary—Volume 6 MECC-725, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

Historical simulations, OREGON, VOYAGEUR and FURS are included in the ELEMENTARY—VOLUME 6 diskette. Along with these programs are NOMAD which teaches map reading and SUMER.

### Special Needs—Volume 1 (Spelling) MECC-727, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

This diskette is designed to drill handicapped students on frequently misspelled primary and intermediate words. Students answer problems by either using the game buttons, the game paddles or any key on the keyboard.

### Science—Volume 2 (Senior High) MECC-709, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

Many of the programs on this diskette were developed by Minnesota teachers. PEST, which deals with the use of pesticides, and CELL MEMBRANE which the user takes the part of a cell membrane, can be used in biology classes. SNELL plots light refraction demonstrating SNELL's law while COLLIDE simulates the collision between two bodies. DIFFUSION deals with the diffusion rates of various gasses. NUCLEAR SIMULATION shows radioactive decay of nine different radioisotopes. ICBM and RADAR teach angles and projections on a coordinate system.

### Science—Volume 3 (Middle School) MECC-707, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

The FISH program through the use of low resolution graphics show the circulatory system of a fish. Simulations like ODELL LAKE which is used to explore food chains, URSA which teaches about constellations, and QUAKE which simulates earthquakes are on the diskette. MINERALS can be used in the area of earth science to identify 29 minerals by having students perform simple tests.

### Mathematics—Volume 1 (Senior High) MECC-706, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

BAGELS, SNARK, ICBM, and RADAR will teach students logic while reinforcing the concepts of plotting points or angle measurements. ALEGRA provides a drill and practice in solving equations. Three programs on the diskette can be used in plotting equations on a grid: SLOPE which is designed for use in ninth grade with linear functions, POLYGRAPH which will plot any equation on a rectangular coordinate system, and POLAR which graphs functions on polar coordinates.

### Aestheometry—Volume 1 MECC-716, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

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### Teacher Utilities—Volume 1

MECC-715, \$24.95 (Available 7/81)

The TEACHER UTILITIES diskette is designed to aid the teacher and would not be used by the student unless the teacher creates questions using the REVIEW program. This program allows the teacher to set up a list of questions which can be used either by the REVIEW program or the TEST GENERATOR program. The teacher can also make CROSS WORD puzzles, WORD FIND puzzles, BLOCK LETTER banners and POSTERS using this program. FREQUENCY and PERCENT can be used to calculate grades and to do statistical analysis. A printer is needed for some of the programs on this diskette.

### Programmer's Aid—Volume 1

MECC-720, \$32.95 (Available 7/81)

The PROGRAMMER'S AID diskette provides help for the programmer. Programs to be able to UPLOAD and DOWNLOAD to the MECC system, programs that work with text files including FPTO TEXT, RANDOM EDITOR, SEQUENTIAL EDITOR, and TEXT LIST along with programs to work with binary files, BINARY FILE INFO, BINARY FILE TO FP are included. Two programs TABLES and MERGE allow the user to create, change and merge graphic shapes for use in a program. FREE SPACE will tell the amount of space on the diskette while HIDDEN CHARACTERS will locate control character. STARTER will put standard routines such as space bar, music, graphic characters or input into a user's program which is just being created or already created.

### MICAS—Volume 1

MECC-721, \$32.95 (Available 7/81)

Microcomputer Integrated Computerized Accounting System requires dual disks and 132 characters width printer. The MICAS computerized accounting system provides a realistic experience with automated accounting systems. The package consists of four integrated systems: (1) general ledger, (2) accounts payable, (3) accounts receivable, and (4) inventory control.

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3 Programs



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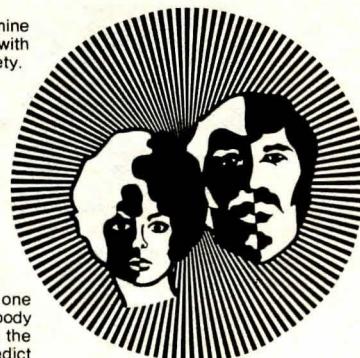
## Know Yourself

Cassette CS-6301 \$11.95

3 Programs

**Psychoanalysis.** Your feelings, phobias, and mental health are analyzed and explained by the computer.

**Sex Roles.** Are you androgynous? Examine your nature, behaviour, and attitudes with reference to changing sex roles in society.



**Alcohol and Behavior.** How many is one too many? The computer analyzes your body weight, the time you are drinking, and the number and type of your drinks to predict your likely behavior. Don't leave the party without it!

## Strategy Games

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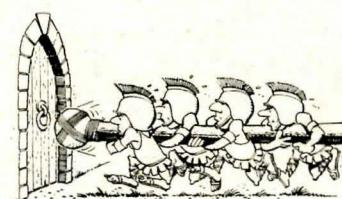
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7 Programs Require TI 99/4 Disk



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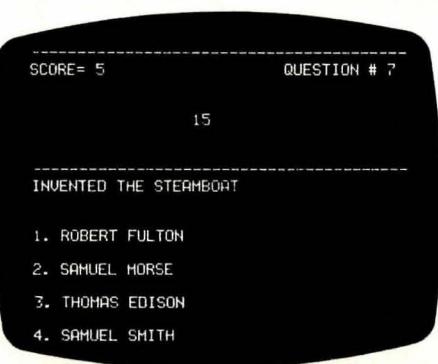
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## Trivia Unlimited

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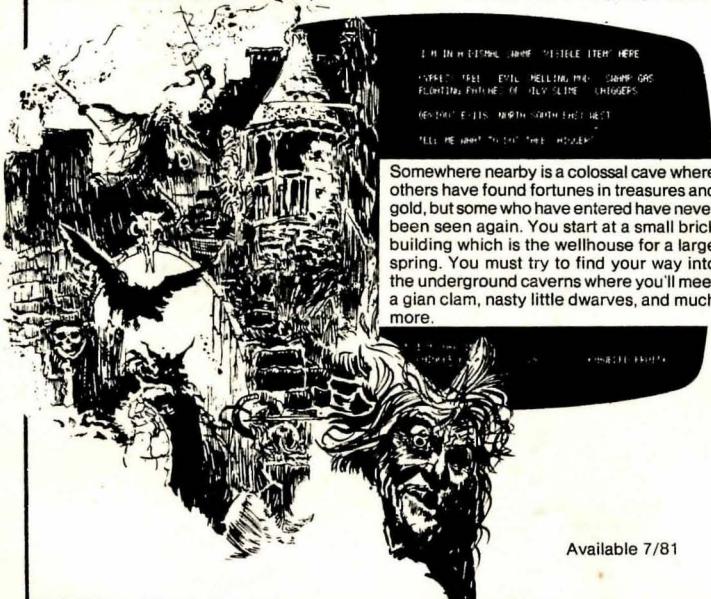
Requires 24K



Test your expertise in any of seven areas: science, geography, history, computers, TV and movies, English language, or trivia. Speed and number of correct answers determine your score in this challenging series of multiple-choice quizzes. Over 200 questions in all.

## Original Adventure

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### Trivia Unlimited

Disk CS-7501 (16K) \$19.95

This is a menu driven version of CS-7001.

### Hail to the Chief

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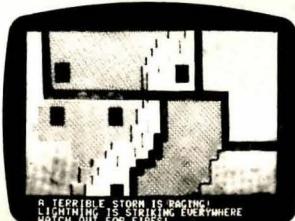
Cassette CS-7201 (32K) \$24.95

This comprehensive election simulation is described completely in the Apple software section.

## Outdoor Games

Cassette CS-7002 11.95      4 Programs

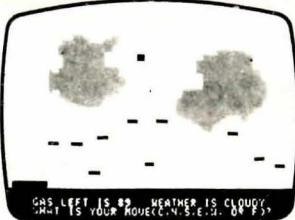
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Forest Fire. Use chemical retardants and backfires to control raging forest fires.



Treasure Island I. Your map shows buried treasure but unfortunately you don't know where you are. Try to find the treasure while moving about and observing your surroundings. You have a 3-day supply of food and water. You may find useful objects (compass, weapons, a horse) but watch out for hazards (robot guards, pirates, caves, crocodiles, mountain lions and more).



Treasure Island II. Same game except you have to use a metal detector to find the treasure.

Fishing Trip. Try to catch flounder and salmon while avoiding logs, sharks, bad weather and running out of fuel.

## Haunted House

Cassette CS-7003

\$11.95

Requires 32K



It's 6:00 pm and you have until midnight to find the secret passageway out of a large rambling HAUNTED HOUSE. During your search you'll encounter skeleton keys, charms, friendly ghosts, and evil spirits. Sound effects add to the eeriness. The layout changes in every game.

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Disk CS-7502 (40K) \$19.95

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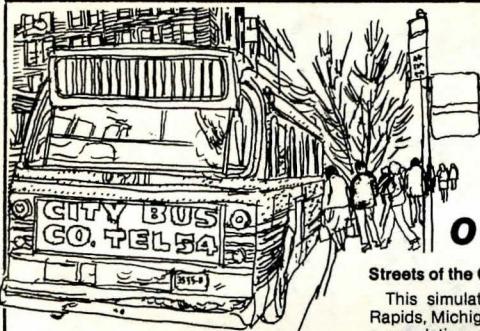
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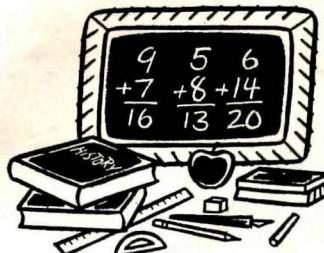
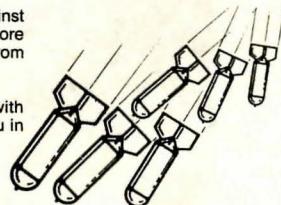
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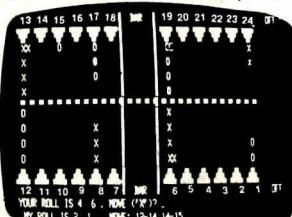
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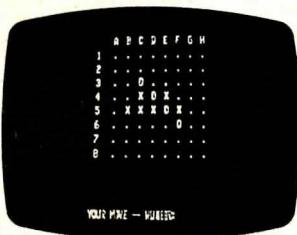


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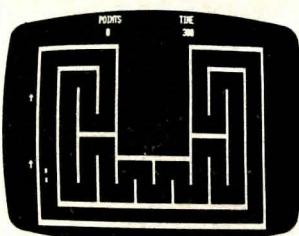
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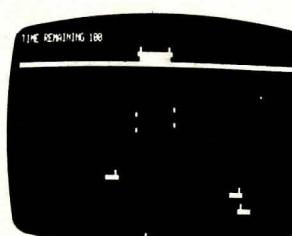
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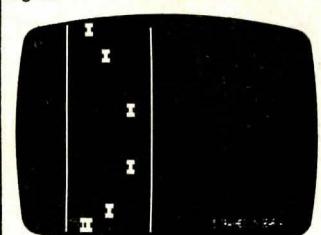
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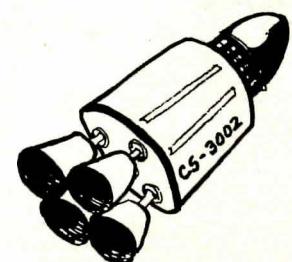
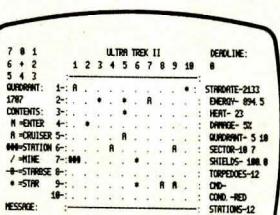
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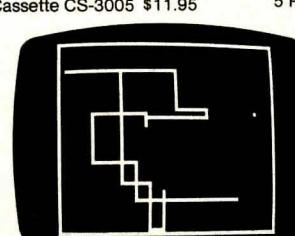


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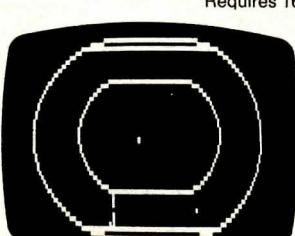
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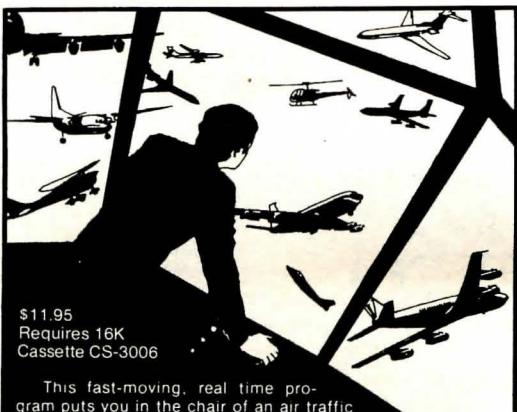
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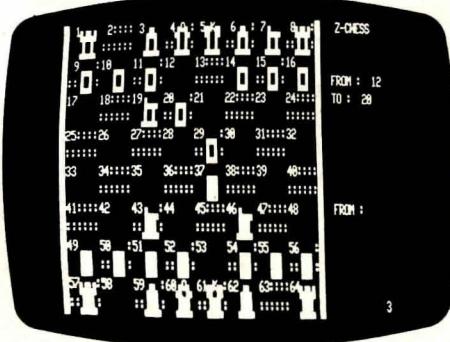
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Requires 16K  
Cassette CS-3006

This fast-moving, real time program puts you in the chair of an air traffic controller. You control 27 prop planes and jets as they land, take off and fly over your air space. You give orders to change altitude, turn, maintain a holding pattern, approach and land at two airports. Written by an air traffic controller, this realistic machine language simulation includes navigational beacons and requires planes to take off and land into the wind. With its continuously variable skill level, you won't easily tire of this absorbing and instructive simulation.

**Z-Chess II**

Cassette CS-3017 \$19.95

Requires 16K



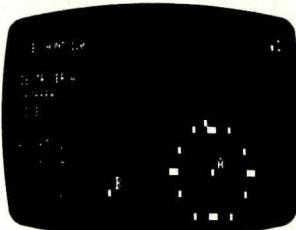
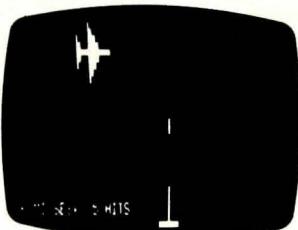
This is one of the most sophisticated computer chess playing programs available today. Seven different skill levels provide practice for the beginner as well as challenge for the more experienced players. The speed of Z-Chess will also surprise you. Even at the highest skill level it is one of the fastest chess programs available.

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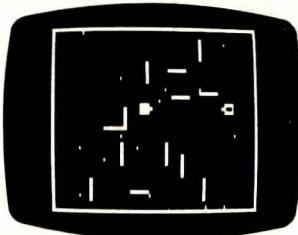
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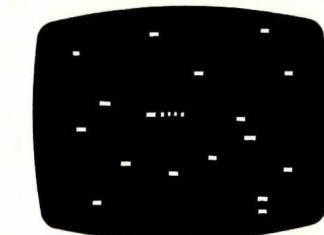


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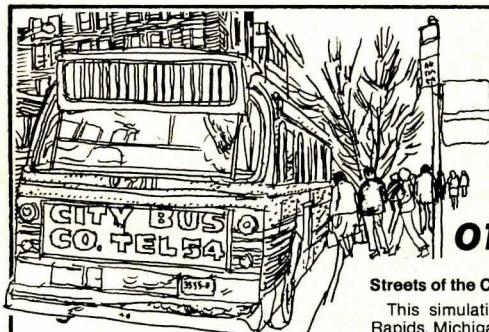
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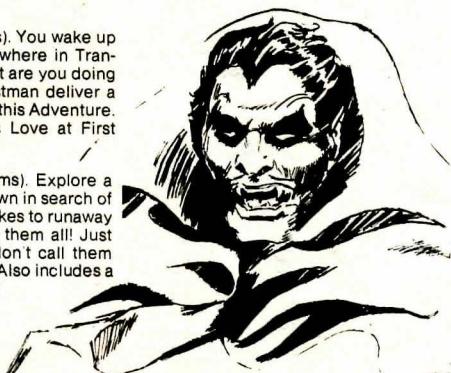
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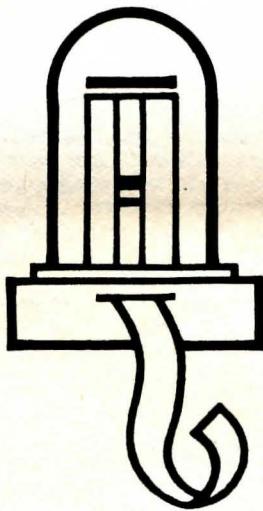
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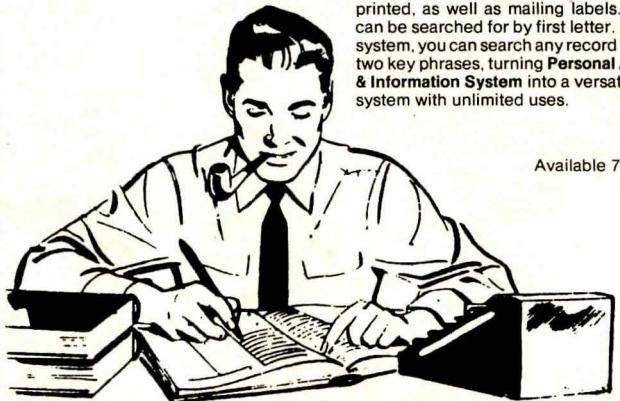
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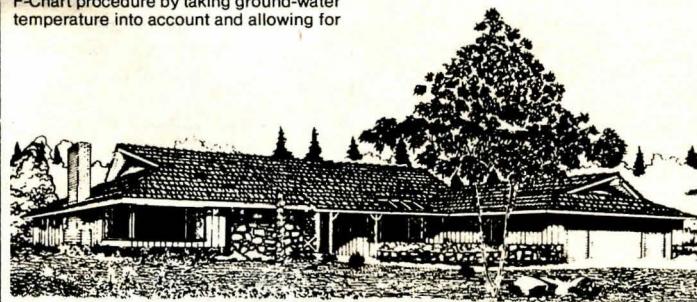
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**F-Chart Solar Energy Analysis** eliminates many of the tedious calculations required when designing solar-heating systems. Beyond providing a thermal analysis, the program allows designers to quickly determine the effects of changing any specifications, allowing fast, accurate, and inexpensive experimentation.

Systems using air, liquid, or domestic hot water in any climate can be analyzed in detail. The program expands the traditional F-Chart procedure by taking ground-water temperature into account and allowing for

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CS-3504 Disk (32K) \$24.95  
(Disk includes Checking Account, CS-3304)

This program turns a 16K, TRS-80 and lineprinter into a line oriented text-processing system.

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>1 THIS IS THE MARVELOUS CREATIVE COMPUTING TEXT PROCESSOR
>2 IT CAN DO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS, BUT IT CANNOT RUN YOUR
>3 ELECTRIC BLANKET. IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE WANT
>4 A TEXT PROCESSOR TO TURN ON THE COFFEE POT AND RUN THE
>5 ELECTRIC BLANKET, BUT I AM NOT A CRAY ONE AND CAN ONLY
>6 DO MUNDANE THINGS LIKE CHEW ON CARPETING AND EAT SMALL
>7 BOYS.
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COMMANDS	
C	CONTINUE LIST ON SCREEN
D	DELETE LINE
E	EDIT
I	INSERT LINE
K	RESUME KEYING
L	LIST ON SCREEN
P	PRINT HARD COPY
Q	QUIT PROGRAM
T	SAVE ON TAPE

COMMAND?

Editing commands are similar to those used in Level II BASIC, so there are no complicated new commands to learn. Lines may be either inserted or deleted. A special format is available to speed entry of business letters. Final printout can be done in numbered pages and you may print multiple copies.

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## Economic and Ecology Simulations

The Ecology Simulations series are a unique educational tool. They are based on "simulation models" developed by the Huntington Two Computer Project at the State University of New York at Stony Brook under the direction of Dr. Ludwig Braun. The programs and accompanying documentation are written for self-teaching or classroom use and include background material, sample exercises and study guides. Graphic displays were specially developed by Jo Ann Comito at SUNY and Ann



Corrigan at Creative Computing. The Ecology Simulations packages are a remarkable educational application of micro-computers.

### Ecology Simulations-1

CS-3201 Cassette (16K) \$24.95  
CS-3501 Disk (32K) \$24.95

#### 1. Pop

The POP series of models examines three different methods of population projection, including exponential, S-shaped or logistical, and logistical with low density effects. At the same time the programs introduce the concept of successive refinement of a model, since each POP model adds more details than the previous one.

#### 2. Sterl

STERL allows you to investigate the effectiveness of two different methods of pest control—the use of pesticides and the release of sterile males into the fly population. The concept of a more environmentally sound approach versus traditional chemical

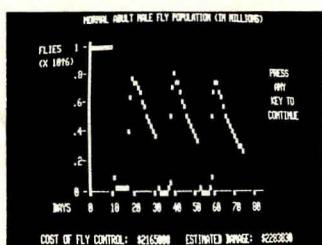
methods is introduced. In addition, STERL demonstrates the effectiveness of an integrated approach over either alternative by itself.

#### 3. Tag

TAG simulates the tagging and recovery method that is used by scientists to estimate animal populations. You attempt to estimate the bass population in a warm-water, bass-bluegill farm pond. Tagged fish are released in the pond and samples are recovered at timed intervals. By presenting a detailed simulation of real sampling by "tagging and recovery," TAG helps you to understand this process.

#### 4. Buffalo

BUFFALO simulates the yearly cycle of buffalo population growth and decline, and allows you to investigate the effects of different herd management policies. Simulations such as BUFFALO allow you to explore "What if" questions and experiment with approaches that might be disastrous in real life.



### IQ Test

CS-3203 Cassette (16K) \$14.95

IQ tests have been the subject of a great deal of controversy in the past few years. Yet, few of us know our IQ score. Now you can find out with our IQ test.

Taking advantage of the TRS-

80's graphic capabilities, this test consists of 60 multiple choice questions. A special machine language routine does the scoring of the test and makes cheating almost impossible.

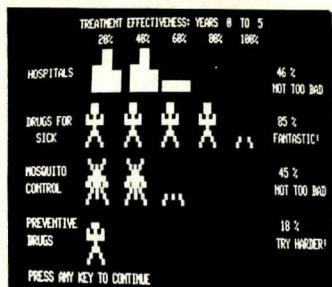
## Ecology Simulations-2

CS-3202 Cassette (16K) \$24.95  
CS-3502 Disk (32K) \$24.95

#### 1. Pollute

POLLUTE focuses on one part of the water pollution problem; the accumulation of certain waste materials in waterways and their effect on dissolved oxygen levels in the water. You can use the computer to investigate the effects of different variables such as the body of water, temperature, and the rate of dumping waste material. Various types of primary and secondary waste treatment, as well as the impact of scientific and economic decisions can be examined.

an apartment building or an entire city.



#### 3. Malaria

With MALARIA, you are a Health Official trying to control a malaria epidemic while taking into account financial considerations in setting up a program. The budgeted use of field hospitals, drugs for the ill, three types of pesticides, and preventative medication, must be properly combined for an effective control program.

#### 4. Diet

DIET is designed to explore the effect of four basic substances, protein, lipids, calories and carbohydrates, on your diet. You enter a list of the types and amounts of food eaten in a typical day, as well as your age, weight, sex, health and a physical activity factor. DIET is particularly valuable in indicating how a diet can be changed to raise or lower body weights and provide proper nutrition.

## Social and Economic Simulations

CS-3204 Cassette (16K) \$24.95  
CS-3508 Disk (32K) \$24.95

#### 1. Limits

LIMITS is a micro-computer version of the well known "Limits to Growth" project done at MIT. It contains a model of the world that is built of five subsystems (population, pollution, food supply, industrial output, and resource usage) linked together by six variables: birth rate, death rate, pollution generation, resource usage rate, industrial output growth rate, and food production rate.

for the market for a particular product: in this case, bicycles.

Each player makes marketing decisions quarterly including the production level, the advertising budget, and the unit price of the product for his/her company.

#### 3. USPop

USPOP allows the user to study many aspects of the United States' human demography (population change) including population growth, age and sex distribution. USPOP makes population projections and investigates the consequences of many different demographic changes. (Available in November).



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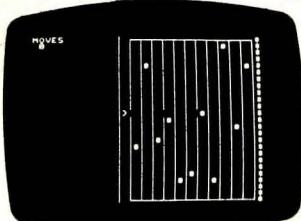
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## Graphic Games-I

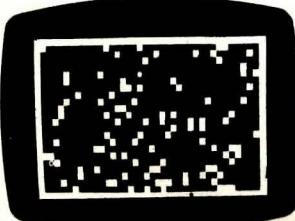
Cassette CS-1004 \$11.95

5 Programs

Requires 8K

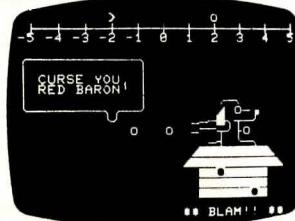


**Escape.** Try to escape from a maximum security prison patrolled by 11 robot guards.



**Chase.** A fast, two-player game with one player pursuing the other through obstacles and zap doors.

**Snoopy.** Try to shoot down the Red Baron by estimating distances on a scale.



**Sweep.** Control the path of a speeding rollerball to clear nine targets in order.

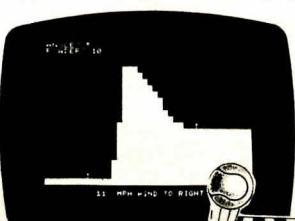
**Dart.** Quickly estimate the answer to an arithmetic problem. One or two players.

## Graphics Games-II

Cassette CS-1005 \$11.95

6 Programs

Requires 8K



**Checkers.** Pit your skill against the computer version of this all time favorite.



**Nuclear Reaction.** Wipe out your opponent's pieces by causing explosive chain reactions.

**Dodgem.** Choose the dimensions of the grid, then apply your best strategy to get all your pieces off the board before your opponent does.

**Bounce.** An intriguing graphics demonstration which traces the path of a ball as it bounces around the screen.

**LEM.** Use information provided by the computer to execute a perfect landing on the surface of the moon.

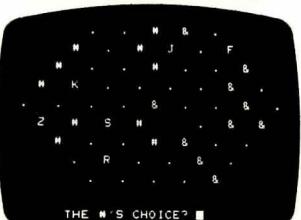
**Artillery.** Two players shoot cannons at each other over computer-generated terrain.

## Conversational Games

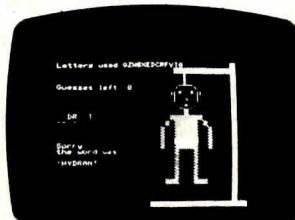
Cassette CS-1006 \$11.95

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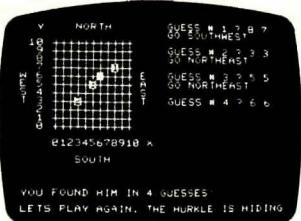
Requires 8K



**Hexletter.** Capture more letters on a hexagon than your opponent.



**Hangman.** The popular word game, educational and fun.



**Haiku.** You and the Pet compose Haiku poetry sometimes funny sometimes meaningful.

**Eliza.** Weizenbaum's computerized psychiatrist.

**Hurkle.** Try and find the hidden hurkle on a 10 X 10 grid in five moves.

## Board Games

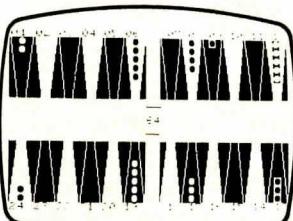
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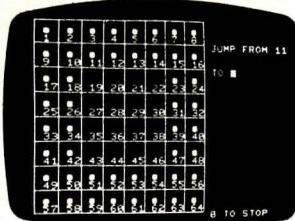
Requires 8K



**Yahtzee.** Rolls the dice and presents the possible options for up to four players.



**Backgammon.** Varies strategy within and between games and provides a very tough challenge.



**Trek 3.** The PET version of the popular Star Trek game. Control your phasers, torpedoes and navigation in real-time.

**One-Check.** Try to clean off the outside rows of checkers with diagonal jumps. It can be done.

**Blackjack.** Up to four players can play with the PET dealer.

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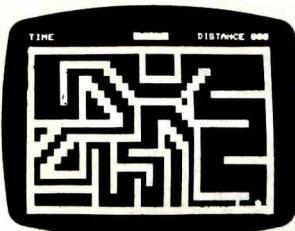


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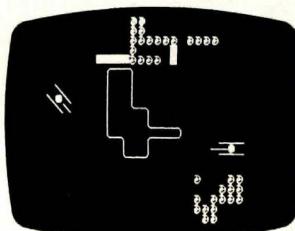
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## Action Games

Cassette CS-1008 \$11.95 6 programs

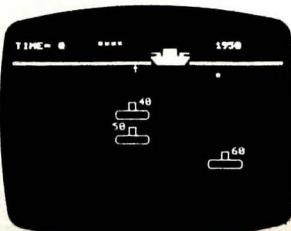


**Car Race.** Drive around a race track to qualify for the Grand Prix.



**Tank.** Maneuver around walls, trees and lakes to destroy your opponent's tank.

Requires 8K



**Subs.** Command a ship on the surface, dropping depth charges on enemy subs while avoiding their torpedoes.

**Splat.** Land a parachutist as quickly as possible without going splat.

**Breakout.** Try to knock all the bricks off the wall in this popular game.

**Bowling.** Up to four players can compete in this league.

## Adventureland and Pirate Adventure

Cassette CS-1009 \$19.95  
Requires 24K



**Adventureland** (by Scott Adams) You'll encounter wild animals, dwarfs and many other puzzles and perils as you wander through an enchanted world, trying to rescue the 13 lost treasures. Can you rescue the Blue Ox from the quicksand? Or find your way out of the maze of pits? Happy Adventuring!

**Pirate Adventure** (by Scott Adams) "Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of rum..." You'll meet up with the pirate and his daffy bird along with many strange sights as you attempt to go from your London flat to Treasure Island. Can you recover Long John Silver's lost treasures? Happy sailing matey.

## Sensational Simulations

Cassette CS-1201 \$11.95

5 Programs

Requires 8K

### Animal

In this game, you teach the computer. You think of an animal and the computer tries to guess what it is. If the computer guesses incorrectly it will ask for a yes-no question that differentiates the animal you were thinking of from the one it guessed. In this way the computer 'learns' new animals. And just what does distinguish a leopard from an ocelot?

### Fur Trader

You are the leader of a French fur trading expedition in 1779 leaving the Ontario area to sell furs and get supplies for the next year. You can choose the fort at which you wish to trade and the type of furs you wish to trade. To get the best prices for your furs, you must take your chances with the Iroquois Indians, the Lachine Rapids, and other hazards.

### Hammurabi

Test your administrative abilities by governing ancient Sumeria for a 10-year term in office (if you last that long). Each year you must make decisions of how much to feed your people, and what land to cultivate and trade with neighboring city-states. Hazards include a bad harvest and rats that eat the grain in storage.

### Stock Market

Try your luck in the stock market and make your fortune! You start with \$10,000 and may buy or sell stocks with a 1% brokerage fee on each transaction. The computer controls the mini-economy and the stock exchange.

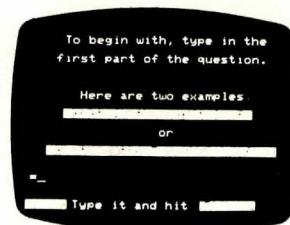
### Word

How rich is your vocabulary? Match your wits against the computer by trying to guess the computer's mystery word. After each guess, clues are provided which indicate how many of the letters in your guess are in the mystery word and if any are in the correct position.

## Study Made Easy

Cassette CS-1202 \$14.95

Requires 8K



Study Made Easy will create study drill tapes automatically. You can use this program to study chemical symbols, U.S. presidents, or any other subject which can be studied by drill and practice. The computer creates a tape that you can place in the PET and use immediately. You don't need to know anything about computers to use Study Made Easy.

Study Made Easy is a quick and easy way to study. You decide which subjects you wish to study. You decided how fast you want to work and when you've done enough. The PET becomes your assistant, aiding in the entry of questions and answers.

Study Made Easy comes with three prepared drills and the program needed to make new study drills packaged in an attractive cassette binder. The programs are interactive, self-instructing and easy to use.

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## Graphics Games

Cassette CS-5001 \$11.95 6 Programs

Requires 8K



**Pie Lob.** Splatter your opponent with pie filling by choosing the correct angle and strength of your throw over a computer-generated hill...

**LEM.** Use information provided by the computer to execute a perfect landing on the surface of the moon.

**Dodgem.** Choose the dimensions of the grid, then apply your best strategy to get all your pieces off the board before your opponent does.

**Nuclear Reaction.** Wipe out your opponent's pieces by causing explosive chain reactions.

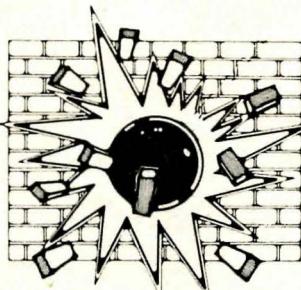
**Bounce.** An intriguing graphics demonstration which traces the path of a ball as it bounces around the screen.

**Checkers.** Pit your skill against the computer version of this all time favorite.

## Strategy Games

Cassette CS-5009 \$14.95

4 Programs Requires 8K Sorcerer



**Breakout.** Break through the wall at the top of the screen by bouncing the ball off your paddles in this challenging game from the video arcades.

**Prize.** Two players compete to match the prizes behind the hidden squares.

**Deflection.** Set up deflectors to move your piece and destroy the computer's pieces.

**Sweep.** Clear the board of the computer's pieces with the minimum number of changes in direction.

**Air Traffic Controller**  
Cassette CS-5008 (16K) \$11.95

This fast-moving, real-time program puts you in the chair of an air traffic controller. You control 27 prop planes and jets as they land, take off and fly over your air space. You give orders to change altitude, turn, maintain a holding pattern, approach and land at two airports. Written by an air traffic controller, this realistic machine language simulation includes navigational beacons

and requires planes to take off and land into the wind. Continuously variable skill level.

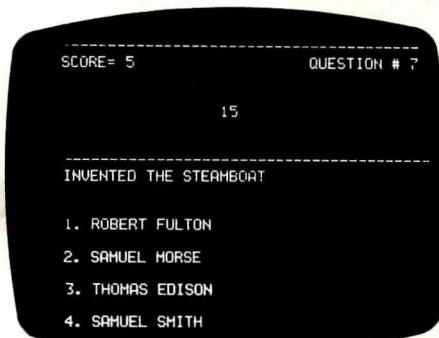
### Adventures on Cassette

Five adventures are available on cassette for the Sorcerer. See descriptions in the Apple or TRS-80 Section. Each adventure requires 16K and cost \$14.95.  
 CS-5003 Adventureland  
 CS-5004 Pirate Adventure  
 CS-5005 Mission Impossible  
 CS-5006 Voodoo Castle  
 CS-5007 The Count

## Trivia Unlimited

Cassette CS-5002 \$11.95

Requires 8K

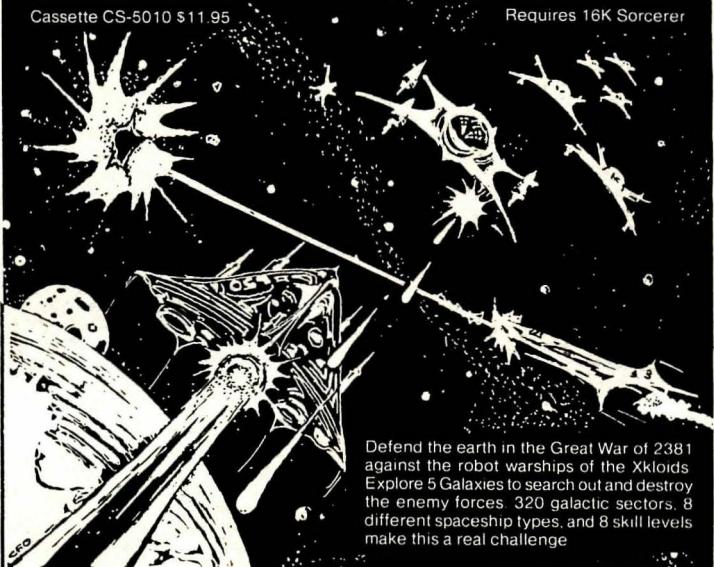


Test your expertise in any of seven areas: science, geography, history, computers, TV and movies, English language, or trivia. Speed and number of correct answers determine your score in this challenging series of multiple-choice quizzes. Over 200 questions in all.

## Super Space Battle

Cassette CS-5010 \$11.95

Requires 16K Sorcerer



Defend the earth in the Great War of 2381 against the robot warships of the Xkoids. Explore 5 Galaxies to search out and destroy the enemy forces. 320 galactic sectors, 8 different spaceship types, and 8 skill levels make this a real challenge.

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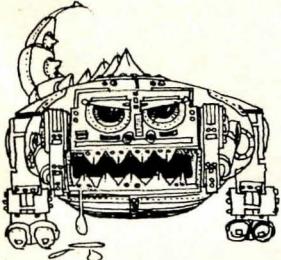
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## Strategy Games

CS-8004 Cassette (32K) \$11.95



### 1. Wumpus 1

Chances are if you ever leave your keyboard you have heard of the mythological Wumpus. In the game of Wumpus 1, you are scouring a network of underground caves in search of the prized Wumpus. The dreaded super bats and bottomless pits

make Wumpus hunting a risky affair. On each turn, as you wind your way through the caves, you have a choice of moving or shooting through the cave. Bagging a Wumpus wins the game, but if you accidentally stumble into his cave, the Wumpus will enjoy a tasty dinner of sauteed computer freak.

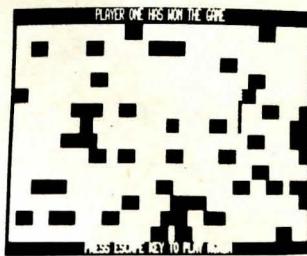
### 2. Wumpus II

If you master the dodecahedron cave network in Wumpus I, you may proceed to Wumpus II which allows you to choose from five different caves, or you can design your own. Super bats and the infamous bottomless pits are also included in Wumpus II, so be prepared to jump into the frying pan!

### 3. Trap (Machine Language)

This two-player game chal-

lenges you to circle and trap your opponent. Move your marker around the board, leav-

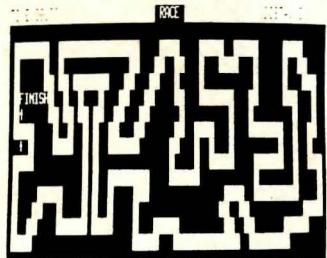


ing a trailing path that cannot be crossed. This real-time game gets very frantic as the markers move faster and faster.

### 4. Race

(Cassette Extended BASIC)

RACE is a car racing game which gives you a choice of three different tracks. Use the number pad to control the direction of your Formula 1 racer around the course to get



the best time while avoiding crashes.

### 5. Kingdom

(Cassette Extended BASIC)

This is a particularly challenging version of the popular Hammurabi game. You rule a kingdom, sowing and reaping crops, buying and selling land and trying to keep the peasants happy. Hazards include bad weather and rats in the grain bin. Remember too, how popular impeachment was in the old days, especially when the natives got restless. (Available in October)

## Space Games

CS-8003 Cassette (32K) \$11.95

### 1. Asteroid

(Machine language)

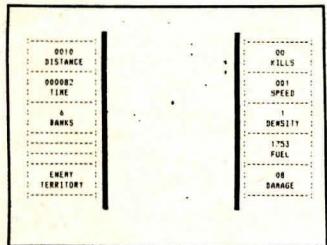
How good an astrogator are you? ASTEROID gives you a chance to find out as you

navigate through space, avoiding asteroids, stars and the hostile space meanies. You have torpedoes with which to defend yourself, but the enemy shoots back with deadly accuracy. This real-time program will run in 16K.

### 2. Lunar

(Cassette Extended BASIC)

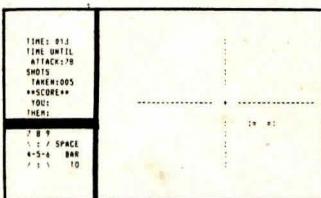
This traditional and popular lunar landing game puts you in the pilot's seat of an Apollo space mission. Control the speed of descent and horizontal motion of the spacecraft. This version also adds lunar mountains for an extra challenge.



### 3. Star Wars

(Cassette Extended BASIC)

If you hate Darth Vader, you'll love Star Wars. Take an X-Wing fighter into combat and save the Rebels' base camp. Using the number pad to control the ship, you must line up the TIE fighters in your sights and zap



them with lasers. This real time game is fun for aliens of all ages. May the Force be with you!

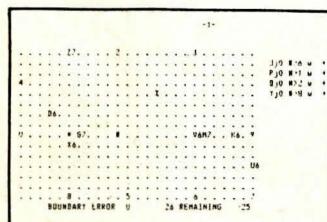
### 4. Romulan

(Cassette Extended BASIC)

Your mission is to destroy an invading Romulan space craft, but you'll have to find it first. The Romulans have a NEW cloaking device. By activating your sensors, the Romulan's position will be shown briefly, but the sensors use a lot of energy. Maneuver through space and around stars looking for the deadly enemy, but be careful! The nasty Romulans fire back. (Available in October)

## Air Traffic Controller

CS-8001 Cassette (4K) \$11.95



This real time machine language program puts you in the chair of an air traffic controller. There are 27 airplanes - jets and prop planes - which must be

controlled as they land, take off, and fly over your air space. You give the orders to change altitude, turn, maintain a holding pattern, clear for approach, and land at your two airports. This realistic simulation includes navigational beacons, collisions, and requires the planes to take off and land into the wind. Air Traffic Controller was written by an air traffic controller and is a popular favorite of the Creative Computing staff! (Available in October)

## Reading Comprehension

CS-8201 Cassette (32K) \$50.00

Reading comprehension is an important skill for any student to master. Unfortunately, most traditional methods for developing this skill have been tedious for both the student and instructor. Reading Comprehension is a five cassette package designed to help develop these skills.

Teachers have complete control over the subject matter and level of difficulty of the exercises. The package uses cassette based files to present a short story and accompanying

multiple choice questions on the screen. Two of the programs are used for creating, copying, and editing these files. Two other programs use these files to present the story and the quiz. The final program contains a sample short story and questions. A 32-page instruction manual is included in the package.

The package requires a SOL-20 with a minimum of 32K of memory and Processor Technology's Extended Cassette BASIC.

All disks expect CS-9004 require 48K and Microsoft Basic. All 8" CP/M disks cost \$24.95.



## Basic Games-1, CS-9001

Includes the Following:

Acey Ducey Civilwar  
Amazing Combat  
Animal Craps  
Awari Cube  
Bagels Depth Charge  
Banner Diamond  
Basketball Dice  
Batnum Digits  
Battle Even Wins I  
Blackjack Even Wins II  
Bombardment Flip Flop  
Bombs Away Football 1  
Bounce Football II  
Bowling Fur Trader  
Boxing Golf  
Bug Gomoko  
Bullfight Guess  
Bullseye Gunner  
Bunny Hammurabi  
Buzzword Hangman  
Calendar Hello  
Change Hexapawn  
Checkers Hi-Lo  
Chemist High I-Q  
Chief Hockey  
Chomp

## Basic Games-2, CS-9002

Includes the Following:

Horserace Rocket  
Hurkle Rock, Scissors, Paper  
Kinema Roulette  
King Russian Roulette  
Letter Salvo  
Life Sine Wave  
Life For Two Slalom  
Literature Quiz Slots  
Love Splat  
Lunar LEM Rocket Stars  
Madlib Stock Market  
Mastermind Super Star Trek  
Math Dice Synonym  
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Nim 3-D Tic Tac Toe  
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One Check Towers  
Orbit Train  
Pizza Trap  
Poetry 23 Matches  
Poker War  
Qubic Weekday  
Queen Word  
Reverse

# ADVENTURE



### Original Adventure

Disk CS-9004 (48K) \$24.95

(by Crowther, Woods, Manning and Roichel)-Somewhere nearby is a colossal cave where others have found fortunes in treasures and gold, but some who have entered have never been seen again. You start at a small brick building which is the wellhouse for a large

spring. You must try to find your way into the underground caverns where you'll meet a giant clam, nasty little dwarves, and much more. This Adventure is Bi-Lingual—you may play in either English or French—a language learning tool beyond comparison. Runs in 32K CP/M system (48K required to SAVE GAME feature). Even includes SAM76 language in which to run the game. The troll says "Good Luck."

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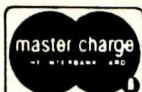
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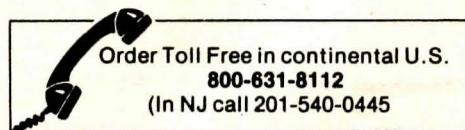
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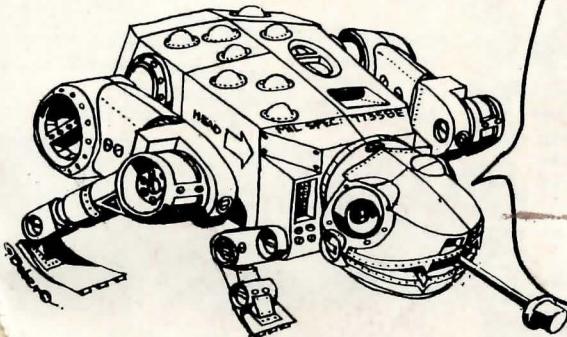
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