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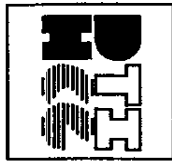
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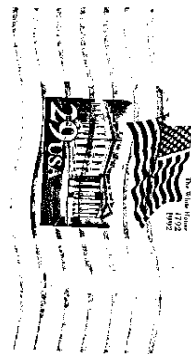
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\*\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\*\*  
Saturday, January 16, 1993  
at the Dallas INFOMART  
I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit



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### DTIHCG'S JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Sidewalk Sale, Ross at Central, 5 am
- 16 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
  - Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
  - Time 9:00 am
  - Program: WillyDill, with Billy Monroe
  - 1:00 pm a MiniSiG on TI-Writer
- 23 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
  - Mr. Gatti's
  - Walnut Hill & Marsh Lane
  - Officers: 2:30 pm,
  - Chairpersons at 3:30 pm
- 29 NEXT-STEP
  - JCJO'S On Stemmons at
  - 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 pm
- 29 Newsletter Deadline



### DTIHCG'S FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 6 Sidewalk Sale
- 13 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
  - Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
  - Time 9:00 am
  - Program: First Draft/Final Copy with Dave Axberg
- 20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
  - Mr. Gatti's
  - Walnut Hill & Marsh Lane
  - Officers: 2:30 pm,
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Shaking the  
Bushes  
By  
Mattie Bush

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Here we are folks starting off 1993 and what a year that we have planned for all. I do hope that everyone had a very Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In December we had the elections of Officers and Chair-persons. For the positions that are not filled I will be appointing them unless we have some volunteers for them. We need all the help that we can get and to stay up with all the New software and hardware that is out there; so if you would like to volunteer please let me know and I'll get your name in there.

Our very first program for January will that of Billy Monroe's called WillyDill-I, this is something that Billy wrote and he is going to be giving it at our January 16, 1993 meeting. So mark those calendars for this day and don't forget it. This is a real neat one and he gave away FREE samples as a gift in December. The Mini-Sig in the afternoon at 1:00pm will be Butch Spill and Jim Leshar giving some of our old favorites on TI-Writer so if you are having problems with it please stay and we can help you with it. I know everytime I get into it I learn something different about it. It is a very interesting program and is a big help to all that uses it. Again mark



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those calendars for JANUARY 16, 1993 at 9:00am at Infomart SuperSat. See you there.

Then in February mark those calendars for FEBRUARY 13 1993 at 9:00am for the next months program and it will be with David Axberg giving FIRST DRAFT/FINAL COPY by Art Gibson. This program is a New Word Processor program and it has lots of features that TI Writer doesn't have. It has a lot of things built into it and comes with the 80 and 40 columns. I won't go into it because that will ruin the fun of it. So mark those calendars for FEB 13, at 9:00 am. See you there.

I will let you know about March in February and that delay is to talk to the person to do the program. David Axberg is our New Program chairperson for 1993 and if you have any ideas please feel free to toss them at Dave. He has a lot already planned I'm sure.

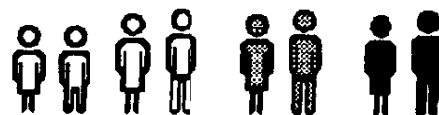
Well, by now you all know who your President will be for 1993 and that is the "OLE GAL", again. Hope all can survive another year with me. This will be my third year. I enjoy every minute of being your President. Thanks for letting me have another chance.

I want to THANK Butch Spill and John



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Creviston for the program that they did for us in December. I know everyone enjoyed it. Thanks guys.



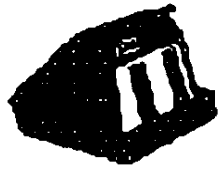
**Updating the  
Database**

**By Charlice Althar**

We're very happy to welcome NEW MEMBERS WILLIAM and JACQUE GASKILL, of Grand Junction, Colorado. BILL GASKILL is well known in our 99/4A world as a software author. We appreciate his support of our group by joining us. WELCOME BILL and JACQUE--we appreciate your continued efforts in developing new ways for us to use our 4/A's!

RENEWALS have been received this month from WILLIE GUPTON and SEPORIA BURNS, CHESTER JOHNSON, JIM LESHER, and DON STEVENSON. Thanks, to each of you!

VISITING us at our December INFOMART meeting was RAY GREEN of Mesquite. Hope you'll be back soon, RAY.



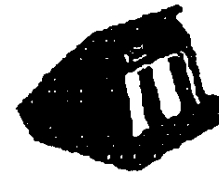
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Our main Officers for 1993 are Vice-President Dan Lowe; Secretary Charlice Althar; Treasurer Dr. L.M. Kennedy and yours truly will be back as President again for 1993. This will be my third year as your President and I have enjoyed it very much. We would like at our January 16 meeting to have the room filled to the max.

Again please read the MicroPendum and other things to keep track of all our New Software and Hardware that is available now. We as the people have to keep our authors and programmers going by buying their products. We want this 4A World to keep it going and going.

The NEW SOFTWARE IN this months reviews are KING TURAMBAA DISK COPY by Laurent Peron of France. This program is a fast copier that uses all the available memory in the TI Source Code is included along with RAG SOFTWARE LINKER. This is Fairware and the arthor asks for a donation if you use both the program and source code. International money orders may be purchased at the US Post-Office. The address is: Laurent Peron, "La Feuillade" No 10, Saint Front de Pradoux, 24400 Mussidan, France.

BOGGLE is a word game using the computer as a random letter generator.



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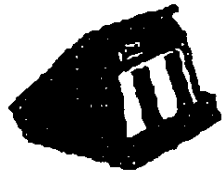
An unlimited numbers of players can play. You can get this from D & L Software, 89 Little Neck Ave, Swansea, MA 02777 for \$7.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling.

MUSICAL VALENTINE DAY CARD; the program starts by asking you to enter your Valentines name, then it plays a song. You can get this from Software and More, 5820 SE Westfork St., Portland, OR 97206-0742. The Price \$10 plus \$1 S&H.

BONDS is a program that stores your US Savings Bond. It stores by serial number, purchase date and purchase price. Bonds is available from D & L Software, 89 Little Neck Ave., Swansea, MA 02777 for \$10.95 and \$1. S & H.

I do hope that I can continue to serve you as I have done in the past 2 years. Please let me know if there is anything that you need. I'll be glad to help as your President. All I can say is that we have a wonderful group of people and also throughout the TI World and we want to keep it that way.

There is one last WELCOME that I want to make and that is to BILL GASKILL our newest member. WELCOME to our group and hope you will enjoy it from a distance and a honor to have you join.



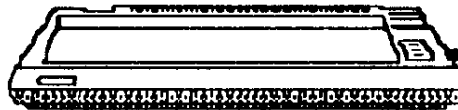
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This is SHAKING THE BUSHES signing off  
until next time. SEE ALL AT INFOMART  
January 16, 1993.

President

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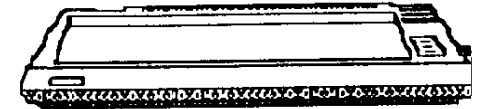
Beginner  
Printer  
By Jim Leshner



#### BEGINNER PRINTER REDFINE CHARACTERS

Let us try taking the mystery out of downloading special characters to the printer. In the Gemini 10X owners manual on page 118 there is a short program to print out a copyright symbol, which is not written for the TI 99/4A but we will change it a little to work for us. And breaking it down into it's simplest form, line 30 tells the printer there are instructions coming for redefining and downloading some new characters. The printer has a memory bank similar to your computer Ram. The new information defining new characters goes to this ram and is stored there until the printer is turned of or another instruction to delete it. So the number 42 which is an asterisk preceded by the escape command

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CHAR\$(27) accesses the Ram space. The CHAR\$(1) Tells the printer it won't be using descenders. The CHAR\$(64) which is the at sign will be the character to be REdefined. Number 126 or the Tilde Fctn W is the highest number it will accept. The CHAR\$(0) lets the printer know there won't be anymore characters to redefine. The next 2 lines 40 and 50 are the actual codes given to the printer to create the copyright symbol. And if you count them there will be 9 numbers, which is the maximum needed to create a character. Line 60 insrtucts the printer to go ahead and print the new character each time it encounters the @ sign.

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10 REM DEFINE COPYRIGTH (93ACRTE)
20 OPEN #1:"PIO"
30 PRINT #1:CHAR$(27);CHAR$(42);CHAR$(1);
CHAR$(64);CHAR$(0);
40 PRINT #1:CHAR$(20);CHAR$(34);CHAR$(73);
CHAR$(20);CHAR$(65);CHAR$(20);
50 PRINT #1:CHAR$(65);CHAR$(34);CHAR$(20);
60 PRINT #1:CHAR$(27);CHAR$(36);CHAR$(1)
70 PRINT #1:"@@@@@@@@@@@@@"
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If you have a Gemini SG10 or SR10 the codes will be significantly different, so call or write and I will help you with it. Jim Leshner, 722 Huntley, Dallas Tx 75214, 214 821 9274

**IMPORTANT**



## EDITOR'S CORNER :

The February news letter will carry an article by Bill Glaskill. It was to have been in this issue, but due to someone mislaying this disk ( no names named of course but the initials are LM ) it will be delayed to next month. Mea culpa, Bill and DTIHC members.

Another article's continuation ( the Genie RT messages ) will be delayed to next issue as well. The messages fit the next issue's projected length better.

## DOM :

Reminder : For those who weren't present at the December meeting, the December DOM was free to DTIHC members and will be available at the January meeting.

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These people are DTIHC officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you, by giving much of their time in working to make this a better club for all of us. Most attend the Executive Committee Meeting the Saturday afternoon following the INFOMART meeting. Any interested member is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's portion of the meeting.

Please take the time to thank these people individually for their efforts. It makes their job easier.