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TAS Update #7
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=> This UPDATE 7 may reach you before UPDATE 6, since 7 will be mailed first class. Our reason for doing so is this important time critical offer: Interested in a Model 4P? Radio Shack is clearing out the 4Ps WITHOUT green screens. Order a two drive 4P from The Alternate Source before September 28th for only $899 and we'll throw in over $100 in FREE software! With VIDEO4 you can use the advanced 4P features while in the Model III mode. BAS34 is a conversion utility that converts Model I and III BASIC software for use in the Model 4 mode. Last and definitely not least, we'll give you VIVACE, the new Model 4 compiler that will require absolutely NO changes in your BASIC source code! List price of these Model 4 utilities is well over $100! In order to qualify for this special price and the FREE software, your order with full payment MUST be at TAS by September 28th, no exceptions. NOTE: This price reflects a 3% cash discount.

=> MultiDos has the capability to read just about every other popular TRS-80 disk operating system. While other utilities have this capability, it is very convenient not having to reboot a separate utility in order to move a file. MultiDos is invaluable when working with a variety of operating systems, including TRSDOS 6.x. Best of all, list price of MultiDos is now only $59.95. This is not a kernal, but a full featured Multidos with all utilities. What a deal! Please specify whether you wish Model I or III/4.

=> Ron Zajac has just provided another ALE/EDM macro package. DOCUMIT is a special editor (/LDR) program that will take your text file and merge it with an /ASM "driver" program to create a machine language "document" file that can be executed from DOS READY. The user can then page backward and forward through the file, request help, etc. We presume many orders will be from ALE folks, so, to demonstrate DOCUMIT, we are including an ALE quick reference card as processed by DOCUMIT. DOCUMIT is excellent for "quick and dirty" documentation. DOCUMIT, our macro package number five, is only $20.

=> Jack has just completed Public Domain Disk #4. Contents are mostly from past issues of Northern Bytes and other items including: BASICOMP/BAS and /DOC, BINCLOCK/ASM, /CMD and /DOC, CODE/ASM and /CMD, SD456/ASM, /CMD and /DOC, VERFILE/ASM, /CMD and /DOC, ALARM/BAS and /DOC, DIALER/ASM and /CMD, ENGLANTO/D01, ENGLFREN/D01, ENGLSPAN/D01, ENGLSYNO/D01, EXPRESS/BAS and /DOC, BIHANG/BAS and /DOC, INOUT/FOR, LANGUAGE/DAT, LPDESC/ASM, /BAS and /DOC, MERGELN/ASM, /BAS and /DOC, SUBINOUT/TXT, SUPASS/ASM, /CMD and /DOC, TESTIO/FOR, TRSPATCH/BAS and WORDIN/BAS. PD4 is $10.

=> Lazy Writer may be the most user friendly word processing system available for the TRS-80. Lazy Writer is now only $124.95. If you request, we'll send a four page detailed description of Lazy Writer with your order. Also available, for use both with and without Lazy Writer (please specify) is Lazy Font. Lazy Font includes 8 free fonts, plus the package is compatible with the GEAP fonts. A font creation program is included in the package for only $49.95. When ordering Lazy Writer or Lazy Font, please specify which machine you are using.

=> Mark Barlow, author of several programs formerly marketed by Soft Sector Marketing, has completed a new, versatile terminal program. Two noteworthy features: LazyComm can be used with Models I, III and 4. When using LazyComm with the 4, you must use the LazyDos included with the package, but you can easily read and write to TRSDOS 6.x diskettes. The second feature is price. All versions of LazyComm are only $34.95!

=> Bob Noonan has just completed STATEMENT, a Z80 program to help you balance your checkbook. STATEMENT automatically boots and executes on Models I, III and 4. Simply follow the prompts and enter the requested data and STATEMENT will provide your adjusted checkbook balance. The price? Only $10 on disk.

=> We now have the Forecasting On Your Microcomputer book and disk series in stock. Apparantly the publisher is finally catching up with orders. This excellent software package includes three diskettes of programs to assist you with understanding and performing various types of forecasting on your TRS-80. The complete package is only $40.50.

=> Users of The Adventure System, my sincere apology. Bruce provided us version 1.01 of ADV/CMD some time ago. For some reason it was never placed on The Adventure System master. You probably have 1.00. The update was to fix a couple of small bugs when using the artificial light source. Problems may also

occur if you are using data bases other than those supplied with The Adventure System. You may upgrade at no charge if you send us your original Adventure System master diskette and a postpaid mailer, otherwise the upgrade is $7.50. We have also added Steven Kovitz's Adventure Report Generator to the master package. ARG/BAS will read an adventure data base and print out English sentences that describe what is going on within the adventure. Steven has not completed ARG to his satisfaction, but it is very usable, especially when debugging. Newcomers, The Adventure System, complete with editor, driver, ARG and three data bases is only $39.95.

=> The Fort Richmond Software Company and The Alternate Source are offering The Bridge Academy, a series of instructional programs that teach the card game Bridge. The programs are divided into "books" and we currently have three books that cover nearly 90% of all opening bids.

Bridge is played by four people. This puts the beginner in an awkward position. It may be embarassing to play with three seasoned players when one makes so many elementary mistakes. When a novice makes a mistake, s/he is corrected and taught a new rule. Unfortunately, a similar situation may not occur for weeks, and the rule is forgotten.

BRIDGE ACADEMY overcomes these problems. Every rule comes with many exercises. You practice the new rule until you feel you have mastered it. BRIDGE ACADEMY was designed for the beginner who wants to learn the elements of the game and for the seasoned player who wants to brush up on some rules.

BOOK I of the BRIDGE ACADEMY teaches you the fundamental rules of bridge, and the one notrump bidding and playing. BOOK II introduces the bidding and playing of one of a suit. Two responses to such an opening bid (the two-over-one and the jump shift) are practiced in BOOK III, along with some more pointers on playing. Each book of the BRIDGE ADADEMY contains a CUE CARD summarizing the rules of that book. Use them when you do the exercises and when playing bridge! These three books available for both the Model I and III (and 4 in the III mode), please specify. Books I, II and III of BRIDGE ACADEMY is only $39.95.

=> Model 4 ZEN users: Bob Noonan rewrote the MAC/BAS program so that it is compatible with the Model I, III and 4 (in the native 4 mode). Previously, when running in the native 4 mode, the program would generate a FOR without NEXT error. This has been resolved, and the same version will run on the I, III and 4 (and probably a few other machines. Send your master and a postpaid mailer and there will be no charge for this upgrade.

=> Perhaps you've seen ads for DataGraph. DataGraph will turn your VisiCalc files into all sorts of high-resolution custom graphs. There are now two significant enhancements to the package. First, there is now a version available for Model 4 in the native mode. Second, there is now a version available for MultiPlan! (Some customers are telling us that the Model 4 version of MultiPlan is a "slow" implementation, thus they

prefer VisiCalc for larger spreadsheets!) Datagraph can plot data from Visicalc or Multiplan spreadsheets using the DIF or SYLK formats. Data can be plotted with user composed symbol shapes. Datagraph includes a comprehensive 100 page manual.

When ordering DataGraph please specify your model of computer (I, III or 4), which spreadsheet you are using (VisiCalc or MultiPlan) and which type of printer you have. DataGraph supports MX-80 Graftrax or GT+, MX-100, FX, RX 80/100, LP VIII, DMP 120-500, 2100, NEC 8023 A-C, C. ITOH 8510, IDS 460/560, 480, 80/132, OKIDATA 82/83, 92/93, 84 and Gemini 10X/15X. DataGraph requires two disk drives. Datagraph is $79.95. An optional "pie chart" extension package is also available for $34.95. A detailed information sheet is available upon request.

=> WIBASIC is only $49.95! Wittsoft's Integer BASIC Version 1.1, formerly $89.95, is now priced at only $49.95. This fantastic compiler is compatible with most Model I and III disk operating systems. WIBASIC will compile to memory, disk and tape. Several enhancements to the regular TRS-80 BASIC are included with the package, along with a demo program. WIBASIC includes an excellent 15 chapter users manual that includes documentation for the "library" and useful routines that you can use to enhance your own programming. Support is also provided for designing "overlays", program modules that can help tiny Z80s perform like the 16 bit machines. "Hybrid" programming, that is, programs that are a combination of Z80 and BASIC code, is also supported.

Users, please note! WIBASIC may require changing some of your code in order to make your program as fast as possible. Model III TRSDOS 1.3 user and TRSDOS 6.x users, you may want to try VIVACE, another fine compiler from WittSoft that doesn't require changing one byte of code! VIVACE is also $49.95. Please specify which version you prefer.

=> Soft-Tabs are the perfect answer for helping you organize the attack of computer literature. Soft-Tabs are mylar strips that have adhesive on about half the strip. When your Northern Bytes arrives, have Soft-Tabs handy for marking the items you might want to reference later. Soft-Tabs have literally thousands of uses: proofreading, flagging, saving places and marking, just to name a few. A box of 300 Soft-Tabs is only $4.95. Order 12 boxes and save $1 per box!

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