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## Contemporary Software News

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### New Goodies for the Macintosh

<b>Hardware Goodies</b>	<b>List</b>	<b>Ours</b>			
ABCD Switch Box (DIN-8)	\$69.95	\$49.95	Different Drummer	99.95	79.95
Abaton 300/S Scanner	1795.00	1649.00	DiskFit 1.5	99.95	64.95
Abaton InterFax modem	495.00	399.00	Finale	1000.00	899.00
Abcom Dust Covers	(varies with equip.)		Hidden Agenda	59.95	40.95
Anchor 2400E modem	239.00	189.00	Hunt for Red October	49.95	39.95
Kurta Graphics Tablet, 8.5x11 (ADB)	295.00	249.00	Lightspeed C 3.0	249.00	179.95
			Lightspeed Pascal 2.0	125.00	109.95
(all Kurta tablets also require a separate pen or cursor, from \$89.95—120)			MacInTax (Federal)	119.00	89.95
MicroNet Drives	call for price		MacInTax (Calif.)	65.00	54.95
Mirror 800K Floppy	275.00	215.00	MacPrint	149.00	99.95
NeoTech Image Grabber	1249.00	1195.00	Manhole	49.95	39.95
NoRad Screen Shield	139.00	129.95	MarketMaster	295.00	219.95
Powered Partners (pair)	400.00	269.00	Microsoft QuickBASIC	99.95	79.95
Qume CrystalPrint Publisher	4495.00	3895.00	More II	395.00	295.00
Seikosha SP-1000AP printer	349.00	279.95	MultiClip	69.00	49.95
Sigma PageView monitor, SE (with card)	999.00	899.95	Music Publisher	595.00	449.00
			On Cue	59.95	44.95
TOPS FlashBox	189.00	159.95	Perceive	99.00	69.95
<b>Software Goodies</b>	<b>List</b>	<b>Ours</b>	QuickLetter	129.95	99.95
Acta Advantage	129.00	89.00	Screen Gems	79.00	59.95
Claris CAD	799.00	679.00	Studio 8	495.00	395.00
Claris SmartForms Designer	399.00	349.00	Super Hang On	39.95	34.95
Colorizer	49.95	39.95	SuperPaint 2.0	199.00	169.95
Crazy Cars	39.95	34.95	Toccata	495.00	479.00
DAtabase	129.95	99.95	Vantage	99.95	79.95
Deja Vu II	49.95	39.95	Warlock	39.95	29.95
			WingZ	399.00	325.00
			Xerion	39.95	34.95



## New and Interesting Software

### WingZ

After years of development, and one of the most expensive advertising campaigns yet, WingZ has finally taken flight. It can create **huge** spreadsheets, and spectacular 2D and 3D graphics (in color). It even comes with a video tape to show you how to use it.

### Toccata

As one biased user (our manager) put it, "Toccata is a word processor for music." Notes can be placed anywhere, slurs can be slurred without limitation, key signatures are calculated automatically — and the printed results are unbelievably crisp and professional.

### SmartForms Designer

With SmartForms Designer and a Mac, you can generate all the forms necessary to run a small company. Or a large company. Or a small country. Included in the package is SmartForms Assistant, which allows you to fill out the forms you've made, right on the screen, and turn blank paper into completed forms — painlessly.

### Claris CAD

Claris CAD is a deceptive product. It is as easy to use as MacDraw, but MacDraw never had this kind of power, precision and flexibility. Claris even offers an inexpensive Claris CAD Starter Kit, for skeptics who'd like to try before they buy.

### SuperPaint 2.0

SuperPaint is super, so what is SuperPaint 2.0? Other than faster, more flexible, more powerful and more fun, it is merely the best black and white paint package on the market.

### Digital Darkroom

Many people have toyed with the idea of having a home darkroom, but didn't want to deal with the chemicals and mess. With Digital Darkroom, you can do image enhancement, retouching, and special effects, all without chemicals — or even a camera.

### MacInTax

Paying taxes is never fun, but with MacInTax, at least it is easy, and fast. A special supplement for California taxes is also available.

### Manhole

Manhole is described as "a fantasy exploration for children of all ages." We agree — children from 3 to 75 have spent hours "testing" Manhole in our store. It offers no violence, you can't win or lose, but you will be enchanted by this award-winning package.

### Hidden Agenda

Want to try your hand at running a country? Hidden Agenda will give you the chance. All you have to do is manage the economy, keep the military in check, keep foreign governments from getting pushy, and have a good time.

### Database

Database is a complete database, but in desk accessory form. You can use it as a replacement for the scrapbook, as a place to store names and addresses, or for countless other tasks.

### QuickLetter

With QuickLetter, writing a letter or a short note is never more difficult than calling up a desk accessory. Great for desktop publishing.

## Hints and Suggestions —

### When I Print on a Laser, Everything Is Wrong

**Q.:** When I bring my documents in to be printed on a LaserWriter, everything seems to come out wrong. The fonts are changed, lines break in different places, things which were lined up in straight columns seem to be crooked, and even the page numbering is different. Is there something wrong with my Mac, or are all LaserWriters possessed?

**A.:** And the answer is — LaserWriters are possessed. With a few exceptions, laser printers connected to Macs use PostScript for printing. PostScript is a computer language designed for printing, and works differently than the technique used to form characters on the screen or on an

ImageWriter. While the details are unimportant, you do need to follow these rules for best results:

- Create your document using the most current version of whatever software package you select. Old versions of MacWrite, in particular, are notorious for inaccurate laser printing.
- Use the Chooser desk accessory on your Mac to select LaserWriter, even if you don't have a LaserWriter.
- Write your document **entirely** in LaserWriter fonts (Courier, Helvetica, Times, etc.)
- Use tabs to line up items, not spaces.
- Save the document on a disk, and take it in for printing. Little, if any, editing will be required.



## New and Interesting Hardware

### Abaton 300/S Scanner

Abaton's unique PanelScan software sets the 300/S apart from most other scanners. If you are in the middle of PageMaker, and would like to insert an illustration, PanelScan is immediately available as a control panel device, without leaving PageMaker. You can crop and preview your illustration and save it as a MacPaint file, a TIFF image, or as a gray-scale TIFF image, with 16 shades of gray.

### Abaton InterFax

While other companies have had problems with their fax modems, Abaton's InterFax has compiled an enviable record of quality, reliability, and flexibility. Unlike most of its competitors, the InterFax can be used as both a fax and a standard modem, and can automatically send and receive faxes while the Mac is busy with other tasks — neither MultiFinder nor special software are required. Virtually any Mac document, from a MacPaint file to a FileMaker database, can be "printed" to the InterFax as a fax document. Rated as a Group 3 fax, in actual practice the InterFax has proven faster at sending and receiving documents than any of the more expensive Group 4 fax modems on the market.

### Kurta graphics tablet

Kurta is well known among graphics professionals for their high-quality graphics tablets. As one critic once commented, "drawing with a mouse is like drawing with a brick," but drawing with a Kurta tablet is as easy as using a pen. If you aren't much of an artist, the Kurta tablet will allow you to do something you've probably always wanted to do: trace a drawing. It's easy. And fun.

### Sigma Designs PageView Monitor

With the PageView, you really can view an entire page at once, and at half the cost of similar monitors. Sigma Designs has models for the SE and the Mac II, and we have the SE model on display in our store. Stop by and see the big picture.

### Seikosha SP-1000AP Printer

Designed from the ground up to work with the Mac, the SP-1000AP is fully ImageWriter compatible, but at half the price. There are three things you don't get with this printer: 1) it doesn't offer color printing; 2) it makes far less noise than an ImageWriter II, 3) it doesn't reproduce the infamous ImageWriter II "hiccup" when printing starts, so your labels are less likely to jam inside.

### Anchor 2400E Modem

Anchor is one of the top names in the modem business, and the 2400E may be their best value yet. It has a 5-year warranty, subscriptions to four of the most popular commercial database services, and a shopping list of features: full Hayes compatibility, auto dial/auto answer, 2400/1200/300 baud operation, and error correction. Translated into English, the 2400E is fast, flexible and easy to use.

### Acoustic Research Speakers

Want to improve how your Mac sounds? Powered Partners plug into the external speaker jack, and the difference in sound quality is astonishing. Each Powered Partner includes its own amplifier, and delivers CD-quality audio (50-20,000 Hz with less than 1% total harmonic distortion). Music, game, and speech programs never sounded so good. Unlike most speakers, Powered Partners are specially shielded, and won't erase your diskettes.

## Product Spotlight:

# Qume CrystalPrint Publisher LCD Printer

Qume is one of the oldest names in the computer printer field, but until recently they were virtually unknown in the Macintosh world. Then Qume started running ads claiming their CrystalPrint Publisher was better than the most popular Postscript printer on the market.

We were skeptical, so invited Qume to drop off one of their printers for a week of testing and torment. In their ads, Qume claims the CrystalPrint Publisher is over five times faster than a LaserWriter II NT, so we timed it — and found nothing to contradict this claim. Qume also claims the CrystalPrint Publisher is "Postscript

compatible," so we tried our best to find something which wouldn't print properly — and failed. Everything printed beautifully, and usually with a higher clarity and more crispness than our "genuine" Postscript printer.

CrystalPrint Publisher comes equipped with 35 typefaces, 3 megabytes of memory, and a special 32-bit RISC processor designed specifically for graphics printing. An AppleTalk interface is also included, and no special hardware or software is required for working with a Macintosh. Also included are Centronics parallel and RS-232C serial interfaces for use with other computers.



# What's Happening: Upcoming Events

## Software Saturdays

Software Saturdays are held from 1-4 p.m. on a "regularly irregular" schedule, and feature informal demonstrations of leading packages by the actual manufacturers and developers.

- **April 8:** Breakthrough Productions and Odesta Corp. present **Mac and Marketing**. This is a special seminar and demonstration of how you can use a Macintosh to plan and carry out a marketing strategy, by the author of **Market Master**, with an added bonus: a demonstration of **GeoQuery**, a full "geographic" database package.

- **April 15:** Acius Presents **4th Dimension**. Long recognized as the "most Mac-like" of all the database packages, **4th Dimension** is also one of the richest, full-featured databases and development packages ever offered, for any computer. An Acius representative will show why you should use this revolutionary package, answer any questions, and maybe provide hints on the eagerly awaited Version 2.0.

- **May 6:** Silicon Beach introduces **SuperCard** and talks about their other "super" software. For those who haven't heard of it, SuperCard is to Hypercard what SuperPaint is to MacPaint.

## Special Interest Groups

Contemporary Software acts as host for several "SIGs" (Special Interest Groups) which focus on a particular facet of Macintosh computers. There are no membership fees or charges.

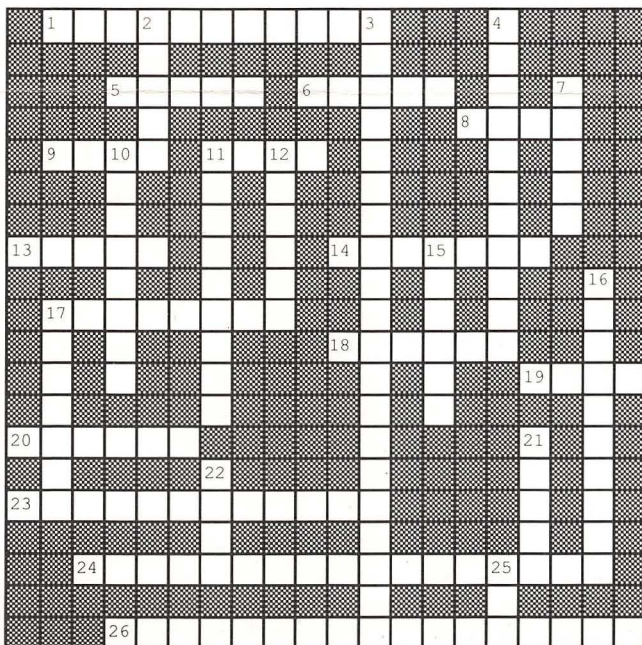
- **MIDI SIG**, covering music applications, meets the 1st Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m.
- **Programming SIG**, for those interested in writing programs for the Mac, meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m.
- **Mac II SIG**, covering all the various models of the Mac II, meets the 4th Wednesday of every month, 7-9 p.m.
- **CAD SIG**, for those interested in Computer Aided Drafting and design on the Mac, meets the 4th Thursday of every month, from 7-9 p.m.

## Financing

Would you like the convenience of an exclusive **Contemporary Software** credit card? Or do you just need financing for a one-time purchase? We can help. We can also arrange for leasing on some items, such as that monitor, printer, scanner or hard drive you've always wanted.

## Puzzling Contest

Can you complete this puzzle? If you are one of the first **five** to bring the completed puzzle to our store, you'll win a **free Contemporary Software** mousepad. Clues can be found throughout this issue. Deadline for entries: May 15, 1989.



### Across

- C compiler for the Jet Set.
- Easy to use program launcher.
- Flying Mac spreadsheet.
- Outliner DA.
- You can't beat this product for networks.
- Acoustic Research speakers sound so \_\_\_\_.
- Silicon Beach Software prefix.
- Page layout for the music set.
- Finally, a quiet, low-cost Mac printer.
- Much needed tool in paint and draw programs.
- Crazy \_\_\_\_ (game).
- Top name in Hayes compatible modems.
- Fast laser-compatible for the Mac.
- Our seminar series.
- Tom Clancy's favorite.

### Down

- Clues.
- Southern California's All-Mac source for hardware, software and service.
- Write things fast with this DA.
- MacInTax Federal and State make these fun (?)
- The big picture from Sigma Designs.
- Hot new CAD package.
- Double Helix publisher featured April 8.
- Meets at Contemporary Software on 4th Thursday.
- Automate those office documents.
- Converts images to MacPaint or TIFF files.
- Maker of high-quality graphics tablets.
- Use TOPS FlashBox if your AppleTalk network is \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ matrix printer.