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NANOBYTES

IBM announced Displaywrite, a word-processing program for the IBM Personal Computer. An abridged version is available for \$95, or all features are included for \$299. IBM also announced a \$13,000 low-end version of its System 36 computer with a 30-megabyte hard disk. . . . Both IBM and Commodore have been licensed to produce Intel's 8088 processor. . . . International Data Services Inc., San Jose, CA, has announced Unix-II, a \$900 version of UNIX System III for the IBM PC. . . . Uniform Software Systems Inc. plans to introduce a version of the UNIX operating system that can run MS-DOS and UNIX software concurrently. . . . Zilog has licensed NEC Corp. to produce Zilog's Z80000 microprocessor. . . . IBM has made a grant to University of New Hampshire professor James Weiner to convert a Prolog interpreter developed at UNH to run on the IBM PC. Weiner predicts the interpreter will be available by August through UNH for less than \$300. . . . Macrotech International Corp., North Hollywood, CA, introduced a \$1395 S-100 processor board using Intel's iAPX286 and Zilog's Z80B. . . . Casheab, San Francisco, CA, introduced a music-synthesizer board for the IBM PC. The board will sell for \$795 in late summer. . . . Daisy Systems Holland, Torrance, CA, introduced the QuietWrite printer, which it says is quieter than other daisy-wheel printers. . . . Capitol Data Systems, a division of Capitol Records, has entered the premium-quality disk business with a line of 5 1/4-inch floppy disks. Capitol plans to add 3 1/2-inch disks soon. . . . Synetix Inc., Seattle, WA, announced the PC-Handler, an expansion card for the IBM PC, allowing up to four IBM PC or Apple II computers to share files and peripherals. A Z80 processor, two serial ports, four parallel ports, and 64K bytes of RAM are included for \$795. . . . Information Appliance, a Palo Alto firm headed by Jef Raskin—originator of Apple's Macintosh—is developing a new product of its own. . . . Borland International, Scotts Valley, CA, has introduced a version of its \$49.95 Turbo Pascal compiler for the IBM PCjr. . . . Atari has dropped its Atari Program Exchange, through which it sold third-party software. . . . Apple Computer will rely on third-party vendors to introduce peripherals for its Applebus low-cost local-area network for the Macintosh and Lisa 2. While Apple plans to introduce shared hard disks and laser printers, it does not presently plan to introduce additional low-cost Applebus peripherals. . . . A number of colleges are now offering course credit for TeleLearning's "electronic university" courses, which download and upload course materials, exams, and teacher-student messages. . . . Workman and Associates is finally shipping WRITE for CP/M-86. . . . Creative Solutions Inc., Rockville, MD, has announced MacForth for Apple's Macintosh. MacForth Level 1 costs \$149; Level 2, with an assembler and additional functions, is \$249.



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